

Pilgrimage 2010

14 day adventure to the heart of
Europe and the amazing Passion Play
in Oberammergau, Germany!

Dates of Travel

- July 19-August 1, 2010
- Our trip will depart MSP on July 19th arriving in Frankfurt, Germany on July 20th.
- The return flight will be out of Frankfurt, Germany on August 1st.
- Itinerary is leisurely for a balance of historical cities, charming villages, lake districts, and stunning alpine vistas!

Trip Itinerary

- Includes:
- 6 cities with 2 overnites at each location.
 - Cities include:
 - Nuremberg, Germany
 - Fieberbrunn, Austria
 - Oberammergau, Germany
 - Swiss Lake District, Switzerland
 - Titisee, Germany
 - Rudesheim, Germany

Our “Map”



Highlights

- 14 day tour of Nuremberg, Munich, Oberammergau, Bavaria, Black Forest, Heidelberg, and Rudesheim in Germany.
- Fierberbrunn, Tyrol, Austrian Alps, Kitzbuhl and Innsburck in Austria
- Vaduz in Liechtenstein
- Lucerne, Swiss Lake District and Schaffhausen in Switzerland!

Day 2: Arrive into Frankfurt (travel day)

- Day 2: Frankfurt/Nuremberg
 - Motor coach through the Main Valley and into the heart of the Franconian Wine Region on the way to Nuremberg. Freshen up, relax and prepare for a Welcome Dinner at the hotel!
 - (Dinner)

Day 3: Nuremberg

- This day is on our own and at your own pace. Hitler staged his propaganda rallies here, and after his fall, Nuremberg was chosen as the site of the famous War Trials.
- Something lighter? Visit the Toy Museum, celebrating Nurembergs tradition of the “City of toys”.
- Optional Rothenburg Circle Tour and Dinner excursion.
- (Breakfast)

Day 4: On our way to Fieberbrunn (travel day)

- Travel to the Bavarian Capital of Munich for a panoramic city tour. Enjoy free time in the “old town” among old city gates and historic buildings.
- For your independent lunch, visit the world’s most famous beer tent, the “Hofbrauhaus” where you can celebrate Oktoberfest year round!!
- We will cross the border into Austria enjoy the beautiful Alpine views!! Arrive by mid afternoon into Fieberbrunn in time for a quick walk before enjoying dinner at the hotel!
- (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 5: Fieberbrunn in the Tyrolean Alps!

- Your day of leisure! If you enjoy walking, hiking or biking, this is your chance!! Mountain paths everywhere!
- Or, relax amongst the majesty of the Alps.
- You may consider joining the optional Salzburg and Berchtesgaden with Dinner excursion.
- (Breakfast)

Day 6: On our way to Oberammergau! (travel day)

- Board the bus as we stop to admire the brightly colored buildings of Kitzbühl.
- Follow the Inn River to Tyrols capital town of Innsbruck. Time to enjoy the city center and grab lunch at one of the outdoor cafes.
- The bus ride will offer of the Seefeld Pass as we travel from Austria to the Bavarian Alps before reaching Oberammergau!

Day 7: We have arrived!

- This day is dedicated to the history of the Passion Play. In 1634, the citizens vowed to perform a Passion Play if their town would be spared from the Black Plague. Performed every 10 years the next opportunity will be 2020!
- Walk through the village admiring the buildings with their ornate paintings, depicting fairy tales and biblical scenes.
- Local wood carvers, local painters, potters, sculptors, goldsmiths and silversmiths.
- Enjoy the Passion Play Theatre experience that takes place between 2 PM and 10 PM. Two sessions.
- (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 8: Swiss Lake District (travel day)

- Travel via the breathtaking Silvretta High Alpine Pass or through the engineering masterpiece of the Arlberg Tunnel (weather permitting).
- Stop at Liechtenstein, an independent state wedged between Austria and Switzerland.
- Souvenirs: purchase a postage stamp at Liechtenstein as well as have your passport stamped right at the Vaduz post office.
- From Vaduz, we will cross the border into Switzerland and travel into the Swiss Lake District.
- Dine at the hotel where we will spend 2 nights amidst the amazing mountains and lakes.
- (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 9: Swiss Lake District

- Start the day with a scenic drive around Lake Lucerne.
- Stop briefly in Altdorf to admire the statue of William Tell. Arrive in the lovely city of Lucerne where you will have a full afternoon to explore its covered bridge and other special treasures!
- While in Lucerne, consider the option Swiss Folklore Lunch and Swiss Mountain excursions. (I'm going looking for the VonTrapp family and Julie Andrews!!!)
- (Breakfast)

Day 10: Venturing to Breitnau/Black Forest (travel day)

- We will make a stop in Einsiedeln with its captivating Abbey.
- Travel north see the powerful Rhine River Falls, Europe's largest near the town of Schaffhausen.
- We arrive back into Germany to visit the renowned Black Forest region.
- Mid afternoon arrival into Breitnau where we will spend the next two nights.
- Indulge in the local cuisine on your own or consider joining the optional Black Forest Hot Rock Dinner.
- (Breakfast)

Day 11: Breitnau/Black Forest

- A day of rest and relaxation, walking, hiking, or whatever your heart desires!
- Drink in the natural beauty of the Black Forest resort town.
- Optional: Freiburg and a Taste of France excursion.
- Whatever your day brings, your hotel will be preparing a wonderful dinner upon your return.
- (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 12: Heidelberg/Rudesheim (travel day)

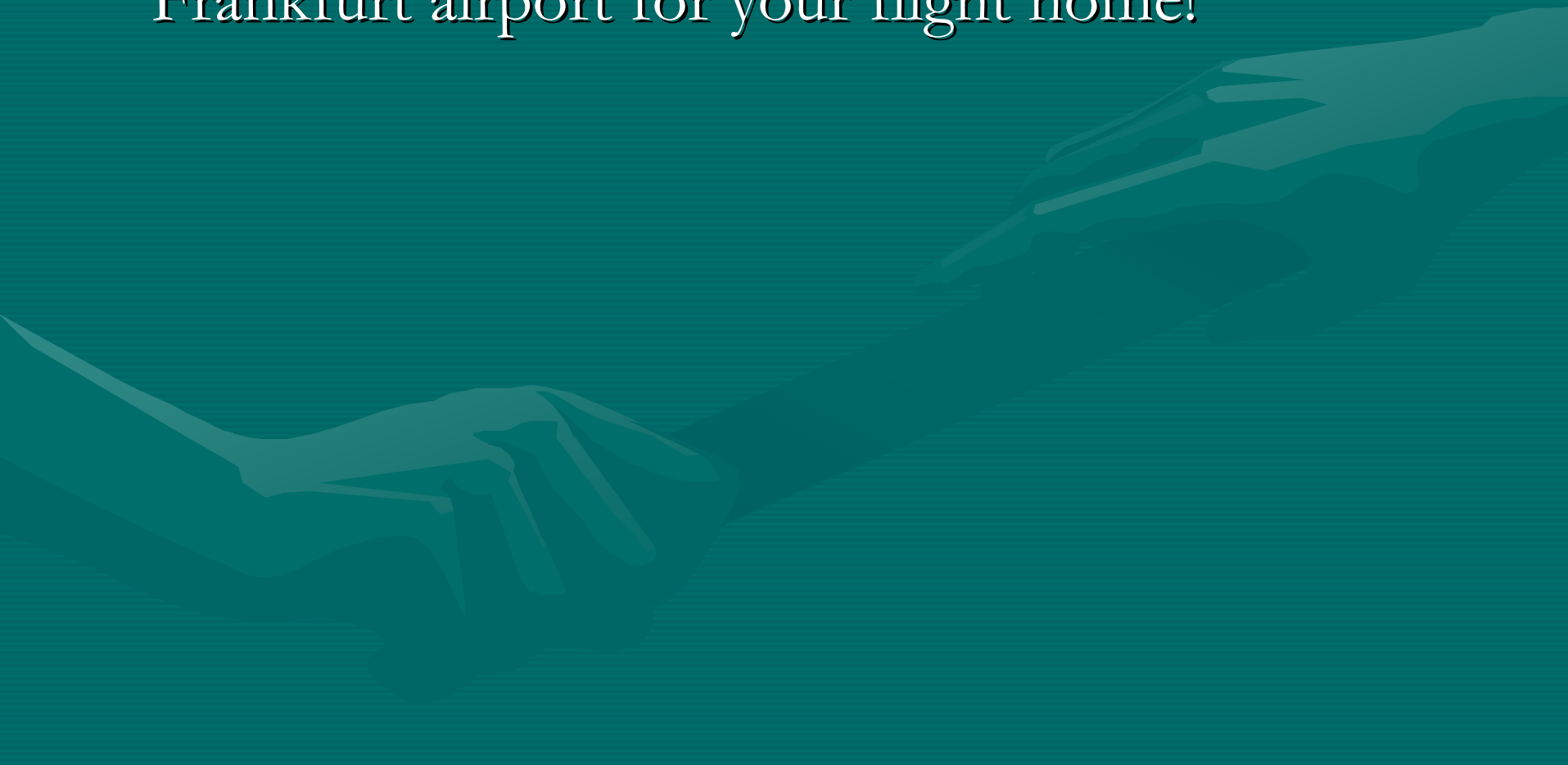
- Travel through the northern part of the Black Forest and reach historic Heidelberg just in time for an independent lunch.
- Ruins of the Red Sandstone Castle loom above the city. Walk through the old town of Heidelberg before heading 60 miles north to the wine town of Rudesheim on the Rhine River.
- (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 13: Rudesheim

- Lies on the right bank of the Rhine River one of the most important water ways of the world.
- Enjoy the town's festive appearance and lifestyle.
- Walk along the promenade of the Rhine River.
- Optional: Rhine Cruise and Cable Car.
- Tonight: Enjoy a festive farewell dinner as we toast the German, Austrian, and Swiss highlights of our amazing journey!
- (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 14: Frankfurt, Back to the USA

- Bid farewell to Europe as you transfer to the Frankfurt airport for your flight home!



Information:

- Includes: 12 breakfasts/8 dinners (gratuities are included)
- Escorted tour by local tour guide, Pastor Dan Anderson and Travels by Design
- First Class hotels in all cities
- Comfortable motor coaches throughout our journey. Never in the Coach more than 2 hours at a time. Typical stop is 1 hr-3hrs.
- Tickets to the Passion Play

The “Big” Step

- Pricing:
- \$3995 per person based on double occupancy.
- Deposit: \$455 pp (plus optional travel insurance of \$309 pp) Deposit of \$455 is non refundable unless you have purchased travel insurance and need to cancel for a medical reason.
- Payment plans can be set up.

Optional/Extras

- Travel insurance: \$309 pp
- Meals not included in the package.
- Gratuity for the Tour Guide and Bus Drive at the end of the tour. (typically 2 euros per person per day for each.)
- Souvenirs
- Flights: not included at this time due to fuel prices, the “unknown” as 2010 rolls around. We hope to see everything go down in price!
- Extended stays are allowed, (please see Jackie for additional costs.)
- Single Supplement: \$790 (No single rooms in Oberammergau only)