

Oberammergau *2022*

A Holiday to Austria and Oberammergau
including the Passion Play
with Southwark Cathedral

24 June - 1 July 2022

Led by The Very Revd Andrew Nunn

31 August—7 September 2022

Led by Canon Michael Rawson & Canon Andrew Zihni



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The Oberammergau Passion Play June 2022

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Every ten years the people of Oberammergau fulfil their oath to God made in 1633 by performing a Passion Play. It is an act of faithfulness and we have the privilege of sharing in it. The familiar story is dramatically and powerfully retold during one day which we will spend in this beautiful Bavarian town.

Acts of faithfulness come in many shapes and sizes and this 'pilgrimage' to be spectators at the Passion Play will enable us to participate in another Christian tradition. Thousands of people now walk the Camino, the Way, the route that leads across northern Spain to the shrine of St James at Compostela. Groups and individuals from the community at Southwark Cathedral have engaged in this journey.

But where does the journey begin? In fact it begins in many places and whilst preparing to journey with Christ to the cross we will participate in part of the greater Camino journey by walking part of Jacobsweg 'James' Way' in the part of Austria where we will be staying. This will be a true pilgrimage in a most beautiful part of the world, travelling James' Way and the Way of the Cross. Come and join us for the trip of a lifetime.

The Very Revd Andrew Nunn

Tour Information

The cost of this holiday is £1,785 per person sharing a double or twin room with private facilities. Please note that twin beds in are likely to be two mattresses within one bed frame.

Price includes: flights from Heathrow to Munich, including baggage allowance, seven nights accommodation with breakfasts and dinners, airport transfers, and excursion programme with local guiding. Also included are gratuities to guides, drivers and hotel staff.

Your tour price also includes two nights in Oberammergau village, a Grade 1 Passion Play ticket, McCabe Passion Play guide book and lunch on performance day.

Not included: Travel Insurance. 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 chamber staff.

Deposit Payments: A deposit of £600 per person is payable on booking. The balance becomes due eight weeks prior to departure.

Travelling alone: A limited number of single rooms are available at an additional charge of £220. 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.

Travel insurance: our suggested policy includes COVID cover and is £70 per person aged up to 75 years at the time of booking and £129 per person aged 76-90. Premiums are payable with your deposit. A special feature of this policy is that you do not need to declare medical conditions. We require all travellers to have adequate cover for the trip but you may have annual or another suitable insurance.



To make a Reservation

Please complete the enclosed booking form and send it with a deposit of £600 per person to the pilgrimage administrator. Please make cheques payable to *McCabe Travel Ltd*. To pay by bank transfer or card, indicate BANK TRANSFER or CARD PAYMENT on the booking form and someone from McCabe will contact you.

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24 June-1 July 2022 Tour Itinerary

Day 1 Friday, Heathrow to Munich

We meet at Heathrow airport. Lufthansa flight to Munich departs at 1055 arriving Munich 1345. Three hour drive to St Martin and the Hotel Bad Hochmoos, our base for five nights.

Day 2 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 3 Sunday, Pilgrimage

A Pilgrimage themed day visiting Maria Kirchenthal Church, Lake Pillersee and including our own group worship and walk on the Jacobsweg.

Day 4 Monday, St. Martin & Lofer

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 villages of Lofer and St. Martin and perhaps take the cable car up on to the high alpine pasture where there are many easy walks and eating places.

Austrian evening at the hotel.

Day 5 Tuesday, free day

Today is free to explore the local villages and perhaps take the gondola up on to the high alpine pasture. We will give you lots of ideas before you travel.



Day 6 Wed, 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. Everybody will be accommodated in the village, walking distance to the theatre, but the party may be divided between two or three guest houses. Dinner at allocated restaurants.

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 Heathrow

Free time depending on flight times. Departure to Munich airport, two hours drive away. Our homeward Lufthansa flight is scheduled to depart Munich at 1605 arriving Heathrow 1705.

Flights shown are based on airline schedules at the time of going to press. We expect flight schedules to become available twelve months before departure. If better flight times are available, we will advise you of any changes

Hotel Bad Hochmoos in St Martin

This is a large impressive property in a rural location, an equidistant ten to twenty minutes' walk between the villages of St Martin and Lofer. The standard of hospitality stands out, and you will enjoy the spacious restaurant and bar areas which spill on to the terrace and garden in good weather.

There is a small indoor swimming pool, tennis courts, skittle alley and a charming alpine chapel ideal for group worship. Rooms are larger and are double or twin-bedded with bath or shower, wc, television and balcony.

Our one week holiday includes an excursion to Salzburg and a day in the surrounding countryside visiting Maria Kirchenthal Church, Lake Pillersee and a walk along a section of the Jacobsweg. Also included is a guided walk around one of the local villages and an Austrian themed evening. On your free day perhaps take the Lofer gondola (free with your guest card) which ascends onto an "alm" or high pasture, with easy walks to alpine huts offering traditional hospitality.





The Oberammergau Passion Play August 2022

31 August led by Canon Michael Rawson & Canon Andrew Zihni

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.

We will travel together as a group, with an itinerary of included coach excursions and walks. We begin with five nights in Austria in the lakeside village of St. Gilgen, on Wolfgangsee near Salzburg and then travel to Oberammergau for a two night stay in the village including top grade tickets for a performance of the Passion Play.

The play is an intense emotional experience and this holiday is an opportunity to witness this unique spectacle with like-minded people. Our aim is to encourage a real feeling of sharing as we participate together in this landmark Christian event.

Canon Michael Rawson & Canon Andrew Zihni

Tour Information

The cost of this holiday is £1,945 per person sharing a double or twin room with private facilities.

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Price includes: flights from Heathrow to Munich, including baggage allowance, seven nights accommodation with breakfasts and dinners, airport transfers, and excursion programme with local guiding. Also included are gratuities to guides, drivers and hotel staff.

Your tour price also includes two nights in Oberammergau village, a Grade 1 Passion Play ticket, McCabe Passion Play guide book and lunch on performance day.

Not included: Travel Insurance. 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 chamber staff.

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Day 1 Wed, Heathrow to Munich

We meet at Heathrow airport. British Airways flight to Munich departs at 1240 arriving Munich 1535. Three hour drive to St. Gilgen and the Hollweger hotel, our base for five nights.

Day 2 Thursday, 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 3 Friday, Lakes and Mountains

A coach tour round the Salzkammergut lake district with echoes of the Sound of Music and including a visit to the *Wedding church* and Gut Aich monastery.

Day 4 Saturday, 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 and perhaps enjoy a sail on the lake.

Day 5 Sunday, free day

An opportunity to worship in the local church. An idea for today is a short 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 with comfort breaks en route.

Afternoon arrival in Oberammergau and check-in to your accommodation for a two night stay. Everybody will be accommodated in the village, walking distance to the theatre, but the party may be divided between two or three guest houses.

Dinner at allocated restaurants.

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 Heathrow

Free time depending on final flight times. Departure to Munich airport, two hours drive away. Our homeward British Airways flight is scheduled to depart Munich at 1625 arriving Heathrow 1725.

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The Hollweger Hotel in St Gilgen on Wolfgangsee

St Gilgen is a delightful village on the shores of Lake Wolfgang. Once the home of Mozart's mother, the village is full of Baroque and Rococo character with colorful streets lined with cafés, shops and old frescoed houses that lead to the onion-domed church. The Hollweger hotel is a short walk to the lakeside and offers a classic Lakes and Mountains experience. A steamer plies regularly across the lake to St Wolfgang, and Salzburg is less than an hour's drive away. There is boat and bike hire and a lake swimming area close to your hotel. Our one week holiday features a day in Salzburg, an excursion around the lake district with visits to the "Sound of Music" wedding church and the Gut Aich monastic community. On your free day, enjoy the lake steamer or take a trip on the mountain railway.

The Hollweger Hotel is a luxury family run hotel with great lake views, beautiful gardens and an indoor swimming pool and spa area. The lakeside and private beach are ten minutes' walk away. We have chosen standard rooms, which are excellent. However, guests may request an upgrade to a double room with lake view, for a supplement of £60 per person. (Single room upgrades are not available). All rooms are accessible by lift and are double or twin bedded, with bath or shower, wc, television, and terrace or balcony.



The Passion Play Experience



The Theatre

The Passion Play theatre is large, but intimate in nature. In response to feedback from 2010, 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 stage roof).

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

Part One: 2:30pm – 5:00pm

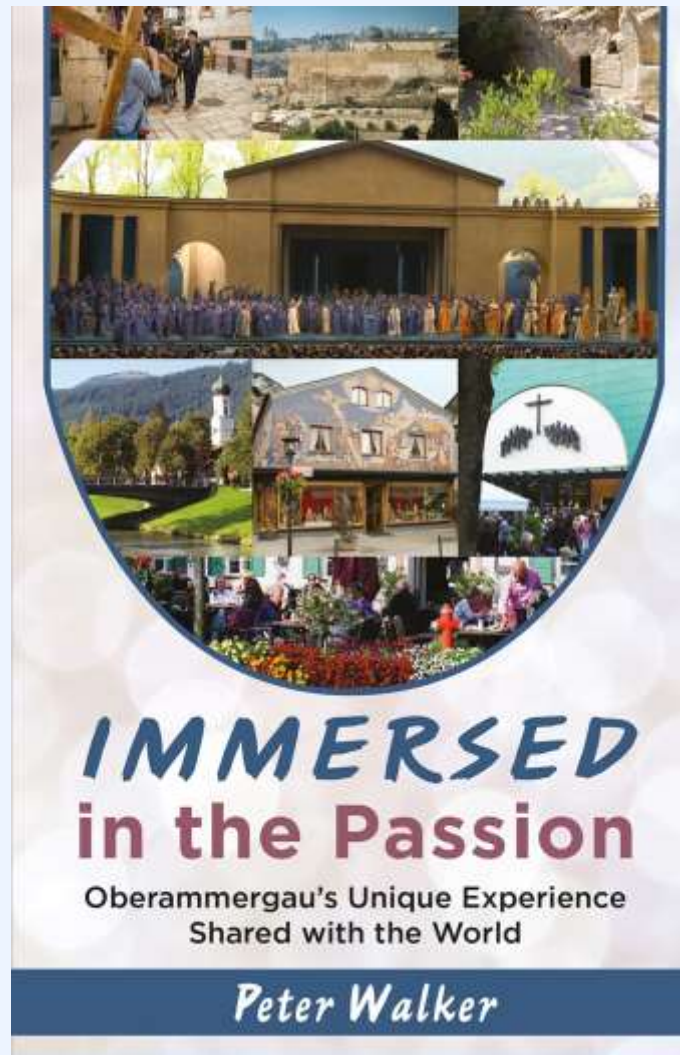
Part Two: 8:00pm – 10:30pm



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.

Guide Book

Dr Peter Walker, a regular McCabe leader, has written a guide especially for Oberammergau 2022 and all McCabe travellers will receive a complimentary copy after booking.



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 McCabe Travel combines the Passion Play with a holiday among the lakes and mountains of Austria. With very few exceptions, our guests will be accommodated in Oberammergau village itself in hotels and guest houses within walking distance from the theatre. All McCabe guests will receive a Category 1 performance ticket and will be seated together in the theatre. McCabe has also produced a Passion Play Guide Book to enhance your visit and we will have our own staff in the village helping us make the very most from our time there.

Two nights 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 two nights in Oberammergau occasionally the traditional style beds may be allocated. We can, however, be creative in solving this problem by adding a sofa bed, for instance.



More about your holiday

Travel Insurance

Our recommended policy includes COVID cover and is £70 per person aged up to 75 years at the time of booking and £129 per person aged 76-90. Premiums are payable with your deposit. A special feature of this policy is that you do not need to declare medical conditions. You are welcome to shop around or use an annual policy when you can purchase this. We expect all travellers to be fully insured once we are within 12 months of travel and after this point, your insurance will provide cover for cancellation fees. Visit our website for more information www.mccabe-travel.co.uk/travel-insurance

Holiday Price

This price featured in this brochure was calculated in November 2020. We have agreed prices with some of our partners but there is a lot of uncertainty about flight costs, our future trading relationship with Europe and currency exchange rates. The holiday price is based on an exchange rate of £1 = 1.15 Euros. If these factors change significantly, it could affect the price of your holiday. The key areas that would trigger a price change are the value of the Pound; a sharp rise in the cost of oil; inflation in Austria leading to higher charges; 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 booking conditions can be found on our website at www.mccabe-travel.co.uk/booking-conditions

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