

OBERAMMERGAU 2010
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Thu 06 Christchurch/Auckland-Dubai

Depart Christchurch/Auckland on your Emirates flight to Dubai.

Fri 07 Dubai-Amman

Arrive Dubai this morning. Connect with your flight to Amman.
On arrival this morning you will be met and transferred to your hotel for overnight.
This afternoon is an orientation tour of Amman. (D)



Sat 08 Amman-Kings Highway - Petra

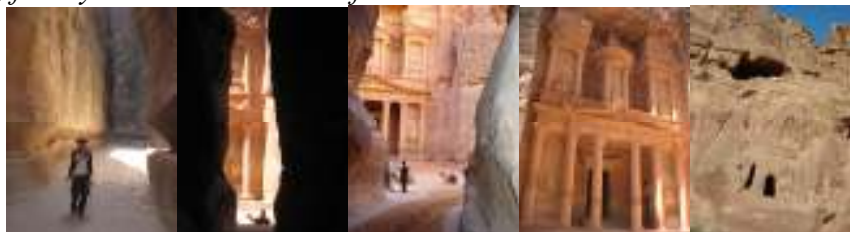
Travel south via one of the oldest highways on Earth, the King's Highway. This fascinating road into history will include highlights of: Madaba home to the famous 6th century Mosaic Map of Jerusalem and the Holy Land. With two million pieces of vividly colored local stone, it depicts hills and valleys, villages and towns as far as the Nile Delta. The Madaba Mosaic Map covers the floor of the Greek Orthodox Church of St. George, which is located northwest of the city centre. The church was built in 1896 AD, over the remains of a much earlier 6th century Byzantine church. The mosaic panel enclosing the Map was originally around 15.6 X 6m, 94 square meters, only about a quarter of which is preserved; Mt Nebo, a windswept promontory, overlooking the Dead Sea, the Jordan River Valley, Jericho and the distant hills of Jerusalem, Moses viewed the Holy Land of Canaan that he would never enter. He died and was buried in Moab, "in the valley opposite Beth-peor". His tomb remains unknown. After consulting the Oracle, Jeremiah reportedly hid the Ark of the Covenant, the Tent and the Altar of Incense at Mount Nebo. Mount Nebo became a place of pilgrimage for early Christians from Jerusalem and a small church was built there in the 4th century to commemorate the end of Moses' life. Some of the stones from that church remain in their original place in the wall around the apse area. The church was subsequently expanded in the 5th and 6th centuries into the present-day large basilica with its stunning collection of Byzantine mosaics. The serpentine Cross, which stands just outside the sanctuary, is symbolic of the bronze (or brazen) serpent taken by Moses into the desert and the cross upon which Jesus was crucified and Kerak Crusader Castle. Overnight at Petra. (B,D)



Sun 09 Petra

Full day Petra. (B,D)

***Petra** is now a UNESCO World Heritage site. It is the legacy of the Nabataeans, an industrious Arab people who settled in South Jordan more than 2000 years ago. From a remote staging post, they dominated the trade routes of ancient Arabia, levying tolls and sheltering caravans laden with Indian spices and silks etc. The Nabatean Kingdom endured for centuries and Petra became widely admired for its refined culture, massive architecture and ingenious complex of dams and water channels. Ultimately, however, the Roman Emperor Trajan annexed the Kingdom. By the 16th Century it was completely lost to the west, and was so until 1812 when it was re-discovered. Most of Petra's appeal comes from its spectacular setting deep inside a narrow desert gorge. Various walks and climbs reveal literally hundreds of rock cut tombs and temple facades, funerary halls and rock reliefs.*

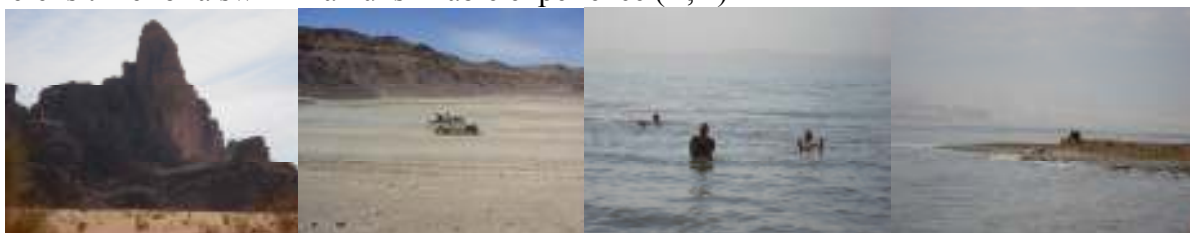


Mon 10 Petra-Wadi Rum-Dead Sea

This morning transfer to Wadi Rum, where Lawrence of Arabia once rode. Here take a two hour jeep ride through this fantastic landscape. Transfer to the Dead Sea for overnight.

*The **Dead Sea** is 75 kilometres long and from 6 to 16 kilometres wide. It is fed by the Jordan River, but it has no outlet. As its name suggests, the Dead Sea is entirely devoid of plant and animal life. This is due to an extremely high content of salt and other minerals—350 grams of salt per kilogram of water, as compared to about 40 grams in the world's oceans. This concentration is caused by a rapid rate of evaporation. These natural elements give the waters of the Dead Sea certain curative properties, recognized since the days of Herod the Great over 2000 years ago.*

There is time for a swim - an unsinkable experience (B,D)

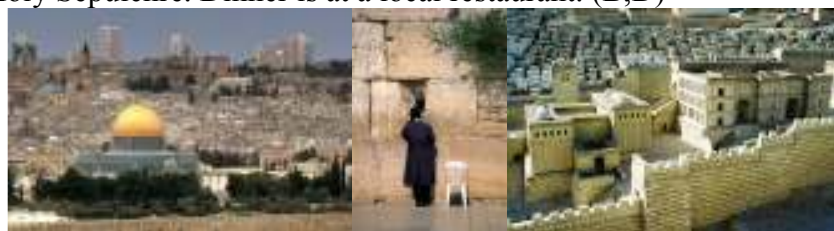


Tue 11 Dead Sea-Jerusalem

This morning you will be transferred to the Jordan/Israel border (King Hussein/Allenby Bridge). At Jordanian immigration you will be required to pay departure tax of approximately JOD5.00 per person. After Jordanian immigration and upon arrival at Israeli immigration please request a loose-leaf visa which is free of charge. There is a bank at the border where you can exchange your USD into Israeli shekels. This offers the best exchange rate. Proceed through immigration. On arrival in Israel you will be met and transferred to your hotel in Jerusalem for three nights. (B)

Wed 12 Jerusalem

Explore the biblical and cultural highlights of Old and New Jerusalem. Sights include Mount of Olives and the Garden of Gethsemane, Mt Zion and the “Room of the Last Supper” and Gallicantu Church, the “Old City” including the Western Wall, the Stations of the Cross and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Dinner is at a local restaurant. (B,D)



Thu 13 Masada

Drive through the Judean desert to Masada, the ancient Herodian fortress, made famous during the time of King Herod as the last Jewish stronghold. Then onto Qumran Caves at the Dead Sea, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. Time permitting visit Ein Gedi Falls. (B)

Fri 14 Jerusalem-Galilee

Transfer via Beith Shean, Gideon's Springs and Yardenit to your Galilee Kibbutz for two nights accommodation. (B,D)



Sat 15 Galilee

Today visit Tabgha where the miracle of the loaves and fish took place. Continue to Capernaum - Jesus' boyhood home and visit the ancient Synagogue. Visit the Mount of Beatitudes before sailing on the Galilee and visiting Jesus Boat Museum and explore Caesari of Philippi at the Banias Springs. Overnight Galilee Kibbutz. (B,D)



Sun 16 Galilee-Amman-Dubai

Today transfer to the Northern border of Israel with Jordan at the Sheikh Hussein Bridge. After immigration procedures you will be met and transferred to Amman Airport for your afternoon flight to Dubai.

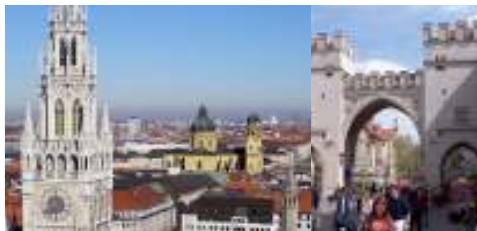
On arrival this evening you will be met and transferred to your hotel for overnight. (B)

Mon 17 Dubai- Munich

Transfer to the airport this morning for your flight to Munich. On arrival you will be met and transferred to the hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure. Dinner and overnight in hotel. (B,D)

Tue 18 Munich

After breakfast explore the Bavarian capital featuring the Marienplatz, the Glockenspiel, and the Olympic Park. Afternoon is at leisure. Dinner in the local restaurant. Overnight. (B,D)



Wed 19 Munich-Neuschwanstein-Oberammergau

Today we depart Munich to Oberammergau. Along the way we will stop at Neuschwanstein Castle, which King Ludwig II built between 1869 and 1886 high up in the mountains. It is the most magnificent and most famous of his three fairytale castles in Bavaria. Arrival to Oberammergau in the afternoon. Dinner and overnight. (B,D)



Thu 20 Oberammergau

Experience the full day performance of the Passion Play that originally took place in 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 honour the life of Christ. The performers are native Oberammergau, amateurs. Their long hair and beards are natural as they start to grow it a year or more in advance, and local villagers make their costumes. This is truly an unforgettable event. Dinner and overnight. (B,D)



Fri 21 Oberammergau-Salzburg

Depart Oberammergau to Salzburg after breakfast. Along the way enjoy the unforgettable Alpine scenery and stop to pay visit to Eagles Nest en route. Arrive to Salzburg in the afternoon. The rest of the day is at leisure. Overnight. (B)

Sat 22 Salzburg

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. This afternoon enjoy a Mozart Concert in the birthplace of the great composer. Dinner at the hotel and overnight. (B,D)



Sun 23 Salzburg-Bled

This morning we depart Salzburg and head to Slovenia. Today's destination is Lake Bled, one of the most beautiful sights in Slovenia, located in Triglav National Park. Arrive Bled this afternoon. Dinner in a local restaurant. Overnight. (B, D)

Mon 24 Bled-Ljubljana

Start your day with a morning boat ride to the island in the lake of Bled, visit the baroque church and toll the bell, then walk through a scenic Vintgar gorge in the vicinity of Bled. After some free time to enjoy this beautiful pearl of nature on your own, we will continue our tour to Ljubljana, the capital of Slovenia. Dinner, overnight. (B,D)



Tue 25 Ljubljana

This morning enjoy the walking tour of Ljubljana: visit the most significant sights of the old city centre – the picturesque Central open-air Market and the Three Bridges, both designed by famous architect Joze Plecnik, Baroque Town Hall and Robba's Fountain. Complete the sightseeing tour with Ljubljana fortress, from where you'll have the most beautiful view of the city. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure exploring the winding streets of old Ljubljana on your own. Dinner in a local restaurant. (B,D)

Wed 26 Ljubljana-Zagreb

Today we continue our tour to Croatia and Zagreb, its capital. After arrival enjoy the sightseeing tour featuring the historic Upper Town, St. Mark's Church, St. Catherine's Church, the Cathedral, the Parliament and the Government Palace. The rest of the day is at leisure to explore Croatian capital on your own. (B)

Thu 27 Zagreb-Plitvice Lakes - Zadar

After breakfast we head to Plitvice Lakes National Park, listed in UNESCO's World Heritage list. Today you'll enjoy the breathtaking scenery of this natural wonder of 16 terraced lakes surrounded by thickly wooded mountains and lush vegetation. Have your camera ready and take a morning walking tour around several of the lower lakes, and after a short break for lunch on your own and relax, continue around the Upper ones. This afternoon we continue to Adriatic coast, where we'll spend the night in Zadar. Dinner in the local restaurant. (B,D)

Fri 28 Zadar-Trogir-Split

After breakfast, and a short orientation tour of Zadar, that includes the ruins of the Roman F, the Cathedral and St. Donat's Church, we continue southwards to Trogir, the centre of artistic activities, where scholars from around the world gather to study and paint. Meet the city with 2300 years of tradition. Due to its rich culture created under the influence of old Greeks, Romans, Venetians, and its concentration of palaces, churches, towers, fortress on a small island, in every way it deserves its nickname "THE STONE BEAUTY", acknowledged also by UNESCO. In the evening, we will continue to Split. (B)

**Sat 29 Split**

This morning, enjoy the sightseeing of Split, which features the historic inner city, built around another UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site, Roman Emperor Diocletian's Palace. See the remnants of Split's Roman heritage, its Renaissance and Gothic structures, Jupiter's Temple, the Peristyle and the Cathedral. The rest of the day is at leisure, to explore the narrow streets of Split on your own. (B)

**Sun 30 Hvar Island**

Today enjoy the full day excursion to the one of most popular islands of Croatian Adriatic. The biggest town on the island, Hvar, is abundant in historical monuments interesting for the visitor. A visit to the 16th century Theatre, the 13th century Arsenal, or squares surrounded by numerous

churches and palaces in different architectural styles only confirm the picture. The Franciscan monastery in the town is known for its collection of old masters, including the "Last Super" by Ingoli. Our return voyage takes us also to the island of Brač for a short visit to the town of Bol. In the evening we return to Split for overnight. (B)

Mon 31 Split-Dubrovnik

Today we travel south along the spectacular Adriatic coast, past old fishing villages and new tourist resorts, to Dubrovnik, this 'Pearl of the Adriatic' which once was the center of Dubrovnik republic, an important Mediterranean sea power from the 13th century onwards, today listed in UNESCO's World Heritage List. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

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Tue 01 Dubrovnik

Morning walking tour of "Old Dubrovnik" which includes all highlights of this unique city: the Rector's Palace, Bell Tower Clock, Orlando's Column and the Sponza Palace. You will also see the Dominican Monastery and Franciscan Monastery with its Pharmacy, one of the oldest in the world. The rest of the day is at leisure to wonder the narrow streets of Dubrovnik, or to enjoy in the sun and the beautiful Adriatic Sea. Tonight we end the tour with a farewell dinner in a local restaurant. (B,D)

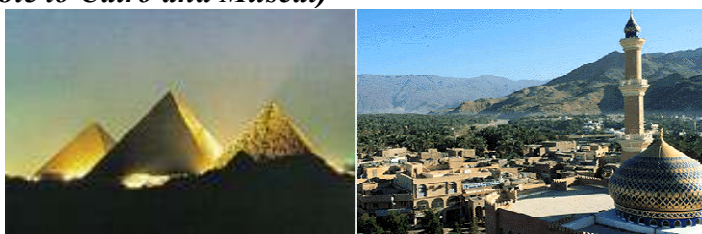


Wed 02 Dubrovnik-Vienna-Dubai

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Vienna. Connect with your flight to Dubai. (B)

Thu 03 Dubai-Christchurch

Arrive Dubai. Connect with your flight home. *(Optional stopover in Dubai or side trips from Dubai are also available to Cairo and Muscat)*



Fri 04 Christchurch or Auckland

Welcome home.

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ESTIMATED TOUR COST PER PERSON:	ISRAEL/JORDAN	EUROPE	COMBINED
TWIN	\$4000	\$11,995	\$15,995
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT	\$1140	\$3255	\$4395



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- Sector Dubrovnik-Vienna
- Meet and assist on arrival inside immigration in Dubai
- Transfers airport - hotel return in Dubai
- Transport in air-conditioned modern coaches
- Accommodation with private facilities - 4* hotel in Dubai
- English speaking guides in Israel & Jordan
- Local guides in Munich , Salzburg, Zagreb, Split, Hvar, Dubrovnik
- Multi lingual Tour Assistant in Europe
- Europe : 3 – 4 star hotels with a mixture of buffet and continental breakfasts
- 16 Dinners in local restaurants and hotels
- Porterage
- Sightseeing as included in the itinerary
- Entrance fees in Europe to : Neuschwanstein Castle; Visit to the Passion Play in Oberammergau; Mozart Concert in Salzburg; Bled: Pletna ride and Island Church; Plitvice National Park: entrance ; Split: Diocletian's Palace & Jupiter's Temple; RT Ferry ticket: Split – Hvar - Split ; Dubrovnik: Rector's Palace & Pharmacy
- Some tipping

TOUR EXCLUSIONS

- Personal Expenses
- Travel Insurance (compulsory)
- Early check in or later checkouts (unless specified)
- Lunches and dinners not specified
- Estimated tipping will be collected with final payment of a minimum of 160 Euro per person. (Final amount may vary)
- Tipping for non included meals and tipping for optional sightseeing (at your expense)
- Visas
- Excess baggage
- Changes in airline fuel surcharges

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**** Emirates Airlines: Optional European destinations**

* Athens * Casablanca * Dusseldorf * Frankfurt * Munich * Glasgow * Hamburg * Istanbul * Larnaca * London * Manchester * Milan * Moscow * Newcastle * Nice * Paris * Rome * Venice * Vienna * Zurich

If you extend your tour in Europe, you may return from any of the above destinations. Taxes from Munich are included in the estimated price, and may vary from city to city. Travel between Munich and your return destination city will be at your own cost. (Offer is based on routes available in 2008 on Emirates Airlines and may be subject to change).



Tour conditions

The tour will depart on 06 May 2010, ex Christchurch or Auckland 2010. The price is based on estimated tour costs in 2010 and is subject to currency changes, hotel availability, and airline and/or schedule changes. The tour cost is based on a minimum of 30 participants, if less than 30 participants travel the price will increase.

Due to the popularity of Oberammergau, early bookings are essential. A deposit of \$1,200 per person will be required to secure your place on this exciting tour. Interim deposits will be required as requested by hotels including 01 July 2008 - \$1,500 pp, 10 July 2009, deposit of \$2,500 per person. Full payment will be required January 2010. Cancellation fees will apply as follows: After deposit and until 10 July 2009, \$1,050 per person. A substitute traveller will be accepted with an administration fee of \$200 per person charged until this time. 11 July – 01 Oct 2009, \$2,500 per person; 02 Oct – 20 Dec 2009, \$4,000 per person. 21 Dec 2009 – 21 Jan 2010, \$5,000 per person. 22 Jan – 01 Feb 75%; 02 Feb – Departure 100%.

Travel insurance is compulsory.

A registration form should be completed to register for this tour.

If you are a sole traveller and would like to be matched up with another tour participant, your request will be taken and a share twin price charged subject to a room mate being available. If a room mate is not available the single supplement will be charged.

If you wish to visit Egypt upon your return from Europe, Emirates Airlines fly from Europe via Dubai to Cairo. You may join your choice of Ancient Kingdoms Holidays tours from either of these points. Or extend your holiday with Ancient Kingdoms Holidays to any of the below destinations : * Egypt * Morocco * Greek Islands * Turkey * Iran * Gulf States or Spain

Rooms on the tour are run-of-house and room sizes/styles may vary.

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