

OBERRAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY 2010

w/ **ALPINE HIGHLIGHTS TOUR** 9 days/ 7 nghts

Frankfurt, Heidelberg, Black Forest, Lake Constance, Lucerne, Innsbruck, Salzburg, Munich

DAY 01 Depart USA

DAY 02 Frankfurt – Heidelberg - Black Forest D

After arrival at **Frankfurt** airport - transfer to **Heidelberg**, celebrated in poetry and songs through Romberg's operetta - "The Student Prince". Take part in a walking tour of the old city; admire the magnificent ruins of the 16th century red stone Castle. After lunch (**on own**) continue to **Black Forest**. Check in at your hotel and dinner. Remainder of evening to relax.

DAY 03 Heidelberg – Lake Constance – Lucerne BD

Morning departure to **Lake Constance**, stretching out in front of the grandiose panorama of the Austrian and Swiss Alps which radiates a cheerful almost Mediterranean atmosphere. Visit the the tropical island of Mainau with its millions of indigenous as well as tropical flowers and plants - truly a phenomenon and late afternoon arrival in **Lucerne**. Upon arrival enjoy a city tour including the world's most famous monument - "**The Dying Lion of Luzerne**" in commemoration of the Swiss Mercenaries at the Tuileries in 1792 and the **Chapel Bridge** dating back to 1333 and other points of interest. Dinner at hotel.

DAY 04 Lucerne – Interlaken/ Grindewald – Lucerne BD

Full day excursion to **Bernese Oberland** where Swiss engineers have crisscrossed the almost impossible geography with cogwheel railways (some still driven by steam), areal cableways and sinuous mountain roads. Continue via the Bruenig Pass – Lake Briener See to **Interlaken** and **Grindelwald** – then by cogwheel train up to "**Kleine Scheidegg**" (optional ascend to the 10,368 ft. **Jungfrauoch** – not for the weak hearted). Return again by train passing by the winter sports resort of Wengen to Lauterbrunnen, where you re-board your motorcoach for your scenic journey returning to Lucerne. Dinner at hotel or local restaurant.

DAY 05 Lucerne – Maria Einsiedeln Shrine – Innsbruck BD

Leave Lucerne after breakfast – about 1 hour's drive to **Maria Einsiedeln** (renowned pilgrimage church featuring the "**Black Madonna**", Switzerland's most beautiful Church with Benedictine Abbey). Then motor east along the shores of Lake Walensee to the tiny principality of **Liechtenstein** and enter Austria at Feldkirch. In the afternoon cross the most scenic **Arlberg Pass** and arrive late afternoon in **INNSBRUCK**, where you will stay for the next 3 nights. Dinner at your hotel

DAY 06 Innsbruck – Vipiteno, Italy – Innsbruck BD

Morning city tour of Innsbruck dating back to the 12th century includes the Goldene Dacherl built in 1420 by Emperor Maximilian I, the city Tower built in 1440 featuring a 16th century bulbous cupola and the newly renovated **St. Jacob's Cathedral**. Afterwards time for browsing or at leisure.

Afternoon excursion over the breathtaking Europabrücke crossing the 5,000 ft. Brenner Pass into Alto Adige region of northern **Italy** to the medieval cobblestone village of **Vipiteno**, noted for its excellent buy's in leather goods, silk, Italian fashion and of course some of the region's finest wines.

Special dinner at **Farmhaus Glungezer** in Sistrans with Zither player Franz

DAY 07 Innsbruck – Salzburg - Innsbruck BD

Morning drive to **Salzburg**, a delightful and elegant city of music know throughout the world as the birthplace of none other than **Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart**. A city of wide open plazas, narrow medieval lanes, impressive monuments from the 18th century in Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque styles, dominated by the magnificent **fortress of Hohensalzburg**. Your guided tour includes the remarkable Residence, House of Mozart, the Cathedral and other historical highlights. Afterwards free time for lunch or treat yourself to a Fiaker ride (Horse carriages), enjoy a leisurely stroll and shop along the "Getreidegasse" and treat yourself to some sinful Salzburger Pastries in one of the many outside Cafés. Return late afternoon to Innsbruck for dinner at hotel

DAY 08 Innsbruck – Oberammergau – Garmisch-Partenkirchen BLD
Magnificent OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY

Motorcoach ride of 1 ½ hours to Oberammergau. This morning enjoy strolling around Oberammergau, shopping and individual sightseeing.

Lunch in designated local restaurant

Attend the first part of the PASSION PLAY 2:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Dinner in designated local restaurant

Evening Part of the PASSION PLAY 8:00 pm – 10:30 pm

Afterwards transfer to your designated hotel in the Garmisch-Partenkirchen area

Day 09 Garmisch – Munich Airport B
Morning transfer to Munich Airport for USA flight. **Auf Wiedersehen !**

Included services:

Private deluxe motorcoach throughout

(7) nights First class category hotels with private facilities based on double occupancy

Buffet breakfast daily

Dinners daily including welcome and farewell dinner

Train ride Grindelwald-Kleine Scheidegg-Lauterbrunnen, ferry on Lake Constance

All sightseeing and admissions as indicated in itinerary

1st class seating OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY, text book and lunch

Tour Manager throughout

Local step-on guides where required

Porterage at hotels for one (1) piece of luggage

All local taxes, service charges and road tolls

HOTELS: 7 ngts

Heidelberg 1 ngt

Lucerne 2 ngts

Innsbruck 3 ngts

Garmisch 1 ngt

Call today for best availability!!



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