

Oberammergau

— PASSION PLAY 2020 —



DEPOSIT
FULLY REFUNDABLE
BEFORE
31st January 2019
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information

— JULY & AUGUST 2020 —

*Fully escorted tours including
The Castles & Lakes of Bavaria
or The Lake District of Austria*



Oberammergau Passion Play 2020

From May to October 2020 the villagers of Oberammergau in Bavaria will again perform their world famous Passion Play — a tradition they have maintained since 1634. The performance involves over 2,000 villagers, a full orchestra and a vast stage, and commemorates Christ's journey into Jerusalem, his death and his resurrection.

We combine this remarkable experience with two different holidays — the fairytale settings of Bavaria's castles and lakes and the natural wonders of the Austrian Lake District.

For more information about any aspect of the holidays or to discuss taking your group on their own exclusive tailor-made Passion Play tour, call us on [01629 826531](tel:01629826531).

To book one of the holidays simply complete the booking form at the back of the brochure and return it to us with your deposit (*fully refundable before 31st January 2019 — see opposite for details*).

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

In Oberammergau:

PASSION PLAY ADMISSION TICKET

Tickets for the play are rated from Category 1 (the best) to Category 6 — see the seating plan on page 6. Category 2 Passion Play tickets are included but you can choose to upgrade to Category 1 seats on payment of a £29 supplement. The terraces rising towards the back of the roofed and heated auditorium ensure a good view of the open-air stage from every one of the nearly 4,500 seats.

MEALS IN OBERAMMERGAU

A 3 course dinner during the play's 3 hour interval is included on both tours, plus breakfast on the day of departure on the Austrian Lake District tour.

ACCOMMODATION IN OBERAMMERGAU

Accommodation in and around Oberammergau is rated by the Passion Play organisers from Category A (the most expensive) to Category E. The overnight stay in Oberammergau on the Austrian Lake District tour will be in Category C accommodation — equivalent to a 3* hotel or 4* guesthouse. All rooms are en-suite with private bath or shower and WC.

PLUS...

Free admission to the Oberammergau Museum and a Playbook with English translation are also included.

On the Tours:

As well as the Oberammergau inclusions, both tours also include:

FULL PROGRAMME OF INCLUDED EXCURSIONS AND GUIDED TOURS

There are no hidden extras, so the price you pay ensures a full and varied itinerary. Both tours also include optional extra trips.

GOOD QUALITY HOTELS

For both tours we have carefully chosen good quality 3* hotels for their comfort, friendliness and location. All bedrooms are en-suite.

HALF-BOARD ACCOMMODATION

Dinner and breakfast are included on every day of your holiday with us.

TOUR MANAGER

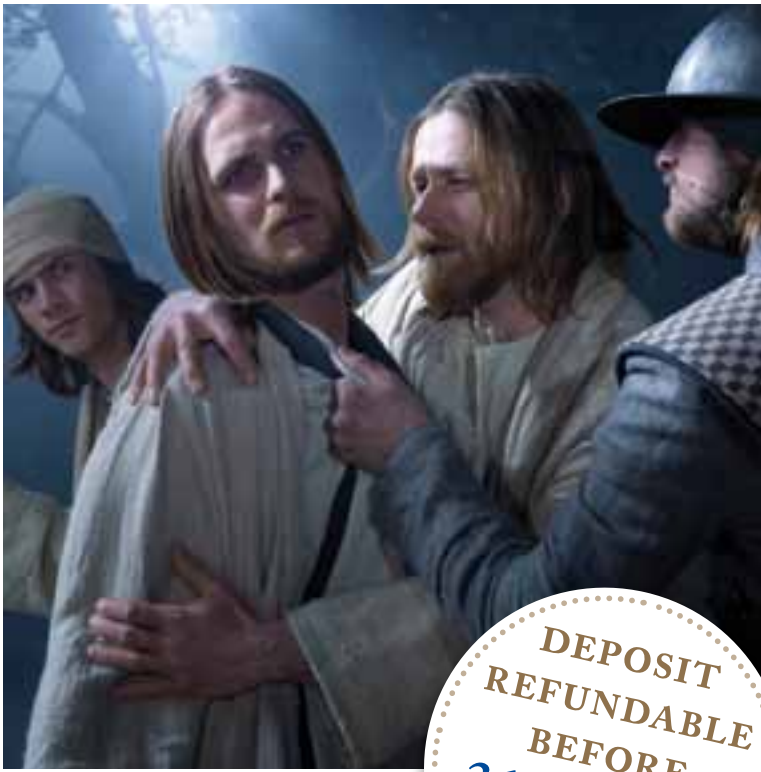
To ensure the smooth running of your holiday and for advice and assistance throughout, an experienced professional tour manager will be with you whilst abroad.

RETURN SCHEDULED FLIGHTS

Your tour includes return scheduled (not chartered) flights from London. If suitable flights from your local airport are available these can be arranged but there may be a supplement payable for this — call us for details. Specific flight details will be confirmed no earlier than 11 months before your departure date.

EXECUTIVE AIR-CONDITIONED COACH

Whilst abroad, a comfortable, modern, air-conditioned executive coach will be with you for all transfers and day trips.



DEPOSIT
REFUNDABLE
BEFORE
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2019

We understand that you may be reluctant to commit now to a tour that doesn't depart until 2020, particularly as you may not be able to obtain insurance that far in advance.

So, if at any time before 31st January 2019 you have to cancel your booking for reasons which would otherwise have allowed you to successfully claim on our comprehensive travel insurance policy (*a copy of which is available from us*), we will refund the initial £150 deposit payable on booking.

A second deposit of £250 is payable in January 2019 and the final balance 60 days prior to departure.

Financial security

Our tour operators, Tailored Travel, hold an Air Travel Organisers Licence (ATOL 5605) issued by the Civil Aviation



Authority, a government body, to ensure that all bookings for holidays by air are fully protected.

Come what may, your money and your holiday are perfectly secure when you book with us.



What is the Passion Play?

THE HISTORY

In 1633, in the middle of the Thirty Years War, Bavaria was being swept by a plague epidemic and more than 80 lives had been lost in Oberammergau alone. The local elders vowed that if the village were purged of the plague they would 'keep the Passion tragedy every 10 years'. The epidemic came to a standstill and in 1634 the villagers fulfilled their solemn promise for the first time. Ever since they have loyally kept their vow and in 2020 Oberammergau will, for the the 42nd time, be staging the Passion Play telling the story of Christ's Passion, from his entry into Jerusalem and ending with the Resurrection and Transfiguration.

THE STAGE

The roofed auditorium has seats for nearly 4,500 spectators. The terraces rising towards the back of the auditorium ensure a good view from every seat of the open air stage where the play is performed whatever the weather.

THE PLAY

The play is performed exclusively by amateur actors who were either born in Oberammergau or have lived there for the past 20 years. In 2010, over 2,000 of the 5,300 or so inhabitants were involved either on stage or backstage. A special feature of the Oberammergau Passion Play is its living tableaux — colourful scenes from the Old Testament which are woven into the story of the Passion in the form of still life pictures.

THE MUSIC

The music, with choral and prologue performances, was composed between 1811 and 1820 by Oberammergau's teacher and church musician, Rochus Dedler. The music directors added their own compositions and some contemporary touches for the Passion Plays in 2000 and 2010.

PROGRAMME OF PERFORMANCES

From 16th May to 4th October 2020, the Passion Play will be performed every Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, running from 2.30pm to 10.30pm until 16th August and 1.30pm to 9.30pm from 18th August, with a 3 hour break for dinner in each case.

THE CASTLES & LAKES OF *Bavaria*

16th – 20th July 2020

5 DAYS FROM £1199

- Category 2 Passion Play ticket
(Category 1 upgrade - £29)
- 3-course dinner in Oberammergau
 - Herrsching am Ammersee
 - Andechs Abbey
 - Neuschwanstein Castle
 - Linderhof Palace
 - Munich
- Return flights from London*

EXTRAS:

- Insurance *(available after 31st Jan 2019)*
 - Single room supplement £89
 - Entrance fees to places of interest

THURS 16 JULY – TRAVEL TO BAVARIA

We meet at our allocated London* airport for our direct scheduled flight to Munich where we are met by our tour manager who will accompany us throughout our tour. We then transfer in our private executive coach to the 3* Hotel Kolberbräu in Bad Tölz *(or similar)* for a four-night half-board stay.

FRI 17 JULY –

AMMERSEE & ANDECHS ABBEY

This morning you can choose to enjoy time at leisure in the town of Herrsching am Ammersee or join an optional cruise on picturesque Lake Ammersee. In the afternoon we travel on to the gorgeous hilltop monastery of Andechs. Founded in the 10th century, Andechs Abbey has long been a place of pilgrimage with relics reputed to come from Christ's crown of thorns, and a victory cross of Charlemagne, whose army overran much of Western Europe in the 9th century.

SAT 18 JULY –

NEUSCHWANSTEIN & LINDERHOF

This morning we visit Neuschwanstein Castle, the 'castle of the fairy tale king'. The shy King Ludwig II had built the castle in order to withdraw from public life but seven weeks after his death in 1886 Neuschwanstein was opened to the public and today it is one of the most popular of all Europe's castles. We travel on to Linderhof Palace. Built between 1874 and 1878 and the smallest of King Ludwig II's three royal castles, Linderhof was originally intended as a hunting lodge but later he declared it would be a new Versailles and the wonderful French Rococo interiors and beautiful parkland certainly reflect that ambition.

SUN 19 JULY –

OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY

This morning we take the short journey to the village of Oberammergau and after time for lunch, we take our seats for the Passion Play. The performance runs from 2.30pm till 10.30pm, with a three hour interval for included dinner. After the Play finishes, we transfer back to our hotel.

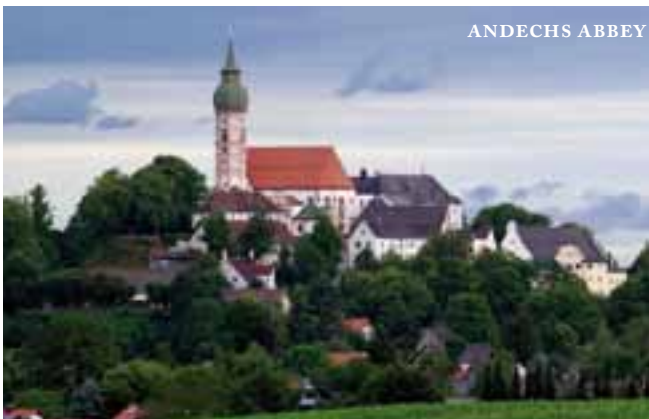
MON 20 JULY – MUNICH & DEPARTURE

We leave our hotel and travel to Munich. There is the option of a guided city tour followed by free time for lunch, to relax or for sightseeing before travelling to Munich Airport for our direct scheduled flight back to London*.

LINDERHOF PALACE



ANDECHS ABBEY



Please note: We reserve the right to alter the above itineraries if required for operational reasons. Given the historic nature of the places visited, a certain degree of walking will be involved, and this holiday may not be suitable for those with mobility problems.

THE LAKE DISTRICT OF *Austria*

HALLSTATT

16th – 22nd August 2020

7 DAYS FROM £1459

- Category 2 Passion Play ticket
(Category 1 upgrade - £29)
- One night's half-board accommodation in Oberammergau
 - Salzburg and Prien
 - St Wolfgang
- St Gilgen and Lake Wolfgangsee
 - Hallein Salt Mines
 - Kaiservilla at Bad Ischl
 - Hallstatt
- Return flights from London*

EXTRAS:

- Insurance (available after 31st Jan 2019)
 - Single room supplement £89
 - Entrance fees to places of interest

SUN 16 AUGUST – TRAVEL TO AUSTRIA

We meet at our allocated London* airport for our scheduled flight to Munich where we will be met by our tour manager. We then transfer by private executive coach to the 3* Hotel Gasthof Bräuwrith in Lengfelden (or similar) for a five-night half-board stay.

MON 17 AUGUST – SALZBURG & PRIEN

Salzburg is our destination today and on arrival there is an optional guided tour around the old city taking in sights such as the Hohensalzburg Fortress, the Cathedral, Mozart's birthplace and the Mirabell Palace and Gardens. The afternoon is at leisure in the Bavarian resort of Prien and you may choose to join our optional short boat trip on Lake Chiemsee to visit King Ludwig II's fairytale Herrenchiemsee Castle.

TUES 18 AUGUST – WOLFGANGSEE

You have time at leisure in St Gilgen followed by a cruise from St Wolfgang on the picturesque Lake Wolfgangsee. Enjoy a relaxing free afternoon in St. Wolfgang, or you may choose to join our optional excursion on the SchafbergBahn, the steepest cogwheel railway in Austria that famously featured in 'The Sound of Music'.

WED 19 AUGUST – HALLEIN

The salt mines at Hallein, one of the oldest in the world, brought riches to the archbishops and built the magnificent city of Salzburg. At Berchtesgaden this afternoon you have the option of a visit to Hitler's Eagle's Nest, given to Hitler as a 50th birthday present and unscathed from the bombings of the Allied Forces during World War II.

THURS 20 AUGUST – BAD ISCHL & HALLSTATT

Kaiservilla at Bad Ischl is the former summer capital of the great Austro-Hungarian monarchy and associated with the Hapsburg's for at least 700 years. It was here on 28th July 1914 that the declaration of war on Serbia was signed. We spend the afternoon in the picturesque town of Hallstatt, 'the pearl of Austria' — the site of an early Iron Age culture and considered to be Europe's oldest continuously inhabited settlement.

FRI 21 AUGUST – OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY

On arrival at Oberammergau we check in to our allocated accommodation for a one night stay. After time for lunch, we take our seats for the Passion Play. The performance starts at 1.30pm with a 3 hour break for a 3 course dinner included in a restaurant.

SAT 22 AUGUST – DEPARTURE

We transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight back to London*.



WOLFGANGSEE



HOHENSALZBURG FORTRESS

Prices are based on twin share. Minimum numbers are required for tours to run. Normal booking conditions apply. *Regional flights are available on request, though availability and prices will not be known until at least 11 months before departure. A supplement may apply.

Tailor-made Tours for Groups

As an alternative to the two tours on offer, if 25 or more of your group would like to travel together we can tailor-make your Passion Play tour to your exact requirements, exclusively for your group alone.

Tours can be tailored to include beautiful areas of Germany, Austria or Italy, including the castles and lakes of Bavaria; the Rhine and Moselle valleys; the Austrian Tyrol and Lake District; Lake Garda, Venice, Verona, Vicenza, Padua and Ferrara.

We will give you one free place for every 15 paying, provide you with free colour marketing to help you promote the tour to your members and handle all invoicing and payments for your members.

Just tell us what would make the perfect Oberammergau Passion Play holiday for your group and we'll do it!

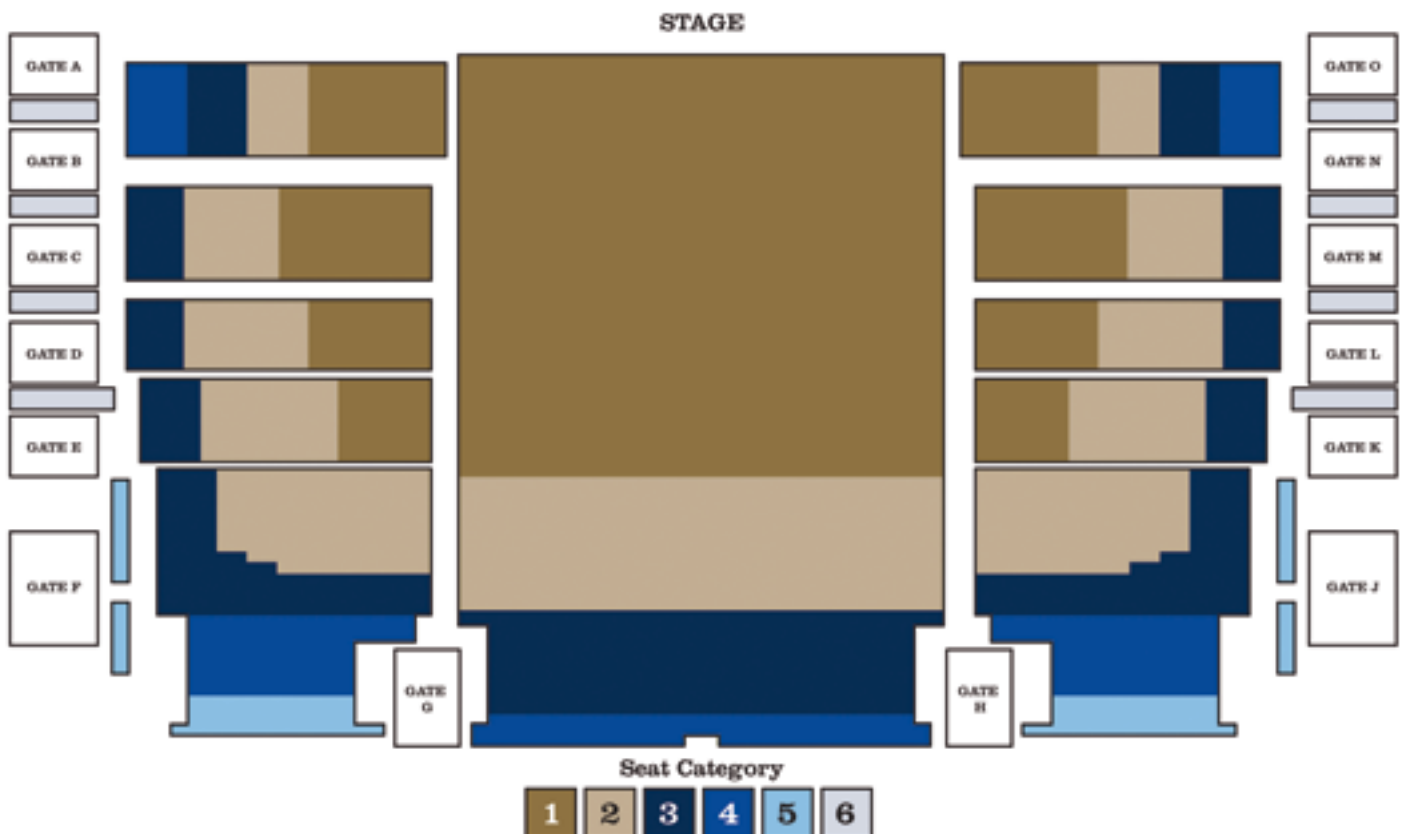
CALL US ON **01629 826531** FOR MORE INFORMATION.



“ A group from our church joined the tour organised in 2010 by Christian Guild. It was wonderful to share in this much anticipated experience together as friends, and with other Christians. It was a ‘never to be forgotten’ time, combined with a lovely holiday in Austria and well organised with great tour hosts. We would recommend a trip to the Oberammergau Passion Play to everyone.

G&JD, NOTTINGHAM ”

OBERRAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY 2020 – SEATING PLAN



OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY 2020 – BOOKING FORM

OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY HOLIDAY

<input type="checkbox"/>	The Lakes and Castles of Bavaria. 16th – 20th July 2020.	£1199
<input type="checkbox"/>	The Lake District of Austria. 16th – 22nd August 2020.	£1459

UPGRADE YOUR PASSION PLAY TICKET?

Category 2 Passion Play tickets are included for both tours (see seating plan on p.6). You have the option to upgrade your ticket.

Upgrade to Category 1 ticket. £29 per person.

DETAILS EXACTLY AS SHOWN ON PASSPORT				ROOM CHOICE	PREFERRED AIRPORT	
Title	Forenames	Surname	Date of Birth	Twin / Double / Single	London <small>(Please tick.)</small>	Other <small>(Please specify. Supplement may be payable.)</small>
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ADDRESS OF FIRST NAMED PERSON

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I WISH TO PAY BY:
 Credit Card Debit Card

CARD TYPE:
 Mastercard Visa

CARD NUMBER:

EXPIRY DATE:
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SECURITY NUMBER (last 3 digits on reverse strip):

Note: Credit card payments incur a 1.5% fee per transaction. There is no fee for debit cards.

PAYMENT DETAILS

I Enclose: First deposit @ £150 per person <i>(Payable immediately and refundable before 31st January 2019 – see p. 3.)</i>	£
I Enclose: Second deposit @ £250 per person <i>(Payable by 31st January 2019.)</i>	£
Final balance is due 60 days before departure. You will receive a booking confirmation / invoice showing the amount due.	
Total <i>All cheques made payable to 'Christian Guild' and returned with this completed booking form to Christian Guild (address below).</i>	£

CARDHOLDER'S NAME:

I authorise you to deduct the first deposit for this holiday now. Subsequent requests for payment will be made at the appropriate times.

CARDHOLDER'S SIGNATURE:

CLIENT DECLARATION

I warrant that I am authorised to make this booking and that I have read, understood, and accept for myself and all others named above the Booking Conditions and other information set out in any brochure / leaflet relevant to my holiday.

Signed: **Date:** / /



FINANCIAL SECURITY
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“*Music, drama, pageantry — Oberammergau has them all, and much, much more. What an experience! We can't wait to go again in 2020.*”
M&RW, BARROW-IN-FURNESS

“*This was a wonderful holiday — my fourth visit to the Passion Play since 1970 and this holiday rated probably the best of all.*”
MC, MIDDLESBOROUGH

“*We saw some magnificent scenery and the Passion Play was outstanding.*”
D&GB, BOURNEMOUTH



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