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Present "Another Tour with a Difference"

CANCELLEDThe Oberammergau Passion Play and Beyond**CANCELLED**

Featuring Stresa, Italy, Zermatt and the Matterhorn, Lucerne, Bern, Neuchatel,
Lichtenstein, The Passion Play in Oberammergau, Verona and Venice

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Wednesday, September 16-Saturday, September 26, 2020
\$4195 Double Occupancy

Day 1, Wednesday, September 16: Dallas, PA-JFK, NY

We will depart on a bus from Misericordia University at 11:00 AM to JFK from John Passan Hall. This is at an additional cost. Emirates # leaves for Milan at PM. You can access your boarding pass 24 hours before the flight. **The Group Reservation number is**

Day 2, Thursday, September 17: Milan-Stresa

We arrive in Milan at AM. The bus will pick us up and take us on an hour and a half ride to picturesque Stresa where we will stay for the next two days. We will enjoy a boat ride tour of Lake Maggiore's Borromeo Islands. Afterwards, you might want to visit *La Cambusa, the Wine Store* where you can taste and buy wines, oils, truffle spreads and balsamic vinegar. Plus learn some recipes and cooking tips. Later we ferry over to Isola Bella for a "Meet and Greet" with a Welcome dinner at 6:30 PM.

Day 3, Friday, September 18: Stresa to Zermatt

We will travel 2 plus hours to this mountain resort which lies below the iconic, pyramid-shaped Matterhorn peak. **You will have the rest of the day to explore the town.** Or you may elect to board the famous cog train and travel up the Gornergrat at your own expense. The ride takes about half an hour, and requires a vertical climb of 1,469 meters. The train crosses forests and a high alpine landscape and stops in four different stations along the way. The panorama at the top is among the finest in the world. Late in the afternoon, we will head back to Stresa. Dinner is on your own.





Day 4, Saturday, September 19: Stresa, Arona, Locarno, Bellinzona, Lucerne

We will travel north along Lago Maggiore to the Italian speaking region of Switzerland and visit Ticino's Capital of Bellinzona via Locarno where we will stop for lunch. On the way we will stop in Arona to see the colossus of Charles Borromeo, which is one of the largest statues in the world. You can even climb up the

stairs inside to see the world through his eyes! Later we will visit the imposing Castle of Bellinzona, and have free time to wander about before we continue to Lucerne for our next Hotel for two overnights.

Day 5, Sunday, September 20: Lucerne, Neuchatel, Bern, Lucerne

Morning excursion to the French-speaking Capital of the Swiss Canton Neuchatel, Bern, the Capital of Switzerland, and the quaint town of Interlaken before we return to Lucerne. Here we will see its beautiful wooden bridge, its lake, and the moving Lion Monument. Afterwards, we will enjoy a Swiss fondue dinner.



Day 6, Monday, September 21: Lucerne, Vaduz, Innsbruck

We will travel to Vaduz, the Capital of the Independent principality of Lichtenstein, and spend some free time there. Afterwards, we will proceed to Innsbruck which is about 2 hours away. We will begin with a panoramic view of the town, and take a walking tour through the city. You will also be given additional free time to wander about. From there we will go to Matrei am Brenner where we will stay for the next two nights. Dinner is on your own.



Day 7, Tuesday, September 22: Oberammergau and the Passion Play

You will have a leisurely morning before we proceed to the play. The performance is divided into two parts. The first half starts after lunch at 2.30pm with a 3 hour break for dinner and the second half starts at 8.00pm. Afterwards, we will

return to Matri am Brenner.

Day 8, Wednesday, September 23: Matri am Brenner, Trento, Verona, Venice

Our coffee stop will be in Trento, one of Italy's hidden gems, Trento offers a glimpse into real life in Italy without the huge crowds of tourists. The city was the location where the Council of Trent was held in several sessions from 1545 to 1563

AD. The council was in response to the protestant reformation and it established

sweeping decrees on self-reform. The Duomo..... the Cathedral of Saint Vigilio is where the Council was held. From there we will go to Verona for lunch and a tour of its sights with a guide. [i.e. Juliet's Balcony and the Roman Amphitheatre, etc.]. You will also have some free time before we continue on to Mestre/Venice where we will stay for the next three nights.



Day 9, Thursday, September 24: Venice

After a guided tour of the city you will have the rest of this day to spend however you

want! A Venetian boat trip down the canals maybe something you will want to do, or a visit to the Doges's Palace, after which you may want to experience the Café Florian in St Mark's Square. Dinner is on your own.

Day 10, Friday, September 25: Murano and Burano

We will spend a full day visiting the archipelago's islands of Murano and Burano. We will visit a glass blowing shop in Murano and have time to wander around the lace shops of Burano. We will also have a farewell dinner in Venice itself, before heading back to our hotel in Mestre.

Day 11, Saturday: September 26: Airport transfer to the airport to Milan and our Homeward Flight on Emirates # at PM, arrival at JFK and our bus at PM.

Tour Inclusions

Accommodations

Stresa (2)

Lucerne (2)

Matri am Brenner (2)

Mestre (3)

Meals

All Breakfasts
Welcome Dinner Stresa
Swiss Fondue Dinner : Lucerne
Dinner in Oberammergau
Farewell Dinner in Venice

Transportation

Airport Transfers; Bus Transportation per tour Itinerary

Included Visits

Boat ride tour of the Borrromeo Islands
Tickets to the Passion Play
Water Bus into Venice
Waterbus to Murano and Burano
Glassblowing Tour in Murano

Local Guides

Neuchatel, Verona, Venice

Tipping suggestion is \$5.00 per day to the bus driver.
Local Guides are tipped too.

Travel Guard Insurance: See Chuck if you would like it.

If interested send a ***\$400.00 deposit made out to***
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The giant statue of **San Carlo Borromeo** stands near the town of Arona, close to the southern end of **Lake Maggiore**. The local people call it the “Sancarlone” (“Big St Charles”), and it is the symbol of the town.

This huge statue, erected in honour of the well-loved saint, who was born in **Arona**, is full of significance, and exemplifies a particular kind of religious faith

which finds its expression in the outside. San Carlo seems to look on his people kindly but severely; his head slightly inclined, the Saint blesses his native town with his right hand raised, while in his left hand he holds the great book of laws of the Milanese church.

Erected between 1614 and 1697 to a design by Giovanni Battista Crespi, the statue consists of a core made of masonry and an iron and wood framework covered with copper sheeting; the head and the hands are made of bronze. At 23.40 metres high, plus the 11.70 metres of granite pedestal, the statue is one of the biggest in the world. You can climb up inside the statue right to the massive head, from where the view out over the lake is exceptional.

The statue stands on a hill with a Via Crucis (**Stations of the Cross**) inspired by significant episodes in the life of the saint, culminating with the colossal statue. Unfortunately, the Via Crucis was not completed due to problems connected with the spread of epidemics, wars and famine, so that in the end only three chapels were built, along with a church and a seminary.

The 17th century church is an imposing **Baroque building**; the devotees of San Carlo have reconstructed in its interior the “Room of the three lakes”, the room in the Rocca of Arona where



the saint was born in 1538. At the sides of the Altar, wall cabinets with carved wooden doors contain the relics of the saint, his death mask and cloths stained with his blood, saved during his embalming.