

“THE PASSION PLAY” – OBERAMMERGAU – 2010

People have been asking us, “What is the PASSION PLAY in Oberammergau? Why should I go all the way to Germany to see this event?” We at Skippack Travel knew about the “2010 Performance of the Passion Play” as 10 years ago we were fortunate to get a few seats to this once every decade performance. We made a decision at that time that we would indeed create a tour and get tickets for the next performance, 2010. The play is performed daily from May to October.

We have a colleague who lives just a few minutes from the theater where the play is performed and whom we work with on many tours, so he began the process of not only creating a great tour but reserving seats at the theater. He was able to purchase seats in a very good location as he went to the theater the day the tickets were put on sale and, living in that area for over 20 years, was also able to put together a lovely tour.

What is the “Passion Play?” In the 17th Century the black plague ravaged Europe killing one third of its population. Twelve village elders, who in desperation at that time, vowed to God that if He would halt the deadly “Black Plague” from decimating the rest of their villagers, the Passion Play would be offered in “His Honor” for all eternity. Their oath was never forgotten.

As centuries passed, every ten years the villagers got together to fulfill this promise. For decades, the performances took place next to the village graveyard. Eventually the locals built a theater so that wealthy and prominent onlookers who had traveled from afar could witness the play without being exposed to the elements, whereas the villagers swore to perform the play outdoors in all weather. So it remains today; the stage is open to the sky whereas the spectators sit comfortably in the recently renovated theater. The 70-head orchestra will enchant you, the 60-head choir will engulf you and the play will overwhelm you. **For more information on tour & tickets call Skippack Travel @ 610-584-9101**