



**Join Magnificat Travel for an unforgettable spiritual journey!**

We invite you to journey to Germany, Austria, and France with the St. Bernadette of Lourdes American Volunteers for our third annual Lourdes pilgrimage. These volunteers are those physicians and nurses who serve the sick and injured annually in the First Aid Station in the Lourdes Sanctuary. Lay volunteers from age eighteen have the opportunity to serve in a variety of settings. This pilgrimage is made up of pilgrims who wish to increase their spirituality, and the walking sick seeking the graces of healing. Reverend Matthew C. McGinness, from St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Wichita, Kansas, will be joining us to spiritually direct our journey.

We are especially excited to travel to Germany this year to watch the The Passion Play. Every ten years, in the city of Oberammergau, Germans have reenacted the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This tradition first started in 1634, when the bubonic plague was killing Europeans all over the continent. The town prayed to God asking Him to spare them any more deaths and in return, they would host this acclaimed passion play every decade. After their prayers, the deaths of civilians decreased dramatically. This will be the 41<sup>st</sup> year to honor this tradition.



**Day 1, Monday, May 31, 2010: In Transit**

**Day 1: USA / ENROUTE.** We begin our pilgrimage with our transatlantic flight to Germany. Breakfast and dinner will be served aloft.

**Day 2, Tuesday, June 1, 2010**

**Day 2:** Arrival in Munich where you will meet your tour guide. Drive through a scenic landscape to Regensburg: the city is

situated beautifully on the banks of the Danube River and known as Germany's "medieval miracle". The entire old town section of the city is inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage list. The old town center features a large number of remarkable buildings and structures including the Stone Bridge, an



Germany. Overnight in Altötting.

**Day 3, Wednesday, June 2, 2010**

**Day 3: Altötting:** In the morning possibility of participating in the holy mass in the basilica St. Anna. City tour on foot through the pilgrimage centre and its famous **Gnadenkapelle** (Chapel of the Miraculous Image). This is a tiny octagonal chapel which keeps a venerated statue of the Virgin Mary and is visited by over 1 million pilgrims per year. We continue on to the twin-towered **Stiftskirche** with its treasury; to the **Jerusalem Panorama** of Christ's Crucifixion from 1903 and the Pilgrimage and Local

exceptional engineering achievement dating from the 12th century. Joseph Ratzinger has deep ties to the city of Regensburg: He was both a professor and vice president at Regensburg University. The Pope's brother, Georg Ratzinger, was for 30 years the conductor of the world-famous Regensburg Cathedral Boy's Choir, the oldest boy's choir in Germany. Then continue to Altötting, most important shrine of Mary and pilgrimage centre in Southern

Heritage Museum and a Diorama show. In the afternoon excursion to **Markt**, often called Markt am Inn ("Little Market on the Inn River), the birthplace of the current Pope Benedict XVI. You will visit his birth house which now houses a museum and his baptistery. Return to Altötting and overnight.

**Day 4, Thursday, June 3, 2010**

**Day 4:** After breakfast you will leave to **Salzburg**, the city of Mozart. After arrival you tour the city with its cultural and historic monuments such as the Hohensalzburg Fortress, the birth house of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and the impressive Salzburger Dom (Salzburg Cathedral) with its Dommuseum and Cathedral Square, a major theatrical venue during the Salzburg Festival. The tour continues with a visit to Mirabell Palace with its marvellous gardens full of fountains and sculptures. The group will have the opportunity to go on the **Sound of Music Tour**. Overnight in Salzburg area .

**Day 5, Friday, June 4, 2010**

**Day 5:** After breakfast you will drive through breathtaking Bavarian Alps to the quaint alpine village of **Oberammergau** with its famous painted houses and wood carving studios. Along the way you'll stop at the fairytale castle **Neuschwanstein** of "Mad" King Ludwig for a spectacular photo opportunity and to view this famous castle. Next you visit one of King Ludwig's personal residences, **Linderhof Palace**, with its



ornate suites and Venus Fern Grotto. Overnight nearby Oberammergau.

### Day 6, Saturday, June 5, 2010

**Day 6:** This morning you will be free to explore Oberammergau by yourself. After lunch, you'll walk to the Passion Play Theater, for one of the highlights of this journey – **the Passion Play Performance**. The performance begins at 2:30 pm and includes a break for dinner at 05:00 pm, it resumes at 08:00pm until about 10:30pm. The reserved seats for Passion Play are covered. However the stage is open and the performance takes place regardless of weather. Overnight nearby Oberammergau.

### Day 7, Sunday, June 6, 2010

**Day 7:** Immediately following breakfast, we will journey through the **Switzerland** Countryside as we travel to Ars, France, the home of St. John Vianney. Dinner and overnight in Ars.

### Day 8, Monday, June 7, 2010

**Day 8:** After breakfast, take some time to relax and absorb the spirituality of this beautiful village. You will have the opportunity to visit the house and shrine of St. John Vianney, the Patron Saint of

Parish Priests, and enjoy an audio presentation on his life. You will also view the incorrupt body of this saint. 2010 is declared the year of priests, so it is fitting that we will be able to visit St. John's shrine. The group will travel to Lourdes the next day. Dinner and overnight in Ars.



### Days 9 - 13, Tuesday, June 8 - Saturday 12, 2009: Lourdes

**Days 9 - 13:** The next five days you will journey in Lourdes. It is one of the most visited pilgrimage sites for over the past 150 years. Lourdes is the birthplace of St. Bernadette to whom Our Lady appeared in 1858 near the Grotto of Massabielle. During our stay in Lourdes, we will have the chance to celebrate daily Mass at the Grotto, enjoy a video presentation imparting the story of Lourdes, and walk in the footsteps of St. Bernadette. Experience an inspirational Way of the Cross as you walk the life-sized Stations of the Cross overlooking the holy Grotto. Our tour of Lourdes includes visits to the sanctuary, the Basilica of St. Pius X, outdoor adoration at the Adoration Tent, and an experience of the baths. You may choose to attend the blessing of the sick, and participate in nightly candlelight processions requested by Our Lady. Doctors and nurses on this trip will volunteer daily at the first aid clinic. We will take a day trip during this time to Toulouse to visit the Basilica of St. Fernin. Here we will have mass and venerate the relics of St. Thomas Aquinas. Dinner and overnight in Lourdes.

### Day 14, Sunday, June 13, 2009: In Transit

**Day 14:** Depart for our return transatlantic flight home.

### PILGRIMAGE INCLUSIONS

- Round Trip Airfare
- Motor Coach Transportation
- Hotel Accommodations
- 14 Breakfasts
- 14 Dinners
- Cover Charges
- Passion Play Tickets
- Pilgrimage Director, Translator & Tour Guide
- Orientation Meeting
- Masses and Spiritual Activities Coordinated
- Pilgrimage Guidebook
- Pilgrim T-Shirt

### PILGRIMAGE EXCLUSIONS

- Cancellation/Interruption Insurance
- \$100 Tips
- Lunches
- Euro Fluctuation
- Taxes & Fees\*

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Pilgrimage Cost: **\$3799**

Upon Registration	\$550(non-Refundable Deposit)
October 01, 2009	\$800
January 01, 2010	\$800
March 01, 2010	\$800
April 01, 2010	Balance + Taxes & Fees*

*\*Estimated taxes & fees (\$300-\$400) are approximate. Please see terms and conditions for more information on Cancellation/Interruption Insurance, taxes, and other important information regarding this pilgrimage. A supplement will be added if rate increases above \$1.40 USD per €1.00 EUR. We reserve the right to change or adjust the itinerary in order to enhance your pilgrimage experience.*



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*May 31 - June 13, 2010*