



THE TRAVEL CLUB

Pre-Departure Itinerary

OBERAMMERGAU 2010

Experience *The Passion Play!*

Austrian Delight

Tuesday, August 3 – Wednesday, August 11, 2010

Includes

- Round-trip regularly scheduled flights from Boston to Innsbruck and Munich to Boston
- Seven nights' first-class accommodations
- Seven breakfast, one lunch, four dinners
- Sightseeing and Touring
- Round-trip, private airport/hotel transfers with assistance

Rates

\$3,615 per person double occupancy

\$3,999 for single reservations

Triple accommodations may be available on request. Add \$330 for current air taxes, fees charges and surcharges. Cancellation and unused services waiver is \$350. Although not required, we recommend purchasing the waiver. Purchase must be made at the time of booking. Passport required.

Features

Innsbruck ~ Austrian Alps ~ Bavaria ~ Salzburg~
Mirabell Gardens ~ St.Peter's Restaurant ~ Munich ~
Oberammergau ~ Passion Play

DAILY ITINERARY

Day 1: Tuesday, August 03, 2010 – Overnight Flight

Welcome to Austria! Embrace the beauty of the Austrian Alps with quaint villages, pristine lakes and the fertile valleys of Innsbruck and Salzburg. Plus, enjoy two nights in the famous Bavarian village of Oberammergau, Germany, where you experience the historic Passion Play.

Day 2: Wednesday, August 04, 2010 – Innsbruck, Austria - Tour Begins

Your tour begins in the enchanting "capital of the Alps" – Innsbruck. Here, modern architecture stands beside 800-year-old buildings and the Austrian Alps create a post-card perfect backdrop. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3: Thursday, August 05, 2010 – Innsbruck

Join a local guide for a panoramic tour of the Imperial city of Innsbruck featuring Maria Theresienstrasse; the famous Golden Roof, built in 1500 by Archduke Friedrich IV; and the Hofburg, once the seat of Habsburg princes. The remainder of your day is at leisure to relax or further explore Innsbruck. (B)

Day 4: Friday, August 06, 2010 – Innsbruck - Bavaria, Germany - Innsbruck

Set off for the beautiful Bavarian Alps and find storybook settings comprised of charming villages and enchanting castles. Stop at the Wies Church in the foothills of the Alps. This pilgrimage church, a UNESCO World Heritage site, was built in the late 1740s to protect a famous statue of the Scourged Saviour which miraculously shed tears in 1738. Later, the sight of Neuschwanstein Castle brings fairytales to life during a picture stop. This 19th-century Bavarian castle, known for its famous neo-romantic architectural style, is the most photographed building in Germany and the inspiration for the Sleeping Beauty Castle in Disneyland. LANGUAGE DISCOVERY: Today your Tour Manager helps you discover the origin and history of German – the official language in Austria – and teaches you key words and phrases to help you communicate with the locals. (B)

Day 5: Saturday, August 07, 2010 – Innsbruck - Salzburg

Travel through the picturesque Austrian countryside to the musical city of Salzburg. Beautiful gardens, old-world architecture and friendly locals paint Salzburg's delightful canvas. Home to Mozart, dotted with sights from the beloved film *The Sound of Music*, and with an Old City that is a UNESCO World Heritage site, Salzburg truly has something for everyone. Upon arrival, enjoy a leisurely-paced walking tour featuring Mirabell Gardens, famously featured during the song "Do Re Mi" from *The Sound of Music*; and Getreidegasse – a busy street in the Old Town section of Salzburg and birthplace of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. This evening, join your fellow travelers for dinner at the centuries-old St. Peter's Restaurant, one of the city's most popular dining establishments and the city's oldest restaurant, first mentioned in a document dating back to 803. (B,D)

Day 6: Sunday, August 08, 2010 – Salzburg

Enjoy a day at leisure to independently explore this Baroque city on the banks of the Salzach River. Perhaps visit the city's amazing historic area, browse its wonderful shops or enjoy a coffee at a local café while soaking in the charming atmosphere. Your Tour Manager will be on hand to offer suggestions. However you choose to spend your day, Salzburg is sure to delight! (B)

Day 7: Monday, August 09, 2010 – Salzburg - Munich - Oberammergau Region

This morning journey to the Bavarian capital of Munich – idyllically situated at the foot of the Alps. A locally guided panoramic tour of Munich showcases its unique blend of folkloric ambience and modern sophistication. Visit Olympic Park, site of the 1972 Olympic games and a stunning example of modern architecture. Next, marvel at the Baroque-influenced architecture of the city as you visit the Marienplatz – the heart of Munich and the most scenic square of the old town. Here, behold the Rathaus-Glockenspiel – an ornate clock comprised of 43 bells and 32 life-sized figures that depict medieval jousting and dancing – reflecting different pieces of Bavaria's history. Some leisure time allows you to explore Munich's lovely historic center, visit one of its many museums or discover more of the city's beauty on your own. Travel to the picturesque village of Oberammergau, your home for the next two nights. Upon arrival, enjoy a brief tour to acquaint you with the village.(B,D)

Day 8: Tuesday, August 10, 2010 – Oberammergau - Passion Play

Unwind during a morning at leisure. This afternoon, experience the world-famous Passion Play – a powerful once-in-a-decade event. The original performance dates back to 1634 when the villagers of Oberammergau vowed to perform a play depicting the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ every ten years if God would spare its residents from the clutches of the Bubonic Plague. No one died after that and a legend was born. The Passion Play has become an epic event. The 41st production, once again by natives of Oberammergau, takes the world by storm. During a break in the performance, join your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of an unforgettable journey. (B,L,D)

Day 9: Wednesday, August 11, 2010 – Oberammergau Region - Tour Ends

Today after breakfast you will be transferred to the airport for your return flight to Boston. (B)

Proof of Citizenship is required for all trips outside the United States. U.S. citizens require valid Passport. Passports are the responsibility of each client.

PLEASE NOTE: This pre-departure itinerary is designed to give you an idea of how this itinerary is structured. We reserve the right to make any changes to your final itinerary if deemed necessary, at any time prior to departure.

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