



Travel Itinerary

13 – 24 June, 2020

Exploring European Christian Witness Oberammergau and a Private Rhine River Cruise with Professor Ross A. Lockhart

Join Dr. Lockhart and fellow travellers on a journey through the heart of Christian witness in Europe on a delightful river cruise that concludes with the once in a decade Oberammergau passion play dating back to the 1630's.



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DAY 1: JUNE 13

Departure

Tonight, we depart on our overnight flight(s) from Vancouver to Germany. Complimentary in-flight service is provided en-route.



DAY 4: JUNE 16

Amsterdam

This morning, we wake up in the City of Amsterdam. Today, we will enjoy a 'Highlights of Amsterdam' guided tour, including a boat tour on the famous canals.

This evening, there are options to visit the cafes and shops of the old city centre, including Chinatown.

Later tonight, we set sail for our next stop, Nijmegen.



DAY 2: JUNE 14

Coming Together in Germany

Upon arrival at Cologne Airport, we are met and assisted with customs and immigration formalities. From this point, our tour manager and driver will transfer us to our hotel in Cologne.

Once checked-in, we will enjoy our Welcome dinner. A wonderful time to start the journey together in anticipation of a most memorable journey!



DAY 5: JUNE 17

Nijmegen

This morning, we wake up in Nijmegen, the oldest city in the Netherlands. Over two thousand years old, Nijmegen's history can be dated as far back as the Roman era. Our guided city tour brings alive the centuries of history associated with this ancient city. The geographic importance of Nijmegen made the city a key location for the original occupants, the Batavians, right through to WWII. As we walk through the 'Grote Markt', you will see examples of ancient Dutch architecture unique to the area.

Later this afternoon, we continue our voyage along the scenic Rhine River.



DAY 3: JUNE 15

Embark On Rhine Cruise

After breakfast at the hotel, we shall take a guided tour of the beautiful medieval City of Cologne. Our time in Cologne will include a visit to the majestic cathedral. With the largest twin spires in Europe, reaching 157 meters tall, punctuating the skyline, we can see the cathedral from most vantage points. During the destruction of air raid bombings in WWII, the cathedral remained intact whilst all surrounding buildings lay in ruins.

Strolling through the "Old Town" is like stepping back in time as we walk through the narrow cobble stoned streets.

This afternoon, we board our Rhine River cruise ship, The MS RHEIN SYMPHONIE. This will be home for the next 7 days.



DAY 6: JUNE 18

Cologne

This morning, we wake up in Cologne and have the opportunity for some free time in the morning to explore more of this romantic and ancient medieval town.





DAY 7: JUNE 19

Koblenz And Rhine Valley

This morning, we visit the ancient City of Koblenz. The highlight of today will be the cable car experience to the Ehrenbreitstein Castle and its stunning panoramic views of the Rhine Valley.

After lunch, we set sail for Rudesheim. During our afternoon, we shall have many photo opportunities, especially as we pass alongside the unique geological rock formation of 'Loreley'.

Once in Rudesheim, we have a chance to enjoy the Vinter Express train ride through the vineyards and streets of this lovely town.



DAY 10: JUNE 22

Disembark And Basel

This morning, we disembark from our Rhine River cruise ship and head for Oberammergau. En-route to southern Bavaria, we will visit the beautiful Swiss City of Basel. During our guided walk of the famous cultural city, we shall have opportunities to take pictures of the Mittlere Bridge and the many beautiful fountains. It was here that John Calvin fled from France and wrote the first edition of 'The Institutes'.

From Basel, we drive north through wonderful Bavarian scenery and villages to the area of Oberammergau. Here, we shall check-in to our hotel.



DAY 8: JUNE 20

Mannheim and Heidelberg

Today, we will take our guided coach tour to the ancient City of Heidelberg and its castle. The ruins of this important Renaissance stronghold (also known as the Palace of Kings) take us back as far as the 13 century and an insight into the complex history of this region. Located on the Konigstuhl hillside, it offers stunning views of the old town below. It was here that Martin Luther came to defend his thesis, the 'Heidelberg Disputation'.

This evening, we set sail from Germany and southwards to France.



DAY 11: JUNE 23

Oberammergau Passion Play

Today is dedicated to the Passion Play of Oberammergau! Our programming for today allows you free time in the morning to peruse this world renowned village before taking our seats for the play. Performed solely by residents of the village, this performance of Jesus' final days in Jerusalem is the longest continuous Christian drama in the world. During the intermission, we will enjoy dinner together at a local restaurant.



DAY 9: JUNE 21

Strasbourg and Kehl

Today, we wake up in the French City of Strasbourg Kehl. With over a thousand years of history, this strategically located city in the Alsace region has been sought after by many previous dynasties. Here, we shall visit the Place du Marché aux Cochons de Lait with its outstanding medieval architecture, the Gothic cathedral and the picturesque Ravens Bridge.

Later this afternoon, we set sail along the Rhine and make our way south towards Basel.



DAY 12: JUNE 24

Departure

Today, we say good-bye to our new found friends and leave Oberammergau and depart for Vancouver. Complimentary in-flight service will be provided.





INCLUDED

Air travel: Round trip from Vancouver.
Fares from other cities available upon request.

Accommodations: 5* Cologne Hotel
MS Rhein Symphonie
4* Oberammergau Hotel

Cruise cabin category: Main Deck

Meals: Full breakfast and dinner daily with tea and coffee. Lunches included whilst onboard the Rhine cruise.

Transportation: Air conditioned luxury coach service throughout the tour.

Sightseeing: Comprehensive program as per itinerary, including all entrance fees.

Oberammergau Passion Play: Tickets to play along with program booklet.

Tour Guide: Government licensed Tour guides will accompany the group.

Porterage: One large suitcase per person. Each person is responsible for his/her other luggage.

“Whisper” headsets throughout the journey.

Embarkation package: An informative package will be mailed one month prior to departure.

Air Transportation Taxes: Currently \$600. (Flying from Vancouver)

Gratuities: Equivalent to USD\$160.

NOT INCLUDED

Lunches (unless mentioned in the itinerary)

Comprehensive Travel Insurance: Christian Journeys requires that you must have - “out of country” - emergency medical insurance, equivalent to (or greater than) \$250,000. We have many insurance policy options to offer which include cancellation and interruption coverage. Please contact our office for policy details and premiums.

Cruise Cabin Upgrades: Middle Deck: USD\$339
Upper Deck aft: USD\$565
Upper Deck Front: USD\$622
Upper Deck Mid: USD\$678

GENERAL INFORMATION

Passport: Tour participants must be in possession of a valid passport with at least 6 months validity. Canadian and USA passport holder do not need a visa for entering Europe.

Reservations: Telephone and email reservation requests will be taken but only upon receipt of deposit and completed tour registration form will your place be confirmed.

Deposit and final payment: An initial non-refundable deposit of \$750 is required with the registration form. A subsequent interim non-refundable deposit of \$1000 is due on 01 December 2019.

Currency surcharge: Christian Journeys reserves the right to introduce a currency surcharge. If applicable, this would be assessed 90 days prior to departure.

Fuel surcharges: The air transportation costs include a ‘fuel surcharge’ component. This amount is subject to change and will be reviewed at time of final billing 90 days prior to departure.

Travel Insurance: Your Comprehensive Travel Policy includes ‘trip cancellation’ coverage to protect you against the cancellation penalties. Conditions apply so please ask for more details.

General Health: All tour members should be in sufficient good health to enjoy the tour. Christian Journeys reserves the right to refuse participation in certain instances.

Journey Pricing

VANCOUVER PRICE: \$5999CAD
GRATUITIES: \$ 220CAD
TOTAL: \$ 6219CAD

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