BERLIN AND THE BEST OF BAVARIA

This exciting trip of a lifetime start in Germany’s lively capital, Berlin, rich in history and sights. We then spend the rest of the trip in Bavaria where we visit stunningly beautiful and historic towns such as Bamberg, Rothenburg, Nuremberg, Landshut, Salzburg and Berchtesgaden. The greatest highlight on this trip is undoubtedly the world famous Passion Play in the pretty village of Oberammergau, an event that takes place only every ten years.

Airports and dates:
Fly to Berlin on June 25th, 2020 (Arrive Berlin June 26th, 2020)
Fly out of Munich on July 5th, 2020

Our bases:
2 nights in Berlin, Germany's capital
3 nights in the delightful medieval town of Nuremberg
2 nights in the Alpine town of Berchtesgaden
1 night in the pretty Oberammergau region
1 night in the picturesque town of Landshut

Highlights:
Oberammergau and the world-famous Passion Play
The historic sights of Berlin including Checkpoint Charlie
The medieval towns of Nuremberg, Bamberg and Rothenburg o.d. Tauber
Nuremberg Party Rally sites and the Nuremberg Trials Museum
Berchtesgaden and it spectacular setting
Hitler's Eagle's Nest and other Third Reich sites
Boat trip on Lake Königssee in Berchtesgaden’s National Park
King Ludwig’s iconic Neuschwanstein Castle
The picture-perfect towns of Salzburg and Landshut
Delicious regional cuisine
A scene from Oberammergau's moving and dramatic Passion Play

**Places and attractions:**

**Berlin** offers numerous landmarks from days of old, such as the sumptuous Charlottenburg Palace, as well as many sights of more recent historical significance: the Brandenburg Gate, remnants of the Berlin Wall, Checkpoint Charlie and the Stasi Museum.

Berlin's Iconic Brandenburg Gate  Infamous Checkpoint Charlie  One of Bamberg's sights

**Bamberg** is a picturesque town with numerous historic sights of interest. The medieval walled town of **Nuremberg** is certainly enchanting but the city offers other sights of significance related to the history of the Third Reich: the Nazi Party Rally Grounds and the Nuremberg Trials Courthouse. **Rothenburg ob der Tauber** is undoubtedly one of Europe's most impressive medieval walled towns. It also houses some fascinating museums and offers an overwhelming array of shopping opportunities.

At the Party Rally Grounds  Nuremberg Trials Courtroom  Nuremberg's charming old town

**Berchtesgaden** lies at the foot of majestic mountains and is known for its lake, Königsee, its salt mine tour and, of course, the world-famous and historical "Eagle's Nest" structure, perched on a mountain summit of over 6,000ft. Nearby,
**Salzburg** is one of Europe’s most beautiful towns. Its baroque architecture, its dominating fortress, its Mozart museums and its setting in the **Sound of Music** all make of Salzburg a memorable place to visit.

The famed “Eagle's Nest” at 6,000 ft  
Lake Königssee: an alpine paradise

**Oberammergau** is not only home to the world-famous **Passion Play** that is offered every ten years. It is also Germany’s premier **woodcarving** town and one of the prettiest villages in Germany, thanks to its **painted house fronts**. Near Oberammergau stands the world-famous **Neuschwanstein Castle** built by **King Ludwig II of Bavaria**.

Raft ride in the salt mine  
Salzburg / Sound of Music  
King Ludwig’s Neuschwanstein

**Landshut** is one of the best-preserved medieval and renaissance towns in Germany. Spanning the Isar River, Landshut is one of those special places that one wants to spend more time in. Sadly, it heralds the last moments of our inspiring and memorable tour.

**Itinerary:**  
**Thursday, June 25th**  
We fly to Berlin
**Friday, June 26th**  
We arrive in Berlin in the morning, where we visit Potsdam and, after checking into our hotel early afternoon, enjoy free time in town. Dinner and overnight Berlin.

**Saturday, June 27th**  
We’ll take a sightseeing tour of Berlin and Charlottenburg Palace. Free time in the city. Dinner and overnight Berlin.

**Sunday, June 28th**  
We travel to Nuremberg, making a stop in the picturesque town of Bamberg en route. Dinner and overnight Nuremberg.

**Monday, June 29th**  
We spend the full day in Nuremberg: old town tour, Courtroom 600 and the Nuremberg Trials Museum, Party Rally Grounds tour. Dinner and overnight Nuremberg.

**Tuesday, June 30th**  
We take a daytrip to Rothenburg o.d. Tauber, one of Europe’s most impressive medieval towns. Here we’ll have plenty of free time for museums and shopping. Medieval dinner in Nuremberg. Overnight Nuremberg.

**Wednesday, July 1st**  
We travel to Berchtesgaden in the Bavarian Alps, making a stop to visit the magnificent town of Salzburg en route. Dinner and overnight Berchtesgaden.

**Thursday, July 2nd**  
In the morning we tour the Eagle’s Nest and other 3rd Reich sites on “Hitler’s mountain”. In the afternoon, we can choose to either take a cruise on Lake Königssee in the Berchtesgaden National Park or an exciting tour of the Salt Mines. Dinner and overnight Berchtesgaden.

**Friday, July 3rd**  
In the morning we transfer to Oberammergau. In the afternoon and evening we attend the long-awaited Passion Play. Dinner and overnight Oberammergau.

**Saturday, July 4th**  
Happy Fourth of July! We visit one of King Ludwig’s Neuschwanstein Castle en route to Landshut. In the afternoon we can enjoy free time in the pretty town of Landshut. Farewell dinner. Overnight Landshut.

**Sunday, July 5th**  
We fly home to the US from Munich Airport and arrive the same day.

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**Inclusions:**
10 days private tour coach transportation starting and ending Munich airport  
10 days tour management  
9 nights in superior tourist class / first class hotels  
9 breakfasts from the buffet (8 breakfasts if departure flight very early)  
9 dinners of regional specialties  
Welcome drink
Guiding throughout
All admission fees and special fares as per program
Good seating for the Passion Play

**Pricing:**
Per person in double occupancy $4899.00
Single room supplement $357.00

*Prices subject to change due to currency exchange rate and airfare*

**Passion Play Package payment schedule***:

- Non-refundable deposit due no later than March 1, 2019 along with the optional insurance. Insurance must be purchased at time of deposit.
- Final payment is due January 4, 2020.

**Cancellation Schedule**

- From time of deposit until January 4, 2020 – Deposit + insurance is non-refundable
- From January 4, 2020 until June 25, 2020 – No refund

**Passion Play Package cancellation policy***:
Up until 6 months before the Passion Play performance, the initial 2 deposits are non-refundable. Upon payment of the 3rd deposit (March 25th, 2020) and 3 months prior to the Passion Play, 50% cancellation fee. Between 3 months prior to and the Passion Play date, 100% cancellation fee of all paid deposits.

*The deposit and cancellation policy are those stipulated by the Passionsspiele Vertriebs GmbH (the Passion Play organizers and official ticket office) for the one-night Oberammergau package that includes the play ticket, 1 nights at a four-star hotel with dinner and breakfast. The deposits are transferred to them.

**Currency:**
The USD prices are the guideline.
Registration Form
Passion Play 2020 WESTconsin Credit Union

June 25 – July 5, 2020

1. Name: _____________________________________________________ D.O.B.____________________________
   (first, middle & last legal names as they appear on passport)
   Passport # ___________________________________________________ Exp. Date________________________

2. Name: _____________________________________________________ D.O.B.____________________________
   (first, middle & last legal names as they appear on passport)
   Passport # ___________________________________________________ Exp. Date________________________

   Please include a photo copy of the inside photo page of each passport with your application. (If applying new or renewing, send at a later date)

Address: ________________________________________ City: ___________________________________________
State: _________________ Zip: ______________ Email: _________________________________

Cell Phone: ______________________________ Home Phone: ______________________________________

Delta SkyMiles Numbers: Name #1 ________________________ Name #2 ________________________

Roommate (not listed above): ____________________________ Special requests: _________________

Any special occasion________________________________________________________
   (For example; a birthday or anniversary while we are traveling.)

Price: $4899.00 per person based on double occupancy. Single supplement: $357.00

Insurance: Insurance is recommended but optional and must be paid with your initial deposit. The insurance becomes non-refundable once paid. Information about this insurance coverage will be provided to all participants. Insurance price is currently $353 per person in a double room and $379 in a single room.

Travel Insurance:
☐ Yes, I wish to purchase optional insurance.  ☐ No, I decline cancellation insurance

Payment: A $300 per person deposit is due by March 1, 2019 to secure a place on our tour. Due to the group nature of our tour, payment must be paid by personal check. Please make checks payable to Higgins Travel and mail to 2514 Golf Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701. Final payment will be due December 1, 2019.

In case of an emergency, please contact:
Name ____________________________ Relationship ____________________________

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