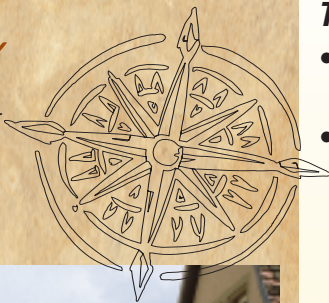


Bavarian DISCOVERY

featuring *2010 Passion Play*



Imagine a theatrical performance so spectacular that it is 10 years in the making. This is where your journey will take you—to Oberammergau, home of the moving Passion Play. This play, made available once each decade, is an incredible once-in-a-lifetime experience! Your travels begin in Rothenburg, a perfectly preserved medieval village of half-timbered houses, cobbled lanes and spectacular mansions. Admire the impressive architecture in Nuremberg before reveling in the peaceful countryside and picturesque towns of the Romantic Road. Then, explore cosmopolitan Munich and visit Markt and Freising—small towns that played pivotal roles in the life of Pope Benedict XVI. Conclude in Oberstaufen, located in the beautiful Allgäu region—your gateway to the Passion Play at Oberammergau. Join us on this exploration of some of Germany's most remarkable sights and cities, and immerse yourself in an experience you will remember forever.

EXCLUSIVE HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover the **highlights of Munich** with expert guides.
- Travel along the enchanting **Romantic Road**.
- Experience the spectacle of **Oberammergau's Passion Play**, the world-famous production repeated only once every 10 years.
- Visit **Markt** and **Freising**, towns that were important in the life of Pope Benedict XVI.
- Lectures by **local experts** enhance your understanding and experiences of these cities.
- AHI's exclusive daily **Hospitality Desk** is always on hand to assist.



INCLUDED FEATURES

Transportation

- Scheduled jet service to **Frankfurt, Germany**, with a return from **Munich**.*
- Deluxe motorcoach transfers between the Frankfurt airport and the hotel in Rothenburg, and the Oberstaufen hotel and the Munich airport, including baggage handling at the hotels.*
- Deluxe motorcoach transfers between cities, including baggage handling.

Accommodation

First, Three Nights in Rothenburg

- Deluxe accommodations at the **Eisenhut Hotel**.

Then, Three Nights in Munich

- Deluxe accommodations at the **Hotel Excelsior**.

Finally, Three Nights in Oberstaufen

- Deluxe accommodations at the **Lindner Parkhotel Oberstaufen**.

Meals and Events

- Full American buffet breakfast daily.
- Attend *Welcome* and *Farewell Dinners*.

Excursions and Lectures

- Orientation tours in each city, plus a performance of the Passion Play and dinner.
- Topical lectures presented by local experts enhance your understanding of the region and its culture.

MANY INCLUDED EXTRAS

- Consultation services of a **Passenger Service Representative** prior to departure.
- Services of an experienced **AHI Travel Director** throughout your trip.
- An **AHI Hospitality Desk**, staffed by local experts, conveniently located in your hotels to assist you in every way.
- Detailed travel and destination information to assist in your planning.
 - Deluxe travel wallet.
 - All domestic and foreign governmental airport/departure taxes and fees.*
 - Automatic \$250,000 Flight Insurance for all passengers ticketed by AHI Travel, subject to policy terms.*

* Provided for Air Package participants only.

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1: DEPARTURE

Depart your gateway city for **Frankfurt, Germany** aboard scheduled jet service. (Provided for Air Package participants only.)

DAY 2: ROTHENBURG

Upon arrival, transfer by motorcoach to Rothenburg and the **Eisenhut Hotel**. (Transfer provided for Air Package participants only.)

Excursion: Highlights of Rothenburg. During today's tour, see the Spitaltor, an immense 16th-century bastion; the Spital, a hospital composed of a lovely group of 16th- and 17th-century buildings; and the Ratstrinkstube, the Council Tavern. This evening, gather with fellow travelers for a **Welcome Dinner** at the hotel.

DAY 3: NUREMBERG

Excursion: Highlights of Nuremberg. Begin your exploration of Nuremberg with a walking tour showcasing the town's many highlights. Marvel at the imposing Imperial Castle, St. Lorenz Church and the Royal Gate before concluding at the Gothic Frauenkirche. Enjoy a visit to this stunning edifice and marvel at the beautiful monuments and Tucher Altar.

Independent Exploration. Lunch is served in Nuremberg.

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DAY 4: ROMANTIC ROAD

Excursion: Romantic Road. The day is spent traveling along this famous roadway, which winds through scenic countryside, connecting picturesque villages.

DAY 5: MUNICH

This morning, say farewell to Rothenburg as you depart for Regensburg and Munich.

Excursion: Highlights of Regensburg. Stop in Regensburg for a walking tour and see St. Peter's Cathedral, the Town Hall and St. James' Church before enjoying an indoor visit to the Palace of Thum and Taxis.

Local Flavor: Lunch is served at a local restaurant.

Upon arrival in **Munich**, check into the **Hotel Excelsior**.

DAY 6: MUNICH

Excursion: Highlights of Munich. Acquaint yourself with the architectural treasures of Munich during today's excursion. See the Old and New Town Halls; the

Residenz; and the Isartor, one of the most photographed landmarks in the city.

Local Flavor: Tonight, enjoy dinner at a local brewery.

DAY 7: MARKTL / FREISING

Excursion: In the Footsteps of Pope Benedict XVI. Begin your journey with a visit to the town of Marktl, the birthplace of the Pope. Visit the house where he was born, and see objects from his life. Afterwards, continue to Freising, where the Pope studied and was ordained and later served as archbishop. See St. Mary's Cathedral and visit its impressive library.

DAY 8: OBERSTAUFEN

Excursion: Neuschwanstein. After leaving Munich, visit King Ludwig II's fairytale castle, Neuschwanstein. Perched atop a mountain overlooking breathtaking scenery, this lavish castle never reached completion due to the mysterious death of the "mad" king.

Upon arrival in **Oberstaufen**, check into the **Lindner Parkhotel Oberstaufen**.

DAY 9: OBERAMMERGAU

Excursion: Oberammergau. Today, travel to Oberammergau for a once-in-life-time experience—a performance of the world-renowned Passion Play, which is performed every decade by the townspeople. The tradition began in 1634 in accordance with a vow the inhabitants made to perform Christ's passion every 10 years as thanksgiving for deliverance from the plague in 1633. The number 10 was selected because every 10th inhabitant of the town died from the disease. Lunch and dinner are included.

DAY 10: OBERSTAUFEN

Excursion: The Allgäu Region. Delight in the breathtaking mountain landscapes of this beautiful region as you motorcoach along peaceful roads that traverse the idyllic countryside.

Tonight, gather with fellow travelers for a **Farewell Dinner**.

DAY 11: RETURN

Transfer by motorcoach to the airport for the return flight to your gateway city. (Provided for Air Package participants only.)

NOTE: Itinerary may change due to local conditions. Many excursions in this program involve walking as some of the finest attractions are not closely accessible by motorcoach.

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Rothenburg; Glockenspiel, Munich

ACCOMMODATIONS



EISENHUT HOTEL

Relax in the luxurious elegance of the Eisenhut Hotel in Rothenburg, where old-fashioned charm combines with modern standards of service and excellence. Work out at the fully equipped fitness center, indulge in delicious cuisine in the restaurant or enjoy the nightly entertainment at the piano bar before returning to the many amenities of your guestroom.



HOTEL EXCELSIOR

Intimate and family-run, the Hotel Excelsior is located in the heart of Munich within the city's charming pedestrian zone. The hotel's many amenities include a cozy wine bar and a fitness center with sauna, steam bath, whirlpool and gymnasium just across the street. Relax amid the elegant ambience of your spacious guestroom.



LINDNER PARKHOTEL

Nestled close to the center of Oberstaufen, this elegantly rustic hotel offers the utmost in service and amenities. From the pampering care of the spa to the culinary delights of the restaurant, the Lindner Parkhotel is sure to exceed your expectations. And at the end of the day, relax in the comfort of your tastefully appointed guestroom.



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