



TEKTON MINISTRIES

Encounter Christ on a Catholic Pilgrimage



PILGRIMAGE TO THE
SHRINES ^{OF} **GERMANY**

April 16th-27th, 2018

PILGRIMAGE ITINERARY

● April 16: Depart USA

Our spiritual pilgrimage begins today as we board our transatlantic flight to Munich. Meals and refreshments will be served aloft.

● Day 2 - April 17: Arrive Munich

Upon arrival in Munich we will be met by at the airport by our local tour manager and then transfer to our hotel for check-in. The remainder of the day is free.

● Day 3 – April 18: Munich

Today we will enjoy a full day tour of Munich including visits to the Burgersaal, the Michaelskirche, the Frauenkirche, the Marienplatz with its famous Rathaus-Glockenspiel clock, the festive Hofbrauhaus beer hall where we will have lunch and Nymphenburg Palace.

● Day 4 – April 19: Munich

This morning we will drive a short distance outside of Munich to the Dachau Concentration Camp, the first of the Nazi concentration camps opened in Germany, intended to hold political prisoners. We will then proceed to Altotting, the site of Germany's premiere Marian Shrine. Here we will visit the Gnadenkapelle (Chapel of Grace), which is a tiny octagonal chapel which holds a venerated statue of the Virgin Mary. According to the legend, in 1489, a 3-year-old local boy who had drowned in the river was revived when his grieving mother placed him in front of a wooden statue of the Virgin Mary at the high altar. Return to Munich.

● Day 5 –April 20: Munich / Lindau

This morning we will depart Munich and drive to Steingaden to visit the Wieskirche (Church in the Meadow) which is also called the Church of Scourged Redeemer and is considered to



Dachau Concentration Camp



Wieskirche



Rathaus-Glockenspiel Clock

be the most beautiful Rococo church in Europe. We will then continue on to Neuschwanstein Castle to see the most famous of the fairytale castles built by King Ludwig II. Drive on to Lindau which is located on beautiful Lake Constance for overnight.

● Day 6 – April 21: Lindau / Zurich

This morning we will enjoy a brief tour of Lindau including the lighthouse and Bavarian Lion sculpture, the Old Town and St. Peter's Church and Lindau Abbey. We will then depart Lindau and drive across the German-Swiss border to 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. Meinrad was killed by robbers who were then eventually brought to justice for their crime. Since the early 10th century, Einsiedeln has remained a place of fervent pilgrimage. We will celebrate Mass at the Monastery, which is situated amidst green pastures and dense forests with some of the country's most beautiful scenery. Continue on to Zurich for overnight.

● Day 7 – April 22: Zurich / Friburg

This morning we will enjoy a tour of Zurich as we stroll through the Old Town quarter and visit the Fraumunster featuring Marc Chagall's famous stained-glass windows depicting scenes from the life of Christ. We will then depart Zurich and drive to the Rhine Falls which is the largest waterfall in Europe spanning a width of 150 meters. We will then cross back into Germany and venture into the scenic Black Forest and stop at a craft center to see a woodcarving demonstration. Continue on to Friburgh for overnight.

● Day 8 – April 23: Friburg / Speyer / Ketsch

This morning we will enjoy a tour of Friburg including visits to Friburg Cathedral, the Münsterplatz and the Old and New Town Halls. Then depart Friburg and head north along the

Rhine before crossing the river into France to visit Strasbourg which is host to the European Parliament and whose border location makes it the place where French and German cultures coexist. The dual identity is evident in language, local cuisine, and architecture. Visit the Cathedral with its large astronomical clock and enjoy time to explore the historic Old Town. Then continue our journey north along the Rhine to Speyer where we will visit the Cathedral and the Old Gate (Altpoertel) before proceeding to our hotel in nearby Ketsch for check-in.

● **Day 9 – April 24: Ketsch / Speyer / Cologne**

This morning we will depart Ketsch and drive north to Trier which has been an important city since the Roman era. Relics of this period include Constantine’s Basilica, the Kaiserthermen (the Imperial baths), a huge amphitheater, and the stupendous Porta Nigra, a gateway built from colossal blocks of stone. Then continue to Cologne for overnight.

● **Day 10 – April 25: Cologne**

This morning we will take an excursion to Aachen to visit Aachen Cathedral and the Gothic Marian Shrine housing the swaddling clothes of Jesus, the loin cloth of the Lord, the cloth for John the Baptist’s head and the Blessed Virgin’s Cloak. Celebrate Mass in the Cathedral and see the miraculous 14th Century statue of the Virgin. Then return to Cologne and visit the Cathedral which holds the relics of the three Magi and the staff that belonged to St. Peter. Then see some of the Romanesque churches that survived World War II including the Church of St. Andreas containing the remains of the St. Albert the Great, teacher of St. Thomas Aquinas, and the Church of St. Ursula which houses the remains of St. Ursula and 11,000 martyrs, all killed in Cologne at the hands of the Huns in the 2nd century.

● **Day 11 – April 26: Cologne**

Today is free during which time you may wish to take an optional Rhine River cruise.

● **Day 12 – April 27: Cologne / Dusseldorf / USA**

Following breakfast we will transfer to the airport in Dusseldorf to catch our return flight home.



Benedictine Monastery of Einsiedeln



Strasbourg Cathedral

PILGRIMAGE PRICE: \$3,675.00

*per person/double occupancy
For a single occupancy please add \$693.00
For land only, please subtract: \$699.00*

These rates include:

- Arrangements for daily Mass
- Roundtrip economy class airfare from Indianapolis on Delta Airlines
- 10 nights accommodation
- All hotel taxes and service charges
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Farewell dinner at a local restaurant in Milan
- Professional tour manager from arrival until departure
- All entrance fees as per itinerary
- Land transportation by deluxe motor coach
- Arrival and departure transfers
- Porterage of one piece of luggage at airports and hotels
- Whisper headsets

These rates do not include:

- Airline taxes/fuel surcharges (currently \$405.55 per person, but subject to change until the time of ticketing)*
- Gratuities to guide, driver, and hotel staff*
- Lunches, drinks with meals, extras at hotels and any expenses of a personal nature

**added to your final invoice
Departures from other airports available upon request.*

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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 75 days prior to departure. Reservations made within 74 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. 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 \$75.00 administrative fee will be charged. If canceled 90 - 31 days prior to departure, \$175.00 will be charged. If canceled 30 - 15 days prior to departure, \$450.00 will be charged. If canceled 14 - 7 days prior to departure \$700.00 will be charged. No refunds will be made within 6 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 Germany. 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. 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 90 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: Airline taxes/fuel surcharges (currently \$405.55 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

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