

JOIN FR. JOHN J. SASSE ON A PASSION PLAY PILGRIMAGE TO

# OBERAMMERGAU



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### Day by Day Itinerary

May 10: Day 1: Departure: Depart for your overnight flights to Lourdes. Dinner on-board, relax, and anticipate your arrival tomorrow morning.

May 11: Day 2: Arrive Lourdes: Blessed Sacrament Procession, Candlelight Procession: Upon arrival in Lourdes, we are met by our HLTC representative who will remain with us for the duration of our tour. Depending on time of arrival we will have the opportunity to participate in the Blessed Sacrament Procession and the Candlelight Procession before continuing to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Lourdes (Dinner)

May 12: Day 3: Lourdes: Grotto of Massabielle, Basilica of St. Pius X, Candlelight Procession: This morning we have all day to experience the special atmosphere of this beautiful town. Attend Mass at the Grotto of Massabielle, visit the Basilica of St. Pius X, see the house where Bernadette lived during the Apparitions, and visit several of the sites where miraculous cures have taken place. After dinner, join the candlelight procession. Overnight: Lourdes (Breakfast, Dinner)

May 13: Day 4: Lourdes/Avignon: Carcassone Excursion: Depart Lourdes this morning and drive east to the perfectly restored medieval town of Carcassone. Here we will enjoy a sightseeing tour of this walled town including visits to the Basilique St-Nazaire, and the Chateau Comtal. We will then continue east to Avignon for overnight.

Overnight: Avignon (Breakfast, Dinner)

May 14: Day 5: Avignon: Palais des Papes, Old Town, Cathedral of Notre Dame-des-Doms, Pont St-Bénézet: This morning we will enjoy a sightseeing tour of Avignon. The highlight of our tour will be a visit to the Palais des Papes which was built in the early 14th century when the popes moved from lawless Rome to the relative safety of Avignon. We will also visit the Old Town, the Cathedral of Notre Dame-des-Doms, and Pont St-Bénézet. The remainder of the day will be free. Overnight: Avignon (Breakfast, Dinner)

May 15: Day 6: Avignon / Turin: Depart for Turin: This morning we leave Avignon and head to Turin in Italy. We stop at Aosta for lunch and continue to Turin for dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Overnight: Turin (Breakfast, Dinner)

May 16: Day 7: Turin: Holy Shroud Museum, Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, City Tour: Known as The Royal City, Turin (Torino) houses the famous Shroud of Turin. We venerate the famous Holy Shroud, one of the most famous relics in the world, in the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist and Holy Shroud Museum. The Holy Shroud bears the distinct image of a crucified man. It is believed to be the Shroud mentioned in the Gospels that was used to envelop the body of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Sepulchre. After free time for lunch, we enjoy a guided city tour of the historic center, viewing the splendid Palazzo Reale and Turin's ancient Roman ruins. We also view the Mole Antonelliana, Turin's most beloved symbol. We enjoy stops in Piazza San Carlo, and Po Street, before we journey to

the Mount of Capuchin Monks with its panoramic views. Celebrate Mass. Dinner and overnight hotel in Turin. Overnight: Turin (Breakfast, Dinner)

May 17: Day 8: Turin / Lucerne: Lugano, Lake Maggiore: This morning we depart and travel to the wonderful Alpine Lake city of Lugano. On arrival we continue to Orselina and the lovely Lake Maggiore. We have time this afternoon for shopping and lunch on our own. We continue to Lucerne for dinner and overnight. Overnight: Lucerne (Breakfast, Dinner)

May 18: Day 9: Lucerne: Chapel Bridge, Lion Monument, Hofkirche, Musegg Towers, Weinmarket Fountain: Today we view the Chapel Bridge, the Lion Monument, the Hofkirche (where we celebrate Mass,) the Musegg Towers and the Weinmarket Fountain. Free time on our own before we continue to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Lucerne (Breakfast, Dinner)

May 19: Day 10: Lucerne / Oberammergau: Depart Lucerne: After breakfast at your hotel we transfer to Ettal Benedictine Abbey for Mass. Free time on our own before we continue to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Oberammergau (Breakfast, Dinner)

May 20: Day 11: Oberammergau: Passion Play Performance: Witness first-hand the enduring faith of this Bavarian village and the divine blessings of God that spared Oberammergau and its people from the ravages of the plague which swept Europe in the 17th century. Take your seats for a poignant afternoon spent watching the Passion Play, giving thanks to God for His grace and mercy. We enjoy dinner at a local restaurant this evening before taking your seat for the captivating second half of this performance as night falls.

Overnight: Oberammergau (Breakfast, Dinner)

May 21: Day 12: Munich: Neuschwanstein Castle: This morning we visit the Neuschwanstein Castle, built by King Ludwig II of Bavaria, also known as the "Fairytale King". Continue to Munich for overnight.

Overnight: Munich (Breakfast, Dinner)

May 22: Day 13: Munich: Herrenchiemsee New Palace: Today we make a trip to visit the Herrenchiemsee New Palace. In 1873 King Ludwig II of Bavaria acquired the Herreninsel as the location for his Royal Palace of Herrenchiemsee (New Palace). Modelled on Versailles, this palace was built as a "Temple of Fame" for King Louis XIV of France, whom the Bavarian monarch fervently admired. After our tour we head back to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Munich (Breakfast, Dinner)

May 23: Day 14: Return to the USA: Today we bid our farewells and will remember our pilgrimage for a lifetime.

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#### BASE PRICE PER PERSON

\$4899.00\*

Double occupancy with base airfare

\*Discount check price

#### **OPTIONS**

- For a single room\*: add \$850
- \*Subject to availability, based on inside cabin price
- Land-only option: \$3899 (no flights or airport transfers included)
- Travel Insurance: add \$233

THIRD PAYMENT

FIRST PAYMENT \$500.00 DUE: NOW

SECOND PAYMENT \$1249.00 DUE: DEC 11, 2021

FINAL PAYMENT REMAINING DUE: MARCH 26, 2022

\$1000.00

#### **BASE PRICE INCLUDES:**

- Roundtrip airfare from Chicago (ORD)
- All activities on itinerary
- 13 nights' accommodation
- Tour guides /escorts
- Spiritual director
- Passion Play Ticket w/accomodations
- Meals per itinerary

# What is the Passion Play?

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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!

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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 whose payments are 30 days late and to apply applicable cancellation/penalties indicated below. No registrations can be made over the telephone.

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- 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 \$850. 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

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