

You are invited to join

# Franciscan Mission Associates

on a special 11-day pilgrimage to

*Austria, Germany & Switzerland*

## May 14 – 24, 2020

Vienna ➤ Melk Abbey ➤ Salzburg ➤ Garmisch ➤ Oberammergau



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### PASSION PLAY

OBERAMMERGAU



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#### Travel Package Inclusions

- Round-trip economy class airfare from New York's JFK International Airport.
- US Departure Tax; Customs User Fee; Security Tax and all Airport Taxes.
- Meeting and assistance upon departure from New York's JFK International Airport.
- Nine (9) nights' accommodations in twin rooms with private facilities in first-class hotels.
- Buffet breakfast and dinner daily including farewell dinner in Lucerne.
- Deluxe motor-coach transportation throughout the tour.
- Services of a full-time, multi-lingual Tour Manager throughout the tour.
- All sightseeing by licensed, professional, English-speaking guides.
- Entrance fees to all sights, as per itinerary.
- Porterage at hotels (one piece of luggage, per person).
- Coordination of all venues.
- Travel documents, travel wallet, luggage tags, name badge and drawstring bag.

*Please refer to Terms & Conditions for items or additional costs not included in the package price.*

Dear Friends:

We couldn't be more excited to present this opportunity for you to join us on a once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage to the heart of Austria, Germany, and Switzerland. We have planned this pilgrimage for May 2020, to include a very special highlight; the 42nd world-famous Passion Play which takes place every ten years in Oberammergau! The history of the Passion Play dates back to 1633. In the middle of the Thirty Years War, after months of suffering and death from the plague, the Oberammergau villagers swore an oath that they would perform the "Play of the Suffering, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ" every ten years. Every ten years since then, the villagers fulfill their promise to God. What a tremendous and unique way for us to unite our own spiritual journey with this extraordinary tradition of faith. This spiritual journey promises to be uplifting and inspiring to say the least. We hope you will prayerfully consider accompanying us on this pilgrimage!

Joyfully in Christ,

*Benefactors' Pilgrimage Office  
of the Franciscan Mission Associates*

## **Day 1 May 14, Thursday: Depart USA**

Depart New York's JFK International Airport for our overseas journey to Vienna, Austria. Complimentary meals and beverages will be served aloft. (D,B)

## **Day 2 May 15, Friday: Arrive Vienna**

Early afternoon arrive at Vienna International Airport, proceed through Passport Control, claim our luggage, and a Peter's Way Tours tour manager will meet you upon our exit from Customs. Board our comfortable touring bus and soon, we will be on your way to Vienna, the Music Capital of the World! Vienna is the city of Mozart, Beethoven, Brahms, and Strauss! We will stay for three nights in Vienna. Hotel Check-in. Freshen-up. **Celebrate Mass before dinner at a nearby church.** Dinner and overnight at hotel in Vienna. (D)

## **Day 3 May 16, Saturday: Imperial Vienna | Tour of Schonbrunn Palace**

Buffet breakfast at hotel. Today we tour the most important historical sights of Vienna, beginning with **Mass at St. Stephen's Cathedral**. After Mass, we tour the Cathedral. Austria's most eminent Gothic edifice houses a wealth of art treasures and is dedicated to St. Stephen, the first martyr of Christendom. Then, continue our orientation tour as we pass by the Hofburg Palace, winter residence of the Habsburg emperors; the Capuchin Church, which contain the imperial vaults; St. Charles' Church, a splendid example of late Baroque architecture; and the Belvedere Palace, former residence of Prince Eugene of Savoy. Drive around the Ring, one of the most magnificent boulevards in the world, passing the Vienna Opera, Museums, House of Parliament, City Hall, and the Burgtheater. Independent lunch. We will have an extended tour of the Schonbrunn Palace, the summer residence of the Habsburgs. The name comes from the fountain that was built over a spring in the early 1600's. It came into its full grandiose incarnation during the reign of Maria Theresa, when she added the massive mirrors, frescoed ceilings and gigantic crystal chandeliers. Balance of the day at leisure to explore the famous Karntnerstrasse, view Mozart's memorial; walk along Kaerntner strasse, a pedestrian area where glamorous stores line the sidewalks, take a ride in a horse-drawn coach, or wander along the winding streets of the old city with architecture reminiscent of past centuries. Dinner and overnight at Hotel in Vienna. (B,D)

## **Day 4 May 17, Sunday: Melk Abbey | Danube River Cruise**

Buffet breakfast at hotel. This morning, we leave Vienna on our excursion to Melk. Enjoy magnificent scenery along the Danube known as the Wachau, a region that is the pride of the historic preservation movement in Austria. At Melk we will visit the Benedictine Abbey, crowning the rocky hill overlooking the Danube. Its Library contains over 80,000 books and 2,000 manuscripts – all on religious subjects. **Celebrate Mass at the Abbey.** Independent lunch. Then, we embark on a 90-minute Danube River Cruise. We will pass the Schönbühel Castle, and the town of Dürnstein with its blue tower. Disembark in the picturesque Krems an der Donau. We will enjoy some leisure time before returning back to Vienna. Dinner and overnight at hotel in Vienna. (B,D)

## **Day 5 May 18, Monday: Shrine of Mariazell | Lake District | Salzburg**

Buffet breakfast at hotel. Today, we leave Vienna and drive across the spectacular forested mountains, rushing streams and small market towns to the little village of Mariazell, a favorite Viennese resort. Visit the Shrine of Mariazell. The Shrine is a famous pilgrimage center in Austria dedicated to the Blessed Mother. A monk, who built a small shelter or "Zell" in the woods to protect a statue of the Blessed Mother, founded the Shrine in 1157. Mariazell Baroque church has been rebuilt several times in different architectural styles but still houses the old statue. **Celebrate Mass at the Shrine of Mariazell.** Independent lunch. This afternoon, we leave Mariazell and drive along the Austrian Lake District, with marvelous views of the Salzkammergut region to the Baroque city of Salzburg, a jewel set on the beautiful banks of the Salzach River. Dinner and overnight at hotel in Salzburg. (B,D)

## **Day 6 May 19, Tuesday: Tour of Salzburg**

Buffet breakfast at hotel. This morning, we will be transferred to the **Shrine of Maria Plain in Salzburg. Celebrate Mass at the Shrine.** In 1633 a painting of the Blessed Mother was found undamaged in a house complete burned down by fire. In 1656 a small wooden chapel was built at this location and in 1710 the chapel was rebuilt and houses the first copy of the miraculous image. In 1951 Pope Pius XII, conferred the title of this Shrine to 'Basilica Minor'. Then we begin our guided tour of Salzburg's sights along Getreidegasse, the city's pedestrian street, lined with authentic 17th and 18th century buildings. Pass by the house where Mozart was born and view Monchsberg with the fortress "Hohensalzburg" which overlooks the city. Built into the side of Monchsberg is the Salzburg Festspielhaus, home of the famous Salzburg Festival Operas. See Residenzplatz, the center square of Salzburg, dominated by the dynamic sculpture of Residenzbrunnen, the largest baroque fountain north of the Alps. The Residenz building, built in 1596, was once the palace of the Bishops. Next, visit St. Peter's Abbey, next to the cemetery where the escape was filmed in "Sound of Music" and where most of Mozart's religious works were premiered. Independent lunch and afternoon at leisure to enjoy Salzburg on your own. Perhaps stop at one of Salzburg's many cafes for ice coffee or hot chocolate and cake, a tradition that Austrians enjoy. Take the Cogwheel train up to the mighty Honensalzburg Fortress, the former residence of the powerful Archbishops of Salzburg. From the terrace high above the city you can enjoy a breathtaking view of the old town with its never-ending charm. Dinner and overnight at hotel in Salzburg. (B,D)

## **Day 7 May 20, Wednesday: Salzburg | Ludwig's Majestic Castle | Oberammergau**

Buffet breakfast at hotel. This morning, we leave Salzburg to explore King Ludwig's majestic castle, the Cinderella-style Neuschwanstein and the King's former residence. This white and dream-like fortress was built 1869 by sketches of a theatrical decorator that explains this atmosphere. Go back to the times of Wagner as you visit the royal apartments decorated with scenes from German sagas and operas, the throne rooms, and music halls, with fine candelabra and chandeliers, King Ludwig's unique bedroom with artistic wood carvings and an artificial Grotto that recalls opera themes of his former friend and

composer Richard Wagner. Independent lunch. Continue to visit the Monastery of Ettal, almost 2700 feet above sea level, located in a narrow mountain valley of the Western Alpine foothills. **Celebrate Mass at the Monastery.** After Mass, we continue to Oberammergau, home of the famous Passion Play. The little village of Oberammergau, is home of the famous Passion Play of the life of Christ. The play dates back to 1633 when the Plague, the "Black Death", took a severe toll of lives in the small village. In their distress, the inhabitants turned to God and vowed that if the pestilence were taken from them, they would perform a play every ten years, depicting the suffering and death of the Savior. Their plea was heard and there were no further plague victims in Oberammergau. The first performance of the Passion play took place in 1634 in the village cemetery. Dinner and overnight at hotel in/near Oberammergau. (B,D)

### **Day 8** May 21, Thursday: Attend the Famous Oberammergau Passion Play

Buffet breakfast at hotel. After breakfast, **celebrate Mass at Maria Himmelfahrt in Garmisch or at a church in Oberammergau.** Independent lunch. **Today we will attend the Passion Play in the renowned open-air theatre.** The greatest story ever told comes to life as this superb production unfolds against a scenic backdrop of wooded mountains. The play begins with Christ's Entry into Jerusalem and the drama continues with the story of Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection. The accompanying music is magnificent, and a full English translation of the script is available for you to follow from your reserved seat. All the town members partake in this play every 10 years. There are two parts of the performance. **Part I: Begins at 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm. Part II: 8:00 pm to 10:30 pm.** The dinner break lasts three hours (dinner is included in Oberammergau arrangements). Overnight at hotel in/near Oberammergau. (B,D)

### **Day 9** May 22, Friday: Oberammergau | Lucerne, Switzerland

Buffet breakfast at hotel. **This morning, we celebrate Mass at the Wieskirche.** This pilgrimage Church of Wies is an oval rococo church, designed in the late 1740s by brothers J.B. and Dominikus Zimmermann. After Mass, we leave Southern Bavaria and head to Switzerland. A stop will be made at Liechtenstein with its capital, Vaduz. Independent lunch. Continue our drive through the spectacular Alps, to the northern shores of Lake Lucerne, affording lovely views of mountain scenery, passing Küssnacht, the Hollow Lane and Tells's Chapel. Check in at the hotel. Dinner and overnight at hotel in Lucerne. (B,D)

### **Day 10** May 23, Saturday: Lucerne, Switzerland | Farewell Dinner

Buffet breakfast at hotel. This morning, we visit this spectacular city, passing Küssnacht, the Hollow Lane and Tells's Chapel. Our local guide will be ready to take us on a walking tour of Lucerne with its colorful Altstadt (Old Town) and 14th century Museggmuer city walls, Swiss Guard Monument, covered bridges including the iconic Kapellbrücke and spired, turreted buildings, it's storybook image of a Swiss town. Independent lunch. After lunch, we visit the Shrine of Einsiedeln, one of Europe's well-known religious shrines. Visit the Church and the Monastery buildings built in the 18th century on the site of a monastery, (founded in 934 by Otto I, and Duchess Reglinde of Swabia). The Abbey Church (Klosterkirche) was built between 1719 and 1735 in Vorarlberg Baroque style and it is the most remarkable example of this style in Switzerland (two tall towers form the facade). The Holy Chapel, built at the entrance of the nave, contains the tomb of St. Meinrad, who was martyred in 861 and the statue of Our Lady of Hermits. **Celebrate Vigil Mass at the Shrine. Return to hotel to freshen-up.** This evening our farewell dinner at a local restaurant in Lucerne. Overnight at hotel in Lucerne. (B,D)

### **Day 11** May 24, Sunday: Return to USA

Buffet breakfast at hotel. This morning, we will be transferred to Zurich Airport for our return flight to the USA.

#### Estimated Package Price: Cash/Check (Discount)

**\$4,395.00 + \$695.00\* Taxes and Fuel**  
**\$5,090.00 Total Package Price\***

*\*Estimated Departure Taxes & Fuel Surcharge are subject to change and increase 30 days prior to departure.*

#### Estimated Credit Card Package Price:

**\$4,495.00 + \$695.00\* Taxes and Fuel**  
**\$5,190.00 Total Package Price\***

*\*Estimated Departure Taxes & Fuel Surcharge are subject to change and increase 30 days prior to departure.*

*These packages are inclusive, per person, sharing a twin room, from New York (JFK).*

*Estimated rates will be confirmed by June 30, 2019.*

**Deposit Due (\$500): November 1, 2017**  
**2nd Payment Due (\$1000): June 1, 2018**  
**3rd Payment Due (\$1500): June 1, 2019**  
**Final Payment Due (Balance): February 1, 2020**  
*Please note, all payments are non-refundable upon receipt.*



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*Space is limited!*

*Please forward your \$500 deposit by:*

**NOVEMBER 1, 2017**

*to ensure your reservation is accepted.*

**PAYMENT: Deposits and insurance payments will be accepted in the form of check or money order only.** In an effort to keep our prices as low as possible, it is recommended that all payments be made via check or money order. However, it is possible to make your final payment via MasterCard, Visa, Discover, or American Express. A convenience fee of \$100.00 per person will apply to your account. Invoices and credit card authorization forms will be included with your welcome documents. The credit card form must be completed in entirety in order for the transaction to be approved.

**CANCELLATIONS/NON-REFUNDABLE PAYMENTS:** The enrollment deposit and each subsequent payment are nonrefundable upon receipt. Cancellation at any time will result in the loss of 100% of all payments made per person including departure taxes & fuel surcharges, single supplement, deviation fees, travel insurance payments and any other costs incurred. Travel insurance is offered as protection for cancellations due to medical reasons such as illness or injury, please see TRAVEL INSURANCE. Travel insurance payments are non-refundable upon receipt. Tour participation is non-transferable. Names cannot be transferred on reservations or airline tickets. Refund requests can only be honored when submitted in writing to Peter's Way Tours. All refund requests are subject to cancellation restrictions as set forth above. No refund will be made for any accommodations or services included in the tour that you do not use.

**TRAVEL DOCUMENTS:** All participants must have a valid passport. U.S. Passports must be valid for at least six (6) months, subsequent to return date. Special entry requirements for non-U.S. citizens may apply. Please consult the appropriate Consulate for current requirements. It is solely the passenger's responsibility to ensure that all documents needed are completed, current and in good condition. Peter's Way Tours will not be held responsible for lack of current and valid entry documents.

**AIR TRANSPORTATION:** Tentative round trip from New York JFK International Airport (subject to confirmation by June 30, 2019). Flight itinerary and carrier may be subject to change. Departure taxes & fuel surcharges are estimated. They are determined solely by the airlines and are subject to increase prior to ticketing (approximately 30 days prior to departure).

**AIRLINE SEATING:** Under group airline reservations/contracts, the airlines will provide a block of seats for the group. Individual requests for seating preferences can only be made at time of check-in. Peter's Way cannot submit seating preferences as we cannot guarantee that any or all requests will be honored. If you require specific seating as a condition of your travel, it is suggested that you book your airfare individually and purchase the Land Only package. Upgrades to premium economy, business class, or first class may be available but oftentimes airlines will not allow the upgrades until time of ticketing (approximately 30 days prior to departure). Group reservations may not be accessible online for advance check-in/boarding passes/seat assignments. Airline guidelines vary. Please contact our office for specific details.

**LAND ONLY PASSENGERS:** Land Only packages do not include any portion of the group airfare. This includes any flights booked within the group itinerary. All airline tickets will be your responsibility to book independently. A passenger choosing the Land Only portion of the package (cost to be confirmed by June 30, 2019) must notify Peter's Way Tours, in writing, at least 100 days prior to departure or a penalty fee will be assessed. Please be advised, passenger(s) opting for the Land Only package or who are deviating from the group itinerary will be responsible for their own transfers to/from hotel/airport. However, if you arrive at the same time or earlier than your group, you are welcome to join the group on the bus. If you purchase your own air transportation and the group does not materialize or you cancel your package for any reason, Peter's Way Tours will not be held responsible for the cost of your airfare or other arrangements booked independently.

**BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE:** Due to bus space, one carry-on bag and one checked bag per person is permitted. Standard airline baggage policies usually allow checked baggage up to 62 total inches and range to 50 pounds and carry-on baggage up to 45 total inches and 11 to 40 pounds. However, policies may vary from the time of printing of this brochure. Contact your airline directly before departure for current baggage dimension allowances. For luggage exceeding the allowed limits, excess baggage fees will apply at check-in. Our final documents will contain current information applicable to your designated airline.

**DEVIATIONS & ITINERARY CHANGES:** Peter's Way Tours is pleased to assist clients with changes in itineraries. All deviation requests must be submitted in writing at least 90 days prior to departure. Deviation fee will apply plus an airline change fee per person. Your routing and dates requested will determine if a difference in airfare will also apply. Not all carriers permit routing changes and/or deviations from the group itinerary. Please contact our office for information.

**TRANSFERS AND PORTERAGE:** Round-trip airport transfers are included for passengers who purchase the full air and land package. Porterage of one piece of luggage throughout your tour at hotels is also included.

**ACCOMMODATIONS/SINGLE TRAVELERS:** Price per person is based on two persons sharing twin bedded rooms with in hotels throughout your tour. Double bedded rooms for married couples are subject to availability and must be requested. Triple rooms may be available for family or friends traveling together. We discourage triple room accommodations because they are normally not spacious and there is no discount for triple occupancy. Triple rooms usually are regular twin or double bedded rooms with a rollaway bed added. **PLEASE NOTE: Single rooms are not available in Oberammergau. Single travelers will be required to share a room in Oberammergau only. Single rooms at all other destinations are limited but may be requested at time of booking for an additional charge of \$995.00.** While single rooms provide privacy, they are often smaller than twin bedded rooms and may be located away from the group in

some hotels. We will make every effort (if you so desire) to match you with a same gender roommate when we receive your application, but we do not guarantee a roommate can be matched. If a single room must be assigned due to your roommate's cancellation, incompatibility or for any other reason (even at the last moment or while on tour), we must charge you the tour's single supplement or pro-rated amount.

**MEALS:** Buffet breakfast and dinner daily including farewell dinner in Lucerne. Beverages (coffee, tea, mineral water) are not included at set menu dinners.

**TIPPING/ SERVICE CHARGES:** All gratuities to tour manager/guides, drivers, escorts and dining rooms are included. Although these service charges are included, it is customary to leave Euro 1.00 per person to the maid for housekeeping.

**TRAVELER HEALTH ADVISORY:** All passengers must ensure that they are medically and physically fit for travel and that such traveling will not endanger themselves or others as pilgrimages entail a lot of walking, climbing up/down stairs, etc. We are unable to accommodate individuals in wheelchairs or those with walking disabilities. Any passenger who is physically challenged must submit a certificate from his/her medical doctor stating that he/she is capable of taking part in this pilgrimage without assistance.

**DISCLAIMER OF RESPONSIBILITY:** Peter's Way Tours, Inc. ("Peter's Way") and Franciscan Mission Associates, is only acting as intermediary and agent for the suppliers identified on this, or any accompanying documents, in selling services, or in accepting reservations or bookings for services that are not directly supplied by Peter's Way/FMA (such as air carriage, hotel accommodations, ground transportation, meals, tours, cruises, etc.). Peter's Way/FMA shall not be responsible for breach of contract, bankruptcy or any intentional or careless actions or omissions on the part of such suppliers, which result in any loss, damage, delay, or injury to any traveler, travel companions or group member. Peter's Way/FMA shall not be held responsible for any changes made in the schedule of liturgies throughout the pilgrimage. Unless the term "guaranteed" is specifically written on the ticket, invoice or reservation itinerary, Peter's Way/FMA does not guarantee any supplier's rates, bookings or reservations. Peter's Way/FMA shall not be responsible for any injuries, damages, or losses caused to any traveler in connection with terrorist activities, social or labor unrest, mechanical or construction difficulties, diseases, local laws, climatic conditions, abnormal conditions or developments, or any other actions, omissions, or conditions outside Peter's Way/FMA control. By embarking upon the trip, the traveler voluntarily assumes all risks involved with such travel, whether expected or unexpected. Traveler is hereby warned of such risks, and is advised to obtain appropriate insurance coverage against them. Retention of tickets, reservations or bookings after issuance shall constitute a consent to the above, terms and conditions and an agreement on the traveler's part to convey the contents of this disclaimer to your travel companions and group members.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** It is strongly recommended that all participants purchase insurance when they travel since the tour operator is not responsible for non-refundable payments, damaged luggage or trip interruption. Peter's Way Tours offers an optional Passenger Travel Protection Plan that provides coverage for pre-paid travel arrangements made through Peter's Way Tours. These benefits and services help insure the well being of the passenger while traveling worldwide. The insurance premium is based on total package price, including taxes, fuel surcharges, single supplements, deviation fees, late charges, etc. **The insurance premium for this package is 6% of total package price. The following rates are based on estimated package pricing and are subject to change: For double occupancy the insurance premium is \$305.00; For single occupancy, \$365.00; For Land Only, \$275.00. If the insurance premium is included with your deposit, the passenger will be covered for pre-existing conditions.** However, the insurance plan can be purchased at any time thereafter, excluding coverage for pre-existing conditions, until final payment has been made. Plan payments will not be accepted after final payment has been made. All plan payments are non-refundable. If you choose to extend your stay or embark on a pre-tour program, travel insurance can be purchased for an additional \$4.00 per day. Additional coverage needs to be requested. The insurance plan will not automatically be extended. Passengers who book their own airfare (Land Only passengers or those booking connecting flights to the group's departure gateway) are advised to purchase travel insurance covering their flights directly from the airline or from another travel insurance supplier as our insurance coverage is only for arrangements made through Peter's Way Tours. The Passenger Travel Protection Plan includes coverage for the following: trip cancellation/ interruption/delay, accident/sickness medical expense, emergency medical evacuation/repatriation, lost baggage/personal effects, accidental death & dismemberment and 24-hour Emergency Travel Assistance Services. These benefits and services are provided by Travel Insured International. Upon claim approval, reimbursement is up to 100% of the non-refundable payments for your trip. Cancel For Any Reason (CFAR) add-on can be purchased for the cost of your insurance premium plus an additional \$115.00. This includes reasons for cancellation not otherwise covered by the regular policy. You can cancel up to 2 days prior to departure and receive reimbursement of up to 80% of the non-refundable payments for your trip. **Payment for CFAR must be included with your deposit at the time of enrollment. CFAR coverage cannot be offered to New York State residents as per state law. PLEASE NOTE:** For complete details of coverage, terms, conditions, exclusions, and pre-existing conditions for the insurance protection provided, refer to the Description of Coverage, which you will receive with your travel documents. If you need further information, please call Travel Insured International at 866-684-0218 and ask for Customer Service. This travel insurance is underwritten by United States Fire Insurance Company, Eatontown, NJ under policy number T-2508.