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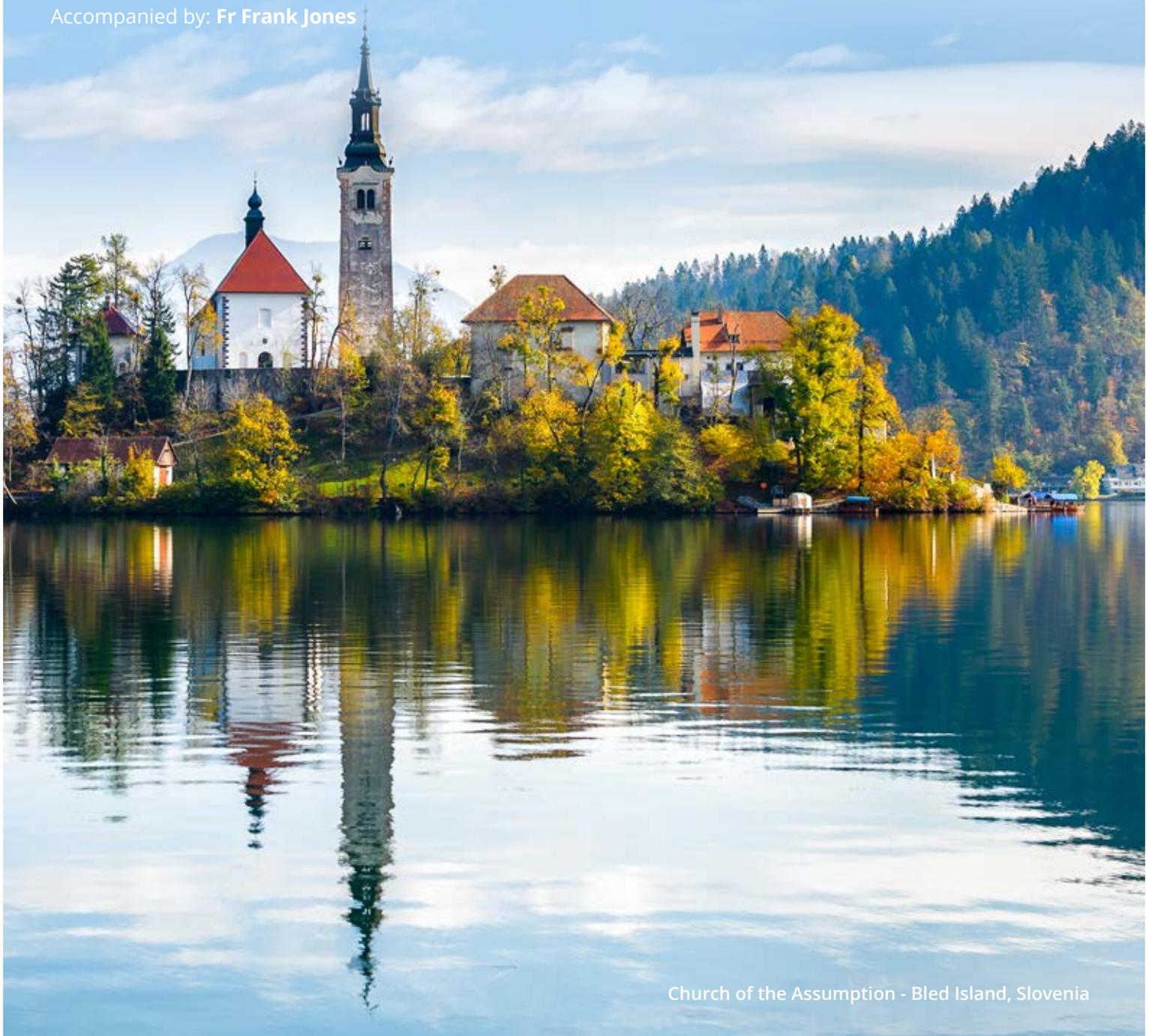
European Pilgrimage

with Oberammergau Passion Play

11 Nights / 14 Days **Fri 24 July - Thu 6 Aug, 2020**

• Bologna (2) • Ravenna • Padua (2) • Venice • Ljubljana (2) • Lake Bled • Salzburg (3) • Innsbruck • Oberammergau Passion Play (2)

Accompanied by: **Fr Frank Jones**



Church of the Assumption - Bled Island, Slovenia

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St Anthony Basilica, Padua Italy



Triple Bridge, Slovenia



Mondsee, Austria

Meal Code

(B) = Breakfast (L) = Lunch (D) = Dinner

DAY 1: FRIDAY 24 JULY - DEPART FOR EUROPE

DAY 2: SATURDAY 25 JULY - ARRIVE BOLOGNA (D)

Today we arrive into **Bologna**. This is one of Italy's most ancient cities and is home to its oldest university. The Dominicans were attracted to this centre of learning in 1218 and it was here, in the convent of San Domenico (known in Dominic's time as St Nicholas of the Vineyards), that St Dominic died in 1221.

Bologna overnight

DAY 3: SUNDAY 26 JULY - BOLOGNA (BD)

This morning we meet our guide visiting the **Piazza Maggiore** and many churches including **Basilica di San Domenico**. This church where his tomb lies is a magnificent collaboration of skills, including the work of a young Michelangelo, visible in the angel candleholder on the right side of the saint's tomb. We also visit the **Anatomical Theatre of the Archiginnasio**.

Remainder of the day at leisure.

Bologna overnight

DAY 4: MONDAY 27 JULY - VIA RAVENNA TO PADUA (BD)

Following breakfast, we journey north to **Ravenna**, once the capital of the Western Roman Empire some 1,500 years ago. The city's rare mosaics are thought to be the best preserved in Europe and our visit to the **Basilica of San Vitale** will give evidence to this reality. Our walking tour also includes highlights such as the **Piazza del Popolo**, the **Basilica of Sant' Apollinare Nuovo** including **Arian Baptistery** and the **tomb of Dante**.

Travel on to **Padua**, home to St Anthony, the renowned patron saint of lost articles. Originally from Lisbon, Anthony came to Italy where his gift of preaching brought many to conversion. On arrival we enjoy a guided tour and Mass in the **Basilica of St Anthony** including the Chapel of the Reliquaries and **St Anthony's tomb**.

Padua overnight

DAY 5: TUESDAY 28 JULY - VENICE & PADUA (BD)

Venice comprises a dense network of waterways with 117 islands and more than 400 bridges over its 150 canals. Instead of main streets, you'll find main canals, instead of cars, you'll find Gondolas!

Today we travel out to **Venice**, known as Europe's most romantic destination. As we board our boat transfer we enjoy our first glimpses of this unique city. Our time here begins with Mass in **St Mark's Basilica**, built to house the saint's remains. Our guided walking tour includes **St Mark's Square** and its famous monuments. See open squares with enchanting palaces, cross over stunning bridges, and walk down narrow passageways.

Mid afternoon we return to Padua. On arrival view the impressive park of '**Prato della Valle**' and the nearby **Basilica of Santa Giustina** with its claimed relics of St Luke the Evangelist. Onwards to the **Scrovegni Chapel**. The Chapel is a masterpiece in the history of painting in Italy and Europe in the 14th century, considered to be the most complete series of frescoes executed by Giotto in his mature age.

Padua overnight

DAY 6: WEDNESDAY 29 JULY - TO LJUBLJANA (BD)

Early this morning we depart Italy crossing into Slovenia and on to the **Postojna Cave Park**. Here we enjoy a train ride to the heart of the **cave** and see its magnificent halls. We then visit **Predjama Castle**, a medieval marvel perched in the middle of a towering cliff.

We then continue onto the Slovenian capital of **Ljubljana**.

Ljubljana overnight

DAY 7: THURSDAY 30 JULY - LJUBLJANA (BD)

This morning we meet our guide for a tour where we see the famous **Dragon Bridge** and the **Triple Bridge** that connects **Preseren Square** with the **Old Town** before entering the 18th century **St Nicholas' Cathedral** where we plan to celebrate our group Mass. We also see the **Franciscan Church of the Annunciation**.

Free time this afternoon

Ljubljana overnight

DAY 8: FRIDAY 31 JULY - VIA LAKE BLED TO SALZBURG (BD)

Departing Ljubljana this morning we travel through rural Slovenia towards the Julian Alps to **Bled**. Upon arrival we take a short boat ride to **Bled Island** (weather permitting), where we visit the **Church of the Assumption**.

Returning to the mainland, we visit the medieval **Bled Castle** perched on a cliff high above the lake, offering splendid views of the surrounding Alpine peaks and lake below.

We then continue north where in outskirts of Salzburg, we visit the hilltop shrine of **Our Lady of Maria Plain** for Mass, where pilgrims have been coming for three centuries to pray to a miraculous image of the Virgin Mary.

Finally, we arrive in **Salzburg** where we will proceed to our hotel for check-in.

Salzburg overnight

DAY 9: SATURDAY 1 AUGUST - SALZBURG (BD)

This morning we visit **Nonnberg Convent** and admire the magnificent Byzantine frescoes in the choir, some of the oldest in Austria. The convent is more famous for having the real **Maria Von Trapp** from "The Sound of Music" enrolled as a novice. Continue on to the huge domed **Salzburg Cathedral** for Mass which can be seen from all over the city. We see the bronze font with reliefs of saints and where Mozart was baptised - many of his works were performed here for the first time.

Stroll through **Residenz Platz** and into **Mozart Platz** where we can view a statue of the great composer. We will visit the **Mozart House** where the family lived between 1747 and 1773. On a side street we see one of Europe's most revered objects - The statue of the **Christ Child of Loreto** which miraculously cured the sick.

Remainder of the afternoon is at leisure to wander the **Mirabell gardens**, the backstreets, boutiques or just enjoy a coffee and a strudel.

Salzburg overnight

DAY 10: SUNDAY 2 AUGUST - MONDSEE (BD)

Travel out by coach this morning to nearby **Mondsee**, where the hills will surely come alive with the "**Sound of Music**"! Our visit includes **St. Michael's Church** - scene of the wedding between **Maria and Captain Von**



Passion Play, Oberammergau Germany

Trapp. Also enter **Hellbrunn Palace**, a unique world of trick fountains and in the garden, see here the Pavilion where Liesl sang "Sixteen Going On Seventeen." On the outskirts of Salzburg, we visit the hilltop shrine of **Our Lady of Maria Plain** for Mass, where pilgrims have been coming for three centuries to pray to a miraculous image of the Virgin Mary.

In the afternoon we return to Salzburg

Salzburg overnight

DAY 11: MONDAY 3 AUGUST - VIA INNSBRUCK TO OBERAMMERGAU (BD)

Following breakfast, we travel south to the charming city of **Innsbruck**, where its most breathtaking treasures are the grandeur of the high snow-capped mountains. Upon arrival we ascend the mountains by **Hungerburg Funicular** where we have tremendous views of the whole valley to the Italian border. Enjoy a visit to the **Hofkirche** which features giant figures surrounding and representing the family of **Maximilian I**. The **old townhouses** with their rich stucco ornaments, reliefs and frescoes provide a fantastic backdrop to our next stop, the **Dom St. Jacob** where we see at the high altar the picture of "**Madonna and Child**" by **Lucas Cranach the Elder** - miracles have been attributed to this picture. We also see the famous **Goldenes Dachl** where the golden roof consists of 2,657 gilded copper roof tiles. In the late afternoon we arrive into the beautiful village of **Oberammergau**, home to the world-renowned **Passion Play**.

Every ten years affords pilgrims the great privilege of witnessing the world-renowned Passion Play of Oberammergau. For over 300 years this picturesque village in the Bavarian Alps has re-enacted the passion of Jesus, and people of every religious denomination have been drawn to this cherished spectacle.

Oberammergau region overnight

DAY 12: TUESDAY 4 AUGUST - OBERAMMERGAU - THE PASSION PLAY (BD)

The history of the Oberammergau Passion Play begins in 1633. During the Thirty Years' War, after much suffering and also many deaths caused by the plague, the surviving population of Oberammergau vowed that they would perform the "play of the suffering, death and



resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ" every ten years if they were spared from extinction. At Whitsun in 1634 they kept their promise for the first time. As early as the middle of the 18th Century spectators came to Oberammergau from all parts of Germany, attracted by the great power and mystique of the play. In 2020 the village will perform the play for the 42nd time, maintaining the continuity of this unique world-famous event.

Over 2000 participants bring the story of Jesus of Nazareth to the ears and eyes of the audience in a five-hour presentation on the imposing open-air stage. Almost half of the inhabitants of Oberammergau enact with great devotion the story of Jesus, whose message gives billions of people hope and strength. The play covers the period of Jesus entering Jerusalem and continues up to his death on the Cross and his resurrection.

Today is the highlight of our pilgrimage when we attend the world-famous **Passion Play**.

Oberammergau region overnight

DAY 13: WEDNESDAY 5 AUGUST - DEPART MUNICH

DAY 14: THURSDAY 6 AUGUST - ARRIVE AUSTRALIA

INDICATIVE PRICING	
TOUR CODE	PV1420
TWIN SHARE	\$8,390 Incl. Tax Per Person
SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT	\$1,180
	TIPPING MADE EASY \$120

** Costs have been based on prices as at December 2018 and must remain subject to possible change in the unlikely event of significant exchange rate variations, airfare increases and minimum group size (20) contingencies. Single supplement does not include Oberammergau which is on request basis only. Should a single room be confirmed in Oberammergau, a supplement will apply*

INCLUSIONS	
AIRFARES	Economy class airfare from Brisbane to Bologna & Munich return (N.B. Airlines taxes are included on standard itinerary and subject to fluctuations).
ACCOMMODATION & MEALS	Based on moderate standard hotel accommodation throughout with breakfast & dinner daily
MISCELLANEOUS INCLUSIONS	Deluxe Air-Conditioned Motor coach with driver • Full Time local Tour Director • Local Guides • Sightseeing and entrance fees throughout itinerary • portorage of 1 piece of luggage per person at hotels
NOT INCLUDED	Passport • Other Visas (if applicable) • Prepaid Tipping • Other meals not stated • Items of a personal nature including phone calls, laundry, beverages, etc. • Travel insurance (Harvest will recommend a special group policy rate).

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