

Tour Code: RKPP20



# Eastern Europe

## And the Passion Play

SCHEDULED DEPARTURE

Aug. 13 - 25, 2020



**From Your Tour Director,  
Richard Kurth**

*With 40 years of travel experience in over 12 European countries and 30 European cities, I invite you to join me to tour some of my favorites: Eastern Europe and the world-famous Oberammergau Passion Play. This charming, little Bavarian village has been sharing the Passion Play with the world for over 400 years, every decimal year. We will also visit six other exceptional cities in Eastern Europe. This is certainly a 'trip of a lifetime!' Auf Wiedersehen!*



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*Fisherman's Bastion, Budapest*



**Day 1: Thur. Aug. 13, 2020 • Depart USA**

Our adventure begins as we depart the U.S. on our international flight, and wing our way over the Atlantic to Budapest, Hungary!

**Day 2: Fri. Aug. 14, 2020 • Budapest, Hungary**

Upon arrival, we go through passport control, collect our luggage, and meet our guide. We drive the short distance to the city center to begin our touring and are amazed at the lovely panorama awaiting us. We have a **welcome dinner** at the hotel after settling in. **D**

**Day 3: Sat. Aug. 15, 2020 • Budapest, Hungary**

Today we meet a local guide who takes us on a city tour to acquaint us with many of Budapest's famous sights: **Gellert Hill** with the **Citadel**, the former fortress built by the Habsburgs in the 19th century, **Fisherman's Bastion** dominated by **St. Matthias Church** in the Castle district, and the old town **Buda**, along with the more fashionable **Pest**, where we find many shops and grand boulevards. We have an afternoon free before a special **Hungarian dinner** accompanied by Gypsy music. **B/D**

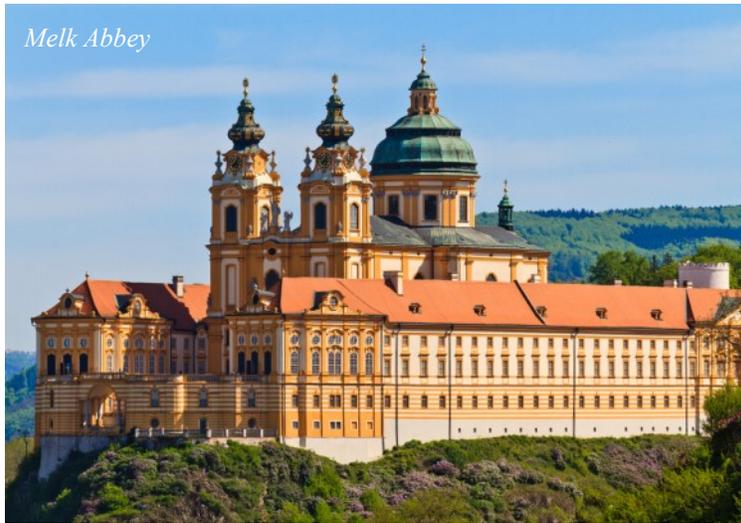
**Day 4: Sun. Aug. 16, 2020 • Bratislava, Slovakia**

This morning we drive along the famous Danube Bend. We stop in the picturesque artist village, **Szentendre**, for an opportunity to purchase that special souvenir, Herend porcelain, Hungarian embroidery or paprika—or to visit one of the many art galleries or have a coffee on the main square. We have lunch in **Esztergom** and admire the largest **Hungarian Basilica** and enjoy the splendid view across the Danube plain. Upon our arrival in Bratislava we check into our hotel and then meet our local guide who takes us on a walking tour of the Old Town - **Staré Mesto** - the city's historical heart. **B/D**

**Day 5: Mon. Aug. 17, 2020 • Vienna, Austria**

We drive to **Vienna** today. Upon arrival we have a city tour which acquaints us with the major sights of the city, **Belvedere Palace**, the elegant **Kärntner Ring**, **St. Stefan's Cathedral**, the **Lippizaner Museum** and more. In the afternoon, we visit **Schönbrunn Palace**. This evening we experience some of the special music Vienna has to offer. We drive to **Grinzing**, an "artists' quarter," where we enjoy a "**Heuriger**," a celebration of the new wine. **B/D**

*Melk Abbey*



**Day 6: Tue. Aug. 18, 2020 • Vienna, Austria**

Our day is free in the pedestrian zone of Vienna, where we can shop, have coffee and a piece of Sacher Torte, or visit a museum of choice. **B**

**Day 7: Wed. Aug. 19, 2020 • Prague, Czech Republic**

We start with a stop in **Melk** to see the beautiful monastery before entering the Czech Republic, destined for Prague. We meet our guide for a tour of the ancient **Jewish Quarter (Josefov)**. We visit one of the synagogues and the Jewish Cemetery, a most astonishing sight, with gravestones almost piled on top of each other! We tour the **State Jewish Museum** which houses treasures and artifacts from the ghetto. At **Ceremony Hall** we see a moving exhibition of drawings by the children who were held at the Terezín Concentration Camp. Dinner this evening is on our own. **B**

**Day 8: Thur. Aug. 20, 2020 • Prague, Czech Republic**

Today discover why **Prague** has become the most popular destination in Europe. Our sightseeing begins with the **Hradcany** (Castle District) where we visit the **Royal Palace** and **St. Vitus Cathedral** as well as enjoy an impressive view over the city. From here we walk down to the historic **Charles Bridge** and cross the Moldau River to the Old Town Square and its renowned **Astronomical Clock**. We have free time to explore on our own and walk to **Wenceslas Square**, enjoying Prague's liveliest street scene along the way. We enjoy an authentic farewell **dinner and folklore show** at a local restaurant this evening. **B/D**

**Day 9: Fri. Aug. 21, 2020 • Salzburg, Austria**

We drive south to **Ceské Budějovice**. This beautiful town boasts one of Europe's largest town squares and almost all of the houses lining the square have arcades. The home of the original Budweiser beer, we will tour the **brewery** before continuing to Salzburg for overnight. We have the remainder of the day free for our own ventures. **B**

**Day 10: Sat. Aug. 22, 2020 • Oberammergau, Germany**

We see the beautiful **Mirabel Gardens**, the **Salzburg Cathedral**, the **Church of St. Peter**, the **Mozart monument** and more. We have time to visit the **Getreidegasse** (the Salzburg pedestrian zone) and more. We then drive to **Oberammergau** and visit **Linderhof Castle** before checking into our hotel. The evening is free to wander in this beautiful village. **B/D**

Linderhof Palace



**Day 11: Sun. Aug. 23, 2020 • Oberammergau, Germany**

We enjoy a relaxed morning in Oberammergau, admiring the bright frescoes that adorn many of the homes and businesses, perhaps shopping for a souvenir woodcarving for which the village is famous. This afternoon we attend Part One of the **Passion Play**, the legacy of a vow made by the Oberammergauers in 1633 to enact the Passion story. Due to the ravages of the Thirty Years War, the plague had taken its toll in lives. But many of the people were spared, and the following year, 1634, the first Passion Play was performed on a stage set up in the cemetery. After dinner we attend Part Two. **B/L/D**

**Day 12: Mon. Aug. 24, 2020 • Munich, Germany**

We depart this morning for **Munich**. After a short city tour, which will include the **Olympic Grounds**, the **Glockenspiel** on the new city hall, the grounds of Nymphenburg Castle and more, we check into our hotel. This evening we enjoy Gemütlichkeit (a good time), music and food at the famous **Hofbrauhaus**. **B/D**

**Day 13: Tue. Aug. 25, 2020 • Return**

We transfer to the airport for our return flight.

**Abbreviations for Meals**  
**B**=Breakfast **L**=Lunch **D**=Dinner



**TOUR COST: \$3,579\* per person , Land Only**

\*Price is based on a minimum of 20 paying participants, double occupancy

**Single supplement = \$950**  
*(limited availability in Oberammergau)*

**Your Tour Includes:**

- **Land Transportation** via private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- **Accommodations** (double occupancy) in moderate first-class hotels
- **Meals per itinerary** (11 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 8 dinners)
- Services of **Professional tour manager, Richard Kurth**
- Local step-on guides for city tours and major attractions
- **Admission** to all activities indicated in the itinerary except those listed as optional
- **First Class tickets for the Passion Play** (including souvenir program book)
- **Luggage handling** of one piece per person at hotels
- Luggage strap, luggage tags and trip journal
- **All taxes and tips** for provided services except as noted below

**Your Tour Does Not Include:**

- **Roundtrip airfare** including related taxes and fees *(Estimated at \$1,300 from DFW, other gateways available)*
- Meals not indicated on itinerary
- **Beverages**, except with breakfast
- **End of tour gratuity** for tour manager (\$5/per person per day) and coach driver (\$4/per person per day)
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees. *(Passport must be valid for 6 months beyond return date.)*
- **Optional insurance** for health, baggage and cancellation. *(This insurance is available and offered by Ed-Ventures.)*

**Payment Schedule:**

<b>Deposit with registration:</b>	<b>\$500 per person</b>
<b>2nd Deposit by Jan. 1, 2019:</b>	<b>\$1000 per person</b>
<b>Final payment due 120 days prior to departure (April 15, 2020):</b>	<b>Balance</b>

Invoices will be sent out prior to final payment. Passengers may add after this date subject to air and land availability. Generally, airlines do not increase the price of a ticket after it has been contracted. However, prior to the issuance of a ticket, airlines may (and regularly do) impose fuel, tax, or security surcharges. In the event a surcharge is imposed after Ed-Ventures has received a final payment, Ed-Ventures will send an additional invoice for the surcharge amount. Early registration is encouraged.

**Currency:**

Currency exchange rates fluctuate constantly. In the event of a significant drop in the value of the dollar, we reserve the right to add a currency surcharge to the price of the tour.

**Cancellation Penalty:**

All cancellations must be in writing and the date of postmark will determine the amount of refund due. In the unlikely event that the tour does not reach the minimum enrollment required, all deposit money will be returned.

- ⇒ From time of deposit to Dec 31, 2018: \$200 penalty will be charged for cancellation.
- ⇒ From Jan. 1, 2019 to March 20, 2020: \$350 penalty will be charged for cancellation plus lost airfare deposits and any unrecoverable deposits to ground suppliers will be assessed (ie Passion Play ticket packages).
- ⇒ From March 21, 2020 to July 10, 2020: \$500 penalty will be charged for cancellation plus lost airfare deposits and any unrecoverable deposits to ground suppliers will be assessed. Airline tickets once purchased are nonrefundable.
- ⇒ From July 11, 2020 to departure: No Refund.

***Purchase of health, baggage, and trip cancellation/interruption insurance is strongly recommended.***

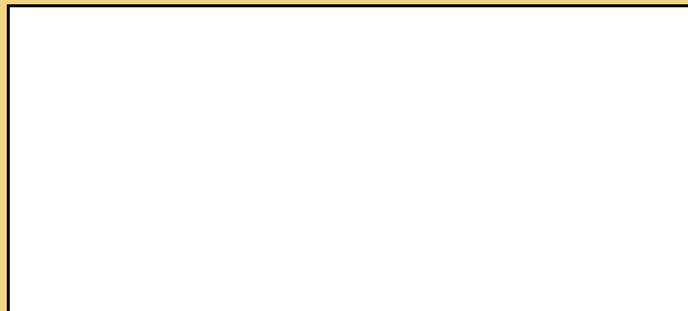
## Terms and Conditions

We reserve the right to cancel this trip due to lack of subscription. In the event of cancellation of the trip in its entirety, a full refund of all deposits will be made to passengers enrolled at the time of cancellation. Tour price is based on the value of the dollar and the cost of airfare and is subject to change without notice. Extensions are usually available, but must be requested when booking the tour. Any changes in airfare booking may result in a processing fee. It may be possible, that due to unforeseen events, conditions, or changes in airline schedules, the land portion of the trip may be extended or shortened. Any savings realized by such occurrences will be refunded, however any extra expenses incurred must be borne by the client. Trip cancellation insurance is available. This low-cost protection can save you money if you are forced to cancel or alter your trip for a medical reason only. You will be mailed trip cancellation insurance information with the brochure or upon receipt of your deposit.

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# Eastern Europe & the Passion Play

Please register me for:

- RKPP20: Aug. 13 - 25, 2020 • \$3,579
- Single Supplement • \$950
- Airfare from \_\_\_\_\_

## Passenger Information (1<sup>st</sup> Traveler)

Please record information **exactly as it appears on your passport**. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport. *Best practice is to include a copy of the photo page of your passport.*

Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(Name for name badge): \_\_\_\_\_

Passport #: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Authority: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender:  Male  Female

Dietary Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

## Passenger Information (2<sup>nd</sup> Traveler)

Please record information **exactly as it appears on your passport**. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport. *Best practice is to include a copy of the photo page of your passport.*

Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(Name for name badge): \_\_\_\_\_

Passport #: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Authority: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender:  Male  Female

Dietary Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone/cell: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Sleeping Preference (circle one): Double bed (1 bed) Twin Beds (2 beds)

Roommate name: \_\_\_\_\_ OR Single supplement:  Yes  No

## Travel Insurance (please check one)

- I wish to purchase Travel Guard insurance and have included the premium with my deposit.
- I wish to decline the travel insurance offered.

## Deposit Payment Information (please check one)

- Enclosed is my \$ \_\_\_\_\_ deposit and insurance premium (if applicable). **Make checks payable to Ed-Ventures, Inc.**
- Please charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ deposit and insurance premium (if applicable) to my Discover/MasterCard/Visa

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Card ID Code:\* \_\_\_\_\_ *\*last 3 digits in signature box on the back of the card*

\_\_\_\_\_ Initial to acknowledge you understand that Federal law prohibits the carriage of certain hazardous materials in your luggage or on your person aboard aircraft and could result in a fine or imprisonment. Visit [www.tsa.gov](http://www.tsa.gov) for more information.

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Signature of 1<sup>st</sup> traveler: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of 2<sup>nd</sup> traveler: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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