Oberammergau Passion Play and Cruising the Danube River

Budapest • Bratislava • Vienna • Salzburg • Munich

Featuring Faculty Host Jeremiah W. McGrann

July 9 to 19, 2020
Dear BC Alumni and Friends,

Please join us as we cruise the Danube River to visit spectacular cities along its banks, then travel by motorcoach through Bavaria to the village of Oberammergau, where we will experience the profound Passion Play. BC Beyond Educational Travel is pleased to offer this special tour as one of our inaugural excursions, and as part of our mission to provide lifelong learning opportunities through educational travel, to showcase our engaging faculty and to expand the global reach of Boston College.

Nestled in the storybook landscapes of the Bavarian Alps, more than 2000 residents of the quaint hamlet of Oberammergau stage one of the world’s greatest dramatic performances, the extraordinary Passion Play, founded on unique local history and a legacy that encompasses nearly four centuries. Join us in July 2020 for a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience the 42nd production of this time-honored tradition, the Oberammergau Passion Play, which is reenacted every 10 years. Spend two nights in the Oberammergau region, coupled with a delightful Danube River cruise aboard the exclusively chartered, deluxe AMADEUS BRILLIANT through Hungary, Austria, Germany and seldom-visited Slovakia.

Our customized and unique itinerary combines this internationally acclaimed event with the authentic art, architecture, culture and history that recall the glories of the Ottoman, Habsburg and Holy Roman Empires. Special tickets, unavailable to the general public, have been procured for your Passion Play experience. Visit four world-class cities and a host of UNESCO World Heritage sites, including storied Budapest and its Castle Quarter; historic Vienna and the spectacular Schönbrunn Palace, featuring the Habsburgs’ palatial gardens; and delightful Salzburg, known as the iconic setting for The Sound of Music. Immerse yourself in Bratislava’s well-preserved medieval past; the 900-year-old traditions of Melk’s Benedictine Abbey; and Munich, the quintessential capital of all things Bavarian.

Whether you are a first-time or seasoned traveler to these countries, you won’t want to miss this exceptional opportunity. It’s not too soon to book your reservation. Space is limited and sure to sell quickly, so don’t delay!

Explore the world through BC,

Patricia Tyler, Director
BC Beyond Educational Travel
Boston College

Your faculty host, Jeremiah W. McGrann, is a founding member of the Boston College Music Department. He is a leading researcher on Beethoven, having edited Beethoven’s Mass in C for the new complete edition of Beethoven’s works published by the Beethoven-Haus in Bonn and Henle editions. Active as a scholar, pianist and public speaker, he has written on Beethoven, Haydn, liturgical music and hermeneutics; he concertizes with a special interest in the music of Franz Liszt, and has given talks at international conferences and for the Handel and Haydn Society. A second area of interest is the history of music in Boston and he has written a brief monograph on the history of music at Boston College. He studied in Vienna for his junior year and his research has led him to Eisenstadt, Budapest and into libraries and archives throughout Europe.
Nearly 400 years ago, the ruling council of Oberammergau made a valiant effort to safeguard their hamlet against the Black Death plague. They sought deliverance by performing a Passion Play on a modest stage built over the graves of plague victims. Surviving villagers made a solemn vow to reenact the passion of Christ every 10 years in perpetuity as an act of gratitude and remembrance.

Through the centuries, Oberammergau’s Passion Play has risen in prestige, drawing pilgrims from around the world. Performed on one of the world’s largest stages, the Passionspielhaus, the play now features a cast of nearly 2000 village residents transformed from Bavarian farmers and townsfolk into an array of Roman centurions, Jewish villagers and other Biblical characters. The tradition lives on, respected around the globe as the world’s most historic and spectacular Passion Play.
Nearby, explore the Gothic-style St. Matthias Church, where Charles I, the last Habsburgian ruler, was coronated in 1916.
Reboard the ship for lunch and depart Budapest.

**Bratislava, Slovakia**

**Day 4**
Bratislava is nestled in the foothills of the impressive Carpathian mountain range; beautifully restored since the end of the Cold War, Slovakia’s charming capital depicts 21st-century life amid its 1000-year-old history. On a guided tour of the Old Town, walk among a sampling of central Europe’s finest medieval, Renaissance and 19th-century architecture. Visit the Romanesque, 14th-century Cathedral of St. Martin and the elaborate Primatial Palace, and see St. Michael’s Gate, Bratislava’s oldest preserved medieval fortification, originally built in 1300.
Enjoy time at leisure in Bratislava before cruising through Austria’s fertile Donau-Auen National Park.

**Vienna, Austria**

**Day 5**
Former seat of the Habsburg Empire, Vienna’s historic center is a UNESCO World Heritage open-air museum of splendid Baroque architecture. Enjoy a panoramic tour featuring its famous Ringstrasse, showcasing the impressive Vienna State Opera House and Hofburg Palace. Visit the iconic, Gothic-style Stephansdom (St. Stephen’s Cathedral).
After lunch on board the ship, visit the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Schönbrunn Palace and Gardens, the lavish summer estate of the imperial Habsburgs. It was here that a six-year-old Mozart first performed for Empress Maria Theresa and her daughter, Marie Antoinette, the future queen of France. Enjoy time to stroll the sprawling, English-style gardens.

**Stroll through the Baroque pleasure gardens of Mirabell Palace in the heart of Salzburg.**

**Admire the Rococo grandeur of UNESCO-designated Schönbrunn Palace and Gardens, the royal summer home of Marie Antoinette and Emperor Franz Josef.**

See St. Michael’s Gate and its elegant copper roof, an iconic symbol of Bratislava.
This morning, cruise through the Danube’s fabled Wachau Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage site, where terraced vineyards blanket hillside dotted with the haunting ruins of medieval castles. Arrive in Melk and visit the impressive 900-year-old Benedictine Abbey, an Austrian Baroque masterpiece by Paul Troger. Showcasing stunning 18th-century ceiling frescoes and priceless relics, this beautiful kirche (church), houses the perfectly intact, multi-panel, 16th-century altarpiece by Danube School master Jörg Breu the Elder. A prestigious center of scholarship throughout the Middle Ages, the abbey’s library is today a repository of 100,000 medieval manuscripts.

Enjoy lunch and an afternoon of engaging lectures on the ship before the Captain’s Farewell Dinner.

Disembark in Passau, where three legendary rivers converge—the Danube, Inn and Ilz. Transfer to the UNESCO World Heritage site of Salzburg, the setting for several scenes in The Sound of Music. Explore the Alter Markt, the city’s old marketplace, where burghers’ houses date back to the Middle Ages; see the 17th-century Salzburg Cathedral, a fine example of Italian-style Baroque architecture; and savor a local lunch. Walk through Mirabell Gardens and St. Peter’s Cemetery—one of the world’s oldest and most beautiful cemeteries. Enjoy time at leisure to stroll the picturesque arcades of Salzburg’s famous pedestrian lane, Getreidegasse.

Continue through the scenic Bavarian Alps to a charming hotel near Oberammergau. Dinner is included in the hotel this evening.

The pastoral village of Oberammergau is synonymous with the great Passion Play produced here only once every 10 years. Walk the streets of Oberammergau and admire the charming frescoed murals adorning the walls and façades of the village buildings.

This afternoon, experience one of Europe’s oldest and most venerable dramatic traditions. From specially reserved seats, enjoy the 2020 Passion Play, featuring a cast of thousands—all local residents—and extraordinary stage sets. During intermission, enjoy a dinner of traditional Bavarian fare.

After breakfast, depart for Munich. En route, stop at King Ludwig II’s fairy-tale Neuschwanstein, one of the world’s most photographed castles and the Romanesque Revival inspiration for Disneyland’s Sleeping Beauty Castle. Lunch is included.

History comes alive in the 800-year-old city of Munich, Bavaria’s historic capital, known for its artistic culture and unique beauty. Visit the 17th-century, Baroque Nymphenburg Palace, See 900-year-old Melk Abbey, originally an opulent Baroque palace, now a museum and learning center.
The elegant and meticulously crafted **Amadeus Brilliant** features all the comforts of a refined and traditional hotel.

The 76 stylish Staterooms and Suites are among the most spacious of any European river ship (161 to 236 square feet). Suites and select Staterooms feature a French balcony (floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors). Accommodations have two twin beds or one queen bed, individual climate control, sitting area and private bathroom with shower. Suites have a minibar.

The stylish restaurant offers scenic views through panoramic windows. Continental cuisine is served, featuring fresh, local ingredients. Daily meals include early-risers’ coffee, buffet breakfast and lunch, afternoon tea, four-course dinner with complimentary wine and beer, and late-evening snack.

For your leisure time on board there are two bars, an open-air lounge, complimentary Wi-Fi, beauty salon, boutique, massage room, fitness studio and Sun Deck. An elevator serves all passenger decks except the Sun Deck. Complimentary bicycles are available for independent pursuits on shore. There is no doctor on board.

The Amadeus fleet has earned the “Green Globe Certification” of environmental sustainability.

**Exclusively Chartered, Deluxe ms Amadeus Brilliant**

Munich/Return to the U.S.

**Day 11**

After breakfast, continue on the Historic Bavaria Post-Program Option or transfer to the airport for your return flight to the U.S.

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**Birthplace of King Ludwig II and former summer residence of Bavarian royalty, and stroll through the palace’s exquisite gardens.**

**Enjoy the Munich walking tour featuring the Königsbau (King’s building) of the Residenz, the former royal palace complex. Stroll down elegant Maximilianstrasse and see the world-famous, 16th-century Hofbräuhaus, a three-floor beer hall, and lively Viktualienmarkt, the city’s daily open-air market. In Marienplatz, marvel at the grand neo-Gothic façade of the New Town Hall, and see the famous Glockenspiel’s life-sized figures performing the traditional Coopers’ Dance.**

**Enjoy an afternoon at leisure before attending the Farewell Reception in the hotel this evening.**
Included Features

**On Board the Exclusively Chartered AMADEUS BRILLIANT**

- Five-night cruise from Budapest, Hungary, to Passau, Germany.
- Deluxe, river-view, air-conditioned Suite or Stateroom.
- All meals aboard ship.
- Complimentary house wine and beer served with lunch and dinner.
- Captain's Welcome Reception and Farewell Dinner.
- Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the ship.
- Visits to Budapest's historic landmarks of the Fisherman's Bastion and the ornate St. Matthias Church.
- Guided walking tour of Bratislava's well-preserved, medieval Staré Mesto (Old Town).
- Tour of the 11th-century Benedictine Abbey of Melk, a Baroque masterpiece.

**Scenic transfer from Passau, Germany, via Salzburg, Austria, to Oberammergau, Germany.**

- Two nights in an ideally located, traditional Bavarian hotel, with breakfast each morning and two dinners featuring authentic Bavarian cuisine.
- 2020 Oberammergau Passion Play performance, including specially reserved seating.

**In Munich**

- Two nights in the Five-Star, centrally located HOTEL BAYERISCHER HOF, with breakfast each morning.
- Walking tour featuring the elegant Maximilianstrasse, the lively Viktualienmarkt, the world-famous Hofbräuhaus and Marienplatz to see the Glockenspiel.
- Visit to the magnificent Nymphenburg Palace.
- Farewell Reception.

**UNESCO World Heritage Site Highlights**

- Tour of Budapest and its famous Castle Quarter.
- Panoramic tour of the world-class city of Vienna, an open-air museum of splendid Baroque architecture.
- Visit to Schönbrunn Palace and Gardens, the spectacular summer estate of the imperial Habsburgs.
- Walking tour of Salzburg featuring the Mirabell Gardens and the city's famous pedestrian shopping lane, Getreidegasse.

**Always Included**

- Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- Experienced, English-speaking local guides for included excursions.
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
- Complimentary bottled water in your Suite or Stateroom aboard ship and on excursions.
- Hospitality desk aboard ship and in the hotels.
- Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors at your service.
- Complimentary use of an audio headset during guided excursions.
- Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
Hungarian Tradition in Budapest

Pre-Program Option
Budapest’s majestic hills and artistic, bohemian avenues are sure to captivate you. Visit the stately, Gothic Revival-style Parliament Building, one of Europe’s oldest legislative buildings and Hungary’s largest; and enjoy an excursion into Hungary’s great, protected Puszta (plains), for an expert display of master horsemanship and a traditional regional lunch—an authentic and unforgettable experience. Enjoy river-view accommodations for two nights in the Five-Star InterContinental Budapest.

Historic Bavaria

Post-Program Option
Continue to enjoy the quintessential Bavarian gemütlichkeit (friendliness) of Munich and explore its multifaceted culture. Tour one of the most renowned art collections in the world at the Pinakothek museum. Tour the poignant grounds of the nearby Dachau Memorial Site. Enjoy a hearty, traditional Bavarian dinner and unique ambiance at the famous, Gothic-style Ratskeller Restaurant. Accommodations are for two nights in the deluxe Hotel Bayerischer Hof, located in the heart of Munich.

Pre- and Post-Program Options are available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

Savor a traditional dinner at Munich’s famed Ratskeller Restaurant in the neo-Gothic New Town Hall in Marienplatz.
**MS AMADEUS BRILLIANT**

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**Junior Suites** Suite with French balcony (floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors with railing), sitting area, minibar. Mozart Deck, midship and forward.

Singles are available in category $5 at $8995* and in category 2 at $11895* on or before May 29, 2019. Add $1000 for reservations made after May 29, 2019.

*Taxes are an additional $195 per person and are subject to change.

**'AMADEUS BRILLIANT' has been specially contracted for this tour, and the applicable deck plan is available on request from Gohagan & Company and reflects the only valid cabin categorization of the vessel.**

**OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY RESERVATION FORM**

Send to: Gohagan & Company
209 South LaSalle Street
Suite 500
Chicago, IL 60604-1446
(800) 922-3088

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**Title**

**Full Name (exactly as it appears on your passport)**

**Class Year**

**Street Mailing Address (no P.O. Box number please)**

**City**

**State**

**Zip Code**

**Telephone: (Home)**

(Mobile)

**Email Address**

(Business)

**Preferred Name(s) on Badge(s)**

**Tour No. 065-07/09/20-007**

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Program reservations require a deposit of $800 per person and $200 per person Historic Bavaria Pre-Program Option and/or $200 per person Historic Bavaria Post-Program Option. By reserving and depositing on this program, I/we agree to the Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement as printed on the outside back cover of this brochure.

Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $__________ as deposit. Make checks payable to Gohagan & Company.

I/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $__________ to:

- Visa
- MasterCard

**Card Number**

**Exp. Date**

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Signature as it appears on credit card

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All FINAL PAYMENTS are required to be made by check or wire transfer by April 3, 2020.

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OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY RESERVATION FORM

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Please make my/our reservation(s) in Stateroom Category:

1st choice _______ 2nd choice _______

- Double occupancy (two twin beds).
- Double occupancy (one queen bed).
- Single accommodations.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

Please make my/our reservation(s) in:

- Hungarian Tradition in Budapest Pre-Program Option
- Double at $995 per person.
- Single at $1495 per person.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

Historic Bavaria Post-Program Option
- Double at $1095 per person.
- Single at $1595 per person.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

I/We want you to book my/our air, at an additional cost to be advised, from:

(fill in departure city)

- Economy Class
- Upgraded Economy
- Business Class
- First Class

*Note: Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable.

I/We will make my/our own air arrangements.
Amidr engulfing Neuschwanstein Castle, built by King Ludwig II of Bavaria in 1886.

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