

Passion Play 2010 & Ecumenical Tour of the German Christian Culture

15-day-tour: September 08 - 22, 2010 (Wednesday – Wednesday)

Tour itinerary based on Passion Play performance date September 17, 2010 (Friday)

Leipzig – Luther town Eisleben – Cistercian Convent St. Mary's of Helfta – Feudal Castle Querfurt – Meissen – Dresden – Castle Leuchtenburg – Erfurt – Eisenach – Fortress Wartburg – Schmalkalden – Lauscha – Dinkelsbuehl – Munich – Altoetting – Wies Church – Oberammergau with Passion Play performance – Castle Neuschwanstein / Murnau – Speyer – Heidelberg – Montabaur (Sister City of Fredericksburg, Texas) – Limburg an der Lahn – Frankfurt

**Please make your reservations before March 15th, 2010.
Passion Play tickets go fast. First come – First served.**

This is an exclusive customized tour for members and friends of the German Heritage Commission (Fredericksburg, Texas). The small group of max. 22 guests travels in a private bus with a local experienced driver and is escorted by a bilingual tour guide 24/7.

(UNESCO* - this tour includes 6 UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Sites in Germany)

Day 1 – Wed, Sep 08:

- Individual departure: Flight out of San Antonio, TX or out of an airport of your choice.

Day 2 – Thu, Sep 09: Leipzig

- arrival at airport Leipzig/Halle (LEJ) – recently opened: ecumenical chapel (Terminal B)
- guided sightseeing bus tour in Leipzig with historic market place and old town hall, St. Nicolas Church, Thomas Church, Bach Memorial, Monument to the Battle of Nations...
- time for guided sightseeing walking tour (optional), individual activities or to relax
- welcome dinner party at a historic restaurant in Leipzig with traditional local specialties
- *overnight: Leipzig*

Day 3 – Fri, Sep 10: Luther town Eisleben – Cistercian Convent – Feudal Castle

- buffet breakfast at the hotel in Leipzig
- guided sightseeing walking tour in the Luther town Eisleben (UNESCO*)
- guided tour at the Cistercian Convent St. Mary's of Helfta
- visit of one of the oldest and biggest feudal castles in Germany: Fortress Querfurt
- *overnight: Leipzig*

Day 4 – Sat, Sep 11: Porcelain Meissen - Dresden

- buffet breakfast at the hotel in Leipzig
- guided tour at the Royal Saxon porcelain manufacturer Meissen
- guided sightseeing bus tour in Dresden with Asisi Panorama picture "Dresden 1756", Church Of Our Lady, Cathedral, Palace Zwinger, Procession of Princes and more...
- scenic Elbe Valley Dresden with famous "Canaletto view"
- time for guided sightseeing walking tour (optional), individual activities or to relax
- *overnight: Dresden*

Day 5 – Sun, Sep 12: Dresden – Castle and Museum Leuchtenburg - Erfurt

- buffet breakfast at the hotel in Dresden
- time for individual church service visit
- guided tour at fortress / castle Leuchtenburg with museum & porcelain collection
- Erfurt - time for individual activities or to relax
- *overnight: Erfurt*

Day 6 – Mon, Sep 13: Erfurt - Luther Fortress Wartburg - Schmalkalden

- buffet breakfast at the hotel in Erfurt
- guided tour at the Luther Fortress Wartburg, Eisenach (UNESCO*)
- guided sightseeing walking tour in Schmalkalden with Castle Wilhelmsburg
- dinner at a historic restaurant in Erfurt with local Thuringian specialties
- *overnight: Erfurt*

Day 7 – Tue, Sep 14: Erfurt - Glass Blowing in Lauscha - Bamberg

- buffet breakfast at the hotel in Erfurt
- guided sightseeing walking tour in Erfurt with Gothic St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Severus Church, Augustinian Monastery, Merchants' Bridge, Franciscan Church, Citadel...
- guided tour at a glass-blowing manufacturer in Lauscha with Christmas decoration
- medieval town of Bamberg (UNESCO*)
- guided sightseeing walking tour (optional), individual activities or to relax
- *overnight: Bamberg*

Day 8 – Wed, Sep 15: The Romantic Road Dinkelsbuehl - Munich

- buffet breakfast at the hotel in Bamberg
- The Romantic Road – guided sightseeing walking tour in Dinkelsbuehl
- sightseeing bus tour in Munich
- time for individual activities, walking tours or to relax
- *overnight: Munich*

Day 9 – Thur, Sep 16: pilgrimage site Altoetting - Munich

- buffet breakfast at the hotel in Munich
- Altoetting – homeland of Pope Benedict XVI. with guided sightseeing walking tour or individual activities in Munich (tips & maps will be provided)
- guided sightseeing walking tour in Munich with microbrewery visit
- time for individual activities or to relax
- *overnight: Munich*

Day 10 – Fri, Sep 17: Oberammergau – Passion Play 2010 performance

- buffet breakfast at the hotel in Munich
- bus transfer to Oberammergau – walking tour and Oberammergau museum
- bus transfer to hotel (part of Passion Play package)
- lunch or lavish brunch (part of Passion Play package)
- Passion Play performance (part of Passion Play package)
- dinner with several courses during the play interval (part of Passion Play package)
- shuttle service to hotel (part of Passion Play package)
- *overnight: hotel (part of Passion Play package)*

Day 11 – Sat, Sep 18: Wies Church – Castle Neuschwanstein - Murnau

- breakfast at the hotel (part of Passion Play package)
- visit of the pilgrimage site Wies Church (UNESCO*)
- guided tour at castle Neuschwanstein or scenic expressionists' town Murnau
- bus transfer to the Hotel Adler in Lichtenstein-Honau
- *overnight: Hotel Adler (Lichtenstein-Honau)*

Day 12 – Sun, Sep 19: Speyer - Heidelberg

- buffet breakfast at the Hotel Adler
- time for individual church service (subject of availability)
- guided sightseeing walking tour in Speyer (UNESCO*) with Romanesque Cathedral, Old Gate, Memorial Church, Convent Saint Magdalena, Church Saint Ludwig and more...
- time for individual excursions / activities or to relax
- *overnight: Heidelberg*

Day 13 – Mon, Sep 20: Heidelberg – Montabaur (Sister City of Fredericksburg, Texas)

- buffet breakfast at the hotel in Heidelberg
- guided sightseeing walking tour in Heidelberg with Castle, Gothic Church of the Holy Spirit, Old Bridge, St. Peter's Church, Renaissance house Knight St. George ...
- scenic bus ride along the Rhine Valley (UNESCO*) to Montabaur with stop
- meet with members of the Montabaur-Fredericksburg Partnerstadt Verein, Sister City of Fredericksburg, Texas
- Farewell dinner party with guests
- *overnight: Montabaur (or Limburg an der Lahn)*

Day 14 – Tue, Sep 21: Limburg an der Lahn - Frankfurt

- buffet breakfast at the hotel in Montabaur or Limburg an der Lahn
- guided sightseeing walking tour in Limburg an der Lahn with seven-towered St. George's Cathedral, medieval old town with half-timbered houses, Old Lahn Bridge and more...
- bus transfer to Frankfurt am Main
- time for guided sightseeing walking tour (optional), individual activities or to relax
- *overnight: Frankfurt city*

Day 15 – Wed, Sep 22:

- breakfast at the hotel in Frankfurt
- bus shuttle to Frankfurt main airport (FRA)
- departure from Frankfurt main airport (FRA)
- individual arrival at San Antonio, TX airport or at an airport of your choice.

Itinerary and accommodation are subject to change. Passion Play packages: no single rooms available (twins only). This tour includes several sightseeing tours and museum / manufacturer visits on foot. (Slow) walks of about an 1 hour might be involved at several occasions.

In ground package included:

- 13 overnight stays at selected hotels/pensions/Inns with buffet breakfast
- Private coach transportation and experienced driver
- English speaking tour guide throughout & Experienced local city guides
- Entrance fees & expenses for tour related visits & excursions as indicated in itinerary
- Welcome dinner party in Leipzig & Farewell dinner party in Montabaur including beverages
- Additional dinner including beverages in Erfurt
- Meet with Montabaur-Fredericksburg Partnerstadt Verein (Sister Cities, confirmation pending)
- Passion Play performance Sep 17: ticket, lunch/brunch and dinner, bus shuttle service

SMALL GROUP - Minimum participants: 14 persons / Maximum participants: 22 persons

Travel insurance, optional and non-tour related activities are not included in tour price.

Tour price "Passion Play 2010" (cash / check payment)

\$ 2,854 USD* per person (ground package, double occupancy, air fare not included)

+ \$ 617 USD* per person (single supplement) / + 2.5% for online payment via PayPal

* USD price is calculated based on 1 Euro = 1.37 USD. The USD price is subject to change due to currency fluctuations and will be finally calculated at the due date for final payment invoice (see terms & conditions).

The tour price includes a one-night Passion Play package with a value of \$ 500 (HC4, official price).

Please use our registration form to secure your spot. Details about booking, payment, flight booking, travel insurance: see registration form and terms & conditions at www.tgac-us.com

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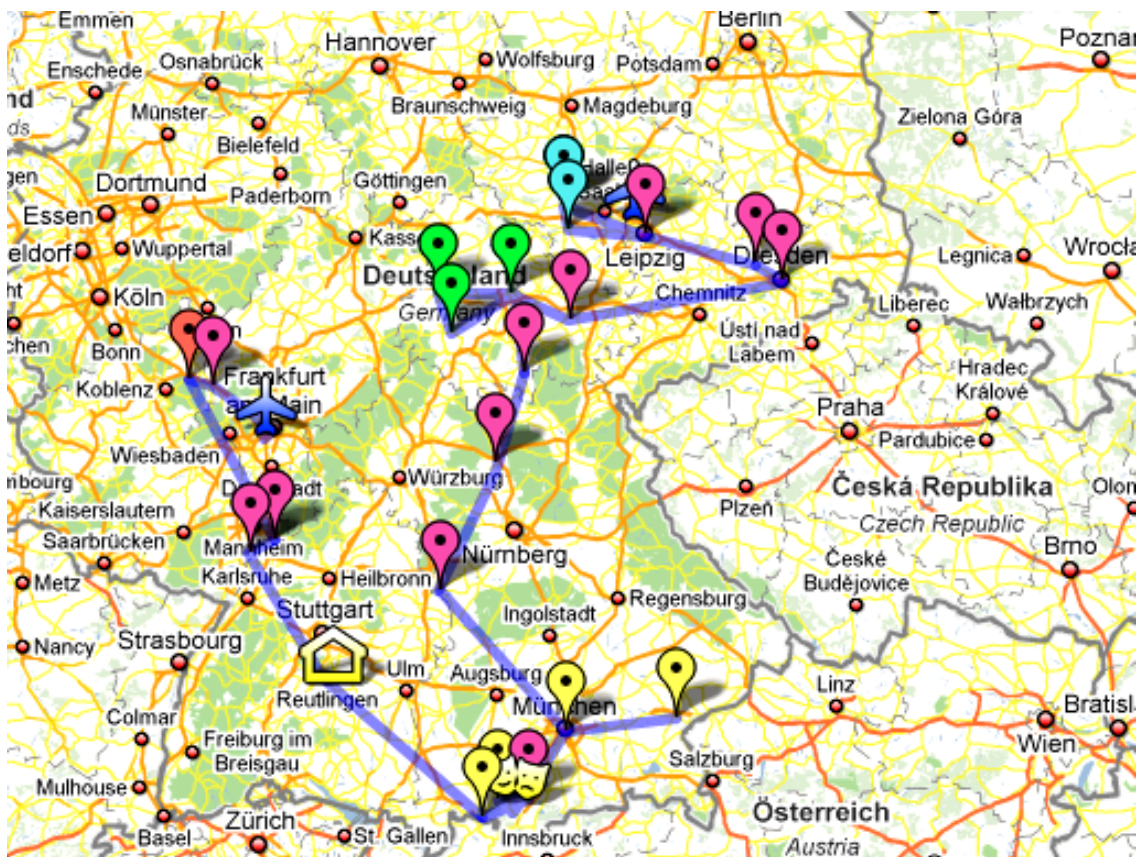
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Google Map

“Passion Play 2010 & Ecumenical Tour of the German Christian Culture” with travel program and **background information** of historic sights on the tour:



Link to public Google map for Passion Play 2010 trip with information:

<http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?ie=UTF8&msa=0&msid=111363890471087775583.00046f86475810da7e875&ll=49.880478,11.601563&spn=6.996222,19.709473&z=6>
