



# 12 DAYS GERMANY, PRAGUE & AUSTRIA

*Visiting*

BERLIN • DRESDEN • PRAGUE • ČESKÝ KRUMLOV  
VIENNA • SALZBURG • MUNICH

*Including*

*THE PASSION PLAY OF OBERAMMERGAU*

*Co-hosted By*

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## YOUR DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

### **TUE, MAY 24 – ACROSS THE ATLANTIC**

Depart Denver on board your overnight transatlantic jet flight(s) to Berlin.

### **WED, MAY 25 – ARRIVE BERLIN**

Arrive in historic Berlin where you will be met and escorted to your waiting motorcoach for the transfer to your hotel. (D)

### **THU, MAY 26 – BERLIN**

This morning visit reunited Berlin. In the former West, see Charlottenburg Castle, Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, the famous Kurfurstendamm, Bellevue Castle, the Cultural Forum and the Reichstag Building. In former Eastern Berlin, see the Brandenburg Gate at the end of beautiful Unter Den Linden Boulevard, Gendarmen Markt, the Berlin Cathedral, Alexanderplatz, the Nikolai Quarter, and the remains of the Berlin Wall. The afternoon is free to explore Berlin on your own. (B)

### **FRI, MAY 27 – BERLIN/DRESDEN/PRAGUE**

This morning depart Berlin and head southeast to Dresden, capital city of the Free State of Saxony and renowned center for fine art and world-class porcelain. Dating from the 12th Century, Dresden is a stunningly beautiful city, sitting majestically astride the stately waters of the River Elbe. Though destroyed by the allied bombings of 1945, many of the fine Renaissance, Baroque and Classical buildings have orientation tour of the city, see the Semper Opera House, Zwinger Palace, and The Church of Our Lady (Frauenkirche), one of Germany's most amazing post-WW2 reconstructions. Afterwards, cross the Czech border driving through the verdant farmlands of Bohemia to historic, 1,000-year-old Prague on the Vltava River. (B,D)

### **SAT, MAY 28 - PRAGUE**

This morning experience the 1000 years of Prague's history with a visit to Hradcany Castle, the seat of power for several Czech princes and kings. Proceed to the Gothic St. Vitus Cathedral, the Romanesque Basilica of St. George and Mala Strana (Lesser Town), whose winding streets are lined with small taverns and old houses. Continue to Old Town to see the ancient Town Hall with its animated astronomical clock. The afternoon is at leisure. (B)

### **SUN, MAY 29 - PRAGUE/ČESKÝ KRUMLOV/VIENNA**

Bidding farewell to the Czech Republic's enchanting capital, travel through the south Bohemian countryside, passing picturesque villages and ponds, to Český Krumlov. Known as '*the Pearl of the Renaissance*', the State

Castle of Český Krumlov is one of the most important historic sites in Central Europe. Following a panoramic tour, continue across the border into Austria proceeding to Vienna, once the center of the mighty Hapsburg Empire. A unique European metropolis, the city itself contains more than a million inhabitants and is set in beautiful surroundings. (B,D)

#### **MON, MAY 30 - VIENNA**

This morning enjoy a sightseeing tour of Vienna beginning with a drive around the Ringstrasse, one of the most magnificent boulevards in the world. It encloses the Inner City and such noble edifices as the Votive Church, built in 1856, the University, the City Hall and the Opera House. Visit Schönbrunn Palace with its glorious French Park. The Palace has 1400 rooms and halls, a small zoo and a fine museum of state coaches. Your afternoon is at leisure for shopping or exploring on your own. (B)

#### **TUE, MAY 31 - VIENNA/SALZBURG**

Enjoy views of the scenic Austrian countryside on your drive this morning to the "Sound of Music" city of Salzburg, one of the world's most beautiful places. Upon arrival take an orientation tour of Salzburg which will take you past the most beautiful sights of the city. Drive via the Schloss Mirabell and the Kongresshaus. Continue via Schwarzstrasse and the Protestant Church to the Mozarteum and then past the Marionetten Theatre, Landes Theatre, Marktplatz, and Rathaus to view where Mozart was born. (B,D)

#### **WED, JUN 1 - SALZBURG/MUNICH AREA**

Today cross the border into Germany for Munich, the capital of Bavaria. Your orientation tour of Munich takes you via Karolinenplatz and past the 1000-foot-high Television Tower to Nymphenburg, the former Royal Residence. Drive on to Marienplatz to see the Rathaus-Glockenspiel of Munich then to Odeon Square with the beautiful Theatiner Church and the Hall of Generals. Balance of day is at leisure. Overnight in the Munich area. (B,D)

#### **THU, JUN 2 - MUNICH/NEUSCHWANSTEIN/OBERAMMERGAU AREA**

Ascend the Bavarian Alps for a panoramic view of Mad King Ludwig's fairy-tale Neuschwanstein Castle, one of the most photographed palaces in the world and the model for the castles at the Walt Disney theme parks. Next visit the unusual, oval rococo Wies Church designed in the late 1740s. (B,D)

#### **FRI, JUN 3 - THE PASSION PLAY OF OBERAMMERGAU**

The highlight of your trip! In keeping with their 387-year-old promise, the villagers of Oberammergau present their Passion Play depicting the last week of the life of Christ. The play's presentation can be traced to 1633 when the Black Plague swept Europe. The people of Oberammergau took a solemn oath: if God spared them, they would present a day-long play depicting the last week in the life of Christ. To this day they have kept their promise and every ten years the citizens of Oberammergau perform their passion play with the same love and devotion they have shown for over 380 years. Today the play takes place on an open-air stage with a covered auditorium seating 4,700, against a beautiful backdrop of towering Alpine mountains. (B,D)

#### **SAT, JUN 4 - OBERAMMERGAU/MUNICH/DENVER**

Your journey is over as you transfer to Munich Airport and board your return flight back to the United States, arriving Denver the same day.

B = Breakfast      D = Dinner

