

# Oberammergau

A Cruise and Land Tour from Budapest to Vilshofen  
and The Passion Play  
July 31-August 10, 2020



Highest Rated River Cruise  
Ships in Europe



## AmaWaterways Awards, Honors, & Distinctions

- ◆ Highest Rated Ships Award ◆ Best Europe River Cruise Line ◆ Best Onboard Dining ◆ Best Shore Excursions
- ◆ Best Quality for Europe Rivers Award ◆ River Cruise Line of the Year ◆ Cruise Line of the Year
- ◆ Best River Cruise Line for Active Cruisers & Families ◆ Best Luxury Cabin Design

## Cruise & Tour Rates from \$4,040

Category E - Fixed Window: \$4,040  
Category D - Fixed Window: \$4,250  
Category C - French Balcony: \$4,755  
Category BB - French & Outside Balcony: \$5,113  
Category BA - French & Outside Balcony: \$5,260  
Category AB - French & Outside Balcony: \$5,395

- \*Other Categories are available.
- \*Rates are per person based upon double occupancy.
- \*Cruise tax and fees are included.

## Discount airfare available.

Call your Columbus Travel agent for rates and details.  
\*Airfare will not be available until September 2019

### YOUR HOST & PERSONAL TOUR GUIDE:



My first experience in the travel industry was when I was 6 years old and I sailed to Hawaii with my family. After 2 ½ years in Hawaii, my parents returned to Utah and began taking friends and neighbors to Hawaii. This grew into a full-time business which I joined upon graduation from college in 1975. I have been in the travel business ever since.



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## DANUBE CRUISE ITINERARY

Date	City or Region	Activities, Tours, & Excursions
July 31	Budapest	Embarkation. Board your luxurious river cruise ship. During the evening, be treated to a special Illuminations cruise past the capital's glittering riverfront. (D)
August 1	Budapest	You cannot help but fall in love with Budapest, known as the "Queen of the Danube" with her distinct blend of medieval and modern beauty. Get to know the city with a tour that begins at the vibrant Great Market Hall packed from floor to ceiling with vendors selling all types of items from food to souvenirs. You'll then visit the UNESCO-listed Castle Hill district, where you can admire dramatic vistas from 19th-century Fisherman's Bastion, St. Stephen's Basilica, Heroes Square, Houses of Parliament and the famous Chain Bridge. (B, L, D)
August 2	Bratislava	Cruise to the "Coronation City of Kings," where you can join a walking tour or choose to taste local Slovakian specialties and learn how to prepare stuffed potato ravioli. Alternatively, hike up to Bratislava Castle. Later in the day, set sail for Vienna. (B, L, D)
August 3	Vienna	The "City of Waltzes" offers a treasure trove of gems and you have two ways to discover them. Join a city tour showcasing its regal splendors, including the majestic Opera House and the former Imperial Palace of the Habsburgs before concluding in Vienna's historic city center and then visiting St. Stephen's Cathedral. For a more active exploration, take a guided bike ride along the Danube. During the afternoon, you can enjoy leisure time or pedal your way to Klosterneuburg Monastery on a guided cycling tour. (B, L, D)
August 4	Weissenkirchen Ybbs Grein	After reaching Weissenkirchen in the heart of the Wachau Valley, you'll be treated to several choices of excursions. Discover the best of both Dürnstein and Melk with a walking tour in Dürnstein before visiting the UNESCO-designated Melk Abbey. You can also opt for a walking tour of Weissenkirchen followed by a visit to the abbey. For those who would like a more culinary-focused experience, join a walking tour in Dürnstein and then be treated to a wine tasting hosted by a local vintner as well as a visit to a local boutique where you'll enjoy a tasting of special apricot treats. Prefer more active adventures? Join a guided bike tour to Melk. Later in the day, set sail through the scenic Strudengau Valley to the medieval riverside town of Grein. Be treated to an exclusive visit to the more than 500-year-old Greinburg Castle, looming regally above the village. While here, enjoy a folklore show along with a sparkling wine reception. (B, L, D)
August 5	Linz (for Salzburg)	The ship arrives in Linz where you'll have several choices of excursions. Opt for a full-day excursion to Salzburg where you'll tour the historic center, Mirabell Gardens, Residenz Square and the Old Market. En route to Salzburg, stop at Mondsee, home of the famed Basilica St. Michael and site of the wedding scene in "The Sound of Music." Alternatively, you can join a morning walking tour through the old city center and by the Mozart House; or go on a guided bike tour along the city's famed "Culture Mile" and the Danube. During the afternoon, you have three more options of excursions. Choose a half-day in Salzburg or take a scenic drive through the beautiful Austrian Lake District with a stop in St. Wolfgang. You can also choose to visit the charming mountain town, Český Krumlov, located just over the Czech-Austrian border. (B, L, D)
August 6	Passau to Vilshofen	Discover the 2,000-year-old city of Passau in one of three ways. Enjoy a walking tour and marvel at Gothic and Italian Baroque architecture and St. Stephen's Cathedral. Guests looking for a more active morning can choose between a guided bike tour along the Danube River, or a guided hike up to the Veste Oberhaus Fortress. Later, the ship cruises to Vilshofen, where you will be treated to a festive Oktoberfest celebration with local beer, Bavarian folk music and dancing—an AmaWaterways exclusive. (B, L, D)
August 7	Vilshofen to Munich	Upon arrival this morning in Vilshofen, you'll transfer to Munich. In Munich enjoy a city tour including its famous Glockenspiel. Located in the tower of the town hall, each day at 11 am, midday and 5pm the Munich Glockenspiel recounts a royal wedding, jousting tournament and ritualistic dance - all events which have etched a

		mark on Munich's popular folklore. The show lasts about 15 minutes and concludes with the golden bird up the top emerging and chirping three times. Different tunes are played on the clock's 43 bells. Also included is a visit to the former royal palace of the Wittelsbach monarchs of Bavaria. The Residenz is the largest city palace in Germany and is today open to visitors for its architecture, room decorations, and displays from the former royal collections. (B)
August 8	Munich to Oberammergau	This morning, enjoy a ride through Bavaria's Black Forest to Fussen to visit Neuschwanstein Castle, a beautiful Romanesque castle in the German Alps. It is a steep climb up to the castle so you'll have a horse carriage ride to the castle. Then to the Oberammergau area for the night. (B, D)
August 9	Oberammergau & the Passion Play	The history of the Passion Play dates back nearly 400 years when the plague raged in Europe including Oberammergau. In 1633 the Oberammergau villagers promised to perform the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ every tenth year if no more deaths occurred. The villager's prayers were answered and in 1634 the first Passion Play took place. The promise has been kept until today. This will be the 42nd Passion Play. The text of the play is a composite of four manuscripts dating from the 15th and 16th centuries. It is performed in a covered open-air amphitheater. The full performance of the Oberammergau Passion play is included. The play starts at 2:00 PM, so you'll have time to enjoy the morning at leisure. Dinner will be provided at a local restaurant during the intermission. (B, D)
August 10	Transfer to Munich	Bid Farewell and prepare for your homeward flight. (B)
		**Extra night in Munich may be required depending on flight schedule.

**Cruise Tours & Excursions are Included.** On our cruise you will enjoy an extensive lineup of included tours. In many cases, you will have a choice of excursions, such as standard tours, bike tours, hikes and Limited-Edition tours. A large variety of activities are included so that you can choose how you want to explore. No matter your preference, your days will be full of discovery and wonder. Tours and excursions are subject to change.

**\*Hotels in Oberammergau** are assigned by the Passion Play organization which controls tickets and rooms for the play. We are subject to what the Passion Play assigns which will not be known until about 60 days prior to arrival. Hotels will most likely be a 3-star German family style inn.

### **The AmaSerena**

The AmaSerena is one of AmaWaterways' regal river ships accommodating both guests who wish to socialize with kindred cruisers and those seeking private rejuvenation. Twin-balcony staterooms maximize scenic views with amenities that include Entertainment-On-Demand, unlimited Wi-Fi, movies, music and more. Vivid brush strokes on the duvets give local color new life, while sophisticated white marbled bathrooms offer a clean canvas. When it's time to step out, guests can choose a quiet respite in the inviting library or head to the Main Lounge for cocktails and conversation. Both venues are designed with fabrics in rich reds that call to mind full-bodied Merlots. For a bit of whimsy, the Sun Deck boasts a giant chess set, or you can take a dip in the refreshing pool.



#### **What is Included:**

- Tours and excursions
- Select transfers
- Award-Winning Dining with regionally inspired cuisine made with locally sourced ingredients
- Welcome Cocktail & Dinner and Captain's Cocktail & Gala Dinner
- Unlimited fine wine, beer, and soft drinks with lunch and dinner
- Internet, movies, music library, and TV stations in your stateroom
- Hosted and escorted by Mark Faldmo

#### **What is Not Included:**

- Airfare
- Gratuities
- Travel protection
- Optional excursions
- Gift Shop purchases
- Items of a personal nature
- All other meals or beverages except those mentioned above
- Any other item not specifically mentioned in the inclusions list above

## Terms & Conditions

**Initial Cruise Deposit:** \$550 per person

**Second Cruise Deposit:** \$1200 per person due on December 13, 2019

**Final payment due:** March 13, 2020

**Cancellation & Refund:** In case of cancellation the following cancellation amounts apply. All cancellations must be in writing & received by Columbus. All payments are non-refundable once paid.

<u>Cruise/Land</u>		<u>Airfare</u>
Dates	Amount	Amount
Deposits	Non-refundable	Non-refundable once purchased
Final Payment	Non-refundable	

**\*All payments and airfare are non-refundable once paid.**

**International Airline Tickets:** Your Columbus Travel agent is pleased to assist you with the purchase of your international airline ticket in conjunction with this cruise. If you prefer to arrange your own international air transportation, please contact Columbus Travel prior to making arrangements for important information regarding arrival and departure dates and times. Please forward your complete air itinerary to Columbus Travel.

**\*\*Depending on flight schedules, an extra night in Munich may be required.**

**TRAVEL PROTECTION:** Columbus Travel recommends that you purchase a Travelex travel protection plan to help protect you and your trip investment. Consider travel protection for:

- Trip Cancellation
- Trip Interruption
- Emergency Medical Expenses
- Baggage Delay and more.
- Emergency Evacuation/Repatriation of Remains
- Trip Delay
- Baggage & Personal Effects

For a summary of plan details on benefits, coverages, limitations and exclusions, please refer to the applicable Description of Coverage. Travel Insurance is underwritten by Berkshire Hathaway Specialty Insurance Company, Omaha NE; NAIC #222276.

### INTERNATIONAL TRIPS:

For all tours and cruises that include international air, a valid passport is required. Columbus Travel must receive a copy of your passport information page before booking your air and/or before final payment date if Columbus Travel is not booking your air. Airlines have strict policies concerning name changes/corrections after tickets have been issued. If a name change/correction is required on your ticket, you will be required to cover the cost of the fees.

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Travel Services, Inc., d.b.a. Columbus Travel, ("Agent") gives notice that all services, reservations and arrangements for transportation, or cruise, or conveyance, or hotel or lodging, or meals or sightseeing services or any other activities made by Agent, are made by Agent as dual agent for the traveler, (Passenger) and for the air carriers, hotels, sightseeing companies, transportation companies, cruise lines and other companies (Suppliers) providing services for this program. As such, Agent shall not be liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may be occasioned either by reasons of defect in any vehicle or mode of transportation, through the acts, defaults, financial difficulty or bankruptcy or omissions of the Supplier or person engaged in carrying out the arrangements of the trip or otherwise in connection therewith. Agent is not liable for delays and/or cancellations of services and resultant expenses or loss caused by acts of God, sickness, quarantine, weather, strikes, war, terrorism, social or labor unrest, local laws, mechanical or construction difficulties, abnormal conditions or other situations, actions, omissions or conditions outside Agent's control. Agent is not liable for loss of, or damage to baggage or personal possessions. Agent and Supplier reserve the right to alter or cancel the itinerary or substitute services as conditions require or for the safety of Passenger.

As a matter of privacy, we do not disclose addresses or other personal information about other travelers in the group. We do all in our power to assure seats for passengers traveling together on aircraft are assigned together, but because airline seating assignments for groups are controlled by the air carrier, we cannot guarantee specific seat assignments. Passengers must be in good health and able to care for their own needs. Please contact us regarding any health concerns you may have or if you need to bring any specialized medical equipment such as wheelchairs, oxygen tanks, C-Pap, etc. so that we can determine if transportation services, hotels, and other suppliers can accommodate your equipment. If it is determined that your equipment can be accommodated, you or your traveling companion are fully responsible for it and must be able to lift, fold, push, and handle the equipment. Tour directors on the trip cannot be of assistance with such needs. We reserve the right to remove passengers from the group at their own expense if the care of or actions of a passenger become detrimental to the functioning of the tour. Payment of deposit(s) as outlined in this agreement shall be deemed consent to be bound by the terms and conditions of this agreement.

Airline schedule changes, mechanical or weather delays may affect flight times. Your connecting flights and/or transportation to and from the tour start and end point, whether issued by Columbus Travel or on your own arrangement, may be affected. Please allow extra connection time. Columbus Travel is not responsible for misconnections, delays, and/or cancellations. **Once your first flight has commenced the air carrier controls your reservation. Any flight delays, misconnections, or cancellations must be re-scheduled by the responsible airline.**

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