



TEKTON MINISTRIES

Encounter Christ on a Catholic Pilgrimage

YOU'RE INVITED ON A PILGRIMAGE TO
**SWITZERLAND, GERMANY
& AUSTRIA**



October 13 - 24, 2025

A TRULY CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE

Tekton Ministries has been leading Catholic pilgrimages all over the world for more than 25 years. Working closely with your priest to create thoughtfully planned itineraries, we help make the Catholic faith more tangible to your daily life. By visiting holy sites and shrines throughout France, and walking in the footsteps of numerous saints, we hope your faith will be reinvigorated and renewed by this pilgrimage. Daily Mass and time for prayerful reflection are the cornerstones of each day's experience.

We use only experienced Christian or Catholic guides, so you receive truthful explanations of scripture and the places we encounter. When the disciple Philip asked the Eunuch (who was reading Isaiah) if he understood what he was reading, the man responded, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" (Acts 8:35) Just as Philip guided the Eunuch with "the good news of Jesus," your Tekton pilgrimage will guide you into a deeper understanding of the Scriptures. Our prayers, service, and love of our Lord go with you.

• Day 1 - Monday, October 13

Depart USA

Our pilgrimage begins as we depart on our overnight flight to Zurich. Meals and refreshments will be served aloft.

• Day 2 - Tuesday, October 14

Arrive Zurich

Upon arrival in Zürich, we will be met by our tour manager who will be with us for the duration of the pilgrimage. Enjoy a tour of Zurich as we stroll through the Old Town quarter before transferring to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (D)

• Day 3 - Wednesday, October 15

Zurich / Einsiedeln / Lindau

After breakfast, depart Zurich and drive to Einsiedeln, the most famous pilgrimage destination in Switzerland. Visit the Benedictine Monastery of Einsiedeln whose name derives from the German word Einsiedler, or hermits. Among these was the famous Meinrad who, in the early 9th century, retired to the forest with a little statue of the Madonna which was given to him by a local abbess. Since the early 10th century, Einsiedeln has remained a place of fervent pilgrimage, and the famous Black Madonna statue is found in the Mercy Chapel. We will celebrate Mass at the Monastery (pending



confirmation), which is situated amidst green pastures and dense forests. Then cross the Swiss/German border and drive to Lindau, located on the shores of Lake Constance. (B, D)

• Day 4 - Thursday, October 16

Lindau / Neuschwanstein / Füssen

This morning, we will enjoy a brief tour of Lindau, including the lighthouse, Bavarian Lion sculpture, Old Town, St. Peter's Church, and Lindau Abbey. We will then depart for our visit to Neuschwanstein Castle – one of the fairytale castles built by King Ludwig II, and Walt Disney's inspiration for Cinderella's castle. Afterwards, continue to nearby Füssen for our overnight. (B, D)

• Day 5 - Friday, October 17

Füssen / Wieskirche / Oberammergau / Munich

Today we begin at the charming Wieskirche (Church of the Meadow) considered to be the most beautiful Rococo church in Europe. Afterwards, drive a short distance to Oberammergau, home of the famous Passion Play performed every 10 years (with few interruptions) since the 17th century. Enjoy a brief tour with free time for lunch and shopping before proceeding to Munich, capital of Bavaria and our home for the next two nights. After checking in at our hotel, the balance of the day will be free for personal activities. (B, D)



• Day 6 - Saturday, October 18

Munich

Today we will enjoy a full day tour of Munich including visits to Nymphenburg Palace, the Royal Residence, the Church of St. Michael, the Burgersaal Church, the Frauenkirche, the Hofbrauhaus (view only), and the Marienplatz with its famous Glockenspiel clock. (B, D)

• Day 7 - Sunday, October 19

Munich – day trip to Dachau and Erding

This morning, we drive to the Dachau Concentration Camp, the first of the Nazi concentration camps opened in Germany, intended to hold political prisoners. Afterwards, we drive to Erding, site of the famous Eucharistic miracle from 1417, dedicated to the Most



Maria Plain



Precious Blood. After time for prayer here, we then return to Munich, for our last evening in this charming city. (B, D)

• **Day 8 - Monday, October 20**
Munich / Altotting / Salzburg

Early this morning, we depart Munich and visit Altotting, which is Germany's most significant pilgrimage site for the veneration of Mary. In the Miraculous Image Chapel, the first recorded miracle occurred in 1489 when a desperate mother laid the dead body of her drowned child before the statue of Our Lady and the child became alive. Ever since, this little village has been growing as a spiritual shrine for millions of pilgrims. After Mass in Altotting we will continue across the Austrian German border and stop in Maria Plain, which has been a famous pilgrimage site since the 17th century. Continue a short distance to Salzburg for the first of our two overnights. (B, D)

• **Day 9 - Tuesday, October 21**
Salzburg

Stroll through the heart of old Salzburg and visit Mozart's birthplace, the famous Horse Fountain, the Hohen Salzburg Fortress, the Monastery, and the modern Festival Hall. Visit the religious heritage of this town including the 17th century cathedral, Nonnberg Convent which was founded by St. Rupert in the 8th Century and is the oldest nunnery in existence, and the Benedictine Abbey of St. Peter which was also founded by St. Rupert. Later this afternoon visit Hellbrunn Palace, a 17th Century castle known primarily for its trick fountains which spray unsuspecting walkers with water. (B, D)

• **Day 10 - Wednesday, October 22**
Salzburg / Vienna

Depart Salzburg for Melk, a village world-renowned for its Benedictine Abbey which was founded in 1702. One of the most splendid examples of Baroque architecture in Europe, the Abbey dominates the town from high above the Danube River. Admire the famous Melk Cross, the Abbey library and the Collegiate Church before continuing to Vienna, the capital of Austria and our home for the next 2 nights. The balance of the afternoon will be free for personal activities. (B, D)

• **Day 11 - Thursday, October 23**
Vienna

A wealth of treasures awaits us in Vienna as we explore the Catholic heritage of this beautiful city by visiting Karlskirche, Peterskirche, and the famous Stephansdom Cathedral. Our sightseeing today will include a special visit to Schönbrunn Palace which is one of the most celebrated cultural monuments in the Austrian Empire. The gardens and elaborately decorated rooms rival Versailles. Tour the Old Town and enjoy the sights as we drive along the Ringstrasse. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

• **Day 12 - Friday, October 24**
Vienna / USA

This morning we transfer to the airport in Vienna for our return flight home, taking with us all the memories and graces of this pilgrimage. (B)

B=Breakfast D=Dinner



PRICE PER PERSON

Double occupancy with base airfare **\$5,155.00**
Current airline taxes/fuel surcharges **\$628.31**

(subject to change until final ticketing)

ESTIMATED TOTAL COST \$5,783.31

Gratuities to guide, driver, hotel/restaurant staff **\$160.00**

(estimated/pre-collected with final invoice)

OPTIONS:

- For a single room, add **\$1,084**
- Land-only option: **\$4,322**

Final Payment Due

July 2025

BASE RATE INCLUDES:

- Daily Mass at holy sites
- Roundtrip economy class airfare from Indianapolis on Delta Airlines/Air France
- 10 nights' accommodations, including taxes and service charges
- Farewell dinner at a local restaurant on day 11
- Porterage of one piece of luggage at hotels
- Knowledgeable, friendly, Catholic/Christian guides; whisper headsets; deluxe motor coach transportation to holy sites; all entrance fees listed on itinerary

Rates do not include: *Lunches, drinks with meals*

Reservations and Payment: Tekton Ministries requires a deposit of \$300.00 per person at the time of booking. This deposit forms a part of your final payment which is due 90 days prior to departure. Reservations made within 89 days of departure must be accompanied by payment in full. Payments made by credit card will incur a convenience fee. Any reservations received within 45 days of departure will incur a late booking fee of \$100.00 per person. Late payments may be subject to a late fee and/or possible removal from the pilgrimage. This pilgrimage is based upon a minimum of 21 total pilgrims. Surcharges may be assessed for a smaller group size.

Cancellations: All cancellations must be in writing. The following per person cancellation charges will apply in addition to any airline penalties and charges incurred by our suppliers: If canceled 91 days or more prior to departure, a \$150.00 administrative fee will be charged. If canceled 90 - 46 days prior to departure, \$300.00 will be charged. If canceled 45 - 15 days prior to departure, \$1000.00 will be charged. No refunds will be made within 14 days of departure. In addition, once the airline tickets have been issued, 100% of the airfare is non-refundable unless you have been advised otherwise at the time of your booking.

Travel Documents: A passport which is valid for 6 months past the date of your return flight home is required of all U. S. citizens. However, U.S. citizens do not require visas for Switzerland, Germany and Austria. If you are not a U.S. citizen, please call to find out if you need a visa. Tekton Ministries is not responsible for individual visas or passports.

Hotels: Accommodations are based on double occupancy rooms with private facilities. A limited number of single rooms are available at the supplement quoted and should be requested at the time of booking.

Air Transportation: Air travel is in economy class on Delta Airlines/Air France. Fares are based upon levels in effect at the time of printing and fares and flight schedules are subject to change without notice. Note that any ticketing changes made within 120 days of your departure date will incur airline penalties.

Baggage: Each passenger is allowed one checked bag and one carry-on. Tekton Ministries is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen baggage.

Travel Insurance: We strongly recommend that you purchase comprehensive travel insurance for your trip. Registration information will be provided upon receipt of your deposit.

Not Included in base price: Airline taxes/fuel surcharges (currently \$628.31 per person, but subject to change until the time of ticketing), gratuities to guide, driver, and hotel staff, passport/visa fees, personal travel insurance, laundry, beverages and items not on the regular menu of included meals, excess baggage charges, optional sightseeing and expenses of a personal nature.

Refunds: Subject to the foregoing Cancellation Terms, upon cancellation of travel related services, all sums paid to Tekton Ministries/George's International Tours for such services will be promptly returned to the passenger, provided the passenger has not caused such cancellation and is not in violation of any of the terms and conditions previously, clearly and conspicuously disclosed and agreed to by the passenger. This refund provision does not apply where Tekton Ministries/George's International Tours has remitted the payment to another registered seller of travel or a carrier and they default in providing the agreed-upon transportation or service without providing a refund. In such a situation, Tekton Ministries/George's International Tours agrees to provide

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