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**PASSION
PLAY**
OBERAMMERGAU

Experience Germany + Passion Play

2 - 12 AUGUST 2020, 11D8N (9 TOURING DAYS)



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HIGHLIGHTS

- Checkpoint Charlie
- Charlottenburg Castle
- Castle Church
- Augustinian Monastery
- Wartburg Castle
- Gutenberg Museum
- Passion Play
- Neuschwanstein Castle

2020 PASSION PLAY

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In 1633, the Oberammergau villagers promised to perform the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ every tenth year, so that no one was to die of the plague anymore. The villagers were answered by God and therefore in 1634, the first Passion Play took place. The promise has been kept until today. From 16 May - 4 October 2020, the 42nd Passion Play will take place in Oberammergau.

Day 1 - Sun, 2 Aug SINGAPORE

Assemble at Changi Airport to begin your journey to Germany.

Departure Flight: SQ2203 SIN-MUC 2255-0525

Check-in starts from 8pm (Changi Airport, Terminal 2) *Meals on board the plane.*

Day 2 – Mon, 3 Aug BERLIN > LUTHERSTADT WITTENBERG

Transit in Munich for flight to Berlin

Transit Flight: SQ2176 MUC-TXL 0745-0850

Arrive in Berlin and begin your journey with a city tour. Visit the historical sites of **Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church** and **Nicolai quarter**. Then explore boulevard area of **Unter den Linden** and stop by **Checkpoint Charlie**, a crossing point of the Berlin wall. Before heading to **Brandenburg Gate Museum** to learn more about the history of Berlin, explore the outside grounds of **Charlottenburg Castle** and take a picturesque photo of the Palace. Travel to **Lutherstadt Wittenberg**. *D*

Day 3 – Tue, 4 Aug LUTHERSTADT WITTENBERG > ERFURT

(Check out in the morning)

Begin with a guided walking tour of historic town centre, where we visit the famed **Castle Church** where Martin Luther famously nailed his 95 Theses in 1517. We visit the beautiful **St Mary's Church** which is a UNESCO World Heritage site and the oldest church in the city. Martin Luther preached here many times and the interiors feature artwork by his good friend Lucas Cranach, who was the Elder and another Wittenberg resident.

We will also tour **Luther Hall** which is preserved with artifacts from Martin Luther's life along with other important Cranach paintings. Travel to Erfurt, where Martin Luther was ordained as a priest and studied theology. Explore the Luther trail in the historical old town and visit the **Augustinian Monastery** where Luther served as a monk. We will be able to see

his monastic quarters, including one cell furnished to look as it would have been when he lived there. Check-in to the hotel. *B/D*

Day 4 – Wed, 5 Aug ERFURT > MAINZ

(Check out in the morning)

In the morning, explore the town of Erfurt and see the local sites like the **Fish Market**, the **Town hall** and **Karmer Bridge**. Next see the historical **St Mary's Cathedral** and **St Severin**. It houses the famous "Gloriosa", the largest free-swinging medieval bell in the world with a diameter of 2.56 metres. Then continue on with the Luther trail and visit **Luther memorial** and the **Collegium Maius** where Luther lived as a student.

The group will depart Erfurt for **Eisenach** and visit the famous **Wartburg Castle**. It was the first German castle to be designated a UNESCO World Heritage site and it presents an impressive overview of 1,000 years of German history. Martin Luther took refuge here from 1521 – 1522 after his excommunication. We will visit **Luther's study room** in the Castle and it was here where he finished translating the New Testament into the German language in just 11 weeks. Continue on the journey to Mainz. *B/D*

Day 5 – Thu, 6 Aug MAINZ > WORMS

(Check out in the morning)

Visit the **St Martin's Cathedral** (Mainz Cathedral), located near the historical center of the city of Mainz and **Gutenberg Museum**, home of the first printing press. The invention of the printing press enabled common people access to the Bible. Next travel to **Rudesheim** and explore the town before taking the **Rhine river boat ride to St Goar**. See the scenic view of the town and the Rhine river valley. Travel to **Worms** and check-in to the hotel. *B/D*

Experience Germany + Passion Play Tour

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Day 6 – Fri, 7 Aug

WORMS > STUTTGART (Check out in the morning)

Visit the **Luther Monument** (Luther-Denkmal) which tells the to early history of the Reformation. It is also the largest Reformation monument in the world. Next, travel to the **Diet of Worms** (Reichstag) site, now a park, with a plaque commemorating Martin Luther's brave stand of faith and truth. He had defended his beliefs before Emperor Charles V and refused to recant (1521). Proceed to visit the **German Bible Society** (TBC), which publishes the Luther Bible on behalf of the German Protestant Church. The Society is also a centre for textual research and is renowned for their expertise in biblical translation and publishing. Travel to **Stuttgart**. B/D

Day 7 - Sat, 8 Aug

STUTTGART > OBERAMMERGAU (Check out in the morning)

We will have a stop at the **Metzingen Outlet Village** for shopping. Visit **Ulm Minister** which has the highest church spire in the world and the largest Protestant church in

Germany. Climb the 768 steps to the highest observation platform at 141 metres and you will be rewarded with a spectacular view. Arrive in Oberammergau (Murnau area) and check-in to hotel. B/D

Day 8 - Sun, 9 Aug

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After breakfast, depart for the picturesque village of Oberammergau, widely known for its Passion Play that is performed every 10 years. This charming town is also known for its woodcarvers who have been skilled at this craft since medieval times and there are many shops that offer these wonderful carvings in a variety of sizes. Free and easy to explore the village. B/D Note: Lunch on your own

Passion play (Part 1): 2.30-5pm

Dinner time: 5-8pm back at the hotel

Passion play (Part2): 8-10.30pm

Day 9 - Mon, 10 Aug

OBERAMMERGAU>HOHENSCHWANGAU>MUNICH
(Check out in the morning)

Visit the beautiful **Neuschwanstein Castle**, the fairytale castle which is one of the most visited sights in Germany. The castle was built by order of King Ludwig II to escape public life. After his passing in 1886, the construction was paused and the fairytale castle was opened to the public. Walt Disney visited this castle and used it as inspiration for the **castle of Sleeping Beauty in Disneyland**. Spend the rest of the day at your leisure to explore more about Munich City (Free and easy). B/D

Day 10 - Tue, 11 Aug

After breakfast, depart for the airport.

Departure Flight: SQ327 MUC-SIN 1310-0700

Day 11 – Wed, 12 Aug

Arrive back in Singapore at 7am.



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GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION

Tour Dates	2-12 Aug 2020, 11D8N (9 Touring days)
Airline	Singapore Airlines (TBC)
Tour Cost	≥20pax: SGD\$5,700 ^{1,2}
Accommodation	3 Star Hotels
Registration closes	1 Mar 2020

¹Includes airport and fuel taxes (Est of SGD\$500; as of 01 Jan 2019). However, if there is any increase in the taxes, the extra charges will be bore by the participants. ²Tour cost is based on ≥20pax respectively. Package cost will increase should there be fewer participants.

TOUR COST

Tour cost includes

- Return economy class airfare and land tour
- 8 nights twin-sharing accommodation
- Meals catered
- Professional and licenced English-speaking guide
- Air-conditioned tourist bus
- Entrance fees to sites
- All tips for hotels, restaurants, tour guides and bus drivers
- All group transfers from airport to hotel.
- Airport tax & fuel surcharge of (est SGD\$500 as of 01 Jun 2018)
- Passion Play tickets (Cat 1) and English program booklet

Tour cost does not include

- Any increase of airport and fuel surcharge
- Single room supplement of SGD\$600 if applicable
- Travel insurance
- Passport and visa fees is applicable
- Meals (lunch and drinks) and other expenses not stated in itinerary
- All expenses of personal nature

HOW CAN I REGISTER FOR THIS TOUR?

1. Register online at www.bible.org.sg/register/ibex and select the tour.
2. Before the closing date of the registration, a **deposit of SGD\$2500 (per pax)** is required to secure your place. (Please note the deposit is non-refundable once the tour group materialise).
3. Please note that a minimum group size of 15pax is required for a confirm departure.
4. Once the tour is confirm, the balance payment is required by **6 Apr 2020**.
5. For late registration (3 months before departure date), do note there will be a late booking fee that will be advised to late applicants.

Note: Itinerary and flight schedule are subject to change without prior notice in the event of unforeseen circumstances. Hotel confirmation will be given 2 weeks before departure.

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