



## Join Magnificat Travel for an unforgettable spiritual journey!

We invite you to attend our eighth bi-annual **Way of Wisdom Pilgrimage** led by Father Hampton Davis and Father Curtis Mallet! After visiting sites significant to Pope John Paul II in 2007, we step into a new journey in the heart of Bavaria and neighboring Switzerland and Austria, which include sites integral to the formation of his successor, Pope Benedict XVI. This pilgrimage is an extraordinary opportunity to travel with others who long for a faith-filled journey.



### Day 1 – September 28:

Depart USA, XXX International Airport.

### Day 2 – September 29: Vienna

This morning we arrive in Vienna and transfer to our hotel. Later, enjoy a bus tour of the city. *Dinner and overnight in Vienna.*

### Day 3 – September 30: Vienna

We begin our day with a Mass celebration at Vienna's landmark, **St. Stephens Cathedral**. While there, we'll see the miraculous image of **Our Lady of Mariapocs**, and tour the Cathedral and its catacombs. Those who wish may climb the 343 steps to the top of the Cathedral spire. Next, we will tour the Imperial Palace and view the private rooms of

Emperor Francis Joseph and those of his wife, Empress Elisabeth. Our tour will close with the treasures and magnificent crown jewels exhibit. Back in the city center we go to Karlsplatz to see St. Charles Borromeo Church and Otto Wagner's Stadtbahn Pavilions. The afternoon is yours to freely explore Vienna. *Dinner and overnight in Vienna.*

### Day 4 – October 1: Vienna – Salzburg

This morning we continue our journey towards Salzburg. En route to Salzburg, we stop at the sprawling **Gottweig Abbey** high above the Danube River. We'll explore the thousand year old fortress-like complex. We travel on to **Melk Abbey** along the Danube River. Over 900 years old, Melk Abbey is one of the finest religious sites in Austria where black robed monks still stroll amidst marble sculptures and frescoed walls. We arrive in Salzburg in time to visit the Archbishop's residence. *Dinner and overnight in Salzburg.*

### Day 5 – October 2: Salzburg

After breakfast, we tour Salzburg, have Mass at the beautiful Cathedral, and partake in a memorable **"the Sound of Music"** tour. *Dinner and overnight in Salzburg.*

### Day 6 – October 3: Salzburg - Munich

En route to Munich we visit Traunstein where **Pope Benedict** grew up and in 1939, entered St. Michael's

Seminary as a teenager. We continue our journey with a stop at the home of **Blessed Francis Seelos**. Later we will visit the Neuschwanstein Castle, built at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century by an incredibly lavish German king, Ludwig II. Neuschwanstein, perched atop the mountain is a scene out of a fairytale. The castle is breathtaking and its décor easily rivals all others in Europe. The afternoon is yours to freely enjoy more of Munich. *Dinner and overnight in Munich.*

### Day 7 – October 4: Munich, Regensburg, & Freising

This morning we visit the Asamkirche, one of the most richly decorated Rococo churches in the world. It is named for the brothers Casmas and Egid Asam. The skeleton of **St. Johannus Nepomuk**, for which the church is formerly named, is enshrined there in a glass case. After this, we depart on our excursion to Regensburg. Founded by Marcus Aurelius, this 2,000-year-old city is situated amidst a medieval landscape along the Danube River. Pope Benedict taught at the University of Regensburg and eventually became Dean and Vice-President. Next, we celebrate Mass at Germany's most impressive gothic Cathedral. We will also have time to explore the city's many narrow walkways and stone bridges. En route back to Munich we visit Freising, home of the University of Theology where Pope Benedict studied. He was later ordained to the priesthood on

June 29, 1951 and eventually became Archbishop of Munich and Freising. *Dinner and overnight in Munich.*

### Day 8 – October 8: Munich

Still in the heart of Bavaria we journey to Altotting, one of Germany's most celebrated shrines. Upon arrival we celebrate Mass at the center of the pilgrimage complex, the **Chapel of Mercy**. The chapel houses a 13<sup>th</sup> century statue of the Blessed Virgin to which numerous miraculous cures are credited. From there we go to Markt Am Inn, where Pope Benedict was born on Holy Saturday, April 16, 1927. He was the first person baptized in the Easter water blessed at the Easter Vigil. *Dinner and overnight in Munich.*

### Day 9 – October 6: Munich – St Gallen - Zurich

Depart Munich to Memmingen. We drive west to Bavaria's famous **Ottobeuren Abbey** to join in the monastic Liturgy of the Hours. We'll tour the majestic basilica, celebrate Mass in the **Chapel of St. Benedict**, and visit the Abbey Museum. Upon arriving in Zurich, we take a guided tour of the city that includes Zurich's main street "Bahnhofstrasse". Next, we view Linderhof hill, one of the defensive walls in Zurich from the Roman period. We will see the old town fishermen quarter. We then carry on to the oldest bridge, Rathaus-Brucke, and the town hall. Finally, we will visit Zurich's oldest church, **St. Peters**, which together with the Fraumunster and GROSSMUNSTER convents demonstrates the XI & XII century's architecture. *Dinner at hotel and overnight in Zurich.*

### Day 10 – October 7: Zurich – Lucerne– Zurich

After breakfast we depart for Lucerne for a half-day tour and visit the **Hofkirche Abbey Church**. This afternoon we have some free time to spend in Lucerne or in Zurich. *Dinner at hotel and overnight in Zurich.*

### Day 11 – October 8: Zurich

Travel to the USA

### PILGRIMAGE INCLUSIONS

- Round Trip Airfare
- Motor Coach Transportation
- Hotel Accommodations (Double Occupancy)
- Portage
- All Breakfasts
- All Dinners
- Pilgrimage Director, City Guide, Translator & Tour Guide
- All Entrance Fees
- Orientation Meeting
- Masses and Spiritual Activities Coordinated
- Pilgrimage Guidebook
- Tips
- T-Shirts

### PILGRIMAGE EXCLUSIONS

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

### PRICE & PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Receive \$300 Discount If

Registered Before November 15, 2008!

Pilgrimage Cost: **\$3690**

Upon Registration	\$550 (non-Refundable Deposit)
December 15, 2008	\$750
February 15, 2009	\$750
April 15, 2009	\$750
June 15, 2009	\$750
July 15, 2009	Balance + Taxes & Fees*

*\*Estimated taxes & fees (\$400-\$500) 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 \$1.33 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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WAY OF WISDOM VIII

*A Pilgrimage to  
Austria*

*Germany &  
Switzerland*



*September 28 - October 8, 2009*