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PASSION PLAY 2022
OBERAMMERGAU AND RHINE RIVER CRUISE
JUNE 22 — JULY 1, 2022
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Every ten years ending in zero, history takes place in the small town of Oberammergau, Germany. Surrounded by the majestic peaks of the Bavarian Alps, people from all over the world gather in the charming village for one purpose: to witness the town's residents fulfill a promise made to God almost four centuries ago.

On a stage set against a backdrop of the breathtaking vistas, the villagers perform one of the most unique Passion Plays in the world by incorporating the Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ with their own tragic story. Discover for yourself how this memorable dramatic experience inspires passion, a renewed faith and hope in all who encounter the production of the Oberammergau Passion Play.



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MUNICH — OBERAMMERGAU — BASEL — AMSTERDAM

The small village of Oberammergau is one of the most scenic destinations in the Ammergau area of the Bavarian Alps. Located approximately ninety minutes from Munich, Oberammergau is easy to get to but a world away from the bustle of big-city-life. With slightly over 5,200 inhabitants the town is dedicated to its history and tradition, and while Passion Plays are performed throughout several other Christian parts of the world, Oberammergau is unique for its *Thanksgiving to God*. Every ten years the humble little town transforms itself to accept over a half-million visitors from all over the world, just as the performers endeavor to transform the lives of their audience by inspiring hope, love, and faith.

Travel back in history to 1633 when, after 30 years of war, poverty and disease, the bubonic plague ravaged the area that is part of the Garmisch-Partenkirchen District and brought death to thousands. In small villages like Oberammergau, the plague decimated the population as it wreaked panic, havoc and terror, killing over a third of the tiny town's population and ultimately affected the lives of each and every person who lived there. This devastation inspired the people of Oberammergau to make a vow, and then a covenant with God: the town pledged to perform a "Play of the Suffering, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ" every ten years ending in a zero if God would

protect the remaining townspeople from getting the plague and spare the lives of those who were suffering. The first play was held during Pentecost in 1634; legend has it that after the promise was fulfilled no other cases were diagnosed and those residents afflicted with the plague recovered. By the middle of the 18th century, people came to Oberammergau from all over Germany and Europe to witness the dedication and unique continuity of the townspeople. The tradition has continued for almost 400 years with the only exception in 1940 due to World War II. Most recently, when the Covid19 pandemic affected the entire world, the 2020 performances were delayed, and the 42nd Oberammergau Passion Play will now take place from May 14 to October 2, 2022.

Mix together the passion of the people set against the dramatic setting of some of Germany's highest peaks and it creates an atmosphere unlike any event in the world. From your assigned seat watch the production take place on the open-air stage of the Passion Play Theatre. The five-hour performance is broken down into twelve different acts, with a break for dinner between scenes six and seven. The story portrays the final days of Jesus of Nazareth, from His arrival in Jerusalem on a donkey to His death on the cross and His miraculous resurrection, all while weaving in the tragic tale of how the plague was brought to

Oberammergau throughout the acts. A hundred-person choir and a fifty-five instrumentalist orchestra accompany the dedicated ensemble to create a once-in-a-lifetime experience. The Passion Play is performed in the German Language however textbooks are provided in English to follow along easily.

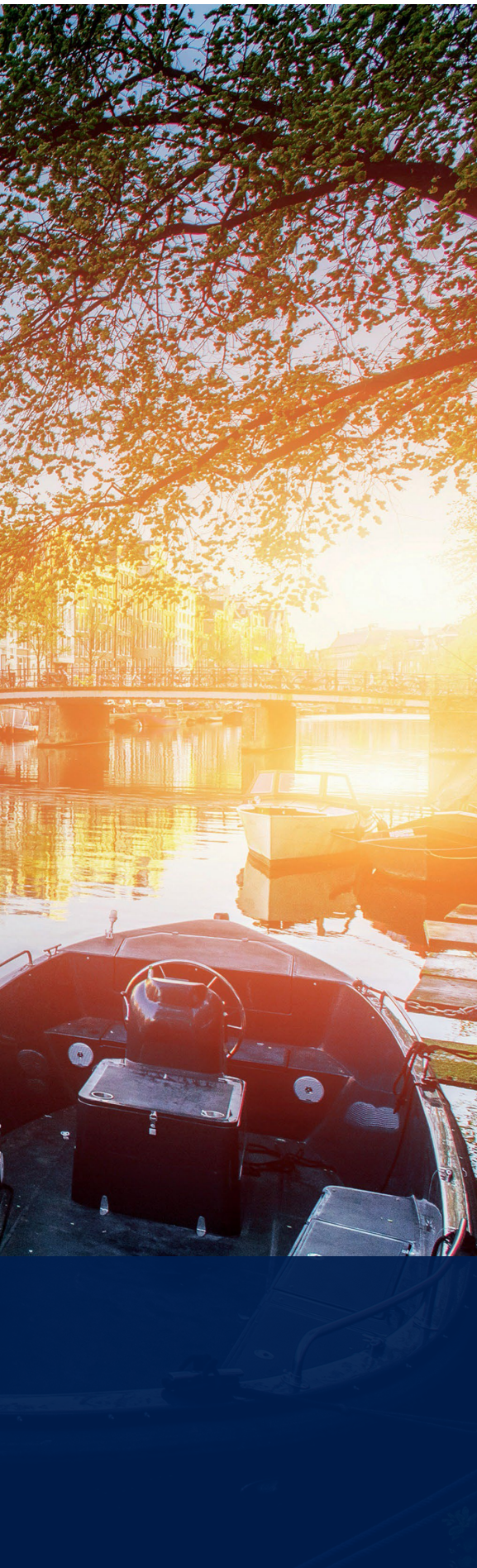
Over the past four centuries, the people of Oberammergau have remained true to that first generation's sacred promise, maintaining the age-old tradition that permits only the residents of Oberammergau born in the village, or those who have lived there for a minimum of 20 years to take part in the play. Nearly half of the town's population will participate, whether it is in the performance, set design or some other role. Throughout the years, some contemporary elements have been added, however the people who participate in the Passion Play, known as *Passionsspiele*, attempt to follow a strict guide to keep the original promise as authentic as possible. It takes two years to prepare the town for the influx of visitors from all over the world, and for the actors to prepare for their roles. For one entire year before the Passion Play, ordinary townspeople who are usually doctors, teachers, shop owners, restaurant workers, and so much more, practice every day and dedicate their lives to the production of the play.

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10 DAYS MUNICH — OBERAMMERGAU — BASEL — AMSTERDAM



Amsterdam



Your Itinerary

BASEL — AMSTERDAM

DAY/PORT	ARR	DEP	PROGRAM
1 MUNICH OBERAMMERGAU			Airport meet & greet Transfer to hotel in the vicinity of Oberammergau Dinner at hotel
2 OBERAMMERGAU			Breakfast at hotel Transfer to Passion Play Theatre <i>Passion Play Performance Part 1</i> Dinner during break <i>Passion Play Performance Part 2</i> Shuttle to hotel
3 OBERAMMERGAU BASEL			Breakfast at hotel & Check-out Transfer to Basel
		17:00	Embarkation from 16:00 Welcome Cocktail and Welcome Dinner in the evening
4 STRASBOURG	09:00	23:00	City tour of Strasbourg in the morning "Alsace & Wine" excursion in the afternoon
5 SPEYER MANNHEIM	07:00 14:00	12:00 01:00	Speyer walking tour* in the morning, or Excursion to Heidelberg (from/to Mannheim)
6 RÜDESHEIM	07:00	12:00	Rüdesheim walking tour with Music Cabinet Museum Scenic cruising through the Upper Middle Rhine valley
KOBLENZ	15:30		Koblenz walking tour in the afternoon
7 KOBLENZ COCHEM	13:30	06:00 18:00	Scenic cruising on the Moselle Cochem walking tour with wine tasting
8 COLOGNE	07:00	14:30	Cologne walking tour in the morning Captain's Gala Dinner
9 HOORN	13:00	13:30	North Holland excursion and city tour of Amsterdam with canal trip (from Hoorn/to Amsterdam)
AMSTERDAM	17:30		Leisure time/rejoin the ship Traditional Shanty Choir onboard performance
10 AMSTERDAM			Disembarkation after breakfast

Excursions listed in blue are not included in the cruise price. *Excursions operate at the same time; Excursion packages must be booked in advance. Port times and itineraries are subject to change.

**DAY 1 | GERMANY: MUNICH -
OBERAMMERGAU**

Shortly after arrival at Munich International Airport, you'll proceed through customs and immigration before departing the secure area. An airport travel staff will greet you and direct you to your deluxe motorcoach for transportation to your hotel in the vicinity of Oberammergau. For your convenience, the motorcoach you board at the airport will be your designated form of transportation; this allows you to safely store larger luggage pieces you may wish to keep separate from your pre-cruise extension.

An English-speaking travel director will accompany you over the next three days of your pre-cruise excursion.

**DAY 2 | OBERAMMERGAU
THE PASSION PLAY**

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast at your hotel before boarding your shuttle to the Village of Oberammergau. The twenty-minute ride through the scenic Bavarian Alps gives you a glimpse of the captivating mountains surrounding you during your pre-cruise extension. In the distance, set amid the spectacular vistas, you might get a peek at the Zugspitze, Germany's tallest range, standing at 2,962 meters above sea level. The countryside awards you with sloping hillsides dotted with the centuries old church steeples, farm houses and villages that have

survived through the generations. After arriving at the drop-off point near the Passion Play Theatre, your travel director will guide you on a short walk through the town and assist with the check-in process as well as all other details surrounding the performance. At the conclusion of the sixth act the performance will break for dinner, allowing plenty of time to dine and refresh before the second half of the play resumes. Your travel director will meet you at the conclusion of the performance to escort you to the shuttle for the short drive back to your hotel.

**DAY 3 | OBERAMMERGAU |
SWITZERLAND: BASEL**

After breakfast, prepare to board your deluxe motorcoach for a memorable ride to Basel, Switzerland. Along the journey from the Bavarian Alps to your final destination at the AMADEUS river ship port, you will be treated to a diversity of landscape and culture. With every turn of the road, expect enchanting sights and stunning discoveries. Lofty peaks tower over gentle mountain passes, revealing natural alpine forests and valleys populated with charming villages and towns. Travel past the stunning lakes of the Alpine Uplands, where castles generously cover the emerald slopes of the hilly terrain. During the drive, your driver will make two-to-three strategic stops in scenic

destinations, giving you the opportunity to stretch your legs, take a moment to refresh and purchase food and/or beverage items, and maybe take a photo or two of the stunning panoramas surrounding you. Throughout Northern Switzerland the countryside transforms from charming villages bursting with baroque architecture to sprawling metropolises and urban streets brimming with contemporary buildings and thriving industry before once again fading back to the romanticism of the small villages dotting the Rhine valley.

Your arrival into Switzerland's third largest city delivers you to the city of Basel in time for your scheduled embarkation at 16:00 hours. As you travel through the city streets enjoy glimpses of a civilization that embraces history, art and architecture. In the historic old town, centuries old buildings line narrow streets and hidden squares, and the bright red sandstone façade of the City Hall Tower draws your attention and captivates your interest. As your motorcoach approaches the Rhine River, you will pass contemporary buildings considered to be masterpieces of the modern world, designed by world-renown architects that have that created award-winning structures. After embarking, you can explore your AMADEUS ship and meet the cruise director on board at the Welcome Cocktail event. Your floating hotel departs for Strasbourg

Basel





shortly before the Welcome Dinner on board.

DAY 4 | FRANCE: STRASBOURG

During the night, your ship left Switzerland and followed the Rhine into the Alsace region in the south of France. During breakfast, arrive in Strasbourg — a city known not only for its romantic old town, but also for the numerous important European institutions housed there. In the morning, explore the city independently, or as part of an organized tour. A detour to the countryside is highly recommended, particularly along the famous wine route, where the quaint wine-growing villages will delight wine-lovers and the general public alike. Late tonight, your ship departs for Germany.

DAY 5 | GERMANY: SPEYER · MANNHEIM

Before breakfast, arrive in the Rhineland-

Palatinate town of Speyer, which played an important role in the Holy Roman Empire during the Middle Ages. Your ship remains here until lunchtime, offering time to explore this historic destination. Your trip continues for roughly 25 kilometers toward Mannheim, our next stop along the picturesque Rhine for the remainder of the day. This young city is best explored with an extended walk, or alternatively, you can take a trip to the nearby city of Heidelberg, which boasts a beautiful Baroque old town. Late at night, your ship continues in the direction of Rüdesheim.

DAY 6 | RÜDESHEIM · KOBLENZ

Two charming stops await you today. In the morning, arrive in Rüdesheim, a town well known for its winemaking, especially Riesling wines. Nearby, Siegfried's Mechanical Music Cabinet with its historic automated musical instruments is a delight.

Your AMADEUS ship will depart punctually at lunchtime to cruise the most beautiful section of the river — the legendary Upper Middle Rhine Valley. The view from the Sun Deck of the myth-enshrouded Lorelei Rock is sure to be a highlight of your cruise. Shortly thereafter, we arrive in Koblenz, one of Germany's oldest and most beautiful towns, where you can end the day with a leisurely stroll through the city.

DAY 7 | COCHEM

The vessel departs from Koblenz in the early hours, and makes a detour along the Mosel River to the most romantic part of the valley and the little town of Cochem. The magnificent

Reichsburg Castle is situated high above the town, dominating the landscape.

Down below, the village, with its narrow streets, half-timbered houses, and numerous restaurants, is an ideal setting to taste the wines of the region. Back on board, dinner is served as the journey continues to Cologne.

DAY 8 | COLOGNE

The morning is dedicated to the fascinating city of Cologne, which has over a million inhabitants. You can expect a young, vibrant metropolis with a rich cultural history and many world-famous sights, in particular the Cologne Cathedral. A city tour here is a must for everyone with a cultural bent. After lunch, your floating hotel departs from Cologne. The afternoon is spent on board and in the evening, the captain invites you to a festive Gala Dinner, full of wonderful regional dishes.

DAY 9 | NETHERLANDS: HOORN · AMSTERDAM

By lunchtime you will have crossed yet another country border to arrive in the Dutch town of Hoorn. This picturesque village is the starting point for the optional overland trip to the north of Holland and Amsterdam. Those remaining on board will discover the beauty of the Dutch waterways as the ship glides toward the capital city of the Netherlands, where it will remain docked for the evening.

DAY 10 | AMSTERDAM

After breakfast, we bid you farewell. We hope to welcome you back again soon!

The Reichsburg Castle in Cochem



Oberammergau Cruise Package Fares call for promo fares

TOUR INFO	VESSEL	CABIN TYPE & DECKS					
8 DAYS BASEL — AMSTERDAM		C-4 Haydn	C-1/C-EK Haydn	B-4 Strauss	B-1 Strauss	A-1 Mozart	Suite Mozart
22 Jun - 1 Jul	<i>AMADEUS Cara</i>						
Double Occupancy		Call	Call	Call	Call	Call	Call
Single Occupancy		Call	Call	Call	Call	Call	Call

Included Excursions

CRUISE BASEL— AMSTERDAM

City tour of Strasbourg
 "Alsace & Wine" excursion
 Speyer walking tour
 Excursion to Heidelberg
 Rüdesheim walking tour with Music Cabinet Museum
 Koblenz walking tour
 Cochem walking tour with wine tasting
 Cologne walking tour
 North Holland excursion and city tour of Amsterdam with canal trip

Pre-Cruise Extension

OBERAMMERGAU & PASSION PLAY 2022

JUNE 22-24, 2022

Pre-Cruise Oberammergau and Passion Play includes:

- Meet and greet service at Munich Airport (on program date)
- Scenic group transfers from Munich Airport to Oberammergau and from Oberammergau to Passau in dedicated motorcoach (on program date)
- Services of an English-speaking travel director for entire pre-cruise extension
- Accommodations for two nights in a four-star-hotel in the vicinity of Oberammergau (specific group hotel assignments are subject to availability)
- Breakfast daily at the hotel
- Dinner with beverage package at your hotel on arrival day
- Round-trip shuttle transportation to and from the Passion Play Theater
- Passion Play performance, ticket category 2
- Dinner with beverage package during Passion Play performance break on day two
- Commemorative Passion Play textbook in English



*Please note airfare is not included.



Strasbourg

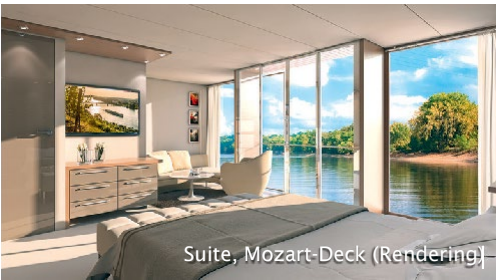
Services Included During Your Cruise

- Fascinating river cruise in an outside river-view stateroom of your choice
- Complimentary digital audio-system for all guided excursions
- Services of an experienced English-speaking Cruise Director and crew
- Gourmet dining featuring early morning breakfast, breakfast buffets, multi-course lunches and dinners; menu choices always include a vegetarian option, afternoon tea and late-night snack (alternate lunch venue with light lunch option available daily)
- Sommelier's choice of red and white wines from the best wine regions of Europe, draft beer, soda as well as coffee and tea included with every lunch and dinner onboard
- Coffee and tea available 24-hours a day in the AMADEUS Club
- Cocktail Reception, Welcome Dinner, Farewell Dinner, and Captain's Gala Dinner
- Special onboard entertainment including talks, cooking demonstration, onboard music performances and nightly music by the AMADEUS Duo in the Panorama-Bar
- Complimentary WiFi throughout vessel including your stateroom
- Complimentary bottled water in cabins replenished daily
- Complimentary use of onboard bicycles
- Non-smoking environment (smoking permitted on the Sun Deck)
- Gratuities for shipboard staff and crew
- All port taxes, embarkation, disembarkation and lock fees

Transfers prices per person in USD

Airport arrival (Munich)	incl.
Airport departure (Amsterdam)	incl.

NEW: AMADEUS CARA

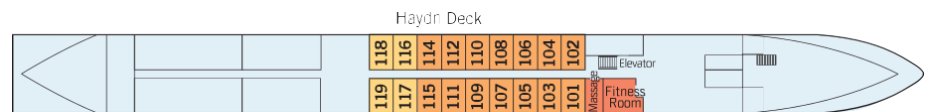
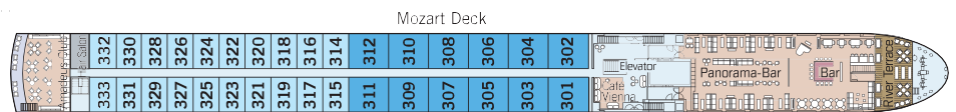
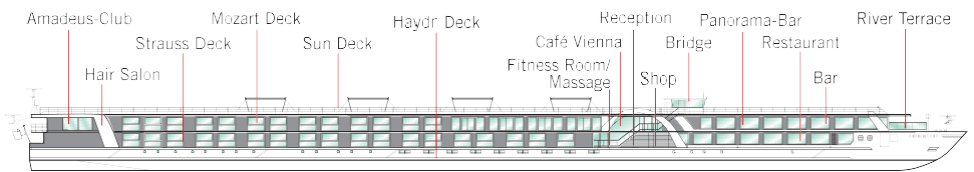


ONBOARD FACILITIES

- Panorama-Restaurant
- Panorama-Bar und Lounge
- Amadeus-Club
- "Café Vienna" with Viennese coffee specialties
- Outdoor glass-shielded "River Terrace"
- Sun Deck with Lido-Bar, lounge chairs, shade awnings, giant Chess Board and Shuffleboard
- Fitness Room
- Hair Salon, Massage Room
- Gift Shop, Laundry Service
- Complimentary bicycles on board
- Wi-Fi available
- Elevator

STATEROOM AMENITIES

- Suites (26,4 m²/284 sq.ft.) with comfortable corner sofa, luxurious bathroom and walk-out exterior balcony
- Staterooms (17,5 m²/188 sq.ft.) on Strauss and Mozart Deck with drop-down panoramic windows
- Staterooms (16 m²/172 sq.ft.) on Haydn Deck with smaller panoramic windows (cannot be opened)
- Cabins with connecting doors are available on Haydn Deck on request
- Mini-Bar (all staterooms except categories C-1 and C-4)
- Walk-in wardrobe
- Choice of bed configuration: double or twin bed
- Flat-screen television
- Individual climate control
- En-suite bathrooms with shower/WC
- Bathrobe in Suites, Hair dryer
- Direct dial telephone
- In-room safe



Suite



Stateroom, Mozart and Strauss Deck

TECHNICAL DATA

- Built: 2021
- Registry: Germany
- Length: 135 m | 443 feet
- Width: 11,4 m | 37,5 feet
- Draft: 1,45 m | 5 feet
- Height above water: 6 m | 19,8 feet
- Speed: 25 km/h | 15,5 mph
- Decks: 4
- Staterooms/Suites: 73/12
- Max. passengers: 170
- Crew members: approx. 46

Terms and Conditions specifically valid for Cruises including an Oberammergau Pre-Cruise package:

PAYMENT POLICY: A non-refundable deposit of 10% of total fare per person is required to secure a confirmed reservation. When more than one cruise is booked, deposit and payment policies apply per cruise. The balance is due for payment not later than 120 days before the journey begins. No further request for payment will be made. All reservations are subject to cancellation if payments are not received by the due date. Only upon full payment by the participant(s) of the amount specified in the invoice, Amadeus River Cruises, LLC agrees to provide the services as specified in the invoice subject to these Terms and Conditions. Your payment, starting your cruise, and/or acceptance or receipt of a ticket constitutes agreement to the terms and conditions of the Passenger Ticket Contract.

PAYMENTS: Non-refundable deposit of 10% of total fare at time of booking. Final payment due 120 days before departure.

CANCELLATION POLICY: In cases of cancellation by you Amadeus River Cruises, LLC has the right to collect and retain, and you agree to pay the following cancellation charges, calculated either as a flat-rate amount or as a percentage of the travel price and dependent on the number of days left until the planned departure date:

121 days and more prior to Departure Date 10% of total cruise fare per person (full deposit)

120-90 days prior to Departure Date 50% of total cruise fare per person

89-60 days prior to Departure Date 80% of total cruise fare per person

Less than 60 days prior to Departure Date 100% of total cruise fare per person

Cancellations must be made in writing via email to info@amadeus-rivercruises.com. Cancellation invoices are due for payment upon receipt. All days shall be calculated pursuant to the time zone of the location where the vessel departs.



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