PASSION PLAY
OBERAMMERMGAU

CRUISE THE DANUBE RIVER
ABOARD THE DELUXE M.S. AMADEUS SYMPHONY

JUNE 22 TO 30, 2010
Dear Carleton Alumni and Friends:

Every ten years, amid the storybook landscapes of the Bavarian Alps, the residents of the quaint hamlet of Oberammergau stage one of the world’s greatest dramatic spectacles, an extravagant Passion play with a cast of thousands and a history that encompasses nearly four centuries. Join this momentous journey to experience the pomp and majesty of the 41st production of the Passion Play of Oberammergau, coupled with a delightful cruise aboard the deluxe M.S. AMADEUS SYMPHONY through the heart of Europe along the fabled Danube River.

Our customized itinerary combines this historic cultural event with the unrivaled legacy of art, architecture and history that recalls the glories of the mighty Holy Roman and Habsburg empires. By exclusive arrangement, special tickets and seating not available to the general public have been procured to ensure your full enjoyment of this magnificent performance, in which some 2,000 citizens of Oberammergau portray the story of Jesus Christ on the large, open-air stage of the Passionspielhaus (Passion Play Theater). During your cruise, revel in the beauty of the Austrian countryside as you pass pristine storybook villages and medieval castles. There are opportunities to visit the treasures of extraordinary Budapest, the imperial Vienna of Maria Theresa and Franz Josef, the impressive Benedictine Melk Abbey and the architectural riches of Bratislava and Passau.

This unique travel opportunity represents exceptional value and, with limited capacity, is certain to sell out quickly, so we urge you to make your reservation before September 29, 2009, while Early Booking Savings are still available. We look forward to hearing from you soon!

Sincerely,

Athea Dotzour ’99
Chair, Alumni Adventures Committee

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Barbara Mauk ’62
Joanne Mechling ’87
Ted Myers ’76
Vicki Rupp ’66

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Faculty Leaders

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Cover: Visit the quaint hamlet of Oberammergau, where charming chalet-style buildings are nestled between sunny meadows and verdant mountains.
U.S./Budapest, Hungary
Day 1 and Day 2
Depart from the U.S. for Budapest. Upon arrival in Budapest, embark the M.S. Amadeus Symphony. This evening, join your traveling companions for the Captain’s welcome toast before dinner.

Budapest
Day 3
For centuries, the twin cities of Buda and Pest have faced each other across the Danube River. When the Habsburg Archduke Joseph, son of Emperor Leopold II, became Palatine of Budapest in 1796, he undertook a building program on an unprecedented scale. By the time this “most Hungarian Habsburg” died in 1847, Budapest rivaled Vienna as an imperial capital of the first rank.

Enjoy the morning at leisure in the “Pearl of the Danube,” or join the optional tour beginning on the Pest side, where the elegant limestone Parliament Building rises beside the river. Pass through Heroes’ Square and admire its monuments to the Magyar chiefs who conquered Hungary in A.D. 896. Cross the imposing Chain Bridge linking the low-lying Pest side to the hillier Buda side of the Danube. On Castle Hill, visit the Gothic Matthias Church, built in the 1200s, and the neo-Romanesque Fishermen’s Bastion, which commands a panoramic view of the city.

Depart Budapest early this afternoon, commencing your Danube River cruise.

Walk through romantic Passau, a city whose picturesque setting and Baroque architecture lend themselves to a leisurely riverside stroll.

Bratislava, Slovakia/
Vienna, Austria
Day 4
Dock in Bratislava, capital of Slovakia, located in the foothills of the Carpathian Mountains overlooking the banks of the Danube. Beautifully restored since the end of the Cold War, the city seamlessly blends its 1,000-year-old history with the cutting-edge dynamism of one of the most rapidly changing cities in Europe.

During this morning’s optional walking tour of the Old Town, see some of the finest medieval, Renaissance and 19th-century architecture in central Europe. Admire the grand Romanesque 14th-century Cathedral of St. Martin and see the 14th-century St. Michael’s Gate, the only remaining portion of the city’s original fortifications. Visit the elaborate Primatial Palace and marvel at the beauty of the magnificent Slovak National Theatre.

Enjoy a relaxing afternoon cruising the Danube River to Vienna.

Vienna
Day 5
Seat of the Habsburg Empire and a virtual open-air museum of Baroque architecture, Vienna owes its present appearance to the Austro-Hungarian Emperor Franz Josef. He demolished the city’s defense walls in order to create the Ringstrasse. There is free time in Vienna, or you have the opportunity to view some of the city’s finest landmarks—the Austrian National Opera, the Parliament, the Hofburg Palace Imperial Apartments,
the Burgtheater and the Town Hall—as you drive along this ring road to the Stephansdom, the great 13th-century cathedral renowned for the dazzling zigzagged tiles that adorn its roof. The afternoon is at leisure, or join the optional excursion to Schönbrunn Palace, the impressive summer estate of the Habsburgs. Admire its priceless collections of art and antiques, and learn more about the Austrian Empire and its distinguished rulers.

**MELK**

*Day 6*

Melk Abbey glows in golden hues from the top of a high granite bluff above a bend of the Danube River. The original Benedictine monastery dates from 1089.

Pursue independent interests in the nearby village of Emmersdorf, or set off for the optional tour of the abbey, noting the intricate Baroque décor of its marble hall, spiral staircase and library, known for its extensive collection of medieval manuscripts and volumes. See the priceless relics and magnificent artwork by the 16th-century “Danube School” masters like Albrecht Dürer and Lucas Cranach.

Depart Melk early in the afternoon. This evening, attend the Captain’s farewell toast and dinner.

**PASSAU/OBERAMMERGAU**

*Day 7*

Disembark in Passau, scenically located at the confluence of the Danube, Inn and Ilz rivers. Its Baroque architecture was considered so beautiful that Napoleon spared it from bombardment. Stroll along the picturesque streets leading to the Bishop’s New Residence Museum, an elegant 18th-century structure displaying the Cathedral Treasury. After a guided tour of the museum, continue to the immense St. Stephen’s Cathedral, whose sumptuous interior contains one of the world’s largest church organs.

From Passau, enjoy the scenic drive through the Bavarian Alps to the charming village of Oberammergau. Check into your traditional Bavarian hotel in time for dinner.

*Along the Ringstrasse, see the architectural treasures of Vienna’s imperial past, including the Hofburg Palace, official residence of Austria’s president.*
OBERAMMERGAU/PASSION PLAY
Day 8
Set off on an escorted walking tour of this charming town, which is synonymous with the great Passion play that is performed here every 10 years. Admire the elaborate murals that adorn the walls and façades of village buildings, many depicting scenes from the Passion story. Visit the Oberammergau Museum and peruse its captivating collection of local arts and crafts, particularly the intricate wood carvings for which the region is so famous.

After lunch, experience one of Europe’s oldest and most venerable dramatic traditions. Enjoy specially reserved seating at the 2010 Passion Play of Oberammergau, featuring a cast of thousands and spectacular sets. The inception of this prestigious performance can be traced back to 1633 at the height of the Black Death plague and the Thirty Years War, when local residents pledged to perform the Passion play every ten years in thanks for their deliverance and survival. During intermission, enjoy a dinner of traditional Bavarian fare.

OBERAMMERGAU/MUNICH/RETURN TO U.S.
Day 9
Transfer to Munich for your return flight to the U.S., arriving later today.

On your way from Vienna to Melk, cruise through the picturesque Wachau Valley, designated a UNESCO World Heritage site for its harmonious landscape of well-preserved medieval architecture and natural beauty.
**M. S. Amadeus Symphony**

The elegance, romance and magic of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart’s music have been perfectly embodied in the deluxe M.S. AMADEUS SYMPHONY, a member of the prestigious AMADEUS PREMIUM river fleet and one of the finest vessels to ply the waterways of Europe. Its comfortable accommodations and personalized service blend harmoniously with the ship’s sleek lines, impeccable construction and state-of-the-art technology to provide a small-ship cruise experience ideal for exploring the natural and historical treasures of the Danube River.

All 69 tastefully appointed staterooms are outside and, at a standard 160 square feet, more spacious than those typically found on river ships. Staterooms feature two lower twin beds (convertible to one double bed), private bathroom facilities with shower, air conditioning, telephone, television and writing desk; staterooms on the Mozart and Strauss Decks feature a panoramic window. Additionally, the four 220-square-foot junior suites include a stylish lounge area, sofa bed and minibar.

Meals are served in single, open seatings in the panoramic restaurant, where guests savor gourmet Continental cuisine while enjoying views of the landscape. The ship has two bars, one featuring nightly musical entertainment; sun deck with lounge chairs and walking track; hair salon; boutique; and fitness center.

The M.S. AMADEUS SYMPHONY’s highly qualified European crew affords participants an unmatched level of service distinguished by professionalism, efficiency and personal attention. The ship also meets the highest international safety and environmental standards.

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**Budapest Pre-Program Option**

Arrive in elegant Budapest prior to your Danube River cruise and spend two nights in a deluxe, centrally located hotel. Excursions include a walking tour of the lively Pest side of the city and a specially arranged visit to the home of composer Béla Bartók. Complete details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

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**Munich Post-Program Option**

Extend your travel program in Bavaria’s vibrant capital of Munich, known for its splendid medieval monuments, grand halls and bustling public squares. Visit Munich’s most famous landmarks and enjoy two nights in deluxe accommodations in the heart of the city. Complete details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.
A Tradition Like No Other: The Passion Play of Oberammergau

One day nearly 400 years ago, as the heartland of Europe was brought to its knees by the twin horrors of the Thirty Years War and the Black Death, the ruling council of Oberammergau made a desperate attempt to safeguard their hamlet against the plague. No one from outside the village boundaries would be allowed to enter, not even residents returning from their day’s work. The decree protected the village for some time, but an exiled day laborer eventually slipped back home—and brought the plague with him. The residents of Oberammergau sought deliverance from the spreading pestilence by performing a modest Passion play on a simple stage built over the graves of plague victims. Sparied further ravages of the plague, surviving villagers made a solemn vow to reenact the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ every ten years in perpetuity as an act of thanks and remembrance.

Through the centuries, the play rose in prestige as it drew pilgrims from across Europe and attracted Germany’s greatest poets to compose its scripts. Today, 376 years later, the tradition lives on, respected throughout Europe and across the globe as the world’s most historic and spectacular Passion play. Performed on one of the world’s largest stages, the extravagant Passionspielhaus, the play now features a cast of nearly 2,000 village residents who transform themselves from Bavarian farmers and townsfolk into a dazzling array of Roman centurions, Jewish villagers and characters from the world’s most famous story of death and rebirth. A spectacle like no other, this stirring dramatic experience draws spectators from around the world and is without peer in the scale of its pomp and pageantry as well as the universal theme of its story.
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I/we want to make reservations in stateroom category:

1st Choice _______ 2nd Choice _______

- Double occupancy (one double bed),
- Double occupancy (two twin beds),
- Single accommodations.

I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

**BUDAPEST PRE-PROGRAM RESERVATIONS**

- Double at $695 per person.
- Single at $895 per person.

I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

**MUNICH POST-PROGRAM RESERVATIONS**

- Double at $850 per person.
- Single at $1250 per person.

I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

**Program Air:**

- Flights Chicago/Budapest with return Munich/Chicago. Airfare is available at an additional cost to be advised.
- Flights from (fill in departure city) to Budapest, Hungary, with return from Munich, Germany at an additional cost to be advised.

Class: □ Economy □ Business □ First

An Air Coordinator will contact you no later than four months prior to departure regarding your selections.

**Notes:**

1. Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable.

I/will make my/our own air arrangements.

**EARLY BOOKING SAVINGS - Reserve by September 29, 2009, and save $1000 per couple!**

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- Singles are available upon request in category 5 at $3895 and category 2 at $7495 on or before September 29, 2009. Add $500 for reservations made after September 29, 2009.
- Taxes are an additional $295 per person and are subject to change.
En route to Oberammergau, call in Vienna, home to the beloved St. Stephen’s Cathedral.

CONTRACT: TERMS & CONDITIONS

NOT INCLUDED: Taxes, passport fees; visas and fees for obtaining visas; personal expenses such as laundry and telephone calls; accident/sickness, trip cancellation, and baggage insurance; gratuities to hotel and ship personnel; optional sightseeing excursions; excess baggage charges on aircraft; local departure air taxes; airfare and associated local taxes; airport facility taxes and federal inspection fees not listed in the “Included Features” section; transfers and baggage handling to/from airport/ship on day(s) of arrival and/or departure 1) if you have not purchased your air arrangements through Thomas P. Gohagan & Company, or 2) if you are arriving earlier or later than and/or departing earlier or later than the scheduled group(s) meals and alcoholic beverages not listed in the “Included Features” section; and all other services not specifically mentioned in the “Included Features” section.

AIRFARE: Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable. Your airline ticket constitutes a contract between you and the airline (not Thomas P. Gohagan & Company), even if purchased through Thomas P. Gohagan & Company.

LUGGAGE: Luggage allowance policies are set by the airlines and may change without prior notice. Please contact your airline(s) for the most current luggage allowance policy.

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CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS: Cancellations for all or any part of the trip will not be effective until received in writing in the offices of Thomas P. Gohagan & Company. Should you have to cancel, the following terms will apply: reservation cancellations are subject to a $200 per person administrative fee from the time of booking through 121 days prior to departure; from 95 through 120 days prior to departure, $600 per person; from 61 through 94 days prior to departure, 40% of the published fare; from 45 through 60 days prior to departure, 55% of the published fare; from 22 through 44 days prior to departure, 70% of the published fare; and from 0 through 21 days prior to departure, 100% of the published fare. In addition, all applicable air, land, and/or cruise cancellation fees and administrative fees will be assessed.

PRE-PROGRAM AND POST-PROGRAM CANCELLATIONS: Should you have to cancel, the following terms will apply: reservation cancellations are subject to a $50 per person administrative fee from the time of booking through 121 days prior to departure; from 95 through 120 days prior to departure, $200 per person; from 61 through 94 days prior to departure, 40% of the published fare; from 45 through 60 days prior to departure, 55% of the published fare; from 22 through 44 days prior to departure, 70% of the published fare; from 0 through 21 days prior to departure, 100% of the published fare. In addition, all applicable air, land, and/or cruise cancellation fees and administrative fees will be assessed.

Because these cancellation policies are strictly enforced, we strongly recommend for your protection that you purchase trip cancellation insurance.

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RATES: Prices quoted are based on fares in effect at the time of printing and are subject to change prior to departure.


ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT: By forwarding of deposit, the participant certifies that he/she does not have any mental, physical or other condition of disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other participants and accepts the terms and conditions of this contract.

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