

Bursch Travel Presents Imperial Cities of Oberammergau with Fr. Aaron May 20 – 30, 2020



Great sightseeing, traditional entertainment and fabulous cultural elements define an amazing tour of the Imperial cities of Central Europe. A city tour of Budapest features the Matthias Church, where many kings have had their coronations. Travel back in time with a visit to a 14th-century castle, where knights with colorful costumes and authentic weaponry recreate the days of chivalry. In the grand city of Vienna, the baroque marvels of Schoenbrunn Palace, the summer retreat of the Habsburg dynasty, are revealed. See Prague's Hradcany Castle and its famous Golden Lane. A memorable and moving performance of the Oberammergau Passion Play. Oberammergau was suffering from the bubonic Plague. The surviving villagers appealed for Divine intervention to save their families. They vowed that if God were to spare them, they would perform a Passion Play every ten years. They say not a single person fell victim to the Plague after that. Keeping their promise, the people of Oberammergau performed the first play in 1634 and have continued to do so throughout the centuries.



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Itinerary

Day 1: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 • Departure
Today we will begin our journey of an exciting cultural experience in the Imperial Cities of Central Europe with our international flight to Budapest.

Day 2: Thursday, May 21, 2020 • Budapest, Hungary

Welcome to Budapest, the “Queen of the Danube,” truly one of the world’s most beautiful cities. Enjoy time at leisure to relax or explore before gathering for tonight’s welcome dinner. (Dinner)

Day 3: Friday, May 22, 2020 • Budapest

Join a local expert who brings the city to life. Discover Matthias Church, site of many coronations of kings. Next, see the Fisherman’s Bastion with its white walls, towers and arcades for spectacular views. Continue to historic Old Buda and Gellert Hill, followed by the Parliament. At Heroes Square, admire the imposing Millennium Monument, completed in 1904, which memorializes the 1,000th anniversary of Hungarian dominion. This evening you may want to add an optional tour, Budapest by Night. (Breakfast)

Day 4: Saturday, May 23, 2020 • Budapest – Bratislava, Slovakia – Vienna, Austria

This morning we journey to Bratislava, the former Imperial capital of the Hapsburg Empire. During your visit, get to know the city’s history on an expert led tour. A scenic ride through the countryside takes you into the grand city of Vienna, the former capital of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Tonight, enjoy dinner featuring regional wine and a meal highlighting the local cuisine of the quaint winemaking region of Grinzing. (Breakfast and Dinner)

Day 5: Sunday, May 24, 2020 • Vienna

This morning, join a local resident for a visit to magnificent Schoenbrunn Palace, the summer retreat of the Hapsburg dynasty for more than 200 years. Continue to Vienna’s city center. En route, behold the beautiful architecture, scenic parks and gothic spires that fill the city. End your day with an unforgettable classical music concert featuring many fine melodies from the great composers — Mozart and Strauss. (Breakfast)

Day 6: Monday, May 25, 2020 • Vienna – Cesky Krumlov, Czech Republic – Prague

Depart Vienna, crossing the border into the Czech Republic. Continue to the fairy-tale town of Cesky Krumlov. During some free time, you may explore the well-preserved streets lined with Baroque architecture. Arrive in Prague, also known as “The Golden City” and “The City of a Hundred Spires.” (Breakfast and Dinner)

Day 7: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 • Prague

Your introduction to this fairy-tale city begins with a panoramic tour. Next, explore the majestic Hradcany Castle, including the gothic St. Vitus Cathedral. Then we stroll down the quaint, colorful Golden Lane. Discover the lovely statue-lined Charles Bridge. This afternoon enjoy time to relax or explore independently. Perhaps you’ll shop for famous Bohemian crystal or visit one of the city’s many outstanding museums, such as the Lapidarium, home of stone sculptures dating from the 11th century to the present. Or, add an optional tour of Prague’s Old Jewish Quarter or Prague Craft Beer & Food. (Breakfast)

Day 8: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 • Prague – Oberammergau, Germany

Travel the Czech countryside to Bavaria, Germany. Proceed to the picturesque village of Oberammergau, beautifully situated in the Bavarian Alps. (Breakfast and Dinner)

Day 9: Thursday, May 28, 2020 • Oberammergau – Passion Play

This afternoon, witness a performance of the epic Passion Play. The original performance dates back to 1634. During the Thirty-Year War, Oberammergau was spared the Black Plague and for this reason, the citizens vowed that every ten years they would give a play to honor the last days of the life of Christ. The performers of this once-in-a-decade event are all native to the village. To lend authenticity to the performance, the cast starts to grow their hair and beards more than a year in advance. During a break in the performance, join your fellow travelers for dinner before returning for the remainder of your Passion Play performance. (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)

Day 10: Friday, May 29, 2020 • Oberammergau – Munich

Today we travel to Munich, the exciting capital of Bavaria. Feel the energy of this lively city during a tour that highlights Olympic Park; the world-famous Glockenspiel; and Marienplatz, a beautiful square surrounded by shops, restaurants and cafés. Gather with your fellow travelers for a farewell lunch celebrating the end of your memorable trip. This evening, enjoy free time to explore fascinating Munich. (Breakfast and Lunch)

Day 11: Saturday, May 30, 2020 • Munich

What a great vacation this has been! Today we will transfer to the Munich airport for our return flights to the United States. (Breakfast)



Tour Inclusions:

Round Trip Airfare:

May 20, 2020 - American Airlines - Departs Mpls/St. Paul 11:52am - Arrives Budapest 9:15am
May 30, 2020 - American Airlines - Departs Munich 8:50am - Arrives Mpls/St. Paul 4:33pm

TOUR DIRECTOR: A professional Tour Director will be provided throughout trip.

QUALITY ACCOMMODATIONS:

Budapest - The Aquincum Hotel Budapest
Austria - Mercure Grand Hotel Biedermeier Wien
Prague - K&K Hotel Fenix
Oberammergau - An Oberammergau Region Hotel
Munich - Maritim Hotel Munich

Please note: Hotels mentioned above are not being held. Properties listed are indicative only. While we make every attempt to secure the named hotels, the group may be accommodated in one of our Collette standard hotels which may not be the same as mentioned above.

MEALS: Meals as indicated in the itinerary.

Ground Transportation: Motorcoaches are fully air-conditioned everywhere while touring. No use of the motorcoach other than as specified in the itinerary.

Airport Transfers: One group airport transfer on arrival and departure. If passengers will be arriving at multiple different times throughout the day, additional transfer costs may apply.

Sightseeing: Sightseeing as outlined in the itinerary with inside visits (including admission charges)

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

TOUR HOST:

Please feel free to contact Jill Fisher with any questions you may have. jillf@burschtravel.com or 320-251-3180 or 800-645-2331

TOUR PRICE:

Price per person \$5419.00 based on double occupancy with a minimum of 10 participants. Tour price includes roundtrip airfare, including taxes and fees (estimated at \$1539.00 per person).

RESERVATION AND DEPOSIT:

Early registration is recommended. A non-refundable deposit of \$2250.00 per person, along with the completed reservation form, is required to confirm your trip. Final non-refundable balance will be due January 6, 2020.

CANCELLATION:

Cancellations must be received in writing. Deposits and final payments are both non-refundable.

DOCUMENTATION:

A valid passport is required for the trip. Passports can take up to 2 months. Please allow ample time for processing.

TRAVEL PROTECTION INSURANCE:

Optional travel protection insurance is highly recommended. Estimated insurance cost is \$269.00 - \$459.00 per person. Purchase insurance at the time of deposit to be eligible for waiver of pre-existing conditions.

NOT INCLUDED:

Items of personal nature, such as long-distance phone calls, room service, laundry, meals except as noted in itinerary, and tips.

OTHER:

We reserve the right to make changes in the itinerary should it be deemed necessary. If a price adjustment becomes necessary due to foreign currency exchange and/or additional fuel/security taxes, you will be notified immediately.

RESPONSIBILITY: All reservations are accepted with the specific condition that Bursch Travel Agency Inc., operator of this tour, acts only as an agent of the hotels, sightseeing contractors, bus operators, airlines and others who provide the actual arrangements, and is not liable for any act, omission, delay, injury, loss or damage, or nonperformance occurring in connection with these arrangements.

**Imperial Cities of Oberammergau Tour
May 20 - 30, 2020
Registration**

1. Name _____ D.O.B. _____
first, middle & last legal names as they appear on passport date of birth

Passport # _____ Exp. Date _____

2. Name _____ D.O.B. _____
first, middle & last legal names as they appear on passport date of birth

Passport # _____ Exp. Date _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Check appropriate item: Hotel: 2 beds 1 bed

Roommate (not listed above): _____ Special requests: _____

Travel Insurance: Yes, I wish to purchase optional insurance. No, I decline cancellation insurance.

The premium amount has been added to my deposit.

Payment: Deposit of \$2250.00 per person:

- Check (Please make check payable to Bursch Travel.)
- Credit Card # _____ (3.5% fee may apply)

Amount \$ _____ Exp Date _____

Signature: _____



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