

ALPINE EXPLORER & THE GLACIER EXPRESS TRAIN

with Oberammergau Passion Play



JULY 31-AUGUST 11, 2022

Explore breathtaking Alpine vistas of Italy, Switzerland, Austria and Germany on a 12-day journey to watch the legendary Oberammergau Passion Play.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- Journey aboard the famous Glacier Express Train
- Experience the Passion Play in Oberammergau
- Explore Salzburg on a walking tour
- Enjoy a two-night stay in Lake Maggiore

PRICING:

\$TBD pp Double Occupancy

\$TBD pp Single Occupancy

Deposit of \$TBD pp due at booking.

Final payment due March 17, 2022.

All rates are per person and
subject to change based on air-inclusive package from IAD.
Cancellations subject to \$100 cancellation fee + vendor fees.

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

Roundtrip transportation from
Fredericksburg, round trip int'l airfare,
12-day Collette tour with hotels, 18 meals,
Oberammergau Passion Play ticket,
ground transportation & taxes.

Passports are required and must be valid thru Feb 12, 2023.
Travel Insurance is available at an additional cost.

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Sunday, July 31 - Transfer from Fredericksburg to the airport; Depart USA

Monday, August 1 - Arrive Milan, Italy - Milan to Stresa, Italy

Transfer to Stresa Italy and take some free time to explore this beautiful lakeside town on your own. Your evening begins with a cocktail party in a wine shop before we cruise to our welcome dinner on Isola dei Pescatori, the most beautiful of the Borromean Islands.

Dinner Included

Zacchera Hotel, Lake Maggiore (2 nights)

Tuesday, August 2 - Stresa

Today we make our way to an ancient village nestled in the mountains. Stop at a family farm to learn about the artisan cheeses they produce. Sample delicious creations and discover how to pair them with local wines. Return to Stresa for an afternoon at leisure.

Breakfast Included

Wednesday, August 3 - Stresa to Zermatt, Switzerland

Depart Lago Maggiore for a scenic drive into the heart of the mountains. The incredible views of the Italian and Swiss Alps are sure to leave a lasting impression. Upon arrival in Tasch, board a local train for a ride to the spectacular pedestrian village of Zermatt in the Swiss Alps.

Breakfast and Dinner Included

Hotel Alex, Zermatt (2 nights)

Thursday, August 4 - Zermatt

Today, Zermatt is at your fingertips. It's your choice! Tour Zermatt's best-known landmarks by foot with a local expert -OR- enjoy a visit to the Matterhorn Museum where you'll learn more about the triumph and tragedy behind the first ascent of this imposing peak. The remainder of your day is at leisure.

Breakfast Included

Friday, August 5 - Zermatt to St. Moritz, Switzerland - via the Glacier Express Train

Traverse bridges and tunnels while aboard the world-renowned narrow gauge Glacier Express, the most charming express train in the world. Enjoy the natural beauty of this route through the heart of the Swiss Alps. Filled with forests, fragrant meadows, streams and deep valleys, it's a mountain dream come to life. Relax and enjoy a three-course lunch while onboard. Arrive in St. Moritz, playground of the rich and famous.

Breakfast and Lunch Included

Hotel Steffani, St Moritz (1 night)

Saturday, August 6 - St. Moritz to Innsbruck, Austria

Drive through the picturesque Engadine Valley to Innsbruck, Austria, capital of the Austrian Tyrol. Join a local expert and explore the city's medieval pedestrian streets including Maria Theresian Strasse, the Hofburg and the Golden Roof.

Breakfast Included

Hotel Innsbruck, Innsbruck (2 nights)

Sunday, August 7 - Innsbruck to Salzburg, Austria

Travel the Austrian countryside to historic Salzburg, one of Europe's most beautiful and romantic spots. Enjoy a leisurely walking tour of Salzburg's historic Old Town - the Altstadt. See highlights such as the Cathedral, Mozart's birthplace and Mirabell Gardens. Film buffs will be able to pick out locations from The Sound of Music. This evening, enjoy a delightful Mozart dinner concert at the centuries-old St. Peter's Restaurant, central Europe's oldest restaurant.

Breakfast and Dinner Included

Monday, August 8 - Innsbruck to Oberammergau, Germany with Neuschwanstein Castle visit

Today we head to the frontier of Germany, crossing the border into Bavaria. Make a special stop to visit Neuschwanstein Castle, Germany's most famous castle and the inspiration for the castle in Sleeping Beauty. Continue on to the quaint village of Oberammergau, nestled in the Bavarian Alps, and your home for the next two nights.

Breakfast and Dinner Included

Hotel TBD, Oberammergau area (2 nights)

Tuesday, August 9 - Oberammergau - with Passion Play

This afternoon, witness a performance of the epic Passion Play. The original performance dates back to 1634. During the Thirty Years' War, Oberammergau was spared the Black Plague and for this reason, the citizens vowed that every ten years they would give a play to honor the last days of the life of Christ. The performers of this once-in-a-decade event are all native to the village. To lend authenticity to the performance, the cast start to grow their hair and beards more than a year in advance. Also, the intricate costumes are made locally by the villagers. During a break in the performance, join your fellow travelers for dinner before returning for the remainder of your Passion Play performance.

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

Wednesday, August 10 - Oberammergau to Munich, Germany

Enjoy a leisurely morning before departing for the Bavarian capital of Munich. Join a local expert for a tour featuring the Marienplatz, the Glockenspiel and Olympic Park. This evening, gather with your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant celebrating the end of an unforgettable journey.

Breakfast and Dinner Included

Sheraton Munich Arabellapark Hotel, Munich (1 night)

Thursday, August 11 - Depart Munich - Arrive USA; Transfer from airport to Fredericksburg

Breakfast Included

**Itinerary details & hotel selections subject to change*