



Öberammergau PASSION PLAY 2020

**Luther, Bach and the Passion Play
Sept 2 – 15, 2020**

**Tour Hosts:
Rev Michael Brooks and Dr. Stillman Matheson**

FEATURING:
Munich - Augsburg - Oberammergau
Nuremberg - Eisenach - Dresden Leipzig - Eisleben
Halle an der Saale Wittenberg - Potsdam - Berlin



LUTHER, BACH AND THE PASSION PLAY

Come along on a fascinating tour through Germany! Our tour starts in the Bavarian countryside, highlighted by a trip to Oberammergau for the world-famous Passion Play. Continuing through Germany, we'll follow the journeys of Martin Luther and Johann Sebastian Bach. Get to know them, the places that they lived and the times in which they lived. We'll travel through one of the most cultural landscapes in German and European history. We'll also explore the German capital city of Berlin and its evolution from communism to democracy. A wonderful tour that will be a very memorable experience!

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 Day 1 • Departure Day

Today we meet our fellow travelers at the airport to begin our journey filled with new and exciting experiences.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 Day 2 • Arrive Munich (D)

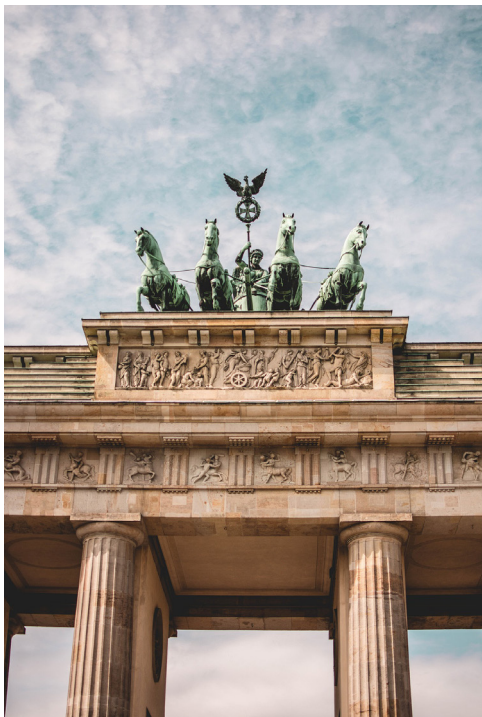
Upon arrival in Munich, we'll have an orientation bus tour before checking into our hotel and enjoying our special Welcome Dinner at the world's most famous tavern, The Hofbrauhaus, where we will be treated to Bavarian musicians and dancers.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 Day 3 • Munich (BD)

This morning we'll have a walking tour of the Bavarian capital. We'll visit Nymphenburg Palace, the historic Glockenspiel on the Marienplatz, Frauenkirche and more. We'll have the afternoon on our own to explore or rest with a good cup of coffee.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 Day 4 • Augsburg- Oberammergau (BD)

After breakfast, we'll drive to Augsburg and enjoy a walking tour of this interesting city before carrying on to Oberammergau. Augsburg was Germany's business center in the 16th century and home of the Fugger family who had a hand in a movement that led to the Reformation.



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 Day 5 • Passion Play (BD)

This is the day that we get to experience the original Passion Play – held every 10 years, and performed only by the inhabitants of Oberammergau.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 Day 6 • Nuremberg–Eisenach (BD)

Today we head north to Eisenach, stopping en-route in Nuremberg for lunch and a walking tour. We'll see the famous Imperial Castle and many other architectural and artistic highlights of this historic city. Martin Luther began his journey to Rome in 1510 from here. In the afternoon we will travel to Eisenach and enjoy the rest of the day at our leisure.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 Day 7 • Eisenach (BD)

Wartburg, one of the most important castles in German history is on our list of stops today. We will also visit Lutherhaus, where Luther lived as a student, followed by Bachhaus, the birthplace of famous composer Johann Sebastian Bach.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 Day 8 • Dresden–Leipzig (BD)

An excursion takes us to the city of Dresden, on the Elbe river. We will visit Zwinger Palace, attend an organ recital at Frauenkirche and visit Brühl's Terrace before returning to our hotel in Leipzig.



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 Day 9 • Eisleben– Halle Excursion (BD)

Today we'll start with a walking tour of Eisleben. We'll visit Luther's birth house and St. Peter and Paul, the church where Luther was baptized. Continuing on to Halle an der Saale, the birth place of Georg Friedrich Handel, we'll visit Haendel-Haus, Market Church and experience organ music at the historic Reichel organ.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 Day 10 • Leipzig (B)

This morning we'll set out on a walking tour of Leipzig. We'll visit Thomas Church where Bach was cantor for 27 years and is buried. We'll pass through the Renaissance town hall, the New Town Hall, the University and Gewandhaus Concert Hall. We'll have some free time for dinner on your own before enjoying a special treat in the evening – the Bach Cantatas at Saint Thomas' Church.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 Day 11 • Wittenberg – Berlin (BD)

This morning we depart Leipzig for Berlin. We'll stop along the way in Wittenberg for a guided walking tour. We'll visit Luther House Wittenberg, Panorama Luther 1517 and see the Schlosskirche and Church of St. Mary. Upon arrival in Berlin, we'll settle into our hotel and enjoy dinner before retiring for the night.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 Day 12 • Berlin (B)

The morning will be ours to enjoy as we wish: attend a church service, enjoy some shopping or sit with for a nice breakfast with friends. The afternoon will offer a tour of Berlin including the Brandenburg Gate, the Reichstag parliament, Holocaust Memorial, Dom Cathedral, the Berlin Wall and the official Wall Memorial Site at Bernauer Strasse.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 Day 13 • Potsdam Excursion (BD)

Our excursion today will take us to Potsdam, where we'll have a tour of Sanssouci Castle, once the summer home of Frederick the Great, former King of Prussia. We'll have a guided tour of Potsdam before returning to Berlin for an afternoon of free time. We'll gather this evening for a farewell dinner.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 Day 14 • Return to Canada (B)

This morning we will transfer to the airport for our return flight home, excited to share our experiences and our memories with friends and family.

OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY

The History

In 1633, many people in the town of Oberammergau became afflicted with Black Plague. The town elders met and vowed to perform the "play of the suffering, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ" every ten years if their village survived.

God heard their prayers and no one else died of the disease. At Pentecost in 1634, the townspeople of Oberammergau fulfilled their pledge by performing the Passion Play for the first time. For 385 years, the tradition has been passed down through generations. Eventually word of the townspeople's commitment spread, enticing others to visit Oberammergau to witness this remarkable cultural and religious spectacle.

The Play

The Passion Play is based on the four Gospels, depicting Christ's entry into Jerusalem and the events leading up to His crucifixion and resurrection. Interspersed throughout the play are scenes from the Old Testament such as Adam and Eve, Abraham and Isaac, Joseph in Egypt and Moses leading the people to the Promised Land. "In the Cross is salvation, in the Cross is life, in the Cross is hope" is the message passed on to spectators. The play lasts five hours, with afternoon and evening sessions separated by a three-hour break for dinner.

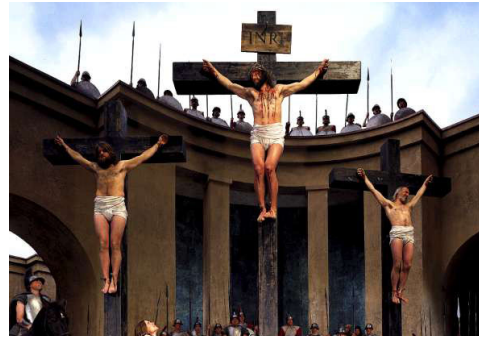


The Performers

While the population of Oberammergau is just over 5000, a staggering 2100 of them will participate in the play – either on stage or behind the scenes - including over 500 children. The choir consists of 120 singers and there are more than 80 musicians in the orchestra. Adding to the production's realism, many animals are used including sheep, goats, doves and, naturally, a donkey to be ridden by Jesus into Jerusalem.

The Theatre

Performances are in a unique theatre, with an open-air stage and almost five thousand spectator seats protected by a roof overhead. The backdrop of tree-covered hills and distant mountains is quite impressive, although the actors are subject to the current weather conditions.



TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

Active

Able to walk 4-6 km on uneven surfaces such as cobblestone streets and be able to climb stairs or steep inclines unassisted.



TOUR HOSTS:
REV MICHAEL BROOKS AND
DR. STILLMAN MATHESON

REGISTER EARLY & SAVE!

Reserve your spot by
October 31, 2019
AND SAVE \$300!

TOUR PRICES:

Toronto	\$7,529
Land only	\$6,329

Other cities available upon request.
Prices are per person based on
double occupancy.

Prices are based on exchange rates,
tariffs, fees and taxes applicable in June
2019 and are subject to change based
on fluctuating costs and other factors
beyond our control.

This tour is not subject to GST.

INCLUDED IN YOUR TOUR

Return economy class airfare
Current airline taxes, fuel surcharges
and airport fees
Superior Tourist class motorcoach
and hotels
Meals as shown
(B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
Professional tour guide
Sightseeing tours and entrance fees
Luggage handling at hotels
Tipping for all included services
Rostad Tours travel gift
Extensive and personalized tour
documentation

NOT INCLUDED

Meals not shown
Other beverages
Items of personal nature
Any airline luggage fees
Increase to surcharges, taxes or fees
Insurance

DEPOSIT INFORMATION

Reserve your spot on this tour with a
\$500 non-refundable deposit.

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MASTERCARD accepted,
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SPECIAL INCLUSIONS

**OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY – TRADITIONAL BAVARIAN DINNER AND
ENTERTAINMENT – BACH CANTATAS AT ST. THOMAS CHURCH
ORGAN RECITAL IN DRESDEN – SANSSOUCI CASTLE**

TOUR CONDITIONS & INFORMATION

RESERVATIONS

A deposit of \$500 per person is required to make a reservation on this tour. This deposit is non-refundable. A confirmation of your reservation will be forwarded to you after your deposit is received.

FINAL PAYMENT

The final payment is due no later than March 6, 2020. If you are joining the tour after this date, full payment is required upon registration.

CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS

We reserve the right to have credit card charges processed by the suppliers of travel services such as the airline, cruise line, etc. all credit card payments will be processed in Canadian dollars.

PAYMENT BY CHEQUE

Payment of your full invoice by cheque will give you a 1.5% discount on the cost of your tour (after all discounts are removed).

SHARED & SINGLE ACCOMMODATION

Passengers must indicate at the time of booking if they will be sharing a room or prefer a single room. Your roommate, if known, should also be indicated. If you do not have a roommate we will help in finding one for you. If a roommate is not found, the full single supplement charge will apply.

RESERVATION CHANGES

If you want to change your reservation, such as change your departure city or plan an extended stay, you must submit your request to Rostad Tours in writing. Please allow sufficient time for us to make these changes. A service fee of \$100/person will apply.

TOUR PRICE

Prices are based on current currency levels, airfares, fuel surcharges and taxes. We reserve the right to adjust prices if there are significant changes to any of the above elements.

CANCELLATIONS

Cancellations after final payment are subject to the following cancellation charges:

days prior to departure	
up to 61 days	50%
60 to 0 days	100%

INSURANCE

We recommend that all passengers obtain travel insurance to protect against any possible cancellation charges or out-of-country medical expenses. Please ensure that you secure insurance at the time of deposit. A quotation for travel insurance will be offered to Alberta residents. For passengers residing outside of Alberta, we will provide you with the contact information for our partner insurance provider.

PASSPORTS

A Passport is required for all international travel. Your passport must be valid for at least six months past your intended return date. If you do not already have a passport, or if your current passport will expire within this period, apply for your new passport at least 125 days before departure. We require a copy of your passport 100 days prior to departure in order to issue your airline ticket. You are responsible to ensure you have all documentation required to enter the countries you are visiting and for your return to Canada.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Please note the Tour Activity Level for this tour. For your enjoyment and in fairness to your fellow passengers, you should be in good physical condition, with the ability to stand for reasonable periods of time and walk several kilometers easily. In some cases you will be able to forego a more active excursion and rest or explore on your own.

For inoculations, Rostad Tours recommends that you consult with a travel physician or your family doctor.

TOUR DOCUMENTS

An extensive list of tour documents will be sent approximately 30 days prior to departure. Please notify our office if you require any information ahead of this date.

BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE

Typically airlines allow you to check one suitcase free of charge, but this is subject to change. In order to avoid excess baggage fees, the dimensions of your suitcase should not exceed 60" and the weight should not exceed 23 kgs. Your suitcase will be portered at all hotels but tour members are responsible for their flight bags/carry-on luggage at all times. Rostad Tours accepts no responsibility for the loss or damage of any baggage or personal belongings.

ITINERARY VARIATIONS

Rostad Tours reserves the right to change the itinerary of the tour due to airline schedule changes or any other circumstances beyond our control. Every effort will be made to keep the tour as close as possible to the original itinerary.

TOUR MEMBERSHIP

Rostad Tours reserves the right to reject any person as a tour member and to expel from the tour any person whose actions are deemed to be detrimental to the enjoyment of the tour by the other passengers. Children 6 years old and under are considered too young for this tour.

RESPONSIBILITY

Rostad Tours Ltd. of Calgary, Alberta act as agents for the various owners or contractors providing hotels, means of transportation or other services. Issuance and acceptance of the tour documents shall be deemed to be consent to the condition that Rostad Tours shall not become liable or responsible in any way for any personal or property loss, damage or injury, howsoever caused or arising. In the event that we are forced to cancel a tour due to insufficient registrations, Rostad Tours Ltd.'s sole responsibility shall be the refund of all monies paid to Rostad Tours by the tour participant.

