Oberammergau Passion Play
Cruising the Danube River

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June 21-July 1, 2020
Dear Yale Traveler

One of the world’s greatest dramatic performances takes place once every ten years in the storybook Bavarian Alps. Founded on unique local history and a legacy that encompasses nearly four centuries, the extraordinarily produced Passion Play will be staged in 2020 by more than 2,000 residents in the quaint hamlet of Oberammergau.

Join your fellow Yalies for a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience the 42nd production of the time-honored Oberammergau Passion Play. We’ll spend two nights in the Oberammergau region, and we will cruise the Danube River aboard the exclusively chartered, AMADEUS SILVER II traveling through Hungary, Austria, Germany, and 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 our 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 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.

I hope you will join us on this specialized, small group program that is sure to sell out fast. Call 203-432-1952 today to hold your spot.

Warmest wishes from Yale,

Lauren Summers
Senior Director, Lifelong Learning and Travel

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Harold W. Attridge, Sterling Professor of Divinity and Dean of Yale Divinity School from 2002 to 2012, has made scholarly contributions to New Testament exegesis and to the study of Hellenistic Judaism and the history of the early Church. His publications include *The Interpretation of Biblical History in the Antiquitates Judaicae of Flavius Josephus*, *Nag Hammadi Codex I: The Jung Codex, Hebrews (Hermeneia)*, *Essays on John and Hebrews*, and *The Acts of Thomas*, as well as numerous book chapters and articles in scholarly journals. He has been an editorial board member of *Catholic Biblical Quarterly*, *Harvard Theological Review*, *Journal of Biblical Literature*, *Novum Testamentum*, and the *Hermeneia* commentary series. He has been active in scholarly organizations, including the Society of Biblical Literature, which he served as President in 2001, and the Catholic Biblical Association, of which he was President in 2012, and the Society of New Testament Studies. He was an undergraduate at Boston College (1967), a Marshall scholar at the University of Cambridge (1969), and received his Ph.D. at Harvard University (1975). Before coming to Yale in 1997, he taught at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, and at the University of Notre Dame. In 2017 he was selected to the American Academy of Arts and Science.
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JUNE 21 TO JULY 1, 2020

WELCOME PHONE CALL
Thursday, June 4, 2020
(tentative)
Join the group at 4PM EST for a pre-trip welcome call with Professor Attridge in order to learn more about what to expect and to ask questions.

U.S./BUDAPEST, HUNGARY
Sunday, June 21 and Monday, June 22
Depart the U.S. for Budapest, Hungary’s historic capital. Upon arrival, embark the AMADEUS SILVER II and attend the Captain’s Welcome Reception and dinner. (R/D)

BUDAPEST
Tuesday, June 23
Archduke Joseph is credited with creating in Budapest an imperial capital that rivaled Vienna. The embankments of the centuries-old twin cities of Buda and Pest and the famous Buda Castle Quarter are a designated UNESCO World Heritage site.

Begin your tour in Pest to see the iconic, neo-Gothic limestone Parliament Building. Pass through Heroes’ Square and admire the monuments honoring the Magyar chiefs who conquered Hungary in A.D. 896. See the neo-Renaissance Hungarian State Opera House.

Cross the Chain Bridge linking river-level Pest to the hills of Buda. Visit the late-19th-century, neo-Romanesque Fisherman’s Bastion on Castle Hill. Nearby, explore Gothic-style St. Matthias Church.

Reboard the ship for lunch and depart Budapest. (B/L/D)

BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA
Wednesday, June 24
Bratislava is nestled in the foothills of the Carpathian Mountain range; beautifully restored since the end of the Cold War, Slovakia’s capital depicts 21st-century life amid its 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 14th-century Cathedral of St. Martin and the Primatial Palace, and see St. Michael’s Gate.

Enjoy time at leisure in Bratislava before cruising through Austria’s fertile Donau-Auen National Park. (B/L/D)

VIENNA, AUSTRIA
Thursday, June 25
Vienna’s historic center is a UNESCO World Heritage open-air museum of splendid Baroque architecture.

Visit the Gothic-style Stephansdom (St. Stephen’s Cathedral) and UNESCO World Heritage-designated Schönbrunn Palace and Gardens, the former 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. Enjoy time to stroll the English-style gardens. (B/L/D)

MELK
Friday, June 26
This morning, cruise through the Danube’s fabled Wachau Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage site, where vineyards blanket hillsides dotted with the ruins of medieval castles. Arrive in Melk and visit the Benedictine Abbey, an Austrian Baroque masterpiece by Paul Troger. Showcasing 18th-century ceiling frescoes and priceless relics, this beautiful kirche (church), houses the multi-panel, 16th-century altarpiece by Danube School master Jörg Breu the Elder. A 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. (B/L/D)

PASSAU, GERMANY/SALZBURG, AUSTRIA/OBERAMMERGAU, GERMANY
Saturday, June 27
Disembark in Passau, where three legendary rivers converge—the Danube, Inn and Ilz. Transfer to the UNESCO World Heritage site of Salzburg. Explore the Alter Markt, the old marketplace; see the 17th-century Salzburg Cathedral; and savor a local lunch.

Walk through Mirabell Gardens and St. Peter’s Cemetery. Stroll the arcades of Salzburg’s pedestrian lane, Getreidegasse.

Continue through the scenic Bavarian Alps to a charming hotel near Oberammergau. Dinner is included in the hotel this evening. (B/L/D)

OBERAMMERGAU
PASSION PLAY
Sunday, June 28
The 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 frescoed murals adorning the
walls and façades of the village buildings. 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. (B/L/D)

**OBERAMMERGAU/NEUSCHWANSTEIN CASTLE/MUNICH**

**Monday, June 29**
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. Check into the deluxe Hotel Bayerischer Hof. (B/L)

**MUNICH**

**Tuesday, June 30**
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, birthplace of King Ludwig II, and stroll through the palace’s exquisite gardens. The Munich walking tour features the Königsbau (King’s building) of the Residenz. Stroll down 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.

Your afternoon is at leisure before attending the Farewell Reception in the hotel this evening. (B/R)

**MUNICH/U.S.**

**Wednesday, July 1**
After breakfast, continue on the Historic Bavaria Post-Program Option or transfer to the airport for your return flight to the U.S. (B)

Included meals indicated each day as B/L/R/D = Breakfast/Lunch/Reception/Dinner.

**What is Included:**
- Program of lectures and discussions with Professor Harold W. Attridge.
- Accommodations on double occupancy basis as per the itinerary.
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary.
- All entrance fees as per the itinerary.
- Services of Travel Director during the tour as per the itinerary.
- Complimentary house wine and beer served with lunch and dinner aboard the ship.
- Welcome & Farewell Receptions.
- Gratuities to ship personnel, local guides, and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
- Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with scheduled group transfer(s).
- Port taxes.
- Complimentary bottled water in your stateroom or suite and on excursions.

**What is Not Included:**
- Expenses of a personal nature like laundry, telephone/fax calls, Internet, alcoholic beverages, camera/video camera fee at monuments, medical expenses, airport departure tax, etc.
- Any insurance other than specified above.
- Any meals or beverages that are not specified in the above inclusions.
- International airfares.
- Expenses caused by factors beyond our control like rail and air plane delays, roadblocks, vehicle malfunctions, political disturbances, taxes, lost luggage, etc.
- Any other services not mentioned in the inclusions.

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HUNGARIAN TRADITION
IN BUDAPEST

Pre-Program Option
June 19–22
$995 per person, double occupancy
$1,495 per person, single occupancy
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. 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. River-view accommodations for two nights are in the Five-Star InterContinental Budapest.

HISTORIC BAVARIA
Post-Program Option
July 1–3
$1,095 per person, double occupancy
$1,595 per person, single occupancy
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.

Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

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Travel Options
- Hungarian Tradition in Budapest Pre-Program Option (per person)
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  - single $1,495
- Historic Bavaria Post-Program Option (per person)
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To register, return this form with your deposit of $1,000 per person to Yale Educational Travel. Final payment is due March 23, 2020.

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Complete Terms and Conditions will be sent after registration and are available at: yaleedtravel.org/faqs

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