



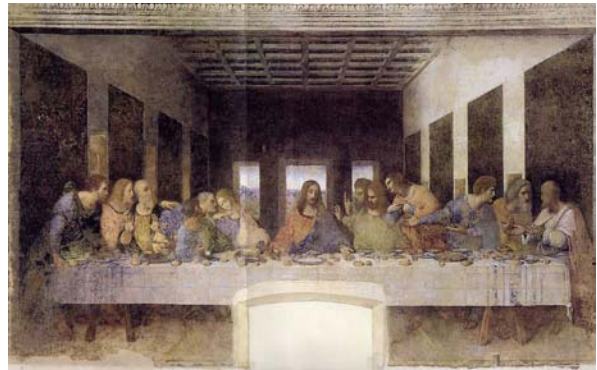
# Oberammergau Passion Play 2010

## Day 1

Group report at the Bandaranaike International Airport for departure to Milan.  
Group met at the Departure Lounge by Senior Company Executive.  
Late evening arrive in Milan and transfer to hotel.

## Day 02

Breakfast at Hotel. Visit The Duomo, **Cathedral of Milan**, is one of the largest churches in the world; is a surprisingly elegant mass of marble boasting 135 spires and 3,400 statues. Commissioned in 1386, by Gian Galeazzo Visconti, the Duomo was not finished until the early 1800s. The building began life as a Gothic cathedral, but over the centuries the designs went through several modifications, and the finished Duomo is a strange mixture of styles. visit to see one of the most famous artworks in the world, **The Last Supper** is a 15th century mural painting in Milan created by Leonardo da Vinci for his patron Duke Ludovico Sforza and his duchess Beatrice d'Este. It represents the scene of The Last Supper from the final days of Jesus as narrated in the Gospel of John 13:21, when Jesus announces that one of his Twelve Apostles would betray him.



visit the shrine of **Rosa Mystica**.

In the Spring of 1947, whilst praying in the Chapel of the local hospital in Montichiari, nurse **Pierina Gilli** had an unforgettable experience. Mary, the Mother of God, appeared to her in a wonderful vision and magnificent light, as the exalted Lady, dressed in mauve, very sad and with tears in Her eyes. Pierina noticed that Her heart was pierced by three swords. Our Lady asked for **Prayer, Sacrifice and Penance**. These were Her only words. Lunch.

After Lunch visit **Verona** and see the **Balcony of Romeo & Juliet**. Transfer to Hotel for dinner and overnight stay



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## Day 03

Breakfast at hotel. Depart to **Munich** is located on the River Isar north of the Bavarian Alps. Munich is the third largest city in Germany, after Berlin and Hamburg. There are approximately 1.35 million inhabitants within Munich.

The city's motto is "*München Mag Dich*" ("Munich Likes You"), before 2006, it was "*Weltstadt mit Herz*" (Worldcity with Heart). Its native name, *München*, is derived from the Old German word for *Mönche*, which means "Monks" in English. This is the reason for the monk on the city's coat of arms. Black and gold - the colours of the Holy Roman Empire - have been the city's official colours since the time of Ludwig the Bavarian.

Attend a Bavarian folklore show and enjoy typical Bavarian "Gemütlichkeit" with a traditional dinner and then visit the Hofbraukellar before returning to the hotel for overnight.



## Day 4

Breakfast at hotel.

After breakfast, drive to Oberammergau to attend the performance of the world-famous Oberammergau Passion Play. The Oberammergau Passion Play was first performed in 1634 and is the result of a vow made by the inhabitants of the village that if God spared them from the effects of the bubonic plague then sweeping the region they would perform a passion play every ten years. The play is now performed in years ending with a zero, except 1984 which was the 350th anniversary, and involves over 2000 actors, singers, instrumentalists and technicians, all residents of the village. The play comprises spoken dramatic text, musical and choral accompaniment and *tableaux vivants*. The *tableaux vivants* are scenes from the Old Testament depicted for the audience by motionless actors accompanied by verbal description.

These scenes are the basis for the typology, the relationship between the Old and New Testaments, of the play. The Oberammergau play has a running time of approximately seven hours.

Dinner will be served during the interval. Return to hotel for overnight stay.



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**Day 5**

Leave after breakfast. Take The Romantic Road to Füssen and visit Neuschwanstein Castle on route to Munich.

**Füssen** is a town in Bavaria, in the district of Ostallgäu situated 5 kilometres (3 miles) from the Austrian border. It is located on the banks of the Lech river. The River Lech flows into the Forggensee. **Neuschwanstein Castle** is a 19th-century Bavarian palace on a rugged hill near Hohenschwangau and Füssen in southwest Bavaria. The palace was commissioned by Ludwig II of Bavaria as a retreat and as a homage to Richard Wagner, the King's inspiring muse. Although public photography of the interior is not permitted it is the most photographed building in Germany and is one of the country's most popular tourist destinations.

Leave for Munich after lunch in a Restaurant in Füssen.

Sight seeing tour of Munich will include the **Marienplatz** with the famous **Glockenspiel** and an outside visit of **Nymphenburg Palace**.

**Marienplatz** is a central square in the city center of Munich, since 1158. In the Middle Ages markets and tournaments were held in this city square. The Glockenspiel in the new city hall was inspired by these tournaments, and draws millions of tourists a year.

The **Rathaus-Glockenspiel** of Munich is a tourist attraction in Marienplatz the heart of Munich. Part of the second construction phase of the New Town Hall, it dates from 1908. Every day at 11 a.m. (as well as 12 p.m. and 5 p.m. in summer) it chimes and re-enacts two stories from the 16th century to the amusement of mass crowds of tourists and locals. It consists of 43 bells and 32 life-sized figures.

**The Nymphenburg Palace** is a Baroque palace in Munich. The palace was the summer residence of the rulers of Bavaria

Dinner at a restaurant and transfer to hotel for overnight stay.



**Day 6**

Breakfast at hotel.

Time at leisure before you transfer to airport for departure flight.

**Day 7**

Arrive in Colombo

**Tour Ends**

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