

AUSTRIA & OBERAMMERGAU



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Two Pilgrimages for 2020

26 June—3 July 2020

2—9 September 2020

A visit to the Passion Play is combined with time among
the sparkling lakes and majestic mountains of Austria
giving the opportunity of fellowship together
with the common purpose of attending the Passion Play



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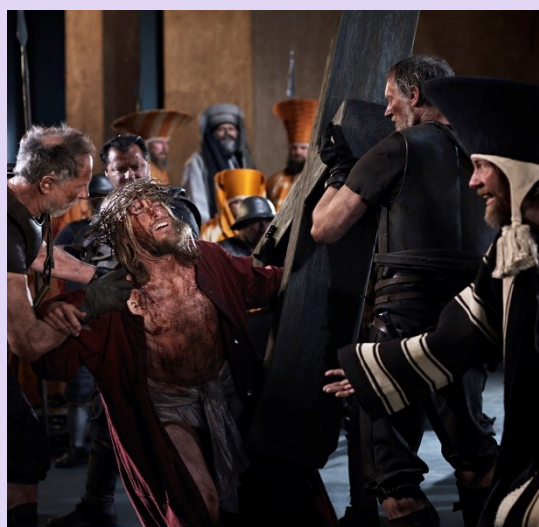
The Oberammergau Passion Play



Towards the end of the Thirty Years War in central Europe, there was an outbreak of the plague in Bavaria. The elders of the village of Oberammergau in an effort to protect their village, decided to seal it off from outside contact. But an itinerant worker returned, bringing the plague with him and it swept through the village.

Whereupon the people solemnly vowed that, if God would show His compassion and lift the scourge, every ten years they would enact the Passion of our Lord. The plague left the village in 1633 and, as a perpetual thanksgiving and re-affirmation of faith, the villagers of Oberammergau have performed the Passion Play at regular intervals ever since.

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A message from the leadership team:

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Both of these pilgrimage holidays being offered from Southwark Cathedral will incorporate time in the wonderful mountain and lake locations of Austria. The first pilgrimage will also include the opportunity to walk part of the Jacobsweg, the Austrian section of the Camino that eventually takes pilgrims to Santiago de Compostela on the west coast of Spain. The second pilgrimage will include tours of the local area and a wonderful day visiting the locations of the film version of 'The Sound of Music' – a pilgrimage of another sort!

Whichever journey you choose to make we look forward to travelling with you. For many people it is the opportunity of a lifetime and to share with the people of Oberammergau in the fulfilment of their vow to lead people on the Way of the Cross.

The Very Revd Andrew Nunn, Canon Michael Rawson and Canon Gilly Myers



Your Stay in Oberammergau

Oberammergau Village

During the season, accommodation in and around Oberammergau is allocated to ticket holders for either one or two nights, and restaurant reservations are pre-assigned. It is not possible to book an extended stay in the village, and for this reason we are combining the Passion Play with a holiday among the lakes and mountains of Austria.

For our time in Oberammergau we may be divided between a few houses, but all McCabe allocated accommodation is within walking distance of the theatre.

All McCabe guests will receive a top grade performance ticket and we will be seated together in one or perhaps two groupings in the theatre itself.

McCabe staff

McCabe will have their own staff in the village helping us to make the very most of our time—in 2010 McCabe shared an office with Jesus's sister! All the villagers are involved in some capacity, and you will be impressed at how smoothly they cope with so many visitors.

One or two night's accommodation in the village and a top grade performance ticket are included in your tour cost.

A Group Experience

This is the fourth programme of Oberammergau Passion Play holidays McCabe has organised and their aim, and ours, is to encourage a real feeling of sharing as we participate together in this landmark Christian event.

Austrian twin-beds

Twin bedded accommodation in Austria traditionally consist of one bed frame with two separate mattresses and separate duvets. McCabe have contracted their hotels on the basis a good number of rooms with properly separated twin beds are available, and these will be allocated as a priority to guests requesting room shares. For the one or two nights In Oberammergau occasionally the traditional style beds may be allocated. We can, however, be creative in solving this problem adding a sofa bed, for instance.

The Passion Play Experience

The Theatre

The Passion Play theatre is large, but intimate in nature. In response to feedback from last time, the capacity has been reduced to 4,400 seats to allow guests more space. The play is performed in all weather conditions with the audience under cover, viewing the open-air stage and natural mountain back drop (though there is now a retractable roof)

The play will be performed five times weekly from May through September. The five hour performance begins at 2.30 concluding around 10.30 with a three hour break when dinner is provided in our assigned restaurant.

Part One 2.30 pm – 5 pm

Part Two 8 pm – 10.30 pm

From a dramatic point of view, the first half is in daylight, enhancing such spectacular scenes as the Palm Sunday procession when over 2,000 villagers are on stage at one time. The second half is quite different as the stage lighting and special effects make a stunning impact.

You will feel part of something truly special as the open-air stage is transformed into the Garden of Gethsemane with the disciples huddled around open fires.

Oberammergau News Update

McCabe plans to publish a supplementary brochure six months before the performances commence. By this time, the cast will have been selected and rehearsals will be

underway. They will introduce us to the principal players and tell us something of their backgrounds, as well as updating us on preparations in the village.

Accurate flight schedules will also be available and at this point flight times will be confirmed for our holiday. We will also receive a more detailed itinerary and ideas for independent exploration.





Our first pilgrimage to West Austrian Tyrol

Led by The Very Revd Andrew Nunn
26 June - 3 July 2020

The Way of St James has many strands en route to Santiago de Compostela in Spain. The Austrian route is called the Jacobsweg and passes through Salzburg and the Tyrol.

Whilst preparing to journey with Christ to the cross in Oberammergau, we will participate in part of the Camino journey by walking part of Jacobsweg. The Heigenhauser Hotel is very close to the path, and we are developing an itinerary with a pilgrimage theme. This will be a true pilgrimage in a most beautiful part of the world, travelling James' Way and the Way of the Cross.

You will visit Oberammergau for two nights at the end of your holiday and receive a top grade ticket for a performance of the Passion Play.

Come and join us for the trip of a lifetime.

TOUR INFORMATION

The cost of this holiday is £1,595 per person sharing a twin or double-bedded room with private facilities.

This includes: flights from Gatwick to Munich with Easyjet, seven nights accommodation with breakfasts and dinners, airport transfers, and an excursion programme with local guiding. Also included are gratuities to guides, drivers and waiters.

Your tour price includes two nights in Oberammergau, a top grade Passion Play ticket and lunch on the day of the performance.

Not included: Lunches are not included (except in Oberammergau). Most gratuities are included but we ask you to leave something on departure in your room for the cleaning staff.

Deposit Payments

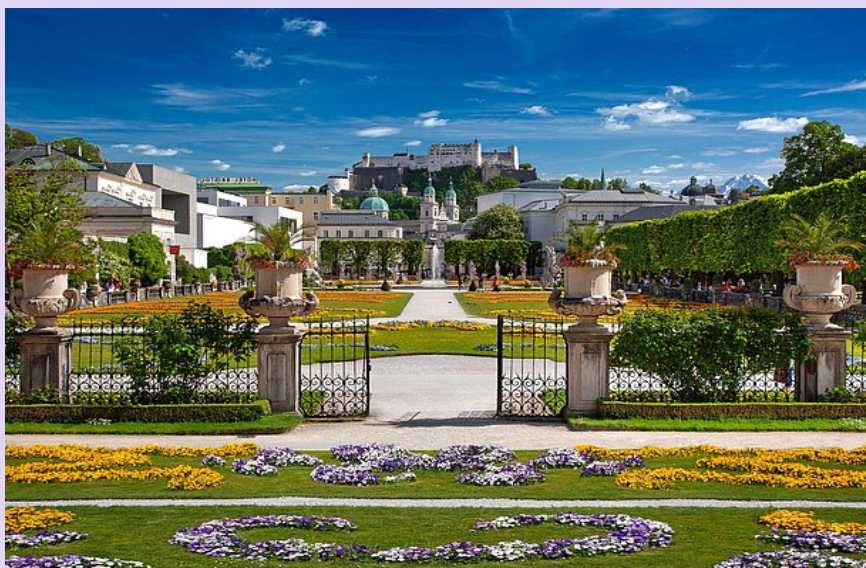
A deposit of £200 is payable on booking with a second deposit of £400 payable in May 2019. The balance becomes due eight weeks prior to departure.

Travelling Alone

A limited number of single rooms are available at an additional charge of £150. Ask for a room share, and we will either accommodate you with another single traveller looking for someone to share with or, if we are not successful, we will accommodate you in a single room at half the usual cost.

Special Cancellation provision

It is difficult to effect travel insurance more than a year in advance, and we appreciate your personal situation may change. McCabe have a special condition that if you cancel, for whatever reason, before the end of April 2019, your deposit will be refunded in full.



To make a Reservation

To reserve your place on this tour:

Please complete the enclosed booking form and send it with a deposit of £200 to the pilgrimage administrator. (Please make cheques payable to 'McCabe Pilgrimages')

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26 June - 3 July 2020

Day 1 Friday Gatwick To Munich

We meet at Gatwick airport. Easyjet flight to Munich departs at 1325 arriving Munich 1620. Three hour drive to Waidring and the Heigenhauser hotel, our base for five nights.

Day 2 Saturday Pilgrimage Theme

A Pilgrimage themed day visiting Maria Kirchenthal church, Lake Pillersee and including a walk on the Jacobsweg.

Day 3 Sunday Waidring

An opportunity to attend the local church. This morning a local guide will take us on a walk and introduce us to the local area. The afternoon is free to explore and perhaps take the gondola up on to the mountain where there are many easy walks and eating places.

Day 4 Monday Visit Salzburg

A day in Austria's musical capital of Salzburg, a beautiful compact city, full of interest from Mozart to the Sound of Music. A guided tour in the morning and an afternoon to explore at leisure. Tyrolean evening at the hotel.

Day 5 Tuesday Free Day

Today is free to explore the village and perhaps take the gondola up the mountain. We will give you lots of ideas before you travel.

Austrian themed dinner this evening.



Day 6 Wednesday To Oberammergau

Driving time is about three hours and we take a scenic route breaking the journey beside Lake Achensee, the largest lake in the Tyrol.

Afternoon arrival in Oberammergau and check-in to your accommodation for a two night stay.

Day 7 Thursday The Passion Play

Morning free to explore the village. A light lunch is included. Afternoon and evening attend the Passion Play with dinner during the interval.

Day 8 Friday Return to Gatwick

We will visit the monastery at Ettal en route to Munich airport, less than two hours drive. Our homeward Easyjet flight departs Munich at 1650 arriving Gatwick 1750.

Flight times are subject to change

The Heigenhauser Hotel in Waidring

Surrounded by an impressive mountain landscape, Hotel Heigenhauser is located in the heart of the picturesque village of Waidring only 500 yards from the gondola ascending the mountain and close to the picturesque village church. The hotel will have recently been renovated to a high standard, including the installation of an outdoor pool. Rooms have a lovely natural wood feel and are double or twin-bedded with walk-in showers, wc, television and balcony. McCabe parties will have exclusive use of the hotel.

The pilgrimage church of Maria Kirchenthal, also known as Pinzgau cathedral, sits high on a nearby mountain and we will visit it by coach. The Jacobsweg passes close by and our holiday itinerary will have a pilgrimage theme. We will walk along a scenic section of the Jacobsweg by Lake Pillersee and enjoy a day in Salzburg.

We will also arrange a guided walk to the local villages and an Austrian themed evening. On your free day perhaps take the cable car and enjoy lunch on the mountain.





Our second pilgrimage to The Salzkammergut

Led by Canon Michael Rawson
and Canon Gilly Myers

2 - 9 September 2020

Our trip is based in the Salzkammergut lake district near Salzburg. We begin with five nights in the lakeside village of St Gilgen. A day in Salzburg is included and a wonderful day in the lakes visiting the locations of the film version of 'The Sound of Music' – a pilgrimage of another sort!

You will visit Oberammergau for two nights at the end of your holiday and receive a top grade ticket for a performance of the Passion Play.

TOUR INFORMATION

The cost of this holiday is £1,755 per person sharing a twin or double-bedded room with private facilities.

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Deposit Payments

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Travelling Alone

A limited number of single rooms are available at an additional charge of £265. Ask for a room share, and we will either accommodate you with another single traveller looking for someone to share with or, if we are not successful, we will accommodate you in a single room at half the usual cost.

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Day 1 Wednesday Gatwick To Munich

We meet at Gatwick airport. Easyjet flight to Munich departs at 1320 arriving Munich 1620. Three hour drive to St. Gilgen and the Hollweger hotel, our base for five nights.

Day 2 Thursday Lakes and mountains

A coach tour round the Salzkammergut lake district with echoes of the Sound of Music and including St. Wolfgang.

Day 3 Friday St. Gilgen

This morning a local guide will take us on a walk and introduce us to the local area.

The afternoon is free to explore the village and perhaps enjoy a sail on Wolfgangsee, swim from the hotel's private beach or take the cable car up the mountain.

Tyrolean evening at the hotel

Day 4 Saturday Visit Salzburg

A day in Austria's musical capital of Salzburg, a beautiful compact city, full of interest from Mozart to the Sound of Music.

A guided tour in the morning and an afternoon to explore at leisure.

Day 5 Sunday Free Day

An opportunity to worship in the local church. An idea for today is a sail to St. Wolfgang and a steam train to the top of



the mountain for lunch and a spectacular view. We will give you lots of ideas before you travel.

Day 6 Monday To Oberammergau

Driving time is about five hours and we will take a scenic route breaking our journey on the way and visiting Ettal monastery as we approach Oberammergau.

Afternoon arrival and check-in to your accommodation for a two night stay.

Day 7 Tuesday The Passion Play

Morning free to explore the village. A light lunch is included. Afternoon and evening attend the Passion Play with dinner during the interval.

Day 8 Wednesday Return to Gatwick

Mid-morning departure. Journey time to Munich airport is less than two hours. Our homeward Easyjet flight departs Munich at 1650 arriving Gatwick 1750.

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The Hollweger Hotel in St Gilgen

The city of Salzburg is set like a jewel amidst classical lakes and mountains, the backdrop to the Sound of Music, and birthplace of Mozart.

Our one week holiday will feature a day in Salzburg and an excursion around the lakes including St Wolfgang. On your free day, enjoy the steamer which plies Wolfgangsee or take a trip on the mountain railway.



The Hollweger Hotel in St. Gilgen, is a luxury family run hotel with great lake views, beautiful gardens and a large indoor swimming pool and spa area. The lakeside and private beach and ten minutes' walk away. To keep the price affordable, we have chosen standard rooms, which are excellent. However, guests may choose to upgrade their double room for a supplement of £60 per person. (Sorry, single upgrades are not available) All rooms are double or twin bedded, with bath or shower, wc, television, and terrace or balcony. This is a premium property in a much sought after location.

More about our holiday

The Booking Process

Oberammergau village manages the extraordinary demand for tickets by working with partner companies such as McCabe Pilgrimages. We have been allocated tickets with accommodation for nearly every performance. In return for this privilege we have agreed to pay in advance in instalments with full payment due six months before the season begins. This enables the committee to allocate money in advance to prepare the village and theatre for our arrival.

This is the reason we are requesting larger than normal deposit payments. We ask for an initial deposit of £200 with a second instalment of £400 payable in May 2019 enabling us to fulfil our commitment to the village.

If you have to cancel, for whatever reason, before the end of April 2019 we will refund you in full. After this point, our normal cancellation conditions will apply. This is also the point when travel insurance can start taking the risk and you will be able to claim a refund, if for instance you cancel for unforeseen medical reasons. To book a holiday, please read page 8 of this brochure.

Holiday Price

This brochure is being published in March 2018, more than two years before the first performance, and in the middle of Brexit negotiations. McCabe have agreed prices with their partners but there is a lot of uncertainty just now about our future trading relationship with Europe and especially regarding currency exchange rates. The holiday price is based on an exchange rate of £1 = 1.15 Euros. If this changes significantly, it could affect the price of the holiday. The key areas that would trigger a price change are the value of our Pound; a sharp rise in the cost of oil; rampant inflation in Austria leading to higher hotel prices; any new travel taxes. McCabe will absorb the first 2% of any increase, and in the very unlikely event that the price increases by more than 10%, you have the right to cancel and receive a full and prompt refund. Full McCabe booking conditions can be found on the McCabe website.

Single Travellers

A limited number of single rooms are available and we will try and accommodate single room requests. We do accept bookings on a room share basis where we will try to find a person to share with you. If numbers don't match up and we are unable to find a share for you, a single room will be allocated and only half of the supplement charged.

Booking Conditions

A short version of our Booking Conditions is printed on our Booking Form and conditions in full can be found on our website. We will be happy to post or email a copy to you.

The McCabe Educational Trust

MET is the heart and soul of McCabe Pilgrimages. With the support of so many travellers, we have now gone past a significant milestone giving more than £3 million pounds in grant aid to needy people we have met on pilgrimage. McCabe Pilgrimages invite all travellers to become partners in this work. A £15 voluntary donation to the Trust's work is added to every pilgrim's invoice and all money raised in this way is given in full to the projects the Trust supports. This scheme is voluntary and confidential with nobody put under any pressure to participate.

AITO Quality Statement

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