



THE TRAVEL CLUB

Pre-Departure Itinerary

OBERAMMERGAU 2010

Experience *The Passion Play!*

Switzerland, Austria & Bavaria

Saturday September 4 - Monday, September 13, 2010

Includes

- Round-trip regularly scheduled flights from Boston to Zurich and Munich to Boston
- Eight nights' four star accommodations
- Eight breakfast, one lunch, six dinners
- Sightseeing and Touring
- Round-trip, private airport/hotel transfers with assistance

Rates

\$4,375 per person double occupancy

\$4,949 for single reservations

Triple accommodations may be available on request. Add \$390 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

Engelberg ~ Bern ~ Bear Pit ~ Lucerne ~ Innsbruck ~ Austrian Alps ~ Salzburg ~ Mirabell Gardens ~ St Peter's Restaurant ~ Bavaria ~ Oberammergau ~ Passion Play

DAILY ITINERARY

Day 1: Saturday, September 4, 2010 - Overnight Flight

Discover spectacular Switzerland, Austria and Bavaria on a tour featuring multiple night stays in three cities. The Alpine city of Engelberg is your host for three nights while you explore the many cultural aspects and spectacular scenery that only Switzerland offers. Then, an extended stay in Innsbruck offers the perfect vantage point for exploring the delights of Austria and Bavaria. Your tour of the region concludes with a stay in the Bavarian village of Oberammergau and includes the amazing Passion Play.

Day 2: Sunday, September 5, 2010 – Engelberg, Switzerland Tour Begins

Your tour begins in Engelberg, a mountainside resort nestled at the foot of Mt. Titlis. Relax in the beautiful village as you stroll the streets that are surrounded by white snowcapped peaks. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3: Monday, September 6, 2010 – Engelberg – Bern - Engelberg

This morning you travel to the capital of Switzerland, Bern. Explore delightful Bern on a panoramic sightseeing tour featuring the Bundeshaus (the Swiss Parliament) the famous Bear Pit, the Rose Gardens, and the gothic cathedral, which dominates the Old Town skyline. Your visit to the Bear Pit will answer the question as to why bears are so revered in this beguiling city. LANGUAGE DISCOVERY: Today your tour Manager will help you discover the origin and history of the languages you will experience on your tour along with key words and phrases that will help you communicate with the locals. Tonight dinner will be in one of Bern's local restaurants. (B,D)

Day 4: Tuesday, September 7, 2010 – Engelberg – Lucerne - Engelberg

Today you travel to Lucerne, the "swiss Paradise on the Lake" Enjoy a leisurely paced Altstadt (Old Town) walking tour exploring the hidden treasures of the city. In addition to its natural charm and tranquility. Lucerne has more

than 800 years in history. Explore such medieval treasures as the covered Chapel Bridge (1333) the famous Water Tower which served as a prison, watchtower and treasury; the Renaissance-style Town Hall; the baroque Jesuit Church; and the Lion Monument carved from natural rock to commemorate the heroic Swiss Guard. (B)

Day 5: Wednesday, September 8, 2010 – Engelberg - Innsbruck, Austria

Travel the picturesque highways of Switzerland to the Austrian border and the striking Olympic city of Innsbruck, the “Capital of Tyrol.” A local guide leads a panoramic Innsbruck city tour highlighting the popular thoroughfare Maria Theresienstrasse; the Hofburg, now a museum, but once the seat of Habsburg princes; and the “Golden Roof” all set against the imposing backdrop of the lovely Austrian Alps. This evening, join your fellow travelers for dinner featuring local specialties. (B,D)

Day 6: Thursday, September 9, 2010 – Innsbruck – Salzburg - Innsbruck

Travel through the picturesque Austrian countryside to Salzburg, a city filled with beautiful gardens and wondrous architecture. Upon arrival, enjoy a leisurely- paced walking tour featuring Mirabell Gardens (seen in the “sound of Music”), the quaint Getreidegasse (site of Mozart’s birthplace), and many other highlights of this beautiful city. The afternoon is at leisure to explore and enjoy Salzburg’s fabulous sights. The day concludes with a delightful dinner in the historic city center at the centuries-old St. Peter’s Restaurant, Austria’s oldest, which may have hosted both Charlemagne and Columbus. (B,D)

Day 7: Friday, September 10, 2010 – Innsbruck

Today is at leisure for you to enjoy this beautiful city. You may choose to stroll through the old town and shop at many of the city’s outstanding stores or perhaps venture into one of the city’s many interesting museums. Or, you may relax and breathe in the fresh mountain air while enjoying a beverage in the many cafes that truly make Innsbruck the charming city that it is. (B)

Day 8: Saturday, September 11, 2010 – Innsbruck - Bavaria - Oberammergau

Fairy tales come to life today with a picture stop at Bavaria’s most famous castle, Neuschwanstein. Next, visit Wies Church, proclaimed a World Heritage site, before proceeding to Oberammergau. Upon arrival, enjoy a brief orientation tour of this quaint picturesque village. (B,D)

Day 9: Sunday, September 12, 2010 – Oberammergau - Passion Play

The morning is your to enjoy at leisure. This afternoon, witness the performance of the Passion Play. The original performance dates back to 1634. During the Thirty Year War, the village of Oberammergau was spared the Black Plague and for this reason, the villagers vowed that every ten years they would give a play to honor the life of Christ. The performers are native Oberammergauers. To lend authenticity to the performance, the cast members start to grow their hair and beards almost a year in advance. Also, the intricate costumes are mad locally by the villagers. During the break of the performance, join your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of a memorable trip. (B,D)

Day 10: Monday, September 12, 2010 – Oberammergau/Garmisch – Partenkirchen - Flight Home

This morning after breakfast you will be transferred to the airport for your return flight to Boston

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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