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PASSION PLAY 2022
OBERAMMERGAU
AND DANUBE RIVER CRUISE



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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.



Passion Play 2022

MUNICH – OBERAMMERGAU – PASSAU – BUDAPEST

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 – PASSAU – BUDAPEST



An AMADEUS Vessel in Passau



Your Itinerary

PASSAU – BUDAPEST

DAY/PORT	ARR	DEP	PROGRAM
1 MUNICH OBERRAMMERGAU			Airport meet & greet Transfer to hotel in the vicinity of Oberammergau Dinner at hotel
2 OBERRAMMERGAU			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 OBERRAMMERGAU PASSAU		18:00	Breakfast at hotel & Check-out Transfer to Passau Embarkation from 16:00 Welcome Cocktail and Welcome Dinner in the evening
4 REGENSBURG	09:30	20:00	Regensburg walking tour in the morning Excursion to Weltenburg Abbey in the afternoon • Bavarian evening on board
5 PASSAU	08:00	10:00	Passau walking tour* in the morning or Full-day excursion to Salzburg with Salzkammergut and lunch* (from Passau/to Linz)
LINZ	16:30	22:00	Linz walking tour* in the afternoon
6 EMMERSDORF	08:00	09:00	Excursion to the Wachau with Melk Abbey and wine tasting (from Emmersdorf/to Weissenkirchen) • Leisure time/rejoin the ship
WEISENKIRCHEN VIENNA	10:30 21:30	16:00	
7 VIENNA			City tour of Vienna in the morning Guided tour of the Schönbrunn Palace in the afternoon • "Sound of Vienna" classical concert in the evening
8 VIENNA BRATISLAVA		03:00	
	08:00	22:00	City tour of Bratislava in the morning Excursion to Schloss Hof Palace and Estate in the afternoon Captain's Gala Dinner
9 ESZTERGOM	07:00	08:30	Excursion to Esztergom and Szentendre (from Esztergom/to Budapest)
BUDAPEST		13:00	City tour of Budapest in the afternoon Evening cruise Budapest with folklore show
10 BUDAPEST			Disembarkation after breakfast

Port times and itineraries are subject to change. Excursion packages must be booked in advance. Please note airfare is not included.



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 greeter will 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 and will remain with you until you arrive in Passau. 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 peak, 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 town and assist with the check-in process as well all other details surrounding the performance. At the conclusion of the Sixth Act the performance will break for dinner, offering plenty of time to dine and refresh before the second half of 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 · PASSAU

After breakfast, prepare to board your deluxe motorcoach for a memorable ride to Passau, Germany. Enjoy scenic mountain passes, stunning alpine forests, and dramatic panoramas brimming with the majesty of the iconic Alps. Your journey takes you past post-card perfect castles constructed atop emerald cliffs, picturesque valleys, and rolling hills sprinkled with centuries-old farms. Small towns transform to sprawling metropolises and busy urban streets brimming with contemporary architecture and thriving industry, and then gradually fade to the romanticism of classic Bavarian villages dotting the Danube's riverbanks.

You arrive in the beautiful city of Passau with a few hours of free time before your 4:00pm embarkation. Store your luggage with the ship's front desk and set out to experience The City of Three Rivers. The river ship dock is conveniently located near authentic restaurants and inviting cafés for a tasty afternoon snack, or a cup of coffee heaped high with rich, Bavarian cream. You may wish to spend these precious moments wandering through the large squares and romantic promenades, or choose to occupy the passing of time by strolling along the riverfront to the dramatic conjunction point where the Danube, Ilz and Inn Rivers converge.

Discover the historic Old Town area of Passau and a past that has been beautifully preserved to give you a glimpse of life in the 13th century when the town was a small, independent principality ruled by bishops. Wander down winding streets lined with magnificent Baroque and Gothic Architecture, where the buildings are pieces of art and history is evident on every step of your pathway.

In the afternoon, embark your AMADEUS river ship and settle in your cabin. This evening, join us for a Welcome Cocktail, followed by a specially-prepared Welcome Dinner.

Esztergom





Melk Abbey

DAY 4 | REGENSBURG

Begin the cruise portion of your getaway with a visit to Regensburg. This UNESCO site boasts architecture from many centuries, reflective of its varied history.

The stone bridge, built in 1135–1146, the Church of St. James, and the Thurn and Taxis Palace are a few highlights of the city. Once you are back on board, experience a Bavarian evening with lively traditional music and a dinner of local specialties.

DAY 5 | PASSAU | AUSTRIA: LINZ

The vessel returns this morning for a short stop at the three-rivers city of Passau, lying at the confluence of the Danube, the Inn and the Ilz. Explore the city on your own or take an optional walking excursion. At St. Stephen’s Cathedral, see an organ with 17,774 pipes and 233 registers, the second largest in the world. Passau is also the starting point for the full day optional excursion to Salzburg – rejoining in Linz. For those remaining on board, relax on the Sun Deck and take in the scenery as the vessel moves toward its late afternoon visit to Linz – the third largest city in Austria. The main street and square boast unique churches, concert venues, and plenty of artists who come to the city to thrive.

Time permitting, sample the famous Linzer Torte before returning to the vessel.

DAY 6 | EMMERSDORF · WEISSENKIRCHEN · VIENNA

This morning presents an opportunity to visit the famous Benedictine Abbey of Melk which overlooks the Danube, or continue with the vessel to the town of Weissenkirchen. Here, sample some of the region’s famous Riesling wines or enjoy a leisurely stroll through the cobbled streets.

This morning’s optional excursion will rejoin the ship in the early afternoon before departing for Vienna. Dinner is served with dishes of regional specialties. The ship arrives in Vienna in the late evening and remains there overnight.

DAY 7 | VIENNA

There is much to see in imperial Vienna: its imperial palaces, the Museum Quarter displaying works by Egon Schiele, Gustav Klimt and other artists, the impressive buildings along the Ringstrasse, St. Stephen’s Cathedral and the famous Vienna State Opera among many others. This afternoon, perhaps venture to Schönbrunn Palace, the sumptuous summer palace and gardens of Empress Maria Theresia and the Habsburg Empire. Cap off your Vienna experience with the optional excursion “Sound of Vienna”. Listen to the “Alt Wien” orchestra play popular pieces from Vienna’s classical era. The vessel remains in Vienna.

DAY 8 | VIENNA | SLOVAKIA: BRATISLAVA

Depart from Vienna in the early hours and

awaken in Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia. Explore the city on your own or with a guided optional excursion through the city. See the home of the Slovak Philharmonic Orchestra, the old city walls, the summer residence of the archbishop and the current residence of the president of Slovakia. In the restored old town, view Michael’s Gate, the Primatial Palace and St. Martin’s Cathedral, a former coronation cathedral for Hungarian kings. Bratislava is a jewel on the Danube.

DAY 9 | HUNGARY: ESZTERGOM · BUDAPEST

Relax on board as the vessel makes its way to Budapest, Hungary. For those interested in exploring the Hungarian countryside, the optional excursion departs in Esztergom, with its basilica dedicated to Saint Mary, and continues to Szentendre, known for its art galleries and museums. Rejoin the vessel after it docks in Budapest in time for lunch. This afternoon, explore the beautiful Hungarian capital of Budapest. The unique Chain Bridge straddles the Danube, connecting the Buda side, with its Fisherman’s Bastion, and the Pest side, with its famous Hungarian Parliament building. An evening cruise on board your vessel, admiring the illuminated skyline, accompanied by a folklore show of music and dance, is a perfect end to your visit.

DAY 10 | BUDAPEST

After breakfast, the entire AMADEUS crew bids you farewell and wishes you a safe journey home. We hope to welcome you again soon!

The Chain Bridge in Budapest



Cruise Itinerary Information

TOUR DATE	VESSEL	CABIN TYPE & DECKS					
8 DAYS PASSAU – BUDAPEST							
		C-4 Haydn	C-1/C-EK Haydn	B-4 Strauss	B-1 Strauss	A-1 Mozart	Suite Mozart
1 Jul - 8 Jul	<i>AMADEUS Star</i>						

Single cabin supplement per person for all dates:

C-4 + C-1: 15% · B-4: 30% · B-1: 50% · A-1: 60% · Suite: 100% of cruise price.

Single cabins available on *AMADEUS Brilliant* at the same price as C-1 cabins.

Excursions and Excursion Packages

CRUISE PASSAU – BUDAPEST	A	B	C	D
Regensburg walking tour	•	•	•	•
Excursion to Weltenburg Abbey		•	•	•
Passau walking tour*			•	
Full-day excursion to Salzburg with Salzkammergut and lunch*		•		•
Linz walking tour*			•	
Excursion to the Wachau with Melk Abbey and wine tasting	•		•	•
City tour of Vienna	•	•	•	•
Guided tour of the Schönbrunn Palace			•	•
"Sound of Vienna" classical concert (cat. B)			•	•
City tour of Bratislava	•	•	•	•
Excursion to Schloss Hof Palace and Estate			•	•
Excursion to Esztergom and Szentendre			•	•
City tour of Budapest	•	•	•	•

* Excursions operate at the same time; only one may be booked.

Pre-Cruise Extension

OBERAMMERGAU & PASSION PLAY 2022

Oberammergau program starts 2 days prior to cruise start date.

Services included in your two-night Pre-Cruise Package:

- 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
- All taxes and associated fees



Bratislava



Hofburg Palace in Vienna

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)
- All port taxes, embarkation, disembarkation and lock fees

Transfers

Vessel – Budapest/airport

Vessel – Budapest/city center

Vessel – Budapest/train station

AMADEUS STAR



Stateroom, Mozart and Strauss Deck



Amadeus-Club



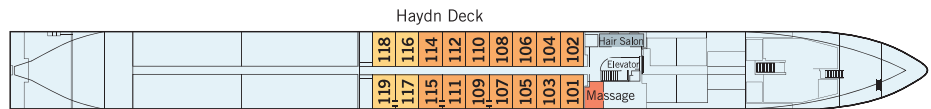
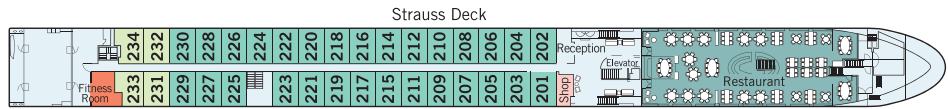
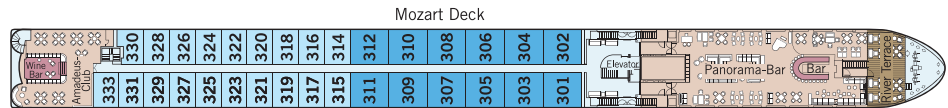
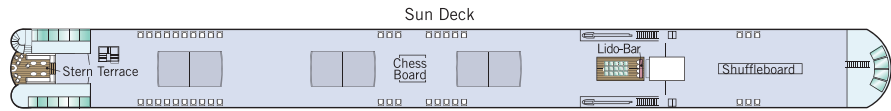
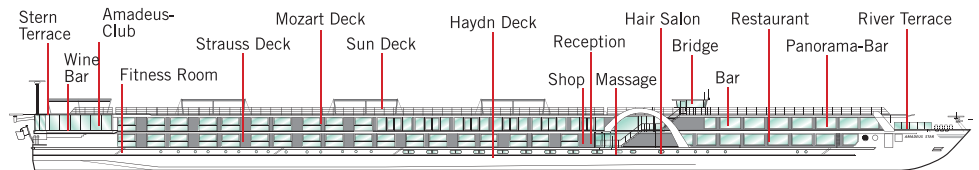
Suite, Mozart Deck

ONBOARD FACILITIES

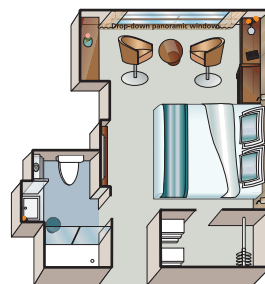
- Panorama-Restaurant
- Panorama-Bar and Lounge
- Amadeus-Club and Wine Bar
- Outdoor glass-shielded "River Terrace"
- Sun Deck with Lido-Bar, Stern Terrace, lounge chairs, shade awnings, giant Chess Board and Shuffleboard
- Fitness Room
- Hair Salon, Massage Room
- Gift Shop, Laundry Service
- Complimentary 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 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



Staterooms, Mozart and Strauss Deck

TECHNICAL DATA

- Built: 2019
- 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: 70/12
- Max. passengers: 164
- Crew members: approx. 46



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