



9-Day Pilgrimage to



June 12-20, 2020

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Join Father John Likozar, (Companions of the Cross, Associate Pastor at Annunciation of The Lord Parish, Ottawa), Globus Tours and fellow Ottawa Catholics on a memorable, once-in-a-lifetime journey to Catholic Central Europe! Experience the famous Oberammergau Passion Play and many more treasures of Catholic Central Europe.

The Oberammergau Passion Play began in the 17th Century when survivors of the Black Plague vowed that if God saved their village from the plague, they would re-enact the agony and crucifixion of Christ every 10 years. From then on, there were no further deaths from the plague and the villagers have fulfilled their pledge ever since.

The play itself (presented from May - October) is from 2:30 pm to 10:30 pm and includes a 3-hour intermission for dinner. The play portrays the Passion of Christ – from His entry into Jerusalem to the Resurrection. The play includes 2000 actors, singers, musicians and technicians – all of whom are residents of Oberammergau. Reserved seating is in premium first class locations of the theatre.

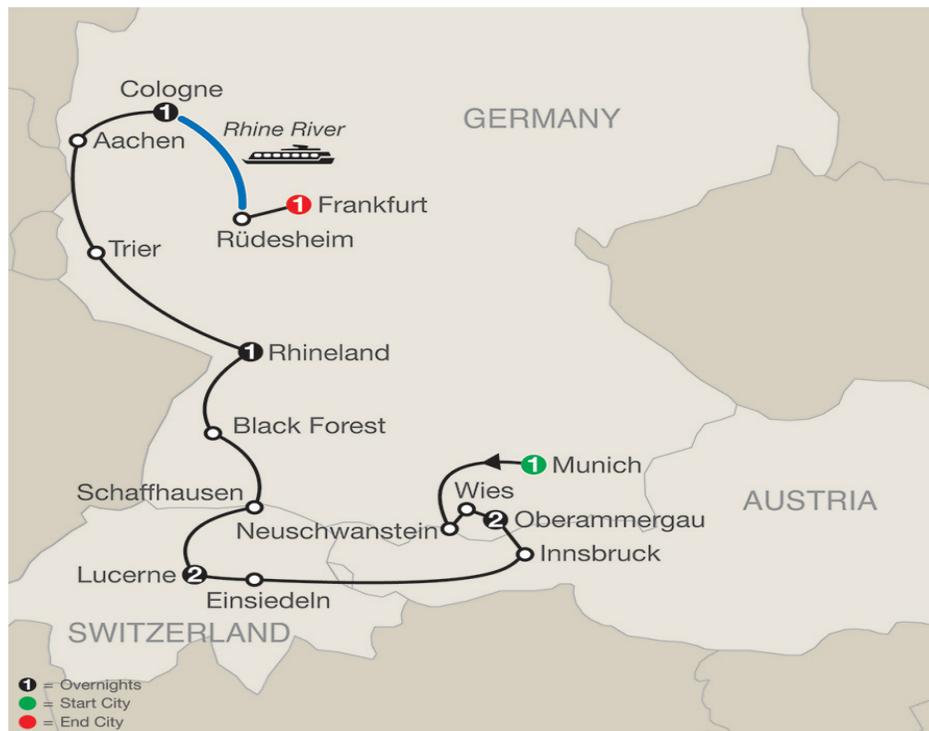
The pilgrimage also includes visits to notable churches and landmarks throughout Germany, Switzerland and Austria, including the magnificent cathedral of Cologne and the breathtaking Rhine Gorge. Our group from Ottawa will have exclusive use of the coach and daily Mass will be available with Fr. Likozar.

The cost per participant is \$4,189 CAD (based on double occupancy) plus airfare. Limited single occupancy rooms are available for an additional \$640 CAD per person. Pre and post-tour hotel and travel arrangements may be made on request.

An initial deposit of \$250 CAD per person is required to secure your space, followed by an additional deposit of \$500 CAD per person due May 31, 2019. Final balance is due by March 18, 2020.

Airfare schedules and rates will be released approx. July 15, 2019.

On this faith-based tour through Central Europe, visit some of Central Europe's most important cathedrals and pilgrimage sites, and witness some of its most striking scenery. Plus, enjoy first-class seats to Oberammergau's Passion Play, performed every 10 years by Oberammergau residents as a thank you for saving the town from the Black Death. With beautiful alpine scenery as the backdrop, it is nothing short of spectacular!



PILGRIMAGE ITINERARY

DAY 1 – Friday, June 12 - ARRIVE IN MUNICH, GERMANY. Welcome to Munich! At 6 pm, meet your Tour Director and travelling companions, then enjoy this evening's welcome dinner at your hotel. (D)

DAY 2 – Saturday, June 13 -MUNICH–NEUSCHWANSTEIN–WIES–OBERAMMERGAU. Your orientation of Germany's "Secret Capital" includes the Olympic Stadium, 1,000-foot-high Television Tower, **MARIENPLATZ** with its old and new Town Halls, and the gothic **FRAUENKIRCHE**. Enjoy a scenic drive to Neuschwanstein for an exciting visit to magnificent **KING LUDWIG'S CASTLE**, which was the inspiration for Walt Disney's Sleeping Beauty castle. Before arriving in Oberammergau, stop for a visit to the beautifully located pilgrimage **CHURCH of Wies**, a Rococo masterpiece. (B, D)

DAY 3 – Sunday, June 14 - OBERGAMMERGAU. Today is dedicated to the **PASSION PLAY**, held every 10 years and performed by the inhabitants of Oberammergau. (B, L, D)

DAY 4 – Monday, June 15 - OBERAMMERGAU–INNSBRUCK, AUSTRIA–VADUZ, PRINCIPALITY OF LIECHTENSTEIN–EINSIEDELN, SWITZERLAND – LUCERNE. A picturesque drive through the Bavarian and Tyrolean Alps brings you to Innsbruck. Enjoy a pleasant walk through its quaint medieval lanes and take pictures of the **GOLDEN ROOF**. Cross the border and enter Switzerland, where you will visit the impressive Benedictine **ABBEY OF OUR LADY** of Einsiedeln, renowned for the famous black Madonna and its unique baroque architecture, on your way to picture-book Lucerne. (B, D)

DAY 5 – Tuesday, June 16 - LUCERNE. On your walking tour, admire Thorwaldsen’s **LION’S MONUMENT**, dedicated to the Swiss Guards who protected the Royal House of France during the French Revolution, and the ornate patrician houses of the walled town, then cross the famous covered **CHAPEL BRIDGE** and visit the **JESUIT CHURCH** with its onion-topped towers, built by the Jesuits in the time Protestantism came up and the reason that Lucerne remained Catholic. Also included is a visit to the **Hofkirche ST. LEODEGAR**, the most important church and a landmark of the city. Afternoon and evening at leisure; you may wish to join exciting optional excursions to Mount Pilatus, and attend a Swiss Folklore show. (B)

DAY 6 – Wednesday, June 17 - LUCERNE–SCHAFFHAUSEN–BLACK FOREST, GERMANY–RHINELAND. A short drive to Schaffhausen to admire the famous **RHINE FALLS**; then, enter Germany, and stop in the Black Forest to enjoy a **WOODCARVING DEMONSTRATION**, before continuing to the Rhineland for your overnight stay.(B, D)

DAY 7 - Thursday, June 18 - RHINELAND–TRIER–AACHEN–COLOGNE. This morning is dedicated to Trier, one of the oldest cities north of the Alps. During your orientation, admire the Porta Nigra, a large Roman city gate, visit the **HIGH CATHEDRAL OF ST. PETER**, and see the unusual early-gothic Dreikönigenhaus. Then, continue to Aachen for a visit to the oldest **CATHEDRAL** in Northern Europe, burial place of Charlemagne, and for 600 years the church of coronation for German kings and queens. Arrive in Cologne for your overnight stay. (B, D)

DAY 8 – Friday, June 19 - COLOGNE–THE RHINE VALLEY–RÜDESHEIM–FRANKFURT. The morning is dedicated to a visit of the magnificent **CATHEDRAL**, sometimes called the most beautiful example of gothic art. Next is a romantic **RHINE CRUISE** along the most scenic part of the Rhine River, followed by a special treat: a **WINE TASTING** in the capital of Riesling wine, Rudesheim. This evening, a farewell dinner has been prepared at your hotel. (B, D)

DAY 9 – Saturday, June 20 - FRANKFURT. Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning. (B)

INCLUDED MEALS are indicated in the itinerary as follows:

B – Breakfast

L – Lunch

D – Dinner

ACCOMODATIONS will be at the following first-class, centrally-located hotels or similar.

Hotel list will be confirmed in 2019.

- **HOLIDAY INN MUNICH CITY CENTRE, Munich**
- **ROMANTIK HOTEL BOELD, Oberammergau**
- **GRAND HOTEL EUROPE, Lucerne**
- **MERCURE WIESBADEN CITY HOTEL, Rhineland**
- **STEIGENBERGER HOTEL KOELN, Cologne**
- **NH FRANKFURT NIEDERRAD, Frankfurt**

Itinerary is subject to change.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- All travel arrangements are made through **Algonquin Travel and Cruise – Gloucester Center** (locally owned and operated since 1988, and provincially licensed by the Travel Industry Council of Ontario, (TICO) # 4345856) and in conjunction with **Globus Tours** (established in 1928, TICO #1893755)
- **Airfare schedules and rates will be announced in July 2019** – Air fare will be from Ottawa (or other gateway on request). Air fare may be customized beyond tour dates.
- Land tour rates include all sightseeing and VIP access to attractions, services of Tour Director and Local Guides, First Class hotels, Meals as indicated, private first class touring motor coach with WiFi and baggage handling. Airport transfers and optional travel insurance on request.
- An Information Session will be held at Annunciation of The Lord Parish, 2414 Ogilvie Road in November, 2018. Exact dates and times to be announced.

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