

NAWAS INTERNATIONAL

ALPINE EUROPE

visiting

Heidelberg ◊ Rhine Valley ◊ Rothenburg ◊ Munich
Markt Am Inn ◊ Altötting ◊ Salzburg ◊ Innsbruck ◊ Lucerne

including

THE PASSION PLAY OF OBERAMMERGAU

hosted by

Fr. John Vakulskas

11 Days: September 27 - October 7, 2010

\$3699 from Chicago
\$3869 from Omaha



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Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure and excitement that I invite you to join me on an 11 Days Alpine Europe tour with a once in a lifetime opportunity to attend the world famous Passion Play in 2010 in Oberammergau, Germany. The villagers of Oberammergau first performed the play in 1634 in fulfillment of their promise to God

for sparing them from the Black Plague, and it has been presented there every 10 years since then.

This tour will take us to one of the most beautiful parts of the world: Switzerland, southern Germany and Austria. Whether visiting medieval towns, driving through the breathtaking Alps or simply relaxing at a sidewalk café, we will experience the unique atmosphere of this region and its people.

In addition to our time spent in Oberammergau, we will have the opportunity to enjoy Heidelberg, the oldest university town in Germany; Rothenburg, Germany's best preserved medieval town; Neuschwanstein, King Ludwig's fairy tale castle; Munich, the capital of Bavaria; Markt Am Inn, birthplace of Pope Benedict XVI; Altötting, a pilgrimage destination known as the " Lourdes of Germany"; Salzburg and Innsbruck, two picture postcard cities situated in the Alps; and Lucerne, with its beautiful 14th and 15th century covered bridges.

The price of our tour includes roundtrip airfare, first class/select hotels, private homes/pensions in Oberammergau, most meals, admission tickets for the Passion Play, the services of a professional tour director and sightseeing in a deluxe motorcoach.

We look forward to having you join us on this trip of a lifetime. It promises to be a wonderful experience for all with time to enjoy the fellowship of old friends and new. Nawas International Travel is making the arrangements for us and has earned a reputation for reliability and excellence in their 59 years of business.

While the year 2010 seems a long way away, NOW is the time to make plans and reserve your place on the tour as space is limited. Don't miss out on this opportunity to see the Passion Play and experience the history, culture and remarkable scenery of Alpine Europe!

Sincerely,

Fr. John Vakulskas, Jr.

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TOUR FEATURES

- Round trip airfare from Chicago or Omaha.
- Accommodations at First Class and Select hotels. Private homes and Pensions are used in Oberammergau.
- **Admission tickets to the Passion Play of Oberammergau.**
- Most meals.
- Services of a professional tour director.
- Comprehensive sightseeing throughout.
- All service charges and local hotel taxes.
- \$100,000 Automatic Flight insurance.*

*Subject to policy terms and limitations.

YOUR DAY-TO-DAY ITINERARY

MON, SEP 27 – CHICAGO OR OMAHA/ ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

Depart Chicago or Omaha today on your overnight transatlantic flight to Frankfurt, arriving the following day.

TUE, SEP 28 – ARRIVE FRANKFURT/ HEIDELBERG/RHINE VALLEY

Arrive Frankfurt. Drive to Heidelberg, the oldest University town in Germany and home of the "Student Prince." View the medieval Town Hall and the University, founded in 1386. See the ancient castle high above the city and river. Overnight in the Rhine Valley. (D)

WED, SEP 29 – RHINE VALLEY/ROTHENBURG/ OBERAMMERGAU

Travel east to Rothenburg, Germany's best preserved medieval town. Rothenburg's ramparts, cobbled roads, and high gabled houses invoke the romance of the Middle Ages. The battle-scarred walls that encircle the town still protect St. Jakobskirch, with its altar carving by Tilman Riemenschneider. After a visit, proceed south on the Romantic Road through fairy-tale towns surrounded by moats, gates and towers. Admire the landscape dotted with lovely church spires standing since the Middle Ages. On to the charming village of Oberammergau, site of the world famous Passion Play. (B,D)

THU, SEP 30 – THE PASSION PLAY OF OBERAMMERGAU

The highlight of your trip! In keeping with their 377-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 370 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,L,D)

FRI, OCT 1 – OBERAMMERGAU/ NEUSCHWANSTEIN/MUNICH

View 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 oval rococo Wies Church designed in the late 1740s. On to Munich, the capital of Bavaria. Munich was ruled for over 650 years by the Wittelsbacher dukes and kings, who left their mark on the architecture and founded the world famous Munich art collection. On a city tour see Marienplatz, Munich's town square, and view Nymphenburg, the former Royal Residence; Odeon Square with the beautiful Theatiner Church; and the Hall of Generals. Overnight in the Munich area. (B)

**SAT, OCT 2 – MUNICH/ALTÖTTING/
MARKTL AM INN/SALZBURG**

This morning drive to Altötting, home of the Black Madonna of Altötting, and a pilgrimage destination for over 500 years. According to Pope Benedict XVI, it is "the heart of Bavaria and one of the hearts of Europe". Celebrate mass and see the Shrine of Our Lady with the miraculous statue of Our Lady, and the Basilica of St. Anna. Continue to Marktl am Inn (Little market on the Inn River). The picturesque village is the birthplace of our Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI. View the church of St. Oswald before continuing to across the border into Austria and Salzburg, one of the world's most beautiful cities. Featured in the movie "The Sound of Music," Salzburg will always be remembered as Mozart's birthplace. On a city tour see the Mozarteum (house where Mozart lived) and visit the Church of the Franciscans and the Altarmarkt in the heart of the Old City. (B)

SUN, OCT 3 – SALZBURG/INNSBRUCK

Admire the majestic mountain scenery as you travel west through the Kitzbuheler Alps to Innsbruck, capital of the Austrian province of Tyrol. The 800-year-old city was named for the bridge across the Inn River, first built in the 12th century. On your orientation tour of Innsbruck, view the Goldenes Dachl (Golden Roof), a late Gothic oriel with 2,657 gold-plated tiles. It was built under the rule of Emperor Maximilian I as a royal box for spectacles held in the square below. Also see Wilten Basilica, Hofburg Palace and Maria Theresia Avenue. (B,D)

MON, OCT 4 – INNSBRUCK/LAKE LUCERNE

Drive to Lucerne. Its attractive waterfront, 14th and 15th century covered wood bridges and medieval walls make Lucerne one of Switzerland's prettiest cities. Walk along the quaint, winding streets of the Old Town and see the 14th century wooden Kapell Bridge and the Lion Monument. Free time to stroll along the bridges, relax on the lakeshore or visit the elegant shops. Overnight in the Lake Lucerne area. (B,D)

TUE, OCT 5 – LAKE LUCERNE

Tour Switzerland's breathtakingly beautiful Bernese Oberland. Follow the Bruenig Pass road to Interlaken, a popular summer resort dwarfed by the famous snow-covered Alpine peaks of the Eiger and the 13,642-ft. Jungfrau. Proceed to the picturesque villages of Lauterbrunnen and Grindelwald and then return to your hotel for the night. (B,D)

WED, OCT 6 – LUCERNE/RHINE FALLS/FRANKFURT

Cross into Germany and continue to the magnificent Rhine Falls. After admiring the thunderous falls proceed to Frankfurt. (B,D)

THU, OCT 7 – FRANKFURT/CHICAGO OR OMAHA

Bid farewell to Europe as you transfer to the airport for your flight to Chicago or Omaha, arriving the same day. (B)

B=Continental Breakfast L=Lunch D=Table d'hote Dinner

RESERVATION FORM

Demand for **Passion Play 2010** tickets will far exceed supply. Tickets are available on a first come, first served basis. Please read the General Conditions then complete this form.

Book early to avoid disappointment!

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:

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Accommodation Desired:

- double room sharing with.....
- single room (\$750 extra per person)

Enclosed is my check for \$.....as deposit
(\$200 per person) for.....persons

Gateway: Chicago Omaha

Passenger #1:

Name(Mr.,Mrs.,Ms.).....
(First and last name as shown on passport)

Address.....

City.....State.....Zip.....

Email.....

Home Phone.....Work Phone.....

Passport #.....

Date of Issue.....Date Expires.....

Date of Birth.....Country of
Citizenship.....

Place of Birth.....
(city/state)

Passenger #2:

Name(Mr.,Mrs.,Ms.).....
(First and last name as shown on passport)

Address.....

City.....State.....Zip.....

Email.....

Home Phone.....Work Phone.....

Passport #.....

Date of Issue.....Date Expires.....

Date of Birth.....Country of
Citizenship.....

Place of Birth.....
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A word about NAWAS . . .

NAWAS INTERNATIONAL has pioneered Christian Tours to the far corners of the world for over 59 years. We offer you the essential ingredients for a successful tour.

EXPERIENCE: There is no substitute for 59 years of planning tours. Our contacts, guides, knowledge of the area, and background guarantee you the highest quality service at affordable prices.

RELIABILITY: In 59 years, we have won an international reputation for reliability. We deliver what we promise. And that is essential for a successful trip.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

RESERVATIONS, DEPOSITS AND FINAL PAYMENT:

An initial deposit of \$200 per person is due at time of booking. Tickets to the Passion Play are limited and available on a first come, first served basis. A second deposit of \$600 is due by December 1, 2008. (Total deposit required by 12/01/08 is \$800). An additional \$1200 deposit is due by August 31, 2009. (Total deposit required by 8/31/09 is \$2000.) The balance of payment is due at Nawas Travel 135 days prior to departure date. Your deposit payment shall be deemed to be an acceptance of all the terms of our General Conditions.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: A U.S.A. passport valid for 6 months after date of re-entry into the U.S.A. is required. (Non U.S.A. citizens may require visas in addition to a valid passport.)

THE TOUR PRICE INCLUDES A DISCOUNT FOR CASH PAYMENT AND:

AIR TRANSPORTATION: By any IATAN/ARC or other scheduled jet carrier, in economy class, based on non-refundable bulk group fares. Cancellations made after air tickets have been issued are subject to full cancellation penalties as imposed by the airlines. We strongly recommend all tour members retain both their ticket receipts and boarding passes as copies of same cannot be provided. Airline tickets must bear your first and last name as it appears on your passport.

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION: By deluxe motorcoach.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: Except in Oberammergau, accommodations are at first class and select hotels based on two persons sharing a twin or double bedded room with private bath. As is the custom while attending the Passion Play, accommodations will be in private homes, pensions, inns and guest houses in and around the village of Oberammergau. Nawas cannot guarantee roommates. A person taking a single room (subject to availability) must pay a supplement of \$750. Single rooms are not available in Oberammergau.

MEALS: Continental breakfast and 7 dinners plus lunch in Oberammergau.

SIGHTSEEING: As specified in the itinerary using motorcoach transportation or other conveyances as required. Entrance fees and the services of local English-speaking guides or tour managers are included.

TRANSFERS: Assistance and transfers from airports to hotels and vice versa in private motorcoach.

SERVICE CHARGES AND TAXES: Service charges and taxes normally included in bills, government taxes on hotel bills in effect on October 9, 2007, taxes on sightseeing and excursion trips and portorage at hotels of one normal size suitcase (maximum weight 50 lbs.) are included in the tour price. Portorage is not available in Oberammergau.

FLIGHT INSURANCE: Automatic one hundred thousand dollars flight insurance policy for each Nawas-ticketed passenger, subject to policy terms and limitations.

DEVIATIONS: All deviation requests from the group itinerary must be received at Nawas in writing no later than 150 days prior to departure. A \$100 non refundable fee per person will be charged on all deviations in addition to any extra airfare that may be incurred. Air deviations are subject to availability and restrictions as imposed by the airlines.

BAGGAGE: Allowed free of charge to your first overseas destination and from most points of return to the U.S.A.: a maximum of one bag per person (weighing 50 pounds or less) with a combined length, width and height of 62 inches plus one Carry-on Bag with total dimensions of 45 inches (approximately 22" x 14" x 9") which fits in an overhead bin or underneath the seat in front of you. Beyond the first overseas stopover point free weight allowances range from 33 lbs to 50 lbs. Excess baggage will be charged at the established rates. Airline policies regarding baggage are subject to change at any time without prior notice. Maximum care will be taken to safeguard baggage, but Nawas Travel accepts no liability for loss or damage. Baggage insurance is recommended and is available upon request.

TRAVELERS REQUIRING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE: Disabled travelers requiring special attention or care must advise NAWAS in writing at the time of reservation. A physically able companion must accompany any person who needs special assistance. Tour directors, guides, drivers or other tour, hotel or ship personnel are not able to provide such assistance. NAWAS is not responsible for any denial of services to the disabled participant by air carriers, cruise ships, hotels, restaurants or other independent suppliers. Certain areas of Europe and the Middle East can involve extensive walking. Be aware that outside the U.S. the Americans with Disabilities Act is not applicable and facilities for disabled individuals are limited.

THE TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

U.S. departure taxes, overseas airport taxes, overseas local government taxes, airline security fees/surcharges and fuel surcharges (taxes/surcharges estimated at \$375 to \$450 per person), passport fees, visa fees (if any), phone calls, valet/laundry service, wines, liquors, mineral water, after dinner coffee or tea, tips to escort, guides, drivers and waiters, sightseeing and other services not specifically mentioned, excess baggage and all other items of a purely personal nature.

CANCELLATIONS: For written cancellations received by Nawas Travel by December 1, 2008, refunds will be made less a \$200 per person administrative fee. Written cancellations received by Nawas between December 2, 2008 and May 1, 2009 are subject to a \$500 per person cancellation fee. Written cancellations received by Nawas between May 2, 2009 and September 1, 2009 are subject to a \$800 per person cancellation fee. For written cancellations received by Nawas from September 2, 2009 up to 135 days before the departure date, a \$1500 per person cancellation fee will be assessed. From 134 to 100 days prior to departure date, written cancellations received by Nawas are subject to a cancellation fee of 50% of the total tour price per person. Written cancellations received by Nawas between 99 and 65 days before departure date are subject to a cancellation fee of 75% of the total tour price. Written cancellations received by Nawas 64 days or less from the departure date are subject to a 100% cancellation fee of the total tour price per person. Failure to receive additional deposits and final payment by the due dates may result in the cancellation of your reservation and the forfeiture of your deposits.

Airline tickets are not refundable once issued. Nawas will issue airline tickets at its sole discretion approximately 120 days before departure. No refunds will be given for any unused services while on tour.

We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance to allow for unexpected medical emergencies. Trip cancellation insurance is available upon written request.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: The airfare used is based on estimated non-refundable bulk group fares projected for 2010. Airlines reserve the right to increase fares without prior notice. Tour members will be required to pay any airfare increases and fuel surcharges as imposed by the airlines prior to departure. Airlines require a minimum of 10 persons departing from the same gateway city.

Land costs and airfares are based on estimated year 2010 tariffs, and rates of exchange and overseas government taxes in effect on October 9, 2007 and a minimum of 36 or more participants. While we have made the best possible estimates of what we expect costs to be in the year 2010, we cannot guarantee actual prices, exchange rates and airfares. Any increases in land costs or airfare that may occur will be collected from each passenger prior to departure. We reserve the right to increase the cost of the tour consistent with normal increases should the group fall below 36 persons, or in the event of fluctuations in exchange rates.

Travel in the year 2010 is expected to be at an all-time high. NAWAS will make every effort to adhere to the itinerary and scheduled departure as outlined herein; however, actual group size, Passion Play ticket availability or circumstances beyond our control may necessitate alterations. Departure date, itinerary sequence and cities for overnight accommodations may change.

Please note that healthcare/medical costs outside the U.S.A. are not covered by Medicare and many private medical insurance plans. Please consult with your health insurance supplier to obtain the necessary health/medical coverage for overseas travel.

California Residents: Please read the enclosed disclosure required by the Sellers of Travel Act before booking.

RESPONSIBILITY: NAWAS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL SERVICE, INC. (NAWAS), and their agents act only in the capacity of agents in all matters pertaining to hotel accommodations, sightseeing tours and transportation, whether by railroad, motorcoach, car, steamship, boat, air or any other means. Except for the willful negligence of its direct employees, NAWAS is not liable for any damage, loss (including but not limited to personal injury, loss of enjoyment, distress, death and property loss), expense or inconvenience caused by any act or omission of any supplier providing tour services or by any other person or reason whatsoever or by any delays or changes in the itinerary, or the acts and omissions of the tour leader. NAWAS reserves the right to cancel the tour at any time, to operate the tour with a substitute tour host/leader at any time, to decline or retain any person as a member of the tour for any cause at any time, or to make changes in the published itinerary whenever in their sole judgment conditions warrant, or if they deem it necessary for the comfort, convenience or safety of the tour. All prices are based on rates of exchange listed above and while every effort will be made to hold them firm, they are subject to change. The airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their plane or conveyance. The passage contract in use by the airlines concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchasers of this tour and/or passengers. The services of any IATAN/ARC or other scheduled air carrier may be used in connection with the tour.

Payment of deposits by tour participants indicates acceptance of the above terms and General Conditions. The venue for any dispute is Fairfield County, Connecticut. The laws of the state of Connecticut will apply.

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