

Pilgrimage to Prague, Salzburg, Vienna & Budapest

Tour 187

10 Days

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Prague · Altotting · Salzburg · Mariazell · Melk · Vienna · Budapest



YOUR TRIP INCLUDES

- Round-trip airfare from your desired Airport
- Book without airfare (land only option)
- All airport taxes & fuel surcharges
- Centrally located hotels: (or similar)
- 2 nights: Barcelo V, NH and Andels, Prague
- 2 nights: NH Hotel or Wyndham Grand, Salzburg
- 2 nights: Hotel Marriott, Vienna
- 2 nights: Hotel Korona, Budapest
- Breakfast and Dinner daily
- Wine with dinners
- Transfers as per itinerary
- Transportation by air-conditioned motor coach
- Assistance of a professional local guide(s)
- Sightseeing and admissions fees as per itinerary
- Catholic Priest available for Spiritual Direction
- Mass daily & Spiritual activities
- Luggage handling (1 piece per person)
- Flight bag & portfolio of all travel documents
- Centrally located hotels or similar

NOT INCLUDED:

Lunches, Tips to your guide & driver.

OPTIONAL

Travel Insurance

Providing you coverage for both pre-existing conditions and those that may arise during your trip, including medical and dental emergencies, loss of luggage, trip delay, and so much more.

SUPPLEMENTAL CANCELLATION PROTECTION

A Cancellation Waiver - allowing you to cancel your trip and receive a refund anytime - up until 24 hours prior to departure. The "Waiver" expires once you are within 24 hours of departure.

ABOUT YOUR TRIP

On this exciting ten-day tour through Europe you will see breathtaking sites like the Alps and Danube River, explore famous Churches, Basilicas, Shrines, and Cathedrals, and even tour filming sites from the film "The Sound of Music" and the childhood homes of Mozart and Strauss.

About Prague, Salzburg, Vienna & Budapest:

Begin your Pilgrimage in Prague touring beautiful Churches, Cathedrals, Basilicas and statues like the famous Infant Jesus of Prague. Continue to one of Germany's most celebrated Shrines, the Chapel of Mercy in Alotting. In Salzburg you will see beautiful baroque architecture and stunning views of the Eastern Alps as well as tour St. Peter's Abbey. In Austria, visit Mariazell Basilica, the country's most important Pilgrimage site. In Melk you will experience the massive Benedictine monastery, Melk Abbey, overlooking the Danube river. Enjoy sightseeing in Vienna including St. Stephen's Cathedral, its catacombs, and its famous spire. You will end your Pilgrimage in glamorous Budapest where you will celebrate Mass at the 13th century Cathedral of St. Matthew before returning home with your faith rejuvenated and renewed.

ITINERARY

Day 1: Depart USA

Depart USA for your overnight flight to Prague. Dinner and breakfast will be served on board.

Day 2: Arrive Prague

Upon arrival at Prague Airport make your way to the baggage claim area and collect your luggage. Proceed to the Arrival's Hall, where you will be greeted by your tour guide and/or driver. After a warm welcome to Prague, you will be escorted to your transportation and transferred to your hotel. Enjoy a free afternoon to stroll the quaint streets of Prague before meeting your group for a welcome dinner and a show at a local restaurant.

Day 3: Prague

After breakfast, make your way to the Church of Our Lady Victorious, home of the famous Child Jesus statue called the Infant Jesus of Prague. The statue, a 16th-century depiction of infant Jesus holding a globus cruciger, was donated to the Carmelite friars in 1628. Following Mass, visit Old Town Prague. In Prague's Castle district, visit St. Nicholas Church, St. Vitus Cathedral, St. George Basilica, Loreto Church and Strahov Monastery. Continue by crossing the Medieval Charles Bridge that is adorned with many baroque statues. View the Astronomical Clock of Prague and walk on Wenceslas Square, one of the main city squares. The square is named after Saint Wenceslas, the patron saint of Bohemia. It is part of the historic center of Prague, a World Heritage Site. Return to the hotel for dinner and a restful overnight.

Day 4: Prague - Alotting - Salzburg

Leave Prague for Alotting, one of Germany's most celebrated shrines and a city whose purpose is pilgrimage. Upon arrival we'll celebrate Mass at the

center of the pilgrimage complex, the Chapel of Mercy. The chapel houses a 13th century statue of the Blessed Virgin to which numerous miraculous cures are credited. While there, you will have the opportunity to visit the Basilica, the Panorama of the Crucifixion and St. Konrad's Monastery. Continue to Salzburg, the lovely birthplace of famed composer Mozart. Salzburg, also known as "Alt Stadt", is known for its beautiful baroque architecture and its amazing views of the Eastern Alps. Free time before dinner and an overnight in Salzburg.

Day 5: Salzburg

After breakfast, your full day tour begins with Mass at St. Peter's Abbey. Following Mass, explore the historic center of Salzburg on foot. Its narrow streets and secluded passageways are evidence of its medieval roots. The heritage of the Catholic Church is evident in the Archbishop's Residence at Domplatz. Visit Mirabell Palace with its beautiful gardens. Mirabell Palace, is one of the most important shooting locations from the famous Hollywood musical "The Sound of Music" - Maria and the children dance around the Pegasus Fountain in front of the palace, singing the song "Do Re Mi". Experience the unique views across Mirabell Gardens towards the Hohen Salzburg Castle. You will have a chance to visit the mighty Romanesque Cathedral as well as the Nonnberg Convent of Benedictine nuns. In the Getreidegasse, view Mozart's birthplace, now one of the most visited museums in Austria. Make a stop at Hellbrunn Palace to enjoy its gardens and hidden trick fountains. Enjoy a delicious dinner before retiring for your last evening in Europe.

Day 6: Salzburg - Mariazell - Melk - Vienna

After breakfast, board the motor coach and travel east through the mountain of Austria to Mariazell, the most important pilgrimage place in Austria. Visit the Mariazell Basilica, also known as Basilica Mariä Geburt (Basilica of the Birth of the Virgin Mary). Mariazell Basilica is a Marian basilica, which holds the miraculous statue, housed in the Lady Chapel or Chapel of Miracles, built directly over the place where Magnus established his monastic cell in 1157. Continue on to Melk, which is best known as the site of a massive baroque Benedictine monastery named Melk Abbey. Overlooking the Danube River, the Abbey, holds the tomb of Saint Coloman of Stockerau and the remains of several members of the House of Babenberg, Austria's first ruling dynasty. Some free time in the lovely town of Melk before continuing on to Vienna, Austria's capital. Dinner and a restful overnight in Vienna.

Day 7: Vienna

After breakfast, enjoy a sightseeing tour of Vienna, home of Johann Strauss and Wolfgang Amadeus

Mozart. Visit the spectacular St. Stephen's cathedral, the symbol of Vienna. Construction commenced in the 12th century. Today, it is one of the most important Gothic structures in Austria. At St. Stephen's, you'll see the miraculous image of Our Lady of Mariapoch. You will tour the Cathedral and its catacombs. Those strong and brave may climb the 343 steps to the top of the Cathedral spire. Continue with a visit of the Schonbrunn Royal palace, a summer residence with 1,441 rooms including a Hall of Mirrors where Mozart performed at the age of six before a young Marie Antoinette Louis. Schonbrunn Palace was put on the list of UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Sites in December 1996. Continue your journey in Vienna and view the Belvedere Palace, well known for its beautiful gardens. Back in the city center, go to Karlsplatz with its Church of St. Charles Borromeo and Otto Wagner's Stadtbahn pavilions. Somewhere along the way, have a little coffee break to enjoy the famous Vienna pastries such as Sacher cake. Dinner and an overnight in Vienna. .

Day 8: Vienna - Budapest

After breakfast, depart for Budapest, which is often compared with Paris. This glamorous city has something to offer every visitor. Enjoy free time to explore Budapest or relax before dinner and a restful overnight.

Day 9: Budapest

This morning, celebrate Mass at the 13th-century Cathedral of St. Matthew. Next, visit the old city of Budapest. You will see the Citadel on Mount Gellert, the Royal Castle, Fisherman's Bastion, the Parliament, Heroes' Square, and the Church of St. Stephen. Dinner and a last overnight in Europe.

Day 10: Budapest - USA

Depart from Budapest Airport for your return flights to the USA.