

# Lourdes to Oberammergau With Mother Mary to the Passion Play

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Lourdes
- Kevelaer
- Eibingen
- Rothenburg
- Altötting
- Cologne
- Rhine River Cruise
- Heidelberg
- Andechs
- Munich

July 25 - August 5, 2022

With Fr. Simeon Wimmershoff

The Passion Play is only performed **once every 10 years** in Oberammergau and space is VERY limited!

Book now to guarantee your spot for this once in a lifetime event!

# Day by Day Itinerary

After having walked for months now through a dark valley of COVID sufferings and restrictions, we ask the Blessed Mother for her help and prayers on a pilgrimage to various Marian shrines, before witnessing the Passion Play in Oberammergau, which commemorates our Lord's suffering for our salvation.

July 25: Day 1: Departure: Board your overnight transatlantic flight to Toulouse.

July 26: Day 2: Arrive Toulouse / Lourdes: Upon arrival in Toulouse, we are met by our HLTC representative. We continue to Lourdes. Here, standing between the spectacular mountain-river, stands Lourdes, the birthplace of St Bernadette to whom Our Lady appeared in 1858 near the Grotto of Massabielle. Settle into your hotel and explore before dinner, followed by a candlelight procession (every evening from Apr through Oct) before retiring for the evening. Dinner and overnight.

July 27: Day 3: Lourdes: After breakfast, a tour of Lourdes will include the sanctuary; the Basilica of St. Pius X, the world's largest underground church; and the baths where hundreds of miraculous cures have taken place. Enjoy a video presentation telling the story of Lourdes, and walk in the footsteps of St. Bernadette. See Boly Mill where St. Bernadette was born, and the "Cachot," an abandoned prison where Bernadette's impoverished family lived. Join your prayers with pilgrims from around the world as you pray for the sick, drink water from the miraculous spring, pray at the Grotto and submerge yourself in the healing baths. Experience Christ's love as you walk the life-sized Stations of the Cross overlooking the holy Grotto. Kneel in the chapel built on the very rock of the Grotto in obedience to the request of the "Immaculate Conception." Attend the blessing of the sick and participate in nightly candlelight processions requested by Our Lady, and take time for private devotions.

Overnight: Lourdes (B, D)

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July 28: Day 4: Fly to Cologne: Free morning in Lourdes for our personal prayers before we head to Toulouse airport for our flight to Cologne.

Overnight: Cologne (B)

July 29: Day 5: Cologne/ Kevelaer: After breakfast, enjoy a guided tour of Cologne's Cathedral and two of the Romanesque churches that survived World War II. The cathedral was built to house the relics of the Three Magi, and immediately became a major pilgrimage site. Included in your visit is the Cathedral Treasury that contains the staff that belonged to St. Peter. Nearby is the Church of St. Andreas containing the remains of St. Albert the Great, teacher of St. Thomas Aquinas. After lunch on your own, we continue to Kevelaer, Shrine to Mary, Comforter of the Afflicted and the largest Catholic pilgrimage location within north-western Europe.

Overnight: Cologne (B)

July 30: Day 6: Cologne – Rhine Cruise – Eibingen – Heidelberg: After breakfast at your hotel, start the day with a boat ride on the Rhine River from Koblenz to Rüdesheim enjoying the scenery along the Rhine River. (subject to weather conditions) Continue to Rüdesheim for lunch on your own. In the afternoon we will visit the Benedictine Abbey of St Hildegard in Eibingen for a guided tour with an opportunity to attend Vespers at 5:30pm. Continue to Heidelberg.

 $Overnight: Heidelberg \, (B)$ 

July 31: Day 7: Heidelberg – Rothenburg ob der Tauber – Heidelberg: After breakfast at your hotel, enjoy a guided tour of Heidelberg to include Haupstrasse, Market place, Church of the Holy Spirit, Student's jail, Heidelberg castle. Mass at Local Church (subject to confirmation) After lunch on your own continue to Rothenburg ob der Tauber. Take a guided tour through this picturesque town straight from the Middle Ages, preserved with dedication and skill. Rothenburg has withstood the ravages of time and war and gives us a unique glimpse into the past. Its city walls, its lovely woodframed houses, its town square with the famous St. James Cathedral famous for its wooden altar representing the last supper. Return to Heidelberg for overnight.

Overnight: Heidelberg (B)

August 1: Day 8: Heidelberg – Andechs Monastery – Oberammergau: After breakfast at your hotel depart Heidelberg and Travel south to Andechs Monastery. You'll enjoy a guided tour of Andechs Monastery which has been a center of pilgrimages from the 13th century, known also as the Holy Mountain. We'll then enjoy lunch on our own at the on-site restaurant for world-famous beer, and local Bavarian food. Mass at the Monastery (subject to confirmation). We continue to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Oberammergau Area (B, D)

August 2: Day 9: Oberammergau – Ettal – Passion Play: After breakfast at your hotel transfer to Ettal Benedictine Abbey for Mass (subject to confirmation) We'll return to Oberammergau for our passion play.

Overnight: Oberammergau\* (B, D)

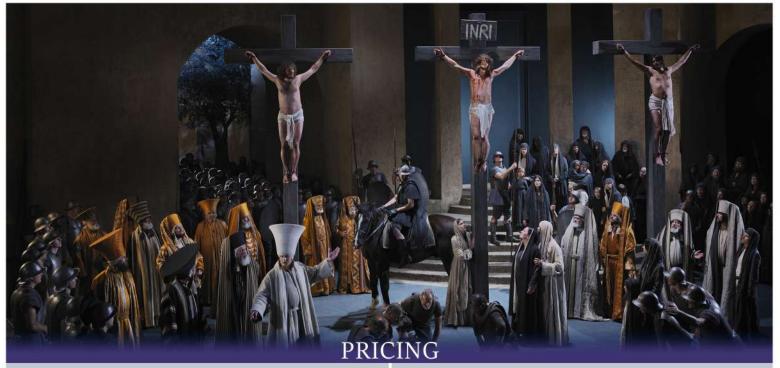
August 3: Day 10: Oberammergau – Wieskirche – Neuschwanstein – Munich: After breakfast at your hotel, we travel to Wieskirche, a Baroque masterpiece built in the 18th century as a pilgrimage church to the "Scourged Savior in the Wies (meadow)". Today, the Wieskirche is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, to celebrate Mass (subject to confirmation) Continue to Neuschwanstein to visit the fairy-tale castles built by King Ludwig II. With its turrets and mock-medievalism and interior styles ranging from Byzantine through Romanesque to Gothic, the castle is a real fairy-tale fantasy come true. After lunch on your own depart for Munich, the capital of Bavaria. Overnight in Munich.

Overnight: Munich (B)

August 4: Day II: Munich-Dachau- Altötting: After breakfast at your hotel, depart for Dachau. Visit the museum and memorial at the former Nazi concentration camp, that was liberated by U.S. forces in April of 1945. Head to Altötting, the Lourdes of Germany for lunch and to visit the Black Madonna. We will continue to Munich. Upon arrival, our guide will take us to explore the Marienplatz, the world-famous Glockenspiel, and the twintowered Frauenkirche, the most familiar landmark of old Munich. We will see the town hall, magnificent boulevard Feldherrenhalle Ludwigsstrasse Siegestor – created by King Ludwig I in the middle of the 19th century – the Hofgarten and the English Garden. We will continue to Hotel for Dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Munich (B)

August 5: Day 12: Departure: Prepare for your departure to the airport and your return flights home with memories for a lifetime.



# BASE PRICE PER PERSON

\$4699.00\*

Double occupancy with base airfare

\*Discount check price

#### **OPTIONS**

• For a single room\*: add \$750

\*Subject to availability, based on inside cabin price

 Land-only option: \$3799 (no flights or airport transfers included)

Travel Insurance: add \$233

FIRST PAYMENT \$500.00 DUE: NOW

SECOND PAYMENT \$1249.00 DUE: FEB 05, 2022

THIRD PAYMENT \$1000.00 DUE: APRIL 26, 2022

FINAL PAYMENT REMAINING DUE: JUNE 10, 2022

## **BASE PRICE INCLUDES:**

- Roundtrip airfare from Albuquerque (ABQ)
- 1 checked bag, 1 carry-on, & 1 personal item
- · All activities on itinerary
- 10 nights' accommodation
- Tour guides /escorts
- · Spiritual director
- Passion Play Ticket
- 2 Nights Lourdes
- •1 Night Oberammergau
- 7 Nights in Germany
- Meals per itinerary

# What is the Passion Play?

In 1633 the Oberammergau villagers promised to perform the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ every tenth year, in so far as no one was to die of the plague anymore. The villagers were answered by God and therefore in 1634 the first Passion Play took place. The promise has been kept until today.

Nowadays, over 2,000 of the villagers participate in the Passion Play. In order to participate, actors must have been born in Oberammergau and living there for the last 20 years. If they meet these stipulations, they have the playing right and if they choose can participate in the play. The sheer numbers of participants makes this a once in a lifetime opportunity that you do not want to miss out on!

# **Terms & Conditions**

By making any payments (cash, credit card or otherwise) towards any tour constitutes your unconditional acceptance of all the terms and conditions stated in this brochure. Holy Land Travel Center shall be referred to as HLTC within this document.

DOCUMENTS: US citizens require a valid passport. Other nationalities please inquire with the appropriate embassies.

REGISTRATION AND DEPOSIT: Deposit of \$500 per person is required upon registration along with a signed copy of the registration form on or before. Registrations are processed in the order received by HLTC A second payment of \$1249 is required on or before 150 days prior to departure. A third payment of \$1000 is due 90 days prior to departure. Final payment is due 45 days prior to departure. Late payments are subject to \$50 late fee. HLTC reserves the right to cancel reservations that are not paid 30 days prior to departure and to apply applicable cancellation/penalties indicated below. No registrations can be made over the telephone.

INDIVIDUAL CANCELLATION FEES & REFUNDS: Upon cancellation of participation of tour by you, the registrant, for any reason, and only after HLTC receives your signed cancellation, HLTC will then refund your payment for services not received by you, minus applicable cancellation fees per person, according to the following schedule:

In addition to any cancellation fees specific to your tour found on your tour brochure, the following fees apply.

- 1) Minimum cancellation fee is \$350 from time of registration.
- 2) 180 days out from registration, the full deposit of \$500 is non-refundable.
- 3) From 119 to 60 days prior to departure day, the cancellation fee is \$350 + 20% of total price.
- 4) From 59 days to 8 days prior to departure day, cancellation fee is \$350 + 50% of total price.
- 5) From 7 days prior to departure day onward, no refund is possible.

TRAVEL PROTECTION: Travel insurance is recommended to help protect you and your trip investment against the unexpected. For your convenience, we offer travel protection. If you do not wish to purchase now, the plan can be purchased any time prior to departure date. If you chose to purchase outside of the time sensitive period outlined in the plan, you will not be eligible for time sensitive benefits. To view/download the plan, which provides the full coverage terms and details, including limitations and exclusion please visit our website: www.holylandtc.com/travel-insurance/

MEDICAL CONDITION: We endeavor to provide the highest level of service to all our passengers. Participants who require special assistance must be accompanied by a qualified helper who assumes total responsibility for the participants' well-being. This pilgrimage demands a lot of walking and can be strenuous. HLTC is not responsible for any medical conditions that occur prior to, during, or after the tour.

LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSFERS: By private deluxe motor coach. ACCOMMODATIONS: Tour prices are per person, based on two persons sharing double or twin-bedded rooms with private bathroom with tub or shower. In the event that one does not sign up with a roommate and is not able to be paired with another traveler, there will be a single supplement charge to the account. Single rooms subject to availability and an additional cost of \$750. Single Supplement does not apply to nights of the Passion Play which are double rooms only.

MEALS: Meals in accordance with the itinerary. All beverages are extra.

TIPPING: Unless it is specified in the tour brochure, the price of the tour does not include tips and gratuities. Tipping is recommended to the tour guide and motor coach driver approximately \$6 and \$4 per person, respectively, per day to each: Hotel tips are approximately \$2 per day per person. Tips may be pre-collected before the pilgrimage for your convenience.

AIRLINE TICKETS AND ITINERARY LENGTH: Air transportation to/from your destination will be economy class aboard carriers utilizing non-refundable, non-amenable tickets. Preliminary international flight schedules are available 60 days prior to departure and may change before they are finalized. Therefore, if you book

the domestic flight on your own, you will be responsible for changing your domestic flights and incurring any change fees that would be generated by this adjustment. We are not responsible for changes and delays in airline schedules and do not reimburse passengers for expenses resulting from such occurrences. Travelers making their own flight arrangements should not purchase non-refundable, non-changeable tickets. We cannot guarantee the most direct routing to your final destination. If flight schedules change, we reserve the right to lengthen or shorten the itinerary accordingly, and if changes or flight schedules necessitate extra overnights, you will be charged at normal hotel rates. Land Only packages do not include airport-hotel transfers.

SEAT ASSIGNMENT: THERE IS NO ADVANCE SEAT SELECTION FOR TOUR DEPARTURES. HLTC cannot guarantee specific seats, which are at the discretion of the airline and are pending availability. When HLTC disperses travel packages, you will receive your record locator. You can use this locator to do online seating arrangements, if permitted by the airline.

BAGGAGE: International flights to and from the USA allow the passenger to bring one (1) checked bag, which may have a maximum weight of 50 lbs., and maximum combined dimensions of 62 inches. Also, one (1) "carry-on" with maximum dimensions of 8"x12"x20" is permitted. Luggage on domestic flights will cost extra. Luggage is the passenger's responsibility and that of the airlines. For lost luggage, the passenger is responsible for notifying the airline directly. Check with your carrier regarding carry-on luggage rules and regulations.

PRICES: All prices are based on exchange rates and fares applicable at time of quotation and based on minimum number of paying passengers stated in the brochure, and are therefore subject to change if fares change (including fuel surcharges increase), if group does not reach minimum or if exchange rates fluctuate.

NOT INCLUDED: Passport and Visas, meals not mentioned, beverages with meals, extra beyond standard menu, excess baggage, luggage on domestic flights, telephone calls, fuel surcharges increase.

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Note: While no changes are anticipated, there may be unforeseen occasions when certain alterations become necessary, either due to changes to the airline schedule, government regulations, travel restrictions, or any other reason. Holy Land Travel Center reserves the right to change the itinerary or name alternate dates due to such unforeseen circumstances or emergencies