Join Dr. Glenn and Susan Myers

Alpine Odyssey 2020

9 Day European Adventure to see the Oberammergau Passion Play

Sept. 14-22, 2020
Sept. 14 & 15 – Depart the US and arrive in Munich
Depart the US and arrive in Munich where you will be met by our local representatives. Enjoy a tour of historic Munich, including a stop at the Rathaus (Town Hall) to watch the Glockenspiel. This historic clock from 1908 chimes its 43 bells and enchants viewers with its 32 life-size moving figures three times per day. You will also see the Opera House and the Hofbrauhaus. Enjoy some time to shop before transferring to your alpine hotel for your seven night stay.

Sept. 16 – Innsbruck
The capital of Austria’s Tyrol region, Innsbruck is famous as the site of two winter Olympics. Follow your guide on your half-day morning tour through the quaint medieval streets of Old Town to the sparkling Golden Roof. The glittering sloping roof has been an opulent landmark since the 15th century. You’ll view Maria Theresa’s Imperial Palace, Triumphal Arch and visit the Hofkirche. Plus, you’ll have time to explore the medieval city on your own. This afternoon you may opt to take one of the two optional afternoon tours to either the Stubai Glacier or Swarovski Crystal Worlds.

Sept. 17 – Castles & Churches
Today is a full day of photographic wonders. You will visit the beautiful Abbey of Ettal and the picture-perfect Church in the Meadow at Wies. You will tour the magnificent Castle of Linderhof, Mad King Ludwig’s main residence. This small royal residence is a delightful fantasy home for any crazy king or up-and-coming mogul.

Sept. 18 – Salzburg
Enjoy a full-day musical adventure as you explore the city of Mozart’s birth, Salzburg. You’ll visit the Cathedral and famous Horse Fountain. You’ll view Hellbrunn Castle, Mirabell Palace and – from across the river – see Leopoldskron Palace, which is famous as the film location for “The Sound of Music”.

Sept. 19 – Day of Leisure with Passion Play Option
After the Black Plague, that was rampant in Europe, left their small village, the grateful people of Oberammergau promised God that they would show their gratitude by putting on a Passion Play. Over 380 years later you will get to enjoy this one-of-a-kind, six hour musical and dramatic performance. You will have reserved seats, a guided tour of the town and motorcoach transfers to and from the play’s theater. Dinner in Oberammergau is included. (Note: exact day of this Leisure Day/Passion Play experience is subject to change due to availability of play tickets.)

Sept. 20 – Free Day or Optional Achensee Train and Boat Ride and Rattenberg Excursion
Enjoy a free day in the village or join the optional Achensee Train excursion. Travel on a narrow gauge steam cog railway aboard cars pulled by a 100 year old steam engine through 50 miles of the scenic Tyrolean region to scenic Lake Achensee. Enjoy a boat ride and traditional apple strudel, before travelling to the medieval village of Rattenberg for a glass-blowing demonstration and free time.

Sept. 21 – Free Day or Optional Neuschwanstein Excursion
Enjoy a free day in the village or take a photo of the fairytale castle of Neuschwanstein that inspired Walt Disney. Then make your way up to the castle via horse-drawn carriages to the drawbridge and enter the beautiful castle. Enjoy a guided tour of the castle and hear stories about “Mad” King Ludwig II who commissioned the castle to be built in the 19th century. This optional tour requires you to be in good physical condition as there are many steep stairs and inclines.

Sept. 22 – Depart Munich & return to USA or join an optional extension.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR HOSTS
Dr. Glenn and Susan Myers
We are so excited to invite you to join us for an inspiring Alpine Odyssey Tour to see the Oberammergau Passion Play, and visit Munich, Innsbruck, and Salzburg in September, 2020. Take a look at our brochure and let us know if you have any questions. We hope you will prayerfully consider joining us for this once-in-a-decade experience.

Save the date and bring a friend!
Glenn and Susan
Switzerland Extension $1,298*

September 22 - Liechtenstein, St. Gallen & Zurich
Depart from your Tyrolean village hotel and begin your journey through the Alps to Switzerland. Visit the postage stamp sized country of Liechtenstein on your way. Step back in time and enjoy the Old World charm of its people and places. Continue your journey with a visit to the Abbey of St. Gallen, which houses one of the richest medieval libraries in the world. Arrive in Zurich and check into your hotel for your four-night stay.

September 23 - Zurich City Tour
Enjoy a half-day morning tour of Zurich. Zurich was home to Huldrich Zwingli, a contemporary of Luther and Calvin, leading the call for Reformation. Zwingli served as pastor of the Grossmunster (Great Church) in the 1520's. Two other churches here deserve attention. The Fraumunster (Our Lady's Church) has portions of architecture dating to the 13th century, and boasts stained glass windows by Marc Chagall. Finally St. Peter's Church has the largest church clock face in the world. This afternoon you may choose to join the Rhine Falls optional excursion. Dinner is on your own this evening.

September 24 - Lucerne
Travel to beautiful Lucerne where you will arrive as a stranger and leave as a friend. Enjoy a half-day tour of the 14th century city wall, which boasts nine different watchtowers and is one of the best preserved and longest fortifications in Europe. The colorful painted panels of Lucerne’s famous wooden Kappel Bridge depict the city’s history. See the twin towered Jesuit Church, which is one of the most handsome baroque buildings in Switzerland. For comparison visit the Hofkirche, built in the Renaissance style and the Franciscan Church, which was built in the high Gothic style. We will also view the sad and famous Lion Monument of Lucerne, which Mark Twain called the most mournful and moving piece of stone in the world. This afternoon you will have the option to explore more of Lucerne on your own or to take an optional cruise on Lake Lucerne.

September 25 - Interlaken
This morning travel to Interlaken, the heart of Switzerland. Flower-lined streets and the surrounding mountains will be familiar postcard images to you. Also familiar will be the towering nearby peaks of the Jungfrau, Eiger and Monch. This afternoon enjoy free time to wander, shop, and explore this town between two lakes, or you can take an optional cog wheel train ride from Lauterbrunnen to Grindelwald. Dinner is on your own this evening.

September 26 - Depart Zurich & return to USA

Italy Extension $1,298*

September 22 - Tyrol to Venice
Depart your Tyrolean Village and begin your journey to Venice. Drive through the Brenner Pass and enjoy spectacular views of the Dolomites, a mountain range between Austria & Italy. Check into your hotel in the Venice area for dinner and overnight.

September 23 - Venice
Enjoy a full-day tour of Venice. Rising between sea and sky this fascinating city boasts waterways and boats instead of roads and cars, encompassing 118 islands separated by more than 150 canals. Stand in the Piazza San Marco, bordered on three sides by palatial arcades in two tiers and faced on the other by the Basilica of St. Mark, one of the world’s most magnificent churches. Tour the Basilica with its treasure of marble and gold-background mosaics. From the square you can see the famous Bell Tower and the Clock Tower, as well as the charming pink and white Doge’s Palace. After seeing the romantic Bridge of Sighs, enjoy free time to explore on your own. You can shop, stroll along the bridges and canals or even indulge in a gondola ride along the Grand Canal. Dinner is on your own this evening.

September 24 - Verona & Lake Garda
Travel to Verona, home to Roman ruins and a courtyard that is reminiscent of Shakespeare’s Romeo and Juliet, whose story was set in Verona. Stop at Lake Garda, Italy’s largest lake and enjoy the scenery before continuing on to Milan. Check into your hotel for dinner and overnight.

September 25 - Milan
Explore Milan today, home to great Fashion houses such as Armani, Versace and Dolce & Gabbana. This picturesque Italian city boasts the best of the old world and the new. Enjoy a city tour and a visit to the Teatrare alla Scala museum where you can learn about the history of Italian operas and see displays full of costumes and set pieces. This afternoon you may shop and explore on your own or take an optional tour to see Leonardo da Vinci’s “The Last Supper” mural (limited availability). Return to your hotel in Milan for dinner and overnight.

September 26 - Depart Milan & return to USA

VILLAGE EXTENDED STAY $498*

September 22-25
Enjoy four additional nights in your quaint Tyrolean Village hotel with breakfast and dinner included each day. You will be on your own for touring during your extended stay. Your extended stay does include a return transfer to Munich airport.

September 26 - Transfer to Munich & return to USA
*All prices reflect a 4% cash discount
Guests taking an extension may be on a different flight than their group and/or traveling companion.

Oberammergau Play History

Since 1634, the most famous Passion Play in the world has taken place in Oberammergau. The tradition, maintained and experienced almost without interruption for over 380 years, of putting on the play about the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ every ten years, will be continued for the 42nd time in 2020. It is regarded as the most important Passion Play in the world. The village at the edge of the Bavarian Alps expects approximately 500,000 visitors for the passion play, over half of which will be international guests. A special law is in effect to insure that all actors of the world’s largest amateur dramatic performance come from the village. All participants, from actors playing the big speaking parts such as Jesus, Mary or Judas, through members of the choir, orchestra members, firemen and ushers, must have been born in Oberammergau or lived there for at least 20 years. Over 2,000 Oberammergau villagers will participate in the 2020 Passion Play.

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