

Experience Germany & Oberammergau

10 Day Land Tour

06/08/2022 - 06/20/2022

In 1633, the residents of Oberammergau, Bavaria, Germany, vowed that if God spared them from the bubonic plague ravaging the region, they would produce a play thereafter for all time every 10 years depicting the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The villagers believed they had been spared and they have kept their part of the vow.

A post-tour extension in Berlin is available!

Headliners:



Daniel Peterson

Itinerary:

Day 1: Depart from Home

June 8, 2022

Depart the U.S.A. Sleep overnight on the plane as we begin touring as soon as we land.

Day 2: Arrive in Munich - Nymphenburg Palace

June 9, 2022

Arrive in Munich and begin your tour with a panoramic view of Munich on the way to Nymphenburg Palace, birthplace of King Ludwig II. Be amazed at the Stone Hall in the Central Pavillion with the ceiling fresco of Helios in his chariot accompanied by other gods. Discover priceless artifacts in the museums housed in this famous palace. After our group lunch we'll stop at the pilgrimage church of Wies – Wieskirche, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We finish our day at the hotel in the Fuessen

area where we stay the next 2 nights. Dinner will be served at the hotel. (L, D)

Day 3: Hellbrunn Palace - Salzburg - Mirabell Gardens - Mozart Dinner Concert

June 10, 2022

Today Hellbrunn Palace awaits. Schloss Hellbrunn was the summer playhouse of Markus Sittikus, the archbishop of Salzburg, built in 1619. The palace was only for the daytime; there are no bedrooms in the home. It was simply an opulent and delightful place to wile away the hot summer days for the powerful archbishop and his friends. We then head to Old Salzburg. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant and some free time for souvenir shopping. Our tour continues as we're led by a local guide who will take us on a walking tour of Salzburg, Mozart's home town. It was here at the age of 10 that Mozart made his debut as a symphonist. We'll continue our tour by visiting Mirabell Gardens and follow the footsteps of Maria and the Von Trapp Family. Be amazed at this beautiful well-kept UNESCO listed old town. Our tour will end with a Mozart Dinner Concert – the highlight of our day! (B, L, D)

Day 4: Mauthausen Concentration Camp - Silent Night Memorial

June 11, 2022

Our sober day begins with a visit to the Mauthausen Concentration Camp. It was established in April 1938, shortly after Austria was annexed to Nazi Germany. Starting as a satellite of Dachau, in Germany, it became an independent camp in the spring of 1939 which was operated by the SS (the Nazi paramilitary corps). It later acquired satellite camps of its own throughout Austria, all collectively called Mauthausen. We'll have lunch and continue to the Oberndorf bei Salzburg – Silent Night Memorial and learn the history of this world-famous song. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Obersalzberg Documentation Center - Alpine National Park

June 12, 2022

We'll begin our beautiful Sunday morning with a sunrise service and then breakfast. Our first stop is the Obersalzberg Documentation Center which covers the history of Obersalzberg and the Third Reich with many photographs and fascinating documents from the Nazi era. We'll also have access to the bunker system. After descending the mountain, we'll enjoy lunch and travel towards Berchtesgaden, a region of spectacular natural beauty, majestic mountains, crystal clear lakes and the unspoiled nature reserve of the Alpine National Park. End the day with a visit to Koenigsee and enjoy a boat ride. Dinner will be served at a nearby restaurant. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Hallstatt - Salt Mine - Salzkammergut Lake District

June 13, 2022

This morning we'll travel to the city of Hallstatt and visit the oldest salt mine in the world, Europe's oldest wooden staircase and the free-floating Skywalk with its "World Heritage View" 360 meters above the ground. Hallstatt Salt Mine is a mine of superlatives – a fascinating journey of discovery back to the very beginnings of salt mining some 7,000 years ago. We'll also experience the history of Bronze Age mining recounted today in spectacular fashion thanks to state-of-the-art multimedia technology, including a Bronze Age Cinema 400 meters below ground. After lunch we continue on to see the beautiful Salzkammergut Lake District visiting the villages of Mondsee and St. Wolfgang. Dinner will be served at a nearby restaurant. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Herrenchiemsee Castle

June 14, 2022

This morning we enjoy a guided tour across the lake to Herrenchiemsee Castle. Modeled on Versailles, this palace was built as a "temple of fame" for King Louis XIV of France whom the Bavarian monarch fervently admired. Enjoy a group lunch and the rest of the afternoon with free time at the castle for shopping and exploring on our own. We return to Ruhpolding and have dinner at a local restaurant. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Reutte - Wierskirche

June 15, 2022

This morning we travel to Reutte. After our group lunch, we stop at the pilgrimage church of Wies "Wieskirche, an UNESCO World Heritage Site. We finish our day at the hotel in Steeg where dinner will be served. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Hohenschwangau Castle - Neuschwanstein Castle

June 16, 2022

We'll begin our tour with the Hohenschwangau Castle, the childhood residence of King Ludwig II. Enjoy some free time in between tours to explore and shop. We'll enjoy lunch together at a local restaurant. Next visit Neuschwanstein Castle, which King Ludwig II built on a rugged hill against a backdrop of picturesque mountain scenery. The Castle was prompted by the idea of rebuilding an existing ruin "in the authentic style of the old German knights' castles" as he wrote in a letter to Richard Wagner. Dinner will be served at a local restaurant. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Oberammergau Passion Play

June 17, 2022

We then head to the beautiful alpine village of Oberammergau. We have free time for lunch and shopping. We walk to the Passion Play venue in the early afternoon. Dinner will be served during a break and then after the play we walk back to our hotel. (B, D)

Day 11: Linderhof Palace

June 18, 2022

This morning we visit Linderhof Palace, the smallest of the three palaces built by King Ludwig II, and the only palace he lived to see completed. The “Royal Villa” and its surrounding park is one of the most artistic and stylistically complex ensembles of the 19th century. After our tour, we continue on to Rothenburg. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Rothenburg

June 19, 2022

Today we'll begin our tour in the Old City of Rothenburg where there will be some free time for shopping and exploring before our group lunch. Those NOT continuing onto Berlin will be driven back to Munich where they will stay one more night near the airport before their return home. (B, L, D)

Day 13: Fly Home or Continue on the Berlin Extension

June 20, 2022

Those not on the extension will take the shuttle to the airport for their return flights home. (B)

Day 12: Wartburg Castle

June 19, 2022

Those extending their Oberammergau experience will continue on towards Wittenberg with a stop at Wartburg Castle. There we begin learning about Martin Luther and how he was “kidnapped” and kept safe there for a time. We end the day in Wittenberg where we enjoy dinner together. (B, L, D)

Day 13: Wittenberg - Martin Luther - Schlosskirche - St. Mary's Church

June 20, 2022

We begin our day with a walking tour of Wittenberg where we trace the steps of Martin Luther. The “old town” of Wittenberg is densely packed with important historical sites, all of them within easy walking distance of each other. The Schlosskirche, or Castle Church, where Martin Luther is said to have posted his “95 Theses” in 1517 and, thereby, launched the Protestant Reformation, contains Luther’s tomb, as well as that of his chief lieutenant, Philip Melanchthon. Their homes still stand; Luther’s has been made a museum. The place where Luther publicly burned the Pope’s

threat of excommunication in 1520 is marked by an oak tree. The important German Renaissance painter Lucas Cranach the Elder was a close friend of Luther's. We visit his home and print shop, where Luther's translation of the New Testament was illustrated and printed. St. Mary's Church, in which Luther often preached, contains a magnificent painting by Cranach representing the Last Supper (and featuring the faces of Luther and other reformers). At the center of old Wittenberg was its university, whose faculty included such notable figures as Luther, Melanchthon, and Giordano Bruno (burnt as a heretic in 1600). Late in the afternoon, we head towards Berlin. After dinner, we have the evening to explore on our own. (B, L, D)

Day 14: Brandenburg Gate - Berlin Wall - Museum Island

June 21, 2022

During our tour of Berlin, we will see the top highlights of this amazing city: Charlottenburg Palace, Reichstag government building, Brandenburg Gate, the Holocaust Memorial, The Berlin Wall, Checkpoint Charlie, a drive along Unter den Linden, drive along the Kurfurstendamm, pass the Gendarmenmarkt and the Potsdamer Platz. We then have free time on our own to visit a museum on Museum Island or spend some time at leisure at the Kurfuerstendamm, Friedrichstarasse, or Unter den Linden Boulevard before returning to our hotel and our group dinner. (B, L, D)

Information:

Space is limited so BOOK NOW!

INCLUDED

Lectures with DANIEL PETERSON

English-speaking German guide

Meals as indicated (8 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 8 dinners)

Hotel Accommodations

Use of Listen Technologies receiver to listen to the guide's narrative and instructions above the background noise

Entrance Fees & Activities

Transfer to/from the Airport

Transportation in Deluxe Air-conditioned Coach

Standard gratuities for the driver and guide

NOT INCLUDED

1 lunch and meals traveling to/from Germany

Personal Items

Trip Cancellation Protection

International Flights (roundtrip Munich)

Pricing:

Price

- \$5382 per person based on double occupancy for cash or check payments.
- \$5548 per person based on double occupancy for credit card payments.
- Single Supplement: Call for availability

*Optional Pre-Tour

- \$578 per person based on double occupancy for cash or check payments
- \$596 per person based on double occupancy for credit card payments
- Single Supplement: Call for availability

Payment Schedule

- Non-refundable Deposit of \$1000 per person due at time of booking
- Final Payment due February 8, 2022

Cancellation Policy

- \$1000 per person after deposit is received
- 100% Cancellation Penalty after February 10, 2022

Check Your Invoice Names: Please check to see that your names are spelled correctly. Your first and last names must appear as they appear on your passport for International travel and Driverâ€™s License for domestic tours.

PASSPORTS ARE REQUIRED and should be valid 6 months after the end of the tour.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Due to the nature of this tour you must be able to climb stairs and walk unassisted at a moderate pace.

Please note that minor changes to the itinerary may occur due to local conditions and to better accommodate our group.