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SHRINES OF ALPINE EUROPE

7 DAY TOUR FROM ZURICH TO VIENNA

This faith-based vacation provides the opportunity to discover less known, but very inspiring and genuine alpine pilgrimage sites in Switzerland, Germany, and Austria. While visiting some of the main Alpine cities like Zurich, Lucerne, Munich, Salzburg and Vienna, travel through spectacular mountain scenery, appreciate the gift of nature and life, and reflect on the greatness of creation.

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1 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.
Dinner

Day 2 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 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, carved from black marble. Spend some time in prayer and then celebrate the Divine Office Vespers and the Salve Regina, before returning to Zurich.
Breakfast

Day 3 ZURICH-OBERRAMMERGAU AREA, GERMANY

Leave Zurich and travel east to cross briefly into Austria, skirting scenic Lake Constance, and continuing into Germany through the farmlands of Bavaria and the alpine landscapes of Oberammergau, famous for the once-a-decade Passion Play. 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.
Breakfast

Day 4 OBERAMMERGAU AREA-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, worship and for sharing your sense of faith with other believers.

Breakfast

Day 5 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 (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.

Breakfast

Day 6 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 St. Stephen Cathedral. Continue exploring at leisure, or join an optional excursion. In the evening, celebrate your tour with your fellow travelers during an included farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

Breakfast/Dinner

Day 7 VIENNA

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning.

Breakfast

Departure Details	Tour Start Date	Return Date	Land/Cruise Price Only
	5/31/2023	6/6/2023	\$1,499
	6/14/2023	6/20/2023	\$1,499
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