

# Germany, Austria, Switzerland and the Oberammergau Passion Play

Pilgrimage Hosts:  
**Stephen J. Binz and Pamela D. Pike**  
Spiritual Leader: Fr. Frank Uter

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**11 Days**  
**June 3-13, 2022**



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*Stephen Binz is a biblical scholar and award-winning author of over fifty books. As a popular speaker, he offers keynotes, seminars, and workshops internationally as well as education for clergy and pastoral leaders. Following graduate degrees at the Gregorian University and the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome and Jerusalem, he has developed Bible studies in the church for three decades and has offered numerous study trips and pilgrimages to sacred places. His books have earned top awards from the Catholic Press Association and the Association of Catholic Publishers. Stephen and his wife Pamela live in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. To contact him and learn more about his publications, speaking events, and pilgrimages, visit [www.Bridge-B.com](http://www.Bridge-B.com).*

*Dr. Pamela D. Pike is the endowed Professor of Piano Pedagogy at Louisiana State University where she directs the piano pedagogy and group piano program. She teaches undergraduate through doctoral-level courses in pedagogy, group, and applied piano, and has earned numerous teaching and research awards. She is a sought-after clinician, has presented at conferences on four continents, and is editor-in-chief of *Clavier Companion: The Piano Magazine*. In addition to her book, *Dynamic Group-Piano Teaching*, she has written dozens of articles in music education journals and has authored and presented the video course, *How to Play Piano*, by The Great Courses. Pamela and her husband Stephen live in Baton Rouge. Discover more about her work at [www.pameladpike.com](http://www.pameladpike.com).*

### Dear Friends,

My wife Pamela and I are excited to invite you to travel with us on a custom-designed pilgrimage, featuring the famous Oberammergau Passion Play. Don't miss this unique opportunity to witness this event, which is performed only every ten years. The play dates back to 1632 when woodcarvers coming back to Oberammergau after selling their wares in other parts of Europe brought the plague with them. In a desperate plea to God, the town vowed to perform a Passion Play every ten years if God spared them. The entire Bavarian village takes part in the play as performers, musicians, and stage technicians.

We will also tour some of the most beautiful and sacred places of Bavaria, Austria, and Switzerland, while staying at superior hotels and dining on a delicious variety of local cuisine. Our journey will be filled with exciting adventure, quiet prayer, fascinating sights, and enjoyable entertainment. I have used Select International for many years to organize my pilgrimages. I find their service outstanding and have never had any concerns about safety, accommodations, or amenities in all my years of leading tours.

We are pleased that Fr. Frank Uter will travel with us. He recently retired from over 50 years of pastoral service in the Diocese of Baton Rouge. He has served as the popular pastor of several parishes, including St. Mary of False River Church in New Roads, St. Joseph Cathedral in Baton Rouge, and Immaculate Conception Church in Denham Springs. In addition to enjoying the pilgrimage with us, he will be offering Masses and homilies for us at many shrines and holy sites.

This trip is limited to 30 pilgrims and will fill quickly. The Passion Play of Oberammergau is on the bucket list of people throughout the world. Send your registration and deposit now. Don't let this opportunity pass you by.

*In the Joy of the Gospel,*  
**Stephen Binz**

# WHAT'S THE COST?

Land and Air  
**\$5295.00**

Land Only  
**\$4195.00**

Single Supplement  
**\$895.00**

*Prices are valid only if the deposit is received no later than May 24, 2021.*

*Final payment due March 4, 2022*



## ITINERARY

### ✚ June 3, Friday, Day 1: DEPART USA

Depart from JFK or Newark airport on an overnight flight to Munich. Dinner and breakfast are served on the plane. Add-on rates are available from your preferred airport of departure to connect to the transatlantic flights.

### ✚ June 4, Saturday, Day 2: MUNICH

Arrive in the capital of Bavaria and transfer to the city for an afternoon tour. Our visits include Frauenkirche (Church of Our Lady), the symbol of Munich, with its towering twin, onion-domed steeples. We also see Asamkirche, the most famous church in Munich, and the Marianplatz with its whimsical clock. Mass will be celebrated before dinner and overnight in the area. (D.)

### ✚ June 5, Sunday, Day 3: MUNICH – DACHAU

This morning following Mass, we travel to Dachau Concentration Camp Museum for a guided visit and a memorial prayer service. In the afternoon, we return to Munich for an afternoon at leisure. Take the opportunity to explore the city on your own. Dinner is at leisure. Return to our hotel in Munich for overnight. (B.)

### ✚ June 6, Monday, Day 4: BAVARIAN TREASURES

Departing Munich, we drive to the magnificent Ettal Monastery, where we celebrate Mass (TBC) and see Linderhof Castle and Gardens. We also stop at the lovely Church in the Meadow, the Weiss Kirche. Time permitting, we drive to Neuschwanstein to see King Ludwig's Castle (outside view only). Overnight in the Oberammergau area. (B. D.)

### ✚ June 7, Tuesday, Day 5: OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY

Today is the highlight of our tour, the world-renowned Passion Play, staged every ten years and performed by the local community members. Started 367 years ago, it is still an authentic portrayal depicting the last week of Christ's life. The play takes place on an outdoor stage. The actors are people from the village who have prepared for their roles for many years. We have time to explore the woodcarvers' village and visit the Oberammergau museum before the start of the play in the afternoon. We break for dinner before returning to the theater for the conclusion of the play. Mass will be celebrated in the morning. Overnight Oberammergau area. (B. L. D.)

### ✚ June 8, Wednesday, Day 6: ALTÖTTING MARIAN SHRINE

We board our motor coach and head for Altötting to celebrate Mass at one of Germany's most visited shrines, Our Lady of Altötting. The Shrine of Our Lady of Altötting has been mentioned in Europe side by side with other great places of pilgrimage such as Lourdes, Fatima, and Czestochowa. The ongoing miracles are manifested by countless conversions and the renewed faith of the pilgrims who visit the Shrine. Over 2000 votive paintings that cover the outside walls of the chapel speak of the trust in the intercession of the Black Madonna of Altötting. In November 1980, Pope John Paul visited the Shrine. We visit St. Konrad Monastery and have time for personal prayer. Overnight in the Altötting area. (B. D.)







### ✚ June 9, Thursday, Day 7: SALZBURG – MARIA PLAIN SHRINE

This morning, we travel to another Austrian gem, the city famous as Mozart's birthplace and home to the beloved movie "The Sound of Music." We celebrate Mass at the Shrine of Maria Plain before arriving in the city of Salzburg. Walk through Mirabell Gardens, now in full bloom, to the city center to see the Great Festival Hall, St. Peter's Monastery, and magnificent Residenz Square. This afternoon there is time for lunch and to explore on your own, including the possibility of visiting Mozart's birthplace. We continue to Innsbruck for dinner and overnight. (B. D.)

### ✚ June 10, Friday, Day 8: INNSBRUCK AND SWAROVSKI CRYSTAL WORLD

We depart this morning to see the home of one of Austria's best-known exports, Swarovski Crystal Worlds (Swarovski Kristallwelten). You will be amazed at the dazzling attraction devoted to sparkling crystals. There are sparkling exhibitions created by contemporary artists and designers, a giant with a waterfall cascading from its mouth, and the Chambers of Wonder with 16 separate installations, each built using Swarovski crystals and designed by a different artist. This afternoon, we explore Innsbruck, the rococo capital of the Austrian Tyrol. Our afternoon city tour includes visits to the Annasaule, the Little Golden Roof, Helbinghaus, Cathedral of St. Jacob, the Hof Kirche, and the Maximilian Mausoleum. Mass will be celebrated. Return to our hotel and get ready for a fun evening tonight as we soak up a show of Tyrolean music and folk dancing, accompanied by dinner of typical Austrian cuisine. Overnight in Innsbruck. (B. D.)

### ✚ June 11, Saturday, Day 9: INNSBRUCK – LIECHTENSTEIN – LUCERNE

We visit the charming small state of Liechtenstein, where we have time to stroll through the city and enjoy lunch before continuing to Switzerland. Upon arriving in Lucerne, we see the Lion Monuments and the famous Chapel Bridge, visit the Cathedral of St. Leger and the baroque Jesuit Church during a walking tour. We celebrate Mass in Lucerne. Lucerne by night is an impressive sight to behold. The reflections of the city lights along the lake and river make this renowned Alpine city magical. This evening is at leisure to explore this charming city on the lake and have dinner on your own. Be sure to have your camera charged, as you will be taking lots of pictures. Overnight in the Lucerne area. (B.)

### ✚ June 12, Sunday, Day 10: EINSIEDELN – LUCERNE

Today we travel to Einsiedeln Marian Shrine. We explore the magnificent Monastery with its elaborately decorated pastel ceilings, marble side altars, and a large high altar. The most important part of the Basilica is the Lady Chapel, which is reminiscent of Christ's tomb in Jerusalem's Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Above the chapel's altar is the Black Madonna, resplendent in rich robes and surrounded by gold clouds. We visit the Monastery and celebrate Mass here. A short walk from the Abbey is the world's largest nativity scene, the Diorama Bethlehem, with more than 500 carved wooden figures. The Panorama, a circular painting more than 300 feet long, and 30 feet high, depicting Jerusalem and the Crucifixion, is a sight to behold. We have time to explore and shop in the little town before we return to our hotel near Lucerne. In the evening, we take a seat at a rustic table for a dinner of cheese fondue, sizzling Bratwurst, and crisp Roesti potatoes. Watch an authentic Swiss folklore show with yodeling and singing, as well as Alphorn-blowing and flag-throwing. A night and a trip to remember. Overnight in the Lucerne area. (B. Special dinner)

### ✚ June 13, Monday, Day 11: DEPART FROM SWITZERLAND BACK TO THE USA

Early this morning we are transferred to the airport for our flight home.

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- Roundtrip airfare from a NY Area airport
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- Buffet breakfast daily
- Five hotel dinners
- Two special dinners with beverages (up to two glasses of wine or beer)
- One lunch in Oberammergau
- PASSION PLAY TICKETS
- Passion Play guidebook
- All transfers with a private A/C motor coach as per itinerary
- Professional tour director throughout
- Sightseeing tours as per itinerary
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- Whisper sets
- English speaking guide
- Gratuities for the guide(s), driver, and wait staff

### **Oberammergau features:**

- Accommodations are allocated by the Oberammergau organizing committee and will be in the village or the surrounding area.
- Admission ticket to the Passion Play in the respective category
- Program textbook of the Passion Play
- Local tourist tax
- Lunch and dinner
- Single rooms are not available in Oberammergau except for the priest and the group leader. We will need to match up any people who are staying in single rooms for this one night.

### **RATES DO NOT INCLUDE**

- Personal expenses
- Travel protection - optional and highly encouraged
- Medical insurance
- Any items not explicitly mentioned in the listed inclusions
- Beverages at meals unless otherwise noted
- Church donations

### **BAGGAGE CHARGES NOT INCLUDED IN TRIP COST**

- Any airline baggage charges
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- Any charges incurred due to excessive luggage including the cost of an additional baggage vehicle or portage charges

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the airline to request seating changes, provide mileage program information, or change passenger contact information once you receive ticket numbers—approximately three (3) weeks prior to departure. We work with instant purchase airline tickets and or group rates. If you switch from air and land to land only within 90 days from departure you will be charged a \$100 service fee in addition to any airline charges. All special needs and requests due to medical or dietary restrictions must be requested in writing at least 60 days prior to departure. Business class and Premium Coach seats are available upon written request; as are additions from your hometown airport. If you require very specific airlines or schedules, we suggest that you book your own airfare and take advantage of our "Land Only" options.

**Walking:** Our trips require daily walking, sometimes up or down slopes, steps, and uneven terrain. We recommend preparing oneself, by walking before the trip. Anyone needing assistance is required to be accompanied by a qualified and physically-able travel companion. We are not responsible for any medical condition that occurs prior, during, or after the trip.

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Please complete this form and mail it to Select International Tours, along with your deposit, travel protection payment (if purchasing), and a copy of your passport picture page.



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