TRAVEL WITH FAITH
EUROPE, BRITAIN, ISRAEL AND JORDAN
YOUR 2020 HOLIDAY

FEATURING
OBERAMMERGAU
ONCE A DECADE
EXPERIENCE

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AS VOTED BY GUESTS & AGENTS
14 HANDCRAFTED ITINERARIES. 19 COUNTRIES. 56 CITIES.
DISCOVER THE WORLD’S MOST HOLY SIGHTS ON AN UPLIFTING JOURNEY LIKE NO OTHER.

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A ONCE IN A DECADE EXPERIENCE, A ONCE IN A LIFETIME TRIP

OBERAMMERGAU
GERMANY

See the life, love and sacrifice of Jesus Christ come to life in this once in a decade performance of the Passion Play. A stirring manifestation of unwavering faith, it showcases the profound devotion of the people of Oberammergau in an artistic masterpiece that leaves no heart untouched. For over 50 years, Trafalgar has been bringing guests to this picturesque region to bear witness to this emblematic event. And in 2020, once again, we invite you to experience this powerful performance and meet the passionate people that make it come alive in this spiritual encounter that will leave you forever changed.

Don’t wait another ten years, join one of our trips, including the Oberammergau Passion Play see p. 22-33.

Join us for a journey of spiritual discovery.

Art, divinity and self-reflection combine on a religious holiday that lets you relive some of the world’s most prolific spiritual moments through a sensory experience that will open your heart and deepen your faith.

Walk in the footsteps of Christ through the busy cobblestone streets of Old Jerusalem. Stand humbled and in awe as religious devotion meets artistic expression in La Sagrada Familia, Barcelona. Explore a Poland scarred by war but anchored in undying faith, paying respects to his holiness, Pope John Paul II, during a visit to his childhood home. Witness the world-famous re-enactment of the Passion Play, performed only once every decade in the quaint Bavarian town of Oberammergau. Feel God’s light shine on you as you visit the holy sites where the Scriptures took place.

As the world leader in travel, our faith-based trips give you access to some of the world’s most sacred sites to reveal the richness of their history, both spiritual and cultural, in a way otherwise impossible to discover. We take care of all the logistics, giving you the freedom to let your faith be ignited through life-affirming experiences and profound personal connections to people and places.

Real Connections, Real Ease, and Real Joy.
Join us for a spiritual encounter like no other with the world’s most awarded travel brand.
REAL TRAVEL DONE RIGHT

LEADING TRAVEL SINCE 1947, WE REMAIN COMMITTED TO CREATING INSPIRATIONAL RELIGIOUS TRIPS THAT ALLOW YOU A HASSLE-FREE HOLIDAY FULL OF FAITH, FELLOWSHIP AND FUN.

REAL CONNECTIONS

Connect With Locals as you share evening mass with the local religious community at the Jasna Gora Monastery in the spiritual capital of Poland and break bread during a Carinthian dinner with the Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood. Through a series of enlightening connections to people, places and experiences, find yourself connecting more deeply to your own faith with a reinvigorated sense of purpose and devotion.

DISCOVER A DESTINATION’S TRUE SOUL AS YOU CONNECT WITH LOCALS

IMMERSE YOURSELF AND GET HANDS ON AS YOU DIVE INTO CULTURE

STAY IN A PIECE OF HISTORY WITH OUR STAYS WITH STORIES

EXPERIENCE IT ALL FROM THE ICONS TO THE HIDDEN GEMS

HAVE A POSITIVE IMPACT AS YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO PEOPLE, PLACES, WILDLIFE AND THE PLANET
REAL EASE

Chosen for their immense passion for their destinations and deep respect for Christianity, our on-ground team handles all the logistics so you’re free to fully experience each moment and the chance it provides to reconnect with your faith. Backed by 73 years of first-hand knowledge and planning expertise, we take care of all the essentials to make discovering the spiritual treasures, natural wonders and historic landmarks of our magnificent world simpler than ever with all these inclusions and more:

- TRAVEL DIRECTOR AND DRIVER TEAM, PLUS LOCAL SPECIALIST GUIDES
- ACCOMMODATION & BREAKFAST DAILY
- ALL TRANSPORT
- CONNECT WITH LOCALLS OVER DELICIOUS LOCALLY SOURCED MEALS
- THE ICONIC SIGHTS AND HIDDEN GEMS FOR ALL ROUND EXPERIENCE

REAL JOY

As the organs echo off the stone walls of a Gothic cathedral, the spices of an Old Jerusalem market carry you back to the time when Christ walked its cobbled streets, and your feet trace the footsteps countless faithful pilgrims have travelled along the Camino de Santiago de Compostela, you’ll feel your faith come alight as you grasp the meaning of real joy. We craft our trips around these “pinch-me” moments that bring you closer to God. This is an experience that will stay with you for a lifetime. Based on the ratings of guests just like you, we’ve received a 4.6/5 star independent satisfaction rating. And, in the spirit of 100% transparency, we showcase the unedited FEEFO reviews of all our guests.

53% OF OUR GUESTS TRAVEL WITH US AGAIN, ANNUALLY

5 MIL OVER 5 MILLION HAPPY PAST GUESTS

4.6/5 INDEPENDENT SATISFACTION RATING

ICONIC HIGHLIGHTS
- CITY TOUR in Wittenberg, Dresden, Leipzig, Eisleben, Erfurt and Worms
- ORIENTATION of Berlin, Frankfurt and Mainz
- VISIT Berliner Dom, Hartenfels Castle Church, Frauenkirche, Thomaskirche, Luther's Birth House, Augustiner Monastery, Wartburg Castle and Luther House in Erfurt
- VIEW the Hartenfels Castle in Torgau and Gutenberg Monument in Mainz

GERMANY

MARTIN LUTHER

10 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 13 MEALS | FROM NZ$3450 PP*
YOUR HOLIDAY

DAY

1. ARRIVE BERLIN Embrace the effervescent energy of Berlin – a city that epitomises a spirit of freedom and unity, having shrugged off the shackles of a dark past. Enjoy some free time to explore the city before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception and an orientation drive. (WR)

2. BERLIN – WITTENBERG (2 NIGHTS) The imposing green cupola of Berlin Dom is a landmark on the cityscape and what lies beneath is ours to enjoy during a guided visit to this famous Cathedral. You’ll have an opportunity to ‘Dive into Culture’ as you visit the Royal Crypt, one of the most important dynastic burial places in Europe. The final resting place for rulers who shaped the state and city of Berlin, the crypt contains 94 burials spanning from as early as the 16th century. Visit the Museum to delve into the Cathedral’s varied architectural history. Then enjoy some free time on your own to explore before leaving Berlin for Wittenberg, the birthplace of the Reformation. This evening enjoy dinner at your hotel. (B, D, ☑) Hotel: Best Western

3. WITTENBERG SIGHTSEEING See where the story of Martin Luther’s protestant movement began when in 1517 he nailed his 96 Theses to the main door of the Castle Church. That one act sparked one of the most significant changes the Christian world has ever seen and we’ll have an opportunity to see where it happened during a visit to the church, where Luther is also buried. Your ‘Local Specialist’ will accompany you to visit Lutherhalle, where the Reformer lived, worked and made his “reformationary discovery”. You’ll also visit the Town Church, where Luther once preached, now recognised as the mother church of the Reformation. Enjoy the rest of the afternoon at leisure. (B)

4. WITTENBERG – TORGAU – DRESDEN A leisurely start to our day sees us travel to Torgau. At Hartenfels Castle, we’ll visit the castle chapel consecrated in 1544 by Martin Luther, then continue to the beautiful Baroque city of Dresden. A ‘Local Specialist’ will join us for a sightseeing tour and a visit to the fully reconstructed Frauenkirche, where J.S. Bach was the first to play on the Silberman organ when the church was originally built. Spend a free evening exploring the “Florence on the Elbe”. (B, D, ☑) Hotel: Pullman Neva/ The Westin Bellevue

5. DRESDEN – LEIPZIG Enjoy a leisurely start to your day in Dresden before continuing your journey to Leipzig. Here you’ll meet a ‘Local Specialist’ for a tour of the city, home of the Leipzig Disputation. You’ll visit Thomaskirche, the final resting place of J.S. Bach, and where Luther preached his WhitSunday sermon in 1539. This evening you’ll ‘Connect With Locals’ for an exclusive ‘Be My Guest’ dinner. (B, D, ☑) Hotel: Vienna House Easy

6. LEIPZIG – EISLEBEN – ERFURT (2 NIGHTS) Eisleben is so connected with Martin Luther that its official name is Lutherstadt Eisleben. We visit what was once his hometown this morning, joining a ‘Local Specialist’ for a guided sightseeing tour which includes St. Andrew’s Church, where Luther preached his last four sermons, and the Church of Saints Peter and Paul where he was baptised. You’ll also visit Luther’s Birth House, which has been the site of a public museum for Lutheran pilgrims since the 17th century. Learn about the Reformer’s close relationship with his parents and gain insights into his upbringing before spending some free time to explore the town. This evening, we arrive in Erfurt where we’ll overnight. (B) Hotel: Radisson Blu

7. ERFURT SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME Explore one of the best-preserved medieval city centres in Germany when you join your ‘Local Specialist’ for a sightseeing tour past its iconic Krämerbrücke, the Old Synagogue, Erfurt Cathedral and St. Severus’s Church. You’ll have some time on your own this afternoon to see the sights, then join your group for a guided tour of the Augustiner Monastery, just in time for Vesper. (B)

8. ERFURT – EISENACH – FRANKFURT (2 NIGHTS) We make our way west this morning, stopping at Wartburg Castle for a guided tour of the hilltop castle and a walk through a thousand years of German history. There’s time in Eisenach for lunch before visiting Luther House, where the Reformist lived as a child. Follow in young Martin Luther’s footsteps and learn about his historic translation of the Bible before continuing your journey to Frankfurt where you’ll enjoy an orientation tour this evening. (B) Hotel: Leonardo Offenbach

9. WORMS AND MAINZ EXCURSION Continuing our exploration of Luther’s life and contribution, we visit Worms this morning to see the city that hosted the private conferences held to determine his fate after he published his 95 Theses challenging the Roman Catholic establishment. Your ‘Local Specialist’ will join you for a guided sightseeing tour of the city. Admire the ornately decorated Dom St. Peter, built in the 12th century, then travel to Mainz where you’ll see the Mainz Cathedral and Gutenberg Monument commemorating the German printing of the Bible. We return to Frankfurt where we’ll join our travel companions for a memorable Farewell Dinner. (B, FD)

10. DEPART FRANKFURT Our journey through the life of Martin Luther at its end, we say a fond farewell to new friends and take our transfer to the airport. (B)

TRAVEL STYLE

TRAVEL DIRECTOR TIP

When in Berlin, check out the interlinked and beautifully restored courtyards known as Hackesche Höfe. Each one features a Jugendstil (Art Nouveau) facade. It’s an urban mix in and around the courtyards with offices and residences but also art galleries, cafes, restaurants, boutiques and even a small theatre in a former tavern! Discover a place in the heart of the city meaning to Berliners that you will certainly enjoy too.

Stéphane Langrené

MORE ABOUT YOUR TRIP

* All prices are per person, twin share.

Airport transfers: On arrival to Berlin Tegel Airport transfers will operate at 10.30am and 1pm. Guests arriving later should make their own way to the hotel. Return transfers on the last travel day will arrive at Frankfurt Airport at 8am and 10am.

Gratuities: Option to pre-pay gratuities for Travel Director and Driver, NZ$147 per person.

Drinking Water: Tap water is safe to drink in all of the destinations on this trip. Please remember to bring a water bottle.

Trip code: RMLR

TRAVEL PLANNER

YOUR HOLIDAY PLANNER

TRAVEL STYLE

COUNTRY EXPLORER

PAY EARLY SAVINGS

SAVE UP TO NZ$353 PP

OTHER GREAT SAVINGS

1. Young Traveller Savings SAVE NZ$340
2. Multi Trip Savings SAVE UP TO NZ$88
3. Triple/Share Savings SAVE UP TO NZ$200 PP
4. VIT (Very Important Traveller) Benefits for past guests

HANDCRAFTED HIGHLIGHTS

Here’s just a sample of the many special Trafalgar highlights included in your trip.

CONNECT WITH LOCALS

In Leipzig where you’ll join a local family for an exclusive ‘Be My Guest’ dinner. (Day 5)

DIVE INTO CULTURE

Visit the captivating Royal Crypt of the Berliner Dom, one of the most important dynastic burial places in Europe and the final resting place of Berlin’s noblemen since the 16th century. (Day 2)
DAYS OF DEVOTION

TRACE THE PATHS OF PILGRIMS TO SOME OF EUROPE’S MOST IMPORTANT AND SACRED RELIGIOUS CENTRES – A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY TO LOURDES, SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA AND FÁTIMA, WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND MASS.

ICONIC HIGHLIGHTS

- ATTEND MASS in Lourdes, Santiago de Compostela and Fátima
- CITY TOUR in Barcelona, Carcassonne, Lourdes, Burgos, Santiago de Compostela and Lisbon
- VISIT the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes, Burgos Cathedral, St. James Cathedral in Santiago, the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fátima and the Hieronymites Monastery in Lisbon
- VIEW the Plaça de Catalunya in Barcelona, the medieval city walls of Carcassonne, the Monument to Discoveries and the Belem Tower in Lisbon

La Sagrada Familia, Barcelona

12 DAYS 3 COUNTRIES 16 MEALS FROM NZ$3675 PP*
YOUR HOLIDAY

1. **ARRIVE BARCELONA (2 NIGHTS)** Give thanks to God in a city that embraces religious tolerance; a city that celebrates the Glory of God in some of the world’s most inspiring churches. You’ll have free time to explore Barcelona before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travel companions for a Welcome Reception and orientation of the city to kickstart your journey. (WR) Hotel: AC by Marriott Som Llità

2. **BARCELONA SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME** Spend the morning exploring Barcelona in the company of your ‘Local Specialist’. We ‘Dive Into Culture’ for an opportunity to see the fairy-tale façades of La Sagrada Familia, stepping through its intricately carved doors and into the creative genius of Gaudí’s mind. The soaring spires and exquisitely told stories reflected on its outside walls cannot prepare you for the beauty within. The rest of the day is yours to explore. You may consider joining an Optional Experience to Montserrat to see the shrine of the Black Madonna, affectionately known in Catalonia as ‘La Moreneta’, followed by an optional evening of twirling skirts, clapping and castanets at an evening Flamenco show. (B, D)

3. **BARCELONA – CARCASSONNE** We journey north, across the Pyrenees and Cathar landscapes bound for the fortified city of Carcassonne. Join a ‘Local Specialist’ to explore this ancient town. We’ll view the Cité, said to have inspired Walt Disney for his Castle of Sleeping Beauty, and see the double-ring of ramparts and 52 towers. Dinner is at our hotel this evening. (B, D) Hotel: Mercure Porte de la Cité

4. **CARCASSONNE – LOURDES (2 NIGHTS)** A leisurely start to our day sees us journey west to Lourdes, the global centre of the Marian pilgrimage. Embark on an orientation tour with your Travel Director for a taste of what you can look forward to tomorrow. As the sun sets, join your fellow pilgrims as we ‘Dive Into Culture’ for the poignant Torchlight Procession, which has moved through the city’s streets since 1858. Join believers all over the world in singing the Ave Maria of Lourdes – an unforgettable experience. (B, D) Hotel: Mercure Impérial

5. **LOURDES SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME** This morning, you’ll have an opportunity to attend Sunday Mass. We then trace the story of Saint Bernadette of Lourdes, who witnessed the Marian apparitions of the Immaculate Conception. A ‘Local Specialist’ will accompany you on a visit to St. Bernadette’s Grotto, the shrine and her birthplace. (B)

6. **LOURDES – BURGOS** Our spiritual interlude with France at its end, we pass through the Basque Country and continue to Burgos, the historic capital of Castile. Meet your ‘Local Specialist’ for a sightseeing tour of its medieval centre, with the highlight being a visit to the UNESCO-listed Cathedral of Saint Mary of Burgos. Here you’ll have time to admire the Gothic and Renaissance treasures inside and see the tomb of El Cid, the celebrated Castilian nobleman and a national hero. Enjoy dinner tonight at a local restaurant. (B, D) Hotel: NH Collection Palacio

7. **BURGOS – SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA (2 NIGHTS)** Follow in the footsteps of Saint James, crossing the Spanish ‘North’ to Santiago de Compostela. Imagine the thousands of pilgrims who have embarked on this spiritual path for centuries as you journey west through the rolling countryside. On arrival, your Travel Director will provide a brief orientation of the city after which you’ll have some time at leisure to explore on your own. This evening, you have an opportunity to attend Pilgrim’s Mass during which you’ll hear all the names of the pilgrims who have been received in the city this last day. (B) Hotel: Eurostars San Lázaro

8. **SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME** Join a ‘Local Specialist’ this morning for a sightseeing tour which includes a visit to the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela. Reputed to be the final resting place of the apostle James, this Romanesque cathedral marks the end of the Camino de Santiago. This afternoon, explore Santiago de Compostela at your leisure or consider joining an Optional Experience to the coastal centre of Rías Baixas. Enjoy dinner at our hotel this evening. (B, D)

9. **SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA – FÁTIMA (2 NIGHTS)** We leave Spain behind and journey south to Portugal, to the Catholic pilgrimage site of Fátima. Walk the path followed by millions of pilgrims to the shrine where three young shepherds famously saw the apparition of the Virgin Mary. Your orientation tour will give you an overview of this religious centre. This evening you’ll join worshippers from all over the world at an evening Rosary. (B) Hotel: Fátima

10. **FÁTIMA FREE DAY** We journey on the Fátima Tourist Train (tickets included) to the tiny village of Aljustrel, where the three shepherds once lived to see their humble home which stands to this day. Explore Fátima at your leisure or consider joining an Optional Experience to Nazaré and Batalha, with its impressive Monastery of Santa Maria da Vitória na Batalha built in the 15th century to pay homage to the Portuguese victory at the Battle of Aljubarrota. (B)

11. **FÁTIMA – LISBON** A short journey this morning sees us arrive in Lisbon. You’ll meet a ‘Local Specialist’ who will accompany us on a drive through the lush avenues of the Portuguese capital, past the black and white mosaic pavements, bound for Belém, a district on the River Tejo. You’ll see the Monument to the Discoveries and the Belém Tower before embarking on a visit to the exquisite 15th-century Hieronymite Monastery. After a day of sightseeing, we ‘Connect With Locals’ joining a Portuguese family for an exclusive ‘Be My Guest’ farewell dinner. (B, D, BMG) Hotel: Neya Lisboa

12. **DEPART LISBON** Say farewell to newfound friends after a memorable spiritual journey. Transfers are available. Conditions apply. (B)

TRAVEL STYLE

REGIONAL EXPLORER

YOUR HOLIDAY PLANNER

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Single Supplement (add to price above): NZ$1040 PP

PAY EARLY SAVINGS

SAVE UP TO NZ$378 PP

OTHER GREAT SAVINGS

1. Young Traveller Savings

SAVE UP TO NZ$70

2. Multi Trip Savings

SAVE UP TO NZ$94

3. Triple Share Savings

SAVE UP TO NZ$100 PP

4. VIT (very important traveler) Benefits for past guests

HANDCRAFTED HIGHLIGHTS

Here’s just a sample of the many special Trafalgar highlights included in your trip.

CONNECT WITH LOCALS

Meet Manuel at his family orchard in Lisbon’s Tenas Vedas. You’ll enjoy an exclusive ‘Be My Guest’ dinner featuring a local delicacy for dessert, along with wine tasting in the winery dating back to 1858. (Day 2)

Join the poignant Torchlight Procession in Leirades, singing the Ave Maria with your fellow pilgrims. (Day 4)

DIVE INTO CULTURE

During a visit to Barcelona’s La Sagrada Familia, you’ll have time to admire Gaudí’s fairy-tale architecture and creative genius. (Day 2)

MORE ABOUT YOUR TRIP

* All prices are per person, twin share.

Airport Transfers: Transfers on arrival at Barcelona Airport will operate at 9.30am, 12noon and 2.30pm. Guests arriving later should make their own way to the first hotel. Return transfers from the last hotel will arrive at Lisbon airport at 7am and 9.30am.

Gratuities: Option to pre-pay gratuities for Travel Director and Driver, NZ$177 per person.

Drinking Water: Tap water is safe to drink in all of the destinations on this trip. Please remember to bring a water bottle.

Trip code: RD00
HOLY ITALIAN PILGRIMAGE

11 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 15 MEALS | FROM NZ$4475 PP*

A PLACE OF PILGRIMAGE, PIETY AND MIRACLES – YOUR JOURNEY THROUGH ITALY WILL TAKE YOU TO THE VATICAN CITY, ASSISI, FLORENCE AND VENICE AS YOU DELVE INTO CENTURIES OF CATHOLIC HISTORY.

ICONIC HIGHLIGHTS

- **ATTEND MASS** in Rome, Assisi and Padua.
- **VIP ADMISSION** to the Vatican Museums
- **CITY TOUR** in Rome, Assisi, Siena, Florence, Padua and Venice
- **VISIT** the four major Papal Basilicas, the Scala Sancta (Holy Staircase) and the Colosseum in Rome, Castel Gandolfo, the Shrine of St. Rita in Cascia, the Basilica of St. Francis, the Basilica of St. Claire and the Carceri Hermitage in Assisi, the Basilica Cateriniana in Siena, Santa Croce Cathedral in Florence, the Basilica of St Anthony in Padua and St. Mark’s Basilica in Venice
- **VIEW** the ancient sites of Rome, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, the Duomo and Ponte Vecchio in Florence, Saint Mark’s Square, the Bridge of Sighs and the Doge’s Palace in Venice
- **SCENIC CRUISE** by private launch to St. Mark’s Square in Venice

Souvenir Rosary Beads, Assisi
YOUR HOLIDAY

DAY

ARRIVE ROME (4 NIGHTS) Our spiritual interlude with Italy begins in the Eternal City. On arrival, transfer to your hotel for a day of rest, or take to the streets exploring the city at leisure before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception this evening. (WR) Hotel: Una

ROME SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME Trace the history of Rome through the ages, beginning in Ancient Rome where you’ll join a ‘Local Specialist’ for a sightseeing tour of the Colosseum. View the Circus Maximus, then travel to St. Peter’s Square where you’ll have some free time to explore, shop for mementos and even join a Mass in the Basilica if you wish. Gather in St. Peter’s Square at noon to hear the Angelus prayer and receive the Papal blessing (subject to his availability). Later, we’ll visit St. Mary Major Basilica and St. Paul Outside the Walls, the burial site of St. Paul the Apostle. (B)

ROME ‘Dive Into Culture’ and gain priority access to the Vatican Museums this morning. Admire Michelangelo’s magnificent frescoed ceiling in the Sistine Chapel when it is less crowded and visit St. Peter’s Basilica to see Michelangelo’s much-admired Pieta. Then join a ‘Local Specialist’ for a visit to the Archbasilica of St. John Lateran and see the Scala Santa which have been declared Roman Catholic relics. These Holy Stairs are said to have been on the path that Jesus Christ walked on his way to trial during his Passion in Jerusalem, and were relocated by St. Helena to Rome in the 4th century. Today, the steps lead to the Sancta Sanctorum, the personal chapel of the early Popes. This evening you’ll enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. (B, RD, D)

ROME – CASTEL GANDOLFO EXCURSION This morning we travel to Castel Gandolfo, the summer residence of His Holiness. Visit the 17th century Apostolic Palace, which has been opened as a museum by Pope Francis and walk in the footsteps of Popes throughout the centuries. Return to Rome where you will have the rest of the day to enjoy at your leisure. (B)

ROME - CASCIA - ASSISI (2 NIGHTS) Embrace the impossible when you visit the shrine of St. Rita in Cascia and learn how she came to be known as the ‘Saint of Impossible Causes’. Her body lies interred in a chapel inside the Basilica of St. Rita, which also preserves a 14th-century Eucharistic Miracle. We journey to Assisi next, where we’ll visit the Basilica of St. Mary of Angels. It was here that a young Francis of Assisi renounced the world to live in poverty among the poor and started the Franciscan movement. Enjoy two nights at one of Trafalgar’s ‘Stays With Stories’ - a fully renovated Franciscan convent. After a day of devotion, spend the evening with your new friends enjoying dinner at your hotel. (B, D, L) Hotel: Cenacolo

ASSISI SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME This morning join a Franciscan friar for a guided sightseeing tour of the Basilica of St. Francis. After attending mass you’ll have time for lunch on your own before meeting your ‘Local Specialist’ for the afternoon. Visit the Basilica of St. Claire and St. Damiano Monastery where St. Francis began his religious journey, shedding his wealth and embracing the spirit of poverty. You’ll also visit the Carceri Hermitage - a steep wooded sanctuary where the saint once came to pray and contemplate. (B)

ASSISI – SIENA – PISA – FLORENCE (2 NIGHTS) Continue to Siena where you’ll meet a ‘Local Specialist’ for a walking tour of the city. Stroll through the ancient streets to Piazza del Campo where the colourful Palio horse race takes place every year. Then visit the Basilica of San Domenico and learn about the life of St. Catherine of Siena, one of the outstanding figures of medieval Catholicism who had a strong influence on the history of the papacy. Continuing our journey to Florence, we stop in Pisa to see its Square of Miracles and the Leaning Tower of Pisa. (B) Hotel: Grand Mediterraneo

FLORENCE SIGHTSEEING There are few cities in the world with the artistic legacy that Florence enjoys and you’ll have an opportunity to witness it first hand when you join your ‘Local Specialist’ for a walking tour which includes views of the Duomo, Piazza della Signoria and Ponte Vecchio. Visit Santa Croce, the main Franciscan church in Italy, then take some time to shop for high-quality leather goods and 18-carat gold jewellery for which the city is famous. This evening you’ll ‘Connect with Locals’ over a ‘Be My Guest’ dinner in the Chianti countryside. (B, BMG)

FLORENCE – PADUA – VENICE (2 NIGHTS) Our pilgrimage continues to Italy’s Veneto region, where the medieval city of Padua is our next stop. Our visit will include a guided tour of ‘Il Santo’, the Basilica of St Anthony of Padua, the patron saint of Lost and Found. We’ll enjoy a moving Mass in the basilica before continuing to Venice. (B) Hotel: Le Boulevard

VENEICE SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME This morning, we ‘Dive Into Culture’, admiring the extraordinary works of the master craftsmen on Giudecca Island as they reveal centuries of glassblowing tradition. Then cruise by private launch to St. Mark’s Square where you’ll join your ‘Local Specialist’ for a guided sightseeing tour including a visit to the Byzantine St. Mark’s Basilica. You’ll have a full afternoon to explore the labyrinthine calli of Venice on your terms before joining your travel companions for a memorable Farewell Dinner. (B, FD, D)

DEPART VENICE Your journey through Italy’s most sacred and spiritual sites comes to an end. Airport transfers are available. Conditions apply. (B)

MORE ABOUT YOUR TRIP

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Airport transfers: On arrival at Rome Fiumicino Airport transfers will operate at 9.30am, 12.30pm and 3.30pm. Guests arriving later should make their own way to the hotel. Return transfers on the last travel day will arrive at Venice Marco Polo Airport at 8am and 9.30am.

Gratuities: Option to pre-pay gratuities for Travel Director and Driver, NZ$151 per person.

Drinking Water: Tap water is safe to drink in all of the destinations on this trip. Please remember to bring a water bottle.

Trip code: RIFA

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THE RESILIENCE OF POLAND IS REVEALED ON THIS EXPLORATION OF A LAND MARRED BY WAR, BUT RESTORED WITH ENViable VERVE. THIS SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE WILL TAKE YOU TO THE BIRTHPLACE OF POPE JOHN PAUL II.

ICONIC HIGHLIGHTS

- ATTEND MASS in Czestochowa
- CITY TOUR in Warsaw, Wadowice, Kraków, and Zakopane
- SMALL GROUP SIGHTSEEING guided tour in the family house of John Paul II in Wadowice, with a group size of no more than 25 guests.
- VISIT the site of the Warsaw Ghetto, the Franciscan Monastery in Niepokalanow, the Jasna Góra Monastery in Czestochowa, the Basilica in Wadowice, the Shrine of the Divine Mercy, St. Mary's Basilica and Wawel Cathedral in Kraków, the Jaszczeńcówka Chapel and the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in Zakopane and the Auschwitz-Birkenau Concentration Camp Memorial
- VIEW the tomb of St Faustina in Krakow and the cell of Maximilian Kolbe in Auschwitz
- SEE spectacular scenery while you ascend Gubałówka mountain from the cable car in Zakopane

12 DAYS 1 COUNTRY 11 MEALS FROM NZ$2495 PP*
YOUR HOLIDAY

DAY

1 ARRIVE WARSAW (2 NIGHTS) Welcome to Warsaw, where you’ll begin your pilgrimage into Poland’s religious past. Join your Travel Director and companions for a Welcome Reception to begin your journey. (WR) Hotel: Mercure Centrum

2 WARSAW SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME Embark on a sightseeing tour of the Old Town in the company of a ‘Local Specialist’ who will reveal how the city has reemerged following the devastation of WWII. Visit the Market Square and the Barbican, then visit the site of the Warsaw Ghetto. Ask for St. Faustina’s powerful intercession as you pray at the shrine that bears her name, the centre of the Divine Mercy and St. Faustina Parish. Enjoy a free afternoon to explore the city on your terms. Consider a visit to the Wilanow Palace, a priceless testimony to the splendour of Poland’s past, then treat yourself to a Chopin recital. (B)

3 WARSAW – NIEPOKALANOW – CZESTOCHOWA Journey to Niepołalanow to pay your respects to St. Maximilian Kolbe, founder of one of the largest Franciscan Monasteries. Your pilgrimage continues to Czestochowa, the spiritual capital of Poland and home of the Black Madonna. Later, you’ll ‘Dive into Culture’ and enjoy a guided tour of the Jasna Gora Monastery, followed by a moving Mass. Dinner this evening is at your hotel. (B, D, (P) Hotel: Mercure Centrum

4 CZESTOCHOWA – WADOWICE – KRAKÓW (4 NIGHTS) We travel to Wadowice, best known as the birthplace of Karol Wojtyla who later became Pope John Paul II. Delve into the early life of the former Pope during a sightseeing tour of the city with a ‘Local Specialist’. Then embark on a Small Group Sightseeing guided tour of the Holy Father John Paul II Family Home Museum, to gain further insights into his life and see some of his family’s possessions. We continue to Krakow where we’ll give thanks for God’s Mercy at the Shrine of the Divine Mercy and tomb of St. Faustina. Dinner is at our hotel this evening. (B, D) Hotel: Qubus

5 KRAKÓW SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME A leisurely start to your day could see you join an Optional Experience to the UNESCO-listed Wieliczka Salt Mine, often referred to as the Underground Salt Cathedral of Poland. Later, you’ll embark on a walking tour of the medieval Old Town with a ‘Local Specialist’ and visit the Market Square with its Cloth Hall. Visit St. Mary’s Basilica with its famous wooden altarpiece designed by Wit Stwosz, then view Wawel Castle. Visit Wawel Cathedral and spend some time in prayer at the tomb of St. Stanislaus, Patron Saint of Poland. The rest of the day is free for you to explore. (B)

6 ZAKOPANE EXCURSION Venture to Zakopane with a ‘Local Specialist’, once a favourite retreat of Pope John Paul II. Today’s highlights include the wooden Jaszurowka Chapel and the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fatima. Ascend Gubalowka Mountain via cable car, and admire the sweeping views of the Tatras before some free time to shop for arts and crafts made by the Goral highlanders. (B)

7 AUSCHWITZ EXCURSION The tragic stories of Auschwitz take centre stage today on your sombre visit to the former Polish concentration camp. Return to Krakow and ‘Connect With Locals’ during an exclusive ‘Té My Guest’ Farewell Dinner at a Benedictine Monastery, which overlooks the Wisla River. Counting your blessings after a life-changing spiritual journey, you’ll have an opportunity to break bread with the monks at a common table, sharing in a traditional feast and hearing stories about their life in Tyniec Abbey. (B, BMG, (P)

DEPART KRAKÓW Say a fond do widzenia to your companions after a memorable pilgrimage. Airport transfers are available. Conditions apply. (B)

Please Note: Your coach returns to Warsaw from Krakow on Day 8. You are welcome to use this complimentary transfer. Drop-off in Warsaw will be at the Trafalgar Warsaw hotel and not at the airport. Arrival will be at approximately 2pm, depending on traffic conditions.

TRAVEL DIRECTOR TIP

Polish citizens travel to Czestochowa to pay tribute to the miraculous Black Madonna. However, after this spiritual feast, they seek out a more earthly encounter: Kremówka Papińska. It was Pope John Paul II’s favourite cream cake in his hometown. Treat yourself in one of many cafes or restaurants around the shrine.

Kate Poloczanska-Komar

MORE ABOUT YOUR TRIP

* All prices are per person, twin share.
Airport transfers: On arrival at Warsaw Airport transfers will operate at 10:30am, 12:30pm and 3:30 pm. Guests arriving later should make their own way to the hotel. Return transfers on the last travel day will arrive at Krakow Airport at 5pm.
Gratuities: Option to pre-pay gratuities for Travel Director and Driver, NZ$118 per person.
Drinking Water: Tap water is safe to drink in all of the destinations on this trip. Please remember to bring a water bottle.
Trip code: RTP

TRAVEL STYLE

COUNTRY EXPLORER

YOUR HOLIDAY PLANNER

PAY EARLY SAVINGS

SAVE UP TO NZ$253 PP

OTHER GREAT SAVINGS

1. Young Traveller Savings
2. Multi Trip Savings
3. Triple Share Savings
4. VIT (very important traveller) – Benefits for past guests

HANDCRAFTED HIGHLIGHTS

Here’s just a sample of the many special Trafalgar highlight included in your trip.

CONNECT WITH LOCALS

At Tyniec Abbey, in a Benedictine Monastery overlooking the Wisla River, at a traditional ‘Té My Guest’ dinner as you sit at a common table in the cloister and share a Monk’s Feast. (Day 7)

DIVE INTO CULTURE

Attend a moving Mass at Jasna Gora Monastery. (Day 3)
STEPS OF ST. PAUL

7 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 10 MEALS | FROM NZ$2725 PP*

TREAD IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL AS YOU ENCOUNTER THE PLACES THE APOSTLE LIVED, PREACHED THE GOSPEL AND WROTE PROFOUNDLY AND PROLIFICALLY ABOUT JESUS’ SELFLESS SACRIFICE OF LOVE.

Greece
- Thessaloniki
- Athens
- Kavala
- Vergina
- Philippi
- Meteora
- Corinth
- Athens

Turkey
- Kusadasi
- Patmos
- Santorini
- Crete

Iconic Highlights
- City Tour in Thessaloniki and Athens
- Orientation of Kavala
- Visit the Royal Tombs Museum in Vergina, the St. Demetrius Church in Thessaloniki, the Archaeological Site of Philippi near Kavala, the rock monasteries in Meteora, the ancient ruins in Corinth and the Acropolis in Athens
- View Mount Olympus, the marble Panathenaic Stadium in Athens and the Corinth Canal

Optional Extension
- 3-Day Cruise Extension
YOUR HOLIDAY

DAY

 ARRIVE ATHENS The cradle of western civilisation beckons, with centuries of beliefs, rituals and mythology waiting to be explored. You’ll have the day on your own before meeting your Travel Director and travelling companions for a Welcome Reception at your hotel. (WR) Hotel: Crowne Plaza/Divani Palace Acropolis

 ATHENS – VERGINA – THESALONIKI (2 NIGHTS) Departing Athens this morning, we will ‘Connect With Locals’ over lunch during an exclusive ‘Be My Guest’ experience. Then delve into the origins of the Macedonian nation when you visit the site of ancient Aigai, the first capital of Macedon and the city where Alexander the Great was proclaimed king. Explore the royal tombs and remains of the royal palace at the archaeological museum of Vergina, an extraordinary journey back to a time of ancient dynasties and expanding empires. Leaving the incredible archaeological finds behind, we travel east towards Thessaloniki, where we’ll arrive later this evening. (B, BG, W) Hotel: City

 THESSALONIKI – KAVAUX ECONOMISE Admire the Byzantine art around every turn as you embark on a guided sightseeing tour of Thessaloniki with a ‘Local Specialist’. Enjoy a visit to the UNESCO-listed Church of St Demetrius, dedicated to the patron saint of Thessaloniki. Our journey continues to Kavala, where St. Paul and St. Silas were imprisoned after St. Paul’s first sermon in Europe as it is known today. Visit what remains of Philippi, which was created as a smaller version of Rome, complete with its forum, theatre and market square. Learn how the city became the centre of Christian faith and pilgrimage following the visit of St. Paul and see the remains of Christian basilicas and the octagonal church which stand as a testament to the early establishment of Christianity. We return to Thessaloniki this evening. (B)

 THESSALONIKI – VERIA – METEORA – KALABAKA Making our way from Thessaloniki to Kalabaka, we tread in the footsteps of St. Paul during our stop in Veria. Here we’ll see his Tribune (Bema), where he preached Christianity. Then continue to Meteora, where we’ll have an opportunity to visit two of the Eastern Orthodox monasteries that cling impressively to immense, rounded rock towers overlooking the town. This evening enjoy dinner at your hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Amalia

 KALABAKA – DELPHI – ATHENS (2 NIGHTS) Begin your return journey to Athens this morning, driving a scenic route south to Delphi. Here you will follow the path once taken by the ancient Greeks to consult with the most important oracle in the classical world. Join your ‘Local Specialist’ and walk the Sacred Way to the 4th century Temple of Apollo. Then visit the Delphi Archaeological Museum, featuring rare treasures from the Mycenaean period to the early Byzantine era. There’s time for lunch on your own in Delphi before you continue to the Greek capital, where you’ll stay two nights. (B)

 CORINTH EXCURSION – ATHENS SIGHTSEEING Journey to Corinth, once home to the first Christian communities. In his letters, Paul provides us with excellent insights into what life was like for the Corinthian community who were the recipients of two Epistles. You’ll have an opportunity to explore its ancient sites and visit the Archaeological Museum of Ancient Corinth before crossing the mighty Corinth Canal on your return journey to Athens. This afternoon, embark on a guided sightseeing tour and journey into antiquity. Your ‘Local Specialist’ will reveal an ancient world as you ‘Dive Into Culture’ and explore Mars Hill and the Acropolis. Admire the Pantheon, dedicated to the goddess Athena, view the Royal Palace and see the Temple of Zeus, Hadrian’s Arch and the Agora, once the haunt of Socrates and Plato. After a full day of sightseeing, you’ll join your new friends for a memorable Farewell Dinner. (B, FD, W) Make A Difference

 DEPART ATHENS We say a fond farewell to our newfound friends and Greece after an unforgettable journey. Airport transfers are available. Conditions apply. (R)

OPTIONAL 3-DAY CRUISE EXTENSION

On the final day of your trip why not join a 3-day Aegean Cruise aboard a Celestyal Cruise ship?

EMBARK CRUISE – MYKONOS Cruise to the pretty island of Mykonos, where we will have an evening stroll through its cobblestone lanes. (B, L, D)

KUSADASI – PATMOS We arrive on the Turkish shores of Kusadasi this morning and embark on an included Shore Experience to ancient Ephesus. Stroll through the ruins of the ancient Greek city of Ephesus, past the amazingly intact façade of the Library of Celsus and down to what was once its thriving port. See the House of Virgin Mary at Mt. Koressos, then spend the rest of the day at leisure. We board our ship and continue to Patmos, the site where the Book of Revelation was written by St. John. Here you will see the Monastery of St. John the Theologian and the Cave of the Apocalypse, where St. John the Apostle is said to have received the visions he recorded in the Book of Revelation. (B, L, D)

HERAKLION – SANTORINI We arrive in Heraklion this morning to explore Crete’s Minoan culture and heritage at the Palace of Knossos. We sail to the Cycladic island of Santorini, with its enchanting cliff-top towns next. Arriving after lunch, you’ll have an opportunity to join an Optional Experience to Fira and the sun-kissed cliff top village of Oia. (B, L, D)

DISEMBARK – DEPART ATHENS This morning, disembark from your cruise ship for your transfer to the airport. (B)

From NZ$1929 per person twin share.
From NZ$3430 per person single supplement.
Price based on twin share Moderate A (IA) cabin category. Other cabin categories are available to purchase, see trafalgar.com
Port Taxes: Prices are inclusive of port taxes, tips, drink packages and are accurate as of May 2019. Up-to-date pricing can be found at trafalgar.com
Flights: Onward flights from Athens airport should not be scheduled before 12 noon.
Trip code: RSPMA

GREAT SAVINGS
1. Young Traveller Savings SAVE NZ$270
2. Multi Trip Savings SAVE UP TO NZ$60
3. Triple Share Savings SAVE UP TO NZ$40 PP
4. VIP (Very Important Traveller) Benefits for past guests

HANDCRAFTED HIGHLIGHTS

CONNECT WITH LOCALS Lunch on a farm near Larissa where you’ll enjoy an exclusive ‘Be My Guest’ featuring some of the herbs that are grown on the farm and used to make herb-based products. (Day 2)

DIVE INTO CULTURE Visit the Acropolis Museum containing remarkable antiquities giving visitors an insight into the lives of Athenians centuries ago. (Day 5)

MORE ABOUT YOUR TRIP

* All prices are per person, twin share.
Shared Rooming: Room Share is not available on this trip.
Airport transfers: Complimentary transfers will be available for guests who have provided Trafalgar with their flight details and are staying in an Athens hotel booked by Trafalgar.
Trip code: RSPMA
LAND OF THE GODS

A BIBLICAL ENCOUNTER AWAITS ON THIS EPIC JOURNEY THAT WILL SEE YOU VISIT THE OLD CITY OF JERUSALEM, BETHLEHEM’S CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY AND THE "ROSE RED" CITY OF PETRA.

13 DAYS   |   2 COUNTRIES   |   25 MEALS   |   FROM NZ$5725 PP*

ICONS HIGHLIGHTS

- ORIENTATION in Roman city of Bet She’an, Jerusalem and Amman
- VISIT the archaeological zone of Caesarea, the Church of the Multiplication in Tabgha, the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, the Church of the Visitation and the Israel Museum in Ein Karem, the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, take a cable car to the Fortress of Masada, discover the 3rd-century ruins of Jerash, the Roman amphitheatre in Amman, Mount Nebo, St. George’s Church in Madaba, Shobak Crusader Castle and Petra
- SEE the wedding Church in Cana, the oldest city in the world Jericho and the Qumran caves
- SCENIC CRUISE on the Sea of Galilee before admiring the Jesus Boat
- SCENIC DRIVE on a jeep tour in the Wadi Rum desert

FROM NZ$5725 PP*
YOUR HOLIDAY

DAY

1. **ARIVE TEL AVIV** Welcome to the modern, cosmopolitan city of Tel Aviv. On arrival, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. This evening, meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception. (WR) Hotel: Dan Panorama

2. **TEL AVIV - JAFFA - CAESAREA - MIGDOD - MUHRAQA - SEA OF GALILEE (2 NIGHTS)** Your day begins at the old port of Jaffa, where Jonah set sail before he was swallowed by a whale. Continue to Caesarea, an ancient port built by Herod the Great in the 1st century BC. Admire what remains of Herod’s grandiose building works, then travel to Megiddo, where it is said the Battle of Armageddon will take place. Your final stop today is Muhraka on Mount Carmel where a 17th-century monastery marks the place where the prophet Elijah confronted the prophets of Baal. (B, D) Hotel: Nof Ginosar

3. **SEA OF GALILEE - CAPERNAUM - TABGHA - SEA OF BEATITUDES - SEA OF GALILEE** Sail on the Sea of Galilee and visit the Jesus Boat before continuing to Capharnaum to visit the 2nd-century synagogue. Stop at Tabgha to see the site where Jesus fed the five thousand with only five loaves of bread and two fish. Then, visit the Church of Multiplication with its 4th-century mosaic floor. Proceed to the Mount of Beatitudes, where Jesus delivered his Sermon on the Mount. Return to your hotel later, stopping en route at Yardenit, the Baptismal site. (B, D)

4. **SEA OF GALILEE - NAZARETH - CANA - BEIT SHE’AN - JERUSALEM (4 NIGHTS)** Head for Cana, and see where Jesus turned water into wine at a wedding feast. Our next stop today is the Church of the Annunciation, whose cupola overlooks the cave in which Archangel Gabriel appeared to Mary to share the blessing that she would conceive and give birth to the Son of God. View Gideon’s Spring, where Gideon tested his army so he could decide who would join him in battle against the Midianites. Then visit Beit She’an, one of the world’s best-preserved Roman cities. Drive to Jerusalem later. (B, D) Hotel: Dan

5. **OLD CITY OF JERUSALEM** Walk in the footsteps of the prophets, disciples and kings as you embark on a walking tour of Jerusalem’s Old Town. Ascend the Mount of Olives, then stroll through the Garden of Gethsemane. Our guide leads us into the Jewish Quarter, where we view the Western Wall with its prayer notes, and the Dome of the Rock located on Temple Mount. Connect with the city’s ancient past and walk the Station of the Cross to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. (B, D)

6. **JERUSALEM - EIN KAREM - ISRAEL MUSEUM - BETHLEHEM - JERUSALEM** Drive to Ein Karem to visit the Church of the Visitation. Next, you’ll proceed to the Israel Museum to see the Dead Sea Scrolls and the miniature model of Jerusalem as it was during the second Temple period. Journey to Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus and King David, where you’ll meet a ‘Local Specialist’ for a visit to the Church of the Nativity, built over the cave thought to be the spot where Jesus was born. (B, D)

7. **JERUSALEM - JERICHO - MASADA - THE DEAD SEA - JERUSALEM** We drive to Jericho, traversing the Judean wilderness. Imagine the roar of trumpets and triumphant shouts that led Joshua’s army to victory. See the Qumran Caves, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered, then continue to the striking cliff-top fortress of Masada. Ride by cable car to the ancient fortress where the Zealots made their last stand against the Romans. Explore the excavations of Herod’s Palace with some free time later today to float in the Dead Sea. (B, D)

8. **JERUSALEM - ALLENBY BRIDGE - AMMAN (2 NIGHTS)** After breakfast, transfer to Allenby Bridge where you’ll cross the border to Jordan and meet your Jordanian Travel Director who will accompany you for the rest of the trip. Visit the Bethany Beyond Jordan Lutheran Church, the site of Jesus’ baptism before continuing to the white stone city of Amman. (B, D) Hotel: Landmark

9. **AMMAN - IRAQ AL AMIR - JERASH - AMMAN** This morning, we embark on a city tour of Amman. Our next stop is at Iraq Al Amir where we’ll Make a Difference at the Iraq Al Amir Women’s Association and learn first-hand how they make soap from olive oil and craft greeting cards and notebooks from recycled paper. Try your hand at making your own before enjoying a meal prepared by the women. We continue to the ancient city of Jerash, before returning to the seven hills of Amman. This evening, we Connect With Locals and enjoy a traditional Be My Guest dinner with a Jordanian family in their home. (B, L, BMG, D)

10. **AMMAN - MOUNT NEBO - MADABA - SHOBAK CASTLE - PETRA** We follow King’s Highway this morning, bound for Petra. We’ll visit Mount Nebo, the place where Moses is buried and see the Madaba Mosaic Map that covers the floor of the Greek Orthodox Church of St. George before ascending to the Crusader Shobak Castle. We arrive in Petra later where we’ll spend the next two nights at one of Trafalgar’s ‘Stays With Stories’, built in and around a 19th-century Jordanian village. (B, D, L, D) Hotel: Hyatt Zaman

11. **PETRA SIGHTSEEING** The rose-red façades of Petra beckon today as we enjoy a full day to explore one of the Seven Wonders of the World. Carved into the sheer rock face over 2,000 years ago by Nabataeans, Petra was an important link in the Silk Road trade route. Enter the city through the Siq, a narrow gorge flanked on either side by cliffs soaring 80 metres. Emerge from the path and see the magnificent 40-metre façade of the Treasury. Later, we join a Bedouin tribe for dinner in their camp near Little Petra. (B, RD)

12. **PETRA - WADI RUM - AMMAN** This morning, we journey through desert landscapes to Wadi Rum. Embark on a jeep tour through the desert, then return to Amman for your final night in Jordan, enjoying a Farewell Dinner with your travel companions. As the sun sets on this magical city, listen to the mystical call of the muezzin and reminisce over an enchanting trip into antiquity. (B, FD) Hotel: Landmark

13. **DEPART AMMAN** Your spiritual journey through two holy lands comes to an end this morning. Transfers to Amman airport are available, conditions apply. (B)

**STAY CONNECTED**
- Connect With Locals
- Welcome Reception
- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Regional Dinner
- Divine Culture
- Make A Difference
- Regional Dinner
- Farewell Dinner
- Diver Into Culture
- BMG
- Be My Guest

**TRAVEL STYLE**

**REGIONAL EXPLORER**

**YOUR HOLIDAY PLANNER**

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**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT**
- Add to price above: NZ$1200 PP

**GREAT SAVINGS**
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- 2. Multi Trip Savings
- 3. VIT (Very Important Traveller) Benefits for past guests

**HANDCRAFTED HIGHLIGHTS**
- Here’s just a sample of the many special Trafalgar highlights included in your trip.
- **CONNECT WITH LOCALS** Enjoy a traditional Be My Guest dinner with a Jordanian family in their home. (Day 9)
- **STAYS WITH STORIES** Built on and around an ancient village called Jabaybeh, the Hyatt Zaman reveals insights into the way of life in a 19th century rural Jordanian village. (Day 10)
- **MAKE A DIFFERENCE** Visit the Iraq Al Amir Women’s Centre and learn how they create soap from olive oil and greeting cards from recycled paper, followed by lunch prepared by the women. (Day 9)

**MORE ABOUT YOUR TRIP**
- * All prices are per person, twin share.
- **Airports:** transfers will be available for guests who have pre-booked Trafalgar with their flight details and are staying at a hotel booked by Trafalgar.
- **Shared Rooms:** Room Share and Triple Rooms are not available on this trip.
- **Transport:** Smaller coaches without toilet facilities are used on this trip.
- **Visa Information:** Visas are required for this trip. Please contact your Travel Agent when making your reservation to assess your requirements.
- **Departure Tax:** Israeli departure tax, payable by cash or credit card at the border, is not included in the cost of this trip.

**Trip code:** RLOG

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Ireland's soul-stirring natural beauty provides the perfect backdrop for an engaging encounter with the island's centuries-old religious heritage, revealed in cathedrals, ancient towns and the lush green countryside.

**Iconic Highlights**

- **Attend Mass** in Knock
- **City Tour** in Waterford and Dublin
- **Small Group Sightseeing** of Brigit's Celtic Garden and Ballintubber Abbey
- **Orientation** in Galway and Waterford
- **Visit** Galway Cathedral of Our Lady Assumed into Heaven and St. Nicholas, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh's Patrick Visitor Centre, Poulnabrone Dolmen, Blarney Castle, Glendalough Monastic City, Trinity College, St. Patrick's Cathedral and Glasnevin Cemetery in Dublin
- **View** the Victorian Walled Garden in Galway, the statue of St. Patrick in Westport, the Marian Shrine in Knock, the Cliffs of Moher and the Book of Kells in Dublin
- **Scenic Drive** of the Ring of Kerry

**Sacred Ireland**

9 Days | 1 Country | 12 Meals | From NZ$3395 pp*
**YOUR HOLIDAY**

**DAY 1**
**ARRIVE SHANNON – GALWAY** Europe’s Capital of Culture extends a warm welcome as you prepare to discover a land where religious beliefs run deep in the hearts and minds of the locals. You’ll enjoy an orientation of Galway with your Travel Director before paying a visit to the Cathedral of Our Lady Assumed into Heaven and St. Nicholas, built in the mid-20th century. This evening, you’ll join your Travel Director and companions at a Welcome Reception to begin your trip. (WR) Hotel: Maldron

**DAY 2**
**GALWAY – WESTPORT** ‘Dive into Culture’ and celebrate nature and the cycle of life when you visit the award-winning Celtic gardens at Brigit’s Garden set within woodlands and wildflower meadows in Rosscahill. Join a weaving workshop and create your own Brigit's Cross. Leave your tranquil surrounds behind and continue to Kylemore Abbey, a magnificent castle-like structure built as a family home and transformed into a Benedictine monastery. See its magnificent Victorian Walled Garden before continuing to Westport. En route, we’ll stop at Croagh Patrick Visitor Centre to see the statue of St. Patrick at the foot of the Holy Mountain. This evening, we’ll dine at our hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Westport

**DAY 3**
**WESTPORT – KNOCK** Meet your ‘Local Specialist’ this morning for a walking tour during which you’ll learn about the town’s heritage – from its settlement 5,000 years ago to modern times. Nest enjoy a Small Group Sightseeing guided tour of Ballintubber Abbey, the only church in Ireland founded by an Irish king that is still in use. Then continue to the pilgrimage town of Knock to view the Marian Shrine where villagers witnessed an Apparition of Our Lady in 1879. This evening you will have an opportunity to experience Mass at the Parish Church. (B) Hotel: McWilliam Park

**DAY 4**
**KNOCK – CO. KERRY (2 NIGHTS) – DUBLIN** Ireland’s Wild Atlantic Way provides a beautiful backdrop for our visit to Poulnabrone Dolmen, one of the country’s most iconic archaeological and oldest megalithic monuments. Learn what lies below these mystical stones before a memorable encounter with the Cliffs of Moher, which plunge dramatically into the Atlantic Ocean. We ‘Connect With Locals’ and join Oonagh to forage for ingredients that will be used to create our ‘Be My Guest’ lunch at Barrtra Seafood restaurant. Cross the Shannon Estuary next, keeping a keen eye out for dolphins as the Tarbert Ferry makes the brief crossing between Counties Clare and Kerry. (B, D) BMG Hotel: The Rose

**DAY 5**
**RING OF KERRY EXCURSION** Ireland’s soul-stirring Ring of Kerry takes centre stage today as we embark on a scenic drive past its mountains, lakes and lush green countryside – unquestionably one of the most scenic routes in Ireland. We’ll see Daniel O’Connell’s Cahirciveen, the fishing village of Waterville, Moll’s Gap and Black Valley, whose remoteness saw it become the last area in Ireland to receive electricity. (B)

**DAY 6**
**CO. KERRY – BLARNEY CASTLE – YOUGHAL – WATERFORD** Your first stop today is a memorable visit to Blarney Castle to kiss the stone and acquire the ‘gift of the gab’. Now, it’s on to the seaport town of Youghal, once home to Sir Walter Raleigh. Later this afternoon, you’ll arrive in Waterford, once a thriving Viking settlement and your home for the night. (B) Hotel: Marins

**DAY 7**
**WATERFORD – GLENDALOUGH – DUBLIN (2 NIGHTS)** We journey to the peaceful 6th-century monastic ruins at Glendalough which survived repeated Norman attacks over the centuries. Arriving in Dublin later today, you’ll embark on a sightseeing tour of the Irish capital. Walk the cobbled courtyard of Trinity College to see the Book of Kells, before enjoying a spiritual encounter, as many have for over 1,500 years, in St. Patrick’s Cathedral, the largest church in Ireland. (B) Hotel: Clayton Leopardstown

**DAY 8**
**DUBLIN** Join an informative and poignant tour with a ‘Local Specialist’ at Glasnevin Trust this morning. Our visit will ‘Make a Difference’ to its efforts to preserve Irish history and we’ll hear stories about some of the country’s bravest characters. Enjoy the rest of the afternoon at leisure. Our pilgrimage nearing its end, we join our Travel Director and fellow travellers for a memorable Farewell Dinner. (B, FD, FD)

**DAY 9**
**DEPART DUBLIN** Say farewell to new friends and take a transfer to the airport for your onward journey. (B)

**MORE ABOUT YOUR TRIP**

* All prices are per person, twin share.

**Airport transfers:** On arrival at Shannon Airport, transfers will operate at 8am and 12.30pm. Guests arriving later should make their own way to the hotel. Return transfers on the last travel day will arrive at Dublin Airport at 7am, 9am and 11am.

**Gratuities:** Option to pre-pay gratuities for Travel Director and Driver, NZ$113 per person.

**Drinking Water:** Tap water is safe to drink in all of Ireland. Please remember to bring a water bottle.

**Trip code:** RIRF

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**TRAVEL DIRECTOR TIP**

The ancient monastic site of Glendalough, home of Saint Kevin, offers an intriguing legend. It is said that if you stand next to St. Kevin’s Cross and wrap your arms around the entire width of the cross body and close the circle by touching your fingertips, you will have your wishes granted. Be sure to try your luck!

Deanne Monaghan

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**TRAVEL STYLE**

**COUNTRY EXPLORER**

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**YOUR HOLIDAY PLANNER**

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**Handicrafts highlights**

Here’s just a sample of the many special Trafalgar highlights included in your trip.

**CONNECT WITH LOCALS**

Go foraging with Oonagh and enjoy the fruits of what you’ve found at a ’Be My Guest’ lunch at the O’Brien’s homely Barrtra Seafood restaurant overlooking beautiful Liscannor Bay. (Day 4)

**DIVE INTO CULTURE**

Visit Brigit’s Garden and learn about Celtic heritage and mythology amidst the surrounding woodlands and wildflower meadows. Weave your own Brigit’s Cross. (Day 2)

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

Visit the Glasnevin Cemetery Museum in Dublin, where you’ll learn about the cemetery’s importance to Irish history and how your visit helps to fund the cemetery’s preservation. (Day 8)
SPIRITUAL ENGLAND

ENGLAND’S ICONIC CATHEDRALS AND THE ANCIENT SITE OF STONEHENGE FEATURE ON THIS SPIRITUAL ENCOUNTER WITH A LAND WHOSE RELIGIOUS HERITAGE GAVE RISE TO SUCH DENOMINATIONS AS METHODISM AND ANGLICANISM.

ICONIC HIGHLIGHTS

- CITY TOUR in London
- SMALL GROUP SIGHTSEEING enjoy a guided visit to The Museum of Methodism & John Wesley’s House, with a group size of no more than 25 guests
- VISIT Westminster Abbey and St Paul’s Cathedral in London, Stonehenge, Salisbury Cathedral and Canterbury Cathedral
- VIEW the Elizabeth Tower and Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, Buckingham Palace in London and the Magna Carta in Salisbury

7 DAYS 1 COUNTRY 9 MEALS
FROM NZ$3495 PP*

(*) Based on 2 people sharing a room, non-refundable deposit of $250 required at time of booking.
YOUR HOLIDAY

DAY

1
ARRIVE LONDON (6 NIGHTS) Delve into the highlights of Britain’s Christian heritage on this spiritual journey which begins in its capital, London. From medieval legends to the English Reformation, you’ll criss-cross the British capital visiting celebrated churches and delving into important religious events that have shaped the island over the centuries. This evening, you’ll join your Travel Director and companions at a Welcome Reception to begin your trip. (WR) Hotel: Clayton City

2
LONDON SIGHTSEEING Ease into London’s energetic pace, before embarking on an included half-day sightseeing tour with your Travel Director which features Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament and Buckingham Palace. See the stately Changing of the Guard before your sightseeing tour finishes in central London. Celebrate the tradition of Christian worship and welcome when you join a ‘Local Specialist’ for a tour of Westminster Abbey, the final resting place of 17 monarchs. Tread in the footsteps of those kings and queens, who have been crowned and married within its ornate Gothic façades since the 11th century. (B)

3
LONDON SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME Journey to 18th-century London on a Small Group Sightseeing guided visit to John Wesley’s elegant Georgian home which he built himself in the 18th century. Here you’ll learn about the history of the Methodist faith and see where preachers, their families and servants once sought refuge. Spend the morning learning about his life as the leader of the protestant movement and visit his prayer room and grave. This afternoon you’ll have time to explore London on your own. Consider a visit to the British Museum to see a myriad of artefacts associated with Abraham, Esther, Daniel and Paul. (B)

4
STONEHENGE AND SALISBURY EXCURSION We make our way to the ancient circle at Stonehenge, the best-known prehistoric monument in Europe and site where pagans once worshipped. See how the sarsens and bluestones are arranged curiously in a concentric pattern – its mysteries and purpose still undiscovered in modern times. Leaving the monoliths behind, we continue to Salisbury where we’ll join a Chaplain for a guided tour of the medieval masterpiece that is Salisbury Cathedral. Delve into over seven centuries of spiritual devotion as you explore its Gothic façades then spend a quiet moment in prayer. You’ll have an opportunity to see the 13th-century Magna Carta, which inspired movements for freedom for Britain and around the world. Returning to London, you’ll ‘Connect With Locals’ over an exclusive ‘Be My Guest’ dinner with a local family. (B, BMG, Ø)

5
CANTERBURY EXCURSION The Mother Church of the worldwide Anglican Communion extends a warm welcome this morning. You’ll embark on a guided tour of the Canterbury Cathedral, which is also the seat of the Archbishop of Canterbury. In the spirit of Benedictine hospitality, you will be welcomed warmly as a friend to share the beauty of one of the great holy places of Christendom. ‘Dive into Culture’ and enjoy an exclusive behind-the-scenes presentation revealing the intricate work done by the Stained Glass Studio, established as early as the 1380s to preserve the Cathedral’s exquisite stained glass. Return to London this afternoon where you’ll enjoy an evening at leisure. (B, Ø)

6
LONDON AT LEISURE Join a ‘Local Specialist’ this morning for a guided tour of St. Paul’s Cathedral, designed by Sir Christopher Wren after the Great Fire. Standing at the highest point in the City, St. Paul’s Cathedral was built for a fourth time after this tragic event and following Henry VIII’s decision to take control of the life of the Church of England. Learn all about its history and how it came to be dedicated to Paul the Apostle. You’ll have the rest of the day to explore more of London on your terms. Consider a visit to Westminster Cathedral, the largest Catholic Church in London, or the Victoria and Albert Museum, which offers a wide and varied collection of Christian objects, dating from the middle ages to today. Your last night in London together sees us toast to an incredible journey at our Farewell Dinner. (B, FD)

7
DEPART LONDON Your spiritual encounter with the important religious sites across London and surrounds has sadly come to an end. Bid your fellow travellers Godspeed and prepare for your onward journey. Airport transfers are available. Conditions apply. (B)

TRAVEL DIRECTOR TIP
Fudge making is an English tradition that was popularised during the times of food rationing. It was a clever and tasty way to combine butter and sugar. Roly’s Fudge Pantry, located just down from Salisbury Cathedral, still uses their original recipe and makes a convenient stop to stock up on the essential travel companion of energy!

Jacqueline Green

YOUR HOLIDAY PLANNER

TRAVEL STYLE CITY EXPLORER

PAY EARLY SAVINGS
SAVE UP TO NZ$350 PP

OTHER GREAT SAVINGS
1. Young Traveller Savings SAVE NZ$340
2. Multi Trip Savings SAVE UP TO NZ$77
3. VIT (Very Important Traveller) Benefits for past guests

HANDCRAFTED HIGHLIGHTS
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CONNECT WITH LOCALS
Enjoy a hearty ‘Be My Guest’ dinner with a local family featuring traditional English cooking and stories of what it’s like living in one of the world’s greatest cities. (Day 4)

DIVE INTO CULTURE
Enjoy a behind-the-scenes presentation revealing the intricate work done by the Stained Glass Studio to preserve Canterbury Cathedral’s exquisite stained glass. (Day 5)

MORE ABOUT YOUR TRIP

* All prices are per person, twin share.
London Airport Transfers: Transfers are available to purchase. Conditions apply.
Gratuities: Option to pre-pay gratuities for Travel Director and Driver, NZ$101 per person.
Drinking Water: Tap water is safe to drink in all of the destinations on this trip. Please remember to bring a water bottle.
Trip code: RBFA
WITNESS THE GLORY AND GRACE OF GOD AS YOU EXPLORE SOME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT CHRISTIAN SITES IN THE WORLD AND WATCH THE POIGNANT PERFORMANCE OF CHRIST'S LIFE AND DEATH IN OBERAMMERGAU.

ICONIC HIGHLIGHTS
- **PREMIUM TICKETS** for the Passion Play in Oberammergau
- **VIP ADMISSION** to the Vatican Museums
- **CITY TOUR** in Rome, Assisi, Florence, Bologna and Venice
- **SMALL GROUP SIGHTSEEING** guided walking tour of 'Secret Venice' to the Rialto food market, with a group size of no more than 25 guests
- **ORIENTATION** of Pisa and Innsbruck
- **VISIT** the Sistine Chapel and Castle Gandolfo in Rome and the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi
- **VIEW** Santa Croce Basilica and the Duomo in Florence, the Leaning Tower of Pisa and St. Mark’s Basilica in Venice
- **SEE** the Colosseum and the ancient sites of Rome
- **SCENIC CRUISE** by private launch to St. Mark’s Square in Venice

13 DAYS  |  4 COUNTRIES  |  19 MEALS  |  FROM NZ$6325 PP*

GREAT ITALIAN CITIES WITH OBERAMMERGAU
YOUR HOLIDAY

**DAY 1**
ARRIVE ROME (3 NIGHTS) You’re in for a *bellissima* journey to the spectacular capitals of Italy and a Bavarian village that kept its 17th-century covenant with God. Upon arrival in Rome, spend the day at leisure before joining your fellow travellers and Travel Director for a Welcome Reception, followed by a short walk this evening to see the timeless Roman Colosseum and the ancient centre of Rome - the Forum. (WR) Hotel: Grand Palatino

**DAY 2**
ROME AND CASTEL GANDOLFO SIGHTSEEING We embark on a very special ‘Dive Into Culture’ sightseeing tour with our ‘Local Specialist’ at the Vatican this morning. Skip the queue and wander through its museums, Sistine Chapel and Gardens, admiring the artistry of great masters and walking in the footsteps of popes who have found peace within its beautiful green landscapes for centuries. We’ll enjoy a rare opportunity to board a train within the Vatican Walls bound for the Pontifical Villas of Castel Gandolfo, the Pope’s Summer Residence. Here, we’ll embark on a tour through its beautifully manicured green heart before enjoying an included lunch against the backdrop of this enchanting setting. (B, L, D, Gym)

**DAY 3**
ROME AT LEISURE The narrow lanes and expansive piazzas of Rome are yours to explore today. Consider an Optional Experience delving into the remarkable history of Ostia Antica. (B)

**DAY 4**
ROME - ASSISI – FLORENCE (3 NIGHTS) This morning meet with your ‘Local Specialist’ to visit St. Peter’s Basilica. Then we journey north to the birthplace of St. Francis of Assisi where your ‘Local Specialist’ will take you to the Basilica of St Francis, the final resting place of this famous saint. See Giotto’s enchanting frescoes before your journey continues through the scenic Tuscan countryside to Florence. (B) Hotel: Ambasciatori

**DAY 5**
FLORENCE SIGHTSEEING AND AT LEISURE Enjoy a leisurely encounter with the artistic and architectural marvels of Florence during your sightseeing tour with a ‘Local Specialist’. Visit the striking Piazza della Signoria, see the multi-coloured marble Duomo and Baptistry, then stroll over Ponte Vecchio. Spend the rest of the afternoon at leisure or perhaps join an Optional Experience to San Gimignano. (B)

**DAY 6**
FLORENCE - EXCURSION TO PISA Cross the fertile Arno Valley to Pisa and join a ‘Local Specialist’ to visit the Square of Miracles, home to the incredible Leaning Tower and beautifully sculpted marble Cathedral. ‘Connect With Locals’ over a ‘Be My Guest’ dinner, joining Count Mari Fillosi on his 15th-century organic olive oil estate which has featured in many famous films. (B, BMG, D)

**DAY 7**
FLORENCE – BOLOGNA – VENICE (3 NIGHTS) Travel north to the medieval city of Bologna. Your sightseeing tour with a ‘Local Specialist’ includes views of the Kissing Towers which lean towards each other, seemingly poised to embrace. Then it’s off to the romantic island city of Venice for an evening at leisure. (B) Hotel: Principe

**DAY 8**
VENICE CANAL CRUISE AND ORIENTATION ‘Dive Into Culture’ and gain insights into the delicate Venetian art of glassblowing on Giudecca Island. Then, savour the iconic and unexpected highlights of Venice as you cruise by private launch to St. Mark’s Square to admire the Bridge of Sighs, Palladian churches, Customs House, St. Mark’s Basilica and the ornate Doge’s Palace. (B, L, D, Gym)

**DAY 9**
SECRET VENICE WALKING TOUR AND VISIT TO THE RIALTO MARKET Take a leisurely stroll from our hotel along the canals to the famous Rialto Bridge with a ‘Local Specialist’. Enjoy a guided Small Group Sightseeing walking tour, which will bring all the flavours of Italy to life at a centuries-old food market. Tonight, enjoy dinner with your fellow travellers. (B, RD)

**DAY 10**
VENICE ‘INNSBRUCK’ This morning, say arrivaderci to Italy as you cross the Brenner Pass into the Austrian Tirol. Arriving in Innsbruck we see the Golden Roof. (B) Hotel: Grauer Bär

**DAY 11**
INNSBRUCK – OBERAMMERGAU (2 NIGHTS) After a leisurely start to your day, explore Innsbruck on your terms. Later, travel to the Bavarian town of Oberammergau where devout villagers perform their once-in-a-decade Passion Play. This evening, dine at your hotel. (B, D) Hotel: See ‘More About Your Trip’

**DAY 12**
OBERAMMERGAU (PASSION PLAY PERFORMANCE) Witness a Trip Highlight and a display of enduring faith – a performance that has given thanks to God’s grace every ten years since 1634, when the villagers of Oberammergau pleaded to God to spare them from the ravages of the plague. Take your premium seats for this poingnant performance depicting the life and death of Jesus Christ. Dine at a local restaurant this evening, before returning to your seat for the captivating second half of this performance as night falls. (B, RD)

**DAY 13**
OBERAMMERGAU – DEPART MUNICH Say farewell to your fellow travellers at the end of a spiritual journey. Transfers are available to Munich Airport. Conditions apply. (B)

MORE ABOUT YOUR TRIP
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Airport Transfers: On arrival at Rome Fiumicino Airport transfers will operate at 9.30am, 12.30pm and 3.30pm. Guests arriving later should make their own way to the hotel. Return transfers on the last travel day will arrive at Munich Airport at 9.30am.

Drinking Water: Tap water is safe to drink in all of the destinations on this trip. Please remember to bring a water bottle.

Trip code: IGICF

ALTERNATIVE TRIP
Check out our similar ‘Jewels of Italy with Oberammergau’ trip. With fewer inclusions on our Cost saver itineraries, you decide what you want to experience. Visit cost savvatur.com

GREAT SAVINGS
1. Young Traveller Savings SAVE NZ$480
2. Multi Trip Savings SAVE UP TO NZ$121
3. Triple Share Savings SAVE UP TO NZ$50 PP
4. VIP (Very Important Traveller) Benefits for past guests

CONNECT WITH LOCALS
Enjoy a local Tuscan ‘Be My Guest’ dinner with Count Mari Fillosi on his 15th-century organic olive oil estate in the Tuscan hills, used as a location for many famous films like ‘Room with a View’ and ‘Tea with Mussolini’. (Day 6)

DIVE INTO CULTURE
Be inspired by the magnificence of Michelangelo at The Vatican Museums and enjoy an exclusive visit up the spiral staircase designed by the famous architect Donato Bramante in a part of the Vatican not open to the public. (Day 2)

Witness the exquisite craft of glassblowing on Giudecca Island, a delicate tradition that generations of Venetian craftsmen have perfected over the centuries. (Day 8)

OBERAMMERGAU
Since 1634, the tiny picturesque Bavarian village of Oberammergau has performed the Passion Play every ten years. This tragic and deeply moving chronicle depicts the Passion of Christ at the time of the crucifixion. The cast comprises local villagers exclusively and equals any professional production in both sheer spectacle and emotion; attracting visitors from around the world. It is an experience that will exceed every expectation.
JOIN THE VON TRAPPS ON A LYRICAL ADVENTURE THAT WILL MAKE YOUR HEART SING, FROM MUNICH’S MEDIEVAL SPLENDOUR AND THE ROMANCE OF SALZBURG’S ‘SOUND OF MUSIC’ TO OBERAMMERGAU’S POIGNANT PASSION PLAY.

ICONIC HIGHLIGHTS

- PREMIUM TICKETS for the Passion Play in Oberammergau
- CITY TOUR in Salzburg and Vienna
- ORIENTATION of Munich, Oberammergau, Villach and Graz
- VISIT Neuschwanstein Castle, the alpine resort of Berchtesgaden, film locations of ‘The Sound of Music’ in Salzburg, the Kunsthistorisches Museum in Vienna
- VIEW Mozart’s Birthplace in Salzburg

SOUND OF MUSIC WITH OBERAMMERGAU

9 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 14 MEALS | FROM NZ$4425 PP*
YOUR HOLIDAY

DAY

1. ARRIVE MUNICH (2 NIGHTS) Willkommen in Munich, where you’ll launch your lyrical At Leisure sojourn through the Sound of Music and spiritual interlude in Oberammergau. Join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a memorable Welcome Reception. (WR) Hotel: Holiday Inn Leuchtenberg

2. MUNICH ORIENTATION AND AT LEISURE Embark on a morning orientation tour past some of the city’s most renowned sites, including the Opera House, Ludwigstrasse, the Hofbräuhäus and Marienplatz. Spend the rest of the day and evening at leisure. Consider an Optional Experience to the Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial Site, the first of the Nazi camps established in Germany. (B)

3. MUNICH – NEUSCHWANSTEIN CASTLE – OBERAMMGERAU (2 NIGHTS) Journey to shy King Ludwig II’s Neuschwanstein Castle, then continue to Bavaria and the faithful village of Oberammergau. Here, locals have performed the Passion Play every decade since 1634 to fulfill their vow after the village was spared from the grip of the plague. Dine in your hotel this evening. (B, D) Hotel: See ‘More About Your Trip’

4. OBERAMMGERAU (PASSION PLAY PERFORMANCE) Celebrate God’s grace and give thanks as the Oberammergau villagers do in their dramatic depiction of the life and death of Jesus Christ. Take your premium seats for a poignant afternoon spent watching the Passion Play, witnessing first-hand the covenant that was made with God in the 17th century. Dine at a local restaurant this evening before taking your seat for the captivating second half of this performance as night falls. (B, RD)

5. OBERAMMGERAU – BERCHTESGADEN – SALZBURG Continue to the foot of the Alps and visit the National Park of Berchtesgaden featuring soul-stirring mountain views. This evening, arrive in Salzburg. (B, D) Hotel: Mercure City

6. SALZBURG SIGHTSEEING – VILLACH Join your ‘Local Specialist’ for a tour of the city’s iconic highlights including Getreidegasse, the Salzburg Cathedral, Mozart’s birthplace and many of the locations used in the film ‘The Sound of Music’. This afternoon travel to Villach where we will ‘Connect With Locals’ and enjoy a Carinthian ‘Be My Guest’ dinner with the Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood in the Monastery of Kloster Wernberg. (B, BMG) Hotel: Post

7. VILLACH – PIBER STUD FARM – GRAZ – VIENNA (2 NIGHTS) ‘Dive Into Culture’ during a visit to the Lipizzaner Stud farm at Piber and gain insights into the breeding of the Spanish Riding School’s athletic white stallions. Later, stop in the town of Graz en route to Vienna. (B, 2D) Hotel: Imperial Riding School Renaissance

8. VIENNA SIGHTSEEING AND AT LEISURE Enjoy an exclusive guided visit of the Habsburg royal collection of art at the Kunsthistorisches Museum, prior to admission of the general public. ‘Dive Into Culture’ and visit the Kunstkammer during this private insider visit. Later, your ‘Local Specialist’ will show you the city’s major landmarks and palaces during your included sightseeing tour. The magic continues with a walking tour through the oldest parts of the city near ‘Am Hof’. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a Farewell Dinner. (B, FD, 2D)

9. DEPART VIENNA We say a fond farewell to newfound friends and the beauty of Vienna at the end of an unforgettable At Leisure experience. Airport transfers are available. Conditions apply. (B)

MORE ABOUT YOUR TRIP

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Drinking Water: Tap water is safe to drink in all of the destinations on this trip. Please remember to bring a water bottle.

Trip code: CSOMF

OBERAMMGERAU

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TRAVEL DIRECTOR TIP

When in Oberammergau, visit one of the many wood carving shops where you can find an enormous variety of souvenirs. The long-standing Bavarian tradition of wood carving has been passed on through family members for hundreds of years. Today approximately sixty active wood sculptors live in Oberammergau carving and selling everything from crucifixes to life-size carvings.

Dean Smart

Handcrafted Highlights

Here’s just a sample of the many special Trafalgar highlights included in your trip.

Connect with Locals

Delight in a tour of the Monastery of Kloster Wernberg, originally a castle, today home to around 46 Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood with whom you’ll enjoy a traditional Carinthian ‘Be My Guest’ dinner. (Day 6)

Dive Into Culture

Visit the Lipizzaner Stud farm at Piber which has bred horses since 1920 and today provides all the stallions for the Spanish Riding School in Vienna. (Day 7)

Enjoy a visit to the Kunsthistorisches Museum, the largest art museum in Austria, to view the Royal Collection before the general public have access. (Day 8)

Great Savings

1. Young Traveller Savings SAVE NZ$350
2. Multi Trip Savings SAVE UP TO NZ$580
3. Triple Share Savings SAVE UP TO NZ$550 PP
4. VIT (very important traveller) Benefits for past guests

Your price includes an amount of NZ$900 for the momentous Passion Play in Oberammergau.
IMPERIAL EUROPE WITH OBERAMMERGAU

CENTRAL EUROPE’S CAPITALS PUT ON A STATELY SHOW IN WHICH THE LEADS ARE PLAYED BY BOHEMIAN PRAGUE, THE BEAUTIFUL DANUBE AND THE TRIP HIGHLIGHT – A TESTAMENT OF GOD’S GRACE IN OBERAMMERGAU.

12 DAYS | 5 COUNTRIES | 17 MEALS | FROM NZ$4495 PP*

ICONIC HIGHLIGHTS

• PREMIUM TICKETS for the Passion Play in Oberammergau
• CITY TOUR in Prague, Budapest, Vienna and Salzburg
• ORIENTATION of Munich, Regensburg and Innsbruck
• VISIT Bratislava the capital of Slovakia, the Fisherman’s Bastion in Budapest and the Baroque town centre of Győr
• VIEW the Marienplatz in Munich, St. Vitus Cathedral and the Old Town Square of Prague, the Imperial Boulevards of Vienna and Melk Abbey

12 DAYS 5 COUNTRIES 17 MEALS FROM NZ$4495 PP*
**YOUR HOLIDAY**

**DAY 1**
ARRIVE MUNICH
Munich is your launchpad to a journey through the capitals of Imperial Europe, which culminates in the dramatic depiction of Jesus Christ’s life and death in Oberammergau. Spend time at leisure in the Bavarian capital, then join your fellow travellers and Travel Director for a city orientation tour. View the Marienplatz, the centre of Munich city life since the 12th century, and its enchanting Glockenspiel before a Welcome Reception. (WR)

**Hotel: Holiday Inn Leuchtenberg**

**DAY 2**
MUNICH – REGensburg – PRAGUE (2 NIGHTS)
This morning visit Regensburg, an unspoilt medieval gem on your way to the Czech Republic. Cross the border to Prague, your home for the next two nights. (B)

**Hotel: Vienna House Andels**

**DAY 3**
**PRAGUE SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME**
Delve into centuries of history as you join a ‘Local Specialist’ for a guided sightseeing tour of Prague. View St. Vitus Cathedral in the grounds of the 1,000-year-old Prague Castle, then cross the river on your walking tour to the Old Town Square to see the Astronomical Clock.

The afternoon is yours to experience the city on your terms. (B)

**DAY 4**
PRAGUE – BRATISLAVA – BUDAPEST (2 NIGHTS)
We leave the beauty of Prague behind for the lush landscapes of Slovakia and its capital, Bratislava, with its eclectic Gothic, Baroque and Art Deco architecture. Crossing the border into Hungary, we arrive in Budapest, the Paris of the East. (B) **Hotel: Novotel Danube**

**DAY 5**
**BUDAPEST SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME**
Admire the iconic and unexpected highlights of Budapest on a guided sightseeing tour with a ‘Local Specialist’. See the famous Chain Bridge and the UNESCO-listed Castle Hill district. Visit Fisherman’s Bastion and enjoy superb views across the imposing Parliament building and Danube below. Spend the rest of the day at leisure before joining the Schieszl family for a hearty Hungarian ‘Be My Guest’ dinner. ‘Connect With Locals’ and hear the story of their winery. (B, BMG, L, D)

**DAY 6**
**BUDAPEST – GYŐR – VIENNA (2 NIGHTS)**
Indulge in a leisurely start, then cross the hilly landscapes of Transdanubia en route to Győr. Here you’ll explore the Baroque architecture and medieval atmosphere before arriving in Vienna for an evening at leisure. (B) **Hotel: Renaissance Wien**

**DAY 7**
**VIENNA SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME**
Explore the imperial splendour of Vienna at Hofburg Palace, the former winter residence of the Habsburg Dynasty – a Trip Highlight during your guided sightseeing tour of Vienna with a ‘Local Specialist’. Admire the grand State Opera House and Ringstrasse. Then, see the ornate colourful roof of St. Stephen’s Cathedral, before spending the afternoon at leisure. (B)

**DAY 8**
**VIENNA – WACHAU VALLEY – SALZBURG**
SIGHTSEEING The enchanting landscapes of the UNESCO-designated Wachau Valley provide a picturesque backdrop for our leisurely drive to Salzburg. We see the Benedictine Melk Abbey perched on a rocky outcrop above the Danube. Arriving in Salzburg, we embark on a leisurely walking tour of its Old Town with a ‘Local Specialist’. Dine in your hotel this evening. (B, D) **Hotel: Mercure City**

**DAY 9**
**SALZBURG – INNSBRUCK – OBERAMMERGAU (2 NIGHTS)**
Visit Innsbruck in the Austrian Tirol and see the Golden Roof. Later, travel to Oberammergau where villagers keep their covenant with God and perform their Passion Play, as they have every ten years since 1634. Dine in your hotel this evening.

(B, D) **Hotel: See ‘More About Your Trip’**

**DAY 10**
**OBERAMMERGAU (PASSION PLAY PERFORMANCE)**
Witness first-hand the enduring faith of this Bavarian village and the divine blessings of God that spared Oberammergau and its people from the ravages of the plague which swept Europe in the 17th century. Take your premium seats for a poignant afternoon spent watching the Passion Play, giving thanks to God for His grace and mercy.

Dine at a local restaurant this evening before taking your seat for the captivating second half of this performance as night falls. (B, RD)

**Day 11**
**OBERAMMERGAU – MUNICH**
Travel along alpine scenery back to Munich. This evening join your companions and Travel Director for a Farewell Dinner to celebrate the end of your spiritual journey through central Europe. (B, FD) **Hotel: Holiday Inn Leuchtenberg**

**DAY 12**
DEPART MUNICH
For now it’s time to say a fond Auf Wiedersehen to Germany, your fellow travellers and Travel Director at the end of your exhilarating European experience. Transfers to Munich airport are available, conditions apply. (B)

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**MORE ABOUT YOUR TRIP**

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Airport transfers: On arrival at Munich Airport transfers will operate at 10am and 1pm. Guests arriving later should make their own way to the hotel. Return transfers on the last travel day will arrive at Munich Airport at 9.30am.

Trip code: CEOXF

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**ALTERNATIVE TRIP**

Check out our similar 'Imperial Highlights with Oberammergau’ trip. With fewer inclusions on our CostSaver itineraries, you decide what you want to experience. Visit costsavertour.com

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**PRICE GUARANTEE**

On all Oberammergau trips

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**Single Supplement (add to price above):** NZ$890 PP
Your price includes an amount of NZ$1130 for the momentous Passion Play in Oberammergau.

**GREAT SAVINGS**

1. Young Traveller Savings **SAVE NZ$330**
2. Multi Trip Savings **SAVE UP TO NZ$255**
3. Triple Share Savings **SAVE UP TO A$500 PP**
4. VIT (Very Important Traveller) - Benefits for past guests

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**HANDCRAFTED HIGHLIGHTS**

Here’s just a sample of the many special Trafalgar highlights included in your trip:

**CONNECT WITH LOCALS**
Join the Schieszl family for hearty Hungarian ‘Be My Guest’ dinner and the story of their winery. (Day 5)

**OBERAMMERGAU**

Since 1634, the tiny picturesque Bavarian village of Oberammergau has performed the Passion Play every ten years. This tragic and deeply moving chronicle depicts the Passion of Christ at the time of the crucifixion. The cast comprises local villagers exclusively and equal any professional production in both sheer spectacle and emotion; attracting visitors from around the world. It is an experience that will exceed every expectation.
BEST OF GERMANY WITH OBERAMMERGAU

12 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 18 MEALS | FROM NZ$5075 PP*

CIRCLE NORTH, SOUTH, EAST AND WEST TO SEE MEDIEVAL ROTHENBURG, AND THE DEVOTION OF THE VILLAGERS OF OBERAMMERGAU AT THE REMARKABLE PASSION PLAY.

ICONIC HIGHLIGHTS
- PREMIUM TICKETS for the Passion Play in Oberammergau
- CITY TOUR in Berlin
- ORIENTATION of Frankfurt, Cologne, Hamburg, Dresden, Nuremberg, Rothenburg and Heidelberg
- VISIT Hamelin, the Berlin TV Tower, Mödlareuth Open Air Museum and Neuschwanstein castle
- SEE the Lorelei Rock, Cologne Cathedral and Bavarian Alps
- SCENIC CRUISE along the Rhine River
Your Trip (2)

NUREMBERG – ROTHENBURG – OBERAMMERGAU

Black Forest – Heidelberg – Frankfurt

Witness the centuries-old craft of cuckoo clock making as you ‘Dive Into Culture’. Then view the ruins of Heidelberg Castle, as well as the Baroque-style Old Town. Spend the rest of the afternoon finishing some last-minute shopping before continuing to Frankfurt. Tonight we enjoy a Farewell Dinner with new found friends. (B,F,D)(B) Hotel: Sheraton Offenbach

DEPART FRANKFURT After breakfast, we say a fond farewell to Frankfurt after a memorable holiday. Transfers to Frankfurt Airport are available. Conditions apply. (B)

More About Your Trip

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Airport transfers: On arrival at Frankfurt Airport transfers will operate at 9.30am, 12noon and 2.30pm. Guests arriving later should make their own way to the hotel. Return transfers on the last travel day will arrive at Frankfurt Airport at 8am and 10am.

Drinking Water: Tap water is safe to drink in all of the destinations on this trip. Please remember to bring a water bottle.

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Your holiday includes an amount of NZ$800 for the momentous Passion Play in Oberammergau.

Handcrafted Highlights

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Connect With Locals

Enjoy a ‘Be My Guest’ lunch banquet and stories of knights and feuding lords in a fairy-tale 13th century castle perched high above the Rhine Valley. (Day 2)

Dive Into Culture

Watch skilled craftsmen capture the distinctive sound of the cuckoo demonstrating the centuries’ old craft of clock making in the Black Forest. (Day 11)

Oberammergau

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EUROPEAN WHIRL WITH OBERAMMERGAU

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS ON THIS POIGNANT SPIRITUAL SOJOURN TO OBERAMMERGAU, COMBINED WITH A EUROPEAN ADVENTURE, FROM AMSTERDAM AND THE RHINE TO PARIS AND THE MAGNIFICENT OPEN-AIR MUSEUM THAT IS ROME.

12 DAYS | 9 COUNTRIES | 17 MEALS | FROM NZ$6075 PP*

ICONIC HIGHLIGHTS

- **PREMIUM TICKETS** for the Passion Play in Oberammergau
- **CITY TOUR** in Rome, Florence and Paris
- **ORIENTATION** of Amsterdam, Heidelberg, Venice and Lucerne
- **VISIT** St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome
- **VIEW** the canals in Amsterdam, St. Mark’s Square in Venice, the ancient sites in Rome and the Chapel Bridge in Lucerne
- **SEE** the Lorelei Rock, the vineyards of Burgundy and the Somme Battlefields
- **SCENIC CRUISE** along the canals of Amsterdam and the River Rhine
YOUR HOLIDAY

DAY

1 LONDON – EUROSTAR™ – BRUSSELS – AMSTERDAM
A brief interlude with the British capital this morning sees us meet our Travel Director before travelling to London's St. Pancras International where we will board the Eurostar® for a high-speed train journey to Brussels and a luxury coach journey to Amsterdam. Enjoy an orientation of this historic Dutch capital before joining your fellow travellers and Travel Director for a Welcome Reception dinner cruise. (WR)

Hotel: Mercure City

2 AMSTERDAM – RHINE CRUISE – HEIDELBERG – RHINELAND
Cruise along the Rhine past vineyard-clad hills to St. Goar. Explore the sights and Baroque façades of Heidelberg before travelling to your Rhineland hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Sinshelm

3 RHINELAND – OBERAMMERGAU (PASSION PLAY PERFORMANCE)
Journey to Oberammergau for a Trip Highlight and display of unwavering faith – the Oberammergau Passion Play, which has been performed every ten years since 1634. Take your premium seats for this poignant performance, witnessing first-hand the covenant that the villagers made with God to spare them from the ravages of the plague and compelled to honour His grace and mercy. Dine at a local restaurant this evening before returning to your seat for the continuation of the captivating depiction of the life and death of Jesus Christ as night falls. (B, RD) Hotel: See ‘More About Your Trip’

4 OBERAMMERGAU – VENICE (MESTRE)
Drive along the Brenner Pass into Italy and across the Dolomite Mountains. Here you will see the historic Brenner Pass, before you ‘Dine into Culture’ during a visit to a traditional glassblowing workshop. Spend the afternoon at leisure. (B, D)

Hotel: Novotel Mestre Castellana

5 VENICE (MESTRE) – ROME (2 NIGHTS)
Travel south across the Veneto Plain, passing Bologna and the fields of Lazia before reaching Rome. (B) Hotel: A. Roma Lifestyle

6 ROME SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME
Our first stop today sees us discover the divine beauty of the Vatican City. We’ll visit St. Peter’s Basilica with a ‘Local Specialist’ to view Michelangelo’s Renaissance masterpiece, the Pietà. We continue to ancient Rome to view the iconic Colosseum and the Circus Maximus. The afternoon is yours to explore the city on your terms. (B)

7 ROME – FLORENCE SIGHTSEEING
From Rome, we travel north through the rolling countryside of Tuscany and along the Arno valley to the Cradle of the Renaissance, Florence. We ‘Connect With Locals’ over a ‘Be My Guest’ lunch and enjoy true Tuscan hospitality with a local family on their private estate in the Chianti countryside. Delve into the rich Medici heritage of this beautiful medieval city with your ‘Local Specialist’. (B, BMG, RD) Hotel: Hilton Metropole

8 FLORENCE – LUCERNE (2 NIGHTS)
Drive via the scenic Italian Lakes District, across the Alps into Switzerland, where we’ll spend the next two nights in the medieval lakeside city of Lucerne. (B, D)

Hotel: Grand Europe

9 LUCERNE ORIENTATION AND FREE TIME
This morning, view the mournful, mortally wounded lion hewn from rock to commemorate the Swiss Guards who lost their lives defending Louis XVI. Walk along the flower-lined 14th-century covered Chapel Bridge, crossing the River Reuss. We have some time later to discover the best Swiss chocolates in town. (B)

LUCERNE – PARIS (2 NIGHTS)
Crossing the border into France this morning, we travel to the City of Lights. Spend the evening at leisure or consider an Optional Experience to a colourful Parisian cabaret. (B) Hotel: Evergreen Laurel

PARIS SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME
Join a ‘Local Specialist’ for a sightseeing tour of Paris. View the Champs Elysées, Place de la Concorde and the 19th-century Arc de Triomphe. Our European Whirl and spiritual interlude almost at its end, we spend the evening with our fellow travellers, enjoying a Farewell Dinner in a local bistro. (B, FD)

PARIS – LONDON Departing mainland Europe, we venture past poigniant World War I battlefields to the coast where we board a ferry to Dover and travel by high-speed Eurostar™ to London. Spend the evening at leisure.

ALTERNATIVE TRIP
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London Airport Transfers: Transfers available to purchase. Conditions apply.
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ALTERNATIVE TRIP

Connect With Locals

A Day in the Life of a Local
Join a local family who will host you at their private estate on the outskirts of Florence. Enjoy warm Italian hospitality and delicious homemade dishes prepared from local produce. (Day 7)

Dive Into Culture
Witness the exquisite craft of glassblowing, a delicate tradition that generations of Venetian craftsmen have perfected over the centuries. (Day 4)

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SWITZERLAND AND AUSTRIA
WITH OBERAMMERGAU

13 DAYS | 5 COUNTRIES | 18 MEALS

FROM NZ$6095 PP*

WITNESS THE UNWAVERING FAITH OF THE OBERAMMERGAU VILLAGERS, WHO PERFORM THEIR DRAMATIC DEPICTION OF THE LIFE AND DEATH OF JESUS TO THANK GOD FOR SPARING THEM FROM THE RAVAGES OF THE PLAGUE.

ICONIC HIGHLIGHTS

• PREMIUM TICKETS for the Passion Play in Oberammergau
• CITY TOUR in Salzburg and Vienna
• ORIENTATION of Zurich and Lucerne
• VISIT Vaduz, St. Moritz, Stresa and Zermatt
• VIEW the Matterhorn and Jungfrau mountains (weather permitting), Chillon Castle, Berne, Chapel Bridge and Lion Monument in Lucerne
• SEE Melk Abbey and the Wachau Valley

13 DAYS 5 COUNTRIES 18 MEALS FROM NZ$6095 PP*
YOUR HOLIDAY

DAY

1 ARRIVE ZURICH Your spiritual pilgrimage to the heart of Europe begins in Zurich. This evening, join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for an orientation reception of the city's iconic sights and a Welcome Reception. (WR) Hotel: Swissotel

2 ZURICH – LICHTEINSTEIN – SALZBURG SIGHTSEEING Embark on a soul-stirring encounter with the valleys and lofty peaks of Liechtenstein, bound for Vaduz. Continue along the Arlberg route into the Tyrolean region to our overnight stop in the Baroque city of Salzburg. Here, we will join a ‘Local Specialist’ for a walking tour past iconic sights, including the house where Mozart once lived. (B) Hotel: Austria Trend Europa

3 SALZBURG – VIENNA (2 NIGHTS) Waltz through the scenic Austrian countryside of the Wachau Valley past Melk Abbey, perched atop its rocky bastion above the beautiful Danube. Our home for the next two nights is Vienna. (B) Hotel: Roomzz Prater

4 VIENNA SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME Admire the grand boulevards and beautiful Gothic and Baroque façades on a guided sightseeing tour with a ‘Local Specialist’. Immense yourself in the centuries-old history of ‘Am Hof’, before spending time at leisure. (B)

5 VIENNA – OBERAMMERGAU (2 NIGHTS) Travel into Bavarian Germany to Oberammergau for a Trip Highlight – the Oberammergau Passion Play, which will be performed as it has every ten years since 1634. Dine at your hotel this evening. (B, D) Hotel: See ‘More About Your Trip’

6 OBERAMMERGAU (PASSION PLAY PERFORMANCE) Give thanks to God, as the Oberammergau villagers do in their dramatic depiction of the life and death of Jesus Christ. Take your premium seats for a poignant afternoon spent watching the Passion Play, witnessing first-hand the covenant that the villagers made with God in the 17th century to spare them from the plague. Dine at a local restaurant before watching the captivating second half of this performance as night falls. (B, RD)

7 OBERAMMERGAU – ST. MORITZ Continue to Switzerland this morning and cross the enchanting Engadine Valley. You’ll arrive later in the fashionable winter sports resort of St. Moritz. (B) Hotel: Reine Victoria

8 ST. MORITZ – THUSIS – BELLINZONA – STRESA – ZERMATT (2 NIGHTS) Traverse mountain landscapes to Thusis and follow the San Bernadino route to Bellinzona, famous for its three castles. Continue via Locarno to the shores of Lake Maggiore and explore the scenic town of Stresa. See the beautiful Borromean Islands as you head towards the Simplon Pass. This evening, enjoy dinner at your hotel in Zermatt. (B, D) Hotel: Ambassador

9 ZERMATT FREE DAY Spend a full day at leisure soaking up Zermatt’s crisp mountain air and panoramic alpine vistas. (B)

10 ZERMATT – CHILLON – MONTEUX A drive through the Rhône Valley brings you to Lake Geneva, where you’ll view Lord Byron’s Castle of Chillon. Follow the shores of Lake Geneva round to Montreux. This evening, ‘Connect With Locals’ over a ‘Be My Guest’ dinner at a family-run winery overlooking Lake Geneva. (B, BMG, RD) Hotel: Eurotel

11 MONTEUX – BERNE – INTERLAKEN – LUCERNE ORIENTATION (2 NIGHTS) Travel via the lakeside and the mountain town of Berne to Interlaken, set in the heart of Switzerland in the shadow of the mighty Jungfrau. Cross the Brünig Pass to the lakeside town of Lucerne, where you’ll have an opportunity to visit the poignant Lion Monument. (B) Hotel: Grand Europe

12 LUCERNE FREE DAY Snow-capped peaks surround you as you wander through the medieval streets of Lucerne. Spend a full free day exploring the Old Town, enjoy a leisurely Swiss lunch or consider an Optional Experience ascending a nearby mountain for panoramic views. This evening, toast a journey filled with hope, faith and blessings during your Farewell Dinner. (B, FO)

13 LUCERNE – DEPART ZURICH We say a fond farewell to our fellow travellers at the end of a moving journey. An airport transfer is available to Zurich Airport. Conditions apply. (B)

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Important Visa Information: This trip will visit Italy for a short period. Some passport holders may require double entry visas. Please speak with your travel agent at time of booking to assess your specific requirements.

Drinking Water: Tap water is safe to drink in all of the destinations on this trip. Please remember to bring a water bottle.

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