

Beautiful East Europe with Oberammergau Passion Play

Germany | Croatia | Poland | Hungary | Bosnia – Herzegovina | Czech Republic

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- PASSION PLAY IN OBERAMMERGAU
- GUIDED SIGHTSEEING TOUR IN PRAGUE
- MIRACULOUS INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE
- HOMETOWN OF THE ICONIC POPE JOHN PAUL II
- SANCTUARY OF THE DIVINE MERCY IN KRAKOW, POLAND – THE CENTRE POINT OF THIS SPIRITUAL DEVOTION
- GUIDED CITY TOUR IN BUDAPEST, HUNGARY
- TOUR OF THE HISTORICAL CITY OF ZAGREB, CROATIA ON OUR CITY TOUR
- THE STUNNING AND FAIRY-TALE LIKE PLITVICE LAKES NATIONAL PARK
- VISIT OUR LADY OF MEDJUGORJE AND EXPERIENCE FOR YOURSELF THE POWER OF PRAYER AND FAITH IN OUR LADY
- ALL MEALS INCLUDED

DETAILED ITINERARY

DAY 01: CANADA - MUNICH

Depart CANADA by flight to Munich. Overnight onboard.

DAY 02: MUNICH

On arrival we clear all formalities and proceed to board our coach to the hotel. After checking in we proceed on a sightseeing tour of Munich. This evening, enjoy a delicious Dinner. Overnight stay at the Hotel in Munich

DAY 03: MUNICH - OBERAMMERGAU

After a delicious breakfast enjoy a picturesque ride through Bavaria where on the way we will stop for lunch and then proceed to Oberammergau to witness this once in a lifetime famous **Passion Play**.

The play runs for about five and a half hours and is performed in two acts with an intermission from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm followed by dinner at a local restaurant.

After the play we will travel back to our hotel in Munich.

DAY 04: MUNICH - REGENSBURG - PRAGUE

After breakfast we will continue to Prague. On the way we visit the Cathedral of St Peter's, Regensburg, Upper Palatinate, Bavaria. Start the day by learning about the legends of the gorgeous UNESCO World Heritage Old Town of Regensburg and take a peek into its famous St Peter's Cathedral before heading off towards the Czech Republic. We will stop to visit the Brewery Museum in Pilsen, this is the oldest brewery to have survived to this day and is world famous for its original Pilsner beer. Sit down for a delicious meal and enjoy a cold pint of fresh Pilsner. We continue into the Central Bohemian Region, this afternoon we take a stroll in the cute little town of Karlstejn, where you can see one of the best examples of a gothic style castle; the Karlstejn Castle. This is the former palace of the most famous king of Bohemia and the Holy Roman Emperor, King Charles IV. We then continue to our hotel in Prague.

This evening, enjoy a delicious Dinner. Overnight stay at the Hotel in Prague.

DAY 5: PRAGUE – GUIDED CITY TOUR

After a buffet breakfast, proceed for a city tour of Prague with an experienced local guide. You will start off a visit to the 1,000 year-old grounds of Prague Castle. As you walk through the beautiful courtyards, stop by for a visit to St. Vitus Cathedral – the main church of the castle. Proceed down to Golden lane to see the brightly colored houses lined along the castle wall. After lunch, we proceed to the Church of Our Lady Victorious, to worship the 16th Century status of Infant Jesus of Prague. The statue was placed in the oratory of the monastery where special devotions to Jesus were offered before it twice a day. The statue of Infant Jesus is ornate, studded with diamonds and crowned with gold, with his left hand holding a golden orb symbolizing kingship and right hand raised with the palm in a blessing posture. Then



continue to explore the medieval part of the city and spend some time browsing through the quaint shops of this beautiful city. Tonight, after dinner overnight at your hotel in Prague.

DAY 6: PRAGUE - OLOMOUC, CZECH REPUBLIC – KRAKOW



After a sumptuous breakfast, we board our coach for our journey into Czech Republic. We will stop in the beautiful Czech city of Olomouc where we will visit the magnificent Baroque church of the Visitation of the Virgin Mary which overlooks the city. Pope John Paul II had visited the church and promoted it to Minor Basilica.

We will stop for Lunch enroute our journey to the Polish border to Krakow. This evening, enjoy dinner in the hotel. Overnight in Krakow.

DAY 7: CZESTOCHOWA – THE BLACK MADONNA

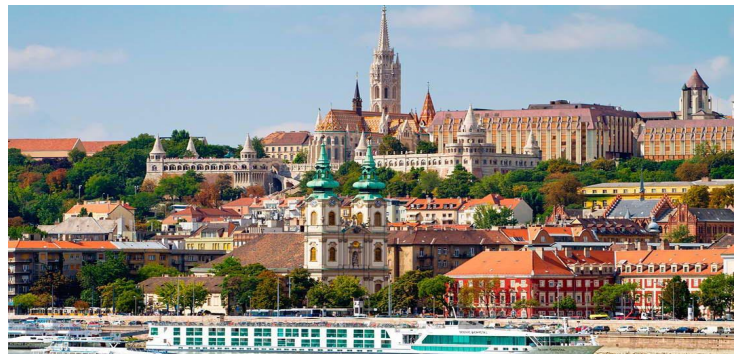
After breakfast at the hotel, we board our coach for a fascinating morning; we will soak in the sights and sounds of this vibrant city on an orientation tour. After a packed lunch we drive to Czestochowa to visit JASNA GÓRA, the monastery near Czestochowa, and admire its BLACK MADONNA, which is venerated as the “Queen of Poland” and has become the country’s national symbol. Late evening, we will arrive back in Krakow. Tonight, after dinner overnight at your hotel in Krakow (Poland).



DAY 8: WADOWICE – THE HOME OF BLESSED POPE JOHN II

After breakfast, depart for Wadowice and all the sites connected with Pope John II. The first choice is the house at 7 Koscielna street with a flat where the future Vicar of Christ was born and raised. The place has been turned into a museum and used to exhibit. The Wojtylas family’s former possessions as well as personal belongings of Father Karol Wojtyla.

Possibly even more important is the nearby church itself as the future John Paul II grew up in its shadow, was baptized a Catholic and later confirmed in it, served as an altar boy and prayed daily before its miraculous picture of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. The church’s Gothic chancel dates from the 15th century while the late-Baroque nave and aisles were built in the 1790s. The left aisle contains a baptized. Also the high school where young Karol Wojtyla was educated has remained in place. Late evening return to Krakow for dinner and an overnight stay.





Day 9: BUDAPEST

After breakfast, we depart to the beautiful city of Budapest. Enjoy this drive via the countryside, with breathtaking beautiful views. En-route we have our lunch and arrive in Budapest. On arrival the evening is free to explore (on your own). Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Budapest.

DAY 10: BUDAPEST

Today after breakfast in the hotel, we check out and proceed on a guided city tour through Eastern Europe's most cosmopolitan city. The magnificent Buda and Pest, separated by the broad ribbon of the Danube. On to Heroes' Square which typifies the modern capital, while along the riverbank you find the old inns. Including sightseeing takes in the Parliament building, Fisherman's Bastion, the Royal Castle, and the 13th-century Matthias Coronation Church. Dinner at a Restaurant and overnight at our hotel in Budapest.



DAY 11: BUDAPEST - ZAGREB -

We drive early in the morning to ZAGREB through the beautiful countryside. Arrive in the city and after we have a delicious lunch. Dinner and overnight in ZAGREB

DAY 12: ZAGREB – PLITIVICE - SPLIT

Today after a continental breakfast we drive towards Croatia's best-known national park – Plitvice Lakes National Park, a 295 sq.-km forest reserve. It is known for a chain of 16 terraced lakes, joined by waterfalls, that extend into a limestone canyon. You will enjoy a walk with a local guide through the breathtaking scenery of this natural wonder. Its 16 lakes, wooded hills, waterfalls, and cascades make it one of Europe's most loved national parks. After lunch we continue to Split. Tonight enjoy a local dinner, spend the night in Split.



DAY 13: SPLIT-MEDJUGORJE

After breakfast, we drive south to Split by far the largest Dalmatian city, and the second-largest city of Croatia. Proceed on a guided tour of the former hometown of the Roman emperor Diocletian and his palace, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

After lunch, we drive along one of the most beautiful stretches of the Adriatic coast. The stunning scenery of quaint villages, rich vegetation, which pebble beaches and crystal-clear water make this region unforgettable. We cross into Bosnia and continue our journey to Medjugorje, the city the Blessed Mother visited. We finally arrive in the beautiful city of Medjugorje. Overnight in Medjugorje.

DAY 14: MEDJUGORJE

After breakfast we will experience all that Medjugorje has to offer. You will meet pilgrims from around the world coming together in prayer and faith. Medjugorje is a favored place in which the Holy Virgin Mary has supposedly appeared daily for nearly 30 years. Medjugorje is a place in which the Our Lady, has said: "...in a special way I have chosen this parish, one more dear to me than the others, in which I have gladly remained when the Almighty sent me..." March 21, 1985. You will visit Cross Mountain, Apparition Mountain and St. James Church all places that play a huge part in understanding the visitations and meaning of Our Lady's messages to the visionaries. Dinner and overnight at Medjugorje.

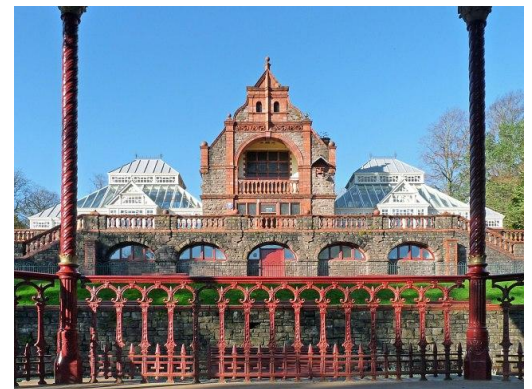


DAY 15: MEDJUGORJE - ZAGREB

After breakfast at Medjugorje, we bid this beautiful and holy city farewell and continue our journey back to Croatia, enjoying this beautiful drive along the countryside, a packed lunch enroute . Arrive early evening into Zagreb, this evening free to explore the city, (on your own). Dinner and Overnight at Zagreb.

DAY 16: ZAGREB

Today morning, after breakfast we drive to the Croatian Capital of Zagreb. We proceed on a wonderful tour of this city packed with historic buildings, such as the gothic style Church of St. Marcus, Trg Bana Jelacica – Zagreb's central square, the Croatian Parliament and the Bans's Palace-now the Presidential Palace. End your tour with a visit to the lovely Maksimir Park with its artificial lakes, Echo pavilion and the quaint 19th century . Return to your hotel for a local dinner. Overnight at your hotel in Zagreb.



DAY 17: ZAGREB - CANADA

Today after breakfast, it's time to bid goodbye to Europe as you board your coach to the airport for your flight back home. Good times need never end, after your check in formalities are completed, sit back, relax and enjoy the in-flight services and meals as you relive the memories of your tour with Royale Orchid Holidays.

Arrive back home with wonderful memories of the tour and all the new friends and families that you met, we are sure you will relive the memories over and over again. We thank you for choosing to tour with Royale Orchid Tours & Holidays

WHAT YOUR TOUR PRICE OF \$5900 CAD INCLUDES

1. AIRFARE - Return Economy Class Group Airfare as per the Itinerary
2. ACCOMMODATION - In 3* Hotels (Twin Bedded Room)
3. MEALS - Continental Buffet Breakfast, Packed/ Buffet Lunches & Dinners as Mentioned.
4. Oberammergau Passion Play
5. Services of personal Royale Orchid Tour Manager or/ and Local Guides in Select Cities.
6. SIGHTSEEING & ENTRANCE - Fees, Transfers, Surface Transportation As Mentioned By A Deluxe AC/Air Cool Coach.

WHAT YOUR TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Any increase in Airfare, Visa Fees, Airport & Govt Taxes and the rate of exchange leading to an increase in surface transportation and land arrangements, which may come into effect prior to departure. The tour price is subject to increase, without notice.
- Any expenses such as Tourist Tax and of personal nature such as portorage, laundry expenses, wines, mineral water, food and drink not in the regular menus provided by us, mini-bar, telephone calls, tips to the drivers, hotel waiters, local guides etc. are to be borne by the passengers. Meals are pre-set and a choice of menu will be available at an additional cost.
- Anything not mentioned in "What your Tour Price Includes"
- Tips: East Europe @ 75 Euro (per person)
- Any change in date of travel/ deviation from original group travel dates that will result in increase in airfare and applicable taxes.
- Personal Insurance.

PLEASE NOTE

The above cost is based on a minimum 30 passengers travelling together.

Tour Itinerary/ Hotel/ Airlines/ Flights/ routes are subject to change without prior information.

BOOKINGS AND DEPOSITS

You must complete and sign the official Royale Orchid Booking form given below and read terms and conditions of the tour. You will be required to enclose an initial **non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person** (adult / child) towards the cost of the tour. All cheques must be payable to ‘**Royale Orchid Tours and Holidays**’ upon which you will receive an official receipt. Your receipt is written confirmation of your tour. However, it is not valid for travel on tour.

PENDING PAYMENTS

Pending payments towards the costs of the tour must reach us at least **90** days prior to departure of the tour Date.

AMENDMENTS

A transfer from one tour to another will be treated as a cancellation from a tour and a fresh booking of another. Therefore, cancellation rules will apply.

CANCELLATION

All services such as airline seats / hotel accommodation / ground transportation are pre-booked well in advance. We are liable to pay penalties to all our suppliers / vendors if these services are released within the mentioned period.

If cancellation is made:

90 – 61 days prior to departure - 25% of tour package price less Deposit

60 – 46 days prior to departure – 50% of tour package price less Deposit

45 days or less prior to departure - 100% of tour package price