



## CATHOLIC CENTRAL EUROPE WITH OBERAMMERGAU\* 9 DAYS



**DAY 1 ARRIVE IN MUNICH, GERMANY.** Welcome to Munich! At 6 pm, meet your Tour Director and travelling companions, then enjoy this evening's welcome dinner at your hotel. (D)

**DAY 2 MUNICH-NEUSCHWANSTEIN-WIES-OBERAMMERGAU.** Your orientation of Germany's "Secret Capital" includes the Olympic Stadium, 1,000-foot-high Television Tower, MARIENPLATZ with its old and new Town Halls, and the gothic FRAUENKIRCHE. Enjoy a scenic drive to Neuschwanstein for an exciting visit to magnificent KING LUDWIG'S CASTLE, which was the inspiration for Walt Disney's *Sleeping Beauty* castle. Before arriving in Oberammergau, stop for a visit to the beautifully-located pilgrimage CHURCH OF WIES, a Rococo masterpiece. (B,D)

**DAY 3 OBERAMMERGAU.** Today is dedicated to the PASSION PLAY, held every 10 years and performed by the inhabitants of Oberammergau. (B,L,D)

**DAY 4 OBERAMMERGAU-INNSBRUCK, AUSTRIA-EINSIEDELN, SWITZERLAND-LUCERNE.** A picturesque drive through the Bavarian and Tyrolean Alps brings you to Innsbruck. Enjoy a pleasant walk through its quaint medieval lanes and take pictures of the GOLDEN ROOF. Cross the border and enter Switzerland, where you will visit the impressive Benedictine Abbey of Our Lady of Einsiedeln, renowned for the famous black Madonna and its unique baroque architecture, on your way to picture-book Lucerne. (B,D)

**DAY 5 LUCERNE.** On your walking tour, admire Thorwaldsen's LION'S MONUMENT, dedicated to the Swiss Guards who protected the Royal House of France during the French Revolution, and the ornate patrician houses of the walled town. Then, cross the famous covered CHAPEL BRIDGE and visit the JESUIT CHURCH with its onion-topped towers, built by the Jesuits in the time Protestantism came up and

the reason that Lucerne remained Catholic. Also included is a visit to the Hofkirche ST. LEODEGAR, the most important church and a landmark of the city. Afternoon and evening at leisure; you may wish to join exciting optional excursions to Mount Pilatus and attend a Swiss Folklore show. (B)

**DAY 6 LUCERNE-SCHAFFHAUSEN-BLACK FOREST, GERMANY-RHINELAND.** A short drive to Schaffhausen to admire the famous RHINE FALLS; then, enter Germany, and stop in the Black Forest to enjoy a WOODCARVING DEMONSTRATION, before continuing to the Rhineland for your overnight stay. (B,D)

**DAY 7 RHINELAND-TRIER-AACHEN-COLOGNE.** This morning is dedicated to Trier, one of the oldest cities north of the Alps. During your orientation, admire the Porta Nigra, a large Roman city gate, visit the HIGH CATHEDRAL OF ST. PETER, and see the unusual early-gothic Dreikönigenhaus. Then, continue to Aachen for a visit to the oldest CATHEDRAL in Northern Europe, burial place of Charlemagne, and for 600 years the church of coronation for German kings and queens. Arrive in Cologne for your overnight stay. (B,D)

**DAY 8 COLOGNE-THE RHINE VALLEY-RÜDESHEIM-FRANKFURT.** The morning is dedicated to a visit of the magnificent CATHEDRAL, sometimes called the most beautiful example of gothic art. Next is a romantic RHINE CRUISE along the most scenic part of the Rhine River, followed by a special treat: a WINE TASTING in the capital of Riesling wine, Rudesheim. This evening, a farewell dinner has been prepared at your hotel. (B,D)

**DAY 9 FRANKFURT.** Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning. (B)

Tour TCO\*—Prices from \$4,179 to \$4,199 CAD, per person, double occupancy, tax included.

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