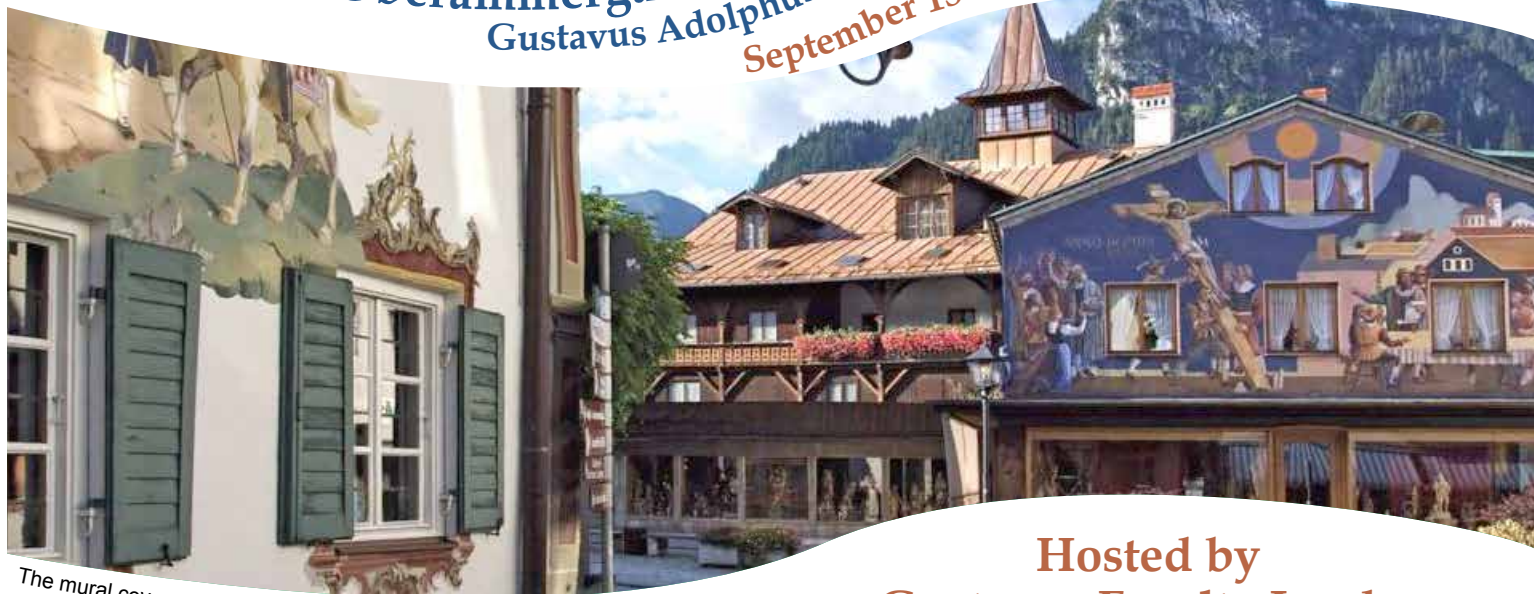


# A Symphony of Music, Culture & History: Oberammergau Passion Play and Central Europe Gustavus Adolphus College Alumni & Friends Study Tour September 13-24, 2020



The mural covered buildings of Oberammergau.

## Study Tour Highlights

**Experience** the enrichment, education and fellowship as part of a traveling community under the leadership, teaching and hospitality of Dr. David Fienen.

**Be inspired** attending the 2020 performance of the Oberammergau Passion Play (TK1 ticket) plus musical performances in Salzburg, Prague and Berlin.

**Learn** about local culture and history from an English-speaking European tour manager along with local guides in Salzburg, Prague and Berlin. Tours include the use of audio headset system.

**Travel** on flights from Minneapolis/St. Paul on Icelandair including current taxes and surcharges.

**Stay** multiple nights in select Four-Star accommodations in Salzburg, Prague and Berlin, based on sharing a room in hotels described in the itinerary or similar.

**Journey** throughout in a private, deluxe motorcoach along with the handling of one piece of baggage at hotels.

**Enjoy** 18 included meals including buffet breakfast daily, one lunch and seven dinners.

**Feel the ease and comfort** of knowing entrance fees for inside visits and activities described in itinerary are included along with the gratuities for tour manager, motorcoach drivers, local guides, restaurant and hotel staff plus group travel insurance.

## Hosted by Gustavus Faculty Leader Dr. David Fienen

**Dr. David Fienen**, Emeritus Professor of Music, is excited to be leading this study tour for alumni and friends of Gustavus Adolphus College to Germany and the Czech Republic in September 2020. The timing allows us to attend the Passion Play presented in Oberammergau only every ten years.



While serving as Cantor at Christ Chapel and Professor of Music at Gustavus for 38 years, he had numerous opportunities to travel to Central Europe with the Gustavus Band and Gustavus Brass Ensembles in addition to several solo performance tours in Germany and research trips to Hanerau-Hademarschen, Lübeck, and Berlin, studying the composer Jan Bender. Recently he returned to play recitals at the Castle Church in Lutherstadt-Wittenberg (where his former student is the Co-Cantor). In addition to his teaching, Fienen served as Chair of the Music Department and several years in the senior administration, his last two years as Provost and Dean of the College.

Since retiring, he is an active musician, substituting at area churches, accompanying choirs, instrumentalists and vocalists in the community, and volunteering at the St. Peter Foodshelf, Habitat for Humanity, and as Archivist at his church.

**Registration deadline is September 30, 2019, due to requirements for Oberammergau Passion Play ticket arrangements.**

# Customized Program Itinerary

**Sunday, September 13 MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL DEPARTURE.** Depart on Icelandair with connection in Keflavik, Iceland.

**Monday, September 14 MUNICH ARRIVAL/SALZBURG.** Arrive at Munich airport and receive a welcome from a European tour manager and awaiting private motorcoach. Drive to Salzburg, approximately a two to three-hour drive, for check-in at Hotel Untersberg, a charming hotel just outside of the city, or similar hotel. Welcome dinner at hotel. (D)

**Tuesday, September 15 SALZBURG.** Enjoy a locally guided city walk this morning through [Salzburg's historic center](#) featuring places significant in the life of Amadeus Mozart. Break for lunch during tour. Often called the "Rome of the North," the city has many magnificent monuments from both the Baroque and Renaissance periods, when Salzburg was ruled for centuries by Prince Archbishops. Highlights include [Mozart's birthplace](#), [St. Peter's Church](#), [Salzburg Cathedral](#) and a view of the city and surrounding area from the [Fortress of Hohensalzburg](#). Time at leisure after walking tour until a late afternoon faculty lecture and discussion at hotel prior to dinner. This evening during dinner, enjoy Mozart music played by young musicians. (B,D)

**Wednesday, September 16 TO OBERAMMERGAU.** Venture today into the stunning Bavarian Alps. Nestled in the mountains, make visits to the [Abbey of Ettal](#) and King Ludwig's [Linderhof Castle](#) with a break for lunch en route. Continue to the famous village of Oberammergau for dinner and overnight at [Hotel Alte Post](#) provided in Passion Play ticket package. (B,D)

**Thursday, September 17 OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY.** The morning is free to enjoy the special atmosphere and history of this Bavarian village of wooden houses decorated with colorful paintings which attracts visitors from around the world. The play was instituted in fulfillment of a vow made in 1633, when the town was stricken by plague and first performed in 1634 and every ten years since then. It's an easy walk from the hotel to the theater, which was built in 1930 and has seating for 4,800 spectators. The seating area is covered with the stage open to the elements, using the natural grandeur of the Bavarian Alps as a back-drop. Following lunch, the Passion Play performance begins at 2:30 p.m. and ends at 10:00 p.m. with a break for dinner. Click here for [Official Oberammergau Passion Play website](#). Overnight in Oberammergau. (B,L,D)

**Friday, September 18 OBERAMMERGAU/PRAGUE.** Leave the Bavarian Alps this morning for a drive eastward into the Czech Republic. Visit Regensburg located on the River Danube for some individual exploration in the historic medieval center and a lunch on own. Continue into Prague and arrive at the NH Hotel Prague, or similar, to begin a three-night stay. Late afternoon faculty lecture at hotel prior to dinner this evening at [Starý Vrch](#) with folk music. (B,D)

**Saturday, September 19 PRAGUE.** Discover this historic and elegant baroque city while meandering through the narrow streets of Old Town on a walking tour. Cross the colorful Charles Bridge. Admire the Astronomical Clock Tower and view Our Lady Before Tyn Church, the leading church of the Hussite movement for 200 years. Jan Hus, a

national hero in Czechia, was a church reformer martyred 101 years before Martin Luther posted the 95 Theses. A statue of Hus is prominent in the Old Town square. Walk to Wenceslas Square, the lively boulevard where in 1989 peaceful protests led to the new free state of the Czech Republic. After a break for lunch on own, visit the grounds of [Prague Castle](#), a UNESCO World Heritage Site and an eternal symbol of the Czech state and a cultural institution. Late afternoon faculty lecture at hotel prior to dinner on own. Overnight at Prague hotel. (B)

**Sunday, September 20 PRAGUE.** Tour of the [Estates Theatre](#). This magnificent theater built in 1783 in classical style is still preserved in nearly original condition. The theater's history is inseparable from the musical talent of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart with the world premiere of his opera Don Giovanni, which is still included in the repertoire. This afternoon is free for individual exploration and shopping with lunch and dinner on own. During free time, perhaps explore the Jewish Quarter to learn about the community established here in the 12th century. Enjoy an evening music performance. (B)

**Monday, September 21 PRAGUE/WITTENBERG/BERLIN.** Leave early this morning for drive from Prague to Berlin with visit of Wittenberg today. Break for lunch along the way. Upon arriving in Wittenberg, the town where Martin Luther lived for 36 years, discover the history on a walking tour viewing the Lutherhaus, Town Church and Castle Church. Possible private, informal organ recital by Dr. David Fienen at Castle Church. Late afternoon 90-minute drive into Germany's vibrant capital city of Berlin. Arrive at the Maritim Hotel, or similar, for a three-night stay and dinner at hotel. (B,D)

**Tuesday, September 22 BERLIN.** Faculty lecture at hotel just after breakfast. Introduction of Berlin this morning driving by the Reichstag and other government buildings with stops at [Checkpoint Charlie](#), the best known Berlin Wall crossing point between East Berlin and West Berlin during the Cold War and site of frequent intrigue between the United States and the Soviet Union, followed by the Brandenburg Gate and the Holocaust Memorial. Attend the noontime organ vespers at the Berliner Dom. Break for lunch perhaps at Potsdamer Platz. This afternoon continue a discovery of the city with a reflective visit of Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church which was bombed during WWII leaving only the west tower standing. Explore the [Memorial and Museum at Bernauer Strasse](#), where a church was formerly located in the "no-man's-land" between East and West Berlin. Dinner on own. Attend a music performance this evening. (B)

**Wednesday, September 23 BERLIN.** The entire day is free for individual exploration. One optional activity today is visiting the [dome of the Reichstag](#) (no fee but requires advance registration). Farewell dinner this evening. (B,D)

**Thursday, September 24 BERLIN DEPARTURE/RETURN HOME.** Transfer to airport with assistance for flight returning to Minneapolis-St. Paul. (B)

*Included meals: B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner  
Itinerary subject to change due to local scheduling.  
[Click sites in blue for website link.](#)*

At time of brochure printing, hotels are not finalized except in Oberammergau. Flight schedule confirmed when available in late 2019.



# Passport, Health, Insurance and Travel Information

U.S. citizens need a passport valid at least six months beyond the tour return date. Passport applications are available at the [U.S. Department of State website](#). There are no vaccination or visa requirements for U.S. citizens to enter Germany and Czech Republic. Consult your physician and utilize information on Travelers' Health on the [Centers for Disease Control website](#) for precautions.

Non-U.S. citizens are responsible for their own passport and any visa requirements for the countries visited and must travel with a permanent resident card or other documentation to re-enter the U.S. Without proper documents, entry could be denied at participant's expense.

For international travel information, including country specific background, travel advisories and alerts [click here](#).

Cultural Insurance Services International (CISI) group insurance included in cost covers evacuation and major medical as described in Statement of Conditions. **Cancellation insurance and coverage for pre-existing medical conditions is not included and highly recommended for health situations that may prevent you from traveling or interrupt your travels.**

Travel Guard is recommended for travel cancellation insurance. Access insurance options using this link to [Travel Guard](#) and completing a worksheet with your personal details. For coverage questions, Call Travel Guard at 800-826-4919 and use Seminars International referral number 14847980. Purchasing travel insurance within 15 days of enrollment may waive pre-existing medical conditions. **It is possible to purchase coverage in installments based on the deposit and payment schedule. Inquire about this option with Travel Guard to reduce the premium payment at time of registration.**

Travelers are required to walk significant distances including uneven surfaces, steps and inclines during parts of the itinerary. This itinerary is not wheelchair, scooter or walker accessible. Consult with Seminars International or your tour leadership if you have questions about the walking and mobility required to fully participate. Seminars International, in consensus with tour hosts and destination partner, reserves the right to not accept or withdraw any participant whose ability to participate in the tour or whose conduct is incompatible with the operation of the tour or the interests of the group as a whole.

For travel and destination information, click website link:  
[Germany](#) • [Prague](#)

## Further Information

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# Registration

To secure registration, you must complete the enrollment form **and** pay the required deposit. You need passport details (unless applying for a passport) and emergency contact information to properly fill out the enrollment form.

**Step 1: \$1,100 deposit due by September 30, 2019** to secure registration. Make check payable and mail to Seminars International, 55 E. Monroe, Suite 2870, Chicago, IL 60603. Please add **Tour# 5165** to the memo portion of your check

Payment is available by credit card at <http://www.semint.com/payments.html> or by calling 800.541.7506. A 3% service fee is added to all credit card transactions.

**Step 2:** If this is an electronic brochure, click below to fill out one enrollment form per person. The **T# is 5165**. A printed copy of the enrollment form is also available by contacting Jeanene Lincoln at 800-541-7506 or [jeaneen@semint.com](mailto:jeaneen@semint.com). Deposit payment must be received within 10 days of completing enrollment form to maintain your registration. **A letter of confirmation is emailed after receipt of both the deposit and the enrollment form.** If program is full upon submitting enrollment form, you will be notified.

**Passport Name:** Complete this form with your **full name exactly as it appears on your passport**. Include your middle name or initial plus any suffix (Jr., Sr., or III) exactly as printed on your passport. If you do not have a passport at this time, enter your name exactly as it will appear on the passport. There may be a fee for any name changes.

[If this is an electronic brochure, click here for link to enrollment form.](#)

**Note:** If you need an electronic brochure, email [travel@semint.com](mailto:travel@semint.com) and reference T# 5165.

## Program Cost

**\$5,500 to \$5,650 from Minneapolis/St. Paul\***

### Supplement for single accommodations - \$740

Limited availability of single accommodations.  
No single rooms available for the two-nights in Oberammergau. Single room supplement is for all other hotels.

This comprehensive cost includes estimated airline ticket taxes/fuel surcharge of \$362, gratuities and CISI group insurance (approx. \$75 value). These costs are often not packaged into other travel programs and instead listed as additional costs in the fine print.

Program cost based on a group size of 32 and will increase if group size is smaller. Estimated savings of \$200 with a group size of 40.

**\*Note about cost at time of printing brochure:** The program cost has been calculated on the best available information over two years in advance. The flights are not in range to confirm requiring the use of an estimated airfare. When flights are confirmed in November 2019, participants will be advised of the final cost.

# Statement of Conditions

**Program cost and minimum number group size:** \$5,500.00-\$5,650.00 based on a group size of 32-36. \$5,300.00-\$5,450.00, based on a group size of 37-40. Program cost will increase if group size is smaller. *Program cost based on exchange rates and tariffs in effect as of August 2018 subject to change in the event that there is a fluctuation of more than 4%.*

**Air transportation included in cost:** From Minneapolis-St. Paul to Munich, returning from Berlin on Icelandair using current flight schedules and estimated airfare, subject to change, restrictions and cancellation penalties by the airline; current estimated taxes and surcharges of \$362.00 are included and subject to change until ticketed.

**Surface travel and transfers:** By private, deluxe motorcoach for all transfers and touring plus handling of one piece of baggage in/out of hotels.

**Accommodations and meals:** Shared occupancy at hotels listed in itinerary or similar as hotels subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances. Single accommodations supplement is \$740 for hotels in Salzburg, Prague and Berlin and limited; single rooms at Oberammergau hotel not available. Buffet breakfast daily, one lunch and seven dinners for a total of 18 meals as indicated in the itinerary. Upon request, Seminars International and sponsor/host(s) will try to pair participants traveling as a single with a roommate. There is no guarantee of a roommate and if one is not available, the single supplement is assessed at time of invoice. Some hotels provide a smaller room size for single occupancy.

**Program arrangements:** English-speaking professional tour manager who travels with the group throughout the itinerary, except on Berlin free day; two performance tickets (schedule not available at time of brochure printing); use of audio headsets for touring; inside visits described in itinerary include entrance fees as needed; gratuities for tour manager/guides, motorcoach drivers, and hotel/restaurant wait staff. **Note:** Participants with special needs may incur surcharges for additional services. Accessibility for people with disabilities varies significantly from country to country. Be advised the Americans with Disabilities Act is inapplicable outside of the United States, and facilities outside the United States, such as ramps, elevators and hand railings may be limited. This itinerary is not wheelchair, scooter or walker accessible.

**Oberammergau Passion Play ticket arrangements:** The cost includes performance ticket, two nights hotel in Oberammergau along with breakfast and dinner daily and lunch on performance day. Hotel accommodations are First Class in Category C and passion play performance ticket is First Class (TK 1) with bilingual text book. The deposit, payment and cancellation policy for the ticket arrangement has strict requirements, dictating the registration deadline and cancellation and refund policy for the entire travel program. It is recommended to carefully read the conditions and purchase trip cancellation insurance.

**Deposit and payment schedule:** \$1,100 per participant due to secure enrollment no later than **September 30, 2019 as long as space is available.** A waiting list is maintained when registrations exceed 32. **Full payment due June 5, 2020.** Upon receipt of enrollment and deposit, a confirmation of registration is sent by Seminars International via email. Any payments by credit card incur an additional 3% to cover merchant fees. Invoices are sent in advance of final payment.

**Group insurance:** The following Cultural Insurance Services International (CISI) group insurance coverage is included for each participant. **This insurance does not include individual trip cancellation and pre-existing medical condition coverage, additional insurance is highly recommended.**

Schedule of Benefits Policy # GLM N0496486A

Coverage and Services Maximum Limits:

- Accidental Death and Dismemberment Per Insured Person \$10,000.
- Medical expenses (per Covered Accident or Sickness).
- Deductible zero.
- Basic Medical \$100,000 at 100%.
- Home Country Coverage Limit \$10,000.
- Emergency Medical Reunion \$3,000.
- Team Assist Plan (TAP): 24/7 medical, travel, technical assistance.
- Emergency Medical Evacuation 100% of Covered Expenses.
- Repatriation/Return of Mortal Remains 100% of Covered Expenses.
- Security Evacuation (Comprehensive) \$100,000.

- Trip delay of \$100 per day to a maximum of \$500/5 days if delayed more than 12 hours.

**Click here** to access further information on travel insurance.

**Trip delay:** In the unforeseen circumstance your program experiences travel delays and unexpected expenses are incurred, Seminars International will invoice participants for any additional costs associated with the delay minus the \$100 per day CISI trip delay coverage, if qualified. Obtaining additional travel insurance as recommended on page three may offset these expenses.

**Cancellation and refund policy:** From time of registration to **January 9, 2019** = \$400 cancellation fee per person. In addition to airline penalties, **January 10-June 4, 2019** = loss of total deposit/payment \$1,100; **June 5, 2019-August 13, 2020** = 50% of program price; **cancellations received after August 14 will receive no refund.** Cancellations must be submitted in writing; the date such notification is received by Seminars International, Inc. is the cancellation date. **Trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. It is possible to purchase supplemental insurance from Travel Guard making payment installments for the premium and not have to pay the entire premium cost at time of registration. Participants will be provided the details for this option at time of registration.**

**Leadership:** The person(s) identified as the leader/host is subject to change in the event of unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of Seminars International. In the unlikelyhood of a change in leadership, a qualified replacement will be selected by the sponsoring organization or previous leader. Seminars International will operate the program as planned and is not responsible for the change in leadership. The cancellation and refund policy remain as stated.

**Exclusions:** Items not listed above, including but not limited to meals other than those indicated; beverages except at breakfast; baggage handling at airports; optional entertainment and excursions; any baggage charges; all personal items, such as telephone calls, laundry expenses, individual room service; cancellation insurance; non-tour related gratuities; passport fees; increases in air ticket taxes or fuel surcharge; increases in VAT or city/hotel taxes.

**Management and responsibility:** Seminars International (SI) acts only as an agent and neither SI nor any employee or appointee nor any other person, party or organization or agency collaborating with it is or shall be responsible or liable for any injury or loss, accident or damage, delay or deviation or curtailment, howsoever caused or arising or the consequences thereof, which may occur during any part of the travel or program or during such free time as the members may elect to spend independently on the program. The airlines or commercial carriers concerned are not to be held responsible for any acts, omissions, or events during the time the passengers are not on board their planes or conveyances. The passage contracts in use by the airlines concerned, when issued, will constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of this program and/or passenger.

**Deviations policy:** Some participants may wish to extend their stay, originate or deplane from different cities or purchase the land program only. Early flight departure on group airfare is not permitted. Every effort will be made to assist program participants within the rules of the group air contract for a \$100 per person service charge, plus any additional charges levied by the airline or other supplier. Once the deviation has been booked, any changes may incur additional costs. Please note you are purchasing a group program and any deviation from the program arrangements requires staff time not calculated in the program cost. No refund may be granted to participants who wish to omit portions of the itinerary. **All deviation requests must be submitted in writing by May 31, 2020; requests made after this date incur additional fees or may be unavailable.**

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