

Oberammergau Passion Play 2010

May 18 - 28, 2010



Benefactors' Pilgrimage Office of the "Franciscan Mission Associates"

An 11-Day Pilgrimage: "The Best of Austria, Germany & Switzerland"

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*Vienna * Melk Abbey * Salzburg * Garmisch * Lucerne*

Inclusive from New York

\$4,495.00* + \$500.00 Departure Taxes & Fuel Surcharges**

**Package Price is based on rates for 2009. Rates for 2010 are subject to change and increase.*

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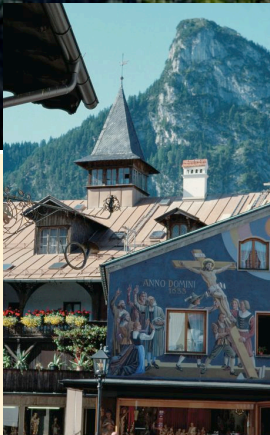
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Day 1 May 18, Tuesday: Depart USA

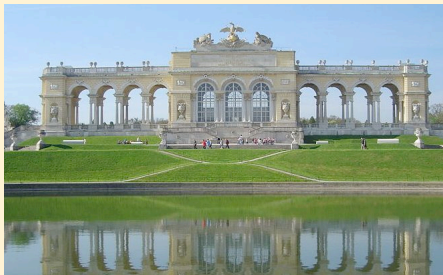
This evening depart New York's JFK International Airport via British Airways or Air France for your overseas journey to Vienna, Austria. Complimentary meals and beverages will be served aloft. (D,B)

Day 2 May 19, Wednesday: Arrive Vienna

Upon your arrival at Vienna International Airport, proceed through Passport Control, claim your luggage, and a Peter's Way Tour Manager will meet you upon your exit from Customs. Your luggage will be transferred to your bus and soon you will be on your way to Vienna, the Music Capital of the World! Vienna is the City of Mozart, Beethoven, Brahms, and Strauss! Check-in at your hotel in Vienna for a three-night stay. Balance of the day at leisure in Vienna. Dinner and overnight at hotel in Vienna. (D)

Day 3 May 20, Thursday: AM/Tour of Imperial Vienna - PM/Schonbrunn Palace

Buffet breakfast at your hotel. Today we tour the most important historical sights of Vienna. Begin our day with a visit to St. Stephen's Cathedral, Austria's most eminent Gothic edifice, houses a wealth of art treasures. The architectural history begins in the 12th century, the oldest remaining parts date from the 13th century: the Giant Gate (Riesentor) and the Towers of the Heathens (Heidentürme), both Romanesque in style. Tour St. Stephen's Cathedral, Duke Rudolph IV of Habsburg, in 1359, laid the cornerstone of the Gothic nave with its two aisles. The South Tower (Südturm), 448 feet high, was completed in 1433 (the Viennese have given it the nickname Steffl, which also denotes the whole cathedral). After 1511, building in the Gothic style ceased; the unfinished North Tower (Nordturm), 224 feet high, was capped with a makeshift Renaissance spire in 1579. During the 18th century, the cathedral was decorated with Baroque altarpieces - the panel of the main altar shows the stoning of its namesake St. Stephen, the first martyr of Christendom. **Celebrate Mass at St. Stephen's Cathedral.** Then, we pass by the Hofburg Palace, winter residence of the Habsburg emperors; the Capuchin Church, which contain the imperial vaults; St. Charles' Church, a splendid example of late Baroque architecture; and the Belvedere Palace, former residence of Prince Eugene of Savoy. Drive around the Ring, one of the most magnificent boulevards in the world, pass-



ing the Vienna Opera, Museums, House of Parliament, City Hall, and the Burgtheater. Independent lunch. This afternoon, we will experience an extended tour of the Schönbrunn Palace, the summer residence of the Habsburgs. The name comes from the fountain that was built over a spring in the early 1600's. Ferdinand II built the castle itself in 1637. It came into its full grandiose incarnation during the reign of Maria Theresa, when she added the massive mirrors, frescoed ceilings and gigantic crystal chandeliers. This evening, perhaps you would like to explore the famous Karntnerstrasse. View Mozart's memorial; walk along Kaerntner strasse, a pedestrian area where glamorous stores line the sidewalks; take a ride in a horse-drawn coach; wander along the winding streets of the old city with architecture reminiscent of past centuries. Dinner and overnight at hotel in Vienna. (B,D)

Day 4 May 21, Friday: Excursion to the Shrine of Maria Taferl & Melk Abbey

After buffet breakfast this morning, we drive across the Danube Valley to visit the Shrine of Maria Taferl. Originally a pagan place of sacrifice, two shepherds were healed in front of a simple wooden cross after their prayer. In 1661 the foundation of the pilgrimage church was laid. The dome was created by Jakob Prandtauer, the famous architect of Melk Abbey in 1707. The Shrine is an incredible treasury painted in colourful Baroque style, filled with many paintings. **Celebrate Mass at the Shrine.** Independent lunch. We continue to Melk to visit the Benedictine Abbey, crowning the rocky hill overlooking the Danube. It is the best sample of Baroque architecture in Austria. Visit the Benedictine Abbey, which was founded in 1702. Its Library contains over 80,000 books and 2,000 manuscripts - all on religious subjects. Dinner and overnight at hotel in Vienna. (B,D)

Day 5 May 22, Saturday: Shrine of Mariazell - Sound of Music Tour - Salzburg

After buffet breakfast, check out of hotel, and then we leave Vienna and drive across the spectacular forested mountains, rushing streams and small market towns to the little village of Mariazell, a favorite Viennese resort. Visit the Shrine of Mariazell. The Shrine is a famous pilgrimage center in Austria dedicated to the Blessed Mother. The Shrine was founded in 1157 by a monk, who built a small shelter or "Zell" in the woods to protect a statue of the Blessed Mother. Today Mariazell Baroque church has been rebuilt several times in different architectural styles and still houses the old statue. **Celebrate Mass at the Shrine of Mariazell.** Independent lunch.



This afternoon, we leave Mariazell and drive along the Austrian Lake District, with marvelous views of the Salzkammergut region to Leopoldskron where the facade of the castle was shown as part of the Trapp home. Then we continue to Mondsee, to reflect at this delightful resort, where in the movie, Maria and the Baron were married. Then we continue to St. Gilgen on Lake Wolfgang, which offers one of the best known landscapes of the Salzkammergut and where the namesake fountain recalls the family connection of Mozart with this favored land. Continue to Fuschl, pictured in the beginning of "The Sound of Music", for a visit. Then, we continue to the Baroque city of Salzburg, a jewel set on the beautiful banks of the Salzach River. Dinner and overnight at hotel in Salzburg. (B,D)



Day 6 May 23, Sunday: AM/Mass at the Shrine of Maria Plain - PM/At leisure in Salzburg

Leisurely buffet breakfast at your hotel. **This morning, you will be transferred to the Shrine of Maria Plain in Salzburg. Celebrate Mass at the Shrine.** In 1633 a painting of the Blessed Mother was found in the ruins of a totally burned wooden house undamaged. In 1656 a small wooden chapel was built at this location and at 1710 the chapel was rebuilt and houses the first copy of the miraculous image. In 1951 Pope Pius XII, conferred the title of this Shrine to 'Basilica Minor'. Then we begin our guided tour of Salzburg's sights along Getreidegasse, the city's pedestrian street, lined with authentic 17th and 18th century buildings including the house where Mozart was born. View Monchsberg with the fortress "Hohensalzburg" which overlooks the city. Built into the side of Monchsberg is the Salzburg Festspielhaus, home of the famous Salzburg Festival Operas. See Residenzplatz, the center square of Salzburg, dominated by the dynamic sculpture of the Residenzbrunnen, the largest baroque fountain north of the Alps. The Residenz building, built in 1596, was once the palace of the Bishops. Nearby stands the Cathedral dating from 1614. Next, visit St. Peter's Abbey, next to the cemetery where the escape was filmed in "Sound of Music" and where most of Mozart's religious works were premiered. Independent lunch. Balance of the afternoon at leisure to enjoy Salzburg. Stop in at one of Salzburg's many cafes for ice coffee or hot chocolate and cake, a tradition that Austrians enjoy. Perhaps you would like to explore the city further on your own and discover Salzburg's many breathtaking churches, fountains, and famous residences such as the house where Mozart was born in 1756, now open to visitors. Perhaps you might like to take the cogwheel train up to the mighty Hohensalzburg Fortress, the former residence of the powerful Archbishops of Salzburg. From the terrace high above the city you can enjoy a breathtaking view of the old town with its never-ending charm. Dinner and overnight at hotel in Salzburg. (B,D)



Day 7 May 24, Monday: King Ludwig Royal Neuschwanstein Castle - Ettal Abbey - Oberammergau

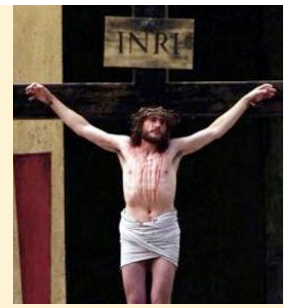


Buffet breakfast at your hotel. This morning, we leave Salzburg to southern Bavaria to explore King Ludwig's majestic castle, the Cinderella style Neuschwanstein and the King's former residence. Go back to the times of Wagner as you visit the royal apartments decorated with scenes from German sagas and Wagner's operas, the throne rooms and music halls. Independent lunch. Then, we continue to visit the Monastery of Ettal, almost 2700 feet above sea level, located in a narrow mountain valley of the Western Alpine foothills. **Celebrate Mass at the Monastery.** This evening, arrive in

Oberammergau, home of the famous Passion Play. The little village of Oberammergau, is home of the famous Passion Play of the life of Christ. The play dates back to 1633 when the Plague, the "Black Death", took a severe toll of lives in the small village. In their distress, the inhabitants turned to God and vowed that if the pestilence were taken from them, they would perform a play every ten years, depicting the suffering and death of the Savior. Their plea was heard and there were no further plague victims in Oberammergau. The first performance of the Passion play took place in 1634 in the village cemetery. Dinner and overnight in Oberammergau. (B,D)

Day 8 May 25, Tuesday: Attend the Oberammergau Passion Play
After breakfast, **Celebrate Mass in Oberammergau.**

Today we attend the Passion Play in the 5,200 seat Passion Play Theatre. The greatest story ever told comes memorably to life as this superb production



unfolds, portraying the Christian Message against a scenic backdrop of wooded mountains. The Play shows the story of Christ's Passion, beginning with the entry into Jerusalem and ending with the Resurrection. The accompanying music is magnificent, and a full English translation of the script is available for you to follow from your reserved seat. All the town members partake in this play every 10 years. Two parts of the performance. Part I: Begins at 2:30pm to 5:00pm. Part II: 8:00pm to 10:30pm. The dinner break lasts three hours. Lunch, dinner and overnight in Oberammergau. (B,L,D)

Day 9 May 26, Wednesday: Liechtenstein - Lucerne, Switzerland

After breakfast, we leave Southern Bavarian via Innsbruck, for our orientation tour including the Annasaule, little golden roof, Helbinghaus, Cathedral of St. Jacob, the Hof Kirche and Maximilian Mausoleum. **Celebrate Mass;** then we continue via Liechtenstein and its capital, Vaduz. Lunch will be included on this day. Continue our drive through the marvelous scenery of the spectacular Alps, to the northern shores of Lake Lucerne, affording lovely views of mountain scenery, passing Küssnacht, the Hollow Lane and Tells's Chapel. Check-in at your hotel in Lucerne. Dinner and overnight at hotel in Lucerne. (B,L,D)

Day 10 May 27, Thursday: Lucerne, Switzerland

Breakfast at your hotel. Begin our day with a visit to the Shrine of Einsiedeln, one of Europe's well-known religious shrines. Visit the Church and the Monastery buildings built in the 18th century on the site of a monastery, (founded in 934 by Otto I, and Duchess Reglinda of Swabia). The Abbey Church (Klosterkirche) was built between 1719 and 1735 in Vorarlberg Baroque style and it is the most remarkable example of this style in Switzerland (two tall towers form the facade). The Holy Chapel, built at the entrance of the nave, contains the tomb of St. Meinrad, who was martyred in 861 and the statue of Our Lady of Hermits. **Celebrate Mass at the Shrine.** After Mass, continue your orientation tour of Luzerne, including the two old wooden bridges, the Chapel Bridge, richly decorated with 17th Century paintings and the Speuer Bridge, the Lion Monument (1820) dedicated to the Swiss Guards, the ancient walls and fortifications, the Town Hall and a wonderful view of the city and the lake from the Dietschiberg. Independent lunch. This afternoon, at leisure to enjoy the beauty of this resort Lake in the heart of Switzerland. Time will be given for browsing and to do as you wish in this charming city. Dinner and overnight at hotel in Lucerne. (B,D)

Day 11 May 28, Friday: Return to the USA

This morning you will be transferred to Zurich Airport for your return flight to the USA.

Your Pilgrimage Tour Includes:

- Round-trip economy class via British Airways: New York/London/Vienna-Zurich/London/New York
- US Departure tax; Customs User fee; Security & all airport departure taxes.
- Nine (9) nights accommodations in twin rooms, with private facilities, in hotels throughout.
- Buffet breakfast & dinner daily, plus two (2) lunches (one in Oberammergau).
- Meeting and assistance upon departure from JFK International Airport.
- Services of a Peter's Way Tour Manager upon arrival to departure overseas.
- Portage of one piece of luggage per person at hotels throughout tour.
- First Class tickets to attend the famous Passion Play in the village of Oberammergau.
- Entrance fees and admissions to all sights, as per itinerary.
- All sightseeing, as per the itinerary, including overseas arrival & departure transfers, in private, deluxe, air-conditioned motor coach.
- Services of professional, licensed, English-speaking guides.
- Gratuities to the Tour Manager, guides and driver.
- Portfolio of travel documents, for each participant, including a Peter's Way flight packet.

Items not included in the price:

- Health, trip cancellation/interruption or baggage insurance. All strongly recommended
- Passport & visa costs, if any.
- **US Passports must be valid for at least six (6) months subsequent to return date.**
- Items of a personal nature (hotel extras, laundry, phone calls, etc.)
- Meals not specified in the program.
- Items not specifically mentioned above.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

PAYMENT: Deposits and insurance payments will be accepted in the form of a check or money order only. In an effort to keep our prices as low as possible, it is recommended that all payments be made via check or money order. However, it is possible to make your final payment via MasterCard, Discover, or American Express. A convenience fee of \$100.00 will apply to your account. Invoices and credit card authorization forms will be included with your welcome documents. The credit card form must be completed in entirety in order for the transaction to be approved.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Round trip from New York-JFK via British Airways. Flight itinerary and carrier may be subject to change. Airfare is subject to increases prior to date of travel. Airlines will provide a block of seats for the group. Individual requests for seating preferences can be made at time of check-in only. If you are a member of the frequent flyer or affiliate program, please bring your account card to the airport on the day of departure to receive proper mileage credit.

ACCOMMODATIONS/SINGLE TRAVELERS: Price per person is based on two persons sharing twin bedded rooms with private facilities in hotels throughout your tour. Triple Rooms are available for family or friends traveling together. We discourage triple room accommodations because they are normally not spacious and there is no discount for triple occupancy. **Single rooms are extremely limited in Oberammergau. Single travelers may be required to share a room in Oberammergau only.** Single rooms will be confirmed in all other hotels in the program. Single Rooms are limited but may be requested at time of booking for an additional charge of \$795.00. While single rooms provide privacy, they are often smaller than twin rooms and may be poorly located in a different area of the hotel, and may be in high traffic areas, such as stairways/elevators. We honestly do not like to assess an additional charge for the single traveler and will make every effort (if you so desire) to match you with a same gender roommate when we receive your application, but we do not guarantee a roommate can be matched. If there is no one with whom you can share accommodations or your roommate cancels, you will be charged the single room supplement fee.

MEALS: Breakfast and dinner daily plus two (2) lunches (one in Oberammergau).

TRANSFER AND PORTERAGE: Round trip private transfers from/to Hotel. Porterage of one piece of luggage throughout your tour at hotels. Although the Airlines will allow you to check two pieces of luggage, we strongly suggest that you travel with one suitcase and one carryon.

DISCLAIMER OF RESPONSIBILITY: Peter's Way Tours, Inc. ("Peter's Way") and Franciscan Mission Associates, is only acting as intermediary and agent for the suppliers identified on this, or any accompanying documents, in selling services, or in accepting reservations or bookings for services that are not directly supplied by Peter's Way/FMA (such as air carriage, hotel accommodations, ground transportation, meals, tours, cruises, etc.). Peter's Way/FMA shall not be responsible for breach of contract, bankruptcy or any intentional or careless actions or omissions on the part of such suppliers, which result in any loss, damage, delay, or injury to any traveler, travel companions or group member. Unless the term "guaranteed" is specifically written on the ticket, invoice or reservation itinerary, Peter's Way/FMA does not guarantee any supplier's rates, bookings or reservations. Peter's Way/FMA shall not be responsible for any injuries, damages, or losses caused to any traveler in connection with terrorist activities, social or labor unrest, mechanical or construction difficulties, diseases, local laws, climatic conditions, abnormal conditions or developments, or any other actions, omissions, or conditions outside Peter's Way/FMA control. By embarking upon the trip, the traveler voluntarily assumes all risks involved with such travel, whether expected or unexpected. Traveler is hereby warned of such risks, and is advised to obtain appropriate insurance coverage against them. Retention of tickets, reservations or bookings after issuance shall constitute a consent to the above, terms and conditions and an agreement on the traveler's part to convey the contents of this disclaimer to your travel companions and group members.

SERVICE CHARGES FOR ITINERARY CHANGES: Peter's Way is pleased to assist clients with changes in itineraries (All deviation requests must be submitted in writing at least 90 days prior to departure). Deviation fee will apply plus an airline change fee per person. Your routing and dates requested will determine if a difference in airfare will also apply. Not all carriers permit routing changes and/or deviations from the group itinerary. Please contact our office for detailed information.

CANCELLATIONS/REFUNDS: From the time your deposit is received up to December 30, 2008, there is a \$500.00 nonrefundable cancellation fee per person. From December 31, 2008 to 100 days prior to departure, the cancellation fee will be \$1,500 per person. For cancellations received from 99 days prior up to the day of departure the cancellation fee will be 100% of package price per person including taxes, single supplement, deviations fees and any

other costs incurred (if applicable). (Travel insurance is offered as protection in case of illness, please see TRAVEL INSURANCE). **Tour participation is nontransferable. Names cannot be transferred on reservations or airline tickets.** Refund requests (if applicable) can only be honored when submitted in writing to Peter's Way. All refund requests are subject to cancellation restrictions as set forth above. No refund will be made for any accommodations or services included in the tour that you do not use.

BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE: Due to bus space, one carry-on bag and one checked bag per person is permitted. Standard airline baggage policies usually allow checked baggage up to 62 total inches and range to 50 pounds and carry-on baggage up to 45 total inches and 15 to 40 pounds. However, policies may vary from the time of printing of this brochure. Contact your airline directly before departure for current baggage dimension allowances. For luggage exceeding the allowed limits, excess baggage fees will apply at check-in. Our final documents will contain current information applicable to your designated airline.

SIGHTSEEING AND ENTRANCE FEES: All sightseeing as per itinerary aboard a private motorcoach with the services of a professional, licensed, English-speaking guide. Entrance fees to all sights are included

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TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: All participants must have a valid passport. US Passports must be valid for at least six (6) months, subsequent to the return date. Special entry requirements for non-U.S. citizens may apply. Please consult the appropriate Consulate for current requirements. It is solely the passenger's responsibility to ensure that all documents needed are completed and current. Peter's Way will not be held responsible for lack of current and valid entry documents.

TIPPING/ SERVICE CHARGES: All gratuities to Tour Manager/guides, drivers, escorts and dining rooms are included. Although these service charges are included, it is customary to leave Euro 1.00 per person to the Maid for housekeeping.

TRAVELER HEALTH ADVISORY: All passengers must ensure that they are medically and physically fit for travel and that such traveling will not endanger themselves or others as Pilgrimages entail a lot of walking, climbing up/down stairs, etc. Any passenger who is physically challenged must submit a certificate from his/her medical doctor stating that he/she is capable of taking part in this pilgrimage without assistance. If special assistance is required, the passenger must travel with a companion willing and capable of providing any necessary assistance.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: It is strongly recommended that all participants buy insurance when they travel since the tour operator is not responsible for lost or damaged luggage or trip interruption. Peter's Way Tours offers an optional comprehensive Passenger Travel Protection Insurance Policy. These benefits and services help insure the well being of the passenger while traveling worldwide. The insurance premiums are based on total package price, including single supplements, deviation fees, late charges, etc. The premium for total package prices up to \$3,000.00 is \$175.00; from \$3,001.00 and over is \$199.00. **If the insurance payment is made at the time of deposit or within 10 days of receiving the Peter's Way "Tour Deposit Acknowledgment Letter," the passenger will be covered for pre-existing conditions. However, the insurance policy can be purchased at anytime thereafter, excluding coverage for pre-existing conditions, until final payment has been made. Insurance payments will not be accepted after final payment has been made. All insurance premiums are non-refundable.** If you choose to extend your stay or embark on a pre-tour program, comprehensive insurance protection can be purchased for an additional \$4.00 per day, limited to thirty (30) days total. Additional coverage needs to be requested, the policy will not automatically be extended. The extended policy will only cover pre-paid arrangements made through Passages/Peter's Way Tours Inc. **The Passenger Travel Protection Plan includes coverage for the following:** Trip Cancellation/Interruption, Baggage/Personal Effects, American International Assistance Service, Emergency Evacuation, Repatriation, Accident/Sickness Medical Expenses, and Accidental Death Dismemberment.

PLEASE NOTE: For complete details of coverage, terms, conditions, exclusions, and pre-existing conditions for the insurance protection provided, refer to the Description of Coverage, which you will receive with your travel documents. If you need further information, please call Berkely Care, Ltd. at 1-800-797-2295(outside New York) or 516-342-2500 and ask for the Peter's Way Desk. This insurance is underwritten by: The National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, PA.