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CENTRAL EUROPE FEATURING OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY

15 Day Conducted Tour
for **\$7,895** per person twin share
This price includes airport taxes & levies

This special tour visits Germany, Czech Republic, Hungary and Austria, and includes the once-in-a-decade Passion Play. The price includes:

- Return Economy Class airfares from Sydney, Melbourne & Brisbane with Singapore Airlines to Munich.
- A 12 day tour of Central Europe, featuring two nights in Munich, Prague, Budapest, Vienna and Oberammergau.
- A stopover in Singapore with tours.
- Very good accommodation, mainly 4 to 4½ star.
- Many meals and all transport and transfers.
- Prepaid gratuities to the main tour guide and driver.
- Services of local tour guides and if there are 15 or more participants there will be an Australian tour escort.



This Central Europe tour is a magnificent journey through the former Habsburg Empire. We will enjoy guided sightseeing of the must-see sights and also a leisurely Danube cruise along the most scenic section of the river. The tour includes a two night stay in Oberammergau, to see the incredible Passion Play performance, portraying the Passion of Christ from his entry into Jerusalem to the Resurrection.

If you don't have anyone to share with but wish to travel at twin share rates, we will try and assign you with another person, but this is not guaranteed. For a single room there is an extra cost of \$995.

Tour departs Australia on the 7th August and returns 21st August 2020

We try harder to find you the best travel deal

Itinerary for Central Europe Tour Featuring Oberammergau

Included meals are indicated as B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

07.08.20 Australia – Singapore

Depart Brisbane at 9.10am on SQ 256, arriving in Singapore at 3.30pm.
Depart Melbourne at 9.35am on SQ 238, arriving in Singapore at 3.25pm.
Depart Sydney at 11.00am on SQ 232, arriving in Singapore at 5.30pm.
Upon arrival we are transferred to our hotel for an overnight stay.
Accommodation: Oasia Hotel Downtown

08.08.20 Singapore

(B/D)

This morning we leave the city behind as we head north to Mandai and visit Singapore Zoo. Spread over 28 hectares, the zoo is a haven to over 3,600 mammals, birds and reptiles including some rare and endangered species. Natural barriers like streams, rock walls and beautiful landscaping are used to separate the animals from the visitors, thus creating an open zoo effect. We experience a close brush with nature from the comfort of a tram, and also on foot. At the conclusion of our visit we are returned to the hotel.

The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure. We have the use of our hotel rooms until our 5.30pm pickup for our evening Singapore Tour. We are transferred to a restaurant for an included dinner while enjoying the beautiful night scene along the Singapore River. Afterwards we take in the beautiful sight of the Central Business District via Benjamin Sheares Bridge and then proceed to Bugis Street or other night bazaars where our guide will take us for a stroll at the night market.

Our last stop for the evening will be at Raffles Hotel for a taste of Singapore's very own concoction, the 'Singapore Sling'. As the saying goes, 'If you have not been to Raffles, you have not been to Singapore'. (Please note that entry to the Raffles Hotel is subject to the hotel's discretion). The tour ends with a transfer to Singapore airport

09.08.20 Singapore - Munich, Germany

(D)

Depart Singapore at 00.30am on SQ 328, arriving in Munich at 6.55am.

Welcome to Munich!

Upon arrival we are transferred to our hotel for an overnight stay.

At 6pm this evening, we will meet our Tour Director and travelling companions for a welcome dinner at our hotel.

Please note that your hotel room will likely not become available until the usual afternoon check in time. In this circumstance, we can store our luggage at the hotel and explore the nearby area until the rooms become available.

Accommodation: Hilton Munich City or similar

10.08.20 Munich – Prague, Czech Republic

(B/D)

Germany's 'Secret Capital' comes alive during an orientation tour featuring the Olympic Stadium, built for the 1972 Olympics, and the 1000 foot high Olympic Tower.

Later we head for the Czech border in the Bohemian Forest and travel to Prague, the 'Golden City', for a two night stay. Dinner this evening is included.

Accommodation: Ramada City Centre or similar

11.08.20 Prague

(B) Our morning sightseeing with a local guide reveals why Prague is considered one of Europe's most exquisite cities. We visit the 1,000 year old Hradcany Castle Grounds, which afford lovely views of St. Vitus Cathedral and the castle's walls and bastions. We also see the Old Town, the Jewish ghetto and the Astronomical Clock, once the envy of all Europe. Exciting optional excursions are also available.
Accommodation: Ramada City Centre or similar

12.08.20 Prague – Bratislava, Slovakia – Budapest, Hungary

(B/D) Today we travel to Moravia, a historical area in the Czech Republic where Napoleon established his headquarters during the Battle of Austerlitz. We continue to Bratislava, capital of Slovakia, and enjoy an orientation of the 18th century Old Town. Then we follow the course of the Danube River to Budapest, where we have a two night stay. Dinner this evening is included.
Accommodation: Radisson Blu Beke or Hilton Budapest City or similar

13.08.20 Budapest

(B) Eastern Europe's most cosmopolitan city comes to life today during our guided sightseeing tour. We will see elegant Andrassy Avenue, the Thermal Baths and the world's second-largest Jewish Synagogue. From the lacy lookout towers of Fisherman's Bastion, enjoy a panoramic view of the sprawling city. Then we visit the 13th century Matthias Coronation Church and impressive Heroes' Square. The afternoon is at leisure. This evening you may wish to join the optional Hungarian specialty dinner, or take a stroll along the Danube and visit one of the many restaurants.
Accommodation: Radisson Blu Beke or Hilton Budapest City or similar

14.08.20 Budapest – Vienna, Austria

(B) This morning we drive through the Hungarian plains to Vienna, once the centre of the mighty Habsburg Empire. Meet our local guide and start our afternoon sightseeing with a drive along the elegant Ringstrasse. We pass the impressive State Opera House, the Jewish quarter and have a photo stop at Hofburg Palace, the winter residence of the Austrian imperial family. Marvel at the beautiful courtyards and famous Heldenplatz and enjoy an inside visit to the impressive St. Stephen's Cathedral. We have a two night stay in Vienna.
Accommodation: Lindner am Belvedere or similar

15.08.20 Vienna

(B) Today is at leisure in Vienna to relax or take in more of this beautiful city. There are opportunities to join exciting optional excursions, such as to the Vienna Woods, historic Schonbrunn Palace, or a concert in one of Vienna's concert halls.
Accommodation: Lindner am Belvedere or similar

16.08.20 Vienna – Salzburg

(B/D) Today we take an included leisurely cruise along the most scenic section of the Danube River, which is the best way to appreciate the beautiful surroundings of this area. Sit back, relax and enjoy Kaffee und kuchen (coffee and cake) on board, before

we drive through the lovely Salzkammergut Lakeland to picturesque Salzburg. On arrival we meet our local guide for a walking tour through the historical centre. Admire Mirabell Gardens, the Great Festival Hall, St. Peter's Monastery and magnificent Residenz Square, where some scenes from the movie 'The Sound of Music' were filmed. Take pictures of Mozart's birthplace in the charming Getreidegasse. This evening, a special dinner has been prepared at St. Peter Stiftskeller.

Accommodation: Imlauer Hotel Pitter or similar

17.08.20 Salzburg – Oberammergau, Germany

(B/D)

This morning, you may wish to join the optional excursion to Berchtesgarden before we continue to picturesque Oberammergau for a two night stay. The remainder of today is at leisure to enjoy all this charming town has to offer.

Our hotel is conveniently located in the heart of Oberammergau Village and just minutes away from the Passion Theatre. Dinner this evening is included.

Accommodation: Romantik Hotel Bold or similar

18.08.20 Oberammergau

(B/L/D)

The afternoon and evening are dedicated to the world-famous Passion Play held every 10 years and performed by the residents of Oberammergau, Bavaria.

The origins of the Oberammergau Passion Play date back to the year 1633, when the residents of Oberammergau vowed that if God spared them from the bubonic plague ravaging the region, they would produce a play thereafter for all time, depicting the life and death of Jesus. After their vow, the adult death rate slowly subsided and the villagers believed they had been spared and thus kept their part of the vow. The play was first performed in 1634 and is now performed repeatedly over the course of five months during every year ending in zero.

The play is from 2.30pm to 10.30pm and includes a three hour intermission for dinner. The play portrays the Passion of Christ from his entry into Jerusalem to the Resurrection. The play typically consists of 2,000 actors, singers, musicians and technicians, all of which are residents of Oberammergau. The play is conducted in German, with booklets provided in other languages.

Lunch and dinner are included today.

Accommodation: Romantik Hotel Bold or similar

19.08.20 Oberammergau – Munich

(B/D)

Today we return to Munich and say "auf Wiedersehen" (goodbye) with an included visit to the famous Hofbrauhaus, Munich's best known beer hall, dating back to 1589. This is followed by a farewell dinner at the hotel.

Accommodation: Hilton Munich City or similar

20.08.20 Munich – Singapore

(B)

After a leisurely breakfast we are transferred to the airport for our flights home.

Depart Munich at 1.10pm on SQ 327, arriving in Singapore at 7.00am the next day (21.08.20).

21.08.20 Singapore – Australia

Sydney passengers depart Singapore at 9.35am on SQ 211, arriving in Sydney at 7.15pm.

Brisbane passengers depart Singapore at 9.40am on SQ 245, arriving in Brisbane at 7.30pm.

Melbourne passengers depart Singapore at 11.00am on SQ 217, arriving in Melbourne at 8.25pm.

Note: The ground operator for the European component of this tour is Globus. Also note that the itinerary is subject to minor changes due to it being prepared further in advance than usual. The pricing for this tour will not change.

Tour Difficulty Ratings & Advice

To ensure that you select the right tour for you, Macleay Valley Travel has provided a clear set of tour difficulty and fitness recommendations for our tours. The ratings, from 1, being the easiest, to 5 the most strenuous, will give you a good idea of what is reasonably required for you to be able to participate on each tour. Most tours require a moderate to good level of fitness, however there are others that are quite challenging. For your enjoyment of the tour, and also the enjoyment of your fellow travellers, please consider whether or not the suggested difficulty level for the tour you are interested in is compatible with your health and fitness.

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Tour Difficulty Level 3

This tour rating typically involves a good level of physical activity, such as ascending stairs, getting into a bathtub shower, being responsible for your own luggage at airports, walking distances of up to 500 metres at a time over possible uneven ground and/or cobblestone streets. Walking tours of considerable distances should be expected on tours with this rating as well as some early departures.



Conditions for Macleay Valley Travel's Central Europe Tour Featuring Oberammergau

Deposits and Payments: A non-refundable deposit of \$800 per person is payable within 7 days of booking. This deposit is not refundable should you later cancel. The balance is payable 10 weeks prior to departure. Macleay Valley Travel often has to adhere to strict payment deadlines and your booking on the tour may be cancelled if final payment is not received by the due date, with no refund applicable.

Refunds and Cancellations: Cancellations after final payment will result in a refund limited to whatever we can recoup from the airline.

Airline Tickets - Please note that any changes made to airline tickets once they have been issued will likely incur high cancellation and/or reissue fees. These fees are typically set by the airline and are outside of our control.

Insurance: Adequate travel insurance is essential. We can arrange this for you if desired. Macleay Valley Travel offers Suresave Travel Insurance. Please note that we can only process your travel insurance when we have received full payment for the insurance and the signed Suresave Travel Insurance application form, located on the last page of the Suresave Travel Insurance information booklet. Until this time the travel insurance cannot be processed and will not be valid. Macleay Valley Travel will bear no responsibility for any consequences that may occur as a result of an incomplete insurance application.

Passports: All travellers require a current passport with at least 6 months left on it at the end of the tour. Non-Australian passport holders require a re-entry visa for Australia. No visas are required for Australian passport holders.

Basic Tour Price and Taxes: Air taxes and fuel levies are included in the basic tour price if the tour is paid in full on or before the due date on the final invoice. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to charge for any increase in air taxes and fuel levies if the tour is not paid in full by the due date.

Not Included in the Cost: All items of a personal nature such as telephone calls, drinks, excess baggage, tips, meals, (except those specified in the itinerary), etc. Also travel insurance. Similarly, credit card payments (Visa / MasterCard) can only be accepted if 1% is added to the price to help defray the heavy merchant fees charged to us by the credit card companies. There is a 2.75% surcharge for American Express.

Breakaway Fee - All fully inclusive prices are based on group travel and any deviation from the set itinerary will incur a breakaway fee. The breakaway fee for most deviations including a post-tour extension on this tour is \$55 per person. Please inquire with our office for prices on any pre-tour extensions

Accreditation - Macleay Valley Travel is a fully accredited travel agency under the AFTA (Australian Federation of Travel Agents) ATAS - AFTA Travel Accreditation Scheme. As such, you are assured of a consumer focused and quality assured business, ensuring professional conduct and ethical business practices. We are happy for any prospective traveller with us to check us out with your local Consumer Affairs (Fair Trading) department.

Twin Share Bookings - If you do not have a travel partner, but wish to travel at twin share rates, we will try and assign you with another traveller but this is not guaranteed. We assign passengers by their gender, on a first come, first served basis and do not assign twin share passengers according to their age, profession, interests etc. There are risks with sharing a room with a person you do not know, and Macleay Valley Travel accepts no responsibility if you are incompatible with your assigned room mate. Additionally, if you are assigned a travelling companion to share with and they cancel off the tour prior to making the final payment, then you will either be required to pay the single room supplement or we will try our best to assign you with another twin share passenger, if one is available.

Health and Fitness - Macleay Valley Travel recommends that the passenger is reasonably healthy and/or fit to participate in this tour. Persons with a disability requiring special assistance must be accompanied by a companion. Macleay Valley Travel and their representatives cannot provide this service. The Health & Fitness Questionnaire located on the last page of this itinerary needs to be completed in full by each passenger and accompany your booking form. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to accept/decline or terminate a passenger's participation in the tour under certain circumstances. Macleay Valley Travel is not permitted to provide medical advice as to vaccinations/injections which you may require for this tour and advise you to consult your local medical practitioner for specific medical advice. There are no compulsory injections required for this tour.

Limitation of Liability - As Macleay Valley Travel acts only as agent for the Airlines, Hotels, Coach Companies etc., providing accommodation, transportation and other services, Macleay Valley Travel shall not be liable or responsible for death or injury to any person or loss or damage to any property including baggage arising out of or connection with any transportation, accommodation or other services, or resulting directly or indirectly from acts of God, fire, breakdown in machinery or equipment, acts of Government or other authorities, de jure or defacto wars, whether declared or not, hostilities, civil disturbances, strikes, riots, thefts, epidemics, quarantines, medical or customs regulations, delays or cancellations caused by changes in schedules or itinerary, or over bookings or defaults or for any causes beyond Macleay Valley Travel's control or any loss or damage resulting from improper or insufficient passports, visas or other documents and neither Macleay Valley Travel, and its servants or employees shall be or become liable or responsible for any additional expenses or liability sustained or incurred by the tour member as a result of the foregoing causes. Additionally you must meet the entry requirements for each country you visit. Macleay Valley Travel will not be liable if you are denied entry to a country for any reason, including a past criminal history. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to decline bookings made for any group tour. Any tour booking confirmation is conditional, contingent on our view of the ability of a person to be able to participate in a tour without the likelihood of conflict between members of a tour whether perceived or actual.

Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to modify the itinerary or the accommodation if circumstances make this necessary, provided that the amended itinerary is of equal value or greater value than that of the original program.

MACLEAY VALLEY TRAVEL - BOOKING FORM

PLEASE PRINT DETAILS CLEARLY IN BLOCK LETTERS AND ALSO

A PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR PASSPORT MUST BE SENT WITH BOOKING FORM

Name of Tour : _____ Departure Date: _____

Passenger 1 (as written in passport) _____

Title: **Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr.** _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Passenger 2 (as written in passport) _____

Title: **Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr.** _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Postal Address: _____

_____ **PostCode** _____ **Email** _____

Telephone / Fax Number: _____ **Mobile** _____

Passport Number: _____ Expiry Date: _____

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Passport Nationality: _____ Preferred Name: _____

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(Passport must have 6 months validity from the time of tour completion)

Single room / Twin beds / Double bed: (Room type is subject to availability)

Circle which airport you wish to depart from: SYDNEY / MELBOURNE / BRISBANE

Special Dietary Needs – Passenger 1: _____ Passenger 2: _____

Optional Extensions: _____

Would you like to receive details of our travel insurance?: YES / NO (Please Circle)

Any existing medical conditions – Passenger 1: _____ Passenger 2: _____

In case of emergency, please notify :

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please return this sheet with your non-refundable deposit of \$800 per person and the health & fitness form.

DECLARATION. I have read and understand fully the booking conditions and I accept them.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

A copy of passport is required to verify spelling of name; If this is not provided and the information we have for the airline is incorrect and ticket is issued, then the airline will charge a reissue fee.

HEALTH & FITNESS QUESTIONNAIRE

Macleay Valley Travel strives to make our tours enjoyable experiences for all passengers, however some countries and tour services lack the standards that you can typically expect in Australia.

To help ensure your personal safety and enjoyment on tour, please answer the following questions. The information you provide will be treated confidentially and will be used to check that the transportation, accommodation and facilities on tour are suitable for you:

1. Do you have any allergies? Yes / No
If yes, please provide details and severity: _____
2. Can you walk 500 metres to 1km in distance comfortably and unaided? Yes / No
3. Can you negotiate uneven, undulating and sometimes challenging terrain? Yes / No
If no, please provide details about these limitations: _____
4. Do you use a mobility aid? Yes / No
If yes, please provide details: _____
5. Are you travelling with a companion or carer who is able to provide all the assistance you need to enter buildings, disembark and embark ships, aircraft, coaches, small boats and assist you on excursions? Yes / No
If yes, please provide the name of your carer/companion and your relationship to them: _____
6. Are you taking any medical equipment to assist you? Yes / No
If yes, please provide details: _____
7. Do you suffer from any condition which may cause you to experience memory loss or become disoriented? Yes / No
If yes, please provide details: _____
8. Are you asthmatic or do you have other breathing difficulties? Yes / No
If yes, please provide details (travelling to high altitudes is not recommended): _____
9. Do you require supplementary oxygen? Yes / No
10. Are you currently taking medication? Yes / No
If yes, are you able to administer your own medication? Yes / No
11. If you have any other medical information that is not covered in the previous questions, please provide a description here: _____

The information you supply us will be passed onto relevant travel suppliers who will do their best accommodate you. However, it is very important to remember that meeting your needs cannot be guaranteed, especially when travelling to third world countries.

DISCLAIMER

I confirm that the information provided on this questionnaire is both true and correct and I understand that there is no guarantee that all these needs will or can be met. I agree that Macleay Valley Travel may offer a recommendation with regard to fitness to travel, based on the information I have provided. I also understand that this information may be passed onto those responsible for supplying the land arrangements for my travel, and that my information will not be communicated to any party which is not directly responsible or otherwise associated with my travel arrangements. I further confirm and agree that should I choose not to disclose information which subsequently requires me to return or be returned home from a tour or cruise, Macleay Valley Travel is not responsible for any costs associated with cancellation penalties, airfares, land transportation or any other related hardship. Please note that a refund for lost touring cannot be claimed. I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to update the information I provided to Macleay Valley Travel immediately should my circumstances change.

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