



Celebrate the 175th Anniversary of the  
Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ

PILGRIMAGE TO  
**Germany**

In the Footsteps of St. Katharina Kasper

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**DAY 1 (10/15) CHICAGO | FRANKFURT**

Our 175th Jubilee Pilgrimage begins with an overnight flight to Frankfurt (FRA). Our spiritual focus will include an onboard rosary, reflection on pilgrimage, detachment, and trust in God’s Providence. Meals and beverages will be served in flight.

**DAY 2 (10/16) FRANKFURT | BONN**

We arrive in Frankfurt, clear customs, and meet our Nativity Pilgrimage Tour Guide. We begin with a scenic drive to Bonn (1.5–2 hours) and check into our hotels. In the afternoon, we enjoy a leisurely walking orientation of Old Town and the Rhine promenade, followed by Mass at Bonn Minster (Basilica of St. Martin). We end with a welcome dinner and a reflection on Catholicism in the Rhineland.

**DAY 3 (10/17) BONN**

This morning, we explore Bonn Minster (interior, crypt, if open) with time for personal prayer and reflection on the early Christian roots and missionary saints of the region. In the afternoon, we enjoy a scenic excursion to nearby Cologne to visit Cologne Cathedral (Kölner Dom) with a guided tour focusing on its role as a pilgrimage site and the Shrine of the Three Kings. Next, we enjoy some leisure time before returning to Bonn for dinner. This evening offers an Optional Rhine stroll and night prayer.

**DAY 4 (10/18) BONN | DERNBACH**

This morning, our Poor Handmaids’ focus begins with a scenic journey to Dernbach (1.5 hours). In Dernbach, we check into the Resonance Chamber Monastery Retreat Center and share an afternoon introductory session on St. Katharina Kasper and the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ. We will reflect on their charism, history, and global mission. This evening, we celebrate Mass with the Sisters and have time for quiet reflection and journaling.

**DAY 5 (10/19) DERNBACH**

Today, we explore St. Katharina Kasper sites, including a visit to the Motherhouse of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, a tour of the chapel, relics, and exhibits on St. Katharina’s life and the early sisters. Next, we walk through key local sites, including the birthplace of St. Katharina and early service locations for the poor and sick (as available). This afternoon, we will enjoy a presentation from a Sister on the Order’s charism through service, humility, and trust in God. Our day ends with an evening group sharing on vocation, service, and implications for parish life back home.

**DAY 6 (10/20) DERNBACH**

This morning, we’ll visit St. Lawrence Church and take part in a regional pilgrimage to Limburg an der Lahn, where we will explore Limburg Cathedral (St. George’s Cathedral). The

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IN YOUR PACKAGE

**\$4,499**  
with flight from Chicago

**\$3,699**  
Land Only Package

 Round-Trip Airfare

 Private Transportation

 Daily Mass

 Airport Taxes/Fuel Surcharges

 Daily Breakfast & Dinner

 Professional Tour Guides

 First-Class Hotels

 Site Admission Fees

 Medical Insurance





Bonn, Germany

guided tour of the cathedral will highlight its Romanesque architecture and its role in the diocese, which includes Dernbach. Here we will pause for Mass and private prayer. (schedule pending). We'll return via scenic route with an impromptu stop in a small village church for quiet reflection. Tonight, we will enjoy our final evening with the sisters, including shared prayer, community testimony, and a blessing for all pilgrims.

**DAY 7 (10/21) DERNBACH | RHINE VALLEY | KOBLENZ | FRANKFURT**

Today, we depart for a short visit to Koblenz to encounter Deutsches Eck, the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle, and a local church visit. This afternoon, we journey to Frankfurt and check into our city-center hotel with free time to explore Frankfurt's old town, Römerberg, and Main riverfront.

**DAY 8 (10/22) FRANKFURT**

After morning Mass, we will enjoy a day of leisure with time for church visits, local shops, and sampling German cuisine. This afternoon, we close our pilgrimage with a River Cruise and scenic views of Frankfurt. Tonight, we share a farewell dinner and reflections on our pilgrimage.

**DAY 9 (10/23) RETURN TO CHICAGO**

After breakfast, we transfer to Frankfurt Airport for our return to Chicago. This has been a week that will last a lifetime. Celebrating the 175th Jubilee of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ has drawn us closer to our Lord and the Church. We return to our parishes and family with renewed passion to share the Good News as missionary disciples of Jesus!



Bonn Minster, Bonn



Deutsches Eck, Koblenz



Römerberg | Frankfurt



**BOOK THIS TRIP**  
BY MAIL OR ONLINE

Submit a non-refundable \$300 deposit with your registration form and passport copy to the address below or use QR code to register online. The names on the registration form and passport must match exactly, and passports must be valid for at least 6 months from the return date. Full payment is due July 7, 2026.

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# TERMS AND CONDITIONS

## YOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES

**Air Transportation:** Economy class and round-trip airfares are based on the time of the reservation. Rates and times are subject to change without notice. Airfares, once issued, are non-refundable, non-transferable, and cannot be used towards future travel.

**Land Transportation:** All land transportation as described in the itinerary will be by Deluxe Motor Coach. Some may be equipped with Wi-Fi service.

**Hotels:** Your hotels will be first-class with double occupancy (2 people per room with a private bath). Neither Nativity Pilgrimage nor the trip coordinator are responsible for providing a roommate.

**Meal Plan:** The meal plan offers breakfast & dinner daily, unless otherwise stated.

**Baggage:** Most airlines limit passengers to one (1) piece of checked luggage and one (1) carry-on. All passengers should check with the airlines carriers for up to date baggage weight and dimensions.

**Airport Fees:** Airport Taxes, Portorage, Fuel Surcharges and Security Fees

**Medical Insurance:** Medical coverage for the duration of your trip.

## YOUR PACKAGE DOES NOT INCLUDE

**Cancellation Insurance:** We highly recommend purchasing travel insurance upon registration.

**Passport Expenses:** This includes any passports or additional travel documents that may be required. Passports must be valid until at least 6 months from your return date.

**Personal Expenses:** Laundry, beverages (including wine, liquor, mineral water, tea, coffee, etc.), meals or food items not listed on the included menu plan, and any excess or additional luggage.

**Non-itinerary fees:** Any sightseeing or service fees or personal items that are not specifically mentioned as being included in the itinerary.

**Non-included meals:** You are responsible for any meals not specified in your itinerary.

**Tips/Gratuities:** This includes tour guides, drivers, hotel service staff, and wait staff.

## GENERAL TRAVEL INFORMATION

**Group Air:** Group Air differs from individually purchased airline tickets in that it is subject to the terms and conditions of the airlines. For this reason, we need to receive your registration and full payment by the payment deadline. After that date, registrations may be subject to a different air rate, ticketing method, or on a different airline. Additional fees and charges may apply. Group air flights are confirmed 60 - 90 days prior to departure.

**Departure Cities:** If your departure city is not listed on the brochure, indicate which airport you would like to depart from on the registration form. We will provide you with the best possible price and flight schedule in order to connect with the group. Additional fees and charges may apply.

**Land-Only Option:** If you would like to book your own air travel, indicate on your registration form that you want the "Land Only" option. This amount equals to the total tour price minus \$800 for all destinations except Mexico, which is minus \$350. By booking your own air, you may select your seat, airline, and travel schedule, use airline miles/points, provide airline reward program information, and make any special requests directly with the airline. No changes can be made after the final payment deadline. Land-only services begin and end at the hotels unless you are able to meet the group at the airport. Land-only travelers are responsible for their own airport transfers.

## IMPORTANT POLICIES

The airline selects seat assignments for group air, not the tour operator. Seat upgrades are available for registered travelers, by request. Quoted rates for an upgrade are subject to change until payment is received. Some upgrades are not available until the group tickets are issued.

**Single Room:** Tour price is based on double occupancy. If you'd like a single room, there is an additional cost per person as specified on the registration form. Single rooms are limited and will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Seat Upgrades:** Once Nativity Pilgrimage receives an upgrade or seat location request, we will contact the airlines to finalize your request. We cannot guarantee the acceptance of this request as it is subject to availability and pricing (which changes daily).

**Other Special Requests:** Once Nativity Pilgrimage receives a special request, such as a wheelchair, food, etc., we will contact the airlines to finalize your request. We cannot guarantee acceptance of this request as it is subject to availability and pricing (which changes daily).

## BOOKING CONDITIONS

**Deposit:** A non-refundable deposit of \$300.00 per person is required at the time of booking. No reservation will be processed without a deposit.

**Payment Deadline:** Full payment is due July 7, 2026. Late registrations received after the deadline require an additional \$100 (subject to availability). If payment is not made in full 50 days prior to departure, your payments are non-refundable.

**Payment Methods:** We accept major credit cards, checks, money orders, and Zelle payments. There is an additional 3% fee for each credit card transaction.

## LATE PAYMENT POLICY

Customers will receive Late Fees if they are not paid in full:

PRIOR TO DEPARTURE	FEE
100 - 61 days	\$150
60 - 30 days	\$300
30 days - day before departure	subject to cancellation

Customers are also responsible for any difference in fare due to late payment (subject to availability). Refusal to pay will be considered a cancellation.

## CANCELLATION/REFUND POLICY

We hope that nothing will prevent you from taking your pilgrimage with Nativity Pilgrimage, however, should you need to cancel your trip, your cancellation must be in writing via email or letter. It will be effective on the date of receipt. The following cancellation fees will apply:

PRIOR TO DEPARTURE	PENALTY
100 + days	Lose deposit
99 - 50 days	50% of trip cost
49 days or less	100% of trip cost

Insurance premiums are non-refundable. We highly recommend purchasing travel insurance to avoid these cancellation fees.

## PROTECT YOUR TRIP

**Medical Insurance:** Every pilgrim traveling with Nativity will receive complimentary medical insurance that provides coverage for the full duration of your trip.

**Trip Cancellation Insurance:** We also strongly recommend purchasing trip cancellation insurance (available at an additional cost) to safeguard your travel investment in case unforeseen circumstances require you to cancel. You may review our Travel insurance details at <https://nativity.trawickinternational.com>. Travelers can also reach our 24/7 customer service team via phone at 888-301-9289 or email at [info@trawickinternational.com](mailto:info@trawickinternational.com).

**Important:** If you plan to purchase Cancel for Any Reason (CFAR) coverage, it must be purchased within 14 days of registration.

## RESPONSIBILITY

Nativity Pilgrimage, Inc. and their agents assume no liability or responsibility in regards to travel in any form for any injuries or loss of property, accidents, delays, changes in schedule or itinerary, incidental damages or any irregular circumstances. This would include, but not limited to, default or omission by any third party providing services or facilities related to and/or included in the tour or any part thereof.

The IATA carriers, steamship firms and other transportation companies, whose services are featured in these tours, are not to be held responsible or accountable for any act, omission or event during the time the passengers are not on board their respective conveyance. The passage contract in use by these companies, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the companies and the purchaser of these tours and/or passengers and Nativity Pilgrimage, Inc. does not assume any liability or responsibility in connection therewith. They are not responsible for any losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, guarantees, or other causes. All such losses or expenses shall be borne by the passenger as tour rates provide for arrangements only for the time stated. The right is reserved to substitute hotels of similar quality to those specified in the itinerary. Nativity Pilgrimage reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure. Refund details vary upon each trip. No refund will be made for any used portion of the tour unless arrangements are made prior to departure from the United States. Prices and itineraries are subject to change without notice if booking conditions are not complied with.

