

Sample Itinerary

Catholic Pilgrimage to Bavaria (8 days)

**Würzburg – Eichstätt – Regensburg – Altötting –
Prien – Ettal – Oberammergau – Munich (München)**



DAY 1 **USA – Frankfurt**

Departure from the USA (overnight flight)

DAY 2 **Frankfurt – Würzburg**

Arrival in Frankfurt

Transfer to Würzburg – 75 miles (by car, coach, or direct connection by ICE high speed train)

Hotel check-in

Guided city tour

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**DAY 2
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Würzburg

Places of interest:

- Residence Palace (UNESCO World heritage site)
- Palace church and gardens
- Wine cellar “Staatlicher Hofkeller” beneath the palace
- Steinburg Castle
- Marienberg fortress
- Historic Town Hall
- Cathedral St. Kilian
- Chapel of St. Mary

Würzburg – The capital of lower Franconia is one of the loveliest baroque cities in Germany and became famous as the center of Franconian wine production. It is a popular stop among tourists traveling the Romantic Road, beautifully embedded in the valley of the Main River and is surrounded by grapevine-covered hills. Interesting places to visit include the UNESCO World Heritage site Residence Palace, the medieval fortress Marienberg, the historic town hall building and the Romanesque cathedral St. Kilian, the fourth largest Romanesque church in Germany. The Late Gothic Chapel of St. Mary with its rich ornamental sculptures, of which the statues of Adam and Eve and the "Beautiful Madonna" are especially noteworthy. From the old bridge “Alte Mainbrücke”, you will enjoy fantastic views of the fortress “Marienberg” and the pilgrimage church “Käppele”.



Cathedral



Marienberg Fortress

Dinner

Overnight in Würzburg

DAY 3

Würzburg – Eichstätt

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Eichstätt – 123 miles (by car or coach)

Hotel check-in

DAY 3
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Eichstätt

Lunch

Guided city tour

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Places of interest:

- Domherrenhof Speth complex
- Residence Palace
- Residence Square
- Summer Residence
- Eichstätt Cathedral
- Frauenberg Chapel
- Church of the former Monastery Heiliges Grab Eichstätt
- Rebdorf Monastery
- Monastery Church Notre Dame du Sacré Coeur
- Monastery Church St. Walburg
- Cloister and Mortuarium
- Guardian Angel Church

Eichstätt – 2008 saw an array of celebrations in Eichstätt to mark the city being granted a number of privileges including the right to mint coins, custom rights, market rights and city fortification privileges. A range of festivities were staged to mark the “1100th Anniversary of the City of Eichstätt”. The bestowing of such privileges on the tiny settlement on the banks of the river Altmühl enabled Eichstätt to grow and flourish into a thriving town governed by Prince Bishops, where baroque builders were given free reign to their artistic talents. The city was also to become home to the one and only Catholic university in the whole of German speaking Europe. Set in the heart of the town of Eichstätt is the baroque Benedictine abbey of St. Walburg (founded in 1035). The abbey offers travelers the opportunity to stay in one of the guesthouses and to take part in abbey life.



Inside St. Walburg Church

DAY 3
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Eichstätt

Visit to St. Walburg Monastery

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Dinner

Overnight in Eichstätt

DAY 4

Eichstätt – Regensburg

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Regensburg – 78 miles (by car or coach)

Hotel check-in

Lunch

Guided city tour incl. St. Peter's Cathedral and the Old Chapel

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Places of Interest:

- St Peter's Cathedral
- Old Chapel
- St. James Scottish Church
- New Parish Church
- Old City Hall
- Old Stone Bridge over the Danube
- Thurn and Taxis Palace
- St. Emmeram Palace with Royal Brewery

DAY 4
Cont'd **Regensburg**

Regensburg – home to 2000 years of living history. Some of Europe's most important architectural and cultural monuments, plus fascinating museums and art collections make this an attractive place to spend some time. Situated on the banks of the Danube, Regensburg is the ideal base for boat trips along the river. The medieval town contains many buildings of exceptional quality that testify to its history as a trading centre and to its influence on the region from the 9th century. A notable number of historic structures span some two millennia and include ancient Roman, Romanesque and Gothic buildings. Regensburg's 11th- to 13th-century architecture – including the market, city hall and cathedral – still defines the character of the town marked by tall buildings, dark and narrow lanes, and strong fortifications. The buildings include medieval patrician houses and towers, a large number of churches and monastic ensembles as well as the 12th-century Old Bridge. The cathedral is home to the famous Regensburger Domspatzen boys' choir.



The Stone Bridge



Towers of St. Peter Cathedral

Dinner

Overnight in Regensburg

DAY 5 **Regensburg – Altötting**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Altötting – 82 miles (by car or coach)

Lunch

Guided city tour

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**DAY 5
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Altötting – Prien

Places of Interest:

- Chapel Square with Chapel of Mercy
- St. Konrad Monastery with Church
- St. Anna's Basilica
- Papal linden tree
- Treasury
- St. Magdalenen Church
- Collegiate Parish Church
- St. Mary's fountain

Altötting – For some 1200 years this has been a major shrine of Mary and, for more than 500 years, a pilgrimage center of European dimension with over a million pilgrims per year. Several votive offerings and works of art are a reminder of the close connection that several popes have had with the 'Bavarian National Shrine'. Main sights include the chapel square, the St. Konrad Monastery, the St. Anna's Basilica, and the "Papal Linden Tree" planted by Pope John Paul II. In his introductory notes for the town's guide book, Benedict XVI, then Joseph Ratzinger, wrote in early 2005: "I was lucky enough to be born very close to Altötting. Thus the pilgrimages I made to the Site of Grace with my parents and my siblings are among my earliest and most beautiful memories..."



Chapel Square



St. Mary's fountain

Transfer to Prien by the Chiemsee Lake – 38 miles (1:11)

Hotel check-in

Dinner

Overnight in Prien

DAY 6

Prien

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

DAY 6
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Prien – Ettal

Guided boat tour to Herrenchiemsee and Fraueninsel islands incl. visit to Benedictine Abbey on Fraueninsel

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Prien by the Chiemsee Lake – Prien is a quaint town situated in a lush green valley between the Chiemgau Alps and the shores of Lake Chiemsee (Bavaria's largest lake). Lovers of sports, leisure and cultural activities alike will delight in this attractive town with its flowers and fine examples of Rococo and Baroque art. The nearby Herrenchiemsee Palace, King Ludwig's most lavish and expensive castle, is located on Herrenchiemsee island ("men's island") in the middle of the Lake. The other island in the lake is called Fraueninsel ("women's island"). This island is home to a local population of 200 people, such as artists, craftspeople, fishermen, as well as a fully operational Benedictine Abbey which was founded in 782 AD and is famous for the Cloister Liquor spirit and marzipan which are produced here by the nuns.



Aerial view of Fraueninsel Island



Abbey on Fraueninsel island

Lunch

Transfer to Ettal – 82 miles (by car or coach)

Visit to Ettal Abbey

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DAY 6
Cont'd **Ettal – Oberammergau**

Ettal – Situated in the Ammergau Alps between the Zugspitze mountain and Neuschwanstein Castle travelers will find the charming town of Ettal. With its world-renowned Benedictine Abbey, the attributes of spirituality and spirits lie uniquely close together. The private Abbey brewery is still managed by the experienced monks.



Ettal Abbey

Transfer to Oberammergau – 3 miles (by car or coach)

Hotel check-in

Dinner

Overnight in Oberammergau

DAY 7 **Oberammergau**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Guided city tour

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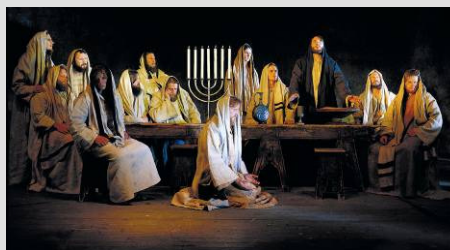
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Places of Interest:

- “Lüftlmalerei” decorated houses, e.g. Pilatus House
- Oberammergau Museum
- Passion theater

DAY 7
Cont'd **Oberammergau – Munich (München)**

Oberammergau – This Bavarian village is famous for its Passion Play which takes place every ten years. The town is physically dominated by a rock pinnacle known as the Ettaler Mandl. The town is surrounded by the dramatic mountain scenery of the Ammergau Alps, enchanting visitors with its combination of nature and culture. Spectacular hiking trails along the River Ammer offer a panoramic view of forests and blossoming fields of wild flowers. In winter and in summer cable cars and chair lifts carry visitors up into the mountains. Excursions to the royal castles, churches and cloisters nearby as well as a visit to the Passion Play Theater make for unforgettable experiences. Oberammergau is also known for its wood sculptures, and the art of facades painting called “Lüftlmalerei”.



Scene from the Passion Play



House with Lüftlmalerei paintings

Lunch

Transfer to Munich – 57 miles (by car or coach)

Hotel check-in

Guided city tour

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Places of Interest:

- Residenz Castle
- Nymphenburg Castle
- Church of our Lady
- “Alter Peter” Church
- Odeon Square with Theatiner Church St. Kajetan
- Asam Church
- Marien Square and Town Hall

DAY 7
Cont'd **Munich (München)**

Places of Interest (cont'd):

- Bavaria Film Studios
- English Garden
- Gourmet and traditional market “Viktualienmarkt”
- Hofbräuhaus brewery
- BMW World, Museum and Plant

Munich – the capital of Bavaria has a lot of attractions to offer for all ages and tastes. Whether you are interested in history, architecture or art; whether you enjoy strolling through the parks, fancy attractions like a trip to the Bavaria Film Studios or long for a visit to one of Munich’s famous traditional beer gardens, you will always find something exciting in this multi-faceted city. Take a romantic stroll through the old parts of the city around Marien Square, Viktualien Market and Odeon Square to see how Munich’s past is still lived in the every day life, enjoy a walk along the Isar river and its beautiful embankments, or visit the magnificent Nymphenburg Palace. Munich also has some of the most famous churches in Germany. The Late Gothic Church of Our Lady, with its famous domed spires that can be seen from miles away, is one of Munich's best-known landmarks. The St. Kajetan Church, a basilica built in the Italian High Baroque style, has a gloriously ornate facade. The Asam Church was endowed and built by the Brothers Asam, pioneering artists of the Rococo period.



Aerial view of Munich with Church of Our Lady



St. Kajetan Church

Dinner

Overnight in Munich

DAY 8 **Munich – USA**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Munich Airport

Departure to the USA