Pilgrimage to Germany and Austria

Friday July 24th: We’ll leave the Des Moines International Airport and have one, possibly two layovers en route overnight to Munich. Dinner and then breakfast will be provided on the airline.

Saturday July 25th: We’ll arrive in Munich in morning or early afternoon. We will take private transportation to our hotel in the heart of Munich. We will have a 2 hour walking tour in the afternoon, following Mass, before heading back to our hotel for some time to freshen up or take a quick nap. We will head to a local brew pub to take in the beer culture in Germany to finish our day and turn in early.

Sunday July 26th: We’ll have Mass in the center of Munich at the Cathedral. (Please note the Mass will be in German.) We’ll then take a sobering trip to the World War

Join us for this Incredible Journey of Faith and Adventure to Germany and Austria July 24-August 2, 2020!

Things we’ll do in Austria
* See Eucharistic Miracle in Seefeld
* Take ride to majestic Alps mountaintop
* Explore resort town of gorgeous Seefeld
* Exciting tour of Salzburg salt mine
* Nostalgic Sound of Music Tour
* Discover unique and beautiful Salzburg
* Dine on local cuisine and beverages
* Engage with local Austrians

Things we’ll do in Germany
* Watch world-renowned “Passion Play”
* Explore historic Munich city center
* Visit Dachau Concentration Camp
* Tour breathtaking Neuschwanstein Castle
* Experience famous Hofbrauhaus
* Dine on local cuisine and beverages
* Engage with local Germans

Cost: $4,699
Includes round-trip coach airfare, transportation in Europe, breakfast, lunch and dinner, museum fees and local guides. Sign up by December 31st for $100 discount.

This trip includes daily Mass, confession and time for shopping and relaxation!

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II concentration camp, Dachau. This was one of the main camps in which Catholic priests were sent; amongst Jews, intellectuals, communists, political prisoners, and anyone else the Nazi regime sent. We will return for a picnic lunch in the English Gardens. After lunch, the rest of the day is yours to explore the center of Munich. Please note that most of the shops will be closed. Have no fear, we will be back!

**Monday July 27th:** We will have Mass in Munich and, after checking out of our hotel we will make our way to Nueschawnstein. This beautiful castle was built by one the last rulers of Bavaria in the late 19th century. After exploring the castle and the surrounding area, we will make our way to the picturesque village of Seefeld. We will have some time to explore the town before our dinner this evening.

**Tuesday July 28th:** We’ll begin our day with Mass at the pilgrimage church of St. Oswald. After lunch, we’ll make our way to the theater for the Passion Play in the German village of Oberammergau. The play will begin at 2:30 p.m. and the first act concludes at 5:00 p.m. There is a three hour intermission, which will allow us time to catch dinner. We will return to the theater before 8 p.m.; the second act concludes around 10:30 p.m. Almost 2,000 local people will put their lives on hold as they prepare and practice for this performance every 10 years. The Passion Play is the last two days of Jesus’s life and a promise to God from the village. The townsfolk asked God to spare them from the plague and the village would put on a Passion Play. This town has kept its promise since 1634. Even though the play is German, we will have a book with English translations.

**Wednesday July 29th:** After a late night, our travelers will have the chance to sleep in. We’ll have Mass again at St. Oswald. This Gothic church is home to a Eucharistic miracle, where according to tradition the local nobleman demanded the large host reserved for the priest at the Holy Thursday Mass in 1384. The priest submitted and while offering him the large host, he began to sinking into the pavement. After the host was removed he recovered and performed acts of penance for the next two years before his death. We will have some time for rest and relaxation in this resort town. Included in our visit is a funicular ride to a restaurant for lunch in the Alps with some breathtaking views. This will be our This will be our last night in Seefeld.

**Thursday July 30th:** We’ll check out of our hotel and make our way to Salzburg. We will have Mass at the Cathedral of Salzburg, followed by a guided tour of this wonderful church. Our day follows with a two hour guided tour of central Salzburg. The town is famous for two reasons, first it was the boyhood home of the great Mozart, and second, it was the setting for the famous play and movie *The Sound of Music*. We will see sights associated with both, as well as see why Salzburg is called the Rome of the north. After our walking tour, you will have time to explore the city center on your own.

**Friday July 31st:** We’ll begin our day with Mass and then head to the Alps for a salt mine visit. Salt (salz in German) is what helped to make Salzburg famous. After coming back to the city, we will then take the world famous Sound of Music tour in the afternoon. Warm up your vocal cords, because singing is heavily encouraged! We will get back around six and after an hour or so to freshen up, make our way to dinner.

**Saturday August 1st:** We’ll take a train back to Munich after Mass. We will arrive in Munich early in the afternoon, and head to the Hofbrauhaus for lunch and beers. Afterwards you will have some free time to explore for our last day in Europe. We’ll have dinner at a restaurant near the hotel before turning in for the night.

**Sunday August 2nd:** We’ll check out of our hotel and make our way to the airport to bid goodbye to Germany and Austria. As we say goodbye, we embrace our wonderful memories, new friendships and deeper faith.

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