

NAWAS INTERNATIONAL

# STEPS OF MARTIN LUTHER

*visiting*

Eisenach ◊ Erfurt ◊ Eisleben ◊ Wittenberg ◊ Berlin

Dresden ◊ Leipzig ◊ Munich ◊ Augsburg

*including*

## THE PASSION PLAY OF OBERAMMERGAU

*hosted by*

Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller

*co-ordinated by*

Susie Venohr

11 Days: June 24 - July 4, 2010

\$4449 from Denver



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Dear Friends,

*It is with pleasure and excitement that we invite you to join us on our 11 Days Steps of Martin Luther tour with a once in a lifetime opportunity to attend the world famous Passion Play in 2010 in Oberammergau, Germany. The villagers of Oberammergau first performed the play in 1634 in fulfillment of their promise to God for sparing them from the Black Plague, and it has*

*been presented there every 10 years since then.*

*This tour will take us on an eleven-day adventure into history and the lands of central and northern Germany. Together we shall walk in the footsteps of Martin Luther and witness sites important to his life and to the Protestant Reformation. But even if you are not a historian of Luther enthusiast, you will no doubt enjoy the magnificent scenery of the German countryside, towns, cities and the experience of growing together in community, friendship and faith with our group.*

*In addition to our time spent in Oberammergau, we will have the opportunity to visit Wartburg Castle in Eisenach. . . St. Severi Church in Erfurt. . . Luther's birthplace in Eisleben. . . the Castle Church in Wittenberg. . . historic Berlin, Leipzig, Munich and Augsburg, where Luther defended his Theses.*

*The price of our tour includes roundtrip airfare, first class/select hotels, private homes/pensions in Oberammergau, most meals, admission tickets for the Passion Play, the services of a professional tour director and sightseeing in a deluxe motor-coach.*

*We look forward to having you join us on this trip of a lifetime. It promises to be a great experience for all with time to enjoy the fellowship of old friends and new. Nawas International Travel is making the arrangements for us and has earned a reputation for reliability and excellence in their 59 years of business.*

*While the year 2010 seems a long way away, NOW is the time to make plans and reserve your place on the tour as space is limited and places for this trip sell out quickly. Don't miss out on this opportunity to see the Passion Play and experience Luther's Germany!*

*Sincerely,*

*Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller*

*Susie Venobr*

### **TOUR FEATURES**

- Round trip airfare from Denver.
- 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.

## **The Passion Play Story** **A Promise Kept Through the Ages**

In 1633 The Black Plague swept through Europe leaving in its wake untold misery, panic and hunger. In a small village nestled amidst Germany's Bavarian Alps, the townspeople of Oberammergau made a solemn vow to God that if they were spared from this plague they would present a day-long play every 10 years depicting the last week in the life of Christ. Since the first play was performed in 1634, the villagers have kept their promise and will again present their Passion Play Masterpiece in 2010.

### **YOUR DAY-TO-DAY ITINERARY**

#### **THU, JUN 24 – DENVER/ACROSS THE ATLANTIC**

Depart Denver on your overnight transatlantic flight to Frankfurt, arriving the following day.

#### **FRI, JUN 25 – ARRIVE FRANKFURT**

Arrive Frankfurt. Enjoy an orientation drive on your way to your hotel. Your exciting visit of the Lands of Luther begins. (D)

#### **SAT, JUN 26 – FRANKFURT/EISENACH/ERFURT**

Cross into eastern Germany and drive to Eisenach, a refuge for Luther during the stormy days before the Reformation. Visit Wartburg Castle set on a mountaintop overlooking the city and one of the best preserved German medieval fortresses. Here Luther worked on a translation of the New Testament and Richard Wagner, inspired by the Thuringian scenery, wrote the opera, "Tannhauser." See Luther's study, the Reformation room, and the lovely paintings by Lucas Cranach the Elder. Also worth viewing is the impressive "Angel with Candlestick" painted by Tilman Riemenschneider in 1500.

Continue to Erfurt, located in the heart of Thuringia. Luther called Erfurt "a new Bethlehem." It was here on July 2, 1505, that he was struck down by lightning, made his vow to become a monk, and entered the Augustinian Cloister. On an orientation tour view the beautiful St. Severi Church, the 650-year-old Kraemer Bridge lined with houses and small shops, and St. Mary's Cathedral where Luther was ordained. (B,D)

#### **SUN, JUN 27 – ERFURT/EISLEBEN/ WITTENBERG/BERLIN**

Depart for Eisleben, Luther's birthplace and where he died. Visit the 15th century St. Peter and Paul's Church where he was baptized. Proceed to Wittenberg, the city where Luther's activities reached a high point. As a professor of philosophy and theology at Wittenberg University, he made his public appearance by nailing his 95 Theses against the misuse of the indulgence system to the door of the Castle Church, sparking the Reformation movement. Visit the Castle Church and see the Luther Monument in the marketplace and Luther's grave. Make a brief visit to Lutherhalle, his dwelling in the Augusteum which is now a museum of Reformation history. Continue to Berlin. (B,D)

#### **MON, JUN 28 – BERLIN**

This morning visit cosmopolitan Berlin. See Charlottenburg Castle, Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, the famous Kurfurstendamm, Bellevue Castle, the Cultural Forum, and the Reichstag Building. In former Eastern Berlin, see the Brandenburg Gate at the end of beautiful Unter Den Linden Boulevard, Gendarmen Markt, the Berlin Cathedral,

Alexanderplatz, the Nikolai Quarter, and the remains of the Berlin Wall. The afternoon is free. (B)

**TUE, JUN 29 – BERLIN/DRESDEN/LEIPZIG**

Proceed along the Elbe River to Dresden, a renowned center for fine art and famous for china. On your orientation tour, see Semper Opera House and the Zwinger Palace. Continue to Leipzig, classic city of fairs, books, and music. The city is home to the 13th century Thomas Church immortalized by Bach, where he served as cantor and choir director. It was here in 1519 that Luther debated Johann Eck, and denied the divine origin of papal supremacy. Enjoy an orientation tour of the city. (B,D)

**WED, JUN 30 – LEIPZIG/NUREMBERG/MUNICH**

Drive to Nuremberg for a brief panorama tour. See the Imperial Castle and the Church of Our Lady with its animated clock. Continue to Munich, 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. Overnight in the Munich area. (B)

**THU, JUL 1 – MUNICH/NEUSCHWANSTEIN/  
OBERAMMERGAU**

On an orientation 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. Ascend the Bavarian Alps and 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 Oberammergau, site of the world famous Passion Play. (B,D)

**FRI, JUL 2 – 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, JUL 3 – OBERAMMERGAU/  
AUGSBURG/RHINE VALLEY**

Travel to Augsburg, where Martin Luther defended his 95 Theses in the debate with the representative of the Church of Rome in 1518. It was also here in 1530 that Melancthon presented the "Augsburg Confession," the epitome of Lutheranism. After a visit proceed to the Rhine Valley for the night. (B,D)

**SUN, JUL 4 – RHINE VALLEY/FRANKFURT/DENVER**

Bid farewell to Europe as you transfer to the airport for your flight to Denver, 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**

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**Accommodation Desired:**

- double room sharing with.....
- single room (\$750 extra per person)

Enclosed is my check for \$.....as deposit (\$200 per person) for.....persons

**Passenger #1:**

Name(Mr.,Mrs.,Ms.).....  
(First and last name as shown on passport)

Address.....

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

Email.....

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

Passport #.....

Date of Issue.....Date Expires.....

Country of Birth.....Citizenship.....

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

**Passenger #2:**

Name(Mr.,Mrs.,Ms.).....  
(First and last name as shown on passport)

Address.....

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

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

Passport #.....

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## A word about NAWAS . . .

NAWAS INTERNATIONAL has pioneered Christian Tours to the far corners of the world for over 59 years. We offer you the essential ingredients for a successful tour.

**EXPERIENCE:** There is no substitute for 59 years of planning tours. Our contacts, guides, knowledge of the area, and background guarantee you the highest quality service at affordable prices.

**RELIABILITY:** In 59 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 \$200 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 \$600 is due by December 1, 2008. (Total deposit required by 12/01/08 is \$800). An additional \$1200 deposit is due by August 31, 2009. (Total deposit required by 8/31/09 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.

**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.)

#### THE TOUR PRICE INCLUDES A DISCOUNT FOR CASH PAYMENT AND:

**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 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 \$750. 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 AND TAXES:** Service charges and taxes normally included in bills, government taxes on hotel bills in effect on October 9, 2007, taxes on sightseeing and excursion trips and portorage at hotels of one normal size suitcase (maximum weight 50 lbs.) are included in the tour price. Portorage 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. Maximum care will be taken to safeguard baggage, but Nawas Travel accepts no liability for loss or damage. Baggage insurance is recommended and is available upon 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 areas of Europe and the Middle East can 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.

#### 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 \$275 to \$300 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:** For written cancellations received by Nawas Travel by December 1, 2008, refunds will be made less a \$200 per person administrative fee. Written cancellations received by Nawas between December 2, 2008 and May 1, 2009 are subject to a \$500 per person cancellation fee. Written cancellations received by Nawas between May 2, 2009 and September 1, 2009 are subject to a \$800 per person cancellation fee. For written cancellations received by Nawas from September 2, 2009 up to 135 days before the departure date, a \$1500 per person cancellation fee will be assessed. 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 October 9, 2007 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), Pastor J. Murphy, S. Venohr 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 Los Angeles County, California. The laws of the state of California will apply.**

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