

# Oberammergau Passion Play Germany & Austria

Departure Date: June 7, 2022

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Visit the famous fairytale castle of Neuschwanstein



The sites of *The Sound of Music* come to life in Salzburg, Austria

**DAY 1 Depart the USA:** Today you'll depart on your overnight flight to Munich, Germany – the capital of Bavaria.

**DAY 2 Munich, Germany:** Upon arrival, you'll be met by a representative of Mayflower Cruises & Tours and transferred to your hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure for you to begin exploring this fantastic city. This evening, dinner is included. **Meal: D**

**DAY 3 Munich:** Begin the day with an included tour featuring the highlights of Munich. See historic sites and landmark buildings, including the Alte and Neue Pinakotheks (museums), National Theater, Hofbräuhaus and Cathedral. See its popular squares including the beautiful Odeonsplatz and Karlsplatz. During the walking portion, visit the Marienplatz, Munich's central square, housing the City Hall and its famous glockenspiel. The tour concludes with a visit of Nymphenburg Palace, former summer residence of the rulers of Bavaria. Following the tour, the afternoon and evening are at leisure in this capital city. **Meal: B**

**DAY 4 Munich / Oberammergau:** Depart Munich this morning and travel to Oberammergau. Known as home to the most important Passion Play in the world, Mayflower Cruises & Tours has secured reserved seats in the best ticket category, for you to witness this life-changing event. Performed every ten years by the inhabitants of this small village, the play depicts Christ's Passion, and is held in honor of the village surviving the plague and Thirty Years' War. Over 2000 villagers are proud to participate in this 6-hour spectacle, during its 5-month run. Dinner is included during the performance, and following the play, you'll check in to your hotel for overnight accommodations. **Meals: B, D**

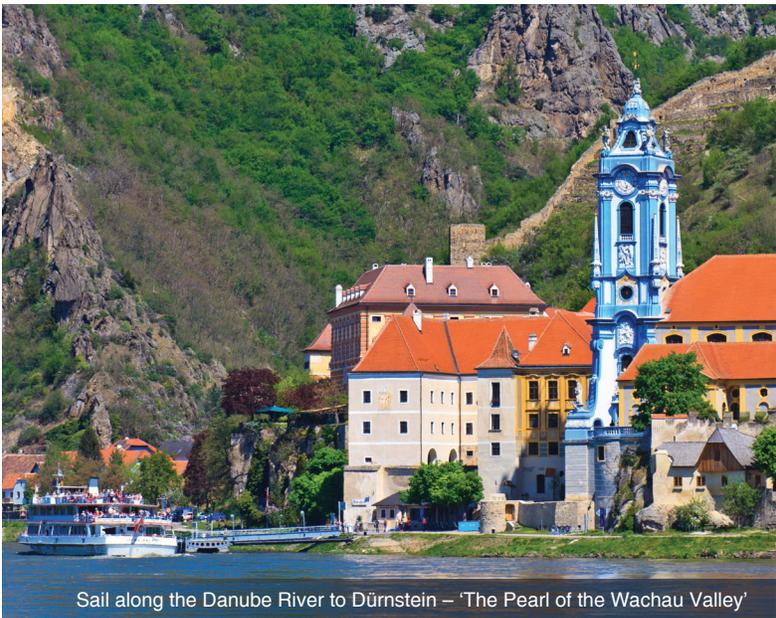
**DAY 5 Oberammergau / Salzburg, Austria:** This morning begins with a visit to Neuschwanstein, King Ludwig II's fairytale castle, in a postcard-perfect setting on the shores of Swan Lake, surrounded by the idyllic Bavarian Alps. Upon arrival, you'll be transferred partially up the hill towards the entrance. Built as a retreat, hear

intriguing stories about the reclusive king and learn how he became known as 'Mad King Ludwig' as you explore the interior of this amazing castle. Stunning views of the surrounding countryside await as you peer from the portals of the castle. After the visit, you'll be transferred back down the hill, and continue your journey to Salzburg for 3-nights' accommodations. **Meal: B**

**DAY 6 Salzburg:** Discover the beauty of Salzburg and sights from *The Sound of Music* on your full day excursion. Begin with a walking tour through this charming city, birthplace of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. See the historic Old Town and stroll along the Getreidegasse, a picturesque shopping lane with architecture that still looks much as it did in Mozart's day, and home to Mozart's birthplace at #9 Getreidegasse. Walking through Mirabell Gardens, pass the Pegasus statue where the children sang *Do-Re-Mi* and danced on the steps of the fountain. Visit Hellbrunn Castle with its unique, trick fountains. Travel outside the city, through spectacular alpine scenery, to Mondsee to visit the church where Maria and Captain von Trapp were married. After a day filled with scenery and song, return to your hotel in Salzburg for an evening at leisure. **Meal: B**

**DAY 7 Salzburg:** Enjoy a full day at leisure to further experience all this city has to offer. **Meal: B**

**DAY 8 Salzburg / Vienna :** Departing Salzburg, today's adventure unfolds with the exploration of the sites and cities of the Danube Valley. Enroute to Vienna, visit the famed Melk Abbey, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, majestically towering over the Danube River. The Abbey provides a sweeping panorama of the Lower Alps and is one of the most significant Baroque-style building complexes in Europe. During the guided visit, see the Marble Hall and the Library with thousands of identically bound books. The highlight of the visit will be the Abbey Church, regarded as the most beautiful church in the world. There's no better way to experience the Danube Valley than on a boat ride between Krems and Dürnstein. Remarkable



Sail along the Danube River to Dürnstein – ‘The Pearl of the Wachau Valley’

scenery awaits! Following the cruise, re-board the coach and continue to Vienna. **Meal: B**

**DAY 9 Vienna:** The day begins with a panoramic orientation tour of this capital city. Travel along the Ringstrasse and see the grand buildings of Vienna, including the impressive Opera House, Parliament and famous concert halls. Stately architecture and historic monuments grace this imperial city, steeped in history. Visit Schönbrunn Palace, the summer residence of the Habsburgs, with its magnificent interiors and landscape gardens. The interior visit includes the ceremonial and staterooms, as well as the audience chambers of Maria Theresa and the apartments of Franz Joseph. After the excursion, the afternoon is at leisure for your independent exploration. This evening, gather for a farewell dinner. **Meals: B, D**

**DAY 10 Vienna / USA:** After discovering Germany and Austria and enjoying the life-enriching experience of attending Oberammergau’s Passion Play, it’s time to say ‘auf wiedersehen’ and depart for the Vienna airport for your flight home. **Meal: B**

Itinerary is subject to change.



Visit Schönbrunn Palace, the summer residence of the Habsburgs



## Tour Highlights

- 11 meals: 3 dinners and 8 breakfasts
- Airport transfers on tour dates when air is provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours
- English-speaking local guides for all included excursions
- Tour Bavaria’s capital city of Munich and visit Nymphenburg Palace
- Witness the spectacular Passion Play in Oberammergau with Category 1 tickets in a prime seating location
- Discover King Ludwig II’s fairytale castle, Neuschwanstein
- Marvel at the beauty of Salzburg and surrounding area on an included city tour
- Visit the sites of *The Sound of Music* in Salzburg and Mondsee
- Tour the Benedictine Melk Abbey, overlooking Austria’s Lower Alps
- Experience the scenic Danube Valley with a cruise on the Danube River between Krems and Dürnstein
- See the highlights of Vienna on an included tour and visit Schönbrunn Palace
- \$50 in Mayflower Money

### HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

**Days 2 and 3** – Eurostars Book, or similar, Munich, Germany

**Day 4** – TBA, Oberammergau area

**Days 5 through 7** – Crowne Plaza, or similar, Salzburg, Austria

**Days 8 and 9** – Hotel AT Savoyen, or similar, Vienna, Austria



# Oberammergau Passion Play

The small community of Oberammergau with its 5,300 inhabitants is situated in the Ammer Valley close to Garmisch-Partenkirchen, and is known worldwide for the impressive Passion Plays performed every ten years.

Once again in 2022 this unique tradition will attract visitors from all over the world. Only the inhabitants of Oberammergau are allowed to act on stage and to an audience of 4,800.

The artistic background to the set and costumes are provided by the long and still lively tradition of woodcarving and painting, inherited from generation to generation in traditional family businesses since the Middle Ages. Alpine meadows and towering mountains provide a fascinating backdrop as this deeply moving, centuries-old spectacle is played out by the villagers on an open-air stage.

2022 Departure	Per Person Twin	Single Room add
June 7	\$5,699	+ \$1,479

**Pricing includes local transportation, round trip MSP air, hotel transfers, land package and professional tour manager.**

Singles may be paired up for the 1-night stay in the Oberammergau area.

*Air itineraries may not be available until documents are received. Air seats are assigned by the airline for the entire group. Seat changes can only be attempted upon receipt of tickets and documents at which time availability may be limited. If specific seat assignments are vital to your reservation, we recommend individual air reservations rather than booking air with the group.*

#### Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) - \$469 per person (optional)

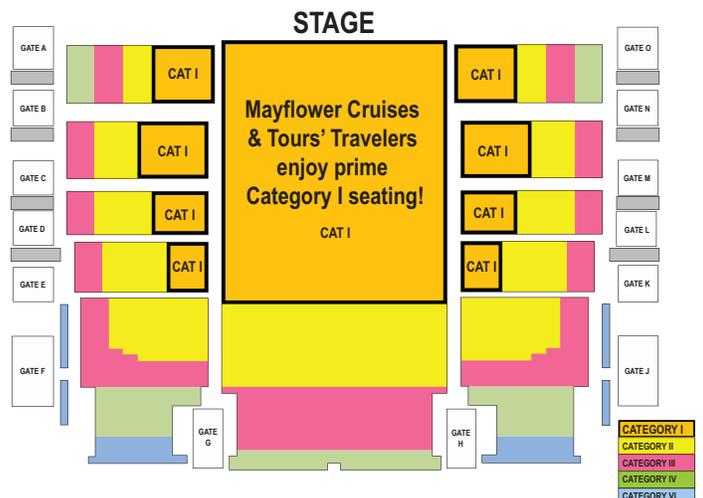
This nonrefundable fee will provide a refund to you during the instance that you have to cancel your trip. The cancellation has to be for a covered reason (see Plan for details on coverage) and we have to be notified at least one day prior to departure. If you must leave the tour early due to personal illness or the illness or death of an immediate family member, TPP will provide a refund for any unused services after the departure of the tour. Other benefits include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, 24 hour hot line and lost or stolen baggage assistance. Return air transportation is included ONLY if your air tickets are purchased through Mayflower Cruises & Tours. Please review the Plan for details on coverage. Should you choose not to purchase our TPP, the following per person cancellation charges will be assessed for all tours and optional excursion costs:

- 181 days or more prior to departure: Deposit Amount
- 180 days to day of departure: 100% of total tour
- No refund on unused portions of the tour

**Exclusions:** Mayflower Cruises & Tours reserves the right to alter its Refund and Cancellation Policy when a substantial amount of cancellation or postponement of travel is attributable to: conditions resulting from an act of God, natural or man-made disaster, fire, government action, civil disorder, war, hostilities between nations, or unavailability of transportation through no fault of Mayflower Cruises & Tours. *Plan and benefits offered and administered by Trip Mate, Inc.*



#### Passion Play Theatre Seating Chart



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