

Catholic Communications, Diocese of Springfield invites you to join us for the pilgrimage of a lifetime!

Alpine Explorer with the Glacier Express & Oberammergau Passion Play 2010



11 Days
16 Meals:
9 Breakfasts
1 Lunch
6 Dinners

The Glacier Express is the famous Swiss train which offers a scenic journey between St Moritz and Zermatt. The Glacier Express passes through 91 tunnels and crosses 291 bridges and the 2033 metre high Oberalp Pass. The 7.5 hour journey takes passengers past forests, snow-capped mountains, rushing streams and century-old villages.

Departure: August 20 – 30, 2010

Rates: Twin \$5,799.00

Includes:

Insurance Waiver

Land, Air & Taxes

Hotel

16 Meals, as Specified

Entrance into Passion Play

& Banquet

*Transportation To/From Boston's Logan Airport & on
the Glacier Express*

Highlights...

Stresa • Lago Maggiore

• Lugano • Zermatt

Glacier Express Train Ride

• St. Moritz

Innsbruck • Salzburg

• St. Peter's Restaurant

Munich • Oberammergau Passion Play

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Begin your tour with an overnight flight to Europe.

Day 2: Stresa, Lago Maggiore, Italy - Tour Begins

Your tour begins in picturesque Stresa on Lago Maggiore. **H**tonight you are transported by boat to Isola dei Pescatori, one of the most characteristic islands of the Borromeo Gulf. **E**njoy a delicious meal while surrounded by beautiful scenery. **H** (D)

Day 3: Stresa - Lugano, Switzerland - Stresa, Italy

Today, drive through the beautiful Lake District of Italy, cross into Switzerland and the lakeside resort of Lugano. Here you will enjoy beautiful views of Lake Lugano and excellent shopping opportunities. The remainder of the day is at leisure to enjoy the lake area. (B)

Day 4: Stresa - Zermatt, Switzerland

Depart Stresa for a scenic motorcoach ride into the heart of the Alpine mountains. The breathtaking views of the Italian and Swiss Alps will leave a lasting impression on you. Upon arrival in Taesch, board a local train for the short ride to the spectacular Alpine village of Zermatt. (B, D)

Day 5: Zermatt

Following an orientation tour of the village, the balance of the day is at leisure. Get an up-close look at the famed Matterhorn, enjoy some fine shopping or just relax at your hotel. (B)

Day 6: Zermatt - Glacier Express - St. Moritz

Today you board the famous Glacier Express. Be prepared for an unforgettable train ride on the world's most exciting narrow-gauge railway. You travel through a series of tunnels and bridges as you traverse some of the most spectacular Alpine

scenery in the world: majestic mountains, verdant valleys, picturesque canyons, glistening glaciers and snowcapped peaks. Your destination is St. Moritz, playground of the rich and famous. **(B, D)**

Day 7: St. Moritz - Innsbruck, Austria

Enjoy your drive through the picturesque Engadine Valley. Shortly, you cross into Austria and continue along the scenic Inn Valley. Arriving in the capital of the Austrian Tyrol, Innsbruck, time is allowed for lunch, independent sightseeing and shopping. Be sure not to miss the famous Golden Roof. Continue the drive through the Austrian countryside to historic Salzburg, one of Europe's most beautiful and romantic spots. **(B)**

Day 8: Innsbruck - Salzburg - Innsbruck

Begin your day with a leisurely walking tour of Salzburg's historic "Old Town" - The Altstadt. Your sightseeing includes such highlights as the Cathedral, Mozart's birthplace and Mirabell Gardens. You will not be able to miss locations from the "Sound of Music". The afternoon will be at leisure. Tonight, enjoy dinner at the centuries-old St. Peter's Restaurant. **(B, D)**

Day 9: Innsbruck - Munich, Germany - Oberammergau

You drive a short distance to the frontier of Germany, crossing the border into Bavaria. Soon you arrive in the Bavarian capital of Munich where you have a walking tour featuring the Marienplatz, the Glockenspiel and the Olympic Park. Next, depart for the quaint village of Oberammergau, nestled in the Bavarian Alps. **(B, D)**

Day 10: Oberammergau - Passion Play

HThis afternoon, witness a performance of the Passion Play.**H** The original performance dates back to 1634. During the Thirty Year War, the village of Oberammergau was spared the Black Plague and for this reason, the villagers vowed that every ten years they would give a play to honor the life of Christ. The performers are native Oberammergauers. Their long hair and beards are natural as they start to grow it a year or more in advance, and their costumes are made by local villagers. During the break of the performance, join your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of a memorable trip. **(B, L, D)**

Day 11: Oberammergau - Tour Ends

Depart for home with many fond memories of your Alpine adventure! **(B)**

Your Itinerary at a Glance

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Day 2, 3	Stresa, Italy
Day 4, 5	Hotel Alex, Zermatt, Switzerland
Day 6	Hotel Monopol, St. Moritz, Switzerland
Day 7, 8	Hotel Innsbruck, Innsbruck, Austria
Day 9, 10	Oberammergau or Garmisch-Partenkirchen

On some dates alternate hotels may be used

Please Note:

Order of events is subject to change on some departure dates. The dinner in Salzburg may be on another evening due to limited availability.

All tours will be subject to the finalization of play tickets. In the event that Collette cancels the tour, you will be refunded 100%.

Due to flight restrictions, you may require an early morning departure from your hotel.

Collette air passengers will arrive into the Milan, Italy airport and depart from the Munich, Germany airport. All Collette transfers will depart from/return to these airports.

If you have not purchased air through Collette and wish to purchase transfers, you must transfer at our pre-scheduled times.

Please note that single accommodations are extremely limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. If you wish to secure single accommodations it is highly recommended that you book early. Also, triple and child rates are not available.

For your information, the Salzburg Summer Music Festival is held during the month of August.

Important Reservation Information

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details.

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Cancellation Charges for this tour: Deposits are non-refundable (unless covered by waiver). 120-90 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 75% of total price. 90 or fewer days prior to departure: 100% of total price. Cancellation protection is highly recommended and must be purchased at time of 1st deposit. The Waiver Insurance does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. Air rates and fees are subject to change until tour is paid in full. Cancellation charges also apply to reservations made for "pre" and "post" night accommodations. All other monies will be returned or credited to your credit card in approximately 14 days. Upon cancellation of transportation or travel services where you, the customer, are not at fault and have not canceled in violation of the terms and conditions above, you will be refunded 100%. Please see your sales agent for more information, or review our brochure for details.

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