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November 30, 2027 | Departure from Houston
Our pilgrimage begins as we depart Houston on our overnight flight to Budapest. Meals are served aloft.

December 1 | Arrival
Our tour escort greets us at the airport and accompanies us to our hotel. This evening we gather for a welcome dinner. Overnight Budapest.

December 2 | Budapest
We explore Castle Hill in Buda, touring Matthias Church and pausing at Fisherman's Bastion for sweeping Danube views. In Pest we celebrate Mass at St. Stephen's Basilica, where the Holy Right, the incorrupt hand of Hungary's first king and apostle, is venerated. A Christmas market is held in the basilica square during this season. Dinner and overnight Budapest.

December 3 | Budapest & Máriaremete
We journey into the Buda hills to the Marian shrine of Máriaremete, celebrating Mass in its peaceful neo-Gothic sanctuary. Returning to the city, we visit the Cave Church hewn into Gellért Hill and entrusted to the Pauline Fathers, the only order founded in Hungary. Dinner and overnight Budapest.

December 4 | Budapest, Esztergom & Vienna
We travel along the Danube to Esztergom, ancient royal seat and spiritual heart of Hungarian Catholicism, where King St. Stephen was crowned. We celebrate Mass in its basilica, the largest church in the country, before continuing to Vienna. Dinner and overnight Vienna.

December 5 | Vienna
A full day in imperial Vienna. We celebrate Mass at St. Stephen's Cathedral, the soaring Gothic mother church, then visit the Capuchin Crypt of the Habsburgs and walk the Graben to the Plague Column. Our afternoon takes us to Karlskirche, dedicated to St. Charles Borromeo. Christmas markets are held in the city's squares during this season, and we will have time to visit them where they are near our route. Dinner and overnight Vienna.

December 6 | Vienna & Mariazell
We travel south into the Styrian Alps to Mariazell, Austria's most beloved Marian shrine for more than eight centuries. We celebrate Mass in the basilica and venerate the Magna Mater Austriae at the silver Chapel of Grace. Dinner and overnight Mariazell.

December 7 | Mariazell, Melk Abbey & Salzburg
We journey to Melk Abbey, the great Benedictine monastery above the Danube, touring its church and famed library and celebrating Mass, before continuing west to Salzburg, founded by St. Rupert around the year 696. Dinner and overnight Salzburg.

December 8 | Salzburg, Altötting & Munich
We tour Salzburg Cathedral, resting place of St. Rupert and St. Virgil, with the city's Christmas market held on the cathedral squares during this season, then cross into Bavaria to Altötting, the spiritual heart of Catholic Germany. We celebrate Mass and venerate the Black Madonna at the Chapel of Grace, beloved since 1489. On to Munich. Dinner and overnight Munich.

December 9 | Munich
We explore Munich, visiting the Frauenkirche, whose twin towers crown the skyline, and St. Michael's Church, the great Counter-Reformation stronghold. Mass is celebrated at one of these historic churches. The afternoon is at leisure on Marienplatz beneath the Mariensäule, where Munich's Christmas market is held during this season. Dinner and overnight Munich.

December 10 | Munich, Einsiedeln & Lucerne
We depart early into Switzerland to the Benedictine Abbey of Einsiedeln, a thousand-year center of Marian pilgrimage. We celebrate Mass and venerate the Black Madonna, joining the monks' daily Salve Regina. Continuing to Lucerne, we walk the Chapel Bridge and pause at the Lion Monument. Dinner and overnight Lucerne.

December 11 | Return Home
With hearts strengthened by the saints of Central Europe and the intercession of Our Lady, we transfer to Zurich Airport for our return flight home.

Optional 3-Day Bavaria Extension

December 11 | Lucerne, Lindau & Füssen
We depart Lucerne and travel east to Lindau, the picturesque island town on Lake Constance, where we pause for lunch at leisure along the harbor. We then continue into the Bavarian Alps to Füssen, where we celebrate Mass at the Basilica of St. Mang, the town's Benedictine abbey church dedicated to St. Magnus, apostle of the Allgäu. Dinner and overnight in the Füssen area.

December 12 | Neuschwanstein Castle & the Wieskirche
This morning we visit Neuschwanstein Castle, the celebrated hilltop castle built by King Ludwig II of Bavaria, set above the neighboring castle of Hohenschwangau and the alpine lakes. In the afternoon we travel to the Wieskirche, the UNESCO-listed pilgrimage Church of the Scourged Savior, where we celebrate Mass beneath its renowned rococo ceiling. Dinner and overnight in the Füssen area.

December 13 | Oberammergau & Ettal Abbey
We travel to Oberammergau, the alpine village known for its Passion Play and its long tradition of woodcarving. Nearby we visit the Benedictine Abbey of Ettal, where we celebrate Mass in its magnificent baroque basilica. We then continue north to Munich. Dinner and overnight Munich.

December 14 | Return Home
This morning we transfer to Munich Airport for our return flight home.



Your Pilgrimage Includes

- ✓ Roundtrip flights from Houston (IAH)
  -Includes checked bag, carry-on & personal item
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- ✓ Breakfast and dinner served daily
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