



TEKTON MINISTRIES
Encounter Christ on a Catholic Pilgrimage



PILGRIMAGE TO

OBERAMMERGAU

THE PASSION PLAY, GERMANY, AND PRAGUE

September 28th - October 9th, 2020



A TRULY CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE

Tekton Ministries has been leading Catholic pilgrimages for more than 20 years. Working closely with your priest to create thoughtfully planned itineraries, we help make the Catholic faith more tangible in your daily life by taking you to the heart of Catholic Europe, to experience a remarkable and rich representation of Christ's Passion that has been performed for nearly 400 years. Although we visit many sites in this holy and historic region, daily Mass and time for prayerful reflection are important parts 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 – September 28: Depart USA

Our pilgrimage begins today as we depart on our flight to Germany. Meals and drinks served aloft.

● Day 2 – September 29: Arrive Frankfurt / Rudesheim

After arrival in Frankfurt, we will meet our tour manager and then board our motor coach and drive to Rudesheim for overnight. The balance of the day will be free. (D)

● Day 3 – September 30: Rheinbollen/Rudesheim

This morning take a cruise on the Rhine River. Visit Rheinfels Castle, the largest, and one of the most magnificent castles ruins on the Rhine. Also, see the Basilica of St. Martin, the main Catholic church in the city of Bingen. Afterward, we'll tour the Benedictine Abbey at Eibingen. Here we learn about Saint Hildegard of Bingen, also a composer and poet. But it's only recently that her songs, writings, and remarkable life and visions have been rediscovered. After Mass, return to our hotel in Rudesheim. (B/D)



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● Day 4 – October 1: Heidelberg / Augsburg

This morning we drive to Heidelberg where we will stroll through the historic city center's Gothic streets. We'll see Heidelberg Castle, the symbolic heart of the city; Alte Brücke, a beautiful 18th-century bridge; The Altstadt (Old Town), Church of the Holy Ghost and the Jesuitenkirche. Then drive to Augsburg for our overnight stay. (B/D)

● Day 5 – October 2: Oberammergau - the Passion Play

This morning we will depart for the village of Oberammergau, home to the world-famous Passion Play. Today will be the highlight of our tour as we witness the Passion Play performed by the local people of Oberammergau. The story of Oberammergau is one of faith and began with a miracle. In the 1600's the "Black Plague" swept through Europe, striking down one in every three people and leaving in its wake, misery, panic, and death. The people of Oberammergau prayed to be spared, vowing that they would present a play depicting the Life and Passion of Jesus Christ every ten years. True to their word, the villagers performed their Passion Play in 1634 and have kept their pledge, the routine of plays only having been interrupted by two World Wars. (B/D)

● Day 6 – October 3: Oberammergau / Dachau / Munich

This morning we will depart Oberammergau and drive to visit the Wieskirche (Church of the Meadow) which is considered to be the most beautiful Rococo church in Europe. We will then see Neuschwanstein which is one of the fairytale castles built by King Ludwig II. Lastly, drive to the Dachau Concentration Camp, the first of the Nazi concentration camps opened in Germany, intended to hold political prisoners. Then drive near Munich, our home for the next three nights. (B/D)

● Day 7 – October 4: Munich / Oktoberfest

Today we will celebrate Mass and then have the balance of the day free to explore the famous Oktoberfest festivities. Visit one of the festive beer tents and celebrate the closing of the celebration or walk around the Old Town. Dinner will be on your own at one of the many Old Town restaurants. (B)



Neuschwanstein Castle



St. Vitus Cathedral



Mala Strana

• Day 8 – October 5: Munich / Erding

This morning drive to Erding, site of the famous Eucharistic miracle from 1417, dedicated to the Most Precious Blood. Return to Munich where we will visit the historic Glockenspiel on the Marienplatz, and the revered twin-towered Frauenkirche, the most familiar landmark of old Munich, the Burgersaal Church, and the Michaelskirche. (B/D)

• Day 9 – October 6: Munich / Altotting / Prague

Depart Munich and drive to the Shrine of Our Lady of Altotting, also known as the Chapel of Grace, which is the oldest Marian shrine in Germany. The shrine became a popular pilgrim



Oktoberfest

destination in 1489 after a young boy who had drowned had a miraculous recovery after his mother laid his body before the image and prayed to the Blessed Mother for a miracle. After Mass in Altotting, we will continue across the German-Czech border and continue our scenic drive through the countryside to the Czech capital of Prague, one of Europe’s most attractive cities. (B/D)

• Day 10 – October 7: Prague / Mala Strana

Today we will enjoy a full day tour of Prague, starting with a visit to Loreto Shrine, one of the most important pilgrimage shrines in the Czech Republic. Then visit Prague Castle where we will visit St. Vitus Cathedral, St. George’s Basilica, the picturesque Golden Lane, the Royal Palace, and St. George’s Convent. Then proceed to Mala Strana, “the Little Quarter,” with its beautiful architectural buildings. Here we will visit the Church of St. Nicholas and then the Church of Our Lady Victorious where we will see the famous statue of the Infant Jesus of Prague and celebrate Mass. (B/D)

• Day 11 – October 8: Prague / Old Town

This morning we will cross the Charles Bridge to visit the Old Town, which is considered to be one of the best historic city centers in Europe. Visit the Old Town Square, the Town Hall with its famous Astronomical Clock which comes alive when the hour strikes and the twelve disciples appear to bless the crowd, and the Church of Our Lady before Tyn. The remainder of the day is free for personal activities. Tonight we will enjoy a farewell dinner at a restaurant in the Old Town of Prague. (B/D)

• Day 12 – October 9: Prague / USA

This morning transfer to the airport to catch our return flight home.



OBERAMMERGAU PILGRIMAGE DETAILS

REGISTER ONLINE AT
TektonMinistries.org

BASE PRICE PER PERSON

Double occupancy w/ airfare **\$4,595.00**

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL EXPENSES *(applied to final invoice)*

- **Current airline taxes/fuel surcharges** **\$482.30**
(subject to change until final ticketing)
- **Gratuities to guide, driver, hotel/restaurant staff** **\$140.00**

ESTIMATED TOTAL COST **\$5,217.30**

OPTIONS:

- For a single room: add **\$1,056**
- Land-only option: **\$3,991** *(no flights or gratuities included)*

Final Payment Due

February 15, 2020

BASE RATE INCLUDES:

- Daily Mass at holy sites
- Roundtrip economy airfare from Indianapolis on Delta/Air France
- Passion Play in Oberammergau
- 10 nights' accommodations, including taxes and service charges
- Portage of one piece of luggage at airports and hotels
- Arrival and departure transfers
- Knowledgeable, friendly, Catholic/Christian guides; whisper headsets; deluxe motor coach transportation to holy sites; all entrance fees listed on itinerary
- Breakfast and dinner as per itinerary (excluding drinks)

Rates do not include: Lunches, drinks with meals

Reservations and Payment: Tekton Ministries requires a nonrefundable deposit of \$500.00 per person at the time of booking. A second deposit of \$1,000.00 will be due on September 1, 2019. These deposits form part of your final payment which is due February 15, 2020. Reservations made within 190 days of departure must be accompanied by payment in full. Payments made by credit card will incur a convenience fee. Any reservations received within 190 days of departure will incur a late booking fee of \$100.00 per person. This pilgrimage is based upon a minimum of 28 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 after the time of your initial booking a \$500.00 penalty will be charged. If canceled 180-91 days prior to departure a \$1,000.00 penalty will be charged. If canceled 90-31 days prior to departure a \$1,500.00 penalty will be charged. If canceled 30-7 days prior to departure a \$2,000.00 penalty 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 nonrefundable 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 the Czech Republic or 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/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 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 in base price: Airline taxes/fuel surcharges (currently \$482.30 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 passenger with a written statement accompanied by a copy of the bank records establishing the disbursement of the payment, and if disbursed to a seller of travel, proof of their current registration.

Trust Account Disclosure: California law requires certain sellers of travel to have a trust account or bond. George's International Tours has such a trust account.

Travel Consumer Restitution Corporation ("TCRC"): George's International Tours is a participant in the Travel Consumer Restitution Corporation ("TCRC"). You, the passenger, may request reimbursement from TCRC if George's International Tours was registered and participating in the TCRC at the time of sale and the passenger is located in California at the time of payment. Please be advised that passengers purchasing from outside of California are not covered by the TCRC. Eligible passengers may file a claim with TCRC if the passenger is owed a refund of more than \$50 for transportation or travel services which George's International Tours failed to forward to a proper provider or if such money was not refunded to you when required. The maximum amount, which may be paid by the TCRC to any one passenger is the total amount paid on behalf of the passenger to George's International Tours, not to exceed \$15,000. A claim must be submitted to the TCRC within six months after the scheduled completion date of the travel. A claim must include sufficient information and documentation to prove your claim and a \$35 processing fee. You must agree to waive your right to other civil remedies against a registered participating Seller of Travel for matters arising out of a sale for which you file a claim with the TCRC, if you were located in California at the time of the sale. You may request a claim form by writing to: Travel Consumer Restitution Corporation, P.O. Box 6001, Larkspur, CA 94977-6001; or by faxing a request to 415-927-7698.

Responsibility Clause: Tekton Ministries, George's International Tours and/or their cooperating selling agents and/or their suppliers of services offer these tours for sale only on the express understanding that they themselves do not perform or in any way assume liability for the performance of the individual components, transfers, hotels, flights, car, motorcoaches, etc. of these tours and act only to combine these components into a single unit of sale for the convenience of the general public, and are not responsible therefore, either directly or indirectly, for any loss, accident, or injury which may result from any act, omission, negligence in or responsible for performing or providing these component services. The transportation companies concerned take no responsibility for any act, omission, or event during the time the passengers are not aboard their conveyances. The passenger contract issued by the transportation company shall constitute the sole contract between the transportation company and the passenger. Additional expenses incurred as a result of delay, change of schedules, illness, weather, strikes, hostilities, quarantine, government requisition of hotel space or any other reasons beyond the control of the tour operator or travel agent shall be borne by the passenger. Tour operator reserves the right to substitute hotels of similar category if necessary and to alter itineraries. Your deposit certifies that you agree with the above terms and conditions.



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