

GERMANY - AUSTRIA - CZECH REPUBLIC - POLAND

Exploring the Religious Art of Europe's Heartland



DAY 01, THU: USA – FRANKFURT

Leave on an overnight flight to Frankfurt

DAY 02, FRI: FRANKFURT - ROTHENBURG [D]

Morning arrival. Meet your coach and guide at the airport and drive to Rothenburg ob der Tauber, with its picturesque medieval townscape.

DAY 03, SAT: ROTHENBURG –MUNICH [B,D]

A morning tour will show you this well preserved medieval town. After a visit to the church of St. Jacob with its famous "Holy Blood Altar" by Tilman Riemschneider. We leave after lunch and drive to Munich, Capital of Bavaria and Germany's second largest city.

DAY 04, SUN: MUNICH [B,D]

This morning you will enjoy an extensive tour of the Bavarian capital, during which you see the Rathaus with the famous Glockenspiel, Marienplatz, the 15th century Frauenkirche, the magnificent Residenz Palace and the Olympic Village. Tonight's dinner is Bavarian style at the Hofbraeuhaus

DAY 05, MON: MUNICH – SALZBURG [B,D]

On our way to Salzburg we stop in Altoetting, birthplace of the current Pope Benedict XV. Altoetting has been the spiritual center of Bavaria for more than 1250 years. Each year more than 1 million pilgrims and visitors seek the "Black Madonna" which is kept inside the Chapel of Miraculous Image, the small sacred building in the middle of the chapel square. According to the legend, in 1489, a 3-year-old local child who had drowned in the river was revived when her grieving mother placed her in front of a wooden statue of the Virgin Mary at the high altar. Find as well the heart of "mad" king Ludwig II of Bavaria, the builder of Neuschwanstein castle buried in the chapel along with that of his grandfathers and father. Afternoon arrival in Salzburg.

DAY 06, TUE: SALZBURG – PRAGUE [B,D]

After a morning tour which shows you the highlights of the city, Mirabell Gardens, Getreidegasse and the Residenz Palace, we depart for Prague. Evening arrival in Prague and dinner at your hotel.

DAY 09, FRI: PRAGUE [B]

Our morning city tour reveals why Prague is considered one of Europe's most attractive cities. Visit the 1000 year old Hradcany Castle, St Vitus Cathedral, visit to the church of our Lady Victorious including the shrine of the Infant Jesus of Prague, and walk over Charles Bridge to the Old Market Square. Afternoon and evening are free.

DAY 08, THU: PRAGUE - VIENNA [B,D]

We leave Prague this morning and drive to Vienna. We will stop in Kutna Hora The picturesque medieval town, is a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site and the sources of the beauties and riches of Kutna Hora are in the silver mines that were exploited most intensively in the 14th and 15th century. We also see the most impressive sights of the city, the astounding church and ossuary in Sedlec. Evening arrival in Vienna and dinner at your hotel.

DAY 07, WED: VIENNA [B]

Our city tour features the impressive Ring Strasse lined by the Gothic City Hall, the neoclassic Parliament, the National Library, the Burg Theatre, and the Hofburg, from where generations of Hapsburg Emperors reigned a vast empire. After a tour of Schoenbrunn castle, the rest of the afternoon is free for shopping. Evening is free.

DAY 10, THU: VIENNA - KRAKOW [B,D]

Drive from Vienna to Krakow . On our way we stop in Limanova, where the Blessed Mother first appeared to visionaries Katka & Ivetka on August 5th, 1990. Since then over 1 million pilgrims have flocked to this site to wash and drink from the spring water. Evening arrival in Krakow.

DAY 11, FRI: KRAKOW [B,D]

During our guided tour you visit Barbakan, entrance to St. Mary's church, visit the sister Faustina convent, visit Wadowice - the birthplace of Pope John Paul II. Afternoon stop at Auschwitz to see the infamous concentration camp.

DAY 12, SAT: KRAKOW [B,D]

After breakfast we leave for a day's excursion to visit the Jasna Gora Sanctuary in Czestochowa. It is the holiest place of Poland and one of the world's most important destinations for pilgrims. The small 15th-century Gothic chapel with Our Lady of Czestochowa's holy picture, also known as 'The Black Madonna', is the heart of the sanctuary. After a guided tour we return to Krakow for a special Polish Farewell Dinner.

DAY 13, SUN: FLIGHT KRAKOW – USA [B]

Transfer to Katowitze airport and early departure back home

PACKAGE INCLUSIONS:

Accommodation in 3 & 4 star hotels

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| 1 Night in Rothenburg | - HOTEL ZUM RAPPEN |
| 2 Night in Munich | - HOLIDAY INN FERINGER PARK |
| 1 Night in Salzburg | - HOTEL MARKUS SITTIKUS |
| 2 Nights in Prague | - GRAND MAJESTIC PLAZA |
| 2 Nights in Vienna | - HOTEL ARTIS |
| 3 Nights in Krakow | - HOTEL WYSPIANSKI |

11 - Breakfasts, 09-dinners

Tour coach as per itinerary

All sightseeing with local guides and entrance fees as outlined in itinerary

All transfers as per the itinerary

Hotel portorage one piece per person

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

City Tour in Munich with Frauenkirche, Residenz Schloss and Glockenspiel * City tour Salzburg with Mirabel Gardens * Getreidegasse and Cathedral * Prague city tour with castle * St Vitus Cathedral and Infant Jesus of Prague * Vienna city tour with Hofburg * Shoenbrun Palace * Krakow city tour with Barbakan * St Mary's church * Faustina Convent * Excursions to Wadowice * Auschwits * Chestochowa

TOUR PROGRAM DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Meals not specified
- Beverages with meals
- Tips to driver/guides
- Incidental personal expenses
- Travel Insurance (highly recommended)

LAND PRICE PER PERSON sharing a Twin or Double: \$ 2,995.00

DEPARTURE DATES: July 22 – Aug 03, 2010 & Sep 23 – Oct 03, 2010

