

The Passion Play Plus Complete Rhine River Cruise July 19-31, 2020

In 1633, the residents of Oberammergau, Bavaria, Germany, vowed that if God spared them from the bubonic plague ravaging the region, they would produce a play thereafter for all time every 10 years depicting the life and death of Jesus. The village was spared, so the villagers kept their part of the vow and the play was first performed in 1634.

The outdoor play is now performed repeatedly every year ending in zero. The production involves over 2,000 performers, musicians and stage technicians, all residents of the beautiful Bavarian village of Oberammergau.

We are excited to conduct a tour to experience this performance in 2020.

Itinerary:

July 19 – Depart on your international flight to Amsterdam. International airfare not included in package pricing. We will have suggested air schedules when pricing becomes available.

July 20 – Arrive in Amsterdam and transfer straight to your river cruise ship the MS Douce France. Settle in and enjoy a tasty welcome dinner on board. (Cruise Meals)

July 21 – Amsterdam – Start your day with a guided panoramic tour of Amsterdam and visit to a diamond merchant. An afternoon tour of Haarlem, Netherlands is also scheduled. (Cruise Meals)

July 22 – EMMERICH-AM-RHEIN – XANTEN – DÜSSELDORF – Our ship will cruise to Emmerich-am-Rhein. This morning, join us on a guided tour of the open-air museum in Arnhem. We'll return on board in Xanten and spend the afternoon cruising to Düsseldorf. Enjoy an evening of entertainment. (Cruise Meals)

July 23 – DÜSSELDORF – COLOGNE – KÖNIGSWINTER – KOBLENZ – We'll depart early this morning for Cologne. Join us on a guided tour of Cologne. Our cruise will then continue along the Rhine to Koblenz. In the evening, enjoy some free time to stroll through the town towards the famous Deutsches Eck. (Cruise Meals)

July 24 – KOBLENZ – MAINZ – We'll cruise up the most beautiful part of the Rhine River all the way to Mainz, reaching it in the afternoon. Join us on a guided tour of Mainz and the Gutenberg Museum. (Cruise Meals)

July 25 – STRASBOURG – BREISACH – We'll arrive in Strasbourg in the afternoon. Join us on a guided tour of the European capital. We'll return on board after our tour and cruise to Breisach. Tonight is our gala dinner and evening. (Cruise Meals)

July 26 – BREISACH – Start your day with a guided tour of Breisach. In the afternoon is a guided tour of Colmar and the Unterlinden Museum. (Cruise Meals)

July 27 – BASEL – SCHAFFHAUSEN – Tour Basel, Switzerland this morning. This afternoon, discover the Rhine Falls, among the most spectacular sites to visit in Switzerland. Enjoy an evening of entertainment. (Cruise Meals)

July 28 – Lucerne, Switzerland – Your cruise ends this morning in Basel, Switzerland. Transfer to Lucerne, Switzerland and enjoy a day of sightseeing. First start with a visit to the Lion Monument and hear the heroic story of the Swiss Guards. Enjoy lunch on your own in one of the quaint cafes. Enjoy a relaxing stroll in the historic section of old Lucerne with its views of Lake Lucerne with the picturesque covered bridge and ancient city walls. Your local guide will teach you the magical history of this special Swiss city. Overnight in Lucerne. (Breakfast, Dinner)

July 29 – Lucerne – Oberammergau – You have a little bit of free time this morning before traveling to Oberammergau, Germany. Sit back and enjoy the beautiful countryside on this journey. Our hotel is located just outside the special village of Oberammergau. (Breakfast)

July 30 – THE PASSION PLAY – This is what you came for. You will have some free time to enjoy the delightful village of Oberammergau with outstanding opportunities for photos and shopping. This afternoon and evening you will enjoy the Passion Play production. The play depicts the story of Christ's Passion, beginning with the entry into Jerusalem and ending with the resurrection and transfiguration, a moving and spectacular experience. The play starts at 2:30 pm and ends at 10:30 pm with a 3-hour dinner break intermission from 4pm-7pm. Dinner is included. You will spend most of a day remembering the greatest events for all of mankind, the great passion of Christ. Overnight in Oberammergau. (Breakfast, Dinner)

July 31 – Today transfer to the Munich airport for your international flight home.

Your Ship: Croisi MS Douce France

Renovated in 2017, the MS Douce France is a beautiful river cruise ship. With just 55 cabins, the experience on board is intimate with excellent service at every turn.

Your Host: Alan McKay

Alan started guiding tours when he was a senior in high school. Since that time, he has traveled with hundreds of groups all over the world, including tours to England, Israel, Egypt, Jordan, Peru, Guatemala, Mexico, China, and Thailand. His degree in history from Utah State University adds richness to the tours that he leads. He and his wife, Ida Mae, live in Ogden, Utah and are the proud parents of four sons. Alan's love in life is to see the world with incredible people and to share his knowledge of travel with all of his groups. Come and become one of his "travel groupies" today.

****Main Deck Cruise Cabins and Tour Package – Double Occupancy – \$4499 per person (includes cruise, touring, taxes)***

****Upper Deck Cabin – additional \$400 per person***

****International airfare not included. Suggested schedule and pricing will be sent out once available later this year.***

****Deposit Required for Reservation – \$600 per person***

****River Cruise Ship Shore Excursions – Included***

****Credit Card Fee – 3.5% (only applies to payments following deposit – pay by check to avoid it)***

****Full payment due 90 days before departure.***

****Cancellation charges: non-refundable after deposit is made***

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Passports are required.

Trip protection available- ask your agent for details.

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