

5 DAYS TOUR INCLUDING:

WELTENBURG ABBEY · REGENSBURG · PASSAU · ALTÖTTING · KLOSTER SEEON · MUNICH

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Bavaria's famed churches and other sacred buildings are still important places of pilgrimage and witnesses to the deeply held faith of the people of Bavaria. For instance, today, Bavaria's monasteries have become attractive tourist landmarks. Most of them are well preserved, still inhabited by their religious order and living witness to the state's rich past.



DAY 1

Arrival at Munich Airport. Transfer to Weltenburg Abbey in Kelheim (1 h 30 m*).

WELCOME TO WELTENBURG ABBEY, GÄSTEHAUS ST. GEORG!

Located on the Danube Gorge, Weltenburg Abbey is the oldest monastery in Bavaria and founded around 600 AD. Tour the abbey, Baroque Church and enjoy lunch and dinner for the day.

Afternoon

Explore the Danube Gorge

Natural marvel and narrow section of the Danube valley with surrounding high limestone cliffs and caves rising up to 70 meters. Walk or cycle near the ground to explore the surrounding area. Also, explore by boat tour on the Danube River.

Evening at leisure

Overnight at Weltenburg Abbey, Gästehaus St. Georg



Danube Gorge: One of the oldest nature reserves in Bayaria

DAY 2

Morning

Transfer from Weltenburg Abbey to Regensburg (1 h*)

WELCOME TO REGENSBURGE

Grüß Gott, Shalom, Salam – that's how members of three major world religion who peacefully cohabit in <u>Regensburg</u> greet one another. They have all left their mark in the old town, which is why a walk through it highlights their unique features and differences.



City walking tour of religious and historic sites Stroll through Regensburg's Old Town (UNESCO World Heritage Site), St. Peter's Cathedral, Regensburger Domspatzen and the Jewish Quarter.



Experience traditional German coffee and cake at **Café Prinzess**, Germany's oldest cafe.

Afternoon

Visit Document Neupfarrplatz

Visit Regensburg's greatest archaeological excavations. The cross-section goes from the Roman officers' dwellings through the medieval Jewish quarter to an air-raid shelter from World War II.



Explore Thurn and Taxis Palace

The princess of Thurn and Taxis, founder of the first large-scale postal service in Europe (15th century), turned the former monastery into a magnificent castle-residence. The palace is said to have more rooms than Buckingham Palace in London.

Evening

Dinner at Dicker Mann



This inn dates back to the 14th century. Mediterranean-style courtyard and an open-air dining area under the historical arcades.

Overnight in Regensburg



St. Peter's Cathedral: It is the only Gothic Cathedral in

PASSAU – HAJO DIETZ; ALTÖTTING – HEINER HEINE, DIRSCI

DAY 3

Morning

Transfer from Regensburg to Passau (1 h 30 m*)

WELCOME TO PASSAU!

The thriving three-river city of <u>Passau</u> is a picturesque historical city with St. Stephan's Cathedral, which houses the world's largest cathedral organ with 17,974 pipes.



Private guided walking tour of Passau

The setting of the old town shows soaring towers, romantic lanes and enchanting promenades. Places of interest include: St. Stephan's Cathedral, Bishop's Residence, City Hall, Convent of Niedernburg and St. Michael's Church.

Afternoon

"Three Rivers" Sightseeing Tour

Enjoy the ride on the confluence of the three rivers Danube, Inn and Ilz. Great views of Oberhaus Castle and the Monastery Maria Hilf.

Overnight in Passau



Three-River-Conjunction-Point: Danube, Inn and Ilz meet

DAY 4

Morning

Transfer from Passau to Altötting (1 h 30 m*)

WELCOME TO ALTÖTTING!

The heart of Bavaria, <u>Altötting</u>, lies between Munich and Passau. For over 500 years, it's been the most significant Madonna pilgrimage destination of Germany and the spiritual center of Bavaria.



Altötting: The most important place of pilgrimage in Germany





Private guided tour of religious sites:

<u>Chapel of Grace</u> – The home of the hearts of the Bavarian aristocracy have been kept in wonderfully decorated urns since the 17th century.

<u>Basilica St. Anna</u> – As the number of pilgrims increased, it became necessary to build a larger church. St. Anna's is Altötting's largest church holding 8,000 persons.

<u>Jerusalem Panorama</u> (protected by UNESCO) – A monumental 360-degree cyclorama showing the Crucifixion of Christ. One of three crucifixion panorama paintings displayed world-wide.

Incense Museum – Discover the 3,500-year-old history of incense in this small museum.

Afternoon

Transfer from Altötting to Marktl (30 m*)

WELCOME TO MARKTL!

Walking tour of the village of $\underline{\mathsf{Marktl}}$ – birthplace of Pope Benedict XVI

Evening

Transfer from Marktl to Kloster Seeon (1 h*)

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WELCOME TO KLOSTER SEEON!

On an island of calm and serenity, a few kilometers north of Lake Chiemsee and in the heart of the foothills of the Alps in Upper Bavaria, lies the former Benedictine monastery of Seeon.

Overnight in Kloster Seeon



Kloster Seeon: Over 1,000 years of history and one of the spiritual hearts of the region

DAY 5

Morning

Morning hike and tour of Kloster Seeon

Transfer from Kloster Seeon to Munich (1 h 30 m*)

WELCOME TO MUNICH!

Munich is over 850 years old and had humble beginnings as a place where monks chose to settle. This is how Munich received its name in German: München, which means "monk settlement".



Munich hotel recommendations:

- ☆ Platzl Hotel
- ☆ Steigenberger Hotel



Lunch at the Beer and Oktoberfest Museum

Time at leisure

- **English Garden** Europe's largest urban park
- Art area museums, galleries and exhibitions
- ☆ Documentation Center Munich



Historic Capital: Discover Bavaria's many beautiful places of worship in Munich

Evening

Dinner at Pfistermühle

Regional producers supply the ingredients for the young kitchen team, who create inspired enjoyment with passion and craftsmanship.

Overnight in Munich

End of trip. We hope you enjoyed your visit.

* Please note: Transfer times are approximate and can depend on road conditions on the day of travel.

INSIDER TIP

Transfer from Munich to Ettal and Oberammergau (2 h*)



Visit Ettal and Oberammergau

- ★ Ettal Monastery Explore the grounds that include the grand Basilica, the brewery, distillery and the cheese shop run by the monks of Ettal.
- In Oberammergau take the behind the scenes tour of the <u>Passion Play Theater</u> and stroll through the village's famous frescoes.



Experience the Jerusalem Way

Take part in the world's longest pilgrimage and international peace and culture route along the Bavaria sections and points of interest such as Waldsassen, Regensburg, Passau and more.



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