

Sample Itinerary

Following the trail of Pope Benedict XVI (8 days)

**Munich (München) – Markt – Altötting – Traunstein – Prien –
Freising – Regensburg – Pentling – Regensburg**



DAY 1 **USA – Munich (München)**

Departure from the USA (overnight flight)

DAY 2 **Munich**

Arrival in Munich

Hotel check-in

Free time at leisure

Dinner

Overnight in Munich

DAY 3 **Munich**

Breakfast at the hotel

Guided city tour

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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

Places of Interest:

- Residenz Castle
- Nymphenburg Castle
- Church of our Lady
- "Alter Peter" Church
- Odeon Square with Theatiner Church St. Kajetan
- Asam Church

DAY 3
Cont'd **Munich**

Places of Interest (cont'd):

- Marien Square and Town Hall
- Bavaria Film Studios
- English Garden
- Gourmet and traditional market "Viktualienmarkt"
- Hofbräuhaus brewery
- BMW World, Museum and Plant

Lunch

Visit to the Catholic Theological Faculty of Ludwig Maximilians University of Munich, where Benedict XVI studied Theology and Philosophie and was conferred his doctorate

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Visit to St. Martin Church and Church of the Holy Blood where Benedict XVI was chaplain

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Dinner

Overnight in Munich

DAY 4 **Munich – Marktl – Altötting**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Marktl – 66 miles (by car or coach)

Guided tour including visit to the Birthplace of Pope Benedict XVI, and the Church he was baptized in

Marktl Tourist Office

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Places of Interest:

- Birthplace of Benedict XVI
- St. Oswald Church
- Heritage Museum
- St. Nicolas Church

Marktl – On April 16, 1927 Josef Ratzinger was born in the small, contemplative Bavarian town of Marktl am Inn, a tiny village right by the Austrian border. At the northern end of the market square, visitors find his birth house, marked by a commemorative plaque. The building dates back to 1748 and was formerly a customs house of the prince-electors. Another stop on the tour is the local St. Oswald Church where Ratzinger was baptized.



Marktl by the Inn river

Lunch

Transfer to Altötting – 9 miles (by car or coach)

Hotel check-in

DAY 4
Cont'd **Altötting**

Guided city tour including visit to the Shrine of Our Lady at St. Anna Basilica

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Places of Interest:

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

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, who spent his childhood here, 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. Anna's Basilica and Monastery garden

Dinner

Overnight in Altötting

DAY 5 Altötting – Traunstein – Prien

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Traunstein – 31 miles (by car or coach)

Guided city tour

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Places of Interest:

- St. Oswald Church
- St. Michael Seminary
- Town Square with Lindl fountain
- Former Humanistic College
- Former Capuchin Monastery Traunstein

Traunstein – In his autobiography, Ratzinger recalls “With the move to Traunstein a new serious period began. But a few days after arriving, school resumed and I attended the first year of the humanistic college”. Two years later Ratzinger entered the archiepiscopal study seminar St. Michael’s. The outbreak of WWII and its rapid escalation affected the studies: the boys’ seminar became a military hospital, forcing them to move to other buildings until, in 1943, those boarding school boys born in 1926 and 1927 were transferred to an anti-aircraft unit in the Munich area. Later, after completion of their study years and their ordination to the priesthood, the Ratzinger brothers celebrated their First Mass at Traunstein’s Parish Church of St. Oswald.



Town Square with St. Oswald Church

Lunch

Transfer to Prien – 20 miles (by car, coach, or train)

DAY 5 **Prien**
Cont'd

Hotel check-in

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

Dinner

Overnight in Prien

DAY 6 **Prien – Freising**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

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

DAY 6
Cont'd **Freising – Regensburg**

Guided city tour including St. Korbinian Cathedral

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Places of interest:

- Old town with Marien Square and St. Georg Parish Church
- Domberg Hill with St. Maria and St. Korbinian Cathedral and Benediktus Church
- St. Peter and Paul Church
- Neustift Monastery Church
- Weihestephan brewery (the world's oldest brewery)

Freising – One of the oldest settlements in Bavaria. The town was gaining importance by becoming a major religious center in the early Middle Ages. The Gothic St. George's Parish Church, with its lovely baroque tower, was built by the same architect who designed Munich's Church of Our Lady. Freising is also known for the Weihestephan brewery, the oldest brewery in the world (1040). Joseph Ratzinger studied theology at Freising's university, and attended the seminary. Later, he was ordained to the priesthood at St. Mary and Korbinian Cathedral and taught at the seminary himself. He also taught 'Dogmatic and Fundamental Theology' at the university. In 1977, he was appointed Archbishop of Munich and Freising.



St. Maria and St. Korbinian Cathedral

Lunch

Transfer to Regensburg – 64 miles (by car, coach, or train)

Hotel check-in

DAY 6
Cont'd **Regensburg**

Guided city tour

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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

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. Regensburg is home to the beautiful Gothic St. Peter's Cathedral, and the University where Pope Benedict taught theology as a professor between 1969 and 1977. Benedict's brother Georg Ratzinger used to be bandmaster of the famous Regensburger Domspatzen boys' choir.



The Stone Bridge



Towers of St. Peter Cathedral

DAY 6
Cont'd **Regensburg**

Dinner

Overnight in Regensburg

DAY 7 **Regensburg – Pentling**

Breakfast at the hotel

Sundays 10:00am: Attend mass in the Cathedral of Regensburg with a performance of the “Regensburger Domspatzen” boys’ choir

Transfer to Pentling – 4 miles (by car, coach, or bus)

Walk through the town including visit to Benedict XVI’s house

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Pentling – Joseph Ratzinger lived in the small town of Pentling while he was teaching at the University of Regensburg. He still owns a house there. Later, when he was based in Rome, he would still stay at this house when spending time in Bavaria.



Benedict XVI’s house in Pentling

Lunch at restaurant Ates Tor, Benedict XVI’s favorite restaurant in Pentling

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DAY 7
Cont'd **Pentling – Regensburg**

Transfer back to Regensburg – 4 miles (by car, coach, or bus)

Visit to University of Regensburg where Benedict XVI taught between 1969 and 1977

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Overnight in Regensburg

DAY 8 **Regensburg – Munich – USA**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Munich Airport – 71 miles (by car or coach)

Departure to the USA