

Germany, Austria, Switzerland and the Oberammergau Passion Play

Pilgrimage Hosts:
Stephen J. Binz and Pamela D. Pike
Spiritual Leader: Fr. Mike Schatzle

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11 Days
May 30-June 9, 2020



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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.

*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.*

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. Mike Schatzle will travel with us. He is a native of southern Louisiana and a priest of the Diocese of Baton Rouge. For over a dozen years, he has been the popular pastor of St. George Catholic parish with its church and school. 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 20, 2019.

Final payment due February 27, 2020



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✚ Thursday, May 30, Day 1 – DEPART USA

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

✚ Friday, May 31, 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. Dinner and overnight in the area. (D)

✚ Saturday, June 1, 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 with the opportunity to explore the city on your own. Dinner is at leisure. Return to your hotel for an overnight. (B)

✚ Sunday, June 2, Day 4 – ALTOTTING MARIAN SHRINE

We board our motorcoach and head for Altotting to celebrate Mass at one of Germany's most visited shrines, Our Lady of Altotting. The shrine is famous 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 renewed faith in 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 Altotting. In Nov. 1980, Pope John Paul visited the Shrine, and in 2006, Pope Benedict. We visit St. Konrad Monastery and have time for personal prayer before returning to our hotel near Munich for dinner and an overnight. (B, D)

✚ Monday, June 3, Day 5 – OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY

Today is the highlight of our tour, the world-famous Passion Play, staged every ten years and performed by the members of the local community since 1634. Depicting the last week of Christ's life, the play takes place at an outdoor stage, and the actors are people from the village who have prepared for their roles for many years. Before the start of the play in the afternoon, we will celebrate Mass, explore the woodcarver's village, and visit the Oberammergau museum. We break for dinner before returning to the theater for the conclusion of the play. Overnight Oberammergau area. (B, L, D)

✚ Tuesday, June 4, Day 6 – BAVARIAN TREASURES – INNSBRUCK

Departing Oberammergau we celebrate Mass at the magnificent Ettal Monastery 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 Castle (outside view only). Leaving Germany, we drive towards Austria and the city of Innsbruck. Settle into your 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, Special dinner)





✚ Wednesday, June 5, Day 7 – INNSBRUCK & SWAROVSKI CRYSTAL WORLD

Themed around one of Austria's best-known exports, Swarovski Crystal Worlds (Swarovski Kristallwelten) is a dazzling attraction devoted to sparkling crystals. There are twinkling exhibitions created by contemporary artists and designers, a Giant with a waterfall cascading from its mouth, and a Chambers of Wonder with 16 separate installations, each built using Swarovski crystals and designed by a different artist. In the 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. We will celebrate Mass at one of the churches. Settle into our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

✚ Thursday, June 6, Day 8 – 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. Salzburg is often called the "Rome of the North" because of its rich Catholic tradition and its host of Baroque churches. We walk through the Mirabell Gardens, now in full bloom, to the city center to see the Great Festival Hall, St. Peter's Monastery, and magnificent Residenz Square. In the afternoon you have time for lunch and to explore on your own, including the possibility of visiting Mozart's birthplace or other sites. We return to Innsbruck for dinner and an overnight. (B, D)

✚ Friday, June 7, 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 have a walking tour where we see the Lion Monument and the famous Chapel Bridge, visit the Cathedral of St. Leger and the baroque Jesuit Church and celebrate Mass. 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 the 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)

✚ Saturday, June 8, Day 10 – EINSIEDELN – LUCERNE

Today we travel to Einsiedeln Abbey and Marian Shrine. We explore the magnificent Monastery with its elaborately decorated pastel ceilings, marble side altars, and a large high altar, where we will celebrate Mass. 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 Sepulcher. Above the chapel's altar is the Black Madonna, resplendent in rich robes and surrounded by gold clouds. 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, circular painting more than 300 feet long, and 30 feet high, depicting Jerusalem and the Crucifixion, is a sight to behold. You have time to explore and shop in the little town before we return to your hotel near Lucerne. In the evening, we take a seat at a rustic table for 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 9, Day 11 – DEPART FROM SWITZERLAND BACK TO THE USA

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

YOUR COMPREHENSIVE TOUR INCLUDES

- Round trip air fare JFK or EWR to Munich with the return from Zurich
- Airport Taxes and fuel surcharges (Subject to change at the time of final payment)
- Accommodation at a three- and four-star hotels
- 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
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- English speaking guide
- All Entrance fees as per itinerary.
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- Medical insurance
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Your passport must be valid through December 9, 2020. Reservations will not be processed until we have passport copies. Prices quoted are based on cash payments. Cash prices **\$5,295.00** for the complete package; **\$4,195.00** land only (air not included); **\$895.00** single supplement (in room by yourself). Credit card payments are: **\$5,560.00** for the complete package; **\$4,405.00** for land only; **\$940.00** single supplement.

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Pricing: Prices are based on a minimum of 40 passengers traveling & payment by cash or check. Prices are based on the current exchange rate of 1.20 USD to Euro and subject to recalculation. Fuel surcharge and taxes are subject to change at time of final invoicing. Air is subject to change.

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