

## K619 ~ EASTERN EUROPE WITH OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY

11 days from Krakow, Czestochowa, Prague, Oberammergau to Munich

### INCLUDED FEATURES:

- \* First class hotels\*, rooms with private facilities
- \* Breakfast daily and 5 dinners
- \* Passion Play tickets in Oberammergau
- \* Airport arrival and departure transfers
- \* Touring by modern air-conditioned motor coach
- \* Professional Tour Director throughout
- \* Luggage handling
- \* Whisper technology enhanced touring
- \* Service charges and hotel taxes

### SPECIAL FEATURES INCLUDED – PASSION PLAY IN OBERAMMERGAU (2-NIGHTS PACKAGE):

- \* Two nights stay, including breakfast in a 3\* hotel or 4\* Guest House
- \* 2 dinners (3-course dinner during the break on the day of the Passion Play)
- \* Shuttle service in Oberammergau and the nearby villages
- \* Admission ticket to the Passion Play in the respective category
- \* Program textbook of the 2020 Passion Play
- \* Local tourist tax

### SIGHTSEEING TOURS INCLUDED:

- \* Krakow
- \* Auschwitz-Birkenau
- \* Czestochowa
- \* Prague
- \* Oberammergau: Passion Play with tickets
- \* Neuschwanstein Castle
- \* Wies Church
- \* Munich

### ITINERARY:

#### Day 1, arrive Krakow, Thursday

Upon arrival to Krakow airport, transfer to your hotel. Remainder of the day is at leisure, to start exploring on own. Tonight, meet your fellow travelers at welcome dinner. (D)

#### Day 2, in Krakow, Friday

After breakfast, guided tour of one of Poland's most important religious cities, Krakow. Start the city tour at the Old Town area, with its Market Square. Visit **St. Mary's Basilica**, to see the famous gothic wooden altarpiece carved by Viet Stoss. Continue to see the other impressive buildings, such as Cloth Hall, The Town Hall Tower, and Burger house. While there, be sure to listen for the 'hajnal', which is famous bugle call to the



four corners of the world from the high tower of St. Mary's Basilica. In the afternoon, visit the **Convent of the Sisters of Mercy**, where St. Faustina lived and died. Evening at leisure. (B)

#### Day 3, excursion to Auschwitz-Birkenau & Wadowice, Saturday

Today, we depart on a full day excursion to the cities of Auschwitz, Wadowice and Kalwaria Zebrzydowska. Start with the morning visit of **Auschwitz-Birkenau**, the notorious concentration camp from World War II and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Proceed to Wadowice, the birth place of Karol Wojtyla, formally known as Pope John Paul II. Visit the **Museum**, located in his family house, before venturing to Kalwaria Zebrzydowska, known as the 'Polish Jerusalem'. Visit the 17th century **Franciscan Monastery**, to view its sanctuary of the Virgin Mary and decorative cloisters. Return to Krakow for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

#### Day 4, to Czestochowa, Sunday

Breakfast at your hotel. Today, journey to Czestochowa, the principal center of the Catholic religion in Poland for the last 600 years. Visit the **Yasna Gora Monastery**, known for the blackened picture of the Virgin Mary, popularly called the "Black Madonna." Enjoy the rest of the day for personal reflection. Dinner at hotel. (B, D)



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## Day 5, Czestochowa – Prague, Monday

After breakfast, journey to Prague, the capital of Czech Republic. Check into your hotel, dinner. **(B, D)**

## Day 6, in Prague, Tuesday

Built on seven hills more than 1000 years ago, Prague today is a wonder to behold, with beautiful architecture, lush green hills, and graceful bridges spanning the Vltava River. A sightseeing tour starts with panoramic drive past famous Wenceslas Square, the Strahov Stadium and Castle Square. Then, on a walking tour, visit the Royal Castle of Hradcany with the **Cathedral of St. Vitus**, the **Old Royal Palace**, **St. George's Basilica** and **Golden Lane**. Cross the Charles Bridge and walk through the old quarter of Prague to view the Jewish Ghetto, Town Hall and the world-famous Astronomical Clock. The rest of the day is free to explore at your own pace. **(B)**

## Day 7, to Markt Am Inn, Altötting and Oberammergau, Wednesday

After breakfast, head to Markt Am Inn, Dioces of Passau, where Pope Benedict XVI was born. Continue on to tiny pilgrimage city of Altötting. Upon arrival, visit the **Chapel of Grace**, one of the most visited religious shrines in Germany, with the sacred icon of the Black Madonna. Conclude the day in Oberammergau. Check into your hotel, before joining your fellow travelers for dinner. **(B, D)**

## Day 8, in Oberammergau, Thursday

Breakfast at your hotel. Attend morning mass (optional), followed by a walking tour of the village. In the afternoon take your seat for the world famous **Passion Play**. The play has a running time of approximately 5 hours. Dinner is served during intermission. Overnight. **(B, D)**

## Day 9, to Neuschwanstein, Weis, Munich, Friday

Morning drive along Alpine road to Fussen, where we visit the most famous castle in Europe "**Neuschwanstein Castle**", built by King Ludwig II. Then drive to Weis to visit the Church built in 1746. The **Weis Kirche** has been described as the most beautiful Rococo Church style in Europe. We continue to Munich for overnight. **(B)**

## Day 10, Munich, Saturday

After breakfast, enjoy a morning city tour of downtown Munich, including views of the Koenigsplatz, old and new Pinakotek, the Isartog (City Gate), the Royal Palace, The Angel of Freedom and Odeonsplatz. The reminder of the day is at leisure. Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight. **(B, D)**



## Day 11, depart Munich, Sunday

After breakfast, you will be transferred to the airport for your departure flight. **(B)**

## HOTELS:

- \* **Krakow:** Mercure Old Town (F)
- \* **Czestochowa:** Mercure Centrum (F)
- \* **Prague:** Angelo by Vienna House Hotel (F)
- \* **Oberammergau Area:** 3\* hotel or 4\* Guest House
- \* **Munich\*\*:** Maritim (F)

TOUR K619	
<b>STARTING DATES:</b>	<b>TERMINATION DATES:</b>
28-May	07-Jun
20-Aug	30-Aug
10-Sep**	20-Sep
<b>PRICES:</b>	
Per person in twin:	\$2,449
Single room supplement:	\$979

## Booking Requirements:

- Oberammergau Passion Play 2020 will solely be provided as part of a whole trip (land arrangements to Central Europe) handled by Kompas;  
- Deposit: \$500 per person non-refundable deposit is required within 7 days from booking.

**Important:** Due to the limited housing possibilities in Oberammergau hotels and B&B's can be also located in surrounding villages. Transport to and from the theater are complimentary. Check in by noon – Check out by 9:00 am.

\* Accommodation in Oberammergau is based on 3\* hotels or 4\* Guest Houses ("Pensions")

\*\*Departures will be accommodated in REGENSBURG instead of Munich. City tour of Munich will be on DAY 9 and Regensburg city tour will be on DAY 10.



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