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presents

**Germany, Austria and the
Oberammergau Passion Play**

June 13-21, 2010

A 9 Day/ 7 Night Tour Program

Highlights include:

*Munich, Neuschwanstein, Oberammergau,
Salzburg, Melk and Vienna*

Join us and allow yourself to be completely enchanted by the beautiful landscape of the Ammergau Alps, and the wonderful performance of the famous Oberammergau Passion Play that is performed only once every 10 years! This is a tour that delights all the senses by allowing you to experience the story of Jesus of Nazareth brought to life, while enjoying the beauty and wonders of Bavaria. You will sightsee Munich as well as world famous Melk Abbey, the charming city of Salzburg and finally the "City of Waltzes," Vienna! You'll also visit Neuschwanstein castle, built by King Ludwig as a homage to the operas of Richard Wagner. So, join us for this unique opportunity to savor the sights, smells and sounds of fabulous Germany, Austria and the Oberammergau Passion Play.

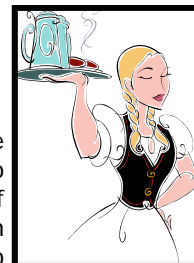
June 13 DEPARTURE FROM USA

You depart for Europe and begin the trip of a lifetime!

June 14 MUNICH

Upon arrival, you will be met by your **TRIPS** escort who will assist with your transfer to your hotel. There is time to relax before heading out for a wonderful evening in Munich. Tonight, you will be treated to a "Welcome to Bavaria" dinner at the world famous **Hofbrauhaus** which dates from 1644. Munich is known as the beer capital of the world and tonight you will understand why! This evening, not only will you sample the excellent Bavarian cuisine but you will also be treated to wonderful entertainment as only the Hofbrauhaus can offer! You return to your hotel after a fun-filled evening and your first taste of Bavaria.

Overnight: Munich



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June 15 MUNICH

Breakfast is served this morning at your hotel before setting out on a panoramic sightseeing tour of Munich including the City Hall, **Marienplatz** with its famous **Glockenspiel Carillon** and **Nymphenburg Palace**. This baroque palace with its lovely park is one of the most famous sights in Munich. There is also time to pass through **Olympic Park**, home to the Olympic Games that were held in Munich in 1972. Found in the area of Munich known as the "Oberwiesefeld" ("upper meadow-field"), the Park continues to serve as a venue for cultural, social, and religious events such as events of worship. After time for lunch on your own, you have the afternoon at leisure to explore Munich a little further on your own. This evening you are free to enjoy dinner on your own either at the hotel or in a local restaurant.

Overnight: Munich

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June 16 NEUSCHWANSTEIN CASTLE/OBERAMMERGAU

Today after breakfast, you depart Munich for Oberammergau. Along the way, you will take in the beautiful **Bavarian countryside** as you make your way to the Fussen region and a visit to the famous **Neuschwanstein Castle**. Built on a mountain-top overlooking the glorious Forgggen Lake, and surrounded by a thick forest and waterfall, the view from the castle's windows is as magnificent as the building itself. King Ludwig began building the Romanesque castle in 1869, and although construction went on for 17 years, it was never finished. You will notice that each of the livingrooms and bedrooms is a homage to Richard Wagner's operas, from Tristan and Isolde to Parsifal. Later you will arrive in the Oberammergau region, where every ten years the world renowned Passion Play is presented by the villagers. The town of **Oberammergau**, famous for its wood carving traditions, is surrounded by the dramatic mountain scenery of the Ammergau Alps, with trim hiking trails along the River Ammer that offer a panoramic view of forests and blossoming fields of wild

flowers. Oberammergau offers many pleasures for the eyes of the visitor, including marvelous woodcarvings, impressive buildings, fascinating traditions and a neighborhood offering some of Bavaria's most famous castles and churches. Here, you will check into your hotel for the next two nights. Dinner is included tonight as part of your Oberammergau package.

Overnight: Oberammergau Region

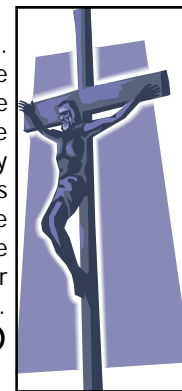
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June 17 OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY

After breakfast this morning, you will have some time free to explore your surroundings and get to know the area. You may want to explore the royal castles, churches and cloisters nearby. Or you may want to simply take in the breathtaking alpine scenery of the region. After lunch, you will be provided tickets to view a live staging of the **Oberammergau Passion Play**, which was first performed in a meadow in 1634. Over 2000 participants come together every ten years to put together the Passion Play, which the population of Oberammergau vowed they would perform if they were spared the suffering and deaths of the black plague during the Thirty Year's War. This will be the 41st production of the play, with all of the roles played by locals who start preparing years before the performance. Your tour program offers you the best category of tickets available for the Passion Play so you can be assured of excellent seating. The first half of the Passion Play will take place in the afternoon. You will enjoy dinner during intermission, after which you return to your seats for the second half of this renowned story of life and death.

Overnight: Oberammergau Region

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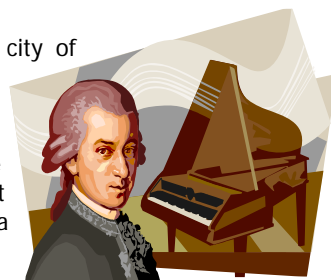


June 18 SALZBURG

This morning you will depart across the Austrian border and arrive in the “**Sound of Music**” city of **Salzburg**. You will enjoy a sightseeing tour of the city of Salzburg, the **birthplace of Mozart**. You will visit the house where he was born, located in the picturesque **Getreidegasse**. Along the way, you are sure to spot some of the settings from the famous movie “The Sound of Music” including the Domplatz, the baroque square dominated by its cathedral. While strolling the streets be sure to taste the unique candy made only here in Salzburg, Mozartkugeln. This evening, you will enjoy your first Austrian dinner served in a local restaurant complete with entertainment! We'll keep the details a secret but you can rest assured that your evening will be one of the highlights of your tour to Austria!

Overnight: Salzburg

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Day 19 SALZBURG/MELK/VIENNA

This morning you depart Salzburg following along the route of the **Danube River** with a mid-morning arrival in the scenic town of **Melk**. Here you will ride to the top of the hill where the **Abbey** stands crowned by towers and resplendent in golden ochre. The Benedictine monastic community of Melk is over 900 years old and black robed monks still stroll through the marble sculptures and frescoed walls. **Tour this 900 year old Benedictine Abbey** and see its baroque splendor inside and out. A highlight of the lavish interior is its spectacular library filled with two stories of medieval manuscripts and vibrant ceiling frescoes by Paul Troger. After your tour, you continue on to Vienna. The remainder of the evening is at your leisure to sightsee or enjoy some of the fabulous shopping the town offers.

Overnight: Vienna

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June 20 VIENNA

After breakfast, you will depart for a sightseeing tour of this “**City of Waltzes**,” where Mozart and Strauss composed many of their finest works. As you ride along **Ringstrasse**, you will see the **Vienna Opera** and the beautiful **Hofburg Palace**. You will stop at **St. Stephan's Cathedral** and enjoy a walking tour along **Stephansplatz** followed by free time. Then continue on foot via Kohlmarkt to Schwedenplatz. This afternoon there is more to see in this world famous city! You will see the **Prater Park** and the world famous Ferris wheel and then a visit to **Schonbrunn Palace**, home to the Hapsburg Dynasty and the Royal Family of Austria. Here you will become acquainted with the Emperor Franz Joseph and other Austrian monarchs. The magnificent Palace with its' beautiful gardens will surely be a highlight to your visit to Vienna. Tonight, a special farewell evening will top off your week in Germany and Austria as you enjoy dinner complete with entertainment.

Overnight: Vienna

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June 21 VIENNA/DEPART FOR USA

Today you will transfer to the airport for your flight back to the United States. Your memories of the enchanting sights and sounds of Germany, Austria and the Oberammergau Passion Play will surely last a lifetime!

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**Itineraries are subject to change.*

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Oberammergau and the Black Plague

It was during the Thirty Years War that the deadly and contagious disease known as the Black Plague broke out in Europe. Before it ran its course, one out of every three people were dead and untold misery remained. There was no chance to escape, but one town in the south of Germany escaped: Oberammergau. The townspeople of Oberammergau made a vow that if they were spared, they would give a play about the “Passion of Christ” every ten years. The fact that they were saved remains one of the most amazing mysteries in history. The first Passion Play took place in a meadow in 1634 with the parts played by local villagers. The tradition remains to this day, with all of the roles played by locals who must be of high ethical and moral standards who start growing hair and beards and sewing costumes years before the performance. Being part of this spectacular performance is a great honor to all.

The village of Oberammergau itself is a most rewarding place to visit any year. It has everything to offer in the way of recreation and relaxation: breath-taking alpine scenery, clear, healthy climate, excellent food, comfortable accommodations, lovely paths for strolling, a marvelous alpine swimming pool, outdoor cafes, wine cellars, cultural events such as concerts and opera performances.

The taxes, fuel surcharges, and other fees imposed by airlines and cruise lines have been included in the cost of your tour as of printing on February 1, 2009. Any increases in these fees or baggage fees imposed by any air carriers or cruise lines are the responsibility of the individual passenger.

PROGRAM PRICING:

\$5,098.00

based on double occupancy

Single Supplement is an additional \$1,398.00



INCLUDED IN YOUR GERMANY AND AUSTRIA OBERAMMERGAU TOUR:

- Round trip international airfare from your local airport
- 7 Nights hotel accommodation in Superior 4-Star hotels
- Breakfast Daily (7)
- 1 lunch as part of your Oberammergau package
- 6 Dinners including a Welcome-to-Munich Dinner at the world famous Hofbrauhaus and two other evenings that include entertainment
- Private English speaking tour escort throughout your tour
- All admissions as listed in the detailed itinerary including Neuschwanstein Castle and Melk Abbey
- Best Category Ticket to a performance of the 2010 Oberammergau Passion Play
- All hotel taxes, airline taxes and service charges as of 2/1/09
- Porterage of one suitcase per person
- TRIPS flight bag, luggage tags and document wallet

CANCELLATION POLICY

\$1,000 per person deposit is non-refundable on February 24, 2010

Final Payment is due on or before February 14, 2010

50% non-refundable on February 25, 2010

100% non-refundable on April 14, 2010

Trip cancellation and interruption insurance is available and strongly recommended.

Passports
are required
for travel!

HOW TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION:

Yes! Sign me up for this special "Germany and Austria Oberammergau" with Ohio University Alumni Association!!! An initial \$1,000.00 per person deposit is required to hold space on the tour on a first come/first served basis. This deposit is fully refundable up to February 24, 2010.

Please make checks payable to TRIPS.

Name: _____ **D.O.B.:** _____

(as it appears on your valid passport — please print your name clearly)

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ **Email:** _____

Travel Companion: _____ **D.O.B.:** _____

Please return this form with your deposit to:

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