



TEKTON MINISTRIES
Encounter Christ on a Catholic Pilgrimage



PILGRIMAGE TO

OBERAMMERGAU

THE PASSION PLAY AND CENTRAL EUROPE

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A TRULY CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE

Tekton Ministries has been leading Catholic pilgrimages all over the world for more than 20 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, and especially through your experience of the Passion Play at Oberammergau, we hope your faith will be reinvigorated and renewed. Although we visit many sites and shrines, 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 and Church history and tradition. Our prayers, service, and love of our Lord go with you.

● Day 1 – Depart USA

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

● Day 2 – Arrive Prague

Arrive in the Czech capital of Prague, one of Europe's most attractive cities. We will meet our tour manager and then board our motor coach and drive to our hotel, our home for the next 3 nights. The rest of the day is free to discover this fascinating city on our own. (D, Mass)

● Day 3 – Loreto Shrine / Prague Castle / Infant of Prague

Today we enjoy a full day tour of Prague, starting with a visit to Loreto Shrine, a replica of the Holy House of Loreto, and 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. We 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 venerate the famous statue of the Infant Jesus of Prague and celebrate Mass. The evening will be free to find dinner on your own at one of the many delicious restaurants in the area and spend some free time exploring more of this charming city. (B, Mass)



● Day 4 – Old Town Prague / Town Hall / Church of St. Nicholas

This morning we will cross the Charles Bridge to visit the Old Town, considered to be one of the best historical 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 Apostles appear to bless the crowd. We will see the Church of Our Lady before Tyn and visit the Church of St. Nicholas. The remainder of the day is free for personal activities. Tonight, we will enjoy a "Farewell to Prague" dinner together. (B, D, Mass)

● Day 5 – Prague / Altotting / Munich

This morning we depart Prague and drive across the border into Germany, through the scenic countryside to Altotting. We visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Altotting, also known as the Chapel of Grace, the oldest Marian shrine in Germany. This church became a popular pilgrim destination in 1489 after a young boy who had drowned had a miraculous recovery when his mother laid his body before the image and prayed to the Blessed Mother for a miracle. After Mass in Altotting, we will drive to Munich, our home for the next two nights. (B, D, Mass)



● Day 6 – Glockenspiel / Marienplatz / Hofbrauhaus

Today we will spend the entire day in Munich, including visits to the historic Glockenspiel on the Marienplatz, the revered twin-towered Frauenkirche, the most familiar landmark of old Munich, the Burgersaal Church, and the Michaelskirche. We will enjoy lunch at the renowned Hofbrauhaus to learn about the techniques used to make a Bavarian brew at the Beer and Oktoberfest Museum. The rest of the day will be free to explore this fascinating city on our own. (B, L, Mass)

● **Day 7 – Munich / Wieskirche / Oberammergau**

This morning we will depart Munich and drive to visit the Wieskirche (Church of the Meadow), considered to be the most beautiful Rococo church in Europe. We then drive to the village of Oberammergau, home to the world-famous Passion Play. Today will be the highlight of our pilgrimage 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. Our overnight tonight is in the nearby Bavarian town of Bad Kohlgrub. (B, D, Mass)

the Mercy Chapel. Celebrate Mass at the Monastery, which is situated amidst green pastures and dense forests with some of the country's most beautiful scenery before continuing to Lucerne, one of the most beautiful cities in Europe. (B, D, Mass)



● **Day 10 – Lucerne**

Our last full day of pilgrimage is spent entirely in the quaint city of Lucerne. This morning we'll enjoy a tour of the medieval city center with its historical and picturesque old houses, churches, world-famous wooden bridges, towers, fountains, and narrow streets. We'll view the twin-towered Jesuit Church, one of the most handsome baroque buildings in Switzerland, the Hofkirche built in the Renaissance style, and the Franciscan Church which was built in the high Gothic style. We will also view the famous Lion Monument which Mark Twain called the most mournful and moving piece of stone in the world. Carved out of a sheer sandstone cliff, it depicts a dying lion with its chin sagging on its shield. Finally, we will enjoy a pleasant boat cruise on Lake Lucerne while passing picturesque villages and stately villas. (B, D, Mass)



● **Day 8 – Bad Kohlgrub / Neuschwanstein / Innsbruck**

We begin our last morning in Germany with a visit to Neuschwanstein Castle one of the most famous of the fairytale castles built by King Ludwig II, and where Walt Disney found his inspiration for Cinderella's castle. Proceed to delightful Garmisch-Partenkirchen. Encircled by the majestic Alps, the picturesque town delivers a stunning panorama in every direction. With its distinctive Bavarian architecture and mellow pace, life in the valley feels like another world. From here we will view the peak of Zugspitze, Germany's highest mountain. Cross the border into Austria and continue to Innsbruck, one of the most attractive cities of Alpine Europe and the capital of Tyrol set in a lovely spot at the foot of the Karwendel Alps. An orientation tour of Innsbruck shows us the 14th-century houses of the old town, the impressive Imperial Palace, and the delightful Golden Roof – the emblem of the old town, which was completed in 1500, the roof was decorated with 2,738 fire-gilded copper tiles. Overnight in Innsbruck. (B, D, Mass)

● **Day 11 – Lucerne / Zurich Airport / USA**

This morning transfer to Zurich airport for our return flight home, taking all our memories of this once-in-a-decade pilgrimage opportunity with us.

● **Day 9 – Innsbruck / Einsiedeln / Lucerne**

Today we travel across the border into Switzerland and drive to Einsiedeln, a beautiful alpine town, and 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. 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, and the famous Black Madonna statue is found in



OBERAMMERGAU PILGRIMAGE DETAILS

REGISTER ONLINE AT
TektonMinistries.org

BASE PRICE PER PERSON

Double occupancy w/ base airfare **\$4,270.00**

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL EXPENSES *(applied to final invoice)*

- **Current airline taxes/fuel surcharges** **\$464.35**
(subject to change until final ticketing)
- **Gratuities to guide, driver, hotel/restaurant staff** **\$140.00**

ESTIMATED TOTAL COST **\$4,874.35**

OPTIONS:

- For a single room: add **\$747**
- Land-only option: **\$3,695** *(no flights or gratuities included)*

Final Payment Due

March 1, 2020

BASE LAND RATE INCLUDES:

- Daily Mass at holy sites
- Roundtrip economy airfare from Indianapolis on United Airlines
- Passion Play in Oberammergau
- 9 nights' accommodations, including taxes and service charges
- Porterage 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 March 1, 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 32 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, Germany, Austria, or Switzerland. 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 United 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: Airline taxes/fuel surcharges (currently \$464.35 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.

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