

A Pilgrimage to Germany & Austria with Msgr. Marv Borger, Vicar for Clergy November 4 - 15, 2019

Day 1, November 4th, 2019 (Monday): Depart USA for overnight flight to Germany

Day 2, November 5th, 2019 (Tuesday): Munich arrival – Alotting – Marktl - Salzburg

Arrive at Munich International Airport and meet our English-speaking tour escort. Drive to Altotting, which has been the spiritual center of Bavaria and, for more than 500 years, the most significant place of Marian pilgrimage in Germany. Celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at the Shrine. Lunch on your own. After lunch, visit Marktl am Inn, the birth place of Pope-emeritus Benedict XVI, and St. Oswald, the church where he was baptized Joseph Aloisius Ratzinger. Continue onto Salzburg for dinner and overnight. (D)

Day 3, November 6th, 2019 (Wednesday): Salzburg - After breakfast we start the day with a visit to the Shrine of Our Lady of Maria Plain. The 17th century hilltop shrine overlooking Salzburg has a painting of the Virgin Mary that miraculously survived a bakery fire. The shrine became a Minor Basilica in 1952 and was visited by Pope John Paul II in 1983. After Holy Mass celebrated at the Shrine, we will enjoy a guided tour of Salzburg with visit to the cathedral, sights along the Getreidegasse, the city's pedestrian street, lined with authentic 17th and 18th century buildings, including the house where Mozart was born. After lunch (on your own), we will visit the Hohensalzburg Fortress, the biggest fully preserved castle in Central Europe. Dinner & overnight Salzburg (B, D)

Day 4, November 7th, 2019 (Thursday): Salzburg – Sound of Music

Enjoy a free morning for resting, exploring, or shopping. After lunch (on your own), we will enjoy “The Sound of Music Tour” and see the locations where the world-famous film was shot. Afterwards we will travel through the picturesque mountain ranges to the charming town of St. Gilgen at Wolfgangsee, famous for the opening scene of the movie. Finally transfer to Mondsee to see the St. Michael Basilica, which served as the set for the wedding of Maria and the Captain. Celebrate Mass at the Shrine. Return to Salzburg for dinner on your own. Overnight Salzburg (B)

Day 5, November 8th, 2019 (Friday): Salzburg – Ettal – Oberammergau – Neuschwanstein – Munich

This morning we depart for Munich and take on an alpine tour en route. First visit Ettal Monastery, a Benedictine monastery in the village of Ettal close to Oberammergau and Garmisch-Partenkirchen in Bavaria. Celebrate Mass at the Abbey, pending confirmation. Next we visit Oberammergau, a quaint alpine village and home of the famous Passion Play performed every ten years since the 1634. After lunch on your own we visit Neuschwanstein, one of the fairy-tale castles built by “Mad” King Ludwig II. With its turrets and mock-medievalism and interior styles ranging from Byzantine through Romanesque to Gothic. Continue on to Munich for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

Day 6, November 9th, 2019 (Saturday): Munich - This morning we celebrate Mass at the stunning Baroque church Asamkirche (pending confirmation), then enjoy a guided city tour of Munich, Germany's unofficial southern capital. Visit the Marienplatz with the world famous “Glockenspiel” and the twin-towered Frauenkirche, the most familiar landmark of old Munich. Continue to see the Town Hall and the magnificent boulevards created by King Ludwig in the middle of the 19th century. This afternoon we will visit the Nymphenburg Palace and Garden. Dinner and overnight in Munich. (B, D)

Day 7, November 10th, 2019 (Sunday): Munich - After Mass enjoy a day at leisure to explore the city on your own, enjoy the English Gardens, perhaps lunch at the Hofbrauhaus house, shop and enjoy the culture and city of Munich. Overnight in Munich. (B)

Day 8, November 11th, 2019 (Monday): Munich – Nuremberg – Bamberg

After breakfast, we depart for Bamberg with a stop in Nuremberg, the city once served as the seat of Holy Roman Emperors. Upon arrival in Nuremberg, celebrate Mass at Frauenkirche and enjoy a guided tour of the Old Town. For centuries Nuremberg was the preferred residence of most German kings, who kept their crown jewels here. By the 19th century, the city had become a powerhouse in Germany's industrial revolution. After lunch (on your own), we continue to Bamberg for dinner and overnight. After dinner enjoy a private evening tour ‘Night watchmen in Bamberg’ (subject to confirmation). (B, D)

Day 9, November 12th, 2019 (Tuesday): Day-trip to Kirchehrenbach & Wiesenthau

We will celebrate Mass at the St. Bartholomew Church in Kirchehrenbach. According to historians, its history dates back to the 12th Century and it played an important role in fiefdom of the Prince-Bishopric of Bamberg. Continue to Wiesenthau and explore the local castle Schloss Wiesenthau (subject to confirmation). Enjoy lunch at the Schloss Wiesenthau Restaurant (lunch included, restaurant subject to confirmation). Return to Bamberg for dinner and overnight. (B, L, D)

Day 10, November 13th, 2019 (Wednesday): Bamberg - Wurzburg.

Start the day with Mass at the Bamberg Cathedral. Continue with a guided tour of the city and feel the magic of this World Heritage town. Discover Bamberg's numerous tourist sites as you stroll through the historical center and admire the cathedral, the Old Court, the New Residenz, and the Rose Garden. After lunch, on your own, depart for Wurzburg where we will enjoy a guided tour of the city and see among others the Falkenhaus with its Rococo facade, Market Square, the historic Town Hall, Neumunster church with the Lusamgartchen and the resting place of the minstrel Walther von der Vogelweide, the Alte Mainbrücke (Old Main river bridge) with a marvelous view of Fortress Marienberg. Dinner and Overnight at the hotel in Wurzburg (B, D)

Day 11, November 14th, 2019 (Thursday): Rothenburg ob der Tauber – Wurzburg

After breakfast we take a half-day excursion to the Franconian town of Rothenburg ob der Tauber. We will celebrate Mass at the St. John Church, originally built on the site of the Headquarters of the Order of St. John around 1200. Lunch (on your own) in Rothenburg ob der Tauber. Return to Wurzburg with remainder of the day free to relax, explore, or pack. Farewell dinner at a local restaurant Burgerspital Weinstuben. Overnight at the hotel in Wurzburg (B, D)

Day 12, November 15th, 2019 (Friday): Transfer to Frankfurt's Airport for our return flight home. (B)

NOTES: While no changes are anticipated, there may be occasions when sequence and days of visits may change and certain alterations become necessary due to changes beyond our control.



Total Cost: \$ 3,939.00, per person, *discounted for Cash/Check payment*, based on 25 participants, double occupancy. **If paying with credit card Full price: \$ 4,096.00**, per person.

Included

- Airfare DTW / MUC - FRA / DTW
- 10 Nights in 4 star hotels
- 10 Breakfasts, 8 Dinners, 1 Lunch
- English speaking tour escort/ guide throughout
- Private motor coach throughout
- Transfers from international airport
- Entrance fees as noted in itinerary
- **Private Mass arrangements, subject to final confirmation**
- Taxes and fuel surcharge
(subject to increase 30 days prior to departure)

Not Included

- Optional Travel insurance:
(strongly recommended)
- Lunches & beverages w/meals
- Transportation to/from DTW
(To be discussed once group is formed)
- Tips of \$ 140.00 for guide, driver, porters, wait staff etc. **This will be added to, and collected on, your final invoice.**
- Items of personal nature
- Airline baggage fees
- Any items not specifically mentioned
- **Limited Single rooms add: Check / Cash: \$ 850.00 / Cr. Crd: \$ 884.00**

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