

NEW!

SHRINES of ALPINE EUROPE

TOUR 5375—7 days from Zurich to Vienna

Priced From **\$1,639**^{CA}

YOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

LUCERNE Visit the Old Town

EINSIEDELN Attend the Divine Office Vespers and Salve Regina at the Benedictine Abbey, home of the Black Madonna

OBERAMMERGAU Passion Play theater visit
MUNICH Admire Marienplatz

ALTÖTTING Visit the Sanctuary and Panorama Museum; candlelight procession

SALZBURG Visit the Old Town

MELK Benedictine Abbey evening visit

VIENNA Guided city tour and Mass in St. Stephen's Cathedral

■ Inside visits and special features as shown in UPPERCASE in the tour description, including admission charges where applicable.

🗽 **MASS SERVICES:** Einsiedeln, Altötting, Vienna

PROFESSIONAL TOUR DIRECTOR

TRANSPORTATION: Touring by private, first-class, air-conditioned motorcoach with free Wi-Fi

HOTELS: Listed below or equivalent; includes rooms with private bath or shower, hotel taxes, portorage, tips, and service charges

ZURICH Züri by Fassbind (F) or Novotel City West (F),
OBERAMMERGAU Wittelsbach (T), **ALTÖTTING AREA**
Altstadthotel Schex (ST) at Altötting, **VIENNA** Novum
Kavalier (ST)

MEALS: Buffet breakfasts (B) daily, 3 dinners (D), including dinner at a local restaurant in Vienna

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HEADSETS: throughout the tour 🎧

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ABBEY OF EINSIEDELN

This faith-based vacation provides the opportunity to discover genuine alpine pilgrimage sites in Switzerland, Germany, and Austria. Travel through spectacular alpine scenery, appreciate the gift of nature and life, and reflect on the greatness of creation.

Day 1, Wed. ARRIVE IN ZURICH, SWITZERLAND. Check into your hotel, then the rest of the day is free to explore on your own. This afternoon, meet your Tour Director and fellow travelers, and prepare for your upcoming spiritual journey. Welcome dinner at your hotel. (D)

Day 2, Thu. ZURICH-LUCERNE-EINSIEDELN-ZURICH. This morning travel to Lucerne, a picturesque town built along the shores of a shimmering lake and at the foot of majestic peaks. Spend some time visiting the town center and take advantage of the optional excursions available. In the afternoon, visit the



MELK ABBEY



ALTÖTTING

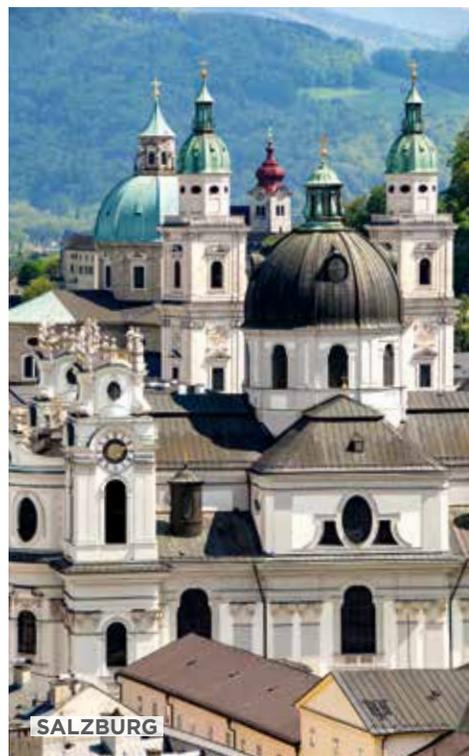


PASSION PLAY THEATER, OBERAMMERGAU



BENEDICTINE ABBEY OF EINSIEDELN, a major station on the Way of St. James and one of the most important pilgrimage sites in Switzerland. Visit the magnificent Baroque Monastery and Chapel that is home to the BLACK MADONNA, made out of black marble. Spend some time in prayer and then celebrate the 🏛️ Divine Office Vespers and the *Salve Regina*, before returning to Zurich. (B)

Day 3, Fri. ZURICH-OBERAMMERGAU, GERMANY. Leave Zurich and travel east to cross briefly into Austria, skirting



SALZBURG

scenic Lake Constance, and continuing into Germany through the farmlands of Bavaria and the alpine landscapes of Oberammergau, where in 2020 the once-a-decade *Passion Play* will take place. This performance is staged every 10 years since 1634 when it was initiated as an oath to give thanks for the village having been spared from the black death. Visit the THEATER where the Passion Play takes place. (B,D)

Day 4, Sat. OBERAMMERGAU-MUNICH-ALTÖTTING AREA. Stop in Munich, the capital of Bavaria, for a short visit of the city center to admire Marienplatz with the Glockenspiel (carillon) of the new city hall tower. Head towards ALTÖTTING, spiritual focal point of Bavaria for more than 1250 years. Here, enjoy a guided visit of the old town and the PANORAMA MUSEUM, a stereoscopic painting (large scale panorama) created in 1902 portraying the holy city of Jerusalem. Join the evening 🏛️ Mass and the candlelight procession, ideal moments for reflection and worship as well as for sharing your sense of faith with other believers. (B)

Day 5, Sun. ALTÖTTING AREA-SALZBURG, AUSTRIA-VIENNA. Spend the morning getting to know picturesque Salzburg,

Mozart's birthplace. Try the famous marzipan pralines, take a walk in the old town, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site or step into the Cathedral for some prayer time. In the afternoon, travel to the imperial city of Vienna, built along the banks of the Danube. On the way, stop at the baroque MELK BENEDICTINE ABBEY, an important intellectual and cultural center over the centuries. (B)

Day 6, Mon. VIENNA. Discover the capital of waltz on a guided city tour today; learn about the Habsburg dynasty that ruled the area for centuries, and see some of the finest buildings that give the city such an elegant feel: the State Opera, the Parliament, and the former imperial Hofburg palace. Later, if you wish, you can celebrate 🏛️ Mass in the solemn CATHEDRAL OF ST. STEPHEN. Continue exploring at leisure, or join an optional excursion. In the evening, say farewell to your newfound friends during the included dinner at a local restaurant. You certainly shared some really intense faith experiences but also some unforgettable moments of joyous communal life. (B,D)

Day 7, Tue. VIENNA. Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning. (B)

TOUR 5375 DATES & PRICES

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Departure Number	Start Zurich*	End Vienna	Land Only	Departure Number	Start Zurich*	End Vienna	Land Only	Departure Number	Start Zurich*	End Vienna	Land Only
0515	Wed 15 May	Tue 21 May	1769	0710	Wed 10 Jul	Tue 16 Jul	1679	0904	Wed 04 Sep	Tue 10 Sep	1809
0529	Wed 29 May	Tue 04 Jun	1809	0724	Wed 24 Jul	Tue 30 Jul	1679	0918	Wed 18 Sep	Tue 24 Sep	1809
0612	Wed 12 Jun	Tue 18 Jun	1809	0807	Wed 07 Aug	Tue 13 Aug	1639				
0626	Wed 26 Jun	Tue 02 Jul	1809	0821	Wed 21 Aug	Tue 27 Aug	1639				

*Dates & Prices above do not include international air travel. When planning your trip, allow one extra day before tour date for travel between CANADA and Europe.

Prices are per person, based on double room occupancy. Single room supplement: \$361; guaranteed shares available; no triple room reduction.

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