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

featuring

2020 PASSION PLAY OBERAMMERGAU

Tour Code: 9315

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.

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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 your 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 Schönbrunn 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 Schönbrunn 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 Hohensalzburg 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
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 Tell’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 Tell’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 Museggmauer 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.

On completion of this trip, we also encourage you to become part of our Franciscan Brothers’ Pilgrimage Office. For information on our Pilgrim Trips to the Holy Land, France, England and numerous other exciting destinations, please call or visit our website.

Please forward your $500 deposit by: NOVEMBER 1, 2017 to ensure your reservation is accepted.

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.

Estimated Package Price: Cash/Check (Discount)
$4,395.00 + $695.00* Taxes and Fuel
$5,090.00 Total Package Price*

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.

To receive the above price, you must make a deposit by NOVEMBER 1, 2017.

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

Estimated rates will be confirmed by June 30, 2019.

Please note: Unexpected circumstances may cause changes to the outlined itinerary.
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. If your payment 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 (accommodations, airfare, travel insurance, trip cancellation insurance, fuel surcharges, baggage fees, 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. Receipt of insurance policies or proofs of payment only 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 your return date. Since our group airfare is nonrefundable, we recommend obtaining your travel documents at least sixty days in advance of your departure date. 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: A 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 additional seating fees will apply and include meal upgrades and includes the pre-departure process (up to 90 days prior to departure). Group reservations may not be accessible online for advance check-in/boarding passes/seat assignments. Airline guidelines vary. Please contact your 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 airfare is non-refundable. If you choose 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 the following: Airfare & air insurance/CFAR (Flight Cancellation/ Refund Protection at the time of booking), non-deviation fees, excess baggage fees, and any deviations from the group itinerary. Group airfares may not be cancelled or refunded. Group airfares are non-refundable. If you choose to extend your stay or embark on a pre-tour, please contact our office for specific details. All passengers must ensure that they are underwritten by United States Fire Insurance Company, Eatontown, NJ underwriting. The credit card form must be completed in entirety in order for the transaction to be approved.

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