



Berammergau Passion Play

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Cruising the Danube River

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Dear BC Alumni and Friends,

Please join us as we cruise the Danube River to visit spectacular cities along its banks, then travel by motorcoach through Bavaria to the village of Oberammergau, where we will experience the profound Passion Play. BC Beyond Educational Travel is pleased to offer this special tour as one of our inaugural excursions, and as part of our mission to provide lifelong learning opportunities through educational travel, and to expand the global reach of Boston College.

Nestled in the storybook landscapes of the Bavarian Alps, more than 2,000 residents of Oberammergau stage one of the world's greatest dramatic performances—the extraordinarily produced Passion Play, founded on unique local history and a legacy that encompasses nearly four centuries. Join us for a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience the 42nd production of this time-honored tradition, the Oberammergau Passion Play. Spend two nights in the Oberammergau region, coupled with a delightful Danube River cruise aboard the exclusively chartered, deluxe AMADEUS SILVER III through Hungary, Austria, Germany and Slovakia.

Our customized itinerary combines this internationally acclaimed event with authentic art, architecture, culture and history. Special tickets, unavailable to the general public, have been procured for your Passion Play experience. Visit four world-class cities and a host of UNESCO World Heritage sites, including storied Budapest and its Castle Quarter; historical Vienna and the spectacular Schönbrunn Palace, featuring the Habsburgs' palatial gardens; and delightful Salzburg. Immerse yourself in Bratislava's well-preserved medieval past; the traditions of Melk's Benedictine Abbey; and Munich, the quintessential capital of all things Bavarian. You won't want to miss this exceptional opportunity.

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Patricia Tyler, Director
BC Beyond Educational Travel

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The Passion Play of Oberammergau

Nearly 400 years ago, the ruling council of Oberammergau made a valiant effort to safeguard their hamlet against the Black Death plague. They sought deliverance by performing a Passion Play on a modest stage built over the graves of plague victims. Surviving villagers made a solemn vow to reenact the passion of Christ every 10 years in perpetuity as an act of gratitude and remembrance.

Through the centuries, Oberammergau's Passion Play has risen in prestige, drawing pilgrims from around the world. Performed on one of the world's largest stages, the *Passionspielhaus*, the play now features a cast of nearly 2,000 village residents transformed from Bavarian farmers and townsfolk into an array of Roman centurions, Jewish villagers and other Biblical characters. The tradition lives on, respected around the globe as the world's most historic and spectacular Passion Play.

U.S./Budapest, Hungary Days 1 and 2

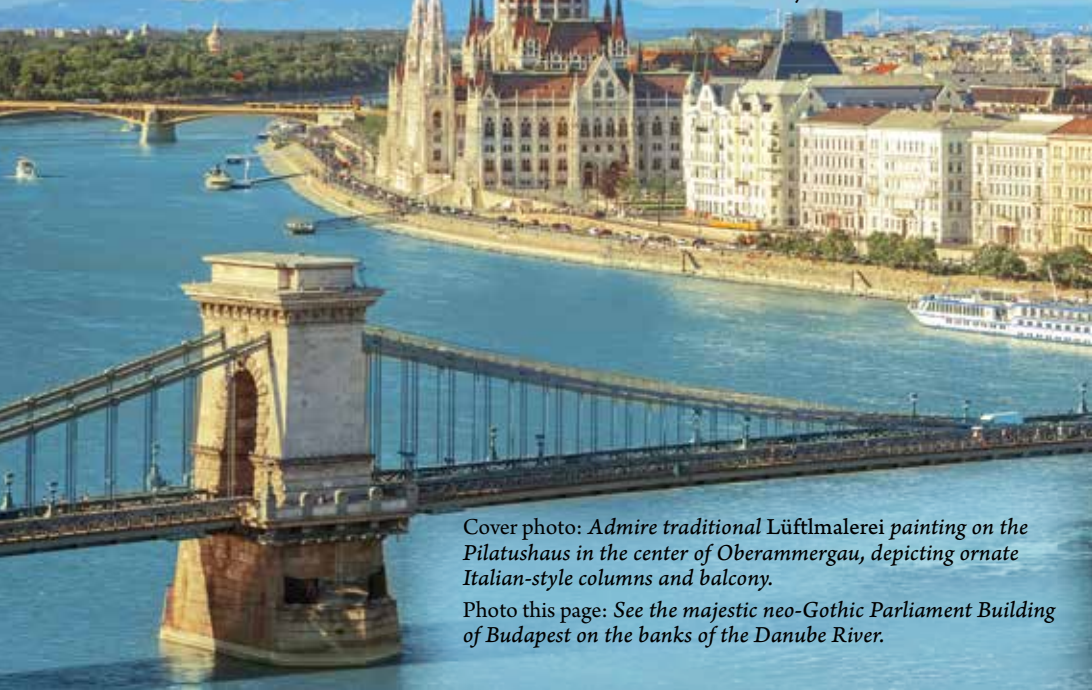
Depart the U.S. for Budapest, Hungary's historical capital. Upon arrival, embark the *AMADEUS SILVER II* or *III*, your exclusively chartered, deluxe small river ship, and attend the Captain's Welcome Reception and dinner.

Budapest Day 3

Austrian-born, nevertheless the "most Hungarian Habsburg," Archduke Joseph is credited with creating in Budapest an imperial capital that rivaled Vienna. The embankments of the centuries-old twin cities of Buda and Pest, facing each other across the Danube, and the

famous Buda Castle Quarter are a designated UNESCO World Heritage site.

Begin your tour in Pest to see the iconic, neo-Gothic limestone Parliament Building, built between 1884 and 1904 on the river's banks. Pass through Heroes' Square and admire the monuments honoring the Magyar chiefs who conquered Hungary in A.D. 896. See the 19th-century, neo-Renaissance Hungarian State Opera House, one of the most beautiful performing arts venues in the world. Cross the imposing Chain Bridge linking river-level Pest to the hills of Buda. Visit the late-19th-century, neo-Romanesque Fisherman's Bastion on Castle Hill with commanding views of the city.



Cover photo: *Admire traditional Lüftmalerei painting on the Pilatushaus in the center of Oberammergau, depicting ornate Italian-style columns and balcony.*

Photo this page: *See the majestic neo-Gothic Parliament Building of Budapest on the banks of the Danube River.*



Enjoy the charm of Oberammergau, with painted trompe l'oeil frescoes on many homes and shops, depicting fairy tales and religious scenes.



Nearby, explore the Gothic-style St. Matthias Church, where Charles I, the last Habsburgian ruler, was coronated in 1916.

Reboard the ship for lunch and depart Budapest.

Bratislava, Slovakia

Day 4

Bratislava is nestled in the foothills of the impressive Carpathian mountain range; beautifully restored since the end of the Cold War, Slovakia's charming capital depicts 21st-century life amid its 1,000-year-old history. On a guided tour of the Old Town, walk among a sampling of central Europe's finest medieval, Renaissance and 19th-century architecture. Visit the Romanesque, 14th-century Cathedral of St. Martin and the elaborate Primatial Palace, and see St. Michael's Gate, Bratislava's oldest preserved medieval fortification, originally built in 1300.

Enjoy time at leisure in Bratislava before cruising through Austria's fertile Donau-Auen National Park.

Vienna, Austria

Day 5

Former seat of the Habsburg Empire, Vienna's historical center is a UNESCO World Heritage open-air museum of splendid Baroque architecture. Enjoy a panoramic tour featuring its famous Ringstrasse,

showcasing the impressive Vienna State Opera House and Hofburg Palace. Visit the iconic, Gothic-style Stephansdom (St. Stephen's Cathedral).

After lunch on board the ship, visit the UNESCO World Heritage-designated



Stroll through the Baroque pleasure gardens of Mirabell Palace in the heart of Salzburg.

Schönbrunn Palace and Gardens, the lavish summer estate of the imperial Habsburgs. It was here that a 6-year-old Mozart first performed for Empress Maria Theresa and her daughter, Marie Antoinette, the future queen of France. Enjoy time to stroll the sprawling, English-style gardens.

See St. Michael's Gate and its elegant copper roof, an iconic symbol of Bratislava. Admire the grandeur of UNESCO-designated Schönbrunn Palace and Gardens, the summer home of Marie Antoinette and Emperor Franz Josef.





Cruise along the Danube River through the stunning natural beauty of the Wachau Valley landscape, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Melk

Day 6

This morning, cruise the Danube's fabled Wachau Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage site, where terraced vineyards blanket hillsides dotted with the ruins of medieval castles. Arrive in Melk and visit the impressive 900-year-old Benedictine Abbey, an Austrian Baroque masterpiece by Paul Troger. Showcasing stunning 18th-century ceiling frescoes and priceless relics, this beautiful *kirche* (church), houses the perfectly intact, multi-panel, 16th-century altarpiece by Danube School master Jörg Breu the Elder. A prestigious center of scholarship throughout the Middle Ages, the abbey's library is today a repository of 100,000 medieval manuscripts.

Enjoy lunch and an afternoon of engaging lectures on the ship before the Captain's Farewell Dinner.

Passau, Germany/Salzburg, Austria/Oberammergau, Germany

Day 7

Disembark in Passau, where three legendary rivers converge—the Danube, Inn and Ilz. Transfer to the UNESCO World Heritage site of Salzburg, the setting for several scenes in *The Sound of Music*. Explore the Alter Markt, the city's old marketplace, where burghers' houses date back to the Middle Ages; see the 17th-century Salzburg Cathedral, a fine example of Italian-style Baroque architecture; and savor a local lunch. Walk through Mirabell Gardens and St. Peter's Cemetery—one of the world's oldest and most beautiful cemeteries. Enjoy time at leisure to stroll the picturesque arcades of Salzburg's famous pedestrian lane, Getreidegasse.

Continue through the scenic Bavarian Alps to a charming hotel near Oberammergau. Dinner is included in the hotel this evening.

Oberammergau Passion Play

Day 8

The pastoral village of Oberammergau is synonymous with the great Passion Play produced here usually every 10 years.

Walk the streets of Oberammergau and admire the charming frescoed murals adorning the walls and façades of the village buildings.

This afternoon, experience one of Europe's oldest and most venerable dramatic traditions. From specially reserved seats, enjoy the 2022 Passion Play, featuring a cast of thousands—all local residents—and extraordinary stage sets. During intermission, enjoy a dinner of traditional Bavarian fare.

Oberammergau/Neuschwanstein Castle/Munich

Day 9

After breakfast, depart for Munich. En route, stop at King Ludwig II's fairy-tale Neuschwanstein, one of the world's most photographed castles and the Romanesque Revival inspiration for Disneyland's Sleeping Beauty Castle. Lunch is included.

Munich

Day 10

History comes alive in the 800-year-old city of Munich, Bavaria's historical capital, known for its artistic culture and unique beauty. Visit the 17th-century, Baroque Nymphenburg Palace, birthplace of King Ludwig II and former

See 900-year-old Melk Abbey, originally an opulent Baroque palace, now a museum and learning center.





EXCLUSIVELY CHARTERED, DELUXE AMADEUS SILVER II/III

The elegant and meticulously crafted AMADEUS SILVER II and III feature the comforts of a refined and traditional hotel.

The 84 stylish Staterooms and Suites are among the most spacious of any European river ships (172 to 284 square feet). Suites include a private balcony, and select Staterooms feature a unique floor-to-ceiling window that lowers to French-balcony height at the touch of a button. Accommodations have two twin beds or one queen bed, individual climate control, sitting area and private bathroom with shower; most have a minibar.

The delightful restaurants offer scenic views through panoramic windows as well as continental cuisine featuring fresh, local ingredients. Daily meals include early-risers' coffee, breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea, four-course dinner with complimentary wine and beer, and late-evening snack.

For your leisure time on board each ship there are two bars, an open-air lounge, complimentary Wi-Fi (conditions permitting), a beauty salon, a boutique, a massage room, a fitness studio and the Sun Deck. An elevator serves all passenger decks except the Sun Deck. There is no doctor on board.

The AMADEUS fleet has earned the important "Green Globe Certificate" of environmental sustainability.

Stateroom



Dining Room



summer residence of Bavarian royalty, and stroll through the palace's exquisite gardens.

Enjoy the Munich walking tour featuring the Königsbau (King's building) of the Residenz, the former royal palace complex. Stroll down elegant Maximilianstrasse and see the world-famous, 16th-century Hofbräuhaus, a three-floor beer hall, and lively Viktualienmarkt, the city's daily open-air market. In Marienplatz, marvel at the grand neo-Gothic façade of the New Town Hall, and see the famous Glockenspiel's life-sized figures performing the traditional Coopers' Dance.

Enjoy an afternoon at leisure before attending the Farewell Reception in the hotel this evening.

Munich/U.S.

Day 11

After breakfast, continue on the Berlin and Potsdam Post-Program Option or transfer to the airport for your return flight to the U.S.



Delight in the reenactments of two scenes from Munich's history in the Glockenspiel on the city's town square, Marienplatz.

Included Features

On Board the Exclusively Chartered **AMADEUS SILVER II and III**

- ◆ Five-night cruise from Budapest, Hungary, to Passau, Germany.
- ◆ Deluxe, river-view, air-conditioned Suite or Stateroom.
- ◆ All meals aboard ship.
- ◆ Complimentary house wine and beer served with lunch and dinner.
- ◆ Captain's Welcome Reception and Farewell Dinner.
- ◆ **Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the ship.**
- ◆ Visits to Budapest's historical landmarks of the **Fisherman's Bastion** and **St. Matthias Church**.
- ◆ Guided walking tour of **Bratislava's** well-preserved, medieval Staré Mesto (Old Town).
- ◆ Tour of the 11th-century Benedictine Abbey of **Melk**, a Baroque masterpiece.

Scenic transfer from Passau, Germany, via Salzburg, Austria, to Oberammergau, Germany.

Oberammergau, Germany

- ◆ Two nights in an ideally located, traditional Bavarian hotel, with breakfast each morning and two dinners featuring **authentic Bavarian cuisine**.
- ◆ **2022 Oberammergau Passion Play performance**, including specially reserved seating.

Scenic transfer from Oberammergau to Munich, including lunch and a stop en route at Ludwig II's iconic, fairy-tale Neuschwanstein Castle.

In Munich

- ◆ Two nights in the Five-Star, centrally located **HOTEL BAYERISCHER HOF**, with breakfast each morning.
- ◆ **Walking tour** featuring the elegant Maximilianstrasse, the lively Viktualienmarkt, the world-famous Hofbräuhaus and **Marienplatz** to see the Glockenspiel.
- ◆ Visit to the magnificent **Nymphenburg Palace**.
- ◆ Farewell Reception.

UNESCO World Heritage Site Highlights

- ◆ Tour of **Budapest** and its famous **Castle Quarter**.
- ◆ Panoramic tour of the world-class city of **Vienna**, an open-air museum of Baroque architecture.
- ◆ Visit to **Schönbrunn Palace and Gardens**, the spectacular summer estate of the Habsburgs.
- ◆ **Walking tour of Salzburg** featuring the Mirabell Gardens and the city's famous pedestrian shopping lane, Getreidegasse.



Always Included

- ◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
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Hungarian Tradition in Budapest Pre-Program Option

Budapest's majestic hills and artistic, bohemian avenues are sure to captivate you. Visit the stately, Gothic Revival-style Parliament Building, one of Europe's oldest legislative buildings and Hungary's largest; and enjoy an excursion into Hungary's great, protected *Puszta* (plains), for an expert display of master horsemanship and a traditional regional lunch—an authentic and unforgettable experience. Enjoy river-view accommodations for two nights in the Five-Star INTERCONTINENTAL BUDAPEST.

Berlin and Potsdam Post-Program Option

Known for its world-class museums and eclectic architecture, Berlin is one of Europe's preeminent cultural centers. Enjoy the city tour and visit the Wall Museum at Checkpoint Charlie, the former border crossing between East and West Berlin. Explore the Pergamon Museum on UNESCO World Heritage-designated Museum Island. In nearby Potsdam, visit Cecilienhof Palace, built from 1913 to 1917 as a country manor, and tour Sanssouci Palace, the former summer palace of Frederick the Great and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Accommodations are for three nights in the deluxe WESTIN GRAND BERLIN HOTEL.

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