

PILGRIMAGE TO AMSTERDAM, BRUGES, LUCERNE, SALZBURG AND VIENNA

With Bettie Nolin and Fr. Karl Daigle



September 25-October 6, 2023

\$6,354 Per Person from Shreveport (SHV)

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Your Trip Includes

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| † Round Trip Airfare from Shreveport (SHV) | † 2 nights: Oct 02 – Oct 04: Wyndam Grand Conference Salzburg, |
| † Airport Taxes and Fuel Surcharges | † 2 nights: Oct 04 – Oct 06: Pentahotel, Vienna, Austria |
| † 10 nights at centrally located Hotels as follows (or similar): | † Breakfast and dinner daily |
| † 2 nights: Sep 26-28: WestCord Fashion Hotel , Amsterdam, Netherlands | † Wine and mineral water with dinners |
| † 2 nights: Sep 28 – Sep 30: Golden Tulip Hotel de' Medici, Bruges, Belgium | † Whisper headsets |
| † 2 nights: Sep 30 – Oct 02: Ameron Luzern Hotel Flora , Lucerne, Switzerland | † Transfers by air-conditioned private motor coach |
| | † Sightseeing and admissions fees as per itinerary |
| | † Mass daily & Spiritual Activities |
| | † Luggage handling (1 piece per person) |

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Day 1, Mon, Sep 25: Depart for the Netherlands

Make your way to your local airport where you will board your overnight flight(s). Your meals will be served on board.

Day 2, Tue, Sep 26: Amsterdam

Upon landing into Amsterdam 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. Transfer to your hotel. This afternoon we will visit the Chapel of our Lady of All Nations, one of the Virgin Mary's apparition sites. In 1945 until 1959, Our Lady appeared to Ida Peerdeman with the continuous message of love and repentance and, the prayer for Nations. Following Mass we will visit the site of a Eucharistic Miracle. In 1345, as a result of a man's illness, a Sacred Host was found preserved in his house after it was moved numerous times and after having experienced a fire that left the city in ruins. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight in Amsterdam.

Day 3, Wed, Sep 27: Amsterdam – Zaanse Schans – Amsterdam

Following breakfast, we will celebrate Mass. After Mass enjoy a guided a tour of Amsterdam, where you will experience its seventeenth century historical and picturesque atmosphere amidst its canals and squares. During your walking tour you will view the Royal Place, Vrijheidsbeeld (National Monument), the Flower Markets, Opera House, City Hall and Begijnenhof. Additionally, you will experience a glimpse from the outside of the many cultural highlights Amsterdam has to offer, such as: Van Gogh Museum, Anne Frank House, Rembrandt House and, the Rijksmuseum. After free time for lunch we will proceed to the Zaanse Schans, a unique piece of Dutch history on the river Zaan. It is residential area in which the 18th and 19th centuries are brought to life. Stroll past the bakery museum and enjoy the smell of fresh cookies. Take a look were clogs are made. Don't miss the cheese factory, the various windmills and much more. The Zaanse Schans is a unique part of the Netherlands, full of wooden houses, mills, barns and works shops. Return to Amsterdam for dinner and overnight.

Day 4, Thu, Sep 28: Amsterdam – Utrecht – Ghent - Bruges

After breakfast we will depart for Utrecht. One of the principal political, economic and cultural centers of the Netherlands. We will visit Katharine's Convent Museum (Catharijne convent) located in former hospice of the Order of St. John, telling the history of Christianity in the Netherlands. It also holds a large collection of medieval art treasures. You will have free time for lunch, before boarding the motor coach for your transfer to Ghent. Ghent, Belgium, home to the famous painting, "Adoration of the Mystic Lamb." The large and complex altarpiece was painted by Jan and Hubert Van Eyck in 1432 and, is currently housed in Ghent's, St. Bavo Cathedral. We will celebrate Mass at St. Bavo Cathedral. After Mass continue to Bruges, The Zeebrugge port of Bruges is an important center for European trade. Diner and overnight.

Day 5, Fri, Sep 29: Bruges

Today following breakfast, we will visit the Church of Our Lady for Mass, you will inevitably notice the preserved culture of the Middle Ages that is still present. While at the Church, you will have the opportunity to view the magnificent marble statue, Madonna and her Child sculpted by Michelangelo. Next, we visit the Holy Saviors Cathedral, Bruges Cathedral. Continue with a visit to the Basilica of the Holy Blood. Most interestingly, this Basilica also holds a venerated relic of Jesus Christ that was collected by Joseph of Arimathea and brought from Jerusalem. Modeled on the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, it has a replica of the Christ's tomb. This afternoon you will have free time to enjoy lunch and a leisurely stroll in this enchanting city. Return to your hotel on time to enjoy a delicious meal and a restful overnight.

Day 6, Sat, Sep 30: Bruges – Lucerne

Following breakfast, you will board the motor coach to head to Brussels airport for your short flight to Zurich. Upon landing into Zurich 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 driver. Depart through the Swiss countryside on your way through Lucerne. Check in Hotel, dinner and overnight in Lucerne.

Day 7, Sun, Oct 01: Lucerne – Einsiedlen – Lucerne

Today we will start with a guided tour of Lucerne. This central Switzerland city is known for its miraculous views of Mt. Pilatus and Rigi in the Swiss Alps. While in this breathtaking city, you will view from the outside the wooden Chapel Bridge that was first erected in the fourteenth century. This afternoon enjoy a scenic ride along Lake Lucerne and Lake Zug to Einsiedeln. Upon arrival, celebrate Mass at Einsiedeln Abbey. Visit the Benedictine Monastery of Einsiedeln dedicated to Our Lady of the Her-

mits. The abbey received this dedication due to its first inhabitant of the region around the year 850 A.D, a monk named Meinrad (St. Meinrad). This evening, you will return to your hotel in Lucerne. Enjoy a Farewell dinner and overnight at the hotel in Lucerne.

Day 8, Mon, Oct 02: Lucerne – Salzburg

Following breakfast we will leave Lucerne for 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. Celebrate Mass upon arrival in Salzburg. Dinner and an overnight.

Day 9, Tue, Oct 03: 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 10, Wed, Oct 04: 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 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. Enjoy free time in the lovely town of Melk before continuing to Vienna, Austria's capital for dinner and a restful overnight.

Day 11, Thu, Oct 05: 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, see the miraculous image of Our Lady of Mariapoch and tour the Cathedral and its catacombs. Those brave enough 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 12, Fri, Oct 06: Vienna – USA

After breakfast, transfer to Vienna Airport for your return flights home to the USA

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