

# Oberammergau

A Cruise and Land Tour from Budapest to Vilshofen  
and The Passion Play  
June 24-July 6, 2022



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 & Land Tour from \$4,981 Per Person

### Cruise Rates:

Category E - Fixed Window: \$2,982  
Category D - Fixed Window: \$3,189  
Category C - French Balcony: \$3,466  
Category BB - French & Outside Balcony: \$4,134  
Category BA - French & Outside Balcony: \$4,301  
Category AB - French & Outside Balcony: \$4,440  
Category AA - French & Outside Balcony: \$4,579  
Suite - French & Outside Balcony: \$6,626

\*Rates are per person based upon double occupancy.

\*Rates do not include port taxes of \$189 or gratuities of \$157 per person.

**Land Tour with Passion Play:** \$1,999.00 per person



### YOUR HOST & PERSONAL TOUR GUIDE:

My first experience in travel 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. I have traveled the world over and escorted hundreds of groups all over the world. I look forward to hosting you on this beautiful cruise and interesting tour.



## DANUBE CRUISE ITINERARY

Date	City or Region	Activities, Tours, & Excursions
June 24	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)
June 25	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)
June 26	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)
June 27	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)
June 28	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)
June 29	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)
June 30	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)
July 1	Vilshofen to Munich	<p>After disembarking the AmaSonata, we'll travel to Dachau, the first concentration camp established by Hitler and the model for other concentration camps that followed. As shocking and sobering as the camp is, it is well worth a visit. It helps visitors come to grips with one of the world's darkest chapters and is a sobering example of why such tragedy must never be tolerated again. Among the memorials at Dachau, there is one with the slogan "Never Again" written in five languages.</p> <p>We'll then travel to Munich, the third largest city in Germany and capital of Bavaria. Bavaria is the Germany most people dream of and the center of some of Germany's most interesting history with castles, Alps, and small villages.</p> <p>During your three-nights in Munich, you'll have time to sample Bavaria's traditional food including freshly baked pretzels and giant roast pork knuckle. For a sit-down meal, head to one of the beer halls, beer gardens, or to one of the food markets. They have everything from soups to homemade falafel.</p>
July 2	Munich	<p>Today you'll travel through the spectacular scenery of the Königsee River Valley and the Bavarian Alps to <i>Königssee</i> (the King's Lake). Later, you'll go to the town of Berchtesgaden, a drop-dead-gorgeous corner of Bavaria, with its many colorful Bavarian style buildings. According to local lore, angels given the task of distributing the earth's wonders were so startled by God's order to do it immediately that they dropped them all there by accident. We will stay in Berchtesgaden for lunch (on your own) before taking a shuttle bus up to Eagle's Nest, which was Hitler's cliff-top Alpine chalet. The chalet was a gift from the Nazi party for Hitler's 50th birthday. You'll tour the chalet with a knowledgeable guide and see how it was lavishly decorated, including a fireplace that was a gift from Italian dictator Mussolini. Perched almost 3,000 feet above the surrounding valley floor, on a clear day you can see up to an unbelievable <b>120 miles away!</b></p>
July 3	Munich	<p>This morning you'll have a tour of Munich including its famous Glockenspiel. Located in the tower of the town hall, each day at 11AM, midday and 5PM the Munich Glockenspiel recounts a royal wedding, a jousting tournament, and a ritualistic dance. You will also see the beautiful English Garden, which is larger than Central Park, Honigplatz (King's square), and the triumphal arch <i>Siegestor</i>, a bronze sculpture with four lions overlooking the city.</p> <p>The afternoon is free for exploring and shopping. This evening you'll be treated to a traditional Bavarian dinner in a local Bierhaus.</p>
July 4	To Füssen, Neuschwanstein Castle and overnight in Oberammergau	<p>Today, drive through Bavaria, Germany's fairytale state. It is a land of legendary castles, small villages, and towering Alpine mountains. First to Füssen, which is surrounded by fairy tale castles including King Ludwig II's famous Neuschwanstein castle. Neuschwanstein castle has inspired modern fairy tales such as Sleeping Beauty's castle in Disneyland. Inside the castle you'll see Minstrels' Hall and the Throne Room with its giant crown-shaped chandelier.</p> <p>Then to Oberammergau, the charming little town with its gabled houses in the lap of the imposing Bavarian Alps. This shy, unassuming town is a hidden treasure trove of famous frescoes and is a place where Bavarian folk arts and culture remain prominent. While the rest of the world paints its buildings, in Oberammergau they create masterpieces out of them. An example includes the unbelievably beautiful</p>

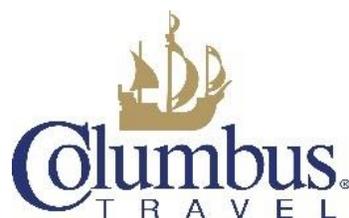
		façade painting <i>Lüftmalerei</i> with Biblical scenes, peasant paintings, classic representations, and even fairy tales. You'll enjoy everything this town has to offer during your overnight stay in Oberammergau.
July 5	Oberammergau	The history of the Passion Play dates back nearly 400 years when the plague raged across 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, as 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 in your tour. You will have a leisurely morning before the start of the play at 2:00 PM.  Dinner will be provided at a local restaurant during the play's intermission. (B, D)
July 6	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 AmaSonata**

Introduced in 2014, the award-winning AmaSonata sails the great rivers of Europe. Most accommodations have twin balconies, so you can enjoy the ever-changing scenery however you wish, along with amenities like Entertainment-On-Demand, high-speed Internet access and English-language TV stations. A soft color palette in each stateroom calms the mind for relaxation, but when you're ready to get active, head to the fitness center or up to the Sun Deck to the heated pool. Crisp white tablecloths and napkins grace the tables in the subdued Main Dining Room, while The Chef's Table specialty restaurant highlights its 5-star multi-course cuisine with gold-hued tones and a twinkling overhead centerpiece. With a stunning Main Lounge, tranquil library, sun-deck walking track, massage and hair salon, and gift shop, you'll never find a dull moment while sailing on board.



**For Reservations: Call 800-373-3328**

### **Included in the AmaWaterways Cruise:**

- Selected tours and excursions
- Transfers between airport and ship
- 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
- Port taxes
- 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

## **RESERVATION INFORMATION**

### **Payment Information**

NOTE: deposits below cover both cruise and land tour deposits.

First deposit due at time of reservation: \$1,500 per person

Second deposit due on November 12, 2021: \$2,000 per person

**Final Payment Date:** February 16, 2022

### **Cancellation Information**

All payments are non-refundable once made.

#### **Applying your AmaWaterways Cruise Certificate to this cruise:**

- Payment: Your AmaWaterways Cruise Certificate will be applied as payment for the cruise.
- Cancellation and Refund: Once applied to this cruise, the AmaWaterways Cruise Certificate is not refundable, and may not be applied to another AmaWaterways cruise; however, you may transfer it to another person to sail on this cruise.

**DISCOUNT AIRFARE:** Your Columbus Travel agent will be 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. Airfare will be available in July 2021.

**TRAVEL PROTECTION:** For your convenience *Columbus Travel*<sup>®</sup> offers travel protection plans through Travelex Insurance Services to help protect you and your trip investment against the unexpected. For more information on the available plans visit <https://www.travelexinsurance.com/index.aspx?location=44-0036&go=bp> or contact Travelex Insurance 800-228-9792 and reference location number 44-0036.

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#### **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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