



Great Tastes, Sights &

Landmarks of Europe

SEPTEMBER 7-19, 2020

Including the Passion Play and Munich Oktoberfest

Tuesday, September 8, 2020 • Bamberg, Germany

After arrival at Frankfurt Airport, we drive to **Bamberg**, the old imperial city declared a world cultural heritage by UNESCO in 1993. En route, we stop in **Würzburg, capital of Franconia**, where we enjoy a spectacular view from **Marienberg Fortress**, the former stronghold of the Prince-Bishops of Würzburg. We drive the **Franconian wine route** and stop in the charming, delightful medieval town of **Prichsenstadt** before arrival at the hotel. We have time to sample the famous local Rauchbier (smoked beer) or meander the streets admiring the murals and medieval buildings. **B,D**

Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2020 • Prague, Czech Republic

Our route takes us east today as we drive through the scenic **Fichtel Mountains to Píseň (Pilsen)**. We take a break for lunch at the **Píseň Brewery and Restaurant** and go on an interesting guided brewery tour. After a sample of the special Pilsen Urquell beer, we continue to **Prague** in time to stroll along **Wenceslas Square** and explore the Old Town Square (Staroměstské náměstí). Tonight a special treat awaits—a **Czech folklore show** including dinner with Czech specialties. **B,D**

Thursday, September 10, 2020 • Prague

This morning our local guide joins us on a walking tour through the castle grounds of **Hradčany Castle**, where the 30 Year Religious War started. We visit the **Gothic St. Vitus Cathedral** and stroll across the famous Charles Bridge to reach the Old Town Square and enjoy free time for lunch. Perhaps we have time to look for bargains in Bohemian crystal or garnet jewelry! In the afternoon, we walk through **Joseftown (Josefov)**, the old Jewish quarter and tour one of the oldest Jewish cemeteries from the 11th century. Tonight we find our own “new” favorite restaurant. **B**

Friday, September 11, 2020 • Freistadt, Austria

We drive south today and stop in **České Budějovice** where we learn about the process of making the original “Budweiser” beer at the **České Budějovice Brewery**. Our next stop is in **Český Krumlov**, the “pearl” of the Czech Republic. Next we transfer to the romantic, fortified town of **Freistadt**, the chief town in the lower Mühlviertel in Upper Austria and have free time to shop, or perhaps walk the ramparts to experience the ambience of this delightful medieval town. **B,D**



Saturday, September 12, 2020 • Kremsmünster

We travel through the scenic **Mühlviertel** (Mill Quarter) in Upper Austria and tour the hops farm of the Josef Reiter family. Next, we visit **Klam, a market town**. We tour **Castle Clam**, one of Austria’s best retained fortresses. We travel along the Austrian Romantic Road stopping in **Steyr**, known for its tractors and innovative firearms production. We arrive in **Kremsmünster**, where a delicious Austrian dinner awaits. **B,D**

Sunday, September 13, 2020 • Salzburg

We experience the beauty of the **Salzkammergut**, one of Austria’s favorite vacation areas, as we drive to Gmunden to tour the famous **Gmundener Keramik Factory**. After free time to shop or walk along the lake promenade, we drive to Mondsee for a picture stop at the striking **St Michael’s Basilica** (where Maria married Captain von Trapp in the Sound of Music film). We continue to Schleedorf and stop at a “Käserei” to sample local cheese and learn about cheesemaking. Tonight we attend the “**Sound of Music**” Show at the **Sternbräu Restaurant**. **B,D**



Monday, September 14, 2020 • Salzburg

In the morning we explore **Salzburg**, the town made famous by its native son, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, and as the setting for the Sound of Music film. We stroll through **Old Salzburg**, with picturesque Mirabell Garden to reach the **Getreidegasse**. We walk past Mozart’s birthhouse to visit **St. Peter’s Cemetery** and see the catacombs. We have the remainder of the day to relax and enjoy this beautiful city, trying local pastries and coffee. This evening we have dinner on our own. **B**

Tuesday, September 15, 2020 • Mutters near Innsbruck

We drive to nearby **Berchtesgaden** this morning and experience an excursion to the **Kehlstein Mountain**, site of the tea house built for Adolf Hitler by the Nazi Party commonly known as the “Eagle’s Nest.” We admire the fantastic Alpine panorama and then drive to Schönau and relax during a **cruise on the Königssee**. In the afternoon, we drive through the Alpine countryside following the Autobahn along the river Inn. We arrive at **Hotel Plankenhof in Pill** and **tour the Schnaps Museum**. After learning about the making of herbal medicine, we transfer to our hotel in time for **dinner**. **B,D**

Wednesday, September 16, 2020 • Oberammergau, Germany



We explore the Olympic city of **Innsbruck** this morning and then drive over the **Fernpass to Oberammergau**. En route, we tour **Palace Neuschwanstein**, the fairytale castle built by the eccentric King Ludwig II of Bavaria. After a tour of the castle, we stop at the **Wieskirche**, the beautiful rococo “church in the meadow,” before we arrive at our hotel in **Oberammergau**. **B,D**

Thursday, September 17, 2020 • Oberammergau

We enjoy a relaxed morning in **Oberammergau**, admiring the bright frescoes that adorn many of the homes and businesses, perhaps shopping for a souvenir woodcarving for which the village is famous. We have options to visit nearby attractions. This afternoon we attend **Part I of the Passion Play**, the legacy of a vow made by the Oberammergauers in 1633 to enact the Passion story. Due to the ravages of the Thirty Years War, the plague had taken its toll in lives. But many of the people were spared, and the following year, 1634, the first Passion Play was performed on a stage set up in the cemetery. **After dinner we attend Part II**. **B,L,D**

Friday, September 18, 2020 • Munich

After breakfast, we drive to **Munich** and meet our guide for a panoramic city tour of Bavaria’s fun-loving capital. We visit the grounds of **Nymphenburg Palace**—the birthplace of King Ludwig II—drive along the elegant Maximilian Street, pass by the colorful **Viktualien Market** and see the **Frauenkirche - Munich’s landmark**. After the tour, we proceed to the famed **Oktoberfest**. There is time to sample the great pretzels, the foaming festival beer, the spitroasted chicken, and all the other delicious foods available at this, the “world’s biggest celebration!” We find our seats at a reserved tent and enjoy “Gemütlichkeit!” We return to the hotel in time to pack for our flight home and enjoy a **farewell dinner** together. **B,D**



Saturday, September 19, 2020 • Return

Regretfully, our adventure comes to an end today. We return with memories of fabulous castles, magnificent alpine landscapes, historic, enchanting cities, a great taste for the European beers and Gemütlichkeit, and a wealth of new friends! “Auf Wiederseh’n!” **B**





Your Tour Includes:

- Roundtrip airfare to Frankfurt, Germany and return from Munich **(Flying out of Chicago O'Hare)**
- Land Transportation via private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- Accommodations (double occupancy) in moderate firstclass hotels Meals per itinerary
- Services of Professional tour manager
- Local step-on guides for city tours and major attractions
- Admission to all activities indicated in the itinerary except those listed as optional
- Luggage handling of one piece per person at hotels
- Luggage strap, luggage tags and trip journal
- Customary gratuities for the tour director, driver, local guides and outfitters

Your Tour Does Not Include:

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- Meals not indicated on itinerary
- Beverages, except with breakfast
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- Optional insurance for health, baggage and cancellation.
- Travel Insurance/Travel Protection Plan

Your Tour Price:

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\$6,729.00 per person – single

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