The Tour Price Includes:

Air Transportation: Airlines are based on special contract agreements with various international airlines and involve certain restrictions and deadlines. These fares are subject to cancellation penalties, and if you are issued, are NON-REFUNDABLE, NON-TRANSFERABLE AND CANNOT BE USED TOWARDS FUTURE TRAVEL. Please refer to CANCELLATION AND REFUND OF AIR AND LAND ARRANGEMENTS CLAUSE/ POLICY below. Airfares are based on prices in effect as of JANUARY 1, 2020, and are subject to change without notice.

It is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT YOU PURCHASE TRAVEL INSURANCE.

Surface Transportation: All surface transportation as described in the itinerary will be by modern motorcoach designed for highway travel. Group will be met and transferred on arrival and departure.

Hotels: First-Class Hotels (*A Star Throughout): Hotel classifications as per ratings on OHMIG published by Ziff-Davis Company in New York. Hotels are double occupancy (2 people per room).

Single room: The single room rate is the lowest price that can be achieved by the operator within the constraints of the itinerary. The single rooms are available on a first come first serve basis. If you request a roommate and none are available, you will pay ½ this amount as a forced single room

Meal Plan: The meal plan is half board. 2 meals per day, consists of breakfast and dinner, depending on the routine of the itinerary. Taxes and service charges normally appearing on the restaurant bills are included in the tour price. A list of all food allergies must be emailed to info@inspirationaltoursinc.com for hotel accommodation. In the case the hotel is unable to accommodate, passenger is responsible for all meals. Unused meals will NOT be reimbursed.

Baggage: INSpirATIONAL TOURS restricts all tour passengers to 1 piece of checked luggage and 1 carry-on. All Passengers should check with the airline for up-to-date baggage weight and dimension information and restrictions which are subject to change at any time before departure.

Included: Airports, Fuel Surcharges, (subject to change) & Tips to guides and drivers.

Attendees of the Passion Play

The Tour Price Does Not Include:

Expenses of passports, laundry, wines, mineral water, after-luncheon and after-dinner tea or coffee or food not on the menus of the

餐室. All items of a personal nature plus those not listed above as being included in the tour price.

Booking Conditions: Deposits and Payment: A non-refundable deposit of $500.00 per person is required at the time of booking to be paid by either cash, checks, or money orders only! NO TELEPHONE DEVIATION REQUESTS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

CANCELLATION AND REFUND OF TRAVEL INSURANCE - A BROCHURE WILL BE PROVIDED UPON RECEIPT OF YOUR REGISTRATION AND DEPOSIT.

Responsibility: Inspirational Tours, Inc. or their agents only act as agent for the passenger in regards to travel, whether by rail, bus, air car, motorcoach or plane and assume no liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may be occasioned either by acts or default in any vehicle or for any reason whatsoever, or through the acts or default of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the tour. They can accept no responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine or other causes. All such losses or expenses will have to be borne by the passenger as tour rates provide for arrangements only for the time stated. The right is reserved to substitute hotels of similar quality to those specified in the itinerary and the right is reserved to cancel any tour prior to departure, in which case a full refund will constitute full settlement to the passenger. No refund will be made for any unused portion of the tour unless arrangements are made prior to departure from the United States. The airlines concerned, their agents, or airlines and other carriers, are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time the passenger is not on board the aircraft. The passenger ticket is in use by said carriers, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the carrier and the passengers of these tickets and in no event shall it be the passenger’s responsibility to obtain any visas that they need to travel. The service charge of 2% is levied for these items, and it is the responsibility of the passenger to ensure that all required formalities are undertaken by the passenger. The U.S.A. may be provided by any member of the Air Traffic Conference of America. PRICES ARE BASED ON RATES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020 AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

CANCELLATION and Refund Policy: All cancellations MUST BE RECEIVED IN WRITING VIA FAX, E-MAIL OR REGULAR U.S. MAIL. Automatic: $600.00 cancellation fee prior to departure, 60 to 30 days prior to departure 55% of tour cost cancellation fee, 29 days or more prior to departure up to 30 days prior to departure 25% of tour cost cancellation fee, 30 days or more prior to departure refund of all tour cost cancellations less any total loss of tour costs, Air and Land. If non-refundable air tickets have been issued prior to receiving notice of your cancellation, you will be charged the price of the ticket in addition to the cancellation penalties listed above. ALL RESERVATIONS ARE NON-TRANSFERABLE AT ANY TIME FOR ANY REASON. Deviations: Deviation policies vary by airline and are normally only allowed on flight return journey, from the same departing city on the group, and depend upon availability. There is a change fee of approximately $150.00 per person, plus any additional airline charges. All deviation requests must be made in writing, at least 90 days before departure date. NO TELEPHONE DEVIATION REQUESTS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Tour Prices: All tour prices quoted for transportation and land arrangements in the itinerary are based on rates, (including foreign exchange rates), in effect at the time of original tour agreement with your tour host and accordingly are subject to increase without notice if such rates change prior to departure.

Insurance: To protect your travel plans, WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND THE PURCHASE OF TRAVEL INSURANCE. A BROCHURE WILL BE PROVIDED UPON RECEIPT OF YOUR REGISTRATION AND DEPOSIT.

A History of 366 Years of Devotion

The story behind the Oberammergau Passion Play is one of faith, and began with a miracle. In the 1600’s the deadly disease known as “The Black Plague”, struck down thousands of people throughout Europe, and the town of Oberammergau, was, of course, threatened. The townspeople prayed to be spared, vowing that they would present a play depicting the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus every 10 years. Those who were stricken down with the disease soon began to miraculously recover, and only a few people died in Oberammergau. True to their word, the villagers of Oberammergau presented their first Passion Play in 1634 in a small performance that took place out in a meadow. Over the years, they have kept their pledge and their routing of plays has only been interrupted by the two World Wars. Today, the Passion Play is enacted on an open-air stage set against a magnificent mountain background. The covered auditorium seats 5,200, the play’s verse and music were produced by local artist, and the very special 2020 Passion Play Performance.

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DAY 01/Sept. 3 – Houston / Frankfurt
Leaving Houston to Frankfurt.

DAY 02/Sept. 4 – Frankfurt / Tel Aviv
Arriving in Frankfurt and change planes to Tel Aviv. Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred to the hotel in Tel Aviv.

DAY 03/Sept. 5 – Mt. Carmel / Stella Maris / Caesarea / Tiberias
We travel via the coast to Caesarea, where the Romans held Paul prisoner. Visit the Roman and Crusader ruins. Continue onto Stella Maris, a Carmelite Monastery with the Madonna of Mt. Carmel then time for Mass. Drive through the Jezreel Valley to Tiberias for dinner and overnight. Mass at Cana.

DAY 04/Sept. 6 – The Ministry of Christ in the Galilee: Tiberias / Boat Ride - Sea of Galilee / Capernaum / Mt. Beatitudes
We start the day with a visit to Cana, the village of Jesus’ first miracle on the Sea of Galilee. We will build my Church.” Dinner and overnight at your hotel in the Galilee. Mass at the Church of the Nativity.

DAY 05/Sept. 7 – Going up to Jerusalem: Cano / Nazareth / Basilica of the Annunciation / Mt. Tabar / Jerusalem
We start the day with a visit to Cana, the village of Jesus’ first miracle of changing water into wine; here couples may renew their wedding vows. Continue to the Basilica of Annunciation in Nazareth where we will celebrate Mass and visit Mary’s Well and the Church of the Angel Gabriel. Drive to on Mount Tabar, scene of the Transfiguration. Afterwards drive through the Jordan Valley and then up through the Judean hills to the Holy City of Jerusalem. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem. Mass at Mt. Tabar.

DAY 06/Sept. 8 – Jerusalem: Holy City and Bethlehem the Nativity / Mt. Olives / Church of Visitation / Shepherd’s Field / Church of the Nativity
On the first day in Jerusalem we present an overview for a better understanding of its geography and some of the key sites surrounding the area. This includes a dramatic view of the Old City from the Mount of Olives, revealing a city with 4000 years of history. From this vantage point see much of what makes Jerusalem such a unique city to the three major religions – Judaism, Christianity and Islam. We then head to the village of Ein Karem, the birthplace of St. John the Baptist and to the Church of Visitation where the Blessed Virgin Mary visited her cousin, Elizabeth, and proclaimed the Magnificat. In the afternoon, we drive to the Shepherd’s Fields where the angels announced the birth of Jesus. Then we visit the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem that stands upon the site where Jesus was born. Mass in Bethlehem or the Shepherds Fields. This evening we will make the Traditional Pilgrims Solemn Entry into the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem. Mass at the Church of the Nativity.

DAY 07/Sept. 9 – Jerusalem: The Passion of Jesus’ Last Hours / Palm Sunday / Dominus Flevit / Gethsemane / Cave of Betrayer / Cave of Assumption / Peter Noster / Dead Sea
We begin our day with a visit to Bethany where Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. Drive to the Mt. of Olives to walk the Palm Sunday route stopping at Dominus Flevit, where Jesus wept over Jerusalem. Walk down to Gethsemane, the Rock of Agony where Jesus prayed his last prayer before his arrest. Visit the cave of betrayer then the cave of the Assumption of Mary to heaven. Back on the Mt. of Olives we visit the Peter Noster with the Lord’s Prayer in many languages, and the Ascension from where ascended to Heaven. Continue to the Dead Sea, and the River Jordan, the traditional site where Jesus was baptized, and a chance to renew your baptismal promises. Return to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight. Mass at the Church of the Nativity (the Rock of the Agony).

DAY 08/Sept. 10 – Stations of the Cross / Church of the Holy Sepulchre / St. Anne’s Church / Ecce Homo / Wailing Wall / Upper Room / Dormition
Early in the morning we retrace the last steps of Jesus. As we walk along the Via Dolorosa (Way of Sorrows), through the markets of the Old City praying the Stations of the Cross, we reflect on the greatness of His sacrifice. Finally, we arrive at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre for Mass. After breakfast at our hotel we return to the Old City of Jerusalem to visit St. Anne’s Church, the home of the Virgin Mary and her parents Saint Joachim and Anne. We pass the Ecce Homo where Pilate proclaimed, “Behold the man”, then the Wailing Wall, the most holy place for Jews. Nearby is the Dome of the Rock and the Haram of Shafi or Temple Mount. We exit at Mr. Zion. At the Cenacle, we visit the Upper Room of the Last Supper. Next, we go to Dormition Abbey where we believe the Blessed Mary died. We end the day at St. Peter in Gallicantu where Peter denied Him thrice. We plan to have an audience this afternoon with His Beatitude, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem. Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Jerusalem. Mass at the Holy Alter.

DAY 09/Sept. 11 – Tel Aviv / Zurich / Lucerne
This morning, transfer to Tel Aviv Airport and board the flight to Zurich. Upon your arrival, you will be met by your guide and drive to the Einsiedeln Benedictine Abbey with its majestic baroque edifice and elaborately decorated canopies and marble altars. The interior is a baroque caleidoscope for the eyes, gleaming with multicolored pastel reliefs and artwork. The most important part of the Basilica is the Lady Chapel located near the entrance. The Lady Chapel is a free-standing, square marble edifice that recalls Christ’s tomb in the Jerusalem Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Above the chapel’s altar is the Black Madonna, resplendent in rich robes and surrounded by golden clouds. Mass will be celebrated at the Abbey. A short walk from Einsiedeln is the world’s largest nativity scene, the Diorama Bethlehem, with more than 500 wood carved figures. We will then continue to the hotel for dinner and overnight in Lucerne.

DAY 10/Sept. 12 – Lucerne / Mt. Pilatus
After breakfast, we will start the day celebrating Mass at the local Catholic parish in Waggis. We will then take an excursion into Lucerne to tour the city and visit the Chapel Bridge, Water Tower, Jesuit Church, Franciscan Church, Water Spile, Sprüner Bridge, and Musegg Wall amid other sites. Ascend the heights of Mt. Pilatus by cogwheel train and have a fantastic view of the Swiss Alps. Then return to your hotel for dinner and overnight in Lucerne.

DAY 11/Sept. 13 – Oberammergau / Passion Play: PERFORMANCE DAY
After breakfast, we will have Mass and then we will make our way to the world-famous Passion Play Theatre. This afternoon and evening we enjoy the Passion Play performance. The play depicts the story of Christ’s Passion, beginning with the entry into Jerusalem and ending with the resurrection and transfiguration. The Passion Play is a one of a kind moving and spectacular experience. Each performance starts at 2:30 PM and ends at approximately 10:30 PM, with a three-hour included dinner break/intermission from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. We stay overnight in Oberammergau or surrounding area.

DAY 12/Sept. 14 – Oberammergau / Salzburg
After breakfast, we depart Oberammergau to Salzburg and have a pleasant stroll with a local expert to take you through the historic center of Mozart’s hometown. Visit the Salzburg Cathedral, where we will have Mass, and is the seventeenth-century Baroque cathedral of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Salzburg in the city of Salzburg, Austria, dedicated to Saint Rupert and Saint Virgilius, and have Mass. Also see the famous Chapel of the Holy Horse Trough, the Great Festival Hall, St. Peter’s Churchyard, and the monumental Domplatz. Also visit the birthplace of the musical genius in the charming Getreidegasse. Stop at Salzkammergut and see the site where the film “Sound of Music” took place. Dinner and overnight.

DAY 13/Sept. 15 – Wieskirche / Munich
We will travel to Wieskirche and visit the Pilgrimage Church of Wies (German: Wieskirche) is an ornate rococo church, that is said that, in 1738, tears were seen on a dilapidated wooden figure of the Scourged Saviour. Continue to Munich with visiting Frauenkirche, “Church of Our Lady”, and celebrate Mass. and on to St. Michael’s Church in Munich. We continue to the Church of St. Anna Im Lehel, the first Rococo church of Old Bavaria, it shaped the development of religious architecture in Bavaria. Then see St. Peter’s Church and visit the Marienplatz, also known as Mary’s Square. On to the hotel for dinner and overnight in Munich.

DAY 14/Sept. 16 – Munich / Frankfurt / Houston
Transfer to the airport for your flights back to Houston.

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