

**CHANGES TO GROUP FLIGHTS:** The group air contract will not allow changes to the group flights. If you would like to make changes to the flight itinerary or dates, we invite you to purchase the tour as "land only" and make independent flight arrangements. Please note that arrival and departure transfers are provided only when your flight arrival and/or departure coincides with that of the group.

**LATE BOOKINGS:** Passengers registering within sixty days of tour departure will be charged a \$100 per person fee. Tour payment in full is required before we can request and confirm space. This fee does not cover any additional airline or ground service charges.

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**GTD TRAVEL INSURANCE**

Travel insurance is included as an option with the initial tour deposit and is highly recommended. GTD offers a competitive policy from an independent company. By purchasing insurance at the time the tour deposit is made, you can be covered for events that may cause you to cancel or interrupt your trip, i.e., pre-existing medical conditions (certain restrictions apply). If you decline travel insurance at the time of reservation, you may purchase it within 14 days with the pre-existing conditions waiver or you may purchase it later without the pre-existing conditions waiver. You may contact Travel Insured International for further information before making your decision: 800-243-3174

**GTD TRAVEL INSURANCE INCLUSIONS**

Trip Cancellation.....	up to Tour Cost*
Trip Interruption.....	up to 150% of Tour Cost**
Travel Delay.....	\$750
Missed Connection.....	\$300
Baggage.....	\$1,000
Baggage Delay.....	\$200
Medical Expense.....	\$50,000
Evacuation/Repatriation.....	\$500,000
Accidental Death.....	\$10,000
Assistance Service.....	included

\*a maximum of \$5000 per person

\*\*a maximum of \$7500 per person

The cost of this optional GTD Travel Insurance is **\$245** per person. Additional coverage provided as needed; the full cost of your tour must be covered.

**CONDITIONS AND RESPONSIBILITY**

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**NOTE TO OUR TRAVELERS:**

*Please be assured that GTD continually monitors industry events, such as airline strikes and bankruptcies, etc. If any such events affect your tour, you will be notified. At the time this tour was developed there was not a U.S. State Department Travel Warning in effect for this destination; please refer to the following website for current information or call Group Travel Directors. [http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/tw/tw\\_1764.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/tw/tw_1764.html)*



The prayers of Oberammergau were answered in 1633 when the people of the small village were spared from the Black Death. Out of gratitude the people vowed to perform a Passion Play, which was first presented at Pentecost in 1634 and continues to be performed every decade. The village produces the Passion Play with more than 2000 of the townspeople acting as performers, musicians and stage technicians. In 2010, we will have an opportunity to witness this extraordinary performance.



Passion Play

# Wartburg College Alpine Adventure with the Oberammergau Passion Play

Hosted by Rev. Larry Trachte  
July 7-20, 2010 14 Days



Photo: Oberammergau-Tourismus. Photographer: Szenen

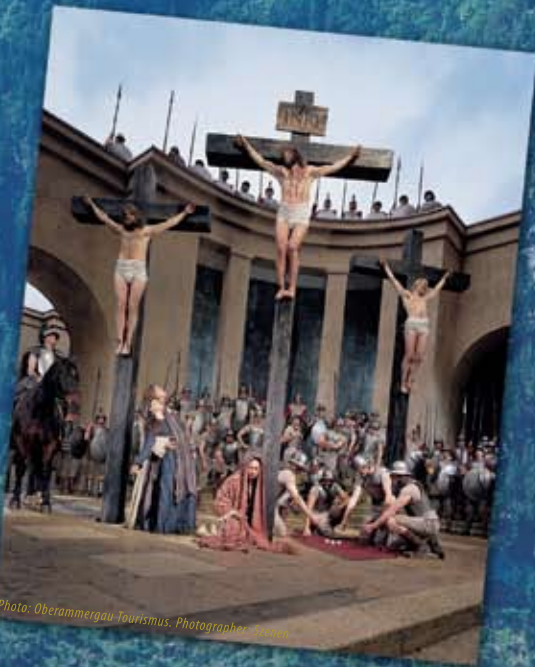


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## OBERAMMERGAU

## "It's not just WHAT you see, it's WHO you see it with!"

Though not the best English, that's been the theme of our Wartburg College Alumni and Friends tours from the very beginning. There's something special about traveling with Wartburg people who share a common bond.

Whether it's singing and devotions on the bus, or a glass of wine or beer after the evening meal (and then there are always my infamous "ten minute walks"), after a few days our bus drivers remark, "There's something special about this group." And there is! It's the people. Wartburg alumni, family and friends have a lot of fun traveling together!

In 2010 there will be two Oberammergau Passion Play tours—"Italian Adventure" and "Alpine Adventure." Both will include the world-famous Oberammergau Passion Play, performed in this beautiful alpine village every ten years since 1634, in thanksgiving to God for deliverance from the plague. Thousands of people from around the world will be treated to this amazing seven-hour production involving over two thousand performers, musicians and residents of the village.

Tickets can only be purchased as a package, including overnight lodging and all meals, and are hard to come by. We're delighted that we have secured them! We already have a wait list of interested travelers. And note that the Passion Play is just one part of two exciting, jam-packed tours. So consider joining us! We'd love to travel with you, and I am confident that you will love traveling with us! After all, "It's not just WHAT you see, it's WHO you see it with!"



Wartburg College Pastor Larry Trachte, '66; has served as college Pastor at Wartburg since 1974. "PT" has been sharing his love for travel, people and cultures by leading Wartburg alumni tours to Germany and Europe for some thirty years.

### DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

**WED 07 JUL** **Depart USA**  
Begin your journey of discovery and faith today. Depart Chicago on your flights to Munich. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the complimentary meals and entertainment en route. (Meals in-flight)

**THU 08 JUL** **Arrive Munich**  
Connect in Europe today with the continuing flight to Munich. Welcome to the "Big Apple" of Bavaria. The city is known for its unique sense of conviviality or "gemütlichkeit" with which locals live life and visitors are welcomed. After arrival see a bit of the city, perhaps take a peek at Nymphenburg Palace, once the summer home to five generations of Bavarian royalty. This afternoon check in at your hotel for dinner and overnight. (Meals in-flight, D)

**FRI 09 JUL** **Munich**  
Get better acquainted with Munich this morning during a locally-guided city tour. Embark on a walking tour of the centrum highlighting landmarks such as Frauenkirche, the late-Gothic cathedral, which is a signature image of the city. Hear the chimes of the famed glockenspiel at Marienplatz and spend the rest of the afternoon discovering the city on your own. Tonight enjoy a Bavarian welcome dinner at the famed Hofbräuhaus. (B, D)

**SAT 10 JUL** **Munich/Oberammergau**  
Depart for Oberammergau visiting the fairy-tale Castle Neuschwanstein built in its scenic alpine perch with expansive views of the valleys below. This afternoon arrive in the charming alpine village of Oberammergau for a two-night stay in lodging arranged by the Oberammergau Passion Play Committee. (B, D)

**SUN 11 JUL** **Oberammergau**  
The morning is at leisure. Gather for lunch followed by a performance of the world-famous Passion Play. In 1633 the village of Oberammergau was threatened by the deadly and contagious disease known as the Black Plague that scourged Europe, killing two-thirds of the population of Germany. The people of Oberammergau vowed that if the village could be spared, a re-enactment of the life and suffering of Christ would be performed and commemorated every ten years. Against the breathtaking backdrop of the Alps, the play takes place during the afternoon and evening with a break to enjoy a true Bavarian dinner. (B, L, D)

**MON 12 JUL** **Oberammergau/Salzburg**  
Travel to Salzburg, the birthplace of Mozart and the city of "The Sound of Music." Upon arrival embark on a walking tour of Old Salzburg. Stroll along the Getreidegasse and visit Mozart's birth house, now a museum dedicated to the composer. Ascend to the Hohensalzburg Fortress perched high above the city; this fortress dates to the 11th century, is well-preserved and offers panoramic views of the city. (B, D)

**TUE 13 JUL** **Salzburg**  
This morning drive to Hallein to tour one of the many salt mines in the area (Salzburg earned its initial wealth through the mining and sale of salt). After the tour reboard your coach and drive up the Obersalzburg to see Hitler's mountain retreat, called the Eagle's Nest. Take in a breathtaking view from the summit before descending and returning to Salzburg. The balance of the afternoon and evening are at leisure for individual pursuits. Enjoy dinner on your own and perhaps attend a concert. (B)

**WED 14 JUL** **Salzburg/Vienna**  
Depart for Vienna, stopping at the Benedictine Abbey of Melk en route. The dramatic 900-year-old baroque Melk Abbey is perched on sheer cliffs high above the Danube River. Its cherub-filled library boasts 365 windows—one for every day of the year. The interior of the abbey's church is a kaleidoscope of red, orange, and gold—with a magnificent carved pulpit and shimmering ceiling frescoes. Continue to Vienna, the cultural heart of Europe for a two-night stay. (B, D)

**THU 15 JUL** **Vienna**  
This morning's sightseeing of this beautiful capital city begins with a locally guided city tour to become acquainted with the famous sights such as the State Opera House, the elegant Kärntner Ring Street, and St. Stefan's Cathedral. Afterwards there will be free time perhaps listen to a Strauss

concert in the newly renovated Kursalon, visit the Museum Quarter or Albertina, or enjoy the famous Sacher Torte in one of the traditional Vienna coffee houses. After time to freshen up, savor dinner at a local Heurigen restaurant in the wine district of Grinzing. (B, D)

**FRI 16 JUL** **Vienna/Innsbruck**  
Travel a scenic alpine journey across Austria today. Enjoy far-reaching vistas of valleys and mountains with quaint farms that dot the hillsides. Arriving in Innsbruck revel in the breath-taking view over the city, the mountains and the Inn valley from atop the Bergisel Olympic Ski Jump. Enjoy a cup of coffee or an Austrian beer in a setting one won't forget, then proceed to our hotel. (B)

**SAT 17 JUL** **Innsbruck/Grindelwald**  
Continue your breathtaking journey through the Alps and into Switzerland. Drive over the Brunig Pass to the Bernese Oberland, the heart of the Swiss Alps. The village of Grindelwald is known as the gateway to the "Jungfrau-Aletsch-Bietschhorn" area, one of the most beautiful regions in the world and justifiably listed as a UNESCO World Natural Heritage Site. Check in at your hotel for a two-night stay in this "village of glaciers." (B)

**SUN 18 JUL** **Grindelwald**  
After breakfast take an optional excursion via cogwheel train to Lauterbrunnen, the "village of the waterfalls," to the Kleine Scheidegg for a panoramic view of the Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau Mountains. After time for lunch on own continue your train ride down the other side of the mountain and back to Grindelwald. (B)

**MON 19 JUL** **Grindelwald/Heidelberg**  
Say goodbye to the Alps and drive northward paralleling the Rhine River. Arrive this afternoon in the old university town of Heidelberg. Take a stroll in the quaint Old Town with the Neckar River flowing peacefully through. After hotel check-in, gather for a Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

**TUE 20 JUL** **Return to USA**  
This morning transfer to Frankfurt for the return flights to the U.S.A. Arrive home this same day enriched with your journey of faith, friendship and discovery. (B, Meals in-flight)

Code: **Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**  
Itinerary subject to change.

## TOUR INCLUSIONS

- Round-trip economy class airfare from Chicago via an ARC/IATA approved scheduled carrier.
- Twelve nights accommodation in superior tourist class hotels, double occupancy, with private facilities.
- Breakfast daily with one lunch and eight dinners as outlined in the itinerary.
- Transfers and transportation by deluxe motorcoach.
- Extensive sightseeing throughout; entrance fees included.
- Category Four package to the Oberammergau Passion Play including tickets, two-nights lodging and meals.
- Luggage handling of one piece per person.
- Experienced English-speaking local guides as per the itineraries.
- Gratuities to drivers and guides (for your convenience, \$85 per person has been included).
- Airport/foreign departure taxes (currently \$375 per person).
- Comprehensive documentation including travel accessory, bag tags, name tags, flight and land itineraries, destination literature, customs information, travel tips and more.

trip cancellation/interruption is not included and highly recommended. Please refer to the Travel Insurance section.

- Passport fees. A passport valid six months beyond date of reentry to the U.S. is required.
- No visa is required for U.S. citizens; non-U.S. citizens may require a visa.

## TOUR CONDITIONS

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE:** Your reservation and deposit of \$1555 (\$1400 + \$155) per person are requested immediately to fulfill the group deadline requirements. Note that space is limited and reservations are taken on a first come, first served basis. Final payment is due March 4, 2010. For credit card payment Group Travel Directors accepts Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express.

**REFUND POLICY:** Penalties for cancellation are higher with the Passion Play tours than with standard tours, we strongly encourage you to purchase travel insurance. All cancellations must be in writing. There is no refund for partial or unused land arrangements.

- For the base tour package the following penalties will apply: Up to December 31, 2009 - \$100 per person administrative fee plus any unrecoverable deposits; January 1, 2010 - February 1, 2010 - \$400 plus any unrecoverable payments to hotels, tour operators or airlines; February 2 - June 5, 2010 - \$1000 plus any unrecoverable payments to hotels, tour operators or airlines; June 6, 2010 or after - No refund.
- For the Passion Play Package the following penalties will apply: Up to January 10, 2010 - \$155; January 11 - February 19, 2010 - \$186; February 20 - April 10, 2010 - \$223; April 11 - July 10, 2010 - \$595; Day of performance - No refund. (The dollar amounts shown are based upon the category indicated and the Euro/Dollar rate of exchange used to price the tour and are subject to change.)

## TOUR COST SUMMARY

# \$4999

Group Flights From Chicago

### Other Tour Costs

Cat. 4 Passion Play Package (\$744).....Included  
 Airport/Foreign Departure Taxes (\$375).....Included  
 Tour Gratuities (\$85).....Included

*\*Costs per person based on double occupancy in USD*

### Optional Individual Supplements

Single Room\*.....\$769

*\*In addition to base tour cost  
 Very limited availability on request basis.  
 GTD can assist in finding roommates;  
 however, this can not be guaranteed*

### Important Notes:

The tour cost is per person based on estimated airfare from Chicago, double occupancy, tariffs and currency valuations as of September 2009, and a minimum of 35 travelers. The tour price will be revisited at the time of final invoicing and will be determined by the size of the group, confirmed airfare, prevailing exchange rates, and any fuel surcharges or tax increases levied since the pricing of this tour. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed price and/or itinerary, they are subject to change due to circumstances beyond our control. Cancellation due to a change in price will be subject to the cancellation conditions in effect at the time of cancellation. *Not all bookings have been made and all space/rates are subject to availability at time of booking.*

**TRAVELER NAME SUBSTITUTIONS:** A traveler name substitution can be made until December 31, 2009; the fee is \$100. Traveler name substitutions January 1, 2010 or after will be at the discretion of the travel providers (Passion Play Committee, airlines, hoteliers, etc.) and subject to applicable fees at the time of request. No changes can be made from June 6, 2010 onward.

## Items Not Included

- European tour manager/guide.
- Fuel surcharges and/or tax increases levied since the pricing of this tour.
- Beverages other than coffee/tea at breakfast.
- Any meal or sightseeing item not listed in the itinerary.
- Items of a personal nature.
- Optional insurance for health, baggage, and

## RESERVATION APPLICATION • APPLY ONLINE AT: WWW.GTD.ORG G#100701 • OR CLIP AND MAIL

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Mr. Mrs. Ms. \_\_\_\_\_

Address (no P.O. boxes please) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Day ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone/Evening ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Roommate \_\_\_\_\_

*Advise if we can assign you a roommate or single supplement. GTD can assist in finding roommates; however, this can not be guaranteed and the supplement may apply.*

### FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS (please check one)

- I/We will take the group flights from Chicago.
- I/We will need assistance with flight arrangements from \_\_\_\_\_ airport to join the group.
- I/We will make all of my own flight arrangements.  
*Please contact GTD for land-only rates.*

### DEPOSIT/TRAVEL INSURANCE (please check one)

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ space(s) for me/us; we choose the following deposit option:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$1800 per person inclusive of travel insurance for the tour.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$1555 per person without travel insurance. I/We decline now, but understand it can be purchased later without the pre-existing waiver.

### Form of Payment

- Check
- Charge my deposit(s) to
- Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_
- Exp \_\_\_\_\_
- Security Code \_\_\_\_\_
- Name as it appears on credit card: \_\_\_\_\_

### Please make checks payable to Group Travel Directors G # 100701

I/We have read and understand the conditions of this brochure. Parent or guardian signature is required for travelers under age 18.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



**PRE-EXISTING medical conditions and other circumstances are covered when insurance is purchased at the time of reservation / deposit. Contact Travel Insured for more info. 800-243-3174**

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