

# Dold World Journeys

## Supplemental *Passion Play* Information *The Swiss Alps*

In 1633, gripped by war, poverty, and plague, the villagers of Oberammergau vowed to put on a *Passion Play* every ten years, if God would save their citizens. They survived and performed the first Oberammergau Passion Play in 1634. For the past four centuries their descendants have carried out that pledge. Only villagers have been allowed to take part, and they do it with *passion*.

### The Play:

- The performance started at 2:30 pm (3.5 hours), with a 3-hour dinner break at 5 pm. Play ends at 10:30 pm (2.5 hours). They did this so the crucifixion is at night and is very dramatic. *No napping during the break; you might not wake up.*
- The play is in **German**, but a written outline is provided in English. There are no translation headphones or subtitles. English is well spoken in the city of Oberammergau.
- Photographs and video recording are **NOT ALLOWED** during the performance.
- Spectators are covered so we will not get wet from any rain. The actors will, if it does rain, as they are not covered.
- Since the theater is partly open aired, you should bring a **sweater** or blanket, as it can get cold. **Gloves** and a **scarf** might help as well. Keep in mind, Oberammergau is 800 meters in altitude and in the Alps.
- There are lots of bathrooms at the play, but *no break during the show*.
- In 2010, (*expect same in 2020*) the entrance fee for the Oberammergau Museum at the Passion Play complex is included with our ticket.
- The theatre holds exactly 4,720 people. We have some of the best seating arrangements. Our seats are in sections 1C (dark yellow).



### Our Hotel:

- The Oberammergau Hotel is a family run establishment, typical of the area. It will not have many of the amenities of a chain hotel.
- The benefit of staying at the Bold Hotel is that it is a 10-minute walk to the theatre.
- All meals (B, L, D) are provided by the hotel in Oberammergau.

### Oberammergau - The Village:

- Just 62 miles to the south of Munich is the village of Oberammergau, set in the lush meadows and foothills of the Bavarian Alps.
- Today it is home to some 5,300 inhabitants (*half of whom take part in the play*).
- Besides the Passion Play, Oberammergau is famous for its woodcarvers.
- Many of the buildings are noted for their very special and ornately painted exteriors, some of them dating back to the 18th century. These Lüftmalerei, or frescoes, are usually religious themes or scenes from fairytales.
- Apart from being rich in art, culture, and tradition, Oberammergau also has the friendliest of people and a great reputation for hospitality.

For more information on the Oberammergau Passion Play visit:

<https://www.passionsspiele-oberammergau.de/en>