

# Passion Play in Oberammergau



## A very special event in the year 2020

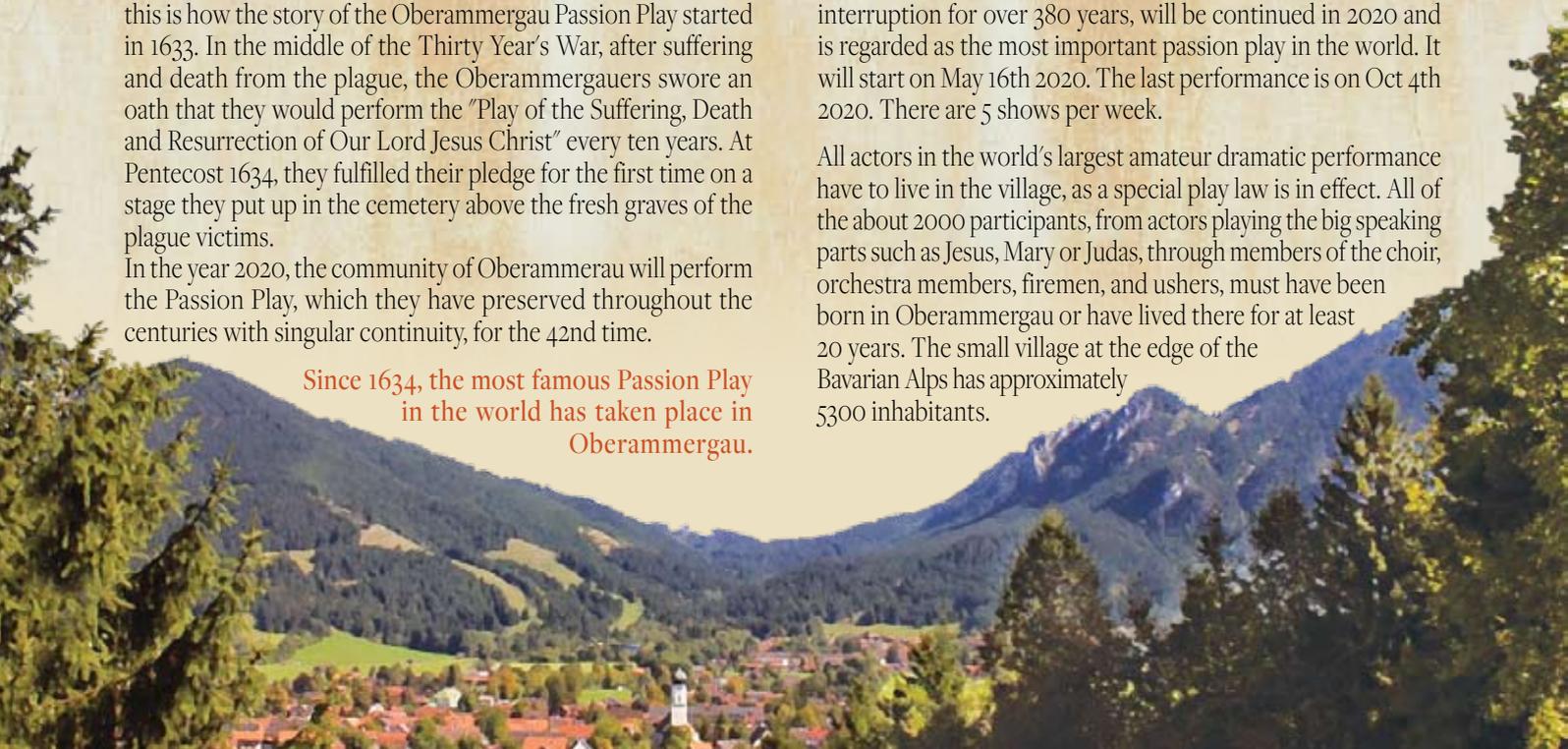
A play of life and death, promised in a moment of mortal threat – this is how the story of the Oberammergau Passion Play started in 1633. In the middle of the Thirty Year's War, after suffering and death from the plague, the Oberammergauers swore an oath that they would perform the "Play of the Suffering, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ" every ten years. At Pentecost 1634, they fulfilled their pledge for the first time on a stage they put up in the cemetery above the fresh graves of the plague victims.

In the year 2020, the community of Oberammergau will perform the Passion Play, which they have preserved throughout the centuries with singular continuity, for the 42nd time.

**Since 1634, the most famous Passion Play in the world has taken place in Oberammergau.**

The tradition, maintained and experienced almost without interruption for over 380 years, will be continued in 2020 and is regarded as the most important passion play in the world. It will start on May 16th 2020. The last performance is on Oct 4th 2020. There are 5 shows per week.

All actors in the world's largest amateur dramatic performance have to live in the village, as a special play law is in effect. All of the about 2000 participants, from actors playing the big speaking parts such as Jesus, Mary or Judas, through members of the choir, orchestra members, firemen, and ushers, must have been born in Oberammergau or have lived there for at least 20 years. The small village at the edge of the Bavarian Alps has approximately 5300 inhabitants.



We would like to offer different tour programs in combination with a visit to the Passion Play in Oberammergau. The programs listed below are our suggestions. If you have other ideas please let us know. We can alter the programs and include your wishes and expectations.



### 1. Oberammergau and Israel

See the play and visit the places. Flight to Munich, 2 nights in Oberammergau, flight from Munich to Tel Aviv, round trip in Israel including Galilee and Jerusalem, flight back from Tel Aviv.

### 2. Luther's footsteps in Germany and Oberammergau

Flight to Berlin, tour via Wittenberg, Eisleben, Erfurt, Eisenach, Coburg, Augsburg to Munich, continue for 1 or 2 nights to Oberammergau, flight back from Munich.

### 3. Famous monasteries in the south of Germany and Oberammergau

Flight to Munich, roundtrip to the monasteries of Weltenburg, Altötting, Frauenchiemsee, Andechs, Benediktbeuern, and Ettal, continue for 1 or 2 nights to Oberammergau, flight back from Munich.

### 4. Best known pilgrimage places in Europe and Oberammergau

Flight to Lisboa, visits to Fatima, Santiago de Compostela, Lourdes, Padua, Assisi, Rome, flight to Munich, 1 or 2 nights in Oberammergau, flight back from Munich.

### 5. River cruise and Oberammergau

Flight to Frankfurt, Dusseldorf or Munich, 5 to 7 days cruise on the Rhine or the Danube, continue for 1 or 2 nights to Oberammergau, flight back from Munich.

### 6. Romantic castles in Germany and Oberammergau

Flight to Frankfurt, visits to the Residenz in Würzburg, the Veste in Coburg, the New Castle in Bayreuth, Castle Herrenchiemsee on an island in Lake Chiemsee, Castle Nyphenburg in Munich, Castle Neuschwanstein, Castle Linderhof in Ettal, continue for 1 or 2 nights to Oberammergau, flight back from Munich.

### 7. Famous cities in Austria and Germany and Oberammergau

Flight to Vienna, two nights in Vienna, drive to Salzburg, two nights in Salzburg, drive to Munich, two nights in Munich, continue for 1 or 2 nights to Oberammergau, flight back from Munich.

Prices for a 8 days / 7 nights tour for a group of about 40 persons including the visit to the Passion Play in Oberammergau start from about 1.850,- \$ (flights not included). The exact prices depend on the travel date, the number of participants, the categories of the hotels. **Ask for your individual offering!**