

Oberammergau Passion Play
and
World Famous Munich "Oktoberfest"

FULL ITINERARY

Day 1 Tue Sept 14 Depart USA for Paris.

Day 2 Wed Sept 15 Paris

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Arrival in **Paris** whose beauty is overwhelming and will surely make your visit an unforgettable experience. Meet your Tour Director and continue with your private deluxe motorcoach for a panorama drive through the various districts. Marvel in the magnificent art, history, culture and architecture. Afternoon at leisure to soak in the beauty or rest a little to prepare for a fabulous journey that awaits you. Welcome Dinner this evening.

Day 3 Thur Sept 16 Paris

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Morning comprehensive and informative city tour of **Paris**, including the left Bank, St Germain, Invalides, the right Bank, Montmartre, the Opera, Place de la Concorde, **Champs-Élysées** - the world's most celebrated Avenue, **Arc de Triomphe**, the **Eiffel Tower** - built for the Universal Exposition of 1889 and the great Gothic **Cathedral of Notre Dame**. Afternoon at leisure to discover Paris "on your own." Maybe a visit to the **Louvre Museum**, d'Orsay Museum, walk along the famous **Champs-Élysées**, or just relax in an outdoor café. After dinner, enjoy a **Seine River Cruise to experience the lit monuments of Paris in the spectacular "City of Light."**

Day 4 Fri Sept 17 Paris – Strasbourg

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Early morning departure to visit the Chapel at **Rue du Bac**, site of the Apparitions of Our Blessed Mother on July 18th and November 27th, 1830, with a visit to the **Chapel of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal**. Afterwards, departure to the picturesque city of **Strasbourg**, capital of the Alsace region. Rich in architectural history - the entire city center of Strasbourg is classified as world heritage. Continue through the eastern Champagne-Ardenne region of France passing legendary fortresses, medieval villages and some of the most pristine countryside. Arriving at noon in **Reims** (lunch stop) with time to visit the splendid Gothic **Cathedral of Notre Dame** dating back to 1211 and admire the famous *Smiling Angel* just above the left door. Visit the Basilica of St. Remi housing the tomb of Saint Remi, the Bishop of Reims who baptized Clovis, the King of France in 496 thus converting France to Christianity. Arriving in charming **Strasbourg** for dinner and overnight.

Day 5 Sat Sept 18 Strasbourg - Riquewihr Alsace - Black Forest

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Morning walking tour of **Strasbourg**, a superbly maintained medieval town also known as La Petite France. Marvel at the mansard-roofed buildings in Louis IV style and half timbered houses ending with a visit to the majestic red stoned St. Stephan's, famous for its stained glass windows and the 450 ft. spire. Afterwards continue southwards through the **Alsace wine country** to the enchanting and flower bedecked **Riquewihr** for a *Gourmet lunch*. After lunch continue to the **Black Forest** region of Titisee Hofgut Stemen for overnight. Light dinner at hotel.

Day 6 Sun Sept 19 Black Forest – Austrian/ Swiss Alps – Zurich - Lucerne

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Early morning departure to Stein am Rhine, the medieval city with its beautiful murals on old wood framed Houses and visit the awesome **Rhine Falls** (biggest waterfall in Europe). Continue to **Zurich** and enjoy a leisurely panorama city tour featuring Fraumunster with its Chagall windows, The Old Town, Bahnhofstrasse, the University of Zurich and other highlights. Continue to **Lucerne** for dinner and overnight

Day 7 Mon Sept 20 Lucerne

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Morning city tour including the world's most famous monument "**The Dying Lion of Lucerne**" carved out of natural rock in commemoration of the heroic death of the Swiss mercenaries at the Tuileries in 1792. The **Chapel Bridge** dating back to 1333 offering an imposing display of medieval art and architecture. Afternoon at leisure to shop (*attention Ladies* - Bucherer is Switzerland's largest retailing store for watches, jewelry, and precious stones) or stroll through a maze of small streets, bridges, promenades and plazas dominated by historical towers. **Folklore evening** and dinner show complete with yodeling, flag-throwing and Alphorn-blowing. Returning afterwards to your **Lucerne** hotel.
OPTIONAL: Mt. Pilatus (depending on weather conditions)

Day 8 Tue Sept 21 Lucerne – Innsbruck - Seefeld

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Morning departure through beautiful Swiss Alpine scenery via the 6,000 ft. **Arlberg Pass**, to the beautiful alpine village of **Innsbruck** for lunch (on own), photo of the famous Golden Roof and other medieval historical masterpieces. Take a few moments to visit the **Swarovski crystal**. Continue to the **Alpine Village** of **Seefeld** for dinner & overnight.

Day 9 Wed Sept 22 Salzburg – Berchtesgaden – Seefeld Alpine Village

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Early morning excursion via **Berchtesgaden** and **Eagles Nest** to **Salzburg**, the delightful and elegant city of music known throughout the world as the birthplace of Wolfgang Amadeus **Mozart**. A city of wide open plazas, narrow medieval lanes, impressive monuments from the 18th century dominated by the magnificent fortress of **Hohensalzburg**. Your sightseeing includes the remarkable Residence, the Old Town, **Haus of Mozart** and other exciting highlights. Remainder of day at leisure to shop along the Getreidegasse, treat yourself to Fiaker ride (horse carriage) and some sinful Salzburger pastries, including the infamous chocolate **Sachertorte**. Return late afternoon to Seefeld for dinner & overnight.

Day 10 Th Sep 23 OBERAMMERGAU - Seefeld

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Today, attend the sensitively presented performance of the **Passion Play**, depicting the life of Christ. The Passion Play has been performed every 10 years since 1634 by local villagers, with roles often handed down from generation to generation within families. Lunch and Dinner in Oberammergau area. Returning late to Seefeld for overnight.

Day 11 Fri Sept 24 Munich OKTOBERFEST

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Morning transfer to **Munich, Capitol of Bavaria** and Germany's third largest city found by Monks in 1158. The city has evolved into a world-class metropolis for good taste and its own enchanting ambiance. Upon arrival enjoy a panorama tour including the **Marienplatz**, the Town Hall with its **Glockenspiel**, the Dom, Ludwigstrasse, the fashionable Maximilian Strasse and many other interesting sights. Afterwards enjoy a "**Farewell Luncheon**" at the famous **Hofbrauhaus**. Late afternoon transfer and prepare yourself to attend and enjoy a wide variety of Bavarian treats (on your own) at the "**world famous**" **Oktoberfest**. An annual event dating back to 1810 and perpetuates the great celebration which marked the engagement of crown Prince Ludwig to Princess Therese von Sachsen-Hildburghausen. This Bavarian cultural event attracts over six (6) million guests enjoying tasty barbecued chicken, roasted whole oxen, sausages, roast pork knuckles and drinking 1.4 million gallons of beer. "Prost." Return to your hotel at your leisure.

Day 12 Sat Sept 25 Munich to Airport

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Morning transfer to Munich airport for your USA bound flight. Auf Wiedersehen