



BERLIN AND THE BEST OF BAVARIA

This exciting trip of a lifetime start in Germany's lively capital, Berlin, rich in history and sights. We then spend the rest of the trip in Bavaria where we visit stunningly beautiful and historic towns such as Bamberg, Rothenburg, Nuremberg, Landshut, Salzburg and Berchtesgaden. The greatest highlight on this trip is undoubtedly the world famous Passion Play in the pretty village of Oberammergau, an event that takes place only every ten years.

Airports and dates:

Fly to Berlin on June 25th, 2020 (Arrive Berlin June 26th, 2020)

Fly out of Munich on July 5th, 2020

Our bases:

2 nights in Berlin, Germany's capital

3 nights in the delightful medieval town of Nuremberg

2 nights in the Alpine town of Berchtesgaden

1 night in the pretty Oberammergau region

1 night in the picturesque town of Landshut

Highlights:

Oberammergau and the world-famous Passion Play

The historic sights of Berlin including Checkpoint Charlie

The medieval towns of Nuremberg, Bamberg and Rothenburg o.d. Tauber

Nuremberg Party Rally sites and the Nuremberg Trials Museum

Berchtesgaden and its spectacular setting

Hitler's Eagle's Nest and other Third Reich sites

Boat trip on Lake Königssee in Berchtesgaden's National Park

King Ludwig's iconic Neuschwanstein Castle

The picture-perfect towns of Salzburg and Landshut

Delicious regional cuisine



A scene from Oberammergau's moving and dramatic Passion Play

Places and attractions:

Berlin offers numerous landmarks from days of old, such as the sumptuous Charlottenburg Palace, as well as many sights of more recent historical significance: the Brandenburg Gate, remnants of the Berlin Wall, Checkpoint Charlie and the Stasi Museum.



Berlin's iconic Brandenburg Gate Infamous Checkpoint Charlie One of Bamberg's sights

Bamberg is a picturesque town with numerous historic sights of interest. The medieval walled town of **Nuremberg** is certainly enchanting but the city offers other sights of significance related to the history of the Third Reich: the **Nazi Party Rally Grounds** and the **Nuremberg Trials Courthouse**. **Rothenburg ob der Tauber** is undoubtedly one of Europe's most impressive medieval walled towns. It also houses some fascinating museums and offers an overwhelming array of shopping opportunities.



At the Party Rally Grounds Nuremberg Trials Courtroom Nuremberg's charming old town

Berchtesgaden lies at the foot of majestic mountains and is known for its **lake, Königssee**, its **salt mine tour** and, of course, the world-famous and historical "**Eagle's Nest**" structure, perched on a mountain summit of over 6,000ft. Nearby,

Salzburg is one of Europe's most beautiful towns. Its baroque architecture, its dominating fortress, its Mozart museums and its setting in the **Sound of Music** all make of Salzburg a memorable place to visit.



The famed "Eagle's Nest" at 6,000 ft



Lake Königssee: an alpine paradise



Raft ride in the salt mine



Salzburg / Sound of Music



King Ludwig's Neuschwanstein

Oberammergau is not only home to the world-famous **Passion Play** that is offered every ten years. It is also Germany's premier **woodcarving** town and one of the prettiest villages in Germany, thanks to its **painted house fronts**. Near Oberammergau stands the world-famous **Neuschwanstein Castle** built by **King Ludwig II of Bavaria**.



Oberammergau: painted façade



The picture-perfect town of Landshut

Landshut is one of the best-preserved medieval and renaissance towns in Germany. Spanning the Isar River, Landshut is one of those special places that one wants to spend more time in. Sadly, it heralds the last moments of our inspiring and memorable tour.

Itinerary:

Thursday, June 25th

We fly to Berlin

Friday, June 26th We arrive in Berlin in the morning, where we visit Potsdam and, after checking into our hotel early afternoon, enjoy free time in town. Dinner and overnight Berlin.

Saturday, June 27th We'll take a sightseeing tour of Berlin and Charlottenburg Palace. Free time in the city. Dinner and overnight Berlin.

Sunday, June 28th We travel to Nuremberg, making a stop in the picturesque town of Bamberg en route. Dinner and overnight Nuremberg

Monday, June 29th We spend the full day in Nuremberg: old town tour, Courtroom 600 and the Nuremberg Trials Museum, Party Rally Grounds tour. Dinner and overnight Nuremberg.

Tuesday, June 30th We take a daytrip to Rothenburg o.d. Tauber, one of Europe's most impressive medieval towns. Here we'll have plenty of free time for museums and shopping. Medieval dinner in Nuremberg. Overnight Nuremberg.

Wednesday, July 1st We travel to Berchtesgaden in the Bavarian Alps, making a stop to visit the magnificent town of Salzburg en route. Dinner and overnight Berchtesgaden.

Thursday, July 2nd In the morning we tour the Eagle's Nest and other 3rd Reich sites on "Hitler's mountain". In the afternoon, we can choose to either take a cruise on Lake Königssee in the Berchtesgaden National Park or an exciting tour of the Salt Mines. Dinner and overnight Berchtesgaden.

Friday, July 3rd In the morning we transfer to Oberammergau. In the afternoon and evening we attend the long-awaited Passion Play. Dinner and overnight Oberammergau.

Saturday, July 4th Happy Fourth of July! We visit one of King Ludwig's Neuschwanstein Castle en route to Landshut. In the afternoon we can enjoy free time in the pretty town of Landshut. Farewell dinner. Overnight Landshut.

Sunday, July 5th We fly home to the US from Munich Airport and arrive the same day.

Inclusions:

10 days private tour coach transportation starting and ending Munich airport

10 days tour management

9 nights in superior tourist class / first class hotels

9 breakfasts from the buffet (8 breakfasts if departure flight very early)

9 dinners of regional specialties

Welcome drink

Guiding throughout
All admission fees and special fares as per program
Good seating for the Passion Play

Pricing:

Per person in double occupancy \$4899.00
Single room supplement \$357.00

Prices subject to change due to currency exchange rate and airfare

Passion Play Package payment schedule*:

- Non-refundable deposit due no later than March 1, 2019 along with the optional insurance. Insurance must be purchased at time of deposit.
- Final payment is due January 4, 2020.

Cancellation Schedule

- From time of deposit until January 4, 2020 – Deposit + insurance is non-refundable
- From January 4, 2020 until June 25, 2020 – No refund

Passion Play Package cancellation policy*:

Up until 6 months before the Passion Play performance, the initial 2 deposits are non-refundable. Upon payment of the 3rd deposit (March 25th, 2020) and 3 months prior to the Passion Play, 50% cancellation fee. Between 3 months prior to and the Passion Play date, 100% cancellation fee of all paid deposits.

* The deposit and cancellation policy are those stipulated by the Passionsspiele Vertriebs GmbH (the Passion Play organizers and official ticket office) for the one-night Oberammergau package that includes the play ticket, 1 nights at a four-star hotel with dinner and breakfast. The deposits are transferred to them.

Currency:

The USD prices are the guideline.

Registration Form
Passion Play 2020 WESTconsin Credit Union
June 25 – July 5, 2020

1. Name: _____ D.O.B. _____

(first, middle & last legal names as they appear on passport)

Passport # _____ Exp. Date _____

2. Name: _____ D.O.B. _____

(first, middle & last legal names as they appear on passport)

Passport # _____ Exp. Date _____

Please include a photo copy of the inside photo page of each passport with your application. (If applying new or renewing, send at a later date)

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Delta SkyMiles Numbers: Name #1 _____ Name #2 _____

Roommate (not listed above): _____ Special requests: _____

Any special occasion _____

(For example; a birthday or anniversary while we are traveling.)

Price: \$4899.00 per person based on double occupancy. **Single supplement:** \$357.00

Insurance: Insurance is recommended but optional and must be paid with your initial deposit. The insurance becomes non-refundable once paid. Information about this insurance coverage will be provided to all participants. Insurance price is currently \$353 per person in a double room and \$379 in a single room.

Travel Insurance:

Yes, I wish to purchase optional insurance. No, I decline cancellation insurance

Payment: A \$300 per person deposit is due by March 1, 2019 to secure a place on our tour. Due to the group nature of our tour, payment must be paid by personal check. Please make checks payable to Higgins Travel and mail to 2514 Golf Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701. Final payment will be due December 1, 2019.

In case of an emergency, please contact:

Name _____ Relationship _____

Phone or Email _____

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