



TEKTON MINISTRIES
Encounter Christ on a Catholic Pilgrimage



PILGRIMAGE TO

OBERAMMERGAU

SWITZERLAND, AUSTRIA, GERMANY & HUNGARY

July 7th - 17th, 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 – Depart USA

Depart today on our overnight flight to Zürich. Meals and refreshments will be served aloft.

● Day 2 – Arrive Zurich, Lucerne

After arrival in Zürich, we will meet our tour manager and then board our motor coach and take a scenic drive to Lucerne, one of the most beautiful cities in Europe. The rest of the day is free to discover this fascinating city on our own. (D)

● Day 3 – Lucerne, Einsiedeln, Innsbruck

This morning we'll enjoy a sightseeing tour of the medieval city center with its historical and picturesque old houses, churches, world-famous wooden bridges, towers, fountains, and narrow streets. Then, we will depart Lucerne 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, which is situated amidst green pastures and dense forests. Then cross the Swiss/Austrian border and drive to Innsbruck, one of the most attractive cities of Alpine Europe located in a lovely spot at the foot of the Karwendel Alps. (B/D)

● Day 4 – Innsbruck, Oberammergau

Today will be the highlight of our tour as we depart for the village of Oberammergau to witness the Passion Play performed by the local villagers. 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 the Lord, vowing they would present a play depicting the Life and Passion of Jesus Christ every ten years if their village was spared. True to their word, they first performed the Passion Play in 1634 and have kept their pledge for nearly 400 years since. (B/D)

Oberammergau



● Day 5 – Oberammergau, Munich, Altötting

This morning, visit the 'Wieskirche' (Church of the Meadow) also called the Church of the Scourged Redeemer, considered to be the most beautiful Rococo church in Europe. Drive on to Munich, where we will visit the Old Town. We'll see the historic Glockenspiel on the Marienplatz, and the revered twin-towered Frauenkirche, the most familiar landmark of old Munich. Proceed on to Altötting for overnight. (B/D)

● Day 6 – Altötting, Salzburg

This morning visit Altötting Shrine, which is Germany's most significant pilgrimage site for the veneration of St. Mary. In the Miraculous Image Chapel in Altötting 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 Altötting, we will continue across the Austrian-German border and then



Maria Plain



stop in Maria Plain, which has been a famous pilgrimage site since the 17th century. We will then drive a short distance to Salzburg and visit the beautiful gardens of Hellbrunn Palace, a 17th Century castle known primarily for its trick fountains that spray unsuspecting walkers with water. Transfer to our hotel in Salzburg. (B/D)

● **Day 7 – Salzburg, Vienna**

Stroll through the heart of old Salzburg and visit Mozart's birthplace, the famous Horse Fountain, the Hohen Salzburg Fortress and the modern Festival Hall. Visit the religious heritage of this town including the 17th-century Cathedral, Nonnberg Convent, founded by St. Rupert in the 8th Century, and the Benedictine Abbey of St. Peter, also founded by St. Rupert. Continue to Vienna for overnight. (B/D)

● **Day 8 – Vienna**

Today we will enjoy a full day in Vienna, exploring 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. (B/D)

● **Day 9 – Vienna, Bratislava, Budapest**

This morning we will depart Vienna for a stop in Bratislava, the historic capital of Slovakia. Visit Bratislava Castle (outside view only), the Old Town, Michael's Gate, and the Cathedral of St. Martin. Continue our scenic journey into Budapest, the capital of Hungary, which straddles the Danube River. The Buda Hills rise on one side of the river, housing the city's ancient past. Pest is on the other side, modern and inviting. The two are linked with a series of elegant bridges. (B/D)

● **Day 10 – Budapest**

Today we will spend the whole day exploring the sights of Budapest. Visit Hero's Square, one of the largest and most inspiring spaces in the city, with its towering stone column and statue of the Archangel Gabriel. Pass by the Parliament, the massive, neo-Gothic building that stands majestically on the Danube. Then proceed to St. Stephen's Cathedral where we will celebrate Mass. Discover the magic of Fishermen's Bastion, with seven stone towers overlooking the famous river, and the distinctive Castle District with St. Mathias Church. (B/D)

● **Day 11 – Budapest, Return to USA**

This morning we transfer to the airport in Budapest for our return flight home.

Meals Included: B=Breakfast D=Dinner



OBERAMMERGAU PILGRIMAGE DETAILS

REGISTER ONLINE AT
TektonMinistries.org

BASE PRICE PER PERSON

Double occupancy w/ airfare from Philadelphia **\$4,335.00**

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL EXPENSES (applied to final invoice)

• Gratuities to guide, driver, hotel/restaurant staff **\$140.00**

ESTIMATED TOTAL COST **\$4,475.00**

OPTIONS:

- For a single room, add **\$605**
- Land-only option: **\$3,458**
- Additional airfare supplement from Phoenix: **\$390**
- Other departure cities available upon request: **\$TBD**

Final Payment Due **December 30, 2019**

BASE RATE INCLUDES:

- Daily Mass at holy sites
- Roundtrip economy class airfare from Philadelphia on American Airlines
- Airport taxes and fuel surcharges as currently levied (Subject to change at time of ticketing)
- Passion Play in Oberammergau
- 9 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 5, 2019. These deposits form part of your final payment which is due December 30, 2019. 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 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 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 Germany, Austria, Switzerland, or Hungary. 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 American 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 in Base Price: Passport/visa fees, gratuities, 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 estab-

lishing 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 co-operating 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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