

Tour Inclusions

Round-trip economy class airfare from Chicago via an ARC/IATA approved scheduled carrier.

Ten nights accommodation in superior tourist and first class hotels, double occupancy, with private facilities, and Category Four (superior tourist class) hotel in or near Oberammergau.

Breakfast daily, with lunches and dinners as outlined in the itineraries.

Transfers and transportation by deluxe motorcoach.

Extensive sightseeing throughout; entrance fees included.

Category Four package to the Oberammergau Passion Play including tickets, two-nights lodging and meals.

Luggage handling of one piece per person.

An experience English-speaking tour guide from arrival in Frankfurt through departure from Frankfurt.

Gratuities to drivers and guides.

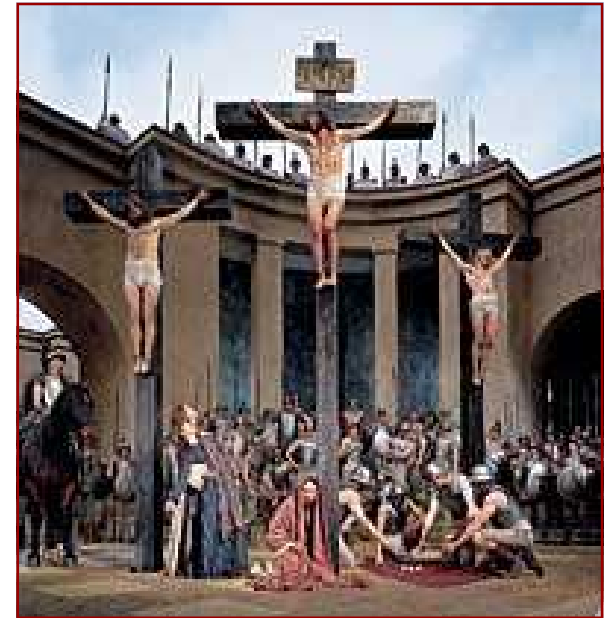
Airport/foreign departure taxes.

Comprehensive documentation including travel accessory, bag tags, name tags, flight and land itineraries, destination literature, customs information, travel tips and more.

Approximate Cost: \$4719 per person*

* The tour cost is per person based on estimated airfare from Chicago, double occupancy, tariffs and currency valuations as of October 2009, and a minimum of 30 travelers. The tour price will be revisited at the time of final invoicing and will be determined by the size of the group, confirmed airfare, prevailing exchange rates, and any fuel surcharges or tax increases levied since the pricing of this tour.

See the Passion Play



Walk in Martin Luther's Footsteps

Sept. 16-27, 2010

Open to All!

Hosted by Dr. Forrest Riordan
and
Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Visit every major historic site in Martin Luther's life

Includes a 10-city tour
and a performance of the
Passion Play
at Oberammergau

Itinerary

Thursday, Sept 16: Depart USA

Begin your journey of discovery and faith today. Depart Chicago for your transatlantic overnight flight to Europe.

Sept 17: Arrive Frankfurt/Erfurt

Continue to nearby Erfurt where Martin Luther attended university and entered monastic life.

Sept 18: Eisenach/Erfurt

Drive to Eisenach where Martin Luther attended parish school as a youth and where Johann Sebastian Bach was born. Tour Wartburg Castle where Martin Luther hid upon his return from the Diet of Worms in 1521.

In the afternoon, return to Erfurt where, during a violent thunderstorm, Luther vowed to become a monk. Take a guided tour of the Augustinian Cloister (previously, Augustinian Monastery) and the Cathedral where Martin was ordained.

Sept 19: Erfurt/Eisleben/Leipzig

Depart Erfurt for Buchenwald Concentration Camp for a sobering pilgrimage through the grounds. Continue to Eisleben to visit the homes where Luther was born and died. See St. Peter and Paul and St. Andrew's churches, and Market Square with its Luther Memorial. Continue to Leipzig for a two-night stay.

Sept 20: Wittenberg/Leipzig

This morning drive to Lutherstadt Wittenberg, home of Martin and Katie Luther for 36 years. Take a locally guided tour of the town, including visits to the Castle Church, where Luther posted his 95 Theses; St. Mary's Church, where he preferred to preach; and the Lutherhalle, which was Martin and Katie's home and is now the world's largest Reformation museum. Return to Leipzig for a guided tour of the city center. Enter the Nikolaikirche, the center of the peaceful demonstrations that brought about the fall of communism in 1989, and Thomaskirche, where Bach was organist for 27 years and where Luther preached in 1539.

Sept 21: Leipzig/Nuremberg/Munich

Drive this morning to Nurnberg, the first city to embrace Reformation thought. Take a driving tour of parade grounds where Hitler displayed his massive army, and the courthouse where the famous Nurnberg Trials were held. Take a walking tour of Old Town and enjoy time on your own exploring the marktplatz. Continue to Munich.

Sept 22: Munich/Oberammergau

This morning tour Munich. Drive by the former summer home to five generations of Bavarian royalty. Then embark on a walking tour of the center city. Hear the chimes of the famed glockenspiel at Marienplatz and enjoy time on your own for lunch, perhaps at the famous Hofbrauhaus. Travel into the Alps today, stopping at the extraordinary "Church in the Meadow." Arrive in the charming Alpine village of Oberammergau for a two-night stay.



Sept 23: Oberammergau

This morning visit Linderhof Castle and the quaint Alpine village of Ettal. Return to Oberammergau for lunch followed by a performance of the world famous Passion Play.

Sept 24: Oberammergau/Augsburg

Leave the Alps and drive to Augsburg. Tour the city with stops at St. Annakirche and the Church of the Holy Cross, and Luther's "Dahinab," part of the city wall where Luther secretly fled the city in 1518.

Sept 25: Augsburg/Worms/Heidelberg

Depart Augsburg and travel to Worms where Martin Luther appeared before the Imperial Diet. Worms is the home of the largest Reformation memorial - built with the donations of Lutherans from all over the world. Leave for Heidelberg for a two-night stay.

Sept 26: Heidelberg

The day begins with a guided tour of Heidelberg Castle. Then drive to the Rhine River for a leisurely cruise through the valley. Return to Heidelberg for a farewell dinner.

Sept 27: Frankfurt/Return to USA

Transfer to Frankfurt airport for return flights to the United States.



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