

NAWAS INTERNATIONAL

# THE PASSION PLAY OF OBERAMMERGAU

*including*

## SPLENDORS OF EASTERN EUROPE

*visiting*

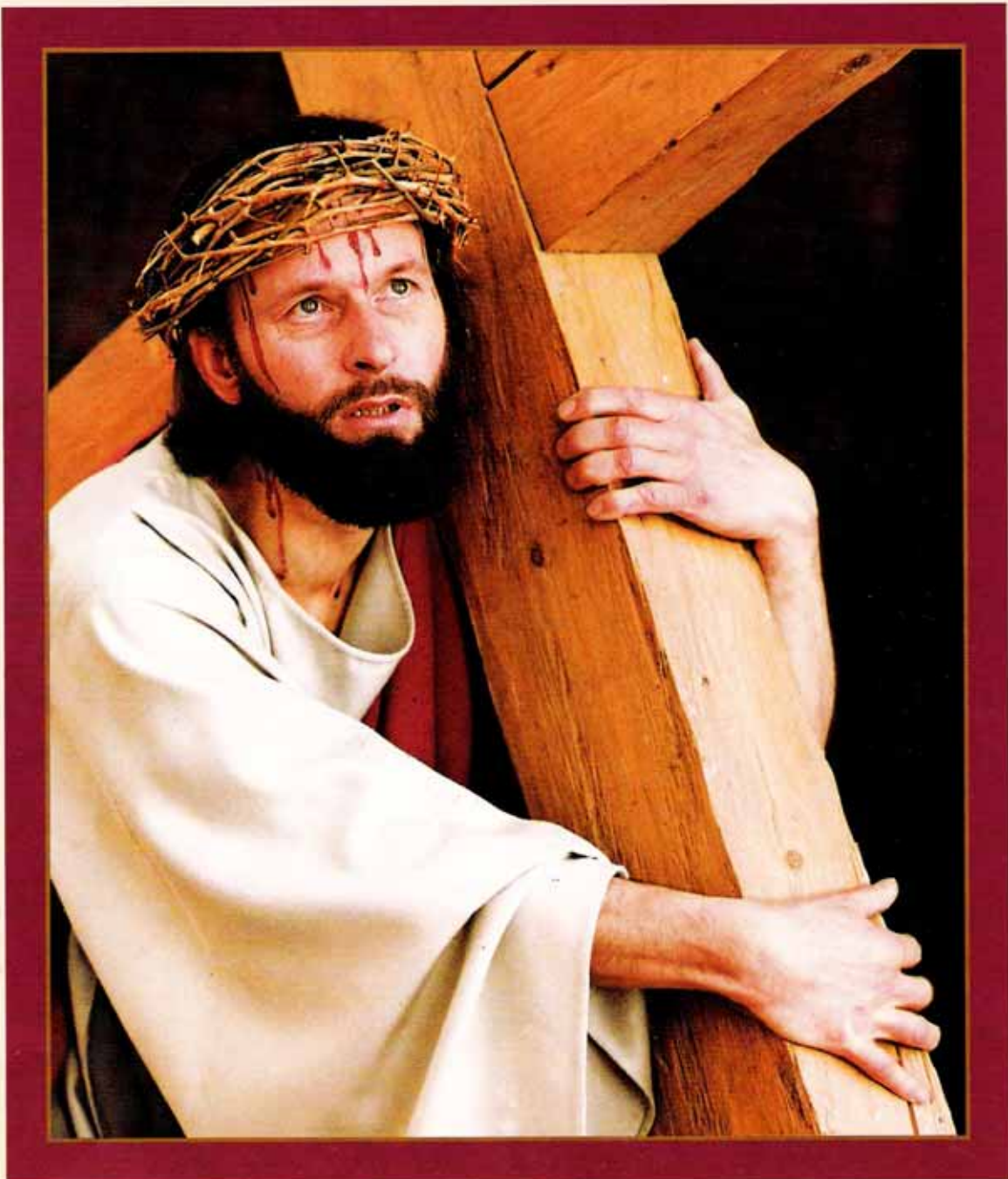
Prague ◊ Budapest ◊ Vienna ◊ Munich

*hosted by*

Rev. W. H. McCain, STL

11 Days: September 16 - 26, 2010

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Dear Friends,

Ten years ago as we were entering the new millennium the most serendipitous thing happened to me. A travel agent I did not personally know called me after having had my name given to him by a priest friend of mine. It seems that he had a small group that was going to Europe but the priest they had arranged to accompany them had to drop out of the tour. Would I be interested in taking his place? After some thought and cajoling by my staff I said, "yes." I have not once regretted that decision.

Why? Because it took me to one of the most extraordinary events I have ever attended - The Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany. It is a spectacle that happens only every ten years! This five hour drama of our Lord's Passion is one of the finest presentations I have ever had the pleasure to watch. The costumes, music and sets are beautiful.

I promised myself then that I would try to return but this time with a pilgrim group. I want to invite you now to come along on this journey of a lifetime. With the help of Nawas Tours in Menlo Park, I have arranged an 11 day tour of Eastern Europe. We will fly into Prague then onto Budapest, Vienna (my personal favorite) and then to Oberammergau and Munich. Of course we will have Mass each day as well as have the opportunity to tour each of these major European cities.

You may, however be asking yourself about Oberammergau. Why is it so special? In the 17th century the village was struck by the dreaded Bubonic plague. The villagers prayed to be spared its ravages and pledged that they would honor Our Lord by reenacting His passion. The plague did not decimate them and so with few interruptions every ten years since that time the village has kept faith with its promise. Almost the entire village is involved in some aspect of the production. Over a thousand men, women and children participate in the play along with live animals. It is a moving and uplifting experience that should not be missed.

Our trip is scheduled for September 16, 2010. We must, however, get our reservations in as soon as possible because tickets are limited. You will return from this pilgrimage spiritually renewed and humbled by what God has done for us in His Son Jesus Christ.

Send you inquires to me at [passionplay@ollnovato.org](mailto:passionplay@ollnovato.org).

Sincerely yours in the faith Our Lord Jesus Christ,

(Rev.) William H. McCain, STL

Pastor

## TOUR FEATURES

- Round trip airfare from San Francisco.
- Accommodations at First Class and Select hotels. Private homes and Pensions are used in Oberammergau.
- **Admission tickets to the Passion Play of Oberammergau.**
- Most meals.
- Services of a professional tour director.
- Comprehensive sightseeing throughout.
- All service charges and local hotel taxes.
- \$100,000 Automatic Flight insurance.\*

\*Subject to policy terms and limitations.

## YOUR DAY-TO-DAY ITINERARY

### THU, SEP 16 – SAN FRANCISCO/ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

Depart San Francisco on your overnight transatlantic flight to Europe, arriving the following day.

### FRI, SEP 17 – ARRIVE PRAGUE

Arrive Prague. Located on the Vltava River, Prague is considered one of the most beautiful capitals in Europe. Transfer to your hotel. (D)

### SAT, SEP 18 – PRAGUE

This morning experience the 1000-year-old history of the city with a visit to Hradcany Castle, the seat of power for several Czech princes and kings. Proceed to the Gothic St. Vitus Cathedral, the Romanesque Basilica of St. George, and Mala Strana (Lesser Town), whose winding streets are lined with small taverns and old houses. Continue to Old Town to see the ancient Town Hall with its animated astronomical clock. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

### SUN, SEP 19 – PRAGUE/BRATISLAVA/BUDAPEST

Drive to Bratislava, capital of Slovakia, at the foothills of the Carpathian Mountains. Free time to see the magnificent Gothic cathedral of St. Martin, site of the coronation of many Hungarian kings and queens. On to magnificent Budapest. The most cosmopolitan city in Eastern Europe, Budapest is known as the "Queen of the Danube." The ancient cities, Buda, on the right bank of the Danube, and the modern city, Pest, on the left bank, are connected by a series of seven bridges. (B,D)

### MON, SEP 20 – BUDAPEST

Morning sightseeing begins at Hero Square, decorated by several impressive statues. Continue to the old inner city of Pest then proceed to the remains of Buda Castle, Fisherman's Bastion, and scenic Gellert Hill, offering panoramic views of the entire city. (B,D)

### TUE, SEP 21 – BUDAPEST/VIENNA

Enjoy views of the scenic Hungarian and Austrian countryside

on your drive through the Transdanubia region. Arrive in the great music city of Vienna. (B,D)

**WED, SEP 22 – VIENNA**

Morning tour starting at the lavish terraced gardens of Prince Eugene’s Belvedere Palace. Drive along the famous Ringstrasse Boulevard lined with landmarks including Emperor Franz Josef’s Hofburg Palace, the Burg Theater and the State Opera House. See the Votive Church, built in 1856, and then visit historic Schoenbrunn Palace. The magnificent palace boasts 1400 rooms and halls, a small zoo, a fine museum of Imperial coaches and carriages, a theater and lovely formal gardens. (B)

**THU, SEP 23 – VIENNA/OBERAMMERGAU**

Drive through the Danube Valley and continue via Linz to the charming village of Oberammergau, site of the world famous Passion Play. (B,D)

**FRI, SEP 24 – THE PASSION PLAY OF OBERAMMERGAU**

The highlight of your trip! In keeping with their 377-year old promise, the villagers of Oberammergau present their Passion Play depicting the last week of the life of Christ. The play’s presentation can be traced to 1633 when the Black Plague swept Europe. The people of Oberammergau took a solemn oath: if God spared them, they would present a day-long play depicting the last week in the life of Christ. To this day they have kept their promise and every ten years the citizens of Oberammergau perform their passion play with the same love and devotion they have shown for over 370 years. Today the play takes place on an open-air stage with a covered auditorium seating 4,700, against a beautiful backdrop of towering Alpine mountains. (B,L,D)

**SAT, SEP 25 – OBERAMMERGAU/MUNICH**

Enroute to Munich view Mad King Ludwig’s fairy-tale Neuschwanstein Castle, one of the most photographed palaces in the world and the model for the castles at the Walt Disney theme parks. Next visit the unusual, oval rococo Wies Church designed in the late 1740s. On to Munich, the capital of Bavaria. Munich was ruled for over 650 years by the Wittelsbacher dukes and kings, who left their mark on the architecture and founded the world famous Munich art collection. On a city tour see Marienplatz, Munich’s town square, and view Nymphenburg, the former Royal Residence; Odeon Square with the beautiful Theatiner Church; and the Hall of Generals. Overnight in the Munich area. (B,D)

**SUN, SEP 26 – MUNICH/SAN FRANCISCO**

Board your return flight to San Francisco, arriving the same day. (B)

*B=Continental Breakfast L=Lunch D=Table d’hote Dinner*

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**RESERVATION FORM**

Demand for **Passion Play 2010** tickets will far exceed supply. Tickets are available on a first come, first served basis. Please read the General Conditions then complete this form.

**Book Early to avoid disappointment.**

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:

**NAWAS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL**

MAIL TO: Rev. W. H. McCain  
OUR LADY OF LORETTO CATHOLIC CHURCH  
1806 Novato Boulevard  
Novato, CA 94947  
Tel: (415) 897-2171  
Email: passionplay@ollnovato.org

**Accommodation Desired:**

- double room sharing with.....
- single room (\$800 extra per person)

Enclosed is my check for \$.....as deposit (\$1000 per person) for.....persons

**Passenger #1:**

Clearly print your full name(last/first/middle) as it appears on your passport

Name: Last.....  
First.....  
Middle.....  
Gender: Please check  Male  Female

Address.....

City.....State.....Zip.....

Email.....

Home Phone.....Work Phone.....

Passport #.....

Date of Issue.....Date Expires.....  
(mm/dd/yyyy) (mm/dd/yyyy)

Date of Birth.....Country of  
(mm/dd/yyyy) Citizenship.....

Place of Birth.....  
(city/state)

**Passenger #2:**

Clearly print your full name(last/first/middle) as it appears on your passport

Name: Last.....  
First.....  
Middle.....  
Gender: Please check  Male  Female

Address.....

City.....State.....Zip.....

Email.....

Home Phone.....Work Phone.....

Passport #.....

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Date of Birth.....Country of  
(dd/mm/yyyy)(mm/dd/yyyy) Citizenship.....

Place of Birth.....  
(city/state)

**\*\*Please provide a clear photocopy of your passport by final payment\*\***

## A word about NAWAS . . .

**NAWAS INTERNATIONAL** has pioneered Christian Tours to the far corners of the world for over 60 years. We offer you the essential ingredients for a successful tour.

**EXPERIENCE:** There is no substitute for 60 years of planning tours. Our contacts, guides, knowledge of the area, and background guarantee you the highest quality service at affordable prices.

**RELIABILITY:** In 60 years, we have won an international reputation for reliability. We deliver what we promise. And that is essential for a successful trip.

### GENERAL CONDITIONS

#### RESERVATIONS, DEPOSITS AND FINAL PAYMENT:

An initial deposit of \$1000 per person is due at time of booking. Tickets to the Passion Play are limited and available on a first come, first served basis. A second deposit of \$1000 is due by December 15, 2009. (Total deposit required by 12/15/09 is \$2000). The balance of payment is due at Nawas Travel 135 days prior to departure date. Your deposit payment shall be deemed to be an acceptance of all the terms of our General Conditions.

Nawas accepts Visa, Mastercard and American Express for balance/final payments only. Credit cards are not accepted for deposits. The price of the tour already includes a built-in discount of 3% for payments made by cash or check. There is no discount on credit card sales. Credit cards will only be accepted prior to the final payment due date. Credit card charges cannot be accepted over the telephone. Tour members who want to use a credit card should contact Nawas at the time final payment is due for further information.

**TRAVEL DOCUMENTS:** A U.S.A. passport valid for 6 months after date of re-entry into the U.S.A. is required. (Non U.S.A. citizens may require visas in addition to a valid passport.) It is the responsibility of each passenger to check with the respective consulate(s) of the countries to be visited or a visa agency to determine whether they have the proper visa/travel documents for their tour.

#### THE TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:

**AIR TRANSPORTATION:** By any IATAN/ARC or other scheduled jet carrier, in economy class, based on non-refundable bulk group fares. Cancellations made after air tickets have been issued are subject to full cancellation penalties as imposed by the airlines. We strongly recommend all tour members retain both their ticket receipts and boarding passes as copies of same cannot be provided. Airline tickets must bear your first, middle and last name as it appears on your passport.

**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION:** By deluxe motorcoach.

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:** Except in Oberammergau, accommodations are at first class and select hotels based on two persons sharing a twin or double bedded room with private bath. As is the custom while attending the Passion Play, accommodations will be in private homes, pensions, inns and guest houses in and around the village of Oberammergau. Nawas cannot guarantee roommates. A person taking a single room (subject to availability) must pay a supplement of \$800. Single rooms are not available in Oberammergau.

**MEALS:** Continental breakfast and 7 dinners plus lunch in Oberammergau.

**SIGHTSEEING:** As specified in the itinerary using motorcoach transportation or other conveyances as required. Entrance fees and the services of local English-speaking guides or tour managers are included.

**TRANSFERS:** Assistance and transfers from airports to hotels and vice versa in private motorcoach.

**SERVICE CHARGES, TAXES AND PORTERAGE:** Service charges and taxes normally included in bills, government taxes on hotel bills in effect on November 14, 2008, taxes on sightseeing and excursion trips and portage at hotels of one normal size suitcase (maximum weight 50 lbs.) are included in the tour price. Porterage is not available in Oberammergau.

**FLIGHT INSURANCE:** Automatic one hundred thousand dollars flight insurance policy for each Nawas-ticketed passenger, subject to policy terms and limitations.

**DEVIATIONS:** All deviation requests from the group itinerary must be received at Nawas in writing no later than 150 days prior to departure. A \$100 non refundable fee per person will be charged on all deviations in addition to any extra airfare that may be incurred. Air deviations are subject to availability and restrictions as imposed by the airlines.

**BAGGAGE:** Allowed free of charge to your first overseas destination and from most points of return to the U.S.A.: a maximum of one bag per person (weighing 50 pounds or less) with a combined length, width and height of 62 inches plus one Carry-on Bag with total dimensions of 45 inches (approximately 22" x 14" x 9") which fits in an overhead bin or underneath the seat in front of you. Beyond the first overseas stopover point free weight allowances range from 33 lbs to 50 lbs. Excess baggage will be charged at the established rates. Airline policies regarding baggage are subject to change at any time without prior notice. It is the responsibility of each passenger to check with their airline directly prior to departure for baggage information, regulations and compliance. Nawas is not responsible for additional fees imposed by air carriers regarding baggage. Nawas Travel accepts no responsibility for loss or damage to the tour members' baggage or personal belongings at any time. Wheeled carry-on bags are not permitted due to limited motorcoach capacity. Baggage insurance is recommended and is available upon written request.

**TRAVELERS REQUIRING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE:** Disabled travelers requiring special attention or care must advise NAWAS in writing at the time of reservation. A physically able companion must accompany any person who needs special assistance. Tour directors, guides, drivers or other tour, hotel or ship personnel are not able to provide such assistance. NAWAS is not responsible for any denial of services to the disabled participant by air carriers, cruise ships, hotels, restaurants or other independent suppliers. Certain countries/destinations involve extensive walking. Be aware that outside the U.S. the Americans with Disabilities Act is not applicable and facilities for disabled individuals are limited. NAWAS is not responsible for any passenger requiring special medical equipment.

#### THE TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

U.S. departure taxes, overseas airport taxes, overseas local government taxes, airline security fees/surcharges and fuel surcharges (taxes/surcharges estimated at \$300 to \$400 per person), passport fees, visa fees (if any), phone calls, valet/laundry service, wines, liquors, mineral water, after dinner coffee or tea, tips to escort, guides, drivers and waiters, sightseeing and other services not specifically mentioned, excess baggage and all other items of a purely personal nature.

**CANCELLATIONS:** Written cancellations received by Nawas Travel by August 31, 2009 are subject to a \$600 per person cancellation fee. Written cancellations received by Nawas between September 1, 2009 and 135 days before departure are subject to a \$1000 per person cancellation fee. From 134 to 100 days prior to departure date, written cancellations received by Nawas are subject to a cancellation fee of 50% of the total tour price per person. Written cancellations received by Nawas between 99 and 65 days before departure date are subject to a cancellation fee of 75% of the total tour price. Written cancellations received by Nawas 64 days or less from the departure date are subject to a 100% cancellation fee of the total tour price per person. Failure to receive additional deposits and final payment by the due dates may result in the cancellation of your reservation and the forfeiture of your deposits.

Airline tickets are not refundable once issued. Nawas will issue airline tickets at its sole discretion approximately 120 days before departure. No refunds will be given for any unused services while on tour.

**We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance to allow for unexpected medical emergencies. Trip cancellation insurance is available upon written request.**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** The airfare used is based on estimated non-refundable bulk group fares projected for 2010. Airlines reserve the right to increase fares without prior notice. Tour members will be required to pay any airfare increases and fuel surcharges as imposed by the airlines prior to departure. Airlines require a minimum of 10 persons departing from the same gateway city.

Land costs and airfares are based on estimated year 2010 tariffs, and rates of exchange and overseas government taxes in effect on November 14, 2008 and a minimum of 36 or more participants. While we have made the best possible estimates of what we expect costs to be in the year 2010, we cannot guarantee actual prices, exchange rates and airfares. Any increases in land costs or airfare that may occur will be collected from each passenger prior to departure. We reserve the right to increase the cost of the tour consistent with normal increases should the group fall below 36 persons, or in the event of fluctuations in exchange rates.

Travel in the year 2010 is expected to be at an all-time high. NAWAS will make every effort to adhere to the itinerary and scheduled departure as outlined herein; however, actual group size, Passion Play ticket availability or circumstances beyond our control may necessitate alterations. Departure date, itinerary sequence and cities for overnight accommodations may change.

Please note that healthcare/medical costs outside the U.S.A. are not covered by Medicare and many private medical insurance plans. Please consult with your health insurance supplier to obtain the necessary health/medical coverage for overseas travel.

**California Residents: Please read the enclosed disclosure required by the Sellers of Travel Act before booking.**

**RESPONSIBILITY: NAWAS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL SERVICE, INC.** (NAWAS), Rev. William McCain and their agents act only in the capacity of agents in all matters pertaining to hotel accommodations, sightseeing tours and transportation, whether by railroad, motorcoach, car, steamship, boat, air or any other means. Except for the willful negligence of its direct employees, NAWAS is not liable for any damage, loss (including but not limited to personal injury, loss of enjoyment, distress, death and property loss), expense or inconvenience caused by any act or omission of any supplier providing tour services or by any other person or reason whatsoever or by any delays or changes in the itinerary, or the acts and omissions of the tour leader. NAWAS reserves the right to cancel the tour at any time, to operate the tour with a substitute tour host/leader at any time, to decline or retain any person as a member of the tour for any cause at any time, or to make changes in the published itinerary whenever in their sole judgment conditions warrant, or if they deem it necessary for the comfort, convenience or safety of the tour. All prices are based on rates of exchange listed above and while every effort will be made to hold them firm, they are subject to change. The airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their plane or conveyance. The passage contract in use by the airlines concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchasers of this tour and/or passengers. The services of any IATAN/ARC or other scheduled air carrier may be used in connection with the tour.

**Payment of deposits by tour participants indicates acceptance of the above terms and General Conditions. The venue for any dispute is San Mateo County, California. The laws of the state of California will apply.**

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