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# PASSION PLAY TOURS 2010

OBERAMMERGAU, GERMANY & EXCITING DESTINATIONS BEYOND

HERITAGE OF THE LUTHERAN REFORMATION, OKTOBERFEST AND THE  
MAJESTIC BAVARIAN ALPS SEPTEMBER 14 –24, 2010\*

**Pastor Hosted from Omaha, NE**

Join us on this unforgettable panoramic journey to **Germany** as we celebrate and share in the joy of traveling together in Christian fellowship.

**11-Day Fully Escorted Deluxe Tour highlighting the “once-in-a-lifetime” experience to attend the 41<sup>st</sup> performance of the Passion Play**

Our tour includes visits to some of the most significant places in the life of the great reformer Martin Luther. We'll visit the awe-inspiring Castle Church, with its historic “Theses Door” and the magnificent Wartburg Castle. We travel “off the beaten path,” along the “Romantik Road” through unique and medieval towns to Augsburg and Munich, the fun-filled capital of Bavaria. We'll overnight in the breathtaking Bavarian Alps where we'll visit the famous castles of “Mad King Ludwig” and enjoy the lively atmosphere of the world famous festival known as Oktoberfest. Pastor Moorhead will accompany the group throughout this journey providing daily devotions and insights from reformation history.

**Come to the PASSION PLAY... Stay for the Passion**

## ABOUT OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY 2010

The history of the Passion Play begins in 1633. During the Thirty Years' War, after much suffering and also many deaths caused by the plague, the surviving population of Oberammergau vowed that they would perform the “play of the suffering, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ” every 10 years if they were spared from extinction. At Whitsun in 1634 they kept their promise for the first time. In 2010 the village will perform the play for the 41<sup>st</sup> time. The play takes place out doors with the sky and mountains as the back drop. The play is world renown for the costumes and music presentation. More than 2,000 citizens make up the actors, singers, instrumentalists and stage technicians that bring the play to life. The play runs 5 hours, comprised of spoken dramatic text, musical and choral accompaniment. Your heart will be forever touched by this dramatic depiction of the Passion of Christ.

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Tickets to the Oberammergau Passion Play 2010 are in high demand and are limited in quantity. This tour includes tickets to the performance of the Passion Play 2010.

**We encourage anyone interested in joining this tour to send your Reservation Form & deposit today.**

#### **SEP 14 DEPARTURE**

Depart from Omaha for the flights to Frankfurt, Germany.

#### **SEP 15 FRANKFURT, EISENACH (D)**

Upon our early morning arrival in Frankfurt, we will be met by our European Tour Director and escorted to our waiting motor coach. We travel northeast, through the German countryside, past the remnants of the former East German border and into the "Lands of Luther". Our first stop is Eisenach where we will stroll the Old Town Center and visit the Lutherhaus. We are invited to a special Welcome to Germany Dinner at our hotel tonight. **Overnight in Eisenach**

#### **SEP 16 EISENACH, ERFURT (B)**

Today we drive to nearby Eisenach and tour the magnificent Wartburg Castle, where Luther took refuge while he translated the New Testament into the German language. Afterwards, we'll board our motor coach and drive to the city center of Eisenach for a city tour and to visit the Bach Museum. The museum houses an extensive collection of instruments from the 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> century and a permanent exhibition on the life and work of J. S. Bach. While visiting the museum we'll experience the live sound of a musical performance on historical instruments. We'll stop for lunch on our own in the lively market square before we return to Erfurt. It was here, in Erfurt, that Luther obtained his doctorate in philosophy in 1505 and where he took the decisive step to turn to theology and the monastic life when he was caught in a violent thunderstorm nearby and took a vow to become a monk. Our walking city tour includes a visit to St. Mary's Cathedral where Luther was ordained as a priest, the Augustinian Monastery where Luther lived as a monk, and we'll stroll across the Medieval Kramer Bridge on which 33 dwellings are built. Afterwards, we'll return to Eisenach. **Overnight Eisenach**

#### **SEP 17 EISLEBEN, WITTENBERG (B, D)**

This morning we drive to nearby Lutherstadt Eisleben. Here we'll tour the houses where Luther was born in 1483, and where he died in 1546, St. Peter's Church where Luther was baptized, St. Andrew's Church where Luther preached his last four sermons, and where his body was laid in state. Afterwards, we continue our tour to Wittenberg. We'll join a local guide for a sightseeing tour of this fascinating city beginning with the inspiring Castle Church, and the historic "Theses Door", the beautiful "Stadt Kirche" with its marvelous Cranach Altarpiece; then we visit the Lutherhalle, home to the largest collection of Reformation artifacts in the world. We'll walk through the historic places where Martin Luther and his fellow reformers lived, taught and preached. Our group will attend a very unique service of the Wittenberg English Ministry at one of the churches where Luther preached and afterwards we'll gather for dinner. This evening is at leisure to stroll this quaint town on our own. **Overnight Wittenberg**

#### **SEP 18 BERLIN (B)**

After breakfast, we depart for a full day excursion to exciting Berlin. Located approximately 90 minutes north of Wittenberg, Berlin offers many sights to explore. First, enjoy a guided half-day sightseeing tour of the city including highlights such as the city center with the Kaiser Wilhelm Church, the Bauhaus Museum, Nikolai Quarter, Unter den Linden, the Brandenburg Gate, Reichstag, and Charlottenburg Palace. The afternoon is on our own to visit one of the many outstanding museums and galleries, or visit the world famous food stalls at KaDeWe Department Store (the largest department store in Europe), where we suggest you enjoy dinner independently. What an experience! Later this evening our group will meet at the coach for our return to Wittenberg. **Overnight in Wittenberg**

#### **SEP 19 COBURG, ROTHENBURG (B, D)**

This morning we travel south to the 11<sup>th</sup> century town of Coburg, we'll visit the famous Veste Coburg Fortress where Luther took refuge and lived in 1530 during the writing of the Augsburg Confession. Our journey continues as we travel to Rothenburg- a nearly intact medieval walled-city without a single modern building within and perhaps the most famous town on the "Romantic Road". Stroll the cobblestone lanes with their wonderful variety of shops such as Kathe Wolfahrt's year-round Christmas Village and see the Glockenspiel in the town center. **Overnight Rothenburg**

#### **SEP 20 "ROMANTIC ROAD", STEIFF BEAR MUSEUM, AUGSBURG (B)**

Today we will follow the "Romantic Road" past quaint towns, hidden chapels, and villages to the important Reformation City of Augsburg, site of the Augsburg Confession and founded 15 years before the birth of Christ. Along the way we'll stop in the village of Giengen for a visit at the world renowned Steiff Teddy Bear Museum. Steiff's first teddy bear is the narrator of an excellent 25-minute movie that uses old photographs and stuffed toys to recount the history of this world known family business. Afterwards we'll have time to shop at the Steiff Factory Outlet for one of these most sought after teddies with the famous "button in the ear", as well as a variety of other cuddly soft stuffed animals. These Steiff Teddies have come to be known by collectors as- simply the best! Then we're off to Augsburg where we'll meet a local guide for our city tour including the famous Renaissance Town Hall and St. Anne's Church where Luther stayed in 1518 during his meetings with Cardinal Cajetan, sent to persuade Luther to renounce his views. We'll have free time for a bite to eat for lunch before we continue on to the beautiful Bavarian Alps. **Overnight Alps**

### **SEP 21 BAVARIAN CASTLES and ALPS (B, L, D)**

Early morning departure as we travel through the breathtaking Bavarian Alps. We'll stop for a spectacular photo opportunity and to view the famous Neuschwanstein Castle of "Mad" King Ludwig, also known as "Sleeping Beauty's Castle"; and then we continue on to visit one of King Ludwig's personal residences, the spectacular Linderhof Palace with its ornate suites and own private Venus Fern Grotto. **Overnight Alps**

### **SEP 22 PASSION PLAY PERFORMANCE (B,D)**

Today we drive to nearby Oberammergau, with its famous painted houses and wood carving studios, for one of the highlights of our pilgrimage- the Oberammergau Passion Play- beginning at 2:30pm including a break for dinner and resuming from 8-10pm. Our reserved seats for the Passion Play are covered, however, the stage is outdoors and the performance takes place, regardless of the weather. **Overnight Alps**

### **SEP 23 OKTOBERFEST, MUNICH (B, D)**

After breakfast we'll drive to Munich, the fun-filled capital of Bavaria. Our sightseeing tour includes the Olympic Stadium, Nymphenburg Castle, the New and Old Pinakothek, Deutsches Museum, Frauenkirche and, of course, the New City Hall on Marienplatz, with its famous "Glockenspiel". Then we're off to Oktoberfest to spend the afternoon enjoying the fun-filled festivities. Our group will meet this evening for our farewell dinner at the famous **Hofbrauhaus Restaurant** to celebrate our pilgrimage at one of the great beer gardens of Munich. **Overnight in Munich or nearby**

### **SEP 24 END OF TOUR (B)**

Transfer to Munich airport for our return flight to the USA

B- Breakfast, D- Dinner.

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## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

### **Tour Package Includes**

Air from Omaha, NE  
Professional Tour Manager throughout Tour  
Deluxe Air-Conditioned Motor Coach  
Transfers at Airport upon Arrival & Departure  
Baggage Handling - 1 Bag Each  
First-class & European style hotels w/Bath and Hotel Taxes  
Breakfast Daily, 1- Lunch, 6- Dinners  
Professional Licensed Local City Guides  
All sightseeing & Entrance Fees as shown

### **Passion Play Performance Tickets**

### **Tour Prices per person double occupancy**

\$3790\* Including Air from Omaha, NE  
\$350\* Airlines Taxes & Fees  
(Subject to change until ticketed)  
\$3290\* Land Tour Only (airfare not included)  
Single Price Available Upon Request  
From \$235 Trip Cancellation Insurance

### **Tour Package Does Not Include**

Meals and Beverages not shown in itinerary  
Tour Gratuities-  
Tour Manager & Motor Coach Driver-  
3-5Euro per person per day  
Local City Guides- 2Euro per person  
Passports and Visas fees

## **Deposit Requirments**

**Mail or Fax a Completed Reservation Form** available online at [www.luthertours.com](http://www.luthertours.com)

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