The unmissable, once-a-decade OBERAMMERGAU Passion Play 2022

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Taking place just once every decade, this legendary play owes its origins to a deadly plague and its almost 400-year history was disrupted in 2020 by a modern-day pandemic. Thankfully, it will now take place throughout 2022 so there's a new opportunity to appreciate this iconic event. If you're looking for a holiday to remember, join us in beautiful Bavaria and experience this incredible performance for yourself.



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An extraordinary heritage

2020 was set to mark the 42nd performance of the now-iconic Passion Play, but its schedule was disrupted due to the global outbreak of COVID-19 – a modern-day pandemic no-one could have predicted yet somewhat ironic considering the play's origins. The Passion Play's wheels were first set in motion back in 1633 when the Great Plague descended upon the residents of Oberammergau, a charming Bavarian village. Its citizens made a solemn vow that if their lives were spared, they would perform a play depicting the story of Christ's life, suffering, death and resurrection every ten years. Amazingly, there were no further deaths as a result of the plague and the Passion Play officially began a year later in 1634. The event has only seen a few other incidents where it had to be postponed or cancelled throughout its almost 400-year history, but it will return in 2022 to wow audiences from around the world.

An epic performance

The Oberammergau Passion Play in 2022 is set to begin at 2.30pm local time and will finish in the evening at 10.30pm. On our exciting Oberammergau tours, dinner will be included during the intermission so there will be adequate time to stretch your legs. It is helpful to note that the Passion Play is performed in German – its native language – but you will be able to obtain a playbook with an English translation at the event itself.

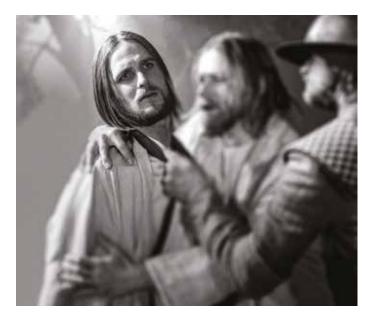
A spectacular setting

A small German village known also for its traditional wood-carvings, Oberammergau is located in beautiful Bavaria. Situated among the stunning Ammergau Alps, it is a great base from which to do some exploring. The roots of Oberammergau's wood-carving tradition can be traced back to the Middle Ages and it is something first recorded in the year 1111 by Rottenbucher monks. Why not get a feel for the local colour with a leisurely walk in this glorious area?



MEET FREDERIK MAYET, ONE OF THE ACTORS PLAYING JESUS IN THE 2022 ITERATION OF THE PLAY

The 2022 production of the Oberammergau Passion Play will have two villagers playing the all-important role of Jesus, one of whom is Frederik Mayet, who told us all about the honour of accepting such a position as well as what it's like to live in this idyllic Bavarian village.



"I was in the play for the first time in the year 2000, when I played John the Apostle. I was invited by the director, Christian Stückl, to attend some castings and after turning up several times I was both surprised and more than happy when he suggested that I played the role of John. Cast members show a real dedication to being part of the Passion Play. We start with the beard and hair-growing around one year ahead of the première. The first half of this year is spent rehearsing, while the other half is filled with performances. Almost half of our whole village is involved, and our aim is to bring a great Passion Play to the stage for our visitors.

It's not often that you find such a famous and longstanding tradition in a small village like Oberammergau – it truly is so special to be part of the play. I remember back in 1990, when I was 10-years-old, I sat in the audience and watched the Passion Play with my great-grandmother. For me, this is one of the best places to live."

Facts about the world-renowned Oberammergau Passion Play

1 To take part in the legendary Passion Play, cast members must have been born in the village of Oberammergau, married to a local for 10 years or have lived there for 20 years. No exceptions to these rules are ever made.

2 All costumes are made by villagers and no wigs are allowed, meaning that people have to grow their hair for accuracy and authenticity according to the 'Hair & Beard Decree'. This usually comes into play a year before the event begins and sees participants growing their beards and facial hair according to the roles they have been assigned.

Jin the upcoming performance, some scenes will be accompanied by up to 64 vocalists, whereas normally there are just four vocal soloists and 44 choristers. There will be a total of 55 instrumentalists sitting in the orchestra pit for 2022's highly anticipated event. **4** Over 2,000 citizens take part in the performance, despite the fact that there are only around 124 speaking roles.

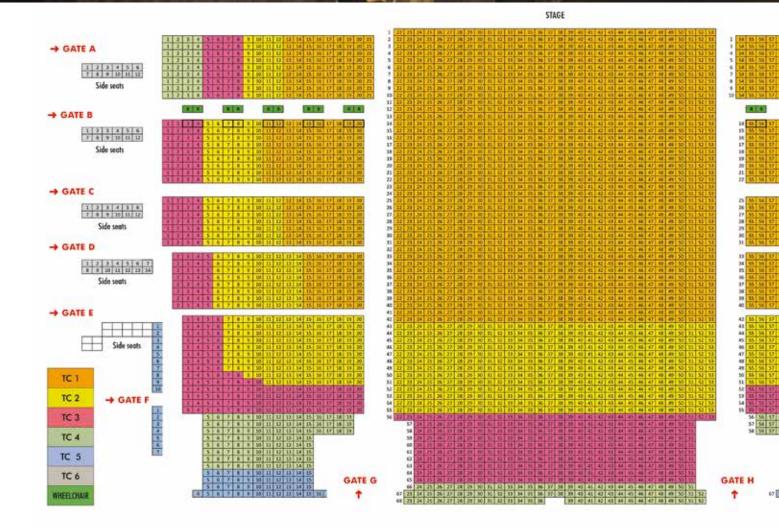
5 For the 2022 performance, Jesus will be played by both Frederik Mayet (who played the same role in the 2010 production) and Rochus Rückel. Rückel has been confirmed as the second-youngest actor to play Jesus in the almost 400year history of the Oberammergau Passion Play.

6 The first-ever performance, in 1634, took place at the cemetery next to the parish church, on the actual graves of the plague victims. Later, in 1830, the performance space relocated to the northern edge of the village, where it still remains today.

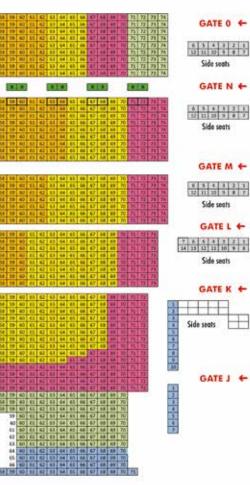
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THE HISTORY OF THE STAGE & YOUR TICKETS

The first-ever performance, which took place in 1634, was held at the cemetery next to the parish church, on the very graves of the plague victims. Later, in 1830, the performance space relocated to the northern edge of the village, where it still remains today. The theatre itself is an impressive sight to behold and now has seating for an audience of over 4,700 people. What's more, it boasts amazing acoustics as well as underfloor heating and modern facilities.







Where will my seats be located?

To be a ticket-holder for the once-per-decade Passion Play in Oberammergau is to be very privileged indeed. The event takes place at a purpose-built theatre in the village of Oberammergau itself, at a venue that can hold around 4,700 people at any one time. The theatre is covered with a specially created roof, which allows for comfortable viewing whatever the weather. With us, the tickets you receive will be Category 2, but it's worth noting that all seats in the auditorium provide a good view of the stage and the action as it unfolds. The space is accessible, it is equipped with underfloor heating and there are improved toilet facilities, all of which can help make the experience of witnessing the legendary Passion Play that bit more comfortable.



Oberammergau & the Austrian Tyrol

6 days 11 May & 10 August From £2,195

This tour's focus might be on the legendary Oberammergau Passion Play, but there's more to Bavaria than just passion plays and historic pacts storybook castles and dramatic landscapes abound here, and just a short hop over the border in Austria even more beauty awaits our discovery.

What's included?

- » Five nights' dinner, bed & breakfast: one in Salzburg, three in the Zillertal and one at a hotel in the Oberammergau area
- One lunch
- » Return flights London to Munich
- » All visits as outlined in the itinerary
- » Comfortable coach travel throughout
- » A ticket for the Passion Play (includes dinner and drinks in the intermission)
- » Services of a professional tour manager

Tour highlights

- Enjoy an excursion on board the historic, narrow-gauge Zillertal Steam Railway, complete with a chilled glass of schnapps for an added touch of luxury
- » Spend a memorable day in beautiful Salzburg, with a choice between a guided tour that focuses on either the beloved film The Sound of Music or one that explores the life and works of the great composer, Mozart
- Pay a visit to the Tyrolean capital of Innsbruck, an outing that includes a guided tour of the beautiful old town and a stroll down the famous Maria-Theresien-Strasse, stopping at Emperor Maximilian I's 'Golden Roof' with its 2,657 fire-gilt copper tiles

Day 1 We fly from London to Munich and transfer to Salzburg.

Day 2 Today we explore vibrant Salzburg, but there are two ways to do so. Choose between a Mozart-themed excursion, including a visit to his birthplace and museum, or one based around The Sound of Music, which features many of the locations from this much-loved film. Later, we transfer to our hotel in the Ziller valley.

Day 3 The morning we take a ride aboard the historic Zillertal Steam Railway to the chic ski resort of Mayrhofen. For lunch, we're treated to another jaw-dropping journey - this time by scenic cable car - to our mountainside restaurant.

Day 4 We visit Innsbruck this morning, with a guided tour of the beautiful old town, stopping at Emperor Maximillian I's 'Golden Roof'. We continue with a visit to Tratzberg Castle, which has connections with the once-mighty Habsburg dynasty.

Day 5 Today we bid farewell to Austria and travel to Bavaria, where we have lunch in the village of Garmisch Partenkirchen. Later on, we will sit down to experience the phenomenal Passion Play. The performance includes a three-hour break, during which dinner is served.

Day 6 After breakfast, we make our way back to Munich and fly back to London.

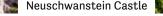


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11th May	16th May	From £2,195	£295
10th August	15th August	From £2,195	£295

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Oberammergau & Lake Constance



6 days 23 August From £2,195

Why not enjoy a stay on the shores of Lake Constance, whose sparkling waters form an everpresent backdrop to our touring? From one of the most splendid garden sites in Europe at Insel Mainau to the fairytale castle of Neuschwanstein and even the UNESCO-listed Pilgrimage Church of Wies, this six-day tour is as scenic as it is spectacular and ends with the Passion Play.

What's included?

- » Five nights' dinner, bed & breakfast: four at the 4-star Hotel Schwärzler in Bregenz; one at a hotel in the Oberammergau area
- » Return flights London to Munich
- » All visits as outlined in the itinerary
- » Comfortable coach travel throughout
- A ticket for the Passion Play (includes dinner and drinks in the intermission)
- » Services of a professional tour manager

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- » Discover what can only be described as an exuberant masterpiece of Bavarian Rococo, the UNESCO-listed Pilgrimage Church of Wies
- » Spend time wandering among the gardens on the unique flower island of Mainau, home to botanical treasures that include a palm house, an arboretum, a butterfly house and even a perfumed rose garden
- » Visit Tettnang New Palace in the Bodensee region and also Meersburg New Palace, the former residence of the prince-bishops of Constance

Day 1 We fly from London to Munich on a direct flight and then we depart for a visit to the iconic fairytale Neuschwanstein Castle. From here, we continue to our hotel in Bregenz, situated on the shores of stunning Lake Constance.

Day 2 Depart for a visit to Tettnang New Palace, one of the most beautiful palaces in the Bodensee region. Later, we visit Wangen im Allgäu, where we see typical half-timbered buildings and some little gardens within its medieval walls.

Day 3 This morning we take the lake steamer from Bregenz to Insel Mainau, one of the finest garden experiences in Europe – a beautiful flower island. On arrival at Mainau's busy little harbour, we are free to roam within the magnificent terraced landscape and can uncover a succession of botanical treasures during our time here.

Day 4 We return to the northern shore of the lake for our visit to Meersburg New Palace, which is home to richly decorated rooms. A little way inland is the Salem Monastery and Palace, one of the most culturally important sites of the region. After a devastating fire in 1697, the abbey and main monastery were reconstructed in magnificent Baroque style.

Day 5 We head to Oberammergau for the performance of the Passion Play.

Day 6 We break our journey back to Munich Airport with a visit to the Pilgrimage Church of Wies, an exuberant masterpiece of Bavarian Rococo and also a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



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23rd August	28th August	From £2,195	£295

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5 days 8th June From £2,325

Of all the attractions we could combine with the legendary Passion Play, few are more enchanting than the 19th century 'dream castles' of King Ludwig II of Bavaria.

What's included?

- » Return flights from London
- » 4* accommodation in Munich, Füssen & the Oberammergau area*
- » Expert Guide Lecturer and a professional tour manager
- » Comfortable coach travel throughout
- » 4 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 4 dinners, wine and tea or coffee with dinner
- » Entries, tips and Category 2 tickets to the Passion Play



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Tour highlights

- » Witness the once-a-decade Oberammergau Passion Play with Category Two tickets
- Stay in majestic Alpine surroundings in Füssen, which is located near to the worldrenowned Neuschwanstein Castle – another stunning castle that we visit on this tour
- » Admire the magnificent Herrenchiemsee Palace just outside of Munich, which is often referred to as the 'Bavarian Versailles'

Day 1 We depart from London on a direct flight to Munich and transfer to our hotel upon arrival. From here, we check in and can enjoy an optional walking tour of Munich. Later, we have a group dinner.

Day 2 Today we drive to the Chiemsee, Bavaria's largest lake, where Ludwig realised his final castle dream by building Herrenchiemsee Palace on Herreninsel Island. Building began in 1878, directly inspired by Ludwig's visit to the Palace of Versailles, and this is truly a monument to royal megalomania: 35 seamstresses spent seven years sewing the cover for the royal bed alone. The most extraordinary room here is the gilded Hall of Mirrors. After lunch, we explore the manicured palace grounds before returning to Munich.

Day 3 This morning we drive south through the beautiful scenery of the Bavarian Alps, arriving in time for lunch in the delightful town of Oberammergau. We check in to our hotel and gather together in the afternoon to attend a performance of the legendary Passion Play. Dinner is included during the lengthy intermission. Day 4 Today we travel to Füssen, stopping en route to visit Linderhof Palace, the smallest of Ludwig's palaces, but the only one that he lived to see completed. This afternoon is dedicated to Ludwig's crowning glory and the embodiment of his wildest Romantic fantasies – the stunning Neuschwanstein Castle. Built in the Romanesque Revival style, the castle was the scene of Ludwig's arrest in 1886 by his courtiers, exasperated by his eccentricities and profligacy. Most of our afternoon will be spent here and we then check in to our hotel later on.

Day 5 After breakfast on our final day, we return to Munich via Castle Berg on the Starnbergersee. This country manor house was where the King was confined after his deposition and declared insane. A few days later, he and his physician were found drowned in the lake. The mysterious double death has never been explained. We pay our respects at his tomb in Munich's St. Michael's Church and then head to the airport for our return flight to London.

*Due to the demand of the Passion Play, we are unable to confirm the exact hotel for the nights in the Oberammergau area. Please check our website for the most up to date information.

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8th June	12th June	From £2,325	£450

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Oberammergau & Mozart's Salzburg



5 days 20th July & 24th Aug From £2,295

Explore palaces, admire artistic treasures and gain a deep insight into the early life of a musical genius on this twin-centre tour of Salzburg and Munich.

What's included?

- » Return flights from London
- » 4* accommodation in Munich, Salzburg & the Oberammergau area*
- » Expert Guide Lecturer and a professional tour manager
- » Comfortable coach travel throughout
- » 4 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 3 dinners, wine and tea or coffee with dinner
- » Entries, tips and Category 2 tickets to the Passion Play



Residence Square in Salzburg

Tour highlights

- » Experience the iconic Oberammergau Passion Play with Category Two tickets
- » Be treated to a private piano recital at Mozart's birthplace in Salzburg
- » Pay a visit to the Nymphenburg Palace and its glorious gardens, and explore the opulent Residenz Germany's largest city palace

Day 1 Today we fly from London to Munich and transfer to our hotel upon arrival. We check in and enjoy an orientation tour of this spectacular Bavarian city, where tradition and modernity exist side by side. A welcome dinner at our hotel will follow.

Day 2 We start today with a visit to Nymphenburg Palace, which was once the main summer residence of the former rulers of Bavaria. After lunch, we continue on to the Residenz, Germany's largest city palace and the official home of the royal Wittelsbach family.

Day 3 This morning we drive through the beautiful scenery of the Bavarian Alps towards the village of Oberammergau, home to the world-famous Passion Play that takes place just once every ten years. After lunch, we gather together to attend the legendary Passion Play. The play will be a unique and traditional experience, performed by the residents of Oberammergau. Dinner is included during the lengthy intermission. Day 4 Today we leave Oberammergau and head to the streets of Salzburg, a city with a rich, diverse history and influential music heritage. After lunch we visit the Mozart Residence, where the musical genius lived from 1773-1780. Mozart composed many of his masterpieces here and it is now a museum. His birthplace is also nearby, and it is here that we enjoy a private piano recital of his work, performed on a fortepiano that dates from the 18th century. This evening we enjoy our final dinner together as a group.

Day 5 This morning we transfer to the airport for our return flight to London.



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20th July	24th July	From £2,295	£450
24th August	28th August	From £2,295	£450



Oberammergau and the Way of St. James

7 days | 9th July - 15th July | From £2,895

The Camino, or the Way of St. James, is one of the great pilgrimage routes of the world, which concludes in Santiago de Compostela and extends in many different European directions depending on the country from which the faithful travelled. The Jakobsweg route passes through Bavaria, and following a key section of it from Munich to Lake Constance invites appreciation of some truly majestic places of worship, along with splendid scenery and glorious food and drink (particularly the fine local beer). Whether you are religious or not, this experience provides the perfect accompaniment to the iconic Oberammergau Passion Play.



Old town of Oberammergau

Tour highlights

- » Experience the once-a-decade Oberammergau Passion Play with Category Two tickets
- » Visit spectacular pilgrimage churches, including the awe-inspiring Wieskirche in Steingaden
- » Explore the charming villages of both Lindau and Bregenz on Lake Constance, a lake that is shared by the three nations of Germany, Austria and Switzerland



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Day 1 We fly from London to Munich on a direct flight and transfer to our hotel on arrival. This Bavarian capital is famous for its beer, the 'Mad King' Ludwig and its Baroque and Neo-Classical treasures. We enjoy a walking tour to get our bearings and then we sit down to our first dinner together as a group.

Day 2 Following a tour of Munich Cathedral – the Frauenkirche – we drive to Andechs to visit the monastery situated on top of a hill. After lunch we make our way to Wessobrunn Abbey and then we stop at Steingaden for the night. This day offers the perfect introduction to theatrical Bavarian Baroque architecture.

Day 3 Our day begins at Steingaden Abbey and then we visit the magnificent Wies Church, a masterpiece designed by the famous Zimmerman brothers. After lunch we continue on to Kempten in the foothills of the Alps, famed for its Bergkäse – hard, pressed cheese. We visit the vast early Baroque basilica of St. Lorenz and then we head to Lindau, a town on a peninsula that juts out into the glorious Lake Constance. This lake is, of course, shared by three nations – Germany, Austria and Switzerland. We spend the night in Lindau.

Day 4 After visiting the Lighthouse and Baroque Munster (church) in Lindau, we take the ferry to Bregenz in Austria for lunch and a chance to explore the old town, which is home to the famous annual Opera Festival that is held on a stage set up in the lake itself. Bregenz is a truly enchanting place and one that inspired the painter Egon Schiele, among others.

Day 5 We enjoy a free morning in Lindau and then we drive on through the beautiful scenery of the Bavarian Alps towards the tiny town of Oberammergau. This village has two vocations – religious carvings and the Passion Play, which has been put on with very few interruptions every ten years since 1634. In the evening, we enjoy a three-course dinner.

Day 6 In the morning, we have time to explore the village and admire the wood-carving that the village is renowned for. The atmosphere builds as we gather in the afternoon to see the Passion Play, which lasts for five hours with a three-hour break for dinner. Only people from Oberammergau may take part in the play, be it to act, sing, play music or work backstage. Every decade, this village comes together in an explosion of creativity and it is a real privilege to witness this legendary spectacle.

Day 7 This morning we transfer to the airport and catch our return flight back to London.





What's included?

- » Return flights from London
- » 4* accommodation in Munich, Steingaden, Lindau and the Oberammergau area*
- » Expert Guide Lecturer and a professional tour manager
- » Comfortable coach travel throughout
- » 6 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 5 dinners, wine and tea or coffee with dinner

» Entries, tips and Category 2 Passion Play tickets

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