



SHRINES OF ALPINE EUROPE & OBERRAMMERGAU* 7 DAYS



Day 1 (Wed.) ARRIVE IN ZÜRICH, 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 travellers and prepare for your upcoming spiritual journey. Later this evening, a welcome dinner is served at your hotel. (D)

Day 2 (Thu.) ZÜRICH. EXCURSION TO LUCERNE & EINSIEDELN. 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 centre and take advantage of the optional excursions available. In the afternoon, head to the 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. Later, return to Zürich. (B)

Day 3 (Fri.) ZÜRICH-OBERRAMMERGAU. Leave Zürich and travel east to cross briefly into Austria, skirting scenic Lake Constance, and then continuing into Germany through the farmlands of Bavaria into the alpine landscapes of Oberammergau. The highlight of the day is the famous PASSION PLAY, a performance that takes place every 10 years since 1634 when it was initiated as an oath to give thanks for the village having been preserved from the Black Death. All the actors who take part in the play, are from the village itself. There will be time for an included dinner during the intermission. (B,D)

Day 4 (Sat.) OBERRAMMERGAU-MUNICH-ALTÖTTING AREA. Stop in Munich, the capital of Bavaria, for a short visit of the city centre to admire Marienplatz with the *Glockenspiel* (carillon) of the new city

hall tower. Head towards ALTÖTTING, spiritual focal point of Bavaria for more than 1,250 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-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 centre 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 5370*—Prices from \$2,273 to \$2,406 CAD, per person, double occupancy, tax included.

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