

and the Euro/Dollar rate of exchange used to price the tour and are subject to change.)

TRAVELER NAME SUBSTITUTIONS: A traveler name substitution can be made until December 15, 2009; the fee is \$100. Traveler name substitutions December 16, 2009 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 May 19, 2010 onward.

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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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 \$5500 per person
	** a maximum of \$8250 per person

The cost of this optional GTD Travel Insurance is **\$265** per person. Additional coverage provided as needed; the full cost of your tour must be covered.

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

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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.



Wartburg College Italian Adventure with the Oberammergau Passion Play

Hosted by Rev. Larry Trachte
June 20 – July 3, 2010 14 Days



Photo: Oberammergau-Tourismus. Photographer: Szenen



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Venice



Tuscany

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

SUN 20 JUN Depart USA

Your adventure begins today! Depart Chicago on your flights to Munich. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the complimentary meals and entertainment en route. (Meals in-flight)

MON 21 JUN 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)

TUE 22 JUN 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)

WED 23 JUN 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)

THU 24 JUN 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)

FRI 25 JUN Oberammergau/Innsbruck

Today's drive takes you through quaint Bavarian towns and across the border into Austria. Drive the short distance to nearby Garmisch-Partenkirchen in the shadow of the Zugspitze and enjoy time to get acquainted with the town. Next is Mittenwald, which is known worldwide as a center for violin and instrument making. This afternoon reach Innsbruck, Austria, the city that the Hapsburg Empress Maria Theresa claimed as her own. Take a walking tour through the Old Town of this Tyrolean capital city. (B, D)

SAT 26 JUN Innsbruck/Venice

Travel a scenic alpine journey to Venice. Enjoy far-reaching vistas of valleys and mountains with quaint farms that dot the hillsides. Cross via the Brenner Pass into Italy and drive through the ski town of Cortina in the Dolomite Mountains. Descend to the Adriatic Sea where Venice perches scenically on the coast. Check into your hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

SUN 27 JUN Venice

Venice was founded in 811 A.D., is built on 117 islands, with 150 canals and has over 400 bridges. Enjoy a full-day exploring Venice beginning with a stroll through Piazza San Marco to see St. Mark's Basilica with its fine mosaics, the elegant Doges' Palace, and a view of the legendary Bridge of Sighs. The afternoon and evening are free for exploring at leisure. (B)

MON 28 JUN Venice/Pisa/Montecatini

Leave Venice for Pisa, a Roman naval base until the 5th century. View the Piazza dei Miracoli (Plaza of Miracles) with the beautiful Duomo and its hive-shaped Baptistery. Then see the city's signature: the Leaning Tower of Pisa. This bell tower began leaning soon after construction began in the 12th century and has captured the imagination of visitors ever since. Continue to Montecatini, pleasantly situated in the hills of Tuscany. (B, D)

TUE 29 JUN Montecatini

Travel through the Tuscan countryside to Florence for a morning sightseeing tour with a local guide, including the Accademia to marvel at Michelangelo's magnificent statue of David. Continue to visit the Cathedral (Duomo, 1296) with its dome by Brunelleschi, its bell tower by Giotto, and Baptistery with the bronze "Doors of Paradise" cast by Ghiberti in the middle 1400s. the Piazza della Signoria with the Loggia Lanzi and Palazzo Vecchio. The afternoon is free for independent sightseeing - perhaps a visit to the Uffizi Gallery, shopping, or just strolling in this grand city. Return to Montecatini for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

WED 30 JUN Montecatini/Assisi/Rome

Drive to Siena to visit its 12th century Cathedral. This church is an architectural fantasy of Romanesque and Italian Gothic styles. Both the exterior and interior exude a richness of history and design. Continue to Assisi, city of St. Francis, birds, and silence, to visit the Upper and Lower Basilica of St. Francis, consecrated in 1253. This church houses some of the most important cycles of frescoes in the country. Today's destination is the "Eternal City" of Rome; according to legend it was founded on April 21, 753 B.C. by Romulus and Remus. (B, D)

THU 01 JUL Rome

Begin the day with a tour of Vatican City, including the Vatican museums, which occupy part of the palaces built by the Popes from the 13th century onward. A visit to the Raphael Rooms, the Pinacoteca, and the Sistine Chapel will provide you with a glimpse of some of the world's greatest art treasures. Continue to St. Peter's Square, designed by Bernini (1656-1667), and the Basilica begun by Emperor Constantine (324 A.D.). Michelangelo's Pieta and Dome of the Basilica are evidence to his creative genius. This afternoon experience Imperial Rome during a stroll by the Coliseum and the Forum from which the empire was governed. Enjoy a free evening to dine on your own and perhaps see the city's gorgeous fountains at night. (B)

FRI 02 JUL Rome

Enjoy a daytrip south through the Campanian countryside to visit legendary Pompeii, buried by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in 79 A.D. Walk with a local guide through the well preserved ruins seeing the Forum, Basilica, Baths, houses with unique frescoes, shops and streets. Return to Rome and this evening gather for a farewell dinner of fine Italian fare. (B, D)

SAT 03 JUN

Rome/Return to USA

Items Not Included

Transfer to the Rome airport for flight check-in and return to the U.S. this same day. Arrive home with the enriching experiences of the Passion Play and the delights of Italy. (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 and first class hotels, double occupancy, with private facilities.
Breakfast daily with one lunch and ten 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.

- 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 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 February 15, 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 15, 2009 - \$100 per person administrative fee plus any unrecoverable deposits; December 16, 2009 - January 15, 2010 - \$400 plus any unrecoverable payments to hotels, tour operators or airlines; January 16 - May 18, 2010 - \$1000

TOUR COST SUMMARY

\$5299

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*.....\$779

*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.

plus any unrecoverable payments to hotels, tour operators or airlines; May 19, 2010 or after - No refund.

- For the Passion Play Package the following penalties will apply: Up to December 24, 2009 - \$155; December 25, 2009 - February 2, 2010 - \$186; February 1 - March 23, 2010 - \$223; March 24 - June 23, 2010 - \$595; Day of performance - No refund. (The dollar amounts shown are based upon the category indicated

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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:

\$ _____ \$1820 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: _____



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

Please make checks payable to Group Travel Directors G # 100601

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 _____

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