

# - *Through the Alps* -

## Join us on an Incredible Journey through the Catholic Wonders of Alpine Europe

The main event of this trip is the world famous Passion Play in Oberammergau, Bavaria. This pilgrimage also features visits to St. Gallen, Switzerland; Munich, Fussen and Altötting, Germany; and Salzburg and Innsbruck, Austria.

This trip has been specially organized for young and old alike and therefore includes a daily program with a variety of options, such as daily Mass, hiking in the Alps, an opera, exploring castles and medieval city centers, and of course, fine dinners and wine tasting.

*May 26 - June 4, 2020*

*2 Nights Salzburg, 2 Nights Altötting, 2 Nights Fussen, 2 Nights Oberammergau*  
*\$3490.00 per person*



*Oberammergau, Germany*



## Meet Our Chaplains



*Fr. David M. Friel is a priest of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, presently working toward a doctorate in liturgical theology at The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. He has led pilgrimages to Italy, Poland, Brazil, and the Holy Land.*



*Fr. Ken Brabazon is also a priest of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, currently serving as Parochial Administrator of St. Isidore*

*Parish in Quakertown, PA. He has led pilgrimages to Canada, New England, and the Holy Land.*

## The Story of Oberammergau

*In 1633 Oberammergau was afflicted by a terrible illness - the Bubonic Plague. The faithful Catholics of this small Bavarian town prayed to God to save their families, vowing that if God were to spare them, they would perform a Passion Play every ten years - forever. Not a single person fell victim to the Plague. Keeping their promise, the people of Oberammergau performed the first play in 1634 and have continued to do so throughout the centuries. Today, many of Oberammergau's residents still take part in this powerful work of art featuring dramatic performances, beautiful music and choral accompaniment. We will enter into Catholic faith and history in Oberammergau in a unique and powerful way.*

### Tuesday, May 26 Depart from EWR

Today the group will meet at the gate of departure at Newark at 8:00 PM. LX 19 departs for Zurich, Switzerland at 9:55 PM.

### Wednesday, May 27 Arrival and St. Gallen

Our flight arrives in Zurich at 11:40 AM. A private motor-coach will be waiting for us outside of baggage-claim. We're then off to St. Gallen to visit the incredible abbey of St. Gall, founded some 14 hundred years ago by itinerant Irish monks, and now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. After Mass and a visit to the abbey we're off to Oberammergau, Germany. We'll check in at a local hotel together (TBD - the Passion Play administration will provide our hotel details a few months prior to the trip).



### Thursday, May 28 Oberammergau

Today is the day! Following Mass and lunch we will witness the greatest story ever told - the story of Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection - faithfully depicted by the people of Oberammergau. The play lasts six hours and includes a dinner.

### Friday, May 29 - Salzburg

Today we depart for Innsbruck. There we will enjoy a walking tour of the old town followed by free time to shop in this marvelous city. Following lunch we will depart for Mass in the small town of Absam. Here we will find a basilica dedicated to the Virgin Mary inside of which there is a miraculous image of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is one of Austria's greatest Catholic shrines.

Following Mass and prayer we will depart for Salzburg, Austria, one of Europe's best-preserved and most beautiful cities. Salzburg is the birthplace of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and the site of the great film, *The Sound of Music*. In Salzburg we will enjoy a tour of the old town. We'll then rendezvous at our hotel, *Hotel Virgil* for dinner together.



## Saturday, May 30 - Salzburg

Today we will have Mass together in the Cathedral of Salzburg. The rest of the day is free - you might consider a visit to Hitler's Eagle's Nest in Berchtesgaden or perhaps a cruise along the Salzach river. Or maybe you'd simply like to sit back, relax and enjoy this incredibly beautiful city on your own. However it may be, these and other options will be available for you to choose from. Dinner is on your own.

## Sunday, May 31 - Altötting

After breakfast and Mass in Salzburg we depart for Altötting, Germany where we will check in at the lovely Hotel-Gasthof Münchner Hof, the finest four-star hotel in town snuggled right in the center of the city.

### The Story of Altötting

*According to the legend, in 1489, a 3-year-old local boy who had drowned in the river was revived when his grieving mother placed him in front of a wooden statue of the Virgin Mary at the high altar. Ever since this event, millions of pilgrims have visited the site, including Pope Saint John Paul II and Pope Emeritus Benedict*

## Monday, June 1 - Altötting

Today we will have Mass in the shrine of Altötting, the Chapel of Grace, one of the most-visited shrines in Germany. There will then be free time. You might consider cycling along the Inn river, a visit to Pope Emeritus Benedict's hometown at Marktl, or perhaps just taking a day for prayer in the beautiful hamlet of Altötting. In the evening we will enjoy a group dinner together at the hotel.

## Tuesday, June 2 Innsbruck, Fussen

Following Mass in Altötting we will depart for Munich, the capital of Bavaria. There we will visit the Cathedral of Our Lady, the Frauenkirche. We will also visit some of Munich's old quarter and even have the chance to drink a beer at the world-renowned Hofbräuhaus, a nearly 500 year-old beer hall in the heart of the city.

We're then off to Fussen, Germany, where we will check in at the lovely four-star Hotel Hirsch. The evening will feature a group dinner together followed by free time in the lovely town of Fussen.

## Wednesday, June 3 - Fussen

Our day begins with Mass in the magnificent abbey of St. Mang, founded more than one thousand years ago by Irish monks. We will then depart for a visit to the incredible Schloss Neuschwanstein (the inspiration behind Disney's Sleeping Beauty castle). King Ludwig II planned this fairy-tale castle himself in the 19th century. He envisioned it as a giant stage on which to recreate the world of Germanic mythology, inspired by the operatic works of his friend Richard Wagner. After visiting the castle we will cross the Marienbrücke, a bridge built over the Pollät Gorge, which offers stunning views of the castle and the Bavarian Alps. In the evening we will enjoy a final dinner together.

## Thursday, June 4 - Departure

Today the coach departs for Zurich at 10:00 AM. On the way there we will stop in the mountainous country of Liechtenstein for lunch.

Our flight LX 18 then departs for EWR at 5:20 PM, with arrival scheduled for 8:10 PM. Welcome home!

# PASSION PLAY 2020

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## COST

\$3490.00/ person

Single Room?

\$500.00 Surcharge

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## PRICE INCLUDES

- Round-trip direct flights in economy class from Newark to Zurich on Swiss Air (includes a carry-on, check bag up to 50 lbs and a personal item)
- Two nights accommodation (double standard room) at a "Category D" \*\*\* hotel in/near Oberammergau, Germany
- Two nights accommodation (double standard room) at the four-star Hotel Münchner Hof, Altötting, Germany
- Two nights accommodation (double standard room) at a four-star Hotel Virgil in Salzburg, Austria
- Two nights accommodation (double standard room) at the four star Hotel Hirsch in Fussen, Germany
- Category 3 seating at the Passion Play (about 2/3rds of the way to the back of the theatre)
- Private motor-coach transportation daily
- Daily Mass and spiritual direction
- A ProRome tour director throughout the trip
- Private tour guides throughout the trip
- Tours and all entry-ticket prices
- Daily breakfast and daily dinner three-course, with choice of menus (excluding beverages)
- Gratuity for tour director and all tour guides.

## PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Trip Insurance (Available for purchase through ProRome)
- Gratuity for driver (suggested 2-5 euro per person, per day)
- Gratuity for housekeeping service at hotels (not obligatory but common to leave 1-5 euro per person, per night)
- Gratuity at dinner (not obligatory, but tipping 5-10% of meal cost is a common gesture of gratitude)
- Daily lunch
- Beverages at dinner
- Hotel Extras: Room Service, Mini Fridge Items, Laundry, Telephone, & any other extras

## HOW TO RESERVE A PLACE ON THE TRIP

To reserve your place simply contact Joe  
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## PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Due w/Registration - \$200.00  
October 30, 2019 - \$1645.00  
February 28, 2020 - \$1645.00