

# **OBERAMMERGAU *PASSION PLAY* 2010**

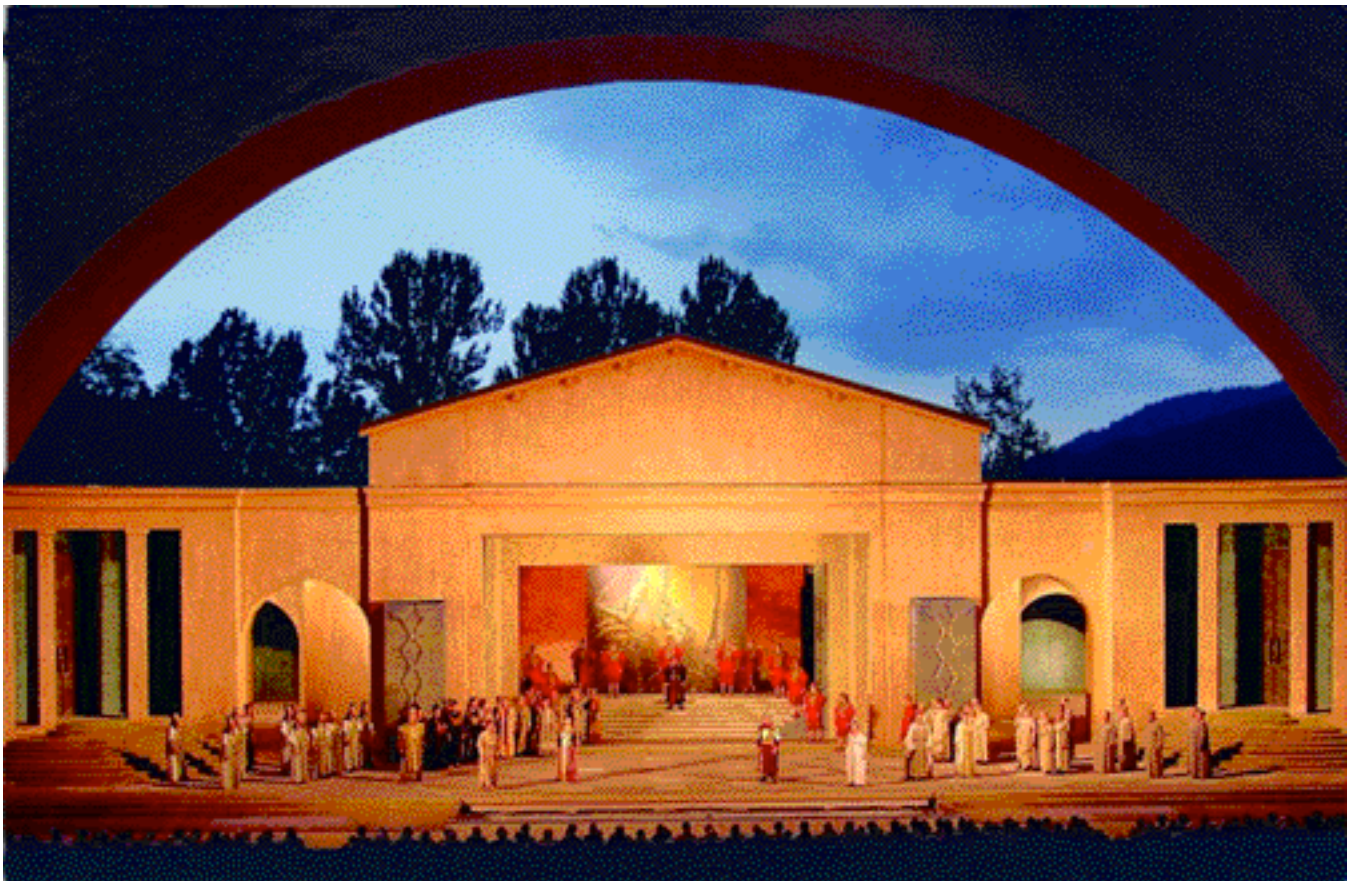
## **A 10 Day Classical Europe Tour**

**... featuring Austria, the Czech Republic and Germany**

**Munich ... Salzburg ... Innsbruck**

**Rothenburg ... Plzen ... Prague**

**... and the memorable *Passion Play* Performance**



**June 14 to 23, 2010**

**Mr. Tim Hetzner, President  
Lutheran Church Charities  
Addison, Illinois**



## THE Promise

It was during the Thirty Years War that the deadly and contagious disease known as the Black Plague broke out. Before it ran its course, it struck down one in every three persons throughout Europe, and left in its wake untold misery, panic and hunger.

But one little village in the south of Germany was spared; Oberammergau. The townspeople of Oberammergau made a vow that if they were spared, they would give a play of the life of Christ every ten years. The fact they were saved is one of the most amazing mysteries in history. Thus, the first *Passion Play* took place in 1634. Originally it was a small performance, played on a meadow, by the villagers and local peasants. Throughout the years, however, Oberammergau has produced several gifted poets who have set the Play to verse as well as lengthened it, until it achieved its present form as an artistic masterwork. To qualify as actors, the performers must be native Oberammergauers, amateurs, and persons of high moral and ethical principles. It is a great honor to be chosen to play the part of a saint and the highest earthly honor to be chosen to play the part of Christ.

For the Oberammergauers, the Play is a labor of love. Their vow is still the most important thing in their lives, and with great pride they are now preparing the presentation for the Oberammergau *Passion Play* of 2010.

***Dear Traveler,***

*Memories are those special moments captured in your heart and treasured for a lifetime.*

*We understand how to make your trip special. And as each itinerary features the Oberammergau Passion Play, your trip will bring new meaning and inspiration to your life.*

*Our philosophy has always been to provide an exciting, relaxing, educational, enjoyable, and rewarding travel experience to all of our tour travelers.*

*In pricing the programs for 2010, we have discovered that costs are rather high. The impact of security fees, increased air taxes, and fuel surcharges adds about 30% more to air fares since the year 2000. Higher costs for hotels, admissions, motor coaches and salaries of tour staff which normally occur over a ten year period, and the poor exchange rate are also significant factors.*

*We recognize that cost may be an issue for some people. But, we also understand the needs and requirements of all of our past travelers. We know they expect quality hotels, the services of an excellent tour manager, and good seats for the Passion Play. Please note that the tour costs are based on land and air rates that are in effect as of August, 2007. Also, passports must be valid through the beginning of 2011. Should you need to renew your passport or apply for a new one, it would be wise to begin the process 12 to 18 months prior to your trip's departure date.*

*If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office. Our Passion Play tours sell out very quickly! So, please don't delay in sending in your deposit and reservation form.*

*We are looking forward to welcoming you.*

***the Staff***  
***Passion Play 2010, Inc.***



## WHAT MAKES THE DIFFERENCE?

**REPUTATION and EXPERIENCE:** We have earned our reputation of integrity and reliability over the past 60 years. We've traveled the world to ensure that you visit only the most enjoyable and meaningful locations.

**TOUR MANAGERS:** Our tour managers are already known to many of you. They are always on hand to meet your every travel need, and they are prepared with tidbits of information that will enhance your trip.

**PACE:** Forget your hurried, worried world. Take every moment to absorb the culture and taste the flavor of our destinations.

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** Each of our hotel selections is chosen for their hospitality of its owners and managers.

**LOCAL GUIDES:** Local guides add a further dimension of familiarity to our destinations. They share their homeland with us in a very personal way. Their knowledge comes from a lifetime of learning and loving their cities.

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Round trip air via scheduled airlines from selected cities
- ◆ The Oberammergau Passion Play Ticket
- ◆ Quality hotels throughout the tour
- ◆ Meals as indicated in the brochure
- ◆ The services of a professional tour manager for the entire tour while in Europe
- ◆ Deluxe Motor Coach
- ◆ Comprehensive sightseeing & applicable admissions
- ◆ Baggage handling throughout the tour for one piece of luggage at all hotels
- ◆ Flight bags, baggage tags, and I.D. badges

### NOT INCLUDED

- ◆ Air taxes and fuel sur charges ... we anticipate this cost to be between \$300 to \$400 per person.
- ◆ Tips to local guides, the coach driver, the tour manager, obtaining passports or visas, meals that are not mentioned in the itinerary, beverages in the evening, and any item of a purely personal nature.

Please read the General Conditions for additional information.



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10 Day Classical Europe  
Oberammergau *Passion Play*

June 14 to 23, 2010

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Monday, June 14, 2010 - Departure: Today we depart Chicago on our trans-Atlantic flight to Munich.

Tuesday, June 15 - Munich / Salzburg: Upon arrival in Munich, we'll be greeted by our professional tour manager and enjoy a brief city tour of Munich, which will include the Marienplatz and the famous glockenspiel on the New Town Hall. We continue our journey to Austria. Our first view of Salzburg will be of the copper domes and belfries in the old city and of the silhouette of the mighty fortress-castle against the backdrop of mountains. There will be free time to stroll in the old city after dinner this evening. Overnight in Salzburg. (D)

Salzburg's storybook skyline of bell towers and spires, the baroque palaces, the medieval castle, and the eclectic street life of sidewalk musicians inspires imagination. Salzburg is a splendid city for walking and seeing the sights. It is also well known for its small tunnels and alleys which are filled with shops and restaurants.

Wednesday, June 16 - Salzburg / *Sound of Music* Tour: The highlights of our morning walking tour will include the Cathedral where Mozart was baptized and the 12th-Century St. Peter's Church. Our afternoon tour follows the trail of the *Sound of Music*. Driving into the Salzkammergut, Austria's lake district, we visit the beautiful lakeside resort of St. Wolfgang, famous for its White Horse Inn. In Mondsee, we'll visit the village church where the wedding scene of the *Sound of Music* was filmed. This evening is at leisure. Overnight in Salzburg. (B)

Thursday, June 17 - Salzburg / Innsbruck: This morning we travel to the glass-making city of Rattenberg - known as the "town of Glass." From here, we continue to Innsbruck, the capital of the Tyrol. Our walking tour will include the historic and architecturally beautiful Maria-Theresienstrasse and the Goldenes Dachl (the Golden Roof of Emperor Maximilian's Balcony). The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure. Overnight in Innsbruck. (B, D)

Oberammergau is known for its painted houses ... this colorful style of *trompe-l'oeil* or *Luftmalerei* can be seen throughout the village. The town has an international reputation not only for the *Passion Play* which has been performed here since 1633, but also for its woodcarvings.

Friday, June 18 - Oberammergau / *Passion Play*: The morning is free for shopping and strolling along the quaint streets of Oberammergau. This afternoon and evening, we'll attend the *Passion Play*. Overnight in

Oberammergau. (B, L, D)

Saturday, June 19 - Oberammergau / Rothenburg ob der Tauber: Our journey this morning takes us north along the *Romantic Road* through the charming villages of Nordlingen and Dinkelsbuehl. Later, we arrive in imperial Rothenburg, a medieval town, complete with walls, turrets and cobble-stone streets. This evening we will join the "town crier" in a walking tour that ends in "Hell," the name of a local pub. Overnight in Rothenburg. (B, D)

Sunday, June 20 - Plzen / Prague: Today we motor to Plzen (Pilsen), known as the mecca of beer brewing in Europe. If possible and time permits, a tour of the brewery will be arranged. On arrival in Prague this afternoon, and following an orientation about life in Prague, we'll check into our hotel. Dinner and overnight in Prague. (B, D)

Prague is the capital of the Czech Republic and the "Jewel of Eastern Europe." Unlike many European cities that suffered significant architectural damage during one or both World Wars, Prague did not. Our days will be devoted to its squares, spires and colorful architectural styles; you can walk through its Old Town, stroll along Karlova Street to the Charles Bridge or visit the Malastrana Quarter, one of the more charming districts of old Prague.

Monday, June 21 - Prague: This morning we begin our tour of Prague as we motor to the heights above the Vltava River to visit Hradcany Castle, seat of Bohemian kings and Holy Roman emperors. We will see St. Vitus Cathedral and the vaulted halls of the Royal Palace before descending on foot along the Golden Lane. Later, our walking tour continues across the Charles Bridge and along Karlova Street to the center of the "Old Town." The afternoon is at leisure. Again, we overnight in Prague. (B)

Tuesday, June 22 - Excursion into the Czech countryside / Prague: Today we will motor to the small mining town of Kutna Hora. Although its glory years are over, its baroque and rococo town houses are peppered with some of the finest Gothic architecture in Bohemia. Our walking tour will take us to the Church of St. James, the Italian Court (built by Wenceslas II), the Hradek Mining Museum, and the Church of St. Barbara, one of the most splendid Gothic churches in Europe. Before returning to Prague, we will visit Sedlec where we will see the creative use of human skeletons in the monks' graveyard. At our special dinner this evening, we will enjoy wonderful Czech flavors in food, drink and music. Overnight in Prague. (B, SD)

Wednesday, June 23 - Prague / European Gateway / Chicago. This morning we begin our return journey home. Arrive Chicago's O'Hare Airport in the afternoon.

(B) Breakfast (L) Lunch  
(D) Dinner (SD) Special Dinner

## GENERAL CONDITIONS

**CANCELLATIONS** per person: All cancellations must be in writing and delivered to Passion Play 2010, Inc. c/o Trans World Travel, Inc. (TWT). A \$200.00 administrative fee will be charged for any cancellation. Also, cancellations after 04/01/08 will also be subject to additional penalties that may be assessed by airlines, hotels, cruise lines, tour operators, attractions, motor coach companies, and the PASSION PLAY COMMITTEE.

### **PLUS the following:**

- 1) Cancellation penalty after 01/01/09, 10% of tour cost per person.
- 2) Cancellation penalty after 09/01/09, 20% of tour cost per person.\*
- 3) Cancellations postmarked within 90 days of departure, penalty 100% of tour cost per person.

\***Additionally**, unless a replacement tour member is found, a cancelling tour member will also be charged for the single supplement fee of one's non-cancelling roommate plus cost of Passion Play package.

## CANCELLATION OF TOUR

TWT reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure for any reason, including insufficient number of participants, in which case a full refund will be given. Operator also has the right to withdraw your membership at any time if your actions impose upon or disturb the other members of the tour. All additional costs to send a tour member home will be borne by the tour member.

## PARTIAL OR COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL AFTER TOUR BEGINS

Once the tour has commenced, no refund will be made for any used and unused portion of the tour.

## INSURANCE

An optional insurance plan is available. We strongly encourage all tour members to purchase and maintain trip cancellation, health and baggage insurance.

**AIR TRANSPORTATION:** Individual seating requests cannot be guaranteed due to Airline seating policies.

## HOTEL CLASSIFICATIONS

We use Government-rated 3 and 4-star hotels that are chosen on the basis of location, cleanliness and services and when possible, are typical of the local area or the best accommodations available in a particular city.

## WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

Excluded is any accommodation not expressly written as being included in the tour package – such as cost of passports, visas where required, portage at airports and/or ship docks, gratuities on all cruise ships, tips to tour manager, motor coach driver, or guide, optional tours, and any other items of a personal nature including beverages with included meals. No responsibility is incurred by tour operator for loss of or damage to baggage or any of the passenger's belongings.

## DEVIATIONS

Deviations from the group itinerary will be quoted separately and require completion of a "Request for Deviation" form. Changes are subject to a \$100. per person fee plus any other travel related fees from airlines, hotels, etc.

## ITINERARY CHANGES

Occasionally, a change in a portion of your tour, accommodations, services, etc. may be necessitated due to: altered transportation schedules/equipment, weather conditions, labor strikes, road construction, or for other unforeseen reasons outside the control of tour operator. Any resultant expenses shall be borne by the passengers.

## RATES

All rates in this brochure are based on applicable tariffs in effect at the time of printing - Sept. 2007. Tour price may be subject to change without notice due to the occurrence of currency fluctuations, the increase in fuel, increase in air tickets, various taxes, or any other increase connected with the tour package. Any cancellation due to any of the above changes is subject to TWT's cancellation policy.

## LEGAL / HEALTH DOCUMENTS

For international travel all U.S. citizens must have a current passport with 9 months validity remaining from your return date. These documents are your responsibility and we urge you to apply for them as soon as possible. For all non-U.S. citizens it is your responsibility to secure ALL necessary forms for travel.

## RESPONSIBILITY

**Trans World Travel, Inc.**

**734 Central Ave.**

**Highland Park, IL 60035 - (847) 432-2400**

TWT is the TOUR OPERATOR for PASSION PLAY 2010, INC.

You (tour member) hereby agree and acknowledge that the responsibility of Trans World Travel, Inc., its subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors, employees and/or representatives, and Passion Play 2010, Inc. are strictly limited, as stated herein. As the tour operator, TWT organizes, promotes, and sells tour programs consisting of certain travel services, including, but not limited to, surface transportation, sightseeing excursions and hotel accommodations which TWT purchases and/or reserves from various third-party vendors or suppliers. All transportation companies, vendors, and/or suppliers providing travel services or accommodations for TWT's tour programs (hereinafter "Suppliers") are independent contractors and are not agents or employees of TWT. To the extent that TWT is involved in the facilitation of the sale of air transportation to You, TWT acts solely as an agent of the air carrier limited to facilitating the air transportation arrangements between you and the respective air carrier. For all other purposes, TWT is not an agent for any Supplier.

You further agree that, to the fullest extent permitted by law, TWT shall not be responsible for any damages of any nature arising out of: (a) the willful or negligent acts, omissions, representations, warranties, and/or breaches of any Supplier or their respective employees or agents, including, without limitation, their failure to deliver or their partial or inadequate delivery of services; (b) any loss of or damage to property, or injury to a person, or death caused by reason of any defect, negligence, or other wrongful act or omission

of, or any failure of performance of any kind by any Supplier; (c) any inconvenience, loss of enjoyment, mental distress or other similar matter; (d) any delayed departure or return arrival, re-routing, double booking, cancellation, missed connection, substitutions of accommodations, terminations of service, or changes in fares and rates; (f) any claim of any nature arising out of or in connection with any Supplier; and (g) any occurrences or conditions beyond TWT's control, including, but not limited to, acts of God, acts of terrorism, acts of governmental authority, defects in vehicles, breakdown in machinery or equipment, labor disputes or strikes, theft, bankruptcy, delay or cancellation of or changes in itinerary or schedules.

All coupons, receipts, and tickets are issued subject to the terms and conditions specified by the Suppliers. TWT reserves the right to vary itineraries and substitute components of tour programs at its sole discretion. All travel documents, as well as compliance with customs regulations, are Your (the tour member) responsibility.

The payment of deposit for a reservation on a tour constitutes consent to all terms herein. These terms cannot be changed or amended except in writing signed by an authorized officer of TWT. TWT does not guarantee the accuracy of information, costs, rates, products, and services, and disclaims all liability for any errors or other inaccuracies relating to the information and description of the services offered by the Suppliers. You agree to abide by any terms and conditions of purchase imposed by any Supplier including, but not limited to, payment of all amounts when due and compliance with the Supplier's rules and restrictions regarding availability and use of products, fares, and services. You understand that Suppliers may require you to sign their liability waiver prior to participating in the service and/or activity they offer. You understand that any violation or refusal to agree to any Supplier's rules and restrictions may result in cancellation, denied access, and or forfeiture of your reservation(s) with said Supplier and/or TWT.

You agree to defend and indemnify TWT from and against any claims, causes of action, demands, damages, fines, or other expenses of any nature including but not limited to reasonable legal and accounting fees, brought by third parties as a result of: (a) your breach of this Agreement; or (b) your violation of any law or right of a third party.

If, despite the limitations set for above, TWT is found liable for any loss or damage which arises out of or in any way connected with any of the occurrences described herein, then TWT liabilities shall in no event exceed, in the aggregate, the greater of: (a) the fees paid to TWT, or (b) One Hundred Dollars and No/100 Cents (\$100.00 USD). The limitation of liability reflects the allocation of risk between the parties. The limitations specified in this section will survive and apply even if any limited remedy specified in these terms is found to have failed of its essential purpose.

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10 Days

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Hosted by  
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Austria / the Czech Republic / Germany

Munich ... Salzburg ... Innsbruck  
Rothenburg ... Plzen ... Prague  
and the Oberammergau *Passion Play* 2010

## PROGRAM COST

(from Chicago)

**\$4398.00** per person, twin occupancy  
plus air tax and fuel charges

**\$799.00** - Single supplement\*

\*Single rooms are strictly limited to the first two requests.

## PAYMENT SCHEDULE\*

\$300.00 per person - due with reservation.

\$500.00 per person - due May 1, 2008

\$800.00 per person - due December 1, 2008

\$900.00 per person - due June 15, 2009

**Final Payment is due by February 1, 2010**

\*There are no exceptions to the above deposit schedule or final payment date. The payment schedule has been carefully planned to follow the required deposit and payment schedules to the hotels, the airlines, the Oberammergau *Passion Play* Committee, and the motor coach companies. If, for any reason, there is a problem with your following this schedule, you must contact our office so that you are not canceled from the program.

All cancellations from the tour must be in writing and are subject to the cancellation fees outlined in the Responsibility Clause within the General Conditions.

All checks should be made payable to:

**Passion Play 2010 Escrow**

and returned to:

Tim Hetzner Tour  
c/o Trans World Travel, Inc.  
734 Central Ave.  
Highland Park, IL. 60035

If you should have any questions, please contact our office for additional information:

Phone: (847) 432-2400

Outside Illinois: (800) 323-8158

**NOTE:** We also need a photocopy of the picture page of your valid passport and it must be received in our office by November 15, 2009. This is a requirement by a number of the different airlines for security reasons.

## **RESERVATION FORM**

Please return to: Tim Hetzner .. c/o Trans World Travel, Inc .. 734 Central Ave .. Highland Park, Il 60035

Enclosed is my (our) reservation for the Oberammergau *Passion Play* 2010 Tour and the required deposit check which indicates my (our) acceptance of the General Conditions and Cancellation Policies stated on the reverse of this form. We strongly suggest that ALL tour participants consider purchasing optional trip cancellation insurance that covers medical conditions and the cancellation policies of the airlines, hotels, *Passion Play* Committee, tour operators, and coach companies.

Please make your check payable to: **Passion Play 2010 Escrow** and return to the above address.

Name (print name as it appears on passport): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate: \_\_\_\_\_ Office phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please book me at the Single Occupancy rate of \$5197.00, if available.

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