



From

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days
 Duration

Austria, Czech Republic
 Destination

Level 2 - Moderate
 Activity

Oberammergau Passion Play 2022 & the Habsburg cities

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Odyssey Traveller is offering a collection of small group departures from May 2022 to attend the Oberammergau passion play. There are three tour themes offered. This tour focuses on the Habsburg cities of Europe. The other two tours associated with Oberammergau 2022 are a 21 day tour of Germany or a 3 week city based tour exploring Berlin.



Oberammergau 2022

The Oberammergau passion play is only performed in a year ending with a zero, but this decade the virus moved the play to 2022. The performance involves all the inhabitants of the village, over 2,000 people. This is a once-in-a-decade event. Oberammergau was first performed in 1634 by the inhabitants of the village of Oberammergau, Bavaria, Germany. The play is about a short period of Jesus's life from his visit to Jerusalem to his crucifixion. The play lasts a full day, some 5 hours in duration with a break for lunch. The play is set across 16 acts! It is a blend of spoken word, music and choral singing.

The Oberammergau passion play is part of this small group escorted tours for 21 days that travel across central Europe from Austria's Vienna to Hungary's Budapest with points in between. The group spends 2 nights in the town of Oberammergau for the play. Typically the tour spends 3 nights in each location with 11 days of specialist guides joining the group to share their knowledge on this program.

The program follows the Habsburg dynasty, which was influential in Central Europe from the 10th century. As Holy Roman Emperors they controlled an Empire which at its medieval zenith covered huge tracts of Europe stretching from Spain and the Netherlands to the Black Sea.

Vienna, Prague & Budapest

The great cities of the Habsburgs were the golden trio of Vienna, Prague and Budapest, which influenced not only the body politic but also the awesome outpouring of creativity from composers such as Mozart, Haydn, Liszt and Dvorak to Smetana, Bartok and Janacek. We also consider the great art works held in these cities with paintings by Da Vinci and Breugel to the Expressionists and Klimt. We do not overlook the great architectural heritage of these cities. Prague is considered the stone jewel in the Habsburg crown with its stunning range of architecture which is a UNESCO World Heritage site. The great Neo-Gothic buildings of Budapest and Neo-Classical splendours



of Vienna are also explored.

This 21-day program features the great cities of Vienna and Prague as well as Munich and Salzburg and there is the opportunity to extend for a further 3 nights to Budapest. **The program also features as a highlight the Passion Play in Oberammergau in 2020.**

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Booking Oberammergau 2022 & the Habsburgs tour

This tour has some advance purchase is required to secure one of the 12 places offered on this small group tour. The tour will be guaranteed when minimum numbers are realised. Should minimum numbers not be achieved 12 months prior to departure, then travellers will be refunded in full.

- At the time of booking a AUD\$1,000 non refundable deposit is required per person.
- A further AUD\$1,000 is required to meet the stringent booking requirements on or before January 15th 2021 or at the time of booking should tickets still be available at the time of booking if after January 15th 2021.
- Bookings after this date will be asked to pay a deposit of AUD\$2000.
- The balance of the 30% deposit is required a minimum of one year prior to departure.
- The final payment is required 180 days prior to the commencement of the tour.
- The price is correct as at March 2020. The price is locked in if full payment is received at the time of booking, otherwise Odyssey may adjust at any time prior to the final payment, the tour price to

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reflect currency fluctuations.

For more details on this tour, click the 'Top 5' or 'Itinerary' buttons above! If you're keen to experience this tour, [please call](#) or [send an email](#). Or, to book, simply fill in the form on the right-hand side of this page.

Highlights

1. Attend Oberammergau 2020
2. Visit the Habsburg cities of Budapest, Prague & Vienna
3. Enjoy specialist lectures in key places such as Budapest
4. Visit the birthplace of Mozart in Salzburg
5. Explore the Haus der Musik in Vienna

Itinerary

Day 1

Locations: Vienna

Overview:

The tour starts with a Welcome Meeting and Dinner with the Program leader and fellow participants. Vienna was the glittering capital of the Habsburg Empire with its fine palaces and ornate buildings. St Stefan's Cathedral is amongst Europe's finest and the sumptuous Schonbrunn Palace was the envy of many of the crowned heads of Europe. Vienna has also always been a great cultural centre attracting great musicians from Mozart and Haydn to Strauss. It houses some of the world's great art collections from the old Flemish masters to Klimt and the



Expressionists.

(D)

Accommodation:

Hotel Josefshof am Rathaus or similar

Day 2

Locations: Vienna

Overview:

Today we experience some of the great artistic culture of the city with an introductory lecture on the wealth of art in the city. We continue our theme with a visit to the Belvedere's Austrian Gallery to view examples of Klimt and the Expressionists. We continue our exploration of Vienna's icons in the afternoon with some free time in the afternoon to rest or to pursue our own interests in Vienna.

(B)

Accommodation:

Hotel Josefshof am Rathaus or similar

Day 3

Locations: Vienna

Overview:

Overview: This morning we will experience a lecture/talk by a local expert on the city's musical history (details of lecturer to be announced closer to date) and is followed by a field trip to experience the sights made famous by the city's many composers, including entrance to the Haus der Music, a music and sound museum. There is also a guided visit of the imposing Schonbrunn Palace. In the evening we attend a performance, which will be announced closer to date.

(B)

Accommodation:

Hotel Josefshof am Rathaus or similar

Day 4

Locations: Vienna

Overview:

Today you will visit the nearby capital of Slovakia, Bratislava. You will enjoy a half day guided tour, visiting the main sights, including the Presidential Palace and the Bratislava Castle. If time permits, you will have some free time to explore the city. On return to Vienna we'll enjoy dinner at our hotel

(B,D)

Accommodation:

Hotel Stefanie or similar

Day 5

Locations: Vienna – Melk – Vienna

Overview:

Today we have a field trip to Melk for a guided tour of the impressive Baroque abbey of Melk. We return to Vienna via Wachau Valley. The remainder of the day is free at your own leisure.

(B)

Accommodation:

Hotel Josefshof am Rathaus or similar

Day 6

Locations: Vienna – Prague

Overview:

: Today we depart Vienna and travel to Prague by coach, our journey should take us around 4.5 hours. On arrival we check-in and the remainder of the day is at leisure until dinner at the hotel in the evening.

Prague, the “stone jewel in the Habsburg crown”, offers a great wealth of historic and cultural sights from the imposing castle and medieval Golden Lane to the Old Town and famous Wenceslas Square. The city has remained relatively undamaged by the war and, therefore, is today

one of the best preserved mediaeval cities, bursting with narrow cobbled streets and ornate Baroque facades. It lies on either side of the River Vltava, which divides into two of the city's most well-known areas: Hradčany (the castle area) and Stare Mesto (the old town). Hradčany is dominated by the castle, St. Vitus Cathedral and the Golden Lane lending a real mediaeval atmosphere to this side of the city. The main city square of Prague is situated in the Stare Mesto area and is the location of the Old Town Hall and the famous astronomical clock together with a number of shops, cafes, little taverns and old houses with ornamental signs. Close by is Wenceslas Square, named after a mediaeval king but perhaps better known for its many freedom demonstrations, and Na Prikope, the main shopping street of the city. There are numerous nooks and crannies to be explored and any visitor to Prague is constantly amazed by the rich architecture.

(B,D)

Accommodation:

Adria hotel or similar

Day 7

Locations: Prague

Overview:

We commence our musical theme with a lecture on the Musical History of the Czech Republic followed by field trips to the haunts of its great composers including a visit to the Smetana. Our exploration of the city's architecture continues this afternoon as we discover the architecture of Prague's fascinating Old and Lesser Towns during a walking tour of the city. We view Wenceslas Square, the city square and the ornate Charles Bridge overlooking the Vltava and also visit the Strahov Monastery Library, for its fine examples of Czech religious art.

(B)

Accommodation:

Adria hotel or similar

Day 8

Locations: Prague

Overview:

The morning's field trip commences our exploration of Prague in its historic Castle District, as we are introduced to Czech Art with an short lecture on Art in the Czech Republic and a visit to some of Prague's fine art galleries including the Schwarzenberg Palace, for its fascinating Bohemian art and the Dvořák Museum. We also view the icons of Prague including the imposing Castle and Gothic St Vitus Cathedral.

In the evening we visit to the ornate Theatre of the Estates, where Mozart's Don Giovanni was premiered, and where, tonight, we experience a performance, which will be announced closer to date.

(B)

Accommodation:

Adria hotel or similar

Day 9

Locations: Prague - Český Krumlov

Overview:

Today we depart for Český Krumlov. On arrival we experience the great medieval architecture of the city with a guided walking tour of its historic streets and a visit the town's castle. Dinner this evening will be at a local restaurant.

(B,D)

Český Krumlov: This small town in Southern Bohemia is a medieval gem and is recognised by UNESCO as outstandingly well preserved. It is a typical red-roofed town with an impressive Castle complex overlooking the Vltava and a unique example of medieval architecture.

Accommodation:

Mlyn Hotel or similar

Day 10

Locations: Český Krumlov – St Wolfgang

Overview:

After breakfast we have some free time before departing for St Wolfgang by coach. Our journey should take around 4h. Dinner tonight is at our hotel

(B,D)

Accommodation:

Weisserbaer Hotel or similar

Day 11

Locations: St Wolfgang – Salzburg – St Wolfgang

Overview:

After breakfast we travel to Salzburg for a guided walking tour of the city. Here we visit its mediaeval streets and learn a little about Mozart's life and music, and visit his birthplace. After a visit to Mirabell Gardens, the afternoon is free to pursue our own interests in the city. Later in the afternoon we return to St Wolfgang

(B)

Accommodation:

Weisserbaer Hotel or similar

Day 12

Locations: St Wolfgang

Overview:

Today our local Austrian guide leads us on an exploration of the Salzkammergut to inspect its typical villages, such as St Wolfgang and Mondsee, and learn about life in the region. You will enjoy a boat ride on the Wolfgangsee. We also visit Bad Ischl, the former Summer

retreat of the Habsburg Emperors.

(B)

Accommodation:

Weisserbaer Hotel or similar

Day 13

Locations: St Wolfgang – Munich

Overview:

Our journey to Munich takes us via the magnificent palace of Herrenchiemsee. Munich is one of the great cultural cities of Europe. Great monuments and palaces of its regal past as the Bavarian capital sit side by side with the symbols of one of Germany's most affluent cities. Here we learn about the city and visit its main icons including the sumptuous palaces and outstanding churches.

(B,D)

Accommodation:

Concorde Hotel or similar

Day 14

Locations: Munich

Overview:

Our morning's field trip introduces us to the icons of Munich including the imposing Frauenkirche, the Marienplatz and the Royal Palace (Residenz). We spend the morning on a guided tour of the city with our local guide. The remainder of the day is free for you to explore at leisure.

(B)

Accommodation:

Concorde Hotel or similar

Day 15

Locations: Munich – Innsbruck

Overview:

Today we travel south into Austria. On arrival in Innsbruck we enjoy a half day tour of the main sights, including the Goldenes Dachl and Hofburg Museum – imperial Palace. Dinner tonight will be at a local restaurant.

(B,D)

Accommodation:

Hotel Central or similar

Day 16

Locations: Innsbruck – Oberammergau

Overview:

We have some free time in the morning before we depart to Oberammergau. Dinner tonight is at our hotel.

Oberammergau: Bavaria was for centuries an independent Alpine Kingdom within the Holy Roman Empire. Now very much part of a modern, unified Germany, its proud traditions and heritage are still apparent. Nowhere is this more evident than in the small village of Oberammergau with its ten-yearly Passion Play first performed in 1634. We learn about the traditions of this Bavarian Alpine village and experience the Oberammergau Passion Play.

(B,D)

Accommodation:

Hotel to be confirmed

Day 17

Locations: Oberammergau

Overview:

This morning is free to explore the village of Oberammergau, perhaps visit the local museum or attend the ornate parish church. After our

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included lunch we attend our performance of the Oberammergau Passion Play. The play is in German but translations or subtitles are provided and there is a break for an early dinner at our hotel or restaurant prior to completion of the performance in the evening.

(B,L,D)

Accommodation:

Hotel to be confirmed

Day 18

Locations: Oberammergau – Munich – Budapest

Overview:

This morning we depart Oberammergau and travel to Munich and transfer to Budapest. We arrive in Budapest in the afternoon.

The city of Budapest has risen from the ruins of World War II and survived the reign of Communism, to emerge today as one of central Europe's most forward looking capitals. The twin cities of Buda and Pest lie on opposite banks of the Danube and were officially joined together in 1873 to form the elegant capital city of Hungary. The two cities retain, however, distinctive characteristics. Buda is the home of royal palaces and St Matthias cathedral and narrow cobbled streets with Gypsy taverns lying behind the imposing facade of the Fisherman's Bastion. With its many historical buildings and grand statues, Buda has an almost medieval feel. Pest, on the other hand, with the neo-Gothic Parliament Building has a much more business-like atmosphere with most of the city's theatres, cinemas and popular shopping areas.

(B)

Accommodation:

Radisson Blu or similar

Day 19

Locations: Budapest

Overview:

We commence our stay in the city with an introductory lecture (details to be announced closer to date). We then start our exploration of the city with the icons of Pest and include a visit to the grandiose Parliament building, containing the 1,000 year old Hungarian crown. We also visit the Museum of Music History and we experience some of the historic and artistic culture of the city as we explore the city of Buda where we are introduced to Hungarian art with a guided visit to the Hungarian National Gallery. In the evening we attend a musical performance (to be announced closer to date).

(B,D)

Accommodation:

Radisson Blu or similar

Day 20

Locations: Budapest

Overview:

Today you will visit Gödöllő and enjoy a guided tour of the Palace. You will also visit the Nagytétény Palace, before returning to Budapest to conclude our stay in Budapest with dinner on a Musical Danube River Cruise.

(B,D)

Accommodation:

Radisson Blu or similar

Day 21

Locations: Budapest

Overview:

Services will conclude today after breakfast.

(B)

Inclusions / Exclusions

What's included in our Tour

- 20 nights hotel accommodation.
- 20 breakfasts, 1 lunch, and 11 dinners, including one dinner cruise
- Touring by comfortable modern coaches.
- Transport and field trips as indicated.
- Applicable entry fees and services of local guides.
- Services of a Tour Leader.
- Gratuities and necessary tips.
- Detailed tour information booklet.

What's not included in our Tour

- Return international airfares and departure taxes.
- Comprehensive travel insurance.
- Items of a personal nature such as telephone calls and laundry.
- Visa services and fees (if applicable).

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