

# *Oberammergau* **2022**

A Holiday to Austria and Oberammergau  
including the Passion Play

3-10 August 2022

Led by Revd Dr Tom Woolford



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## The Oberammergau Passion Play and an escorted holiday in Austria

Every ten years the people of Oberammergau fulfil their oath to God made in 1633 by performing a Passion Play. It is an act of faithfulness and we have the privilege of sharing in it.

Our holiday is based in the village of Imst, set amidst magnificent mountains in the heart of the Tyrol. We will travel together as a group, with an itinerary of included coach excursions and walks. Oberammergau is less than two hours' drive away, so ideal for seeing the Passion Play in the middle of our holiday. We will spend a night in Oberammergau and receive a first class ticket for a performance of the Passion Play. The play is an intense emotional experience and this holiday is an opportunity to witness this unique spectacle with like-minded people. Our aim is to encourage a real feeling of sharing as we participate together in this landmark Christian event.

### Tour Information

**The cost of this holiday is £1,720 per person sharing a double or twin room with private facilities.**

*Please note that twin beds in Oberammergau and Austria are likely to be two mattresses within one bed frame.*

**Price includes:** flights from Manchester to Munich, including baggage allowance, seven nights accommodation with breakfasts and dinners, airport transfers, and excursion programme with local guiding. Also included are gratuities to guides, drivers and hotel staff.

The price also includes an overnight stay in Oberammergau village, a Grade 1 Passion Play ticket, McCabe Passion Play guide book and lunch on performance day.

**Not included:** Travel Insurance. Lunches are not included (except in Oberammergau). Most gratuities are included but we ask you to leave something on departure in your room for the chamber staff.

**Deposit payments:** A deposit of £600 per person is payable on booking. The balance becomes due eight weeks prior to departure.

**Travelling alone:** A limited number of single rooms are available at an additional charge of £195. Ask for a room share, and we will either accommodate you with another single traveller looking for someone to share with or, if we are not successful, we will accommodate you in a single room at half the usual cost.

**Travel insurance:** our suggested policy includes COVID cover and is £70 per person aged up to 75 years at the time of booking and £129 per person aged 76-90. Premiums are payable with your deposit. A special feature of this policy is that you do not need to declare medical conditions. We require all travellers to have adequate cover for the trip but you may have annual or another suitable insurance.



### To make a reservation

Please complete the enclosed booking form and send it with a deposit of £600 per person to the group organiser, or direct to the McCabe office. Please make cheques payable to *McCabe Travel Ltd*. To pay by card or bank transfer, indicate CARD PAYMENT or BANK TRANSFER on the booking form and someone from McCabe will contact you.

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## 3-10 August 2022 Tour Itinerary

### Day 1 Wed, Manchester to Munich

We meet at Manchester Airport. Lufthansa flight to Munich departs at 1050 arriving Munich 1350. Three hour drive to the Zum Hirschen Hotel, our base for the week.

### Day 2 Thursday, visit Innsbruck

Today we visit the Inn Valley, visiting the Tyrolean capital of Innsbruck where we will have a guided tour as well as free time to shop and find lunch. In the afternoon, we visit Stams Abbey.

### Day 3 Friday, The Passion Play

0900 departure and a 90-minute drive to Oberammergau. Only an overnight bag will be required as we do not need to check out of our hotel rooms.

On arrival in Oberammergau, check in to your overnight accommodation. The party will be accommodated in the village, walking distance to the theatre, but may be divided between two or three guest houses. A packed lunch is provided and dinner during the interval at allocated restaurants.

Free time before the afternoon and evening performance of the Passion Play.

### Day 4 Saturday, Oberammergau

Morning free to explore the village of Oberammergau and have lunch. We return to Imst in the



afternoon taking a scenic route and including visits en route.

### Day 5 Sunday, the local area

An opportunity to attend the local church. This morning a local guide will take us on a walk and introduce us to the local area. The afternoon is free to explore the village and perhaps take the chair lift up the mountain for spectacular views.

### Day 6 Monday, free day

Free time in the village perhaps to discover some of the twenty historic fountains, visit the Rosengarten gorge or take a journey on the toy train.

Tyrolean evening on the owner's farm.

### Day 7 Tuesday, Pitztal Valley

A day to enjoy the scenic beauty of the Tyrol as we take a drive through the Pitztal valley. Highlights will include a cable car ascent to a mountain lake and group worship and an organ recital in an alpine chapel.

### Day 8 Wed, Return to Manchester

Free time depending on flight times. Departure to Munich airport. Our homeward Lufthansa flight departs at 1610 arriving Manchester at 1715.

*Flights shown are based on airline schedules at the time of going to press. We expect flight schedules to become available twelve months before departure. If better flight times are available, we will advise you of any changes.*

## The Zum Hirschen Hotel in Imst

We will be based for seven nights at the Zum Hirschen Hotel in the Tyrolean village of Imst. The hotel is located in the centre of the village, beside the church, and is the hub of village life with bustling restaurants and a terrace bar.

Facilities include indoor and outdoor swimming pools and you will be invited to a weekly Tyrolean evening on the owner's farm. Rooms are twin-bedded with bath or shower, wc, television and balcony. A McCabe favourite from previous Oberammergau seasons, the Staggl family looks forward to welcoming us in 2022.

Our one week holiday includes an excursion to Innsbruck, a day in the surrounding mountains, a local guided walk, and a Tyrolean evening. On your free day perhaps take the chair lift up the mountain for spectacular views. You will visit Oberammergau on a two day excursion in the middle of your holiday. Travel light with an overnight bag, as you do not need to check out of your Zum Hirschen bedroom.





# More about your holiday

## Visiting Oberammergau

During the season, accommodation in and around Oberammergau is allocated to ticket holders for either one or two nights, and restaurant reservations are pre-assigned. It is not possible to book an extended stay in the village, and for this reason McCabe Travel combines the Passion Play with a holiday among the lakes and mountains of Austria. With very few exceptions, our guests will be accommodated in Oberammergau village itself in hotels and guest houses within walking distance from the theatre. All McCabe guests will receive a Category 1 performance ticket and will be seated together in the theatre. McCabe has also produced a Passion Play Guide Book to enhance your visit and we will have our own staff in the village helping us make the very most from our time there.



## The Passion Play Experience

The Passion Play theatre is large, but intimate in nature. In response to feedback from 2010, the capacity has been reduced to 4,400 seats to allow guests more space. The play is performed in all weather conditions with the audience under cover, viewing the open-air stage and natural mountain back drop (though there is now a retractable stage roof)

The play will be performed five times weekly from May through September. The five hour performance begins at 2.30pm concluding around 10.30pm with a three hour break when dinner is provided in our assigned restaurant. (from mid august times are one hour earlier)

Part One: 2:30pm – 5:00pm

Part Two: 8:00pm – 10:30pm

From a dramatic point of view, the first half is in daylight, enhancing such spectacular scenes as the Palm Sunday procession when over 2,000 villagers are on stage at one time. The second half is quite different as the stage lighting and special effects make a stunning impact. You will feel part of something truly special as the open-air stage is transformed into the Garden of Gethsemane with the disciples huddled around open fires.

## Travel Insurance

Our recommended policy includes COVID cover and is £70 per person aged up to 75 years at the time of booking and £129 per person aged 76-90. Premiums are payable with your deposit. A special feature of this policy is that you do not need to declare medical conditions. You are welcome to shop around or use an annual policy when you can purchase this. We expect all travellers to be fully insured once we are within 12 months of travel and after this point, your insurance will provide cover for cancellation fees. Visit our website for more information [www.mccabe-travel.co.uk/travel-insurance](http://www.mccabe-travel.co.uk/travel-insurance)

## Holiday Price

This brochure is being published in August 2020. We have agreed prices with some of our partners but there is a lot of uncertainty about flight costs, our future trading relationship with Europe and currency exchange rates. The holiday price is based on an exchange rate of £1 = 1.15 Euros. If these factors change significantly, it could affect the price of your holiday. The key areas that would trigger a price change are the value of the Pound; a sharp rise in the cost of oil; inflation in Austria leading to higher charges; any new travel taxes. McCabe will absorb the first 2% of any increase, and in the very unlikely event that the price increases by more than 10%, you have the right to cancel and receive a full and prompt refund. Full booking conditions can be found on our website at [www.mccabe-travel.co.uk/booking-conditions](http://www.mccabe-travel.co.uk/booking-conditions)

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