



OBERAMMERGAU 2022

The Passion Play & The Italian Amalfi Coast

05-14 September 2022 Led by Rev. Kevin Ashby



Including:
Pompeii & Herculaneum
Mount Vesuvius
Capri
Naples
St. Paul's Port

The Itinerary

DAY 1 / Monday 5th Sep.

Outward Journey

Meet and check-in at Heathrow Airport for the lunchtime flight to Munich, Germany.

On arrival, transfer by private coach south to the Oberammergau area
and the hotel for room allocation and evening meal.

Dinner & Overnight in the
Oberammergau Area



Lower Bavaria



DAY 2/ Tuesday 6th Sep.

The Passion Play

After breakfast, a few hours to relax at the hotel before lunch in the village.

Attend the afternoon performance in the special 'open air' Passion Play Theatre.

After the evening meal attend the 2nd half of the play.



Dinner & Overnight in the
Oberammergau Area

2022 PASSION PLAY OBERAMMERGAU

The 42nd Oberammergau Passion Play was postponed due to the situation caused by the coronavirus pandemic. As the health of guests and participants is of highest priority, the decision was made to postpone the premiere which was planned for the 16th May 2020, until 2022. The premiere is now scheduled for May 14th, 2022.

The history of the Oberammergau Passion Play begins in 1633. In the midst of the Thirty Years' War, after months of suffering and dying from the plague, the people of Oberammergau pledged to act out the play of the suffering, death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, once every 10 years.

At Whitsun in 1634, they fulfilled their promise for the first time. By the middle of the 18th century, spectators from all over Germany came to Oberammergau, attracted by the great power and atmosphere of the play. 2022 will see the 42nd instalment of the play that the citizens of Oberammergau have maintained through the centuries with unique continuity.

In a five-hour-performance, more than 2000 participants bring the story of Jesus of Nazareth to the impressive open-air stage of the Passion Play Theatre. Almost half of Oberammergau's population will devotedly act out the story of the man whose tidings for more than 2000 years have brought hope and power of life to an incredible number of people.

On 26 July 2020, Christian Stückl, director of the Oberammergau Passion Play and of the Münchner Volkstheater, was awarded the Abraham Geiger Prize. The speech was given by the President of the Jewish Community of Munich and Upper Bavaria and former President of the Central Council of Jews in Germany, Dr. H. C. Charlotte Knobloch. Due to the Covid19 epidemic, the award ceremony during the Passion Play in Oberammergau had to be cancelled and was held as part of a matinee in the Münchner Volkstheater (Munich People's Theatre).

Dr. Charlotte's eulogy included: "Many centuries of history are connected with the Play, and this history is not always easy and free of pain. You worked with the material as carefully as possible and as consistently as necessary. You succeeded in showing the Jewishness in the Passion Play - without prejudice, without demonisation, without anti-Semitic undertones."

Some Facts and Images of Oberammergau Village

The village, famous as the home of a long tradition of woodcarving, is where the Bavarian State Woodcarving School is located. Among the celebrated former students is the German artist Wolfram Aichele. His processional church staff depicting Christ on a donkey can be seen in the church of St Peter and St Paul. The streets of central Oberammergau are home to dozens of woodcarver shops, with pieces ranging from religious subjects, to toys, to humorous portraits.

Oberammergau is also famous for its "Lüftmalerei," or frescoes, of traditional Bavarian themes, fairy tales and religious scenes, found on many homes and buildings. The village is also known for its religious art.

A wooden statue of Our Lady of Good Voyage from Oberammergau stands in the Seaport Shrine in Boston, Massachusetts.



DAY 3/ Wednesday 7th Sep.

The Amalfi Coast

*After breakfast, travel by coach to Munich airport
and Check-in for the flight to Naples in Italy.*

*On arrival, by coach travel south to Sorrento in the Amalfi coast and the hotel for room
allocation with time to settle in before the evening meal.*

Dinner & Overnight
in Sorrento

DAY 4/ Thursday 8th Sep.

The Isle of Capri

*Located in the Bay of Naples, it is famed for its rugged landscape, upscale hotels and shopping,
from designer fashions to 'limoncello' (lemonade) and handmade leather sandals.*

*Emperor Augustus developed Capri and built temples, villas, aqueducts, and planted gardens
to enjoy his private paradise. Emperor Tiberius permanently moved to Capri, running the Empire
from there until his death in 37 AD. Then In 182 AD, Emperor Commodus banished his sister
Lucilla to Capri. Tacitus, the Roman historian and politician, records that there once were twelve
Imperial villas in Capri.*

A late breakfast, then by coach the short drive to the Marina Grande harbour for a sail to the
Island and orientation visiting:

'Scugnizzo' or the welcome statue, Tiberius' leap, Coral Grotto, White Grotto, Natural arch,
Villa Malaparte, Faraglioni (Lizard rock), Bay of Marina Piccola, Siren's rock, the Green Grotto,
Punta Carena lighthouse and the famous Blue Grotto. Then a few hours to browse in the town
before returning to the hotel.

Dinner & Overnight
in Sorrento



DAY 5/Friday 9th Sep.

Mount Vesuvius

After breakfast, a full day by coach visiting;

The eruption of Mount Vesuvius in AD 79 destroyed the Roman cities of Pompeii, Herculaneum, Oplontis and Stabiae where the exact death rate is unknown although the majority of the inhabitants survived. The Romans regarded Mount Vesuvius to be devoted to Hercules. Its highest point is 4,203 feet towering over the city of Naples.

Ascend Vesuvius and stop in the National Park at summit of the volcano to see pine forests, lush woods and a stunning views.



Pompeii

Once a thriving and sophisticated Roman city, Pompeii was buried under meters of ash and pumice after the catastrophic eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 A.D. Although the city is largely preserved under the ash, the excavations offer a unique snapshot of Roman life, frozen at the moment it was buried.

A conducted tour of the main highlights with some free time to amble and browse.

Dinner & Overnight
in Sorrento



DAY 6/Saturday 10th Sep.

Leisure

The day to relax at the hotel or browse round the town.

Dinner & Overnight
in Sorrento

DAY 7/Sunday 11th Sep.

The Amalfi Coast

The best part of the day by coach.

The Amalfi Coast is a stretch of coastline along the southern edge of Italy's Sorrentine Peninsula. Sheer cliffs and a rugged shoreline dotted with small beaches and pastel-colored fishing villages, terraced vineyards and cliff-side lemon groves. Lemons have grown in this region since the middle age when monasteries were built and monks and nuns started to create the terraces to gain agricultural land.

By coach on the 'Amalfi Drive' which runs along the stretch of the coast between the Sorrento and Amalfi. The road was originally built by the Romans and for the greater part of its route, the road is carved out of the side of the coastal cliffs, giving views down to the Tyrrhenian Sea and on the other side up to the cliffs above.

Scenic and refreshment stops will be made along with a visit to some of the towns.

Dinner & Overnight
in Sorrento



Amalfi Coast



DAY 8/Monday 12th Sep.

The Bay of Naples

The best part of the day by coach visiting;

Naples

First settled by Greeks in the first millennium BC, Naples is one of the oldest continuously inhabited urban areas in the world with centuries of important art and architecture.

Visits include The city's 14th Century Cathedral built on the foundations of two palaeo-Christian basilicas. Chapel of Santa Maria della Pietà containing works of Rococo art by some of the leading Italian artists of the 18th century, and an orientation of the Old City.

Puteoli

Time in this sea port which was the great emporium for the Alexandrian grain ships and others from all over the Roman world. It also was the main hub for goods exported from Campania, including blown glass, mosaics, wrought iron, and marble. The Roman naval base at nearby Misenum housed the largest naval fleet in the ancient world. The apostle Paul landed here on his way to Rome, from which it was 170 miles distant. Here he stayed for seven days (Acts 28: 13, 14) and then began with his companions his journey by the Appian Way to Rome.

Herculaneum

Herculaneum was destroyed in a different way than Pompeii which has affected how well its ruins are preserved, resulting in possibly displaying more impressive ruins than Pompeii. Although much smaller than Pompeii, Herculaneum was a wealthier town. It was a popular seaside retreat for the Roman elite, which is reflected in the extraordinary density of grand and luxurious houses with more lavish use of coloured marble cladding.

Dinner & Overnight
in Sorrento



DAY 9/Tuesday 13th Sep.

Sorrento Leisure

Sorrento is a coastal town facing the Bay of Naples on the Sorrentine Peninsula. Perched atop cliffs that separate the town from its busy marinas, it's known for sweeping water views and Piazza Tasso, a cafe-lined square. The historic center is a warren of narrow alleys that's home to the Chiesa di San Francesco, a 14th century church with a tranquil cloister.

The day to relax at the hotel or browse round the town.

Dinner & Overnight
in Sorrento



DAY 10/ Wednesday 14th Sep.

Return Flight

After breakfast, travel by private coach to Rome Airport for the afternoon return flight to Heathrow.

PROJECTED FLIGHTS



OUTWARD:

London / Munich

Depart 13.50

Arrive 16.40

REGIONAL:

Munich/Naples

Depart 11.50

Arrive 13.25

INWARD:

Rome / Heathrow

Depart 14.15

Arrive 18.30

Final flight times will be available by September 2021

THE ACCOMMODATION

OBERAMMERGAU AREA

Hotel Schillingshof

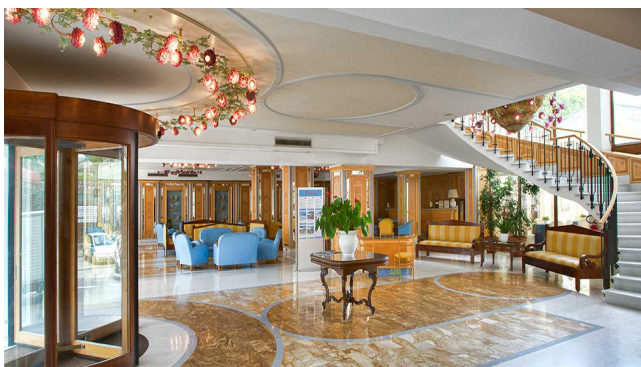
Rural setting with landscaped grounds



SORRENTO

Grand Hotel Flora

Close to the old town pool/jacuzzi/solarium and Roof-top restaurant.



Subject to final numbers and rooming requirements, the hotel may change but if so, it will be of the same standard.

