

PRELIMINARY ITINERARY ESPECIALLY PREPARED FOR  
OBERAMMERGAU ITINERARY

April-May 2010

Escorted by Archdeacon MIKE HAWKE GROUP  
Co-hosted by COLLEEN PASLEY

**April 2010**

**Wed 28 Christchurch-Dubai**

Depart Christchurch or Auckland on your Emirates flight to Dubai.

**Thu 29 Dubai-Amman-Dead Sea**

Arrive Dubai this morning. Connect with your flight to Amman.

On arrival you will be met and transferred to the Dead Sea for overnight. Dinner is included this evening. (D)

*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.*



**Fri 30 Dead Sea-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 where you can view the oldest known map of the 'Holyland' inlaid in mosaics, Mt Nebo where Moses looked out over the 'Promised Land' and Kerak Crusader Castle. Overnight at Petra. (B,D)



**May 2010**

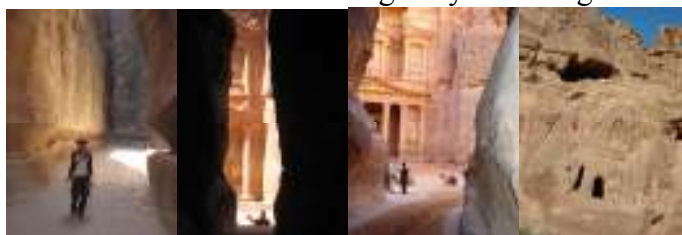
**Sat 01 Petra-Amman**

Half Day tour of Petra.

***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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

This afternoon depart for Amman via the Desert Highway. Overnight in Amman. (B,D)



## Sun 02 Amman-Jerusalem

This morning you will be transferred to the Jordan/Israel border (King Hussein/Allenby Bridge). Upon arrival at Israeli immigration please request a loose-leaf visa which is free of charge. Proceed through immigration. On arrival in Israel you will be met and transferred to your hotel in Jerusalem for three nights. (B)

## Mon 03 Jerusalem

Explore the biblical and cultural highlights of Old and New Jerusalem. Visits include Mount Zion, the "Old City" including the Western Wall. Follow the Stations of the Cross to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Continue to the Mt of Olives and the Garden of Gethsemane. This afternoon visit Bethlehem. (B)

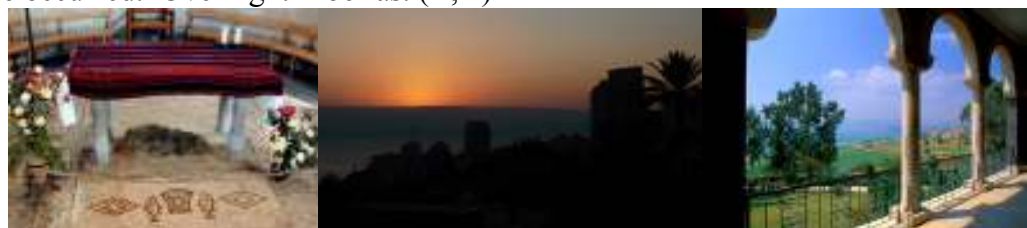


## Tue 04 Masada & Dead Sea

Drive through the Judean desert to Masada, the ancient Herodian fortress, made famous during the time of King Herod as the last Jewish stronghold. Either walk up Masada or take the Cable Car. Onto Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. Return to Jerusalem. (B)

## Wed 05 Jerusalem-Galilee

Transfer to Tiberias to your hotel for two nights accommodation. Visit Nazareth and the Church of the Annunciation. Drive through the village of Cana where the miracle of turning the water into wine occurred. Overnight Tiberias. (B,D)



## Thu 06 Galilee

Today visit Tabgha where the miracle of the loaves and fish took place. Continue to Capernaum, Jesus' boyhood home, visit the ancient Synagogue and Bethsaida. Overnight Tiberias. (B,D)

## Fri 07 Galilee-Amman-Dubai

Today transfer to the Jordan-Israel border. 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)

**Sat 08 Dubai-Vienna-Melk**

Transfer to the airport this morning for your flight to Vienna. On arrival you will be met and transferred to Vienna Port for evening embarkation. Dinner on board and free time or option guided tour of Vienna by night. Cruise departure around midnight towards Melk. (B,D)



**Sun 09 Melk**

Arrival early in the morning. Excursion of the Abbey of Melk. Return on board for lunch and cruise towards Durnstein, through the beautiful Wachau. Arrival early afternoon. Visit Durnstein. Return on board mid afternoon and continue to Bratislava. (B,L,D)

**Mon 10 Bratislava**

This morning is an excursion of Bratislava. Return for lunch and departure towards Kalocsa in Hungary. Afternoon cruise and dinner on board. (B,L,D)



**Tue 11 Kalocsa**

This morning is an excursion to the Puzsta, including a horse show. Return on board for lunch and cruise towards Budapest, the "Pearl of the Danube". Dinner on board. (B,L,D)

**Wed 12 Budapest**

Guided tour of Budapest. Return on board for lunch. Free afternoon. This evening is dinner, free evening or a folklore show in Budapest. (B,L,D)



**Thu 13 Budapest-Esztergom-Vienna**

Early departure towards Esztergom. Free visit of Esztergom and depart for Vienna late morning. Lunch on board and afternoon cruise. Gala dinner this evening. (B,L,D)

**Fri 14 Vienna - Salzburg**

Early arrival in Vienna. Disembark the cruise this morning. Visit the highlights of Vienna and Schonbrunn. Travel to Salzburg for an overnight stay. (B, D)



**Sat 15 Salzburg-Oberammergau**

This morning take a walking tour of Salzburg. This afternoon travel through unforgettable Alpine scenery and stop to pay visit to Eagles Nest en route. Arrive at Oberammergau this afternoon. (B,D)

**Sun 16 Oberammergau**

Morning at leisure to explore this quaint village. This afternoon you will experience in two parts the 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 Oberammergauers, 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 at your hotel. (B,D)



**Mon 17 Oberammergau - Fussen**

Today we will travel south to the part of Bavaria well known for one of Swabia's largest and best preserved late Gothic castle complexes. Visit to the famous fairy-tale Neuschwanstein Castle, which King Ludwig II built between 1869 and 1886 high up in the mountains. This castle was also featured in the Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Movie. Overnight in nearby Fussen. Dinner tonight is your choice. (B)



**Tue 18 Fussen - Munich**

Today we depart Fussen and travel to Munich after breakfast. We will take a sightseeing tour of Bavarian capital featuring the Marienplatz, the Glockenspiel, and the Olympic Park. Farewell dinner in the local restaurant. Overnight in Munich. (B,D)

**Wed 19 Munich-Dubai**

Transfer this morning to Munich Airport for your flight to Dubai. *Optional extension in Europe to your own choice of destination or alternatively extend on an Ancient Kingdoms Holidays Turkey or Greece tour or perhaps Italy.* (B)

**Thu 20 Dubai-Christchurch**

Arrive Dubai this morning.

*Optional stopover in Dubai or take a side trip to : Oman or Egypt Many other side trips*

Connect with your flight to Christchurch.



Arrive this afternoon.

**TOUR INCLUSIONS**

- Economy class airfares on Emirates – Christchurch/Auckland-Dubai-Amman-Dubai-Vienna// Munich-Dubai-Christchurch/Auckland
- Current fuel surcharges
- Meet and assist on arrival and departure
- All transfers airport - hotel return
- Transport in air-conditioned coaches
- Professional English speaking local guides
- Accommodation with private facilities 3\* - 4\* hotels
- 2 nights Oberammergau including – 2 nights in first class hotel, admission ticket category 1A, playbook
- 6 night Croisi cruise Vienna to Vienna – sightseeing and port taxes included
- Sightseeing & entrance fees as specified
- Breakfasts daily - a mixture of buffet and continental breakfast
- 15 dinners
- 5 lunches
- Porterage & tipping for all included group activities
- Travel notes for Dubai, Jordan, Israel, Germany

**TOUR EXCLUSIONS**

- Personal Expenses
- Insurance (compulsory)
- Departure and airport taxes
- Late check out/early check in
- Meals other than specified
- Visas
- Excess baggage
- Changes in airline fuel surcharges
- Tipping on any optional tours

	TWIN	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
NZD PER PERSON	\$14,995	\$2485

**\*\*Emirates Airline: Optional European destinations\*\***

**\*Athens \* Casablanca \* Düsseldorf \* Frankfurt \* Munich \* Glasgow \* Hamburg \* Istanbul \* Larnaca \* London \* Manchester \* Milan \* Moscow \* Newcastle \* Nice \* Paris \* Rome \* Venice\* Venice \* 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.)

**A tour introductory evening will be held from 6–7.15pm on Wednesday 19 November 2008 at St Christophers, Avonhead, 244 Avonhead Road, Christchurch. This is an opportunity to hear more about this exciting tour. (Light refreshments will be served) Please RSVP to Lynda at Innovative Travel on [tours@innovativetravel.co.nz](mailto:tours@innovativetravel.co.nz) or Telephone (03) 3653910.**



## **TOUR CONDITIONS:**

The price is based on estimated tour costs in 2010 and is subject to currency changes, hotel availability, cruise or airlines schedule changes. The tour cost is based on a minimum of 30 participants, if less than 30 participants the price will increase.

Due to the popularity of Oberammergau, early bookings are essential. Currently we have secured accommodation directly in Oberammergau. However limited spaces are available, so early bookings are absolutely essential. A deposit of \$1250 per person will be required to secure your place on this exciting tour. Interim deposits will be required as requested by hotels, plus a further \$2550 by 30 November 2009. Full payment will be required by January 2010. Cancellation fees will apply as follows: After deposit and until 10 July 2009 \$1250 per person, a substitute traveller will be accepted with an administration fee of \$200 per person charged until this time; 11 July – 01 October 2009 \$2500 per person; 02 Oct-20 Dec 2009 \$4000 per person; 21 Dec 2009-21 Jan 2010 \$5000 per person; 22 Jan-01 Feb 2010 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 suitable room mate being available. If a room mate is not available the single supplement will be charged.

**Other general terms and conditions as per Ancient Kingdoms Holidays brochure.**

**Travel Advisory Information can change at any time and we suggest clients refer to The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Travel Trade Advisory website at [www.safetravel.govt.nz](http://www.safetravel.govt.nz) prior to departure for the latest up to date information and general advice regarding the countries you are visiting.**

**Hotel check-in/out times are normally IN: 2pm/OUT:12noon**

**The only way to guarantee an early check-in or late check-out is to pre-book the night before (early check-in) or night after (late check-out). Otherwise early check-in and late check-out are subject to availability when you are there.**



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