

OBERAMMERGAU *PASSION PLAY* 2010

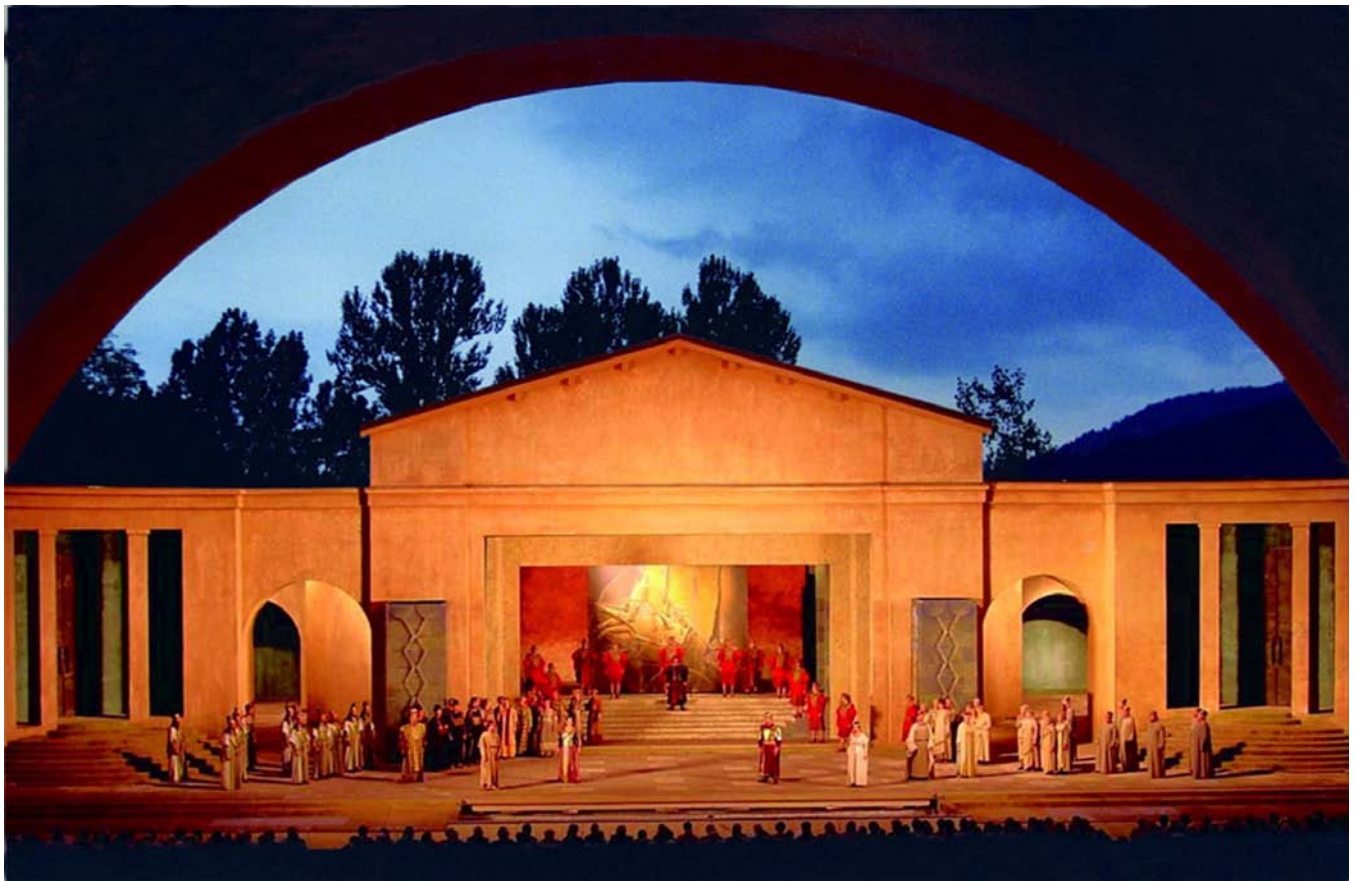
A 10 Day Alpine Europe Tour

... featuring Austria, Italy, Switzerland and Germany

Munich ... Salzburg ... Innsbruck

Bolzano ... Island of Mainau ... Lucerne

... and the memorable *Passion Play* Performance



June 21 to 30, 2010

Gustavus Adolphus College

Saint Peter, Minnesota

Hosted by:

President Jack and Kris Ohle

Pastor Eric Gustavson '66



THE Promise

It was during the Thirty Years War that the deadly and contagious disease known as the Black Plague broke out. Before it ran its course, it struck down one in every three persons throughout Europe, and left in its wake untold misery, panic and hunger.

But one little village in the south of Germany was spared; Oberammergau. The townspeople of Oberammergau made a vow that if they were spared, they would give a play of the life of Christ every ten years. The fact they were saved is one of the most amazing mysteries in history. Thus, the first *Passion Play* took place in 1634. Originally it was a small performance, played on a meadow, by the villagers and local peasants. Throughout the years, however, Oberammergau has produced several gifted poets who have set the Play to verse as well as lengthened it, until it achieved its present form as an artistic masterwork. To qualify as actors, the performers must be native Oberammergauers, amateurs, and persons of high moral and ethical principles. It is a great honor to be chosen to play the part of a saint and the highest earthly honor to be chosen to play the part of Christ.

For the Oberammergauers, the Play is a labor of love. Their vow is still the most important thing in their lives, and with great pride they are now preparing the presentation for the Oberammergau *Passion Play* of 2010.

Dear Traveler,

Memories are those special moments captured in your heart and treasured for a lifetime.

We understand how to make your trip special. And as each itinerary features the Oberammergau Passion Play, your trip will bring new meaning and inspiration to your life.

Our philosophy has always been to provide an exciting, relaxing, educational, enjoyable, and rewarding travel experience to all of our tour travelers.

In pricing the programs for 2010, we have discovered that costs are rather high. The impact of security fees, increased air taxes, and fuel surcharges adds about 30% more to air fares since the year 2000. Higher costs for hotels, admissions, motor coaches and salaries of tour staff which normally occur over a ten year period, and the poor exchange rate are also significant factors.

We recognize that cost may be an issue for some people. But, we also understand the needs and requirements of all of our past travelers. We know they expect quality hotels, the services of an excellent tour manager, and good seats for the Passion Play. Please note that the tour costs are based on land and air rates that are in effect as of August, 2007. Also, passports must be valid through the beginning of 2011. Should you need to renew your passport or apply for a new one, it would be wise to begin the process 12 to 18 months prior to your trip's departure date.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office. Our Passion Play tours sell out very quickly! So, please don't delay in sending in your deposit and reservation form.

We are looking forward to welcoming you.

***the Staff
Passion Play 2010, Inc.***



WHAT MAKES THE DIFFERENCE?

REPUTATION and EXPERIENCE: We have earned our reputation of integrity and reliability over the past 60 years. We've traveled the world to ensure that you visit only the most enjoyable and meaningful locations.

TOUR MANAGERS: They are always on hand to meet your every travel need, and they are prepared with tidbits of information that will enhance your trip.

PACE: Forget your hurried, worried world. Take every moment to absorb the culture and taste the flavor of our destinations.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Each of our hotel selections is chosen for their hospitality of its owners and managers.

LOCAL GUIDES: Local guides add a further dimension of familiarity to our destinations. They share their homeland with us in a very personal way. Their knowledge comes from a lifetime of learning and loving their cities.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Round trip air via scheduled airlines from selected cities
- ◆ The Oberammergau Passion Play Ticket
- ◆ Quality hotels throughout the tour
- ◆ Meals as indicated in the brochure
- ◆ The services of a professional tour manager for the entire tour while in Europe
- ◆ Deluxe Motor Coach
- ◆ Comprehensive sightseeing & applicable admissions
- ◆ Baggage handling throughout the tour for one piece of luggage at all hotels
- ◆ Flight bags, baggage tags, and I.D. badges

NOT INCLUDED

- ◆ Air taxes and fuel sur charges ... we anticipate this cost to be between \$300 to \$400 per person.
- ◆ Tips to local guides, the coach driver, the tour manager, obtaining passports or visas, meals that are not mentioned in the itinerary, beverages in the evening, and any item of a purely personal nature.

Please read the General Conditions for additional information.



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10 Day Grand Europe
2010 Oberammergau
Passion Play

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Monday, June 21, 2010 - Chicago Departure: We depart today on our flights to Germany. Meals are served on our trans-Atlantic flights.

Tuesday, June 22 - Munich / Salzburg: Upon arrival at the Munich Airport, we'll be greeted by our professional tour manager and motor into Munich for our orientation tour. We will pass the Olympic Stadium and visit the Marienplatz with its famous Glockenspiel. After some free time to enjoy Munich, we'll continue our journey to Austria. Our first view of Salzburg will be of the copper domes and belfries in the old city and of the silhouette of the mighty fortress-castle against the backdrop of mountains. There will be free time to stroll in the old city after dinner this evening. Overnight in Salzburg. (SD)

Salzburg's storybook skyline of bell towers and spires, the baroque palaces, the medieval castle, and the eclectic street life of sidewalk musicians inspires imagination. Salzburg is a splendid city for walking and seeing the sights. It is also well known for its small tunnels and alleys which are filled with shops and restaurants.

Wednesday, June 23 - Salzburg: The highlights of our morning walking tour will include the Cathedral where Mozart was baptized, and the 12th-Century St. Peter's Church. The remainder of the afternoon and evening are at leisure. Overnight in Salzburg. (B)

Thursday, June 24 - Salzburg / *Sound of Music* Tour / Innsbruck: Our morning tour follows the trail of the *Sound of Music*. Driving into the Salzkammergut, Austria's lake district, we visit the beautiful lakeside resort of St. Wolfgang, famous for its White Horse Inn. In Mondsee, we'll visit the village church where the wedding scene of the *Sound of Music* was filmed. Later, we continue through the Tyrol which brings to mind Alpine valleys, rushing rivers and villages of flower-covered chalets. Upon arrival in Innsbruck, our afternoon walking tour of the old city will include the historic and architecturally beautiful Maria-Theresienstrasse to see the Goldenes Dachl (the Golden Roof of Maximilian's Balcony). Overnight in Innsbruck - our home for two nights. (B, D)

Friday, June 25 - Bolzano Excursion / Innsbruck: Our excursion this morning takes us over the famous Brenner Pass into northern Italy where we visit Bolzano. The city's Italian-Austrian character, enhanced by the narrow cobblestone streets, gives it the unique flavor of a city at the crossroads between Italian and Austrian cultures.

The highlight of our walking tour of this over 800 year old town will be our visit to the South Tyrol Archaeological Museum. The museum hosts the mummy of Ötzi the Iceman ... also known as Frozen Fritz and the Similaun Man. Ötzi is a well-preserved natural mummy of a man from about 3300 BC. He was discovered in 1991 in the Schnalstal Glacier in the Ötztal Alps on the border between Austria and Italy. Following our walking tour and visit to see Ötzi, we'll return to Innsbruck for our overnight. (B, D)

Saturday, June 26 - Innsbruck / the Island of Mainau / Lucerne: This morning, we'll cross the Arlberg Pass en route to beautiful Konstanz. Here, we'll visit the island of Mainau, known as the "flower island." It is a unique experience for the senses, with its thousands of colors, shapes and scents. In the spring, tulips, narcissus and orchids bloom; in May, rhododendrons; in summer, roses; and in the autumn, dahlias, as far as the eye can see. Palms, citrus fruits and butterflies spread a tropical flair. Later, we continue to Lucerne, the jewel of Swiss resorts, our home for two nights. (B, D)

Sunday, June 27 - Lucerne: The highlights of our morning walking tour will include the Lion Monument, commemorating the death of the brave Swiss Guards; the old covered wooden bridge across the Reuss River; and the charming architecture of the old city. The afternoon is free to shop for Swiss watches, cuckoo clocks, or to take an optional tour to Mt. Pilatus. Overnight in Lucerne. (B)

Monday, June 28 - Lucerne / Neuschwanstein / Oberammergau: This morning we motor through the spectacular Swiss and Bavarian countryside en route to King Ludwig II's most famous castle, Neuschwanstein. While being a formidable fortress, it was designed by a theatrical decorator, not an architect, which explains its dream-like atmosphere. Later, we continue to Oberammergau for our overnight. (B, D)

Oberammergau is known for its painted houses ... this colorful style of *trompe-l'oeil* or *Luftmalerei* can be seen throughout the village. The town has an international reputation not only for the *Passion Play*, but also for its wood-carvings.

Tuesday, June 29 - Oberammergau: The morning will be free for shopping or just strolling along the streets of this charming village. This afternoon and evening, we'll attend the *Passion Play*. Overnight in Oberammergau. (B, L, D)

Wednesday, June 30 - Oberammergau / Munich Airport / Chicago: This morning, we bid farewell to our tour manager and driver and begin our return journey home from the Munich Airport.

(B) Breakfast (L) Lunch
(D) Dinner (SD) Special Dinner