

Dold World Journeys presents

Northern Italy & Oberammergau 15 days

Italy - Austria - Germany



Dates & Prices

Leave **Sat. May 30** – Return **Sat. Jun. 13, 2020**

\$4,635 - Land Only

Approximate Airfare - \$2,200 (*hope to reduce this*)

Single Room Supplement – \$750 (*on request*)

Travel Insurance - \$379

First 15 to sign up, **Save \$100**. Second 15, **Save \$75**.

The Globus family is **NOT** offering **Journey Club Discounts** on Oberammergau programs.

* *Oberammergau will be back in 10 years.*

Highlights

- 12 nights in First- or Superior First-Class hotels. **Modified First Class Globus**. 12 (B) Full buffet Breakfasts; 2 (L) Lunches on the Island of Burano and in Oberammergau; 9 (D) Dinners, three-courses with wine, including Welcome Dinner in Rome, Umbrian and Tuscan dinners, and a Farewell Dinner in Munich.
- Escorted by **Alex Dold** from Honolulu. Specially chosen Director, **Caterina Thiel**. Twin-bedded rooms with private bath or shower, hotel taxes, service charges, and tips for baggage handling.
- **United Airlines** from Honolulu. Private deluxe motorcoach with air-conditioning, extra leg room, and emergency washroom. Private boat ride and Lagoon cruise in Venice.
- **Guided strolls** in Rome, Cascia, Assisi, Spello, Siena, Florence, Venice, Innsbruck. Orientation drive of Munich.
- **Special sights** are the Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel, Colosseum, Pantheon, the Holy Stairs, St. Mary Major Basilica's treasures, Monastery of St. Damian, Academy of Fine Arts' *David*, Emperor Maximilian's Golden Roof, Munich's Marienplatz with its new and old Town Halls, and much more.
- **Unique inclusions** like being part of a Papal Audience, exploring the ancient Catacombs, seeing the glass tomb of *St. Rita's* incorrupt body, visiting peaceful Carceri Hermitage where St. Francis prayed, medieval Spello, inside visits to Venice's Byzantine Basilica, the Doges' Palace and the Bridge of Sighs, and the **Oberammergau PASSION PLAY**.
- **Scenic highlights** include the woods of Mount Subasio, Tuscany's gorgeous landscapes, the rolling Chianti Hills, the magnificent Apennine Mountains, the dramatic Po Valley, the scenic Dolomites, the Bavarian Alps, plus, plus.

Itinerary

Day 1. Honolulu Departure. Our Oberammergau experience begins this evening with a departure for the west coast. Once the preliminary flight schedule is ready, it will be displayed online at doldworldjourneys.com under the journey's page.

Day 2. Via Newark, New Jersey to Rome, Italy. To avoid long layovers, after our brief stop on the west coast we continue to the east coast for another comfortable break. Then it is a non-stop flight to **Rome, Italy**. *Air schedule is subject to change!*

Day 3. Arrival in Rome, Italy. Our arrival is in the early morning. After clearing customs formalities, we are met with a huge smile from Caterina Thiel, our amazing European Tour Director, and transfer to the Starhotels Michelangelo. Our home for three nights is just minutes from St. Peter Square and many eateries. Our rooms will be ready for us to freshen up and rejuvenate. In the afternoon, all are welcomed to wander with Alex to help us acclimate. Tonight, celebrate the start of our amazing journey with a Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

Day 4. Discovering Rome. Begin our discovery with our local guide in **Vatican City** and a visit of the **Vatican Museums**, a unique collection of religious and secular art that spans for centuries, with some of the finest examples of Renaissance paintings. Then stop in the **Sistine Chapel**, to view Michelangelo's world-famous ceiling paintings and *The Last Judgment*. The Chapel is also where the conclave takes place for the election of the new popes. Continue our exploration with monumental **St. Peter's Square** where the Pope prays the Angelus every Sunday in front of thousands of believers and the **Basilica**, an incredibly rich architectural and decorative wonder and the place where all Catholic popes are buried.

Proceed across the **Tiber River** and dip into ancient Roman history. Stroll along the *Via Sacra* at the **Roman Forum**, site of military processions, elections, trials, and the overall center of Roman public life for centuries. Finally visit the **Colosseum** and hear about gladiatorial combats in the largest amphitheater ever built.

Discover the magic of the enchanting **Roman Piazzas**, follow our local guide and toss one, two or three coins into the famous Trevi Fountain! Stop to admire the **Pantheon**, the best preserved Roman temple and experience the lively atmosphere of **Navona Square**, the heart of Rome's social life! Time in the square for dinner on our own. Caterina will show us her favorite pizza place. Then top off our evening with a secret gem that can only come alive through our local guide. (B)

Day 5. Unique Rome. This morning, attend the **Papal Audience** (*subject to availability*) for the chance to see the Pope and receive the Papal Blessing. Next, discover **St. Paul Outside The Walls**, one of Rome's four major Papal basilicas built by Constantine on the grave of St. Paul, and explore the mysterious ancient **Catacombs** that run under the city. During the persecutions, the catacombs were used as places of refuge for the celebration of mass.

Later we visit **St. John Lateran Basilica** and the **Holy Stairs**, brought from Jerusalem to Rome around 326 A.D. by St. Helena, mother of Constantine the Great. Officially, pilgrims may only ascend these 28 white marble steps on their knees. Then, visit the hallowed halls of **St. Mary Major Basilica**. Its beautiful treasures are of inestimable value, and represent the Church's role as the cradle of Christian artistic civilization in Rome. For nearly 16 centuries, St. Mary Major has held its position as a Marian shrine par excellence and has been a magnet for pilgrims from all over the world who come to the Eternal City to experience the beauty, grandeur, and holiness of the basilica. Later we are free to go shopping or perhaps enjoy a drink in a sidewalk cafe. (B)

Day 6. Via Cascia to Assisi. Our heading this morning is north into **Umbria** for a stop in **Cascia** to explore the life of *St. Rita*, known as the "*Saint of the Impossible*," as she went through many problems through the various stages of her life but always managed to get through thanks to her faith and prayer. Discover the **Basilica**, see the tomb with the saint's incorrupt body. Those who wish can attend Mass (others can stroll the town with Caterina). Then visit the lower basilica, home of the **Eucharistic Miracle**, which is commemorated each year with the *Feast of Corpus Christi*.

Continue to hilltop **Assisi**, home of *St. Francis* and *St. Clare*. Here, we enter **St. Mary of the Angles Basilica**, where St. Francis consecrated St. Clare as the "*Bride of Christ*," and the **Porziuncola**, where he founded the Franciscan Order of Friars Minor in 1209. We spend two nights at the Windsor Savoia Hotel. (B), (D)

Day 7. Strolling Assisi and Dinner in Spello. Morning Mass is available, followed by a guided walking tour of **Assisi**. Visit the **Basilicas of St. Francis** and **St. Claire**, and see the crucifix that spoke to St. Francis. St. Francis abandoned a life of luxury for a life devoted to Christianity after hearing the voice of God who commanded him to rebuild the Christian church and live in poverty. He is the patron saint of animals and the environment. St. Claire was one of St. Francis' first followers and founded the *Order of Poor Ladies*, a monastic religious order for women in the Franciscan tradition.

A short trip by minibus takes us to the **Carceri Hermitage**, a peaceful oasis in the woods of **Mount Subasio** where St. Francis came to pray. Finally, visit the **Monastery of St. Damian**, a Franciscan shrine built on the spot where St. Francis heard the voice of Christ, and where he wrote the *Canticle of the Creatures*. The convent founded by St. Clare is still intact, and is where she died.

This afternoon, we take a short drive south to reach beautiful **Spello**. Admire the well-preserved Roman stone arches, forming entry gates into the Old Town, and the medieval tower with an olive tree on top, symbol of peace and of the most typical local product olive oil. Stroll along the narrow cobblestone streets lined with simple, elegant homes built from pink and white limestone, and soak up the unique atmosphere of this charming *Umbrian town*. Enjoy dinner with wine or soft drinks at a local restaurant to taste the specialties of this region. (B), (D)

Day 8. Via Siena to Florence. Today we depart Assisi and enter *Tuscany*. In **Siena**, meet our local guide and learn all about *St. Catherine*—a saint, a mystic, a doctor of the Church, and the patroness of Italy and Europe—as we enter the **Basilica of St. Dominic**, the **Sanctuary**, and the **House**. Then, enjoy a stroll through the ancient narrow lanes and visit beautiful **Piazza Del Campo**. This afternoon we arrive in Florence, “*Cradle of the Renaissance*” where we spend two nights at the Mediterraneo Hotel situated on the banks for the river Arno. (B), (D)

Day 9. Discovering Florence and Dinner in Tuscany. Follow our local expert through the **Academy of Fine Arts** where we stand in awe of Michelangelo’s *David*. Later, walk to beautiful **Cathedral Square**, admire **Giotto’s Bell Tower** and the **Baptistry’s** heavy bronze “*Gate of Paradise*.” There is the opportunity to attend Mass at the magnificent **Duomo**, with its incredible Renaissance dome designed by *Filippo Brunelleschi* or follow Caterina around this magnificent city. We also see sculpture-studded **Signoria Square** and famous **Santa Croce Square** with its Franciscan basilica.

Tuscany is known for its gorgeous landscapes, its rich traditions and culture but Tuscany still has more to offer with its great food and wine. In the late afternoon we drive out to the rolling **Chianti Hills** and realize our dreams of living the Tuscan life! Savor a traditional Tuscan meal with regional dishes is prepared using the finest local ingredients, in a picturesque country setting. (B), (D)

Day 10. To Padua. Travel through the **Apennine Mountains** to arrive in the flat **Po Valley**. In **Padua**, a guided visit of the **Basilica of St. Anthony** shows us the tomb and reliquaries of this miracle-working saint and patron of lost and stolen articles. *St. Anthony* is one of the Catholic Church’s most popular saints. He was a powerful Franciscan preacher and teacher. He was born in Lisbon in 1195 and died just outside Padua in 1231, having led a short but very intense religious life. Our next two nights are at the Milano Hotel. (B)

Day 11. Excursion to Venice. A short drive brings us to **Venice**, the city of romantics. Here a guided stroll walking tour provides us with views of staggering splendors **St. Mark’s Square** and the **Clock Tower**. Plus, rare inside visits to the **Byzantine Basilica** with its 1,000-year-old gem-studded gold altar piece, lavish **Doges’ Palace**, and the **Bridge of Sighs**.

Cruise past the islands of Santa Elena, San Michele and the famous Lido to picturesque **Burano Island**, known for its brightly colored fishermen’s houses and its casual eateries serving seafood from the lagoon. We visit one of them to savor a mouth-watering meal. Some leisure time to shop for lace and stroll the island. A proper “*Arrivederci*” for our last day in Italy. (B), (L), (D)

Day 12. Via Innsbruck, Austria to Oberammergau, Germany. A scenic drive through the impressive **Dolomites** brings us to the capital of Tyrol, **Innsbruck**. Enjoy a walk through the **Old Town** to quaint medieval lanes to Emperor Maximilian’s **Golden Roof**. Sumptuously decorated with 2,657 fire-gilded copper tiles, all still original. Time to wander or shop for famous Austrian crystal.

Then it is off across the German border to picturesque **Oberammergau**. A fantastic Globus highlight is that our hotel for the next two nights is located in this quaint little village. This gives us the opportunity to wander at our leisure. The place will be crowded with tourists during the day, but at night we’ll have this charming Bavarian village all to ourselves. (B), (D)

Day 13. Oberammergau and the Passion Play. The Passion Play presents Christ’s Passion, beginning with His entry into Jerusalem and ending with His resurrection and transfiguration. All participants in the Passion Play must be native to Oberammergau, no small feat since there can be up to 600 elaborately costumed actors and a chorus and orchestra of 100 strong on the open-air state at one time. There is so much involved the locals start getting ready and rehearsing over a year before the event.

After breakfast we have a little time to browse the town. Be sure to savor the beautiful and colorful frescoes painted on the outside of many buildings, catch a glimpse of the woodcarvers at work, and/or pick up a few Christmas ornaments.

The afternoon and evening are dedicated to the world-famous Oberammergau Passion Play, currently performed every 10 years. ([See descriptive flyer / Cover](#)). (B), (L), (D)

Day 14. To Munich. A short through the Bavarian Alps to **Munich**, capital of Bavaria and home of the annual Oktoberfest celebration. Germany’s “*Secret Capital*” comes alive during our orientation drive featuring the **Olympic Stadium**, **1,000-foot-high Olympic Tower**, and **Marienplatz**, in the historic heart of the city. Our afternoon is open for last minute shopping or sightseeing. Our Holiday Inn Munich City Centre hotel is set within a shopping complex and a 30-minute walk to Munich’s Old Town. Tonight, enjoy a Farewell Dinner at our hotel hosted by Caterina. (B), (D)

Day 15. To Honolulu. Vivid memories of a unique Northern Italy and spectacular Oberammergau experience are with us as we return home. Our flight arrives in Honolulu in the late evening. (B)

General Conditions - Oberammergau

DEPOSIT AND FINAL PAYMENT: A **\$250** per person credit card **DEPOSIT** (*please CALL it in*) processed by the Globus Family is required to secure your space and your **RESERVATION FORM** to set your discount spot. On **June 15, 2019**, a second **DEPOSIT** of **\$350** will be due. These deposits are part of your final payment, which is due no later than **65 days** prior to departure. You will receive a final payment request approximately two weeks before its due date. Final payment will be divided, with the land portion going to the Globus Family and the international airfare plus any non-chargeable costs going to ES International (DWJ's airline ticketing agent).

Sign-up discounts are combinable with other discounts, but are not transferable to other programs. **Land-only** space is limited. Land price does NOT include airport transfers, dayrooms, or pre- or post- night hotel accommodations. *These can be purchased.*

CANCELLATION AND REFUND: Both deposits are **NON-REFUNDABLE**. After final payment, only the monies which will be recovered from the hotels, tour operators, airlines, etc., will be refunded. No refund will be made for services not used once the tour commences. All refunds or penalties are subject to the rules and tariffs of the vendors concerned. (Note: Once your airline ticket is issued it is non-refundable.) There is a \$25 fee for any changes made after 90 days.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: We recommended purchasing travel insurance with your **DEPOSIT**. This will insure you are covered from a pre-existing condition AND "Cancel for Any Reason." We will send you a copy of the coverage offered for this journey. This insurance is refundable up to **June 15, 2019**. You can also purchase insurance with final payment but **will not** be covered for a pre-existing condition or "Cancel for Any Reason." NOTE - "Cancel for Any Reason" does **NOT** cover the \$250 or \$350 deposits.

LAND PRICE: Land price is per person based on two people sharing a room/cabin and accurate as of January 12, 2018. Our Land Price is guaranteed (unless taxes increase). We need a minimum of 14 people flying with the group to operate this journey.

AIR PRICE: Air price is an estimate based on 2018 fares and **SUBJECT TO CHANGE**. My goal is to bring down these costs.

PRICE INCLUDES: The journey price includes accommodations in First- or Superior First-class hotels/ships based on two people sharing a room/cabin with private facilities (bath or shower); meals as indicated in the itinerary: (B) breakfast, (L) lunch, and (D) dinner; and entrance fees where applicable.

NOT INCLUDED: The trip price does not include passport expenses; meals not listed above; all beverages; Country tax; baggage fees; baggage and health insurance; laundry expenses; and all items of a personal nature. Tips to tour directors, tour drivers, local guides, and hotel personnel; excursions; city sightseeing; and entrance fees are excluded unless specifically noted in the itinerary.

PASSPORT AND DOCUMENTS: A passport, valid 6 months past the date of your return with at least 3 blank pages, is required. Tourist Visas are not required for U.S. citizens on this journey. A copy of your passport is due with final payment.

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: Single rooms are **limited** and on **REQUEST**. For persons traveling alone who wish to share hotel rooms, every effort will be made to find you a roommate; however, if this is not possible, through choice or circumstance, the single supplement must be charged (*if a single room is still available*).

SIGHTSEEING AND TRANSFERS: All sightseeing and transfers are by private deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach with extra leg room. No Smoking on Globus coaches.

BAGGAGE: Due to limited motorcoach capacity, only one suitcase (50 lbs. maximum) and one carry-on per person will be allowed. Portage for this suitcase is included in the journey's price. No responsibility is accepted for loss of or damage to baggage or any of the passengers' belongings. We recommend buying travel insurance.

RESPONSIBILITY: Dold World Journeys, LLC. and Group Voyagers Inc., dba Globus, 5301 S. Federal Circle, Littleton, CO 80123 (hereinafter referred to as "the Companies") are responsible to you in making arrangements for the tour services offered in the itinerary or on its Web site, including transportation, sightseeing, and hotel accommodations through independent contracts.

The carriers, hotels and other suppliers providing tour services are independent contractors and are not agents, employees, or servants of, or joint ventures with, the Companies or its affiliates. All certificates and other travel documents for tour services issued by the Companies are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the supplier and to the laws of the countries in which the services are supplied. If, after tour departure, the services included in the tour cannot be supplied or there are changes in an itinerary for reasons beyond the control of the Companies, the Companies will arrange for the provision of comparable services. Any resulting additional expense will be payable by tour participants and any resulting savings will be refunded by the Companies to tour participants.

The Companies reserves the right to accept or reject any person as a tour participant, to expel any tour participant from the tour, to make changes in the itinerary whenever the Companies deems it necessary for the comfort, convenience, or safety of the tour participants, and to cancel a tour at any time.

Any disability requiring special attention should be reported to Globus at the time the reservation is made. Globus will make reasonable attempts to accommodate the special needs of disabled tour participants, but the Companies are not responsible for any denial of services by carriers, hotels, restaurants, and other independent suppliers. The motorcoach company and other carrier employees may not physically lift participants or assist them on or off transportation vehicles. Persons requiring such assistance must be accompanied by a qualified companion.

The tour participant agrees that neither the Companies nor its affiliates shall be liable for any damages, loss (including personal injury, death, and property loss), or expense occasioned by any act or omission of any supplier providing tour services or of any other person.

Legal proceedings against the Companies may be instituted only in a state or federal court located within the State of Colorado, and any claim involved in such proceedings shall be decided in accordance with the laws of the State of Colorado. Any legal proceedings against the Companies must be commenced within one year following the date of tour completion.

No person other than an authorized representative of the Companies, by a document in writing, is authorized to vary, add, or waive any term or condition regarding this program, including any term or condition set forth in the preceding provisions. (Travel Agents Registration #7051)

Reservation Form

Northern Italy & Oberammergau

Date of Tour: **May 30, 2020**

To join our journey please complete, sign, and return by e-mail or mail. If the itinerary has been finalized a per person credit card deposit (and possibly insurance payment) will be due to hold your space.

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Name (1): Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____

Roommate (2): Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____

Correspondence & Billing Information

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Other Phone _____

Email _____

In Case Of Emergency While On Tour, Please Notify

Name _____ Relation _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Other Phone _____

Secure Flight Passenger Information

We need your LEGAL NAME and BIRTH DATE for all tours

Passport copies are due with final payment for all international tours, including Canada & Mexico.

Person 1

Legal Name _____ Birth Date _____

Citizenship _____ Example: United States, Japan, Philippines

Person 2

Legal Name _____ Birth Date _____

Citizenship _____ Example: United States, Japan, Philippines

By signing this application, I acknowledge that I have read the General Conditions and agree with the terms outlined therein.

Signature _____

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