



The Best of Bavaria and the Famous Passion Play

Munich, Salzburg, Neuschwanstein, Wieskirche
Oberammergau, Garmisch-Partenkirchen and Chiemsee

A TRIPS Lifetime Moments Tour

May 30 ~ June 7, 2020

9 Day/7 Night Tour

Join TRIPS on this semi-hub and spoke tour that includes Salzburg, Munich and Oberammergau. Our tour is specially designed around the 2020 Passion Play and we have secured the top tickets available!

With two nights in the Oberammergau area, you will have more free time to enjoy the atmosphere during this special time in Oberammergau.

In addition to this memorable event, you'll have privately arranged Bavarian experiences throughout your tour.

Spend a full day in Salzburg and dine on delectable Viennese cuisine accompanied by the Sounds of Salzburg! A concert featuring familiar songs from The Sound of Music along with classics written by Salzburg born Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

In Munich, sample the best of German beer and food, dinner at the world famous Hofbrauhaus and have ample free time to stroll the cobblestone streets. As you travel through the Bavarian countryside, marvel at the unique and colorful architecture in charming villages set amongst the splendor of the Bavarian Alps. Tour fairy tale like castles, visit historic churches and see landmark buildings. This specially designed itinerary offers a true once in a lifetime adventure! Travel with TRIPS and don't just see Bavaria and the Passion Play - Experience it!

Itinerary

Day 1 - Your Journey Begins

Today you board your overnight flight to Germany, beginning a trip of a lifetime.

Day 2 - Munich, Germany

On arrival, you are met by your TRIPS representative. Enjoy a brief panoramic city tour of **München**, the capital of Bavaria. See landmark buildings dating to the time of **King Ludwig I** in this charming city that lies on the River Isar. After, transfer to your **5 Star hotel** to unpack and relax with the evening free to enjoy dinner on your own.

Overnight: Munich - 5-star Le Méridien

Day 3 - Neuschwanstein and Wieskirche

After breakfast, depart for **Neuschwanstein Castle** nestled in the Bavarian Alps. Few places on Earth look more like a storybook illustration with its towers, turrets, frescoes and throne hall. **King Ludwig II** commissioned the cliffside castle in 1868 and today it is one of the most visited castles in the world. You'll have lunch on your own today before continuing on to **Wieskirche**, considered a perfect example of Bavarian rococo architecture. The altar houses the famous wooden figure of the **Scourged Saviour**. Tears were said to be seen falling from this statue in 1738, starting a mass pilgrimage to see the figure. The "**Church in the Meadow**" is bursting with color and intricate detail. You'll marvel at the painted ceilings, statues and complex plasterwork, it is truly a masterpiece! Return to Munich later this afternoon. Tonight enjoy a **Welcome to Germany dinner**.

Overnight: Munich - 5-star Le Méridien

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Day 4 - Palace, Gardens and Glockenspeil

This morning after breakfast, tour magnificent **Schleissheim Palace**. This impressive palace is ornately decorated and you'll find great works of art and **impressive Baroque gardens**. The interior, with carved paneling and original furniture are some of the most magnificent of their kind reflecting a French elegance the pervades throughout. Highlights

include the Great Hall, the Victory Hall and the Great Gallery. Return to Munich for a **walking tour of Old Town**. Stroll medieval alleyways, pause for photos and hear stories about Munich's fascinating history. See the famous **Glockenspeil Carillon** featuring 43 bells and 32 life sized figurines! Your walking tour ends with an **included lunch featuring local favorites - sausage, cheese and a beer tasting!** You'll then have free time to explore a bit on your own and do some shopping. Return to your hotel late this afternoon and enjoy dinner on your own in the hotel's restaurant or a local brew at one of Munich's many excellent beer halls!

Overnight: Munich - 5-star Le Méridien

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Day 5 - The Sound of Music and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Today depart for a full day experience in **Salzburg, Austria**. After a walking tour of the storybook Old Town, enjoy a three course **traditional Austrian lunch** featuring Viennese style Schnitzel and crisp apple strudel. Then the show begins - the **Sounds of Salzburg** - live musical performances of Mozart melodies, Salzburg operettas, Folk songs and yes - your favorites from The Sound of Music! After lunch there is time on your own to shop and visit some of the historic sites in this beautiful town. From Mozart's birthplace to filming sites from The Sound of Music, it's all just a short stroll. Be sure to taste the **Original Salzburg Mozartkugeln**, it makes a great gift for those back home! Return to Munich late this afternoon with the remainder of the evening, as well as dinner, at your leisure.

Overnight: Munich - 5-star Le Méridien

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Day 6 - Bavarian Countryside and Oberammergau

Today, travel through the picturesque Bavarian countryside. You'll visit the Palace Lakes Villages near **Kockelsee** and **Walchensee**. With breathtaking scenery and crystal clear blue waters, these hidden jewels are magnificent. Continue on to **Mittenwald** regarded by many as the most beautiful of Bavaria's charming towns. In fact **Goethe** called it "**a picture book come alive**" and it still is! Mittenwald is known as the **Village of a Thousand Violins**. The locally crafted instruments are treasured around the world, and if the weather is sunny and dry, you

might catch the odd sight of laundry lines hung with new violins! Lunch is on your own in **Garmisch-Partenkirchen**. With impressive historic facades and lovingly painted houses, this is where famed **composer Richard Strauss** lived for more than 40 years. Later you will arrive in the **Oberammergau** region, stopping at **Kloster Ettal** for a tour. Founded in 1330, this is the largest monastery in Germany. The original 10-sided church was brilliantly redecorated in 1744, and is one of the foremost examples of Bavarian rococo. Today, **Ettaler liqueurs**, made from a centuries-old recipe, are still distilled at the monastery and are said to have legendary health-giving properties. At the end of a full day, check into your hotel where you stay for the next two nights. Take some time to explore this enchanting area. Dinner tonight is included.

Overnight: Oberammergau Area (B/D)

Day 7 - Oberammergau and The Passion Play

You have the **morning and early afternoon at your leisure**; enjoy a stroll in the village or simply relax in your hotel. The town of Oberammergau has a long tradition of excellence in woodcarving and the streets are **home to dozens of woodcarving shops**. The town is also famous for the **frescoes painted on many homes and buildings**. From fairy tales and religious subjects to traditional Bavarian themes, the result is breathtaking! After lunch on your own, you'll transfer to the locale of the **Oberammergau Passion Play**. In 1633, the village was gripped by war, poverty and the plague. The residents vowed that if God spared them, they would produce a play for all time **depicting the life and death of Jesus**. And so, the first performance of the Passion Play took place in **1634**. Only those born in Oberammergau, married to a local for ten years or resident for 20 years can take part. Nearly half of the towns 5,300 inhabitants participate as actors, musicians, costume makers or backstage staff. Although performed in German, the story is such a familiar one that

translation is not really needed. However, a book is provided to each person with the script in English. **TRIPS offers 1st and 2nd tier seating for the Passion Play, so you can be assured of excellent seating**. The play begins at **2:30pm running until 5:00pm**. You then have a **three hour intermission with dinner included**. The play **resumes at 8pm and concludes at 10:30 pm**. After this once in a lifetime spectacle, you'll return to your hotel.

Overnight: Oberammergau Area (B/D)

Day 8 - Chiemsee and the Hofbrauhaus

Depart for **Chiemsee** this morning, where a short ferry ride takes you to the island of Herreninsel. You'll tour **Herrenchiemsee Castle** built by **King Ludwig II of Bavaria** as a homage to Versailles and King Louis XIV who he adored. It has its own **Hall of Mirrors**, even larger than the original in Versailles. The **State Staircase** is impressive and truly unforgettable. Much like the palace itself, the gardens were also intended to imitate the lovely grounds of Versailles. The garden reflects Ludwig's personality with his penchant for fairy tales and the fantastic! You're likely to see dragons, legendary warriors and other mystical beasts as you stroll the grounds. Enjoy lunch on your own during your visit here. Later this afternoon, return to Munich to check in to your hotel. Tonight enjoy your **farewell dinner** at the world renowned **Hofbrauhaus**. Founded in 1589 by **Duke Wilhelm V** you'll delight in the food, local beer and live entertainment!

Overnight: Munich - 5-star Le Méridien (B/D)

Day 9 - Return to US

Today after breakfast, you will transfer to the airport for your flight home. **Memories of the Best of Bavaria and The Passion Play will surely last a lifetime!** (B)

The Best of Bavaria and the Oberammergau Passion Play

\$5,598.00

per person / double occupancy

Single supplement is an additional \$1,598.00



Trip cancellation/interruption Travel Protection is available and strongly suggested.

Check with your club representative for details.

Inclusions

- Roundtrip airport transfers
- Round trip airfare to Munich (checked baggage fees are not included)
- 5 nights lodging in Munich at 5 Star hotel and 2 nights lodging in the Oberammergau area
- Breakfast daily at your hotel
- Panoramic city tour of Munich on arrival
- Admissions as described in the detailed itinerary including Neuschwanstein Castle, Wieskirche, Schleissheim Palace, Herrenchiemsee Castle, Kloster Ettal and more
- **TRIPS has the top priced tour tickets available for the Passion Play. Includes text translated into English. Dinner is included and served during intermission.**
- Full day in Salzburg, **3 course Austrian lunch included along in addition to the Sounds of Salzburg**
- Walking tour of Old Town Munich **including traditional lunch with beer tasting**
- Drive through Bavarian Countryside stopping at Mittenwald
- **Farewell dinner in Munich at the world famous Hofbrauhaus**
- In addition to the meals described above, 2 additional dinners are included
- TRIPS document wallet and luggage tags
- Portage of 1 full sized suitcase per person
- All airline and hotel taxes
- A valid passport is required to travel

Call today to reserve your space!!!

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Therefore, please make sure that payment is submitted to your club director at least 10 days prior to this date.

Total tour payments are 50% non-refundable on February 13, 2020 and 100% non-refundable as of March 23, 2020.

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