

# RADIO PULPIT

## tour to the 2020 Passion Play in Oberammergau,

### Germany, plus Italian and Austrian

highlights led by

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accompanied by his wife **Jonelda**

Departure : Wednesday, 16 September 2020



Colosseum



St Peter's Cathedral



Trevi fountain



St Paul's Gate, Rome



Assisi



Florence



Piazza della Signoria

### ITINERARY IN OUTLINE

(B)-Breakfast (L)-Lunch (D)-Dinner (\*)-Meal on board the aircraft

**We16Sep: JOHANNESBURG – DOHA – ROME** Meet at the Qatar Airways check-in counter at 10:00 in the International departures hall of the O.R.Tambo International airport. Departure is at 13:45 for arrival at 23:35 in Doha. Connect to the flight departing after midnight at 02:05 for Rome. Overnight on **BOARD (D\*)**

**Th17Sep: ROME** Touch-down in Rome is at 06:55. You will be met on arrival and transferred to your hotel for check-in and time to freshen up. We start our walking tour at the ancient Roman Forum, where our guide will divulge its secrets. We will visit the Arch of Titus which commemorated the sack of Jerusalem by Titus in AD 70. We will view the Mamertine Prison exterior, where tradition says the Apostle Paul was imprisoned. Next, we visit the Coliseum, where thousands of people and animals perished during gladiatorial games. Historians believe the Coliseum could hold between 40,000 and 80,000 people depending on how close the seating was. Hear the stories of the games that have fascinated people for hundreds of years. We conclude our day at the ruins of Ostia Antica, which provides an excellent example of city life in classical times and the Ostian Gate, today called the Gate of St. Paul. This afternoon we will take an afternoon tour of the Catacombs where thousands of Christians were buried in a remarkable tiered series of galleries. Dinner and overnight in **ROME (B\*)(D)**

**Fr18Sep: ROME** After breakfast you will begin a full day of sightseeing. First visit Vatican City where you will see the Basilica at St. Peter, the Sistine Chapel and the Vatican Museums with stunning works of art at every turn. After some free time for lunch, you will stop at The Abbey of the Three Fountains, the traditional site of Paul's martyrdom and the ancient street that he walked on. Next, visit the 4th century Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, the site of Paul's tomb, and the Scala Santa, where Martin Luther made his stand against the practice of indulgences. This fascinating museum houses the Steps from Pilot's Judgment Hall in Jerusalem brought to Rome by Helena, the mother of Constantine. Additional sights include the Arches of Constantine and Titus, Circus Maximus and the beautiful marble monument called the Wedding Cake. Dinner and overnight in **ROME (B)(D)**

**Sa19Sep: ROME – ASSISI – FLORENCE** After breakfast you will say "Arrivederci Roma" and board your coach and travel through scenic Umbria to the ancient walled hillside village of Assisi. After lunch on your own, you will enjoy a guided tour of this beautiful, medieval town, which will include the Basilica San Francesco, decorated with some of the most renowned frescoes in the world. The stories of the sacrificial life of St. Francis will be an encouragement to us all. This afternoon, we travel on to Florence. Dinner and overnight in **FLORENCE (B)(D)**

**Su20Sep: FLORENCE** Enjoy a guided tour of Florence, one of the world's greatest artistic capitals, including Piazza della Signoria, Duomo, Baptistry and a visit to the Accademia Gallery, home of Michelangelo's David. A stop will also be made on the hillside overlook across the river from Florence where we will enjoy a panoramic view of the beautiful red-tiled roof cityscape. Afternoon at your leisure to enjoy shopping, visiting more galleries or strolling on the famous Pont Vecchio, the old bridge which spans the Arno River. Remember that Florence leather shops are the best in the world and bargains on excellent quality goods are abundant. It may be the time to purchase those special Christmas gifts. Dinner and overnight in **FLORENCE (B)(D)**



Grand canal Venice



Innsbruck



Neuschwanstein



Oberammergau



2020 Passion Play



Munich

**Mo21Sep: FLORENCE – VENICE** Early morning transfer to Venice. Our local tour guide is ready to take us on a sightseeing tour including St. Mark's Square. Experience the Byzantine splendour of St. Mark's Basilica, lavish Doges' Palace and the Bridge of Sighs. Afterwards enjoy Venice at your own pace, or join an optional gondola ride through the picturesque canal system, visit the many charming shops and take photos galore. Evening at your disposal to enjoy Venice at your own pace. Dinner and overnight in the Mestre district of **VENICE (B)(D)**

**Tu22Sep: INNSBRUCK** This morning we depart and head north, towards the towering alps. Make sure to have your camera ready for pictures of the majestic mountains. We stop in romantic Verona, medieval setting of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet, with a walk through the historic center and shopping district to see the famed balcony of Juliet. We arrive in Innsbruck, capital of Austrian Tyrol. A walking tour this afternoon will include the Triumphal Arch commemorating the wedding of the Duke of Tuscany, Saint Anna's Column and Swarovski Kristallwelten, a wonderland of crystal works of art by artists past and present. Dinner and overnight in **INNSBRUCK (B)(D)**

**We23Sep: INNSBRUCK – NEUSCHWANSTEIN – OBERAMMERGAU** This morning we have some free time to explore Innsbruck on our own. Next we visit the fairy-tale castle, Neuschwanstein Castle. We take a guided tour of Ludwig II's most luxurious former residence where the interior styles range from Byzantine to Romanesque to Gothic. This castle, built between 1869 and 1886, has a most impressive view with the Alpsee Lake below and the Alps towering above. We continue to the Pilgrimage Church of Wies to visit this oval Rococo style church which is a UNESCO World Heritage site. From here we continue to Oberammergau or surrounding area for dinner and overnight stay. Dinner and overnight in Oberammergau district of **BAVARIA (B)(D)**

**Th24Sep: OBERAMMERGAU Passion Play Performance** Time to enjoy the delightful village of Oberammergau with outstanding opportunities for photos and shopping. This afternoon and evening we enjoy the Passion Play production. The play depicts the story of Christ's Passion, beginning with the entry into Jerusalem and ending with the resurrection and transfiguration, a moving and spectacular experience. Each performance starts at 13:30 and ends approximately 21:30, with a three-hour included dinner break intermission from 16:00 to 19:00 We stay overnight in Oberammergau or surrounding area of **BAVARIA (B)(D)**

**Fr25Sep: OBERAMMERGAU – MUNICH – DOHA** Transferred this morning to Munich airport for the 16:55 flight for arrival in Doha at 23:30. Connect to the flight departing after midnight at 01:55 for Johannesburg. Overnight on **BOARD (B)(D\*)**

**Sa26Sep: JOHANNESBURG** Touch-down at the O.R. Tambo International airport is at 09:50

**TOUR PRICE: R41,980** per person sharing a room (Airfare R8,568 + Land: R33,412 / €2,025)

Rates calculated in September 2019 as follows: Exchange rate to be covered up to R16,50 to the Euro

*Early reservation essential to secure your space. Rates are based on 32 passengers travelling together.*

*Rates are subject to availability at the time of booking. Although every effort will be made to reach our calculated tour price for 2020, rates are still subject to adjustments if any.*

*Oberammergau accommodation: Stargate has secured Category 1 seating for the passion play combined with hotel accommodation in the picturesque villages of the Bavarian Alps surrounding Oberammergau. Final hotel accommodation will be confirmed by end 2019.*

*Since 1634 and now only every ten years, the tiny picturesque Bavarian village of Oberammergau performs the Passion Play. This tragic and deeply moving chronicle depicts the passion of Christ at the time of the crucifixion. The cast is made up exclusively of the local villagers 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 and one we highly recommend.*

*Trip prices are correct at the time of the products going live, however are subject to confirmation at the time of booking. All trip information is correct at time of trips going live, however are subject to change.*

**INCLUDED:**

- Economy class return airfare ex Johannesburg
- Three star tourist class accommodation
- Tours and transfers as per itinerary
- Meals as per itinerary
- Oberammergau Passion Play Category 1 tickets

**NOT INCLUDED / OPTIONAL:**

- Optional single room supplement on request
- Mandatory tipping to guides, drivers and hotel staff EUR6 per day
- Schengen visa costs
- Extensive travel insurance from R1,430



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