

Carl & Debra Yost and Bob & Lynn Helton Present: An Exclusive Blue Danube River Cruise & Oberammergau Passion Play experience

Budapest, Bratislava, Vienna, Melk, Durstein, Linz, Passau, Nuremberg, Munich and Oberammergau

September 30 to October 10, 2020

11 Days, 9 Nights including cruise, accommodations, some meals and drinks, airfare from Charlotte as well as entrance to the "once every decade" Oberammergau passion play.



As you cruise along one of Europe's most romantic rivers, you will sail through history into a world filled with a variety of amazing architecture and breathtaking scenery. Our 11-day Budapest to Nuremberg cruise and Oberammergau Passion Play takes you on a journey of discovery into "Old Europe," uncovering ancient abbeys, beautiful palaces, historic landmarks and stunning vistas. From vibrant and cosmopolitan cities of Budapest, Vienna and Munich, to the villages of Dürnstein, Melk, Linz & Passau, your trip will highlight iconic sights and bustling city streets. You can look forward to enjoying all this from the deck of a 5 star Scenic Space Ship!

Then, as a Grand Finale, your tour will continue on to Munich and Oberammergau for you to experience a play like no other in the world. What made Oberammergau town famous, was its performance of the Passion of Christ every decade. It is believed that the Passion Play has been held every 10 years since 1634. A play of life and death, promised in a moment of mortal threat, and so began the history of the Oberammergau Passion Play in 1633. During that time, the Black Plague was sweeping through Europe. The villagers of Oberammergau vowed that if their town was spared, they would perform the Passion of Christ every 10 years. The town was spared, and it is amazing that they have been honoring this pledge from generation to generation. The Passion Play performance follows Christ from His triumphant entry into Jerusalem through His Trial, Crucifixion, Resurrection, and Ascension.

Interesting Facts About the Oberammergau Passion Play: To be in the play, you must be a resident of Oberammergau. Over 2,000 citizens are involved including acting, singing, musicians and technical support. There are 124 speaking roles, a 65-member orchestra, 48 person chorus and hundreds of people involved in the back end including stagehands, seamstresses, firemen, auditorium attendants and more. Men grow out their hair and beards to make the look authentic to the time. Costumes are hand made. The play is held May through early October. During these months, the play is performed 5 days per week in an open-air theater which seats about 4,700 people. The performance begins at 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. There is then a dinner break, and the play resumes from 8:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. The play is performed in German, but it doesn't seem to stop people from all over the world, including those that are not of religious backgrounds that are intrigued by the way the town comes together to perform this play. It is anticipated over 750,000 will attend in 2020. The Passion Play theatre is open, and the background of the mountains makes it an unforgettable scene.

Included Cruise Features:

- Round-trip air transportation from Charlotte, NC). Fuel surcharges and air taxes are included (valid at time of printing.)
- ALL-INCLUSIVE 5 STAR CRUISING LUXURY:
 - Transfers from airport to the riverboat and from riverboat to the airport, with luggage handling for one checked bag per person. Services of a professional cruise director throughout the program.
 - Luxurious accommodations for seven nights on a Scenic "Space Ship"
 - Port charges.
 - While cruising: Daily gourmet meals onboard: a rich buffet breakfast, a festive lunch buffet, tea & coffee throughout the day and a multi-course dinner with free complimentary selection of wines, draught beers during meals and at the bar.
 - Complimentary Wi-Fi Internet
 - Private 5* butler service for all cabins
 - Applicable entrance fees, admission charges according to itinerary.
 - Welcome drink upon arrival.
 - Onboard entertainment
 - Interactive Riverview onboard commentaries.
 - Wellness center
 - Electronically-assisted bicycles
 - Nordic walking sticks
 - Minibar consumptions
 - Bar consumptions

Included Shore excursions:

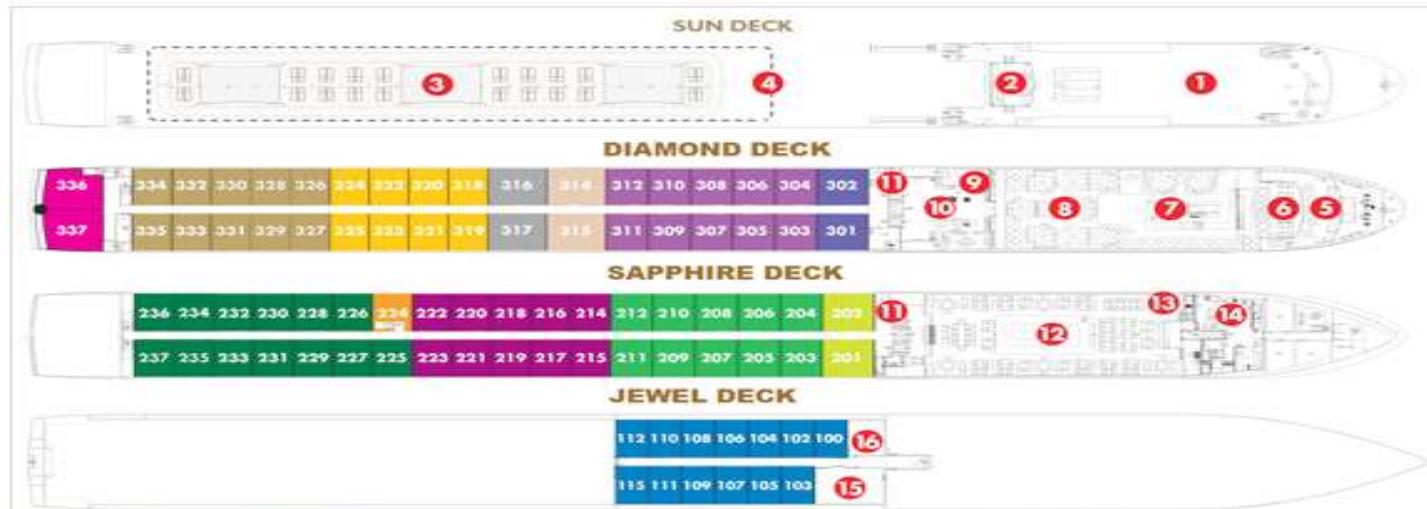
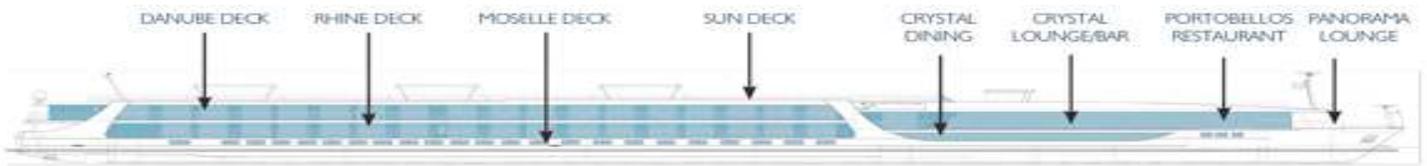
- Deluxe air-conditioned motor coach transportation for all transfers, tours and guided excursions.
- Daily shore excursion program (outlined and included in the itinerary) during the cruise with local English-speaking guides. The use of our Guide System headsets is also included at no additional cost.

Included Oberammergau Passion Play experience

- 2 Nights in 1/2 board basis in Oberammergau area.
- Entrance ticket to the Passion Play
- Transportation to and from the hotel to the Play, and back.
- Coach transfer from Oberammergau to Munich airport.

Note: Onboard currency is the Euro. Not Included: crew gratuity, wellness center, personal expenses etc.

Price of your trip is based on prevailing prices in 2010, and your deck and room selections. The goal is less than \$5,000 per person including air.



TECHNICAL DATA

Built: 2012/2013
 Length: 135 metres
 Passengers: 169
 Cabins: 85
 Crew: 50
 Gross Tonnage: 2,721

DECK PLAN

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| 1 Roof Garden Terrace | 10 Reception |
| 2 Wheelhouse | 11 Elevator |
| 3 Sun Deck | 12 Crystal Dining Restaurant |
| 4 Walking Track | 13 Table La Rive |
| 5 Panorama Lounge | 14 Gallery |
| 6 Portobellos Restaurant | 15 Wellness Area |
| 7 River Café | 16 Fitness Centre |
| 8 Crystal Lounge & Bar | |
| 9 Gift Shop | |

CABIN CATEGORIES

- DIAMOND DECK**
- R Royal Balcony Suite
 - RA Royal Balcony Suite
 - RJ Junior Balcony Suite
 - RS Royal Panorama Suite
 - P-PD Balcony Suite
 - PP Balcony Suite
 - A-PA Balcony Suite

- SAPPHIRE DECK**
- Bj Junior Balcony Suite
 - BS Single Balcony Suite
 - B-BD Balcony Suite
 - BB Balcony Suite
 - BA Balcony Suite
- JEWEL DECK**
- E-D Standard Stateroom

Itinerary (subject to change / approval from cruise company)

Day 1: Depart the USA: Depart Charlotten NC for Budapest, Hungary.

Day 2: Arrive Budapest. Welcome to Budapest, one of Eastern Europe's most ancient cities. On arrival at the airport, you will be met by a tour representative and transferred* to your deluxe Scenic cruise ship in Budapest. Here, you will have the chance to unpack, relax in your room and explore all of the ship's fantastic facilities. This evening, you have a special invitation to a Cocktail Reception and Welcome Dinner where you will meet other guests, crew and the captain, and acquaint yourself with life on the river. Included meals: Welcome Dinner.

Day 3: Budapest - Bratislava. Widely known as one of the continent's most beautiful and cosmopolitan cities, Budapest is home to many UNESCO World Heritage Sites, including the Buda Castle Quarter, Andrassy Avenue, Heroes' Square and the Millennium Underground Railway – the second oldest railway in the world. Today, your private guided tour takes you past the Royal Palace of Buda –home to the Hungarian National Gallery, Budapest History Museum, the National Library, Lion Courtyard, Matthias Well, and the statue of the Turul Bird, the mythological bird of the Magyars. The tour then continues to Fisherman's Bastion, situated on Castle Hill, where you can admire the most breathtaking panoramic views of the city, before moving on to see Matthias Church and the iconic Chain Bridge. As one of Budapest's most symbolic landmarks, the Chain Bridge designed by English engineer William Tierney Clark, links Buda and Pest, and was considered one of the world's engineering marvels at the time of construction. Enjoy dinner onboard and in the evening, sail for Bratislava. As we leave Budapest you will have a chance to see Budapest landmarks such as The Chain Link Bridge and Parliament illuminated at night, a breathtaking sight. Included excursions: a guided tour of Budapest. Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner.

Day 4: Bratislava - Vienna. Wake up this morning in Bratislava, capital of the Slovak Republic. Today you will experience the bustling pedestrian plazas and stylish street cafés of Bratislava. And for a more profound insight, you will tour Old Town, home to a plethora of historical buildings. Highlights will include the including the Old Town Hall, the stunning Mirbach Palace and Gothic St. Martin's Cathedral. Here, you will also find Bratislava's Town Hall, a complex of three buildings erected in the 14th and 15th centuries, Michael's Gate, one of the oldest of the town's structures, and nearby, the narrowest house in Europe. Afterwards, enjoy a special home-hosted afternoon tea with a local Slovakian family, providing you with a truly authentic insight into Slovakian culture. Once you have been welcomed into their home, feast on traditional fare in the company of new friends, and discover what everyday life is like in Slovakia's largest city. Later, board the ship and cruise the Danube enroute to Vienna. Evening in Vienna on your own. SPECIAL FEATURE: A home-hosted afternoon tea with a local Slovakian family. Included excursions: a sightseeing tour of Bratislava. Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 5: Vienna. Austria's vibrant city of Vienna is a fantastic fusion of old and new. As well as being known as 'The City of Music' because of its musical legacy, Vienna is also regarded as 'The City of Dreams' as it was home to Sigmund Freud, the world's first psychoanalyst. Today, we take you on an icon-filled coach tour along the Ringstrasse where you will see Vienna's world-famous Opera House, Burgtheatre, Town Hall and Hofburg Imperial Palace, before hopping off to explore by foot. This afternoon, you are free to explore this magnificent city, which is home to over 27 castles and an astonishing 150 palaces. For an unforgettable view of Vienna, enjoy a ride on the Riesenrad, the main square's giant ferris wheel. From its dizzying heights, you'll be able to take in the city's fabulous sights from a truly unique vantage point. Visit St. Stephen's Cathedral with its 18 amazing authentic altars, the tomb of Emperor Frederick III, and the Maria Pötsch Icon, a Byzantine-style icon of St. Mary with the child Jesus. Alternatively, you may choose this afternoon to join an optional visit to Schönbrunn Palace – Empress Sisi's former summer residence - complete with an enchanting park, zoo and labyrinth. And in the evening, you can also book an optional trip to watch a Viennese concert. Included excursions: a sightseeing drive along the Ringstrasse and a walking tour of Vienna. Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 6: Dürnstein – Melk Abbey In the morning, sail through the great Wachau Valley and arrive in Dürnstein, where you will have time to explore this lovely town on your own. You will marvel at the magnificent blue façade of the baroque Stiftskirche. Above town you'll spot the ruins of the castle where Richard the Lionheart, King of England, was imprisoned in 1192. Your walking tour through medieval cobblestone streets reveals 16th-century town houses and wine taverns. Afterwards, you will return to the ship and set sail to Melk Abbey, the famous 900-year old Benedictine Abbey, one of Europe's largest baroque monasteries, located above the town on a splendid rocky outcrop, overlooking where the Danube joins the picturesque Wachau Valley. Melk Abbey boasts the finest Italian architecture, elaborate gold leaf walls, a 640-foot Imperial Corridor and fabulous fresco ceilings. Enjoy an organ concert in the abbey. SPECIAL FEATURE: a guided tour of Melk Abbey including an organ concert. Included excursions: a guided tour of Melk. Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 7: Passau. Arrive in Passau and disembark for a guided city tour which takes you on an in-depth exploration of this fairy-tale city founded more than 2,000 years ago. Situated at the confluence of the rivers Danube, Inn and Ilz, Passau is known worldwide as "The Three Rivers City". On this morning's walking tour, stroll through the cobblestone streets and narrow alleys before emerging to find the perfect view of the hilltop Oberhaus Fortress. Originally designed to serve the Bishop of Passau in 1219, it is today home to a fascinating museum, restaurant and open-air theatre. On this day, as a substitution for the Passau excursion, you will be able to take an optional tour to Salzburg, the birthplace of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. If you have seen the movie The Sound of Music, you may already be familiar with Salzburg, though nothing surpasses experiencing this picturesque Austrian city firsthand. Admittedly, it is difficult not to burst into song when you're walking along the Salzach River, or climbing up to the Hohensalzburg fortress, which looms over the city, but there is a lot more to this compact, courtly city than the Julie Andrews film. Included excursions: a walking tour of Passau. SPECIAL FEATURE: evening entertainment with a traditional Bavarian Oompah Band. Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 8: Weltenburg - Regensburg. On today's agenda is a relaxing sail along the delightful Danube Gorge, which carves through magnificent 300-foot cliffs before reaching Weltenburg Abbey. Founded by monks in 602 AD, Weltenburg Abbey is the oldest monastery in Bavaria and today boasts a courtyard surrounded by Baroque buildings. After exploring this ancient church and its grounds, you will have the chance to sample Weltenburg's famous dark beer before returning to your ship and sailing on to Regensburg. Here, you will take a guided tour of Germany's best-preserved medieval city, where architectural highlights include the Old Town Hall and the Old Stone Bridge, one of the oldest bridges crossing the Danube. This evening, you have a special invitation to the Captain's Gala Dinner, where you will join your fellow guests. Included excursions: a guided tour of Weltenburg Abbey and Regensburg. Included meals: breakfast, lunch and Captain's Gala Dinner.

Day 9: Regensburg - Munich - Oberammergau (FB): After breakfast on the ship, we disembark and board a coach towards Munich. Visit downtown Munich at leisure and enjoy lunch on your own at the central market. In the afternoon, continue your journey to your hotel in Oberammergau.

Day 10: Oberammergau (FB): Breakfast, Lunch – After lunch, we transfer to Oberammergau town center for your afternoon and evening Passion Play experience. Overnight at your hotel in Oberammergau.

Day 11: Departure day (FB): After breakfast, pick up at your hotel in Oberammergau and transfer to the Munich airport for your flight back to the US.