

13 Day Pilgrimage to Germany, Austria, Czech Republic & Hungary

Munich, Ettal, Oberammergau, Salzburg, Prague, Mariazell, Budapest,
Visegrad, Esztergom & Szentendre

September 14th – 26th, 2015

YOUR TRIP INCLUDES:

- Round trip air from Newark
- First Class Hotels
- Breakfast & Dinner Daily
- English speaking guide
- Sightseeing as per itinerary
- All taxes and service charges
- Daily Mass & Rosary

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Walking Tour of Munich
- Dinner at the Hofbräuhaus
- Visit Ettal Monastery
- Tour of the Passion Play Theater in Oberammergau
- Salzburg and Lake District in Austria
- Prague City Tour
- Visit Our Lady of Victory Church - home of the Infant of Prague
- Folklore Show with Dinner in Prague
- Vltava River Cruise with Dinner
- Budapest City Tour
- Budapest Dinner Cruise
- Danube Bend Tour and a River Cruise

Pilgrimage Price: \$ 3,799.00 per person Double/Triple \$ 4,499.00 Single

Itinerary

Mon, Sept 14th: Newark/Munich - Depart Newark Airport on your overnight flight to Munich. Dinner served in flight.



Tue, Sept 15th: Munich/Walking Tour of Munich - Morning arrival at *Munich* airport. You are met by your guide and motorcoach and transferred to your hotel. Time to rest before your *Walking Tour of Munich*. Explore *Munich's Old Town* to see the city's historical highlights! During your walk through the ancient city you will see: the *Marienplatz* lined by the *Old and the New Town hall*, the delightful *Glockenspiele*, the *Frauenkirche* (cathedral), *the Old Residence* (a former imperial palace) with its *Monkey Tower*, the *Hofbräuhaus*, *St. Peter's* (the oldest church of Munich), *the Town Clerk House*, *the Old Mint* and the *Platzl* alleyways. Pass through the food market of *Viktualienmarkt* with its brightly colored stalls.



Wed, Sept 16th: Ettal Monastery/Oberammergau - Depart Munich and head to *Ettal* to visit *Ettal Monastery*. Here you can get a glimpse of the lives of the Benedictine monks living at the monastery. The building of the monastery began in 1330 and due to the dedication and hard work of the resident monks, and at times knights, the structure is in pristine condition.

Since 1330 the monastery "*Kloster Ettal*" has lived and worked in accordance with the Holy Rule of St. Benedict. The monasteries own businesses - its brewery distillery and farming - have provided the funds to sustains its centuries old buildings, art treasures and educational facilities since 1609.

Klosterbrauerei Ettal is one of the very last remaining authentic German monastic breweries still operated and managed by its "true" owners, the monks of the Holy Rule of St. Benedict since the year 1330. The Ettal brewery still operates based on monastic principles in both its brewing tradition and commerce. After our visit, we continue to *Oberammergau*.

This afternoon we have a tour of the *Passion Play Theater*. We have to go back to 1633 to discover the origins of the *Oberammergau Passion Play*. It is all about life and death, hope and promise... reflecting the situation in Europe, Bavaria and villages such as Oberammergau in the early 17th century.

In Central Europe, the Thirty Years' War (1618-1648) was one of the most destructive in history, resulting in widespread poverty and disease. Most frightening of all was the plague that killed thousands. 80 people died in tiny Oberammergau alone. After months of suffering, the Oberammergauers pledged to perform the 'Play of the Suffering, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ' every ten years. The disease halted and at Whitsun in 1634, the villagers fulfilled their promise. The first-ever performance took place on a stage set up in the cemetery above the graves of recent plague victims.

The villagers have kept their vow ever since. Over the centuries, their faith and commitment have been recognized and admired around the world - and the world has come to join the villagers. In 2010, the community put on over 100 performances between May and October.

Dinner this evening is at the *Hofbräuhaus*.



Thu, Sept 17th: Salzburg and Lake District - This morning we leave Munich aside for the day to explore *Salzburg* and the idyllic Lake District. You'll see the peaceful Bavarian countryside and can use your free time in Salzburg to visit historic churches and castles or sites from The Sound of Music. We pass through the *Chiemgau* before arriving in *Salzburg, the birthplace of*

Mozart. Stroll the picturesque old city and major attractions including *Salzburg Cathedral, St Peter's Abbey and Mozart Square.*

On *Lake Wolfgangsee*, there is the possibility of a boat ride to the famous White Horse Inn overlooking the lake, and a visit to the pilgrim church. On your return journey to Munich, you pass by *Lake Mondsee*, which was used in the much-loved movie *The Sound of Music.*



Fri, Sept 18th: Munich/Prague - Morning departure to **Prague**. Upon arrival in Prague we check into our hotel. Remainder of the day is free.

Sat, Sept 19th: Prague City Tour & Folklore Show with Dinner - On our guided *Prague City Tour* we visit the city's famous sites, *the State Opera, National Museum and Wenceslas Square.* Admire the *statue of St Wenceslas, the patron saint of Bohemia.* Then, continue across *Charles Square* along the banks of the *River Vltava* to *Charles Bridge, the Rudolfinum, and across the river to Prague Castle.* You'll have the opportunity to walk around the castle courtyards, where you will see *St Vitus Cathedral, the seat of the Archbishop of Prague.* Visit the *Royal Palace and Golden Lane, the legendary place of the mysterious alchemists.* We continue across the River Vltava to the *Old Town, where you'll pass through the former Jewish Quarter.* In the Old Town Square, see the *St Nicholas Church, the Tyn Cathedral and the historical Old Town Hall with its world-famous astronomical clock and 12 apostles* dating back to 1410.

After our tour we visit *Our Lady of Victory Church* where we see the symbol of the city of Prague – ***the Infant Jesus of Prague.*** Approximately two feet tall, the statue of the infant child was brought from Spain in the 17th century.

Folklore Show with Dinner - This evening we enjoy original Czech folklore music, dancing, drinks and food. Live music and dances are presented in traditional costumes. Come and dance along or just watch from you table.

Sun, Sept 20th: Vltava River Cruise with Dinner - Free day to enjoy Prague on our own. This evening we board our river boat for a dinner cruise on the Vltava River.



Mon, Sept 21st: Prague/ Mariazell - Today we depart to *the oldest place of Pilgrimage, to Our Lady, in central Europe, Mariazell.* The Basilica of Mariazell is one of the most important Christian architectural monuments in Europe. December 21, 1157 is the traditional date of the Church's foundation. The first documented pilgrimage was in 1330. In 1907 the church was raised to the status of Basilica Minor. The funeral of Cardinal Mindszenty of Hungary was held here in 1975. On May 3, 1991 Cardinal Mindszenty's remains were returned to Hungary. The Basilica of Mariazell was visited by Pope John Paul II on September 13, 1983.

Tue, Sept 22nd: Mariazell -Free day for private devotion.

Wed, Sept 23rd: Mariazell/Budapest - After breakfast we depart to **Budapest**. Upon arrival in Budapest we check into our hotel. Remainder of our day is free.

Thu, Sept 24th: Budapest Tour & Budapest Dinner Cruise - Our tour starts with *the Royal Castle* on the Buda side. Here you will visit the *Fishermen's Bastion* (Promenade) and the *Matthias Church* (Interior visit). You will also climb the *Gellert Hill* for fantastic photo opportunities of the city before crossing *Elizabeth Bridge* and driving by the City Park towards *Heroes' Square* (Promenade). Passing by *the Opera and St. Stephen's Basilica*.

Budapest Dinner Cruise - Picture the fairy tale riverfront of Budapest you will see during your dinner cruise: the two banks of the River Danube are spotted with brightly lit churches, the Buda Castle on the Castle Hill, the neo-Gothic turrets of the Hungarian Parliament, the palm leaved Statue of Liberty on the Gellert Hill, the cupolas of the Art Nouveau Gellert Baths, the elegant curves of the Gresham Palace and the soaring domes of the majestic St Stephens Basilica behind them. You will be cruising in one of the [UNESCO World Heritage sites](#) and one of the twinkling treasure boxes of the Danube River.

Budapest night views are charmingly romantic and breathtakingly beautiful as the city illuminates at night. Besides romance, the city is full of history, and telling tales of the faded glory, traces of the communist past.

Fri, Sept 25th: Danube Bend River Cruise from Budapest with Lunch - The *Danube Bend* trip from Budapest is a lovely experience. The trip to the Danube River Bend combines a bus tour and a cruise. The river cruise is from **Szentendre** to Budapest with a stunning entrance into the romantic and historical city of Budapest from the north. The first part of the tour is by bus, the second part of the tour is by boat.

Visegrad is your first stop on the Danube Bend Tour. Visegrad has a medieval hilltop castle.

Our next stop is the town of **Esztergom**, where the beautiful cathedral of Esztergom called the Esztergom Basilica is the main attraction. Esztergom was once a royal seat similar to Visegrad. *The body of Cardinal Mindszenty lies in Esztergom Basilica.*

Hungarian kings loved the beautiful views of the Danube River and the hills along the river. Both the Visegrad Castle and the Esztergom Basilica dominate the skyline and provide excellent views of the Danube River, the nearby villages and the green woods.

Next we have a traditional *Hungarian lunch*. This is a nice way to relax after walking in Visegrad and Esztergom.

After the medieval royal towns in the Danube Bend, and the lovely lunch, the next stop of the tour is **Szentendre**, a hub of fine art, also reached by bus. There is a guided walking tour through the cobblestone streets of Szentendre.

Szentendre is a lovely and colorful medieval and Baroque town by the Danube River, the gate keeper of the Danube Bend. Szentendre (named after Saint Andrew) has several nice attractions (churches, museums, e.g. Caprice, the Hungarian Jewelry Museum), and a good relaxing vibe.

Sat, Sept 26th: Budapest/USA - This morning we are transferred to Budapest airport for your return flight to Newark

Reservation Form

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