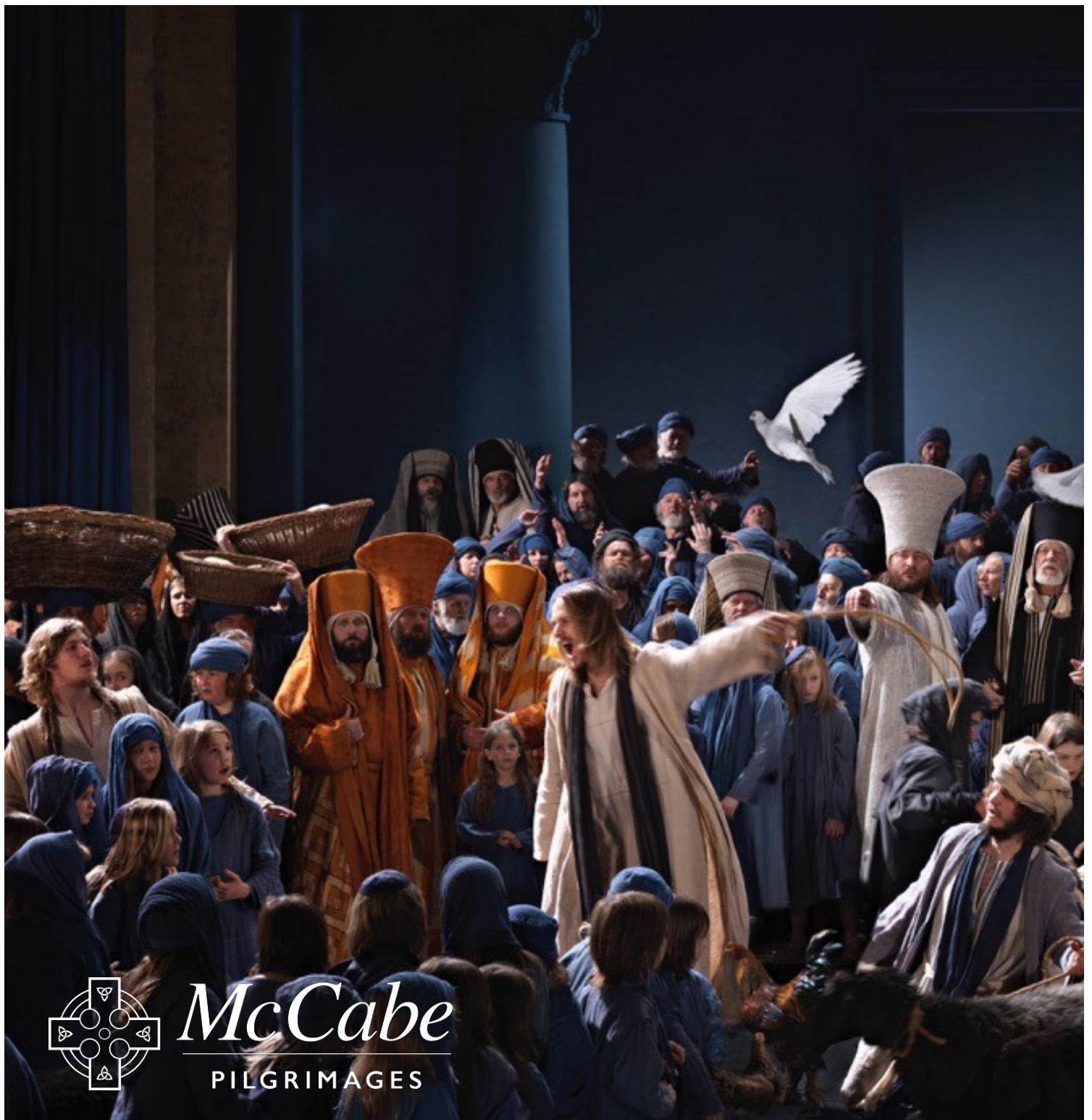


A HOLIDAY TO AUSTRIA & OBERAMMERGAU

20—27 July 2020

From St Columba's Culloden
Led by Fr Domenico Zanre



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The Oberammergau Passion Play and a visit to Austria

A visit to the Passion Play is combined with time among the sparkling lakes and majestic mountains of Austria - giving the opportunity of fellowship together with the common purpose of attending the Passion Play.

We will travel together as a group, with an itinerary of included coach excursions and walks. We begin with five nights in Austria in a country hotel between the villages of Lofer and St. Martin and in the vicinity of Salzburg. Then, Oberammergau and a two night stay at the end of our holiday with top grade tickets for a performance of the Passion Play.

The play is an intense emotional experience and this tour is an opportunity to share this unique event with like-minded people. Our aim is to encourage a real feeling of sharing as we participate together in this landmark Christian event.

TOUR INFORMATION

The cost of this trip is £1,575 per person sharing a twin-bedded room with private facilities.

This includes: flights from Edinburgh to Munich, seven nights accommodation with breakfasts and dinners, airport transfers, and an excursion programme with local guiding. Also included are gratuities to guides, drivers and waiters.

Your tour price includes two nights in Oberammergau, a top grade Passion Play ticket and lunch on the day of the performance.

Not included: Lunches are not included (except in Oberammergau). Most gratuities are included but we ask you to leave something on departure in your room for the cleaning staff.

Deposit Payments

A deposit of £200 is payable on booking with a second deposit of £400 payable in May 2019. The balance becomes due eight weeks prior to departure.

Travelling Alone

A limited number of single rooms are available at an additional charge of £210. Ask for a room share, and we will either accommodate you with another single traveller looking for someone to share with or, if we are not successful, we will accommodate you in a single room at half the usual cost.

Special Cancellation provision

It is difficult to effect travel insurance more than a year in advance, and we appreciate your personal situation may change. McCabe have a special condition that if you cancel, for whatever reason, before the end of April 2019, your deposit will be refunded in full.



To make a Reservation

To reserve your place on this tour

Please complete the enclosed booking form and send it with a deposit of £200 to the group organiser.

(Please make cheques payable to 'McCabe Pilgrimages' or write CARD on the booking form and McCabe will call you to take the deposit by debit or credit card)

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Day 1 Monday, Edinburgh To Munich

We meet at Edinburgh airport. Eurowings flight departs at 1320 arriving Munich 1640. Three hour drive to St. Martin and the Bad Hochmoos hotel, our base for five nights.

Day 2 Tuesday, Pilgrimage Theme

A Pilgrimage themed day visiting Maria Kirchentel church, Lake Pillersee and including a walk on the Jacobsweg.

Day 3 Wednesday, St. Martin & Lofer

This morning a local guide will take us on a walk and introduce us to the local area. The afternoon is free to explore the villages of Lofer and St. Martin and perhaps take the cable car up on to the high alpine pasture where there are many easy walks and eating places.

Day 4 Thursday, Visit Salzburg

A day in Austria's musical capital of Salzburg, a beautiful compact city, full of interest from Mozart to the Sound of Music. A guided tour in the morning and an afternoon to explore at leisure. Tyrolean evening at the hotel.

Day 5 Friday, Free Day

Today is free to explore the village and perhaps take the cable car up the mountain. We will give you lots of ideas before you travel.

Austrian themed dinner this evening



Day 6 Saturday, To Oberammergau

Travelling time is about three hours and we take a scenic route breaking the journey beside Lake Achensee, the largest lake in the Tyrol.

Afternoon arrival in Oberammergau and check-in to your accommodation for a two night stay.

Day 7 Sunday, The Passion Play

Morning free to explore the village. A light lunch is included. Afternoon and evening attend the Passion Play with dinner during the interval.

Day 8 Monday, Return to Edinburgh

We will visit the monastery at Ettal en route to Munich airport, less than two hours drive. Our homeward easyJet flight departs Munich at 2150 arriving Edinburgh 2310.

Flight times are subject to change

Bad Hochmoos Hotel in St Martin

This is a large impressive property in a rural location, ten minutes' walk from St. Martin. The standard of hospitality stands out, and you will enjoy the spacious restaurant and bar areas which spill on to the terrace and garden in good weather. There is a small indoor swimming pool, tennis courts, skittle alley and a charming alpine chapel where we will arrange worship. Rooms are particularly spacious and are double or twin-bedded with bath or shower, wc, television and balcony.

The pilgrimage church of Maria Kirchentel, also known as Pinzgau cathedral, sits high on the mountain above St. Martin and we will visit it by coach. The Jacobsweg passes close by and our holiday itinerary will have a pilgrimage theme. We will walk along a scenic section of the Jacobsweg by Lake Pillersee and enjoy a day in Salzburg. We will also arrange a guided walk to the local villages and an Austrian themed evening. On your free day perhaps take the cable car up the mountain from nearby Lofer and enjoy lunch on the mountain.



More about our holiday

Visiting Oberammergau

During the season, accommodation in and around Oberammergau is allocated to ticket holders for either one or two nights, and restaurant reservations are pre-assigned. It is not possible to book an extended stay in the village, and for this reason McCabe combines the Passion Play with a holiday among the lakes and mountains of Austria. With very few exceptions, McCabe guests will be accommodated in Oberammergau village itself in hotels and guest houses walking distance from the theatre. All McCabe guests will receive a top grade performance ticket and you will try to sit you together in one or sometimes two groupings in the theatre itself. McCabe will have their own staff in the village helping us make the very most from our time there.

The Passion Play Experience

The Passion Play theatre is large, but intimate in nature. In response to feedback from last time, the capacity has been reduced to 4,400 seats to allow guests more space. The play is performed in all weather conditions with the audience under cover, viewing the open-air stage and natural mountain back drop (though there is now a retractable roof)

The play will be performed five times weekly from May through September. The five hour performance begins at 2.30 concluding around 10.30 with a three hour break when dinner is provided in our assigned restaurant.

Part One 2.30pm – 5 pm Part Two 8 – 10.30 pm

From a dramatic point of view, the first half is in daylight, enhancing such spectacular scenes as the Palm Sunday procession when over 2,000 villagers are on stage at one time. The second half is quite different as the stage lighting and special effects make a stunning impact. You will feel part of something truly special as the open-air stage is transformed into the Garden of Gethsemane with the disciples huddled around open fires.



Oberammergau News Update

McCabe plans to publish a supplementary brochure six months before the performances commence. By this time, the cast will have been selected and rehearsals will be underway. They will introduce you to the principal players and tell you something of their backgrounds, as well as updating you on preparations in the village. Accurate flight schedules will also be available and at this point flight times will be confirmed for our holiday. We will also receive a more detailed itinerary and ideas for independent exploration.

Holiday Price

This brochure is being published in March 2018, more than two years before the first performance, and in the middle of Brexit negotiations. McCabe have agreed prices with their partners but there is a lot of uncertainty just now about our future trading relationship with Europe and especially regarding currency exchange rates. The holiday price is based on an exchange rate of £1 = 1.15 Euros. If this changes significantly, it could affect the price of the holiday. The key areas that would trigger a price change are the value of our Pound; a sharp rise in the cost of oil; rampant inflation in Austria leading to higher hotel prices; any new travel taxes. McCabe will absorb the first 2% of any increase, and in the very unlikely event that the price increases by more than 10%, you have the right to cancel and receive a full and prompt refund. Full McCabe booking conditions can be found on the McCabe website. The prices quoted in euros were subject to the exchange rate of £1 = €1.15. Prices in euros are subject to change based on economic factors.

The McCabe Educational Trust

MET is the heart and soul of McCabe Pilgrimages. With the support of so many travellers, we have now gone past a significant milestone giving more than £3 million pounds in grant aid to needy people we have met on pilgrimage. McCabe Pilgrimages invite all travellers to become partners in this work. A £15 voluntary donation to the Trust's work is added to every pilgrim's invoice and all money raised in this way is given in full to the projects the Trust supports. This scheme is voluntary and confidential with nobody put under any pressure to participate.

AITO Quality Statement

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