

+ The Italian Amalfi Coast: 5-14 September 2022

THE OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY 2022

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At the feast of Pentecost 1634, the people of the small town of Oberammergau in Bavaria made a vow to God that, if he delivered them from the plague, every ten years they would perform a play of the last week of Christ's earthly life.

That vow has been kept ever since, and, apart from only two previous occasions, the Passion Play has been performed in Oberammergau every decade....

... that is until 2020, when another pandemic, Covid-19, has caused the Play to be deferred for a third time, from 2020 to 2022!

Thousands of people visit the Play each time it's performed and out of the group who booked to travel with me this year, nearly half have re-booked for 2022... and the remaining places are booking up very quickly.

The visit to the beautiful village of Oberammergau will be coupled with a holiday in Sorrento where we include a visit to Pompeii, Herculaneum, Vesuvius, Capri, Naples, Puteoli (where St Paul landed on his way to Rome) and the Amalfi coast.

I have been fortunate to visit the Passion Play seven times now... 1980 (the first trip I ever organised), 1984 (the special 350th Anniversary), 1990 and twice in 2000 and 2010, and each time the Play has been new and fresh... and I can't wait to see it again!

The trip (from 5th to 14th September 2022) will begin with a visit to Oberammergau to see the play and spend time in the village, and then we will move on to Sorrento for a week. The company we will travel with are Maranatha Tours, whom I have used on many occasions over the past few years, and the service they offer is excellent.

I will also be arranging a coach to and from Heathrow airport, and will let you know the pickup point(s) when we find out who has booked. This will obviously be extra, but is normally quite cheap and convenient. I will also be arranging a get-together when Coronavirus safety measures allow, to learn about the Play and the tour and to meet other group members.

The seats in the theatre are top rate, and the size of the groups is limited... so, if you want to come along, you do need to book up as early as possible. Please let me know as soon as possible if you would like paper copies of this letter, the brochure and the booking form. These are all online at www.melton.leicester.anglican.org.

Do, please, get in touch if I can be of any further help.

Best wishes

Kevin