

Central and Eastern Europe

including Oberammergau Passion Play 2010

Prague, Budapest, Vienna, Salzburg, Munich

12 days / 10 nghts

Day 01 Depart USA for Prague

Day 02 Prague

BD

Morning arrival in **Prague**. Drive through the characteristic landscape of Moravia reaching Prague the golden city on the banks of the Moldavia. The economic and cultural center of Bohemia has charmed musicians and poets, Princes and commoners since the 9th century. Remainder of your day at leisure. Dinner included.

Day 03 Prague

BD

Morning sightseeing includes views of **Wenceslas Square**, the Old Town Hall, **Strahov Monastery**, **Hradcany Castle**, **St. Vitus Cathedral**, **Our Lady of Victory Church** (housing the original statue of the **Infant of Prague**) and the Jewish Cemetery. Remainder of day free to shop or further explore Prague. Dinner in local Restaurant

Day 04 Prague – Budapest

BD

Early morning departure for **Budapest**, a city rich in tradition, situated on the banks of the **Danube**. Budapest can be traced back to a Roman military camp, settlements by Slaves and Magyars, conquered and ruled by the Turks for more than a century. Reclaimed by the Habsburger Prince Eugen of Saxony conquering the Turkish army in 1686. Budapest is also the **largest Spa in the world** with **123 hot springs** in which the locals have taken pleasure since Turkish times (Turkish Bath). Enjoy dinner with strolling Gypsy violinist. The rich food and full bodied wines are delicious at one of the city's local restaurants.

Day 05 Budapest

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Hungary's proud past and ambitious present blend on this mornings sightseeing. You will see the **Buda and Pest** section of the city (divided by the Danube River), Hero's Square, the parliament building (879ft.long), the **Fisherman's Bastion**, Buda Castle with panoramic views from **Mount Gellert**. Remainder of day at leisure. Dinner on your own to explore the tastes of Hungary.

Day 06 Budapest - Vienna

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Early morning transfer to **Vienna**, driving through the enchanting country side of western Hungary, past Lake Balaton and its shores fringed with vineyards and deep forests, reaching Vienna late afternoon. Tonight's dinner with ¼ lt. wine (included) in the fun loving wine village of **Gumpoldskirchen** - a cozy, unspoiled village south of Vienna and home of one of Europe's most pleasant white wines. Featuring an arcade renaissance Town Hall, a market fountain made from a Roman sarcophagus, Vintner's houses with typical large wooden gates leading to vine covered courtyards to taste the "Heurige" (wine of the seasons harvest).

Day 07 Vienna

BD

Morning sightseeing of this beautiful and charming city includes the Ringstrasse, the Opera Haus, the Gothic **St. Stephen's Cathedral** and the highlight is a visit to the elaborate 1,400-room **Schoenbrunn Palace** and its exquisite French gardens. Remainder of day at leisure for individual activities.

Day 08 Vienna - Salzburg – Oberammergau

BD

Morning transfer to **Oberammergau** via **Salzburg**, a delightful and elegant city of music known throughout the world as the birthplace of none other than **Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart**. A city of narrow medieval lanes, impressive monuments from the 18th century in Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque styles dominated by the magnificent fortress of Hohensalzburg constructed in 1077 under Archbishop Gebhard and finally completed in the 17th century. Your sightseeing stop includes the remarkable Residence, one time home of Prince Archbishops, the Old Town, **Mozart Haus**, Schloss Leopoldskron, the exquisite **Cathedral** and **Miraball Plaza**. Lunch (optional) or treat yourself to a Fiaker ride (Horse carriages), enjoy a leisurely, outside Café with some sinful Salzburger pastries or shop along the "Getreidegasse". Continue to **Oberammergau** in late afternoon for overnight. Dinner is included tonight.

Day 09 OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY

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Passion Play. Attend the sensitively presented performance of the Passion Play from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. (long break for dinner) until 8:00 -10:30 p.m. Afterwards, returning to your assigned accommodations for overnight.

Day 10 Oberammergau – Munich

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Morning transfer to **Munich** via the Cinderella-like **Royal Castle Neuschwanstein** built by King Ludwig II of Bavaria in late Romanesque style between 1869-1892, Hohenschwangau (Kodak moment)- originally built in 1397 and rebuilt by King Maximilian of Bavaria in 1832 as a summer residence. Arriving in Munich early afternoon. Remainder of day and evening at leisure to explore this magnificent city or last minute shopping.

Day 11 Munich

BD

Munich, **Capital of Bavaria** and Germany's third largest city founded by Monks in 1158, has evolved into a world class metropolis for good taste and its own enchanting ambiance. The Wittlesbach Dynasty ruled the one time Kingdom of Bavaria for more than 800 years, leaving its mark in art and culture, rich in testimony to the Gothic, Renaissance, Baroque and Rococo past. This morning's city tour will include the **Glockenspiel**, the Rathaus and **Marienplatz**, Frauenkirche, Odeonsplatz and the 18th century Nymphenburg Palace. Afternoon at your leisure for last minute shopping or photos. **Farewell dinner** Bavarian style with music & entertainment.

Day 12 Munich Airport

Transfer to Munich airport for your flight home. **Auf Wiedersehen !**

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Included Services:

Private deluxe motorcoach throughout
Standard first class hotel with private facility based on double occupancy
Buffet breakfast daily
Lunch in Oberammergau area
Dinners as indicated in itinerary (no beverages included)

Oberammergau full meal arrangement based on 2 overnights
Special dinners as indicated in itinerary
Tour Manager throughout
City tours and sightseeing with admissions
Porterage at hotels for one (1) piece of luggage per person
First Class Oberammergau tickets and Play Book
All local taxes, service charges, motorcoach city fees and road tolls

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| Hotels: | 10 ngts |
| Prague | 2 ngts |
| Budapest | 2 ngts |
| Vienna | 2 ngts |
| Oberammergau | 2 ngts |
| Munich | 2 ngts |



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