



Please be advised that there is extensive slow paced walking every day of this tour, over uneven surfaces, cobblestone streets and walkways.

Father John Gatzak

Executive Director of the Office of Radio & Television
Archdiocese of Hartford

Invites You To Join Him On A Pilgrimage to the

OBERAMMERGAU

Passion Play 2010

A 10 Day/8 Night Pilgrimage to Germany & Austria including an Oberammergau Passion Play ticket on Thursday, July 22, 2010!

Also visit Innsbruck, Munich, Salzburg & Vienna!

July 17 to July 26, 2010

**** Estimated Cost Per Person Sharing Twin From JFK: \$3,590**

(\$3,240 plus air taxes and fuel surcharges (\$350 as of January 2009))

*** Above estimated cost is based on air and land rates in effect as of January 2009.*

Final tour cost is subject to change (increase or decrease) until final costs are confirmed and guaranteed by all tour suppliers, on or about September 1, 2009. We do not anticipate any drastic price changes.

(Cost of motor coach transfer from Connecticut to JFK is not included in the above estimated price and will be offered at an additional cost.)



Our pilgrimage includes, in addition to the **Passion Play**, the great Bavarian capital of **Munich**, the romantic and amazing **Neuschwanstein Castle** built in the 19th century by King Ludwig II of Bavaria, Mozart's city of **Salzburg**, the alpine city of **Innsbruck** and the lovely and cosmopolitan **Vienna**.

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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY

The first Passion Play took place in a meadow in 1634 with the parts played by local villagers.

The deadly and contagious disease known as the Black Plague had broken out in Europe, but one town in the south of Germany escaped... Oberammergau. The townspeople of Oberammergau made a vow that if they were spared, they would give a play about the "Passion of Christ" every ten years. The fact that they were saved remains one of the most amazing mysteries in history. The tradition remains to this day, with all of the roles played by locals. The last performances were held in the year 2000 to sold out crowds



from all over the world. Now preparations are in full swing for 2010! The play is an 8 hour event performed into the evening: Part 1 from 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Part 2 from 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., with dinner served during the intermission. Like an opera, it is in German with English playbills.

The village Oberammergau is a fantastic tourist destination every year. It has breath-taking alpine scenery, a clear, healthy climate, excellent food, comfortable accommodations, lovely paths for strolling, outdoor cafes, wine cellars, and cultural events such as concerts and opera performances.

PRELIMINARY Day-by-Day Itinerary

This Preliminary Day-by-Day Itinerary, designed in January 2009, is subject to modification and will be finalized in September 2009.

JUL 17/SAT—DEPART CONNECTICUT.

JUL 18/SUN—ARRIVE VIENNA, the cosmopolitan capital of Austria. Meet your guide and enjoy an orientation tour of this lovely city including St. Stephen Church and the charming Ringstrasse, the main thoroughfare encircling the Old Town. (D)

JUL 19/MON—VIENNA. This morning, a sightseeing tour begins with a view of Belvedere Palace and its gardens. Continue to the Empress Maria Theresa Monument, City Hall, Parliament, and other landmarks of the city's imperial history. The afternoon is free to shop and explore. (B)

JUL 20/TUE—VIENNA/SALZBURG.



Salzburg, Austria

Depart westward to the picturesque medieval town of Salzburg, nestled between the Salzach River and the towering Hohensalzburg Fortress. Embark on a

guided tour visiting the birthplace of Mozart, Salzburg's most famous son, and Hellbrunn Hunting Castle. (B)

JUL 21/WED—SALZBURG/OBERAMMERGAU.

Enter Germany today for spectacular sightseeing in the Upper Bavarian Alps. Stop in Berchtesgaden at Eagle's Nest, Hitler's retreat lodge built by the Nazis atop of Mt Kehlstein, which has the most amazing views of the snow-capped mountains. Visit Lake Chiemsee, the largest Bavarian lake. Sail to Frauenchiemsee, a women's Benedictine monastery. Late afternoon arrival at the historic village of Oberammergau, where two nights accommodations are confirmed. (B,D)

JUL 22/THU—THE PASSION PLAY. The morning is free to browse and explore this world-class resort town. After lunch, enjoy the highlight of the tour: the most moving and awesome performance of the 2010 Oberammergau Passion Play. (B,L,D)

JUL 23/FRI—OBERAMMERGAU/INNSBRUCK.

Travel south into the Austrian Alps to nearby Innsbruck, the capital of historic Tyrol. Take a walking tour through quaint medieval lanes to Emperor Maximilian's Golden Roof. The afternoon is free to explore at your own pace. (B)

JUL 24/SAT—INNSBRUCK/NEUSCHWANSTEIN/MUNICH.

Return to Germany via Fussen through more gorgeous Alpine scenery. Visit King Ludwig's magnificent Neuschwanstein Castle, a 19th century architectural wonder, and the model for Disney's Cinderella's castle. Mid-day arrival in fabulous Munich, the capital of Bavaria. Stroll the colorful Marienplatz with its Glockenspiel (clock tower), and famous cathedral, the gothic Frauenkirche. Festive farewell dinner at a local beer garden restaurant. (B,D)

JUL 25/SUN—MUNICH. Morning city tour explores vibrant and prosperous Munich. Visit Nymphenburg, the summer palace of Bavarian kings, Maximilianstrasse with its elegant shops, the Residenz, the winter palace of early royalty and more. Afternoon free. (B)

JUL 26/MON—RETURN TO CONNECTICUT. (B)

B-Breakfast • L-Lunch • D-Dinner



Frauenkirche - Munich, Germany

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