

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Napoleon, OH  
**Passion Play 2010 including Oktoberfest**

*Hosted by Pastor Frank and Marsha Hays*  
September 21-30, 2010 10 Days



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## DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

### TUE 21 SEP

#### Depart U.S.A.

Begin your journey of discovery and faith today. Depart on your transatlantic overnight flight to Europe. (Meals in-flight)

### WED 22 SEP Arrive Prague, Czech Republic

Connect in Europe this morning with the continuing flight to the Czech Republic's capital, "Golden" Prague. The city rests on the banks of the Moldau River, the main artery of the Bohemian waterways. Upon arrival meet your tour escort and driver for the transfer to your hotel. After check-in and time to freshen up, gather for a welcome dinner at the hotel. Hotel Duo (Meals in-flight, D) [www.hotelduo.cz](http://www.hotelduo.cz)

### THU 23 SEP

#### Prague

After breakfast, set off on a tour of Prague, including a visit to Hradcany—the Prague Castle and its massive complex including palaces, churches and museums. You'll have a walking tour of the castle area and visit Gothic St. Vitus Cathedral. Prague and its architectural treasures survived World War II virtually intact. Cross over the lovely pedestrian-only Charles Bridge, lined with statues and ornate lampposts to visit the Old Town and see the famous 15th century astronomical clock at the Old Town Hall. This afternoon continue with a walking tour through the historic and memorable Jewish Quarter, which houses Europe's oldest synagogue and Jewish cemetery. Tonight enjoy traditional Czech foods and music during dinner and a folklore show in Prague. Hotel Duo (B,D)

### FRI 24 SEP

#### Prague/Vienna, Austria

Depart Prague for the southbound drive to Austria. En route stop in lovely Cesky Krumlov, a charming medieval town in such fine condition that it is considered a UNESCO World Heritage site. Continue to Vienna, the seat of the Habsburg Empire for five centuries. Check in at your hotel and this evening enjoy dinner at a local Heurigen restaurant in the wine district. Hotel Favorita (B,D) [www.austria-trend.at](http://www.austria-trend.at)

### SAT 25 SEP

#### Vienna

Vienna's architecture reflects the wealth of its heritage and this morning's tour will highlight the elegance of Austria's capital city. View such famous sights as the State Opera House, the elegant Kärntner Ringstrasse, St. Stefan's Cathedral, the vibrant Hundertwasser House, as well as the Upper and Lower Belvedere Palaces. This afternoon and evening are free to enjoy the myriad delights of the city. Perhaps listen to a Strauss concert in the newly renovated Kursalon, visit the Museum Quarter or Albertina, or enjoy some famous Sacher Torte in one of the traditional Vienna coffee houses. Hotel Favorita (B)



### SUN 26 SEP Vienna/Salzburg, Austria

Leave Vienna for Krems and board a cruiser for a leisurely sail through the Wachau Valley. This is one of the most scenic stretches of the Danube with hilltop castles, lush vineyards, and quaint villages. At the point where the Danube enters the region of the Wachau lies the little town of Melk, dominated by the massive bulk of the Benedictine abbey, one of the best known and most splendid monastic houses in Austria. Melk Abbey was begun over 900 years ago and assumed its present high baroque form in the early 18th century. Enjoy a tour of the abbey, then depart for Salzburg - the drive through the Alps provides a spectacular entry into Salzburg, "city of Mozart." This evening a special treat awaits you at the famous Stiftskeller St. Peter. Musicians in historic costumes perform some of Mozart's most famous compositions during an elegant candlelight dinner prepared according to traditional recipes from the 17th and 18th centuries. Ramada City Centre (B,D) [www.ramada.de](http://www.ramada.de)

### Salzburg/ MON 27 SEP Oberammergau, Germany

Salzburg is defined by its music, although it is humbly sprung from the salt mining industry. Learn of the city's rich history during a morning walking tour of Old Salzburg. Stroll through the picturesque Mirabell Gardens to reach the Getreidegasse, where you visit Mozart's birth house, then St. Peter's Cemetery and its catacombs. Also visit the impressive Salzburg Cathedral with its statues and ornamentation. After free time for lunch on your own, depart for the charming Alpine village of Oberammergau (or vicinity) for a two-night stay in lodging arranged by the Oberammergau Passion Play Committee. (B,D)

### TUE 28 SEP

#### Oberammergau

This morning visit one of the castles built by King Ludwig II, either the fairytale Neuschwanstein Castle or the Rococo Linderhof Castle. Return to Oberammergau for lunch followed by a performance of the world-famous Passion Play. In 1633 the quaint Alpine village of Oberammergau was threatened by the deadly and contagious disease known as the Black Death that scourged Europe, killing two-thirds of the population of Germany. The people of Oberammergau vowed that if the village could be spared, a re-enactment of the life and suffering of Christ would be performed and commemorated every ten years. Against the breathtaking backdrop of the Alps, the play takes place during the afternoon and evening with a break to enjoy a true Bavarian dinner. (B,L,D)

### WED 29 SEP

#### Oberammergau/Munich

Depart Oberammergau for Munich, the vibrant, versatile capital city of Bavaria known as the "Big Apple" of Germany. Upon arrival embark on a city sightseeing tour, which highlights the best of Munich including views of Nymphenburg Palace and the famous Glockenspiel at the Marktplatz. This noon have lunch at the Hippodrome tent and join in the "gemütlichkeit" of Munich's world-renowned Oktoberfest - a celebration of traditional Bavarian foods, "oompah" entertainment and, of course, beer! Be sure to pack your dirndls and lederhosen! Four Points Munich Central (B,L) [www.starwoodhotels.com](http://www.starwoodhotels.com)

### THU 30 SEP

#### Munich/Return to U.S.A.

This morning transfer to the Munich airport for the return flights to the U.S.A. Arrive home this same day enriched with your journey of faith, friendship and discovery. (B, Meals in-flight)



Marsha and Pastor Frank Hays

Code: **Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**  
Itinerary subject to change.

Passion Play Packages subject to confirmation.

## TOUR INCLUSIONS

- Round-trip economy class airfare from Detroit via an ARC/IATA approved scheduled carrier.
- Eight nights accommodation in first class hotels, double occupancy, with private facilities, including two nights in the Oberammergau vicinity. Hotels as listed or similar
- Breakfast daily with two lunches and six dinners as outlined in the itineraries.
- Transfers and transportation by deluxe motorcoach.
- Extensive sightseeing throughout; entrance fees included.
- Category Four package to the Oberammergau Passion Play including tickets, two-nights lodging and meals.
- Luggage handling of one piece per person.
- An experienced English-speaking tour guide from arrival in Prague through departure from Munich.
- Gratuities to drivers and guides (for your convenience, \$95 per person has been included).
- Airport/foreign departure taxes (currently \$395 per person).
- Comprehensive documentation including travel accessory, bag tags, name tags, flight and land itineraries, destination literature, customs information, travel tips and more.

## Items Not Included

- Fuel surcharges and/or tax increases levied since the pricing of this tour.
- Beverages other than coffee/tea at breakfast.
- Any meal or sightseeing item not listed in the itinerary.
- Items of a personal nature.
- Optional insurance for health, baggage, and trip cancellation/interruption is not included and highly recommended. Please refer to the Travel Insurance section.
- Passport fees. A passport valid six months beyond date of reentry to the U.S. is required.
- No visa is required for U.S. citizens; non-U.S. citizens may require a visa.

**TOUR CONDITIONS**

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE:** Your reservation and deposit are requested immediately to fulfill the group deadline requirements.

- Deposit of \$400 will secure your place on the tour
- Second payment of \$1000 is due by September 9, 2009.
- Final payment is due May 19, 2010.

**REFUND POLICY:** Penalties for cancellation are higher with the Passion Play tours than with standard tours, we strongly encourage you to purchase travel insurance. All cancellations must be in writing. There is no refund for partial or unused land arrangements. The following per person penalties will be charged, plus any unrecoverable payments to hotels, tour operators or airlines.

- Up to March 24, 2010 - \$400
- March 25 – August 18, 2010 – \$1400
- August 19, 2010 or after – No refund.

**TRAVELER NAME SUBSTITUTIONS:** If anyone cancels, but finds their own substitute up to March 24, 2010, only a \$100 change fee will be assessed.

**CHANGES TO GROUP FLIGHTS:** The group air contract will not allow changes to the group flights. If you would like to make changes to the flight itinerary or dates, we invite you to purchase the tour as "land only" and make independent flight arrangements. Please note that arrival and departure transfers are provided only when your flight arrival and/or departure coincides with that of the group.

**LATE BOOKINGS:** Passengers registering within sixty days of tour departure will be charged a \$100 per person fee. Tour payment in full is required before we can request and confirm space. This fee does not cover any additional airline or ground service charges.



**TOUR COST SUMMARY**

**\$4599**

Group Flights From Detroit

Tour Gratuities (\$95).....Included  
 Airport/Foreign Departure Taxes (\$395).....Included  
 Two-day Passion Play Package (\$668).....Included  
 (Category 4)

*\*Costs per person based on double occupancy in USD*

**Optional Individual Supplement**

Single Room\*.....\$699

*\*In addition to base tour cost. Very limited availability on request basis. GTD can assist in finding roommates; however, this cannot be guaranteed. Single occupancy cannot be guaranteed with the Passion Play package.*

**Important Notes:**

- The tour dates are subject to change until the Passion Play Packages are confirmed. The itinerary and prices may be amended with a change in dates.
- The Passion Play packages will be requested and are subject to confirmation. A non-refundable deposit of \$134 (20%) per person is required to confirm each Passion Play Package.
- The tour cost is per person based on estimated airfare from Detroit, double occupancy, tariffs and currency valuations as of June 2009, and a minimum of 30 travelers. The tour price will be revisited at the time of final invoicing and will be determined by the size of the group, confirmed airfare, prevailing exchange rates, and any fuel surcharges or tax increases levied since the pricing of this tour. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed price and/or itinerary, they are subject to change due to circumstances beyond our control. Cancellation due to a change in price will be subject to the cancellation conditions in effect at the time of cancellation.

**RESERVATION APPLICATION • APPLY ONLINE AT: WWW.GTD.ORG G#100903 • OR CLIP AND MAIL**

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Address (no P.O. boxes please) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Day ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone/Evening ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Roommate \_\_\_\_\_

*Advise if we can assign you a roommate or single supplement. GTD can assist in finding roommates; however, this can not be guaranteed and the supplement may apply.*

**PRE-EXISTING**  
 medical conditions and other  
 circumstances are covered  
 when insurance is purchased at the time  
 of reservation / deposit.  
 Contact Travel Insured for more info.  
 800-243-3174

**FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS (please check one)**

- I/We will take the group flights from Detroit.
- I/We will need assistance with flight arrangements from \_\_\_\_\_ airport to join the group.
- I/We will make all of my own flight arrangements.  
*Please contact GTD for land- only rates.*

**DEPOSIT/TRAVEL INSURANCE (please check one)**

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ space(s) for me/us; we choose the following deposit option:

- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$645 per person inclusive of travel insurance for the tour.
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$400 per person without travel insurance. I/We decline now, but understand it can be purchased later without the pre- existing waiver

**Form of Payment**

Check  
 Charge my deposit(s) to  
 Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Security Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name as it appears on credit card: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to Group Travel Directors G # 100903.**

I/We have read and understand the conditions of this brochure. Parent or guardian signature is required for travelers under age 18.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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*Please be assured that GTD continually monitors industry events, such as airline strikes and bankruptcies, etc. If any such events affect your tour, you will be notified. At the time this tour was developed there was not a U.S. State Department Travel Warning in effect for this destination; please refer to the following website for current information or call Group Travel Directors. [http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/tw/tw\\_1764.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/tw/tw_1764.html)*



**GTD TRAVEL INSURANCE**

Travel insurance is included as an option with the initial tour deposit and is highly recommended. GTD offers a competitive policy from an independent company. By purchasing insurance at the time the tour deposit is made, you can be covered for events that may cause you to cancel or interrupt your trip, i.e., pre-existing medical conditions (certain restrictions apply). If you decline travel insurance at the time of reservation, you may purchase it within 14 days with the pre-existing conditions waiver or you may purchase it later without the pre-existing conditions waiver. You may contact Travel Insured International for further information before making your decision: 800-243-3174.

**GTD TRAVEL INSURANCE INCLUSIONS**

Trip Cancellation.....	up to Tour Cost*
Trip Interruption.....	up to 150% of Tour Cost**
Travel Delay.....	\$750
Missed Connection.....	\$300
Baggage.....	\$1,000
Baggage Delay.....	\$200
Medical Expense.....	\$50,000
Evacuation/Repatriation.....	\$500,000
Accidental Death.....	\$10,000
Assistance Service.....	included
* a maximum of \$5000 per person	
** a maximum of \$7500 per person	

Cost of this optional GTD Travel Insurance is **\$245** per person. Additional coverage provided as needed; the full cost of your tour must be covered.

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**T**he prayers of Oberammergau were answered in 1633 when the people of the small village were spared from the Black Death. Out of gratitude, the people vowed to perform a Passion Play, which was first presented at Pentecost in 1634 and continues to be performed every decade. The village produces the Passion Play with more than 2,000 of the townspeople acting as performers, musicians, and stage technicians. In 2010, we will have an opportunity to witness this extraordinary performance.



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