

TRADESCO TOURS®

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EASTERN EUROPE WITH OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY (MODIFIED K619) SEPTEMBER 15-25, 2022

Tour features:

- ◆ Centrally located first class hotels
- ◆ Service charges and hotel taxes
- ◆ 8 x breakfast at your hotel
- ◆ 8 x dinner at your hotel (standard three-course, no drinks incl.)
- ◆ Arrival and departure airport transfers
- ◆ Touring by modern air-conditioned motor coach
- ◆ Assistance in organizing daily Mass
- ◆ Professional Tour Director throughout
- ◆ Sightseeing tours with licensed local guides
- ◆ Admission where indicated in bold letters
- ◆ Luggage handling at the hotels

In Oberammergau:

- ◆ Admission ticket to the Passion Play in the TC2 category
- ◆ Two nights stay, including breakfast in a 3* hotel or 4* Guest House
- ◆ 2 dinners (3-course dinner during the break on the day of the Passion Play)
- ◆ Shuttle service in Oberammergau and the nearby villages
- ◆ Program book of the 2022 Passion Play
- ◆ Local tourist tax

Sightseeing Tours Included:

- ◆ Krakow
- ◆ Auschwitz-Birkenau memorial and concentration camp
- ◆ Czestochowa
- ◆ Prague
- ◆ Neuschwanstein Castle
- ◆ Wies Church
- ◆ Munich

Hotels:

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| • Sep 15-18, 2022 | Krakow: | Hilton Garden Inn |
| • Sep 18-19, 2022 | Czestochowa: | Mercure Centrum |
| • Sep 19-21, 2022 | Prague: | Adria Hotel Praha |
| • Sep 21-23, 2022 | Oberammergau: | 3* hotel or 4* Guest House |
| • Sep 23-25, 2022 | Regensburg: | Achat Hotel Regensburg im park |

Cost pp in twin

\$3,495

Single room supplement: **\$889**

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Itinerary:

Day 1, Sep 15, 2022, Thursday arrive Krakow

Upon arrival to Krakow airport, transfer to your hotel. Remainder of the day is at leisure, to start exploring on own. Tonight, meet your fellow travelers at welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2, Sep 16, 2022, Friday in Krakow

After breakfast, guided tour of one of Poland's most important religious cities, Krakow. Start the city tour at the Old Town area, with its Market Square. Visit **St. Mary's Basilica**, to see the famous gothic wooden altarpiece carved by Viet Stoss. Continue to see the other impressive buildings, such as Cloth Hall, The Town Hall Tower, and Burger house. While there, be sure to listen for the 'hajnal', which is famous bugle call to the four corners of the world from the high tower of St. Mary's Basilica. In the afternoon, visit the **Convent of the Sisters of Mercy**, where St. Faustina lived and died. Evening at leisure. Dinner. (B, D)

Day 3, Sep 17, 2022, Saturday Excursion to Auschwitz-Birkenau and Wadowice

Today, we depart on a full day excursion to the cities of Auschwitz, Wadowice and Kalwaria Zebrzydowska. Start with the morning visit of **Auschwitz-Birkenau**, the notorious concentration camp from World War II and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Proceed to Wadowice, the birth place of Karol Wojtyla, formally known as Pope John Paul II. Visit the **Museum**, located in his family house, before venturing to Kalwaria Zebrzydowska, known as the 'Polish Jerusalem'. Visit the 17th century **Franciscan Monastery**, to view its sanctuary of the Virgin Mary and decorative cloisters. Return to Krakow for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

Day 4, Sep 18, 2022, Sunday from Krakow to Czestochowa

Breakfast at your hotel. Today, journey to Czestochowa, the principal center of the Catholic religion in Poland for the last 600 years. Visit the **Yasna Gora Monastery**, known for the blackened picture of the Virgin Mary, popularly called the "Black Madonna." Enjoy the rest of the day for personal reflection. Dinner at hotel. (B, D)

Day 5, Sep 19, 2022, Monday from Czestochowa to Prague

After breakfast, journey to Prague, the capital of Czech Republic. Check into your hotel, dinner. (B, D)

Day 6, Sep 20, 2022, Tuesday in Prague

Built on seven hills more than 1000 years ago, Prague today is a wonder to behold, with beautiful architecture, lush green hills, and graceful bridges spanning the Vltava River. A sightseeing tour starts with panoramic drive past famous Wenceslas Square, the Strahov Stadium and Castle Square. Then, on a walking tour, visit the Royal Castle of Hradcany with the **Cathedral of St. Vitus**, the **Old Royal Palace**, **St. George's Basilica** and **Golden Lane**. Cross the Charles Bridge and walk through the old quarter of Prague to view the Jewish Ghetto, Town Hall and the world-famous Astronomical Clock. The rest of the day is free to explore at your own pace. (B, D)

Day 7, Sep 21, 2022, Wednesday from Prague to Oberammergau

After breakfast, head to Marktl Am Inn, Dioces of Passau, where Pope Benedict XVI was born. Continue on to tiny pilgrimage city of Altötting. Upon arrival, visit the **Chapel of Grace**, one of the most visited religious shrines in Germany, with the sacred icon of the Black Madonna. Conclude the day in Oberammergau. Check into your hotel, before joining your fellow travelers for dinner. (B, D)

Day 8, Sep 22, 2022, Thursday in Oberammergau

Breakfast at your hotel. Attend morning mass (optional), followed by a walking tour of the village. In the afternoon take your seat for the world-famous **Passion Play**. The play has a running time of approximately 5 hours. Dinner is served during intermission. Overnight. (B, D)

Day 9, Sep 23, 2022, Friday from Oberammergau - Munich - Regensburg

Morning drive along Alpine road to Fussen, where we visit the most famous castle in Europe "**Neuschwanstein Castle**", built by King Ludwig II. Then drive to Weis to visit the Church built in 1746. **The Weis Kirche** has been described as the most beautiful Rococo Church style in Europe. We continue to **Munich for city tour** of downtown including views of the Koenigsplatz, old and new Pinakotek, the Isartog (City Gate), the Royal Palace, The Angel of Freedom and Odeonsplatz. Continue to Regensburg for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

Day 10, Sep 24, 2022, Saturday in Regensburg

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After breakfast, enjoy a morning city tour of Regensburg. Tour will introduce you to the Old city, with its wealthy merchants' houses, the old town hall, and Cathedral (all from the outside), the Stone Bridge and the Porta Praetoria. The remainder of the day is at leisure. Farewell dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight. (B, D)

Day 11, Sep 25, 2022, Sunday from Regensburg to Munich airport

After breakfast, you will be transferred to the airport for your departure flight. (B)