



Oberammergau's Passion Play

with
German Highlights
May 22 – June 3, 2022

Highlights:

- ▲ **FRANKFURT** – A welcome dinner at a local restaurant and a farewell dinner
- ▲ **RHINE CRUISE**
- ▲ **COLOGNE** – Visit the cathedral; enjoy a beer at the Cölner Hofbräu Früh
- ▲ **COLOGNE-BERLIN** – By high-speed first-class ICE train
- ▲ **BERLIN** – Guided sightseeing, take pictures of Brandenburg Gate and the Holocaust Memorial, visit Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church
- ▲ **DRESDEN** – Orientation, see the Zwinger Palace Courtyard
- ▲ **BAYREUTH** – Orientation of Wagner's city, of festival fame
- ▲ **NUREMBERG** – Walking tour including the Old Town; a special dinner at Bratwurst Röslein restaurant
- ▲ **ROTHENBURG** – Walking tour of the walled town
- ▲ **MUNICH** – Guided sightseeing, visit Marienplatz
- ▲ **OBERRAMMERGAU** – Passion Play
- ▲ **NEUSCHWANSTEIN** – Guided visit of King Ludwig's castle
- ▲ **LINDAU** – Visit the island on Lake Constance
- ▲ **BIRNAU** – Visit the baroque church
- ▲ **BLACK FOREST** – Woodcarving demonstration and Kaffee und Schwarzwaldkuchen
- ▲ **HEIDELBERG** – Walking tour of the Old Town; ride the funicular and visit the castle

Price and taxes may vary until time of ticketing.

Epic Journeys LLC reserves the right to adjust tour price due to unforeseen circumstances.

Itinerary subject to change due to availability and weather conditions.

Single supplement: \$564 per person.

Travel Dates
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2022
\$4,339
per person
double occupancy + air
single supplement \$564



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Inside visits and special features are shown in UPPERCASE in the tour description.

DAY 1 – Overnight Flight from United States

DAY 2 – ARRIVE IN FRANKFURT, GERMANY

Time to rest or to start exploring the bustling metropolis on the Main River. At 6 pm, meet your Tour Director and traveling companions and leave the hotel for a special welcome dinner at a local restaurant. *(Dinner)*

DAY 3 – FRANKFURT – COLOGNE

A special treat at the very start of your journey through Germany is a romantic RHINE CRUISE along the most scenic section of the Rhine River, with castle-crested hills, terraced vineyards, pretty wine towns, and the Lorelei rock. Disembark and drive to Cologne to visit the awesome gothic CATHEDRAL. Its twin 515-foot towers, five naves, splendid stained-glass windows, and the shrine of the Three Holy Kings are eloquent testimony to the quality of medieval engineering and craftsmanship. Afterwards, enjoy a beer at the Cölner Hofbräu Früh, one of Cologne's famous breweries. *(Breakfast)*

DAY 4 – COLOGNE – BERLIN

Ride the ICE TRAIN to Berlin, capital of reunited Germany, where sightseeing with a Local Guide in the once-divided metropolis includes the elegant Ku'damm, the restored Reichstag, Charlottenburg Palace, a picture stop at monumental Brandenburg Gate and the Holocaust Memorial, and the 210-foot Victory Column in the vast Tiergarten park. Visit the KAISER WILHELM MEMORIAL CHURCH with its bomb-damaged tower, drive along Unter den Linden boulevard, and pass the State Opera House and Checkpoint Charlie. *(Breakfast, Dinner)*

DAY 5 – AT LEISURE IN BERLIN

A full day at leisure gives you a chance to join one of our exciting optional excursions, like to nearby Potsdam. *(Breakfast)*

DAY 6 – BERLIN – DRESDEN

Arrive in Dresden, former capital of Saxony. Badly damaged by Allied bombing in February 1945, the city has since been restored to its baroque splendor. During your orientation, see the Zwinger Palace COURTYARD to admire its impressive architecture; the magnificent baroque Semper Opera, originally built in 1841, once destroyed by fire, then destroyed by bombing, and finally restored in 1985; and the newly rebuilt Frauenkirche. *(Breakfast)*

DAY 7 – DRESDEN – BAYREUTH – NUREMBERG

Stop in Bayreuth for an orientation of this city, of festival fame. Richard Wagner came to Bayreuth in 1871 and was not satisfied with the existing 18th-century theater, the Markgräfliches Opernhaus, so he had a new one built. Today, the Festival Hall is used exclusively for the Bayreuth Festival, and only works by Wagner are performed there. Continue to Nuremberg, the town of children's toys and gingerbread. Admire the impressive medieval ramparts and walk through the pedestrian area of the charming Old Town to St. Sebald Church, painstakingly reconstructed as a monument to peace from the rubble of near-total wartime destruction, and admire the Schöner Brunnen, a 14th-century fountain dedicated to the Holy Roman Empire. It is said that it brings good luck to spin the two brass rings. Then, have dinner at Bratwurst Röslein restaurant to taste the traditional Nürnberger Bratwürste. *(Breakfast, Dinner)*

DAY 8 – NUREMBERG – ROTHENBURG – MUNICH

In medieval Rothenburg, admire its ramparts and towers, cobblestone lanes, and 16th-century houses during your walking tour. Hear how the town survived the Thirty Years' War, and shop for Christmas ornaments, for which this pretty town is famous. Next is the Bavarian capital, Munich. Tonight, you may wish to join an exciting optional dinner outing. *(Breakfast)*

DAY 9 – MUNICH – OBERAMMERGAU

Sightseeing with a Local Guide of Germany's "Secret Capital" features the Olympic Stadium, built for the 1972 Olympics; the 1,000-foot-high Olympic Tower; and Königsplatz, used for Nazi rallies during World War II. Drive along the Ludwigstrasse, and see the Bavarian Arch of Triumph and Field Marshall Hall. Also visit lively MARIENPLATZ with the Old and the New Town Halls and the gothic Frauenkirche. In the late afternoon, drive to the romantic Passion Play town of Oberammergau, where you will stay for the next two nights. *(Breakfast, Dinner)*

DAY 10 – OBERAMMERGAU

Afternoon and evening are dedicated to the world-famous PASSION PLAY. *(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)*

DAY 11 – OBERAMMERGAU – NEUSCHWANSTEIN – LINDAU – BIRNAU – BLACK FOREST

Start today with a visit to King Ludwig's magnificent NEUSCHWANSTEIN CASTLE, which inspired Walt Disney. Follow your Local Guide through this fairytale castle on its craggy outcrop high above a sparkling lake. Then, continue along the panoramic German Alpine Road to the sunny northern shore of Lake Constance, Europe's largest freshwater reservoir. Visit the charming island of Lindau and the baroque CHURCH at Birnau before entering the lush Black Forest for your overnight stay. *(Breakfast, Dinner)*

DAY 12 – BLACK FOREST – HEIDLEBERG – FRANKFURT

This morning, drive deeper into the Black Forest, then stop for a WOODCARVING DEMONSTRATION and Kaffee und Schwarzwaldkuchen (coffee and Black Forest Cake). Arrive in Heidelberg, Germany's oldest university town, of Student Prince fame. Time to stroll around in the Old Town, then ride the FUNICULAR up the hill and visit the red-walled CASTLE where the GREAT VAT, a 58,000-gallon 18th-century wine cask, attracts particular attention.

Return to Frankfurt, where a farewell dinner has been prepared to say auf Wiedersehen! *(Breakfast, Dinner)*

DAY 13 – FRANKFURT

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning. *(Breakfast)*

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Tips to driver, Tour Director and local guides are not included.

