



OBERAMMERGAU

New Covenant Lutheran Church

PASSION PLAY 2020 AND LUTHERLAND

July 11-21, 2020 11 Days

Hosted by Pr. Steve and Patti Kruse



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Group Travel Directors

Please join us on this pilgrimage of friendship, history and faith. When we travel, we journey as friends developing a deeper love for our spiritual history and faith. One of the best things about travel is getting to know old friends and new acquaintances on a deeper level. We look to foster these deeper relationships.

One of the amazing aspects of this journey is the historical significance behind the Oberammergau Passion Play and how this little village has continued its vow to God, to present this story of God's amazing work in Jesus Christ. Germany is also the spiritual home for Lutherans and other Reformers. We will visit some of these sights that highlight the importance of the Reformation for the Christian faith. As friends of Rev. Herb Brokering, we learned a lot about the history of the Lutheran Church in the 20th century as well as the historical significance of the Reforma-

tion in Germany. We are excited to share some of his amazing and unique insights.

Our prayer for this journey is that you will gain a deeper sense of your spiritual heritage as a child of God. And that you will experience a renewal of your faith as you encounter how God worked through the Reformation to reveal the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We hope you will join us on this fascinating journey!



-- Pastor Steve and Patti

Pastor Steve and Patti Kruse have traveled in Europe and the Middle East. As college students, they spent nearly five weeks, studying religion and political science in Israel. Their love for God's great big beautiful world has taken them to Israel, Germany, Austria, Hungary, Poland and Lithuania. Pastor Steve participated in two missional pilgrimages into East Germany before the wall came down, with noted East German expert, Rev. Herb Brokering.

Steve and Patti are the parents of three adult children, Meredith (and Seth), Katelyn (and Stephen) and Peter. They are also the proud grandparents of three grandchildren, Lila, Wynne, and Sidney.

They currently serve New Covenant Lutheran Church in Scottsdale, AZ, where Steve is Pastor and Patti is the Director of the Arts Academy and Children's Music.

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

SAT 11 JUL Depart U.S.
Begin your journey of discovery and faith today. Depart Phoenix and connect with your transatlantic overnight flight to Europe. (Meals in-flight)

SUN 12 JUL Arrive Munich
Arrive in Munich, the "Big Apple" of Bavaria. Upon arrival your national guide and driver will be waiting to welcome you. The city is known for its unique sense of conviviality or "gemütlichkeit" with which locals live life and visitors are welcomed. Visit the city center where there will be time for a bite of lunch and a walking tour highlighting landmarks such as Frauenkirche, the late-Gothic cathedral, which is a signature image of the city. Hear the chimes of the famed glockenspiel at Marienplatz. Continue to the hotel for check-in and time to refresh, then gather for a welcome dinner. Pullman Hotel Munich (Meals in-flight, D) www.pullmanhotels.com/gb/hotel-8657-pullman-munich/index.shtml

MON 13 JUL Munich/Oberammergau
Drive to nearby Augsburg, where Martin Luther debated on the authority of the Bible, Church, and Pope: creed, conscience, and freedom. At the Imperial Diet of 1530 the Confession of Augsburg was declared and today it forms the basis of doctrine for some sixty evangelical churches. Actually, Augsburg has been a melting pot of many reformative movements: Zwinglians, Lutherans and Anabaptists as well as others. Learn about this remarkable history during a tour of the city and a visit to St. Annakirche with a painting of Luther by Lucas Cranach (Luther stayed here in October 1518). Visit the Church of the Holy Cross and Luther's "Dahinab," part of the city wall where Luther secretly fled the city in 1518. This afternoon continue to the charming Alpine village of Oberammergau for a two-night stay in lodging arranged by the Oberammergau Passion Play Committee. (B, D)

TUE 14 JUL Oberammergau
This morning visit one of the castles built by King Ludwig II, either the fairytale Neuschwanstein Castle or the Rococo Linderhof Castle. Return to Oberammergau for lunch followed by a perfor-

mance of the world-famous Passion Play. In 1633 the quaint alpine village of Oberammergau was threatened by the deadly and contagious disease known as the Black Plague that scourged Europe, killing two-thirds of the population of Germany. The people of Oberammergau vowed that if the village could be spared, a re-enactment of the life and suffering of Christ would be performed and commemorated every ten years. Against the breathtaking backdrop of the Alps, the play takes place during the afternoon and evening with a break to enjoy a true Bavarian dinner. (B, L, D)

WED 15 JUL Oberammergau/Nürnberg/Erfurt
Begin traveling northward today with a stop in Nürnberg, the first city to embrace Reformation thought. The Old Town was demolished in WW II and has been lovingly restored to its former medieval charm. Take a walking tour of the Old Town and enjoy a bit of time to explore on your own in the marktplatz - be sure to sample some of the tasty lebkuchen (gingerbread) for which the city is known or visit one of the Christmas shops. Continue to Erfurt, capital of Thuringia. Martin Luther attended university and entered the monastic life here—this is his spiritual home. Check in at your hotel for dinner and overnight. Radisson Blu Hotel Erfurt (B, D) www.radissonblu.com/en/hotel-erfurt

THU 16 JUL Erfurt/Eisenach/Erfurt
Travel to nearby Eisenach, where Martin Luther attended parish school as a youth and where Johann Sebastian Bach was born in 1685. Take a walking tour through town passing Cotta House where Luther lodged as a schoolboy, and visit the Bach Haus where the young J.S. Bach lived. Tour Wartburg Castle; it was here that Luther retreated after returning from the Worms debate and where he translated the New Testament from its original Greek into common German. This afternoon return to Erfurt. On July 2, 1505, during a violent thunderstorm, Martin Luther vowed to become a monk. On July 17, Luther walked through the gates of Erfurt's Augustinian Monastery to enter monastic life. Embark on a guided tour of the Augustinian Cloister; the monastery is now a home to Protestant nuns. Also visit the Cathedral where he was ordained a priest. Radisson Blu Hotel Erfurt (B)

FRI 17 JUL Erfurt/Eisleben/Leipzig
Depart for Buchenwald Concentration Camp to walk a sobering pilgrimage through the grounds as a reminder of human cruelty during WWII. Between July 1937 and April 1945, altogether 250,000 persons from all countries of Europe were imprisoned in Buchenwald, including Dietrich Bonhoeffer. The number of victims is estimated at approximately 56,000. Travel to Eisleben, where Martin Luther was born on November 10, 1483, and where he died on February 18, 1546. Visit the late Gothic house where Luther was born and the house where he died, both now museums depicting different phases of Luther's life. Also see the church of St. Peter and Paul where he was baptized, St. Andrew's church where he lay in state, and Market Square with its Luther Memorial. Later this afternoon arrive in Leipzig, city of Bach and books, for a two-night stay. Best Western Leipzig City Center (B, D) www.bestwestern-leipzig.de/en/

SAT 18 JUL Leipzig
Today we will explore one of Europe's flourishing trade and commercial centers during the Middle Ages, which became the center of resistance to Communist rule over a quarter century ago. Here we have the privilege of visiting the Nikolaikirche (St. Nicholas Church), the home of the faithful "Pray for Peace" Christians, and the powerful force that transformed Germany's East and West. In 1989, thousands of East Germans gathered by candlelight in this church to form human rights and pro-democracy demonstrations that led to the destruction of the infamous Berlin Wall and the dissolution of East Germany. Visit the Thomaskirche, where Bach was organist for 27 years and where Luther preached in 1539. We will have lunch at one of Luther's favorite places, the Auerbachs Keller restaurant, which dates back to 1525. The balance of the day will be free for individual activities. Best Western Leipzig City Center (B, L)

SUN 19 JUL Leipzig/Wittenberg/Berlin
This morning drive to Lutherstadt Wittenberg, home of Martin and Katie Luther for 36 years. Take a locally guided tour of the town including visits to the Castle Church, where Luther posted his 95 Theses; St. Mary's Church, where he preferred to preach; and the Lutherhalle, which was Martin

and Katie's home and is now the world's largest Reformation museum. After time for lunch on own, continue to Berlin. Park Inn Alexanderplatz (B, D) www.parkinn.com/hotel-berlin

MON 20 JUL Berlin

Enjoy a panoramic overview tour of Berlin. In the West, see the memorial along the famous Kurfurstendamm Street (Kudamm) – Kaiser Wilhelm Gedächtniskirche (Memorial Church), which represents the horrors of war and the promise of the future. In the East, see the Brandenburg Gate, once the symbol of the division of West and East and now of unified Berlin. Drive to a remaining portion of the wall that separated East and West Berlin during the Cold War until the fall of Communism in 1989. Then learn about the legendary Berlin Wall at the Checkpoint Charlie Museum. Also visit the Bonhoeffer House; Dietrich Bonhoeffer – Berlin Pastor and professor of theology – resisted National Socialism at a time when tyranny and racism ruled Germany victimizing religious, ethnic, and social minorities. Bonhoeffer applied his Christian faith and his theological reflections to his everyday actions. This brought him in conflict with the Nazi regime, and he paid for his convictions with his life. This evening gather for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. Park Inn Alexanderplatz (B, D)

TUE 21 JUL Return to U.S.

This morning transfer to the airport for the return flights to the U.S. Arrive home this same day enriched with your journey of faith, friendship and discovery. (B, Meals in-flight)

Code: Breakfast, Lnch, Dinner
Itinerary subject to change.

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- AIRFARE:** Round-trip economy class airfare from Phoenix via Delta Airlines or other ARC/IATA approved scheduled carrier.
- ACCOMMODATION:** Nine nights accommodation in 3.5-4 star hotels, double occupancy, with private facilities. Hotels as listed or similar.
- PASSION PLAY:** Category Two package to the Oberammergau Passion Play including tickets, two-nights Category B lodging and meals.
- MEALS:** Breakfast daily with two lunches and seven dinners as outlined in the itinerary.
- GROUND TRANSPORT:** Transfers and transportation by deluxe motorcoach.
- SIGHTSEEING:** Extensive sightseeing throughout; entrance fees included.
- PORTERAGE:** Luggage handling of one piece per person.
- EXPERT GUIDES:** An experienced English-speaking tour guide from arrival in Munich through departure from Berlin.
- GRATUITIES:** Gratuities to drivers and guides (for your convenience, \$112 per person has been included).
- TAXES:** Airport/foreign departure taxes (currently \$781 per person).
- ALL THE INFO YOU NEED:** Comprehensive documentation including travel accessory, bag tags, name badges, flight and land itineraries, destination literature, customs information, travel tips and more.

COST SUMMARY

***\$5299**

Group Flights From Phoenix

2-day Passion Play Pkg-Category B (\$728).....Included
Tour Gratuities (\$112).....Included
Airport Taxes (\$781).....Included
*Costs per person based on double occupancy in USD

Optional Individual Supplement

Single Room (in addition to base tour cost).....\$769

Costs: The tour cost is per person based on estimated airfare from Phoenix, double occupancy, tariffs and currency valuations as of August 2018, and a minimum of 27 travelers. The tour price will be revisited at the time of final invoicing and will be determined by the size of the group, confirmed airfare, prevailing exchange rates, and any fuel surcharges or tax increases levied since the pricing of this tour. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed price and/or itinerary, they are subject to change due to circumstances beyond our control. Cancellation due to a change in price will be subject to the cancellation conditions in effect at the time of cancellation.

Items Not Included

- Fuel surcharges and/or tax increases levied since the pricing of this tour.
- Beverages other than coffee/tea at breakfast.
- Any meal or sightseeing item not listed in the itinerary.
- Items of a personal nature.
- Optional travel protection: trip cancellation/interruption, baggage delay/loss, emergency accident and sickness medical expense, and emergency evacuation/repatriation. Please refer to the Travel Protection section.
- Passport fees. A passport valid six months beyond date of reentry to the U.S. is required.
- No entry visa is required for U.S. citizens; non-U.S. citizens may require an entry visa.

RESERVATION APPLICATION • APPLY ONLINE AT: WWW.GTD.ORG G#200701 OR CLIP AND MAIL

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Name as it appears (or will appear) on passport:

1. _____ Male Female Date of Birth _____
First Name Middle Name Last Name Month/Day/Year

2. _____ Male Female Date of Birth _____
First Name Middle Name Last Name Month/Day/Year

Address (no P.O. boxes) _____ Tel. (Day) _____ (Eve.) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Email _____

Roommate _____ I will pay the supplement for a single room.

Advise if we can assign you a roommate or single supplement. GTD can assist in finding roommates; however, this cannot be guaranteed and the supplement may apply.

FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS (please check one)

- I/We will take the group flights from Phoenix.
- I/We will need assistance with flight arrangements from _____ airport to join the group.
- I/We will make all of my own flight arrangements.
Please contact GTD for land- only rates.

DEPOSIT/TRAVEL PROTECTION (please check one)

Please reserve _____ space(s) for me/us; we choose the following deposit option:

- \$ _____ \$ 897 per person **inclusive of travel protection.**
- \$ _____ \$600 per person **without travel protection.**
- I/We decline now, but understand it can be purchased later without the pre- existing waiver.

Form of Payment

Check

Charge my deposit(s) to
Credit Card # _____
Exp _____
Security Code _____
Name as it appears on credit card: _____

Please make checks payable to Group Travel Directors G#200701.

I/We have read and understand the conditions of this brochure. Parent or guardian signature is required for travelers under age 18.

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____



TOUR CONDITIONS

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: Travelers' reservations and deposits of \$600 per person are requested immediately to fulfill the group deadline requirements. Space is limited and reservations are taken on a first come, first served basis. A second payment of \$1000 is due by July 2, 2019. Final payment is due March 6, 2020. For credit card payment Group Travel Directors accepts Visa, MasterCard, and Discover.

REFUND POLICY: Penalties for cancellation are higher with the Passion Play tours than with standard tours; we strongly encourage you to purchase travel protection. All cancellations must be in writing. There is no refund for partial or unused land arrangements.

- For the base tour package the following penalties will apply: Up to January 6, 2020 - \$100 per person administrative fee plus any unrecoverable deposits; January 7 - February 5, 2020 - \$400 plus any unrecoverable payments to hotels, tour operators or airlines; February 6 - June 5, 2020 - \$1000 plus any unrecoverable payments to hotels, tour operators or airlines; June 6, 2020 or after - No refund.
- For the Passion Play Package the following penalties will apply: Up to February 5, 2020 - \$200; February 6 - April 5, 2020 - \$365; April 6 - June 28, 2020 - \$655; June 29, 2020 or after - No refund. (The dollar amounts shown are based upon the category indicated and the Euro/Dollar rate of exchange used to price the tour and are subject to change.)

CHANGES TO GROUP FLIGHTS: The group air contract will not allow changes to the group flights. If you would like to make changes to the flight itinerary or dates, we invite you to purchase the tour as "land only" and make independent flight arrangements. Please note that arrival and departure transfers are provided only when your flight arrival and/or departure coincides with that of the group.

LATE BOOKINGS: Passengers registering within sixty days of tour departure will be charged a \$100 per person fee. Tour payment in full is required before we can request and confirm space. This fee does not cover any additional airline or ground service charges.

GTD TRAVEL PROTECTION

Travel protection is optional, but we encourage all travelers to purchase a plan. GTD offers an extensive and competitively priced plan from Travel Insured International. Travel protection can help provide coverage for trip cancellation/interruption, baggage delay/loss, emergency accident and sickness medical expense, and emergency evacuation/repatriation. If you decline coverage at the time of reservation, you may purchase it later, but the Pre-existing Conditions Waiver is available only if the plan is purchased within 14 days of the initial trip deposit. You may contact Travel Insured International for further information before making your decision: 866-684-0218 (refer to Agency #47346). Review your Plan Document for Schedule of Benefits and Plan Details.

GTD TRAVEL PROTECTION INCLUSIONS

Trip Cancellation.....	up to Tour Cost**
Trip Interruption.....	up to 150% of Tour Cost**
Travel Delay.....	\$750
Missed Connection.....	\$300
Baggage.....	\$1,000
Baggage Delay.....	\$200
Medical Expense.....	\$50,000
Evacuation/Repatriation.....	\$500,000
Accidental Death.....	\$10,000
Political Emergency Evacuation.....	\$100,000
ID Theft Resolution Services.....	included
Assistance Service.....	included
	* a maximum of \$5500 per person
	** a maximum of \$8250 per person

Cost of this optional GTD Travel Protection is \$297 per person. Additional coverage provided as needed; the full cost of your tour must be covered. Travel protection is non-refundable fourteen days after you purchase a plan.

PRE-EXISTING medical conditions and other circumstances are covered when travel protection is purchased within 21 days of registration. Contact Travel Insured for more info. 800-243-3174

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EXCLUSIONS & LIMITATIONS

Insurance benefits are not payable for any loss due to, arising or resulting from: suicide, attempted suicide or any intentionally self-inflicted injury of You, a Traveling Companion, Family Member or Business Partner booked to travel with You, while sane or insane; an act of declared or undeclared war; participating in maneuvers or training exercises of an armed service, except while participating in weekend or summer training for the reserve forces of the United States, including the National Guard; riding or driving in races, or speed or endurance competitions or events; mountaineering (engaging in the sport of scaling mountains generally requiring the use of picks, ropes, or other special equipment); participating as a member of a team in an organized sporting competition or participating as a professional in a stunt, athletic or sporting event or competition; participating in bodily contact sports, skydiving or parachuting, hang gliding, or bungee cord jumping; piloting or learning to pilot or acting as a member of the crew of any aircraft; being Intoxicated as defined herein, or under the influence of any controlled substance unless as administered or prescribed by a Legally Qualified Physician; the commission of or attempt to commit a felony or being engaged in an illegal occupation; normal childbirth or pregnancy (except Complications of Pregnancy) or voluntarily induced abortion; dental treatment (except as coverage is otherwise specifically provided herein); amounts which exceed the Maximum Benefit Amount for each coverage as shown in the Schedule of Benefits; due to a Pre-Existing Condition, as defined in the Certificate. The Pre-Existing Condition Limitation does not apply to the Emergency Medical Evacuation or Return of Remains coverage; medical treatment during or arising from a Trip undertaken for the purpose or intent of securing medical treatment; due to loss or damage (including death or injury) and any associated cost or expense resulting directly from the discharge, explosion or use of any device, weapon or material employing or involving chemical, biological, radiological or similar agents, whether in time of peace or war, and regardless of who commits the act and regardless of any other sequence thereto.



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