

# MARIAN SHRINES OF CENTRAL EUROPE

JUNE 3-14, 2019

A 12-Day Pilgrimage to Marian Shrines of Austria,  
Hungary, Croatia, Slovenia & Germany  
June 3-14, 2019

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# Marian Shrines of Central Europe



# Day 1, Departing Seattle



# Day 1

- Transatlantic flight to Vienna



# Day 2. Tuesday, June 4: Vienna

- Upon arrival into Vienna, board your private motor-coach and transfer to the city center for a visit to the *Cathedral of St. Stephen, housing the miraculous image of Maria Potech, which shed tears twice and through which Our Lady has worked many miracles. Render homage to St. Valentine, whose body is kept here. View hundreds of relics, including a piece of the tablecloth from Our Lord's Last Supper. Then, visit the Church of St. Mary's on the River Bank (Maria am Gestade) to venerate St. Clement Mary Hofbauer, patron of Austria for his unrelenting work of apostolate. Then, arrive at your hotel in Vienna for a welcome dinner and overnight.*  
(WD)

# Day 2, Hotel in Vienna

It's all about you



# Day 2 - Vienna



*Cathedral of St. Stephen*

# Day 2 - Vienna



*Church of St. Mary's on the River Bank (Maria am Gestade)*



# Day 3. Wednesday, June 5: Vienna

- This morning in Vienna, visit *Schonbrunn Palace*, the summer residence of the Habsburg monarchs, with its hundreds of rooms adorned with the finest furnishings and also walk through its unique gardens. Enjoy a free afternoon in this beautiful city, with dinner on your own. Overnight in Vienna. (BB)

# Day 3 - Vienna



*Schonbrunn Palace*




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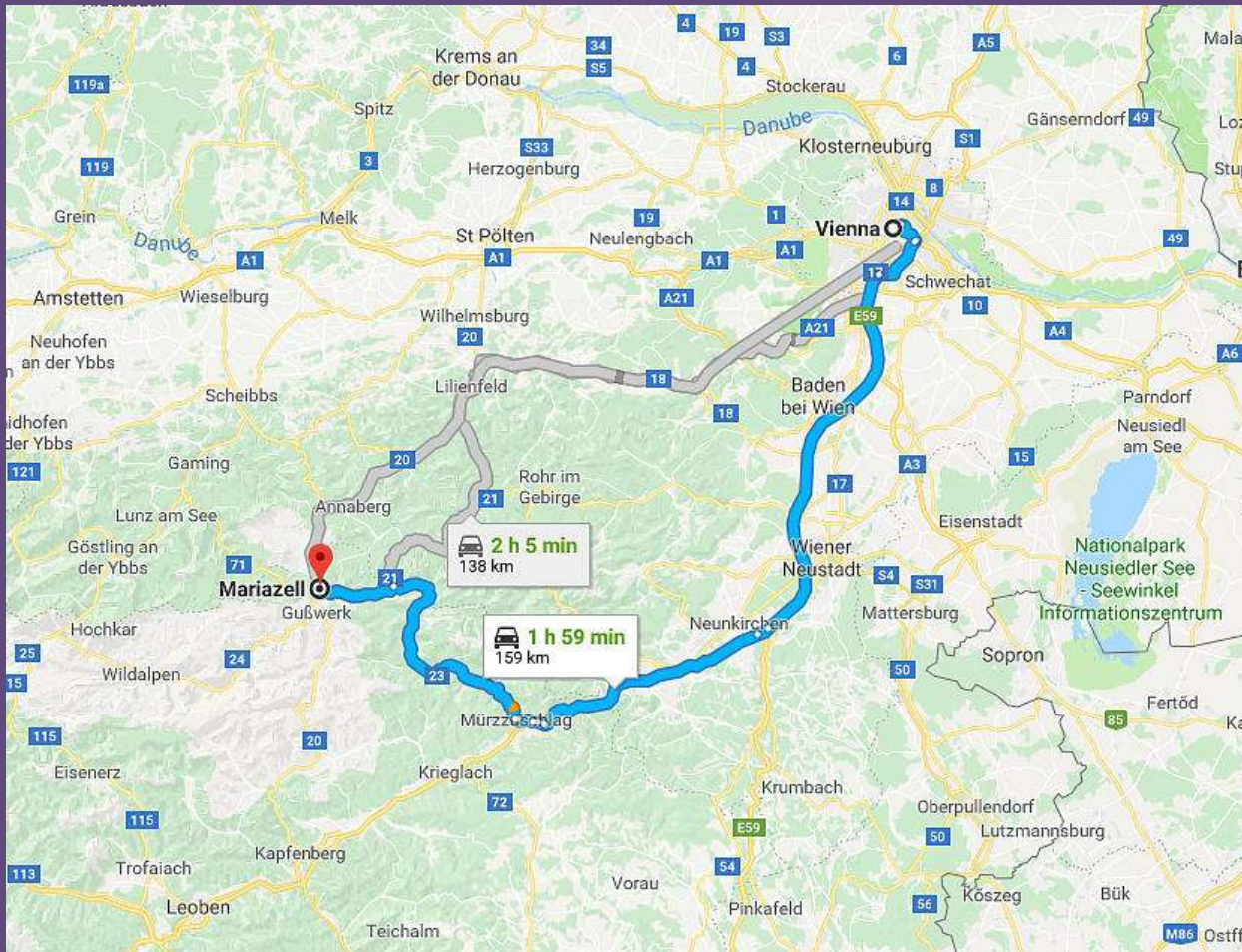
# Day 4, Thursday

## A Walk Through Marianzell, Austria

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# Day 4 – Vienna to Mariazell



99 Miles

Vienna to Mariazell

# Day 4. Thursday, June 6: Vienna: Mariazell, Melk, Danube cruise

- Today visit Mariazell, the foremost Marian pilgrimage site in Austria. This basilica houses a small wooden statue of Our Lady and the Christ Child which has been venerated since the 12th century. The site has grown from a humble chapel to a splendid place of pilgrimage where kings, emperors and popes have paid homage to the Mother of God in front of this small statue, first placed there by a humble monk. Afterwards, enjoy a visit to the famous Benedictine Abbey of Melk, where countless medieval treasures can be found in its library and splendid works of art in its church. Then, take a leisurely *cruise along the Danube River, enjoying some of the most spectacular views in Austria. Return to Vienna for dinner and overnight. (BB, D)*

# Mariazell Basilica

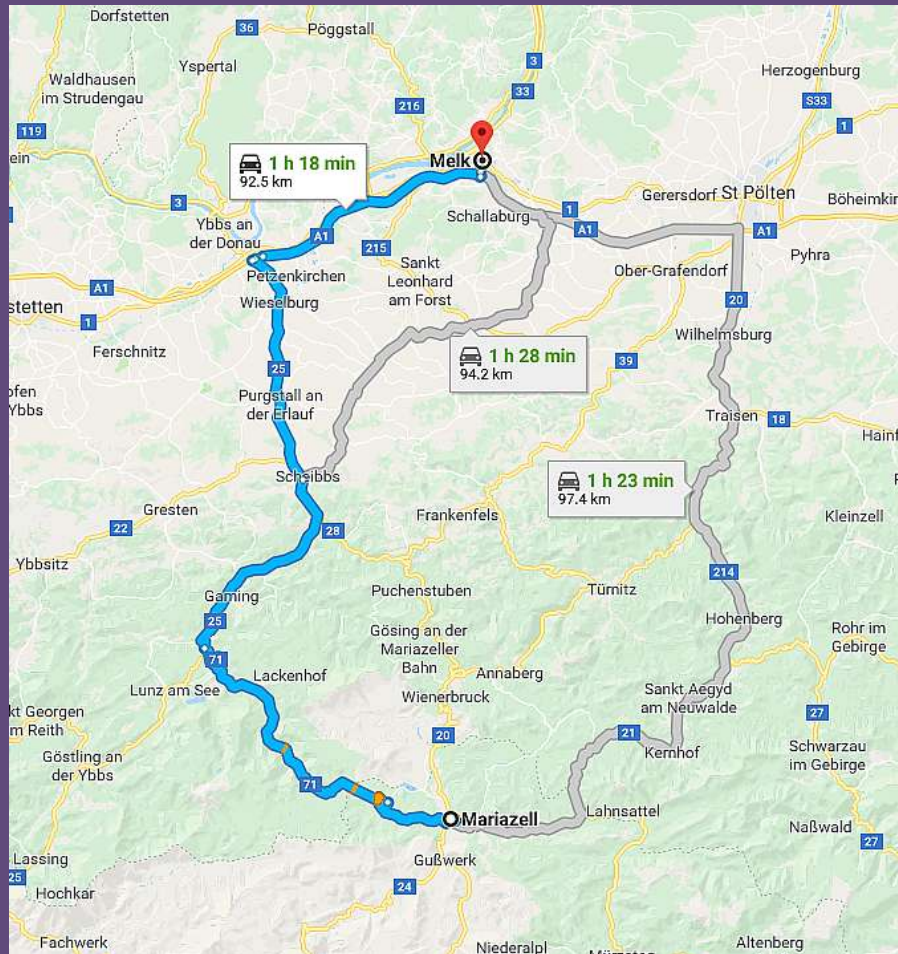






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# Mariazell to Melk



58 Miles

# Day 4

## A Walk Through Melk, Austria

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## Day 4 - Vienna: Mariazell, Melk, Danube Cruise



**Benedictine Abbey of Melk**



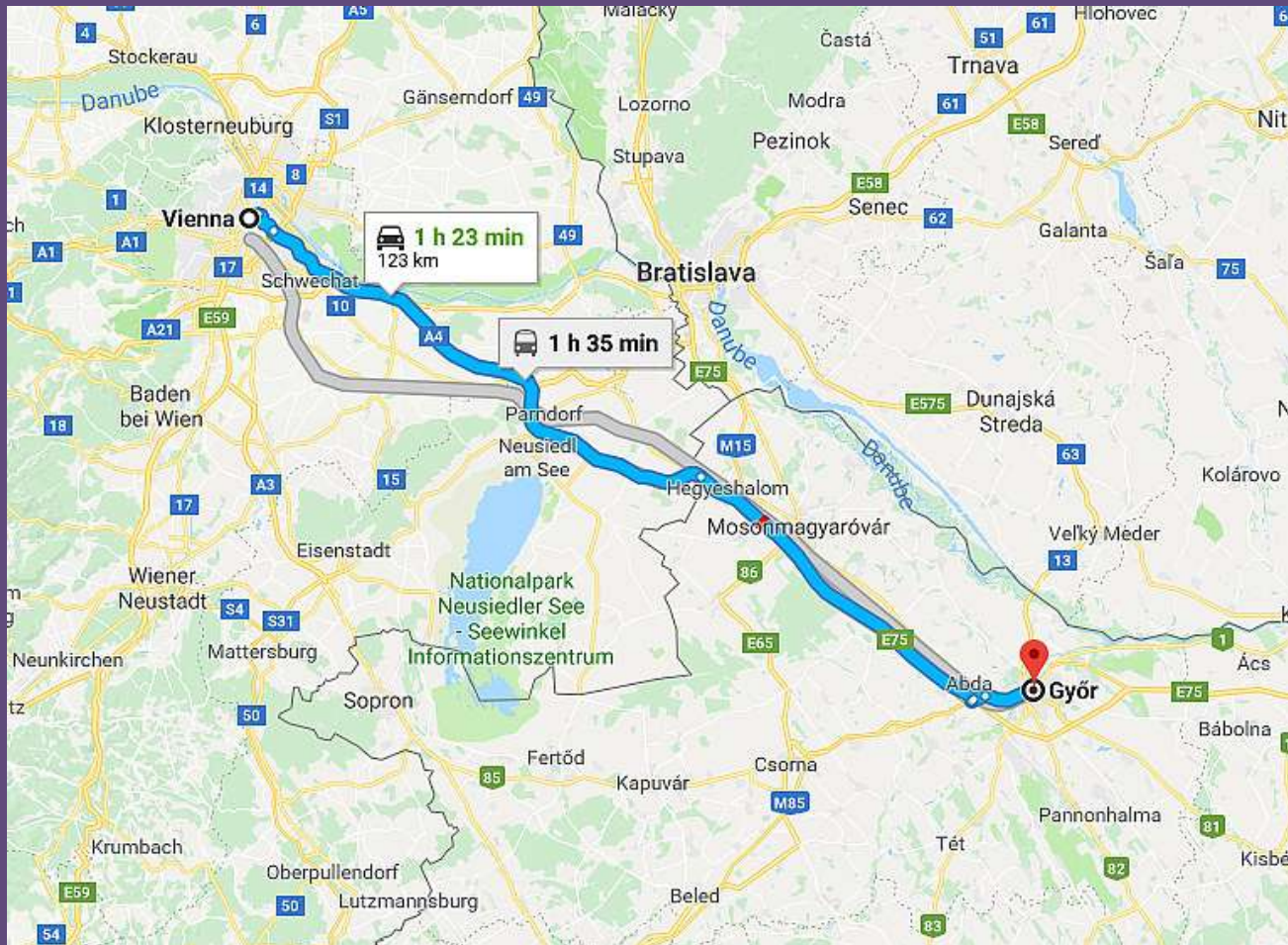


# Day 4 - Danube River Cruise



The Legendary  
**BLUE DANUBE**  
RIVER CRUISE

# Day 5 - Vienna – Győr – Esztergom – Szentendre – Budapest



76 Miles

Vienna to Győr



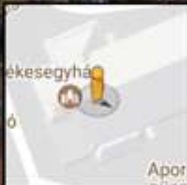
# Cathedral of Gyor



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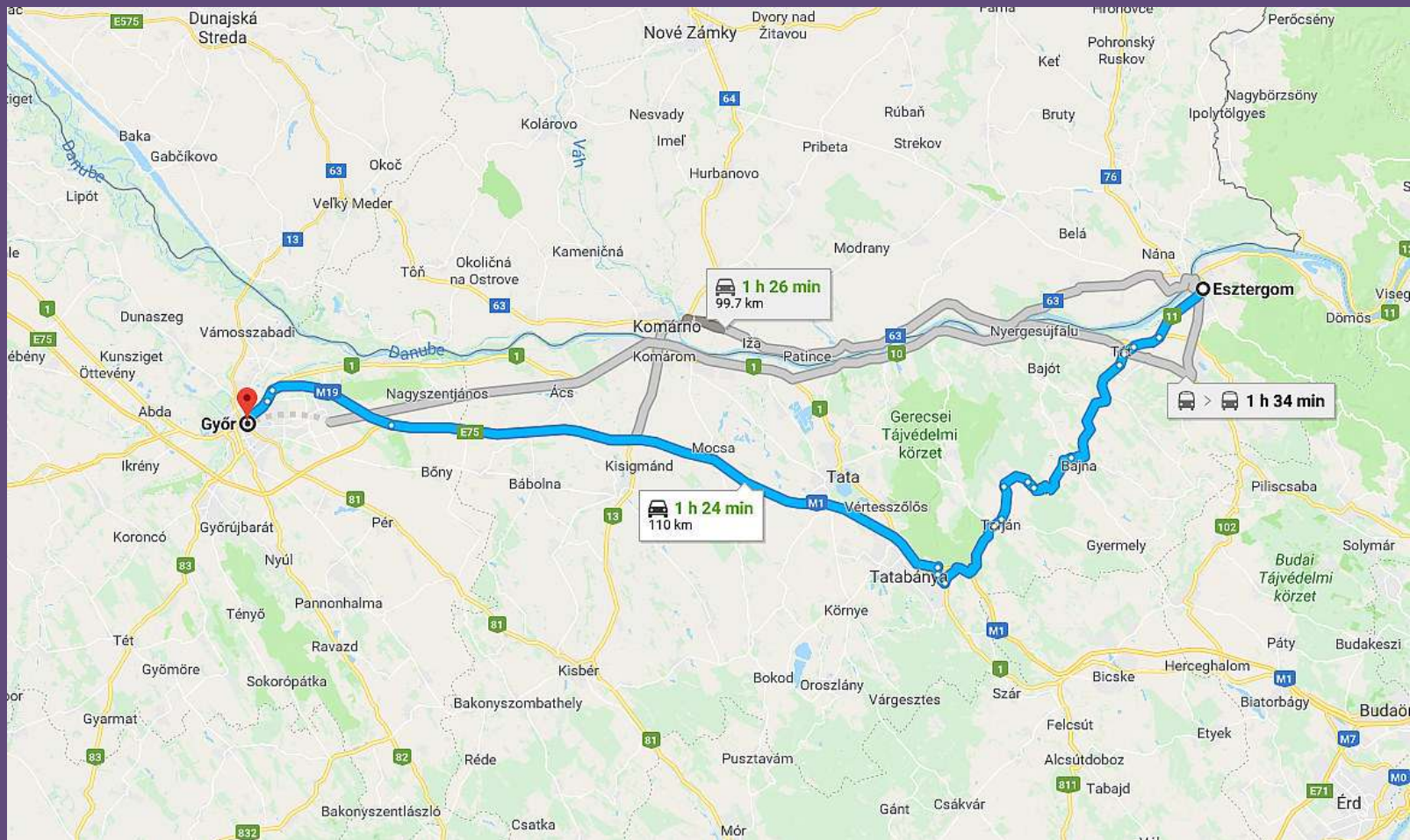
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# Day 5 - Vienna – Győr – Esztergom – Szentendre – Budapest



Győr to Esztergom 68 Mles

Day 5, Friday

A Walk Through Esztergom,  
Hungary

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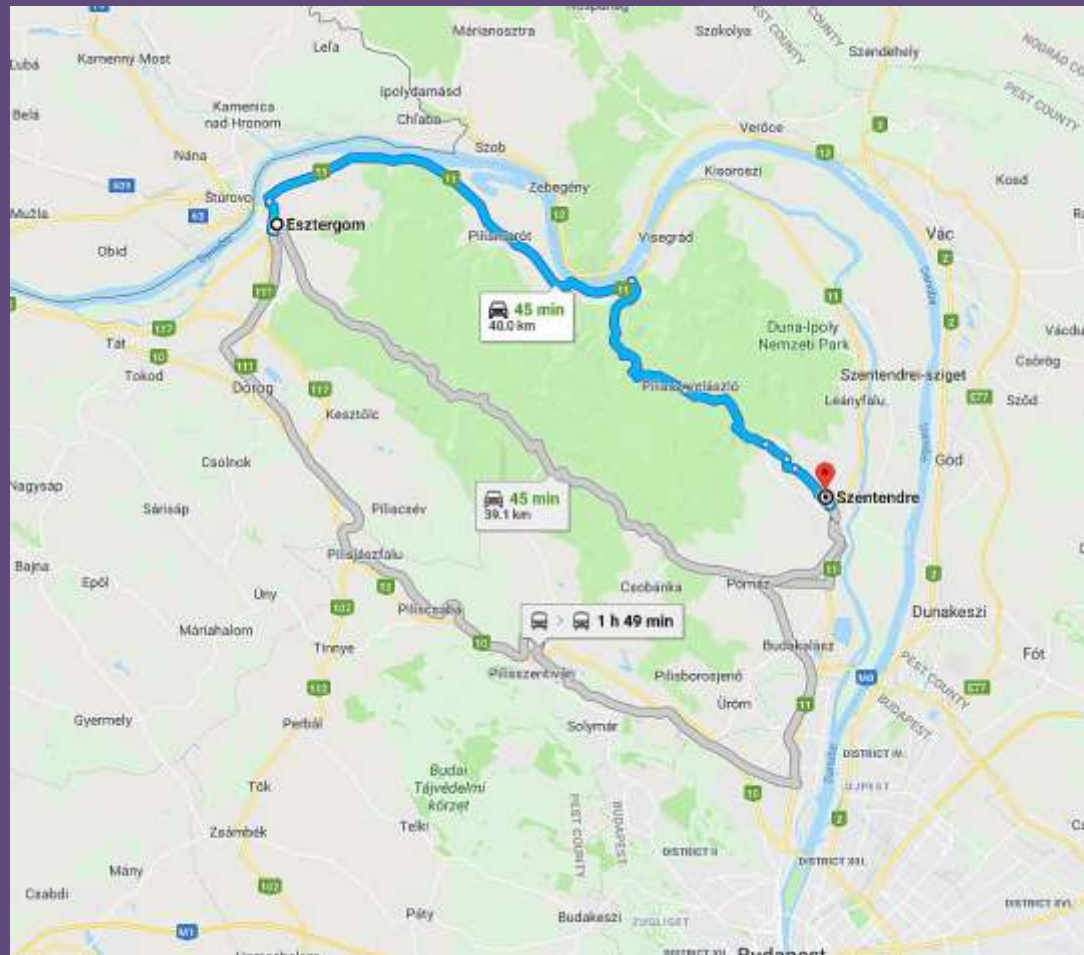


# Esztergom Basilica





# Day 5 - Vienna – Győr – Esztergom – Szentendre – Budapest



Esztergom to Szentendre 25 Miles

# Day 5, Friday

## A Walk Down the Streets of Szentendre, Hungary

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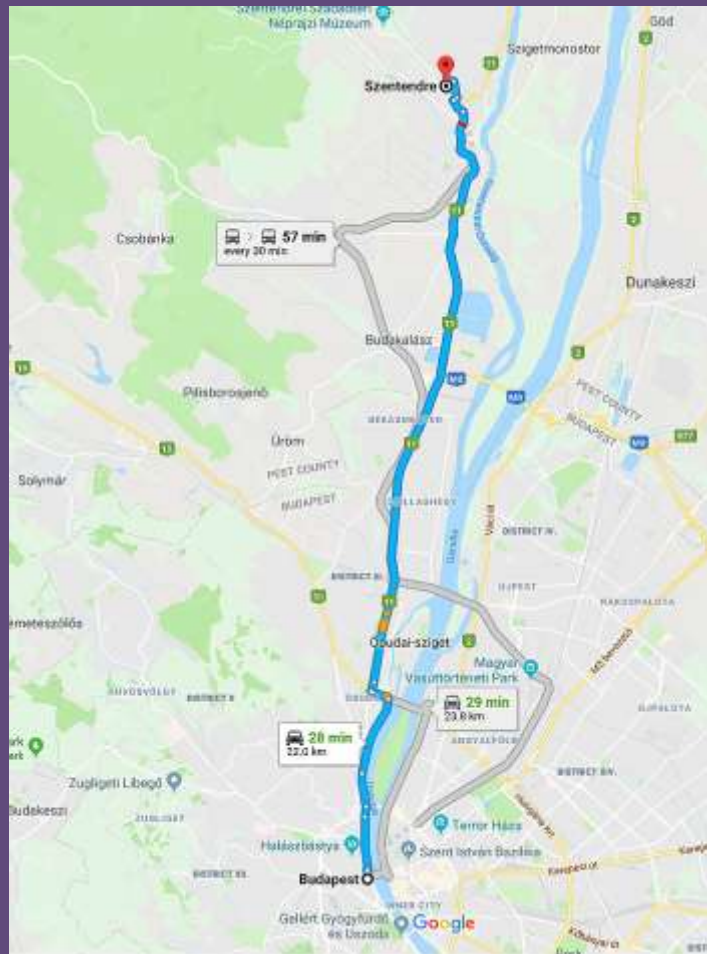
# Szentendre





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# Day 5 - Vienna – Gyor – Esztergom – Szentendre – Budapest



15 Miles

Szentendre to Budapest

# Day 6 - Budapest



*Basilica of St. Stephen*

# Day 6 - Budapest



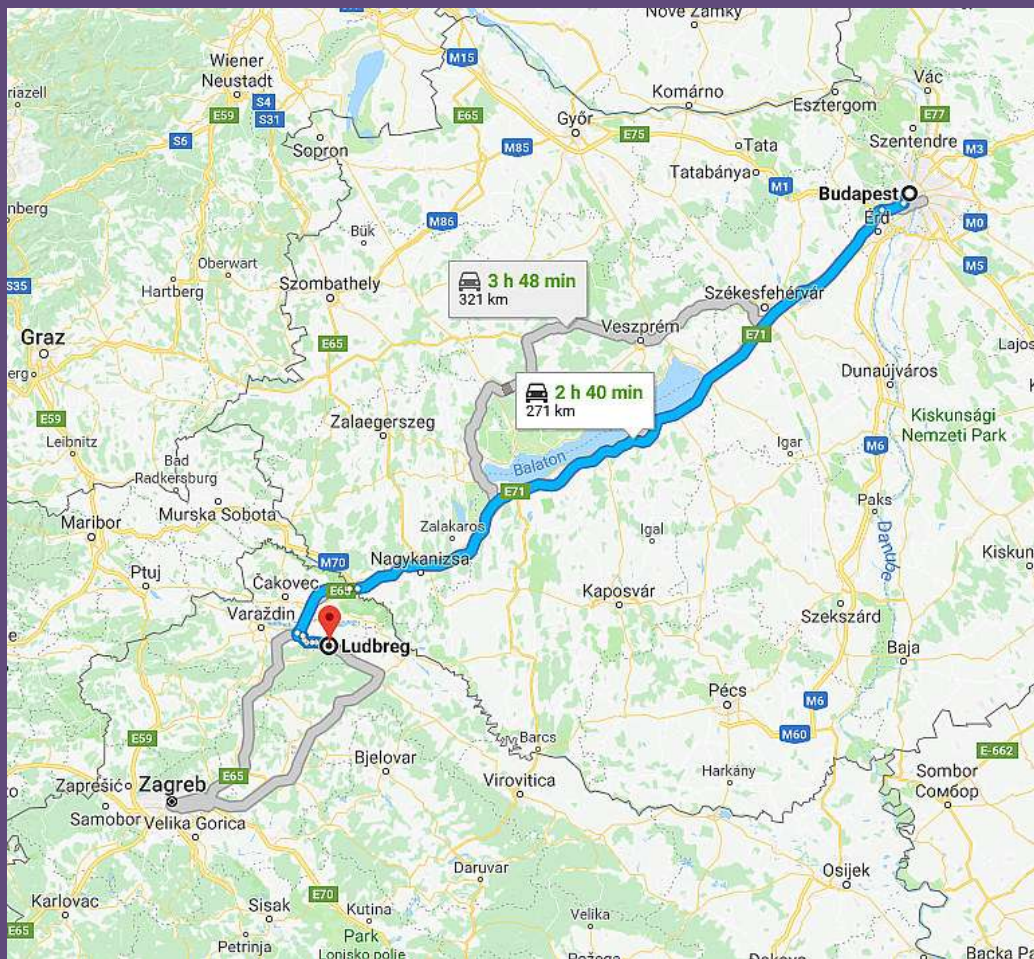
*Church of St. Matthias*



# Day 7, Sunday, June 9: Budapest – Ludbreg – Marija Bistrica – Zagreb

- Leave Hungary and cross into Croatia. Your first stop will be in Ludbreg, a little town where in 1411, a priest who had doubts about the Transubstantiation was celebrating Mass. During the consecration, the wine in the chalice changed into real Blood. The priest hid this relic and kept his secret until the time of his death, when he revealed it. Once the news spread, pilgrims began making trips to Ludbreg. Today, after 600 years, the Blood remains perfectly intact Visit the *Most Holy Trinity Church to pray before the miracle. Continue to Bistrica to visit the Shrine of Saint Mary of Marija Bistrica, the most known Marian shrine in Croatia. Here, a miraculous statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary with the Infant Jesus is the greatest sacred object of the Croatian people. For centuries millions of pilgrims have knelt before it, praying and asking their heavenly Mother to answer their prayers. Finally, travel to Zagreb, the capital and the largest city of Croatia, located in the northwest of the country, along the Sava river. Make a visit to the city center before transferring to your hotel for dinner and overnight. (BB, D)*

# Day 7 - Budapest – Ludbreg – Marija Bistrica – Zagreb



Budapest  
to  
Ludbreg  
  
168 Miles



# Day 7, Sunday Ludbreg, Croatia

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# *Most Holy Trinity Church*



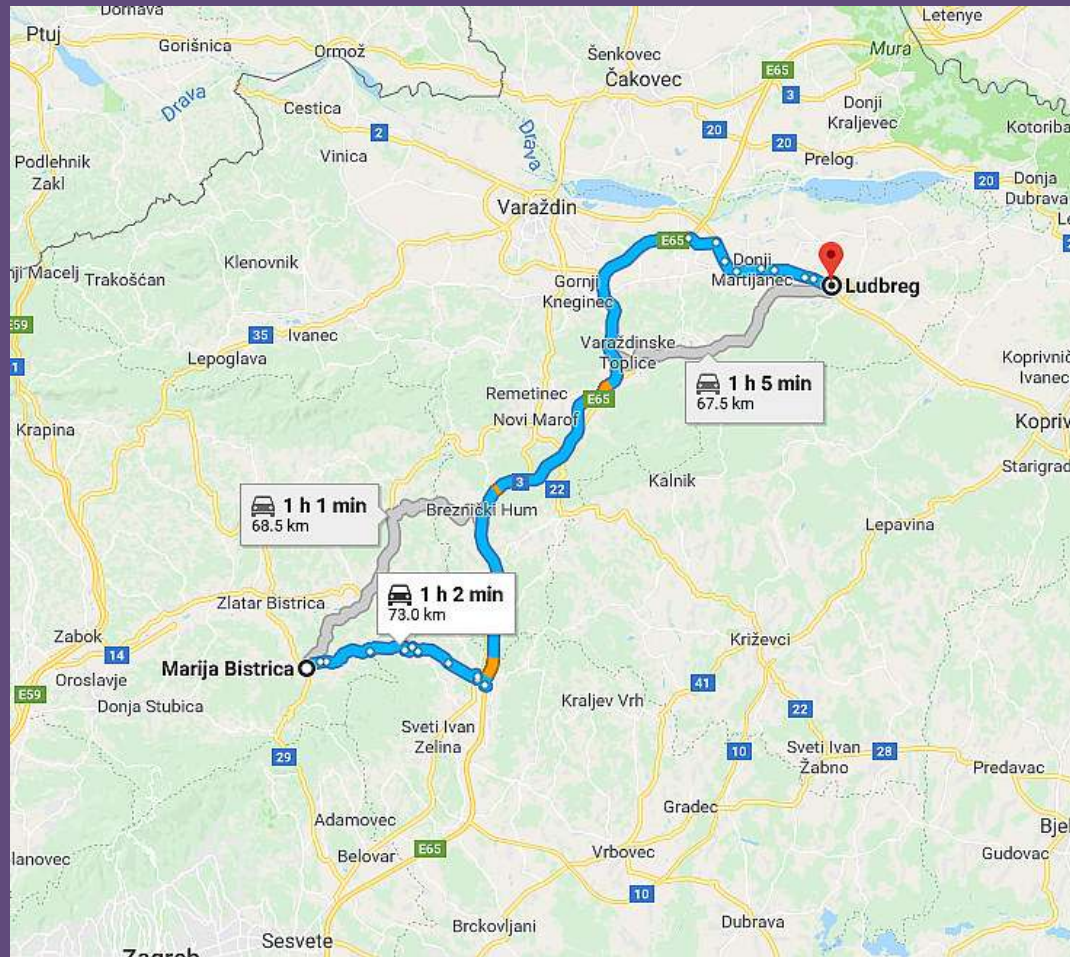
# *Most Holy Trinity Church*



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# Day 7 - Budapest – Ludbreg – Marija Bistrica – Zagreb



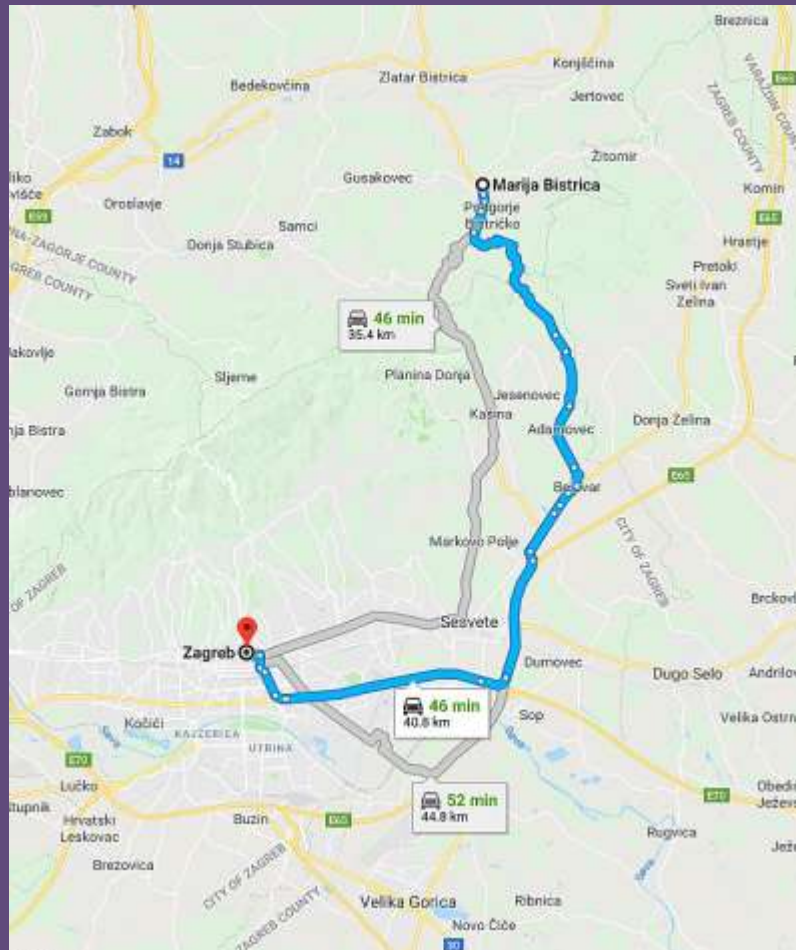
Ludbreg  
to  
Marija Bistrica  
45 Miles

# *Shrine of Saint Mary of Marija Bistrica*





# Day 7 - Budapest – Ludbreg – Marija Bistrica – Zagreb



Marija Bistrica  
to  
Zagreb

25 Miles





# Day 7 – Arrival in Zagreb







# Day 8. Monday, June 10: Zagreb – Brezje – Bled– Klagenfurt

- Cross the border into Slovenia to Brezje to visit Slovenia's National Marian Shrine, the *Basilica of St. Mary Help of Christians*. It houses a miraculous painting of *Mary Help of Christians*, which was the promise of a young artist imprisoned and sentenced to death in 1809 by the Napoleonic army. The initiative, which he began while still in prison, was completed in 1814, along with the redecoration of the church. The first of numerous miracles occurred there in 1863, and since then it has been a pilgrimage site for Slovenian Catholics. Continue to Bled for a visit to the *Pilgrimage Church of the Assumption of Mary on Bled Island*. The present Baroque church was built in the 17th century, though there has been a church there since the 9th century, constructed over a pagan temple. Afterwards, enjoy a boat ride on the *Sava Bohinjka River*. Then cross back into Austria and arrive in *Klagenfurt* for a walking sightseeing tour of its downtown. Dinner and overnight in *Klagenfurt*. (BB, D)

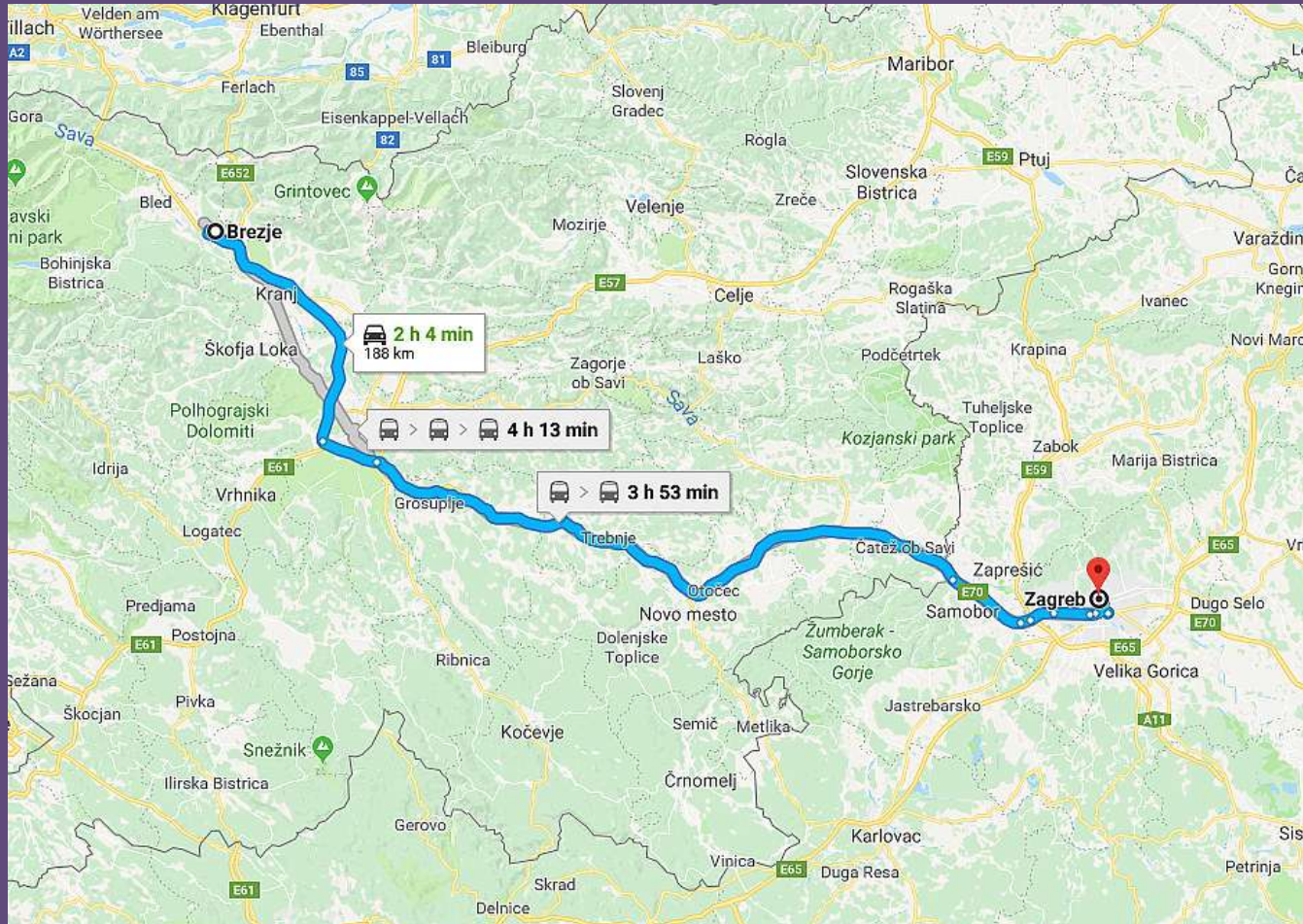
# Day 8, Monday

## Brezje, Slovenia

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# Day 8 - Zagreb – Brezje – Bled– Klagenfurt



117 Miles

Zagreb to Brezje







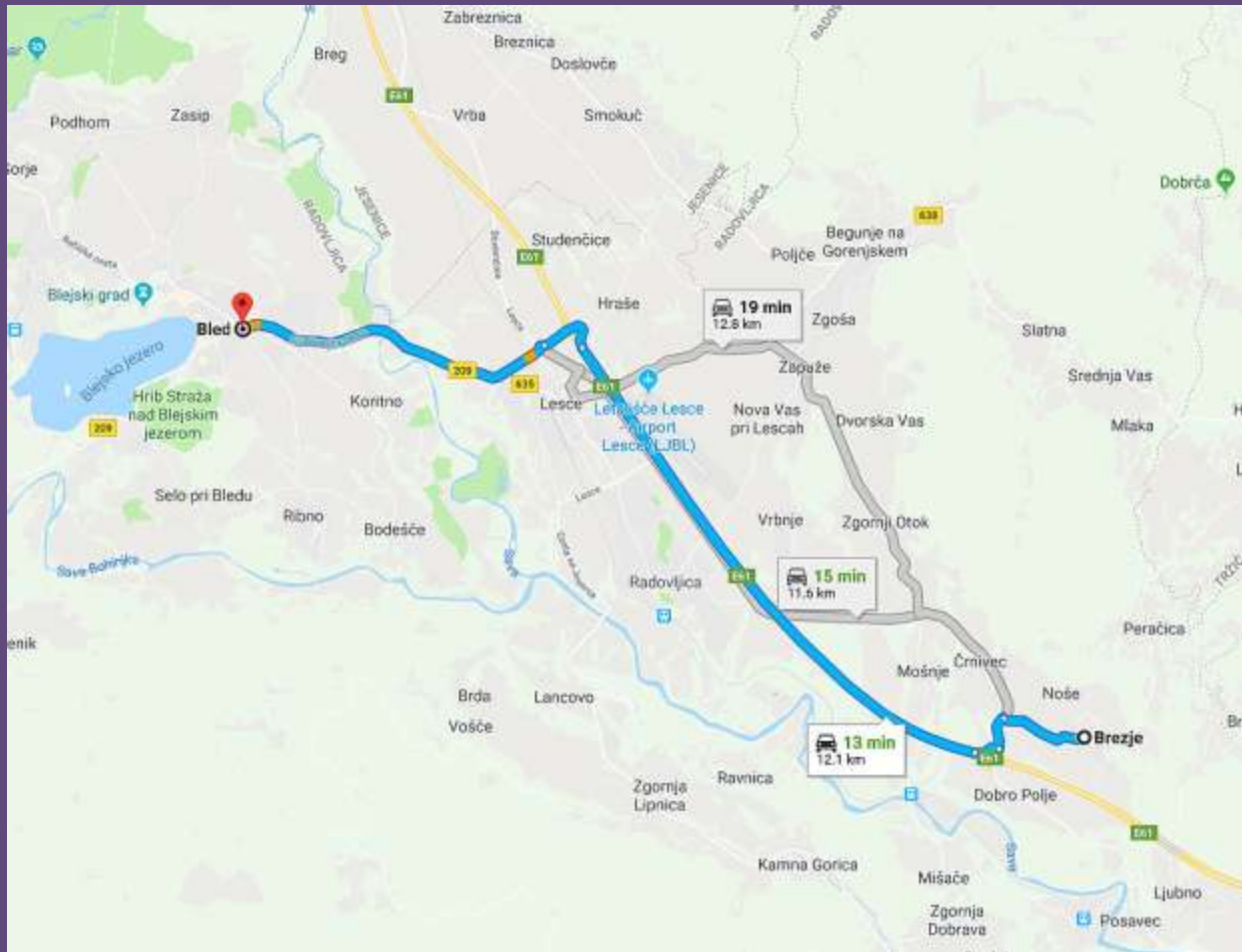
# Day 8, Monday

## Bled, Slovenia

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# Day 8 – Brezje to Bled



7½ Miles

# *Pilgrimage Church of the Assumption of Mary on Bled Island*



# Day 8 - Boat Ride on the Sava Bohinjka River



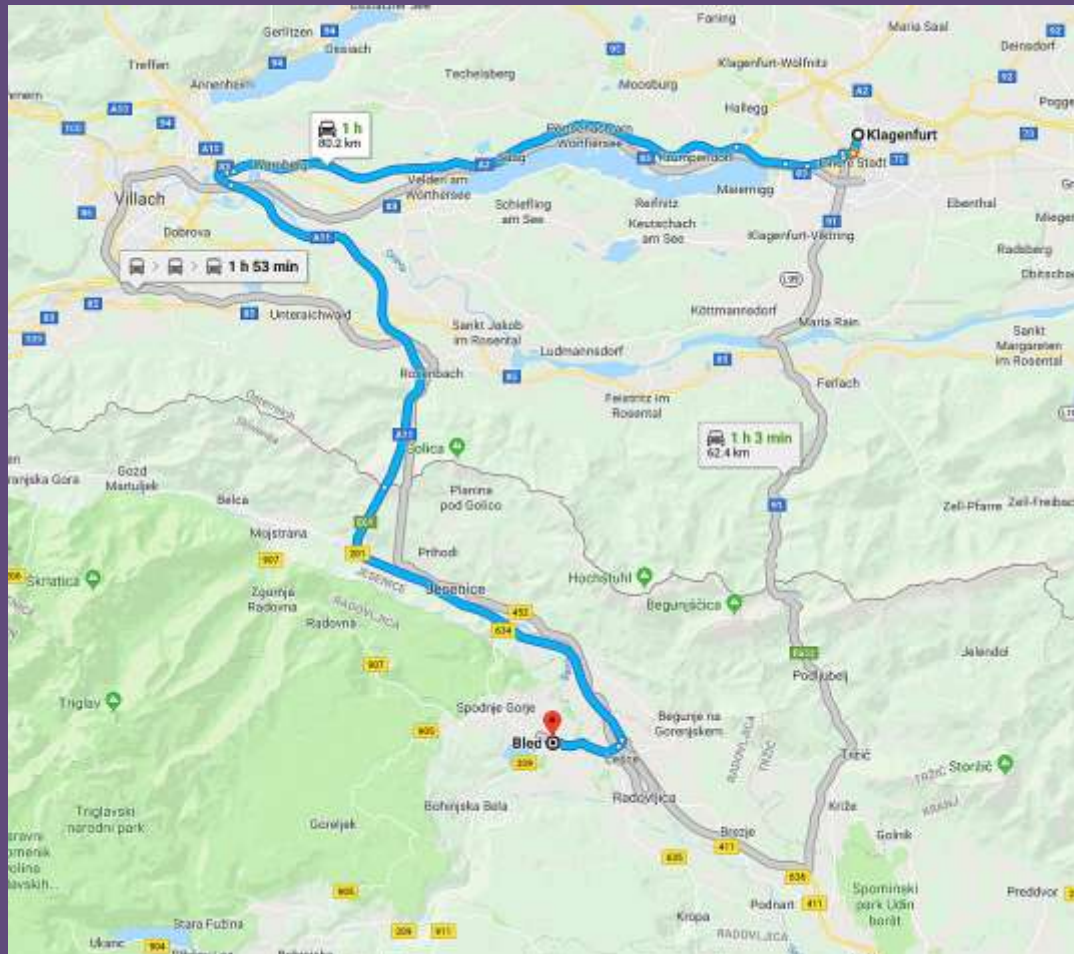
# Day 8, Monday

## Klagenfurt, Austria

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# Day 8 – Bled to Klagenfurt



50 Miles

# Day 8 - Klagenfurt







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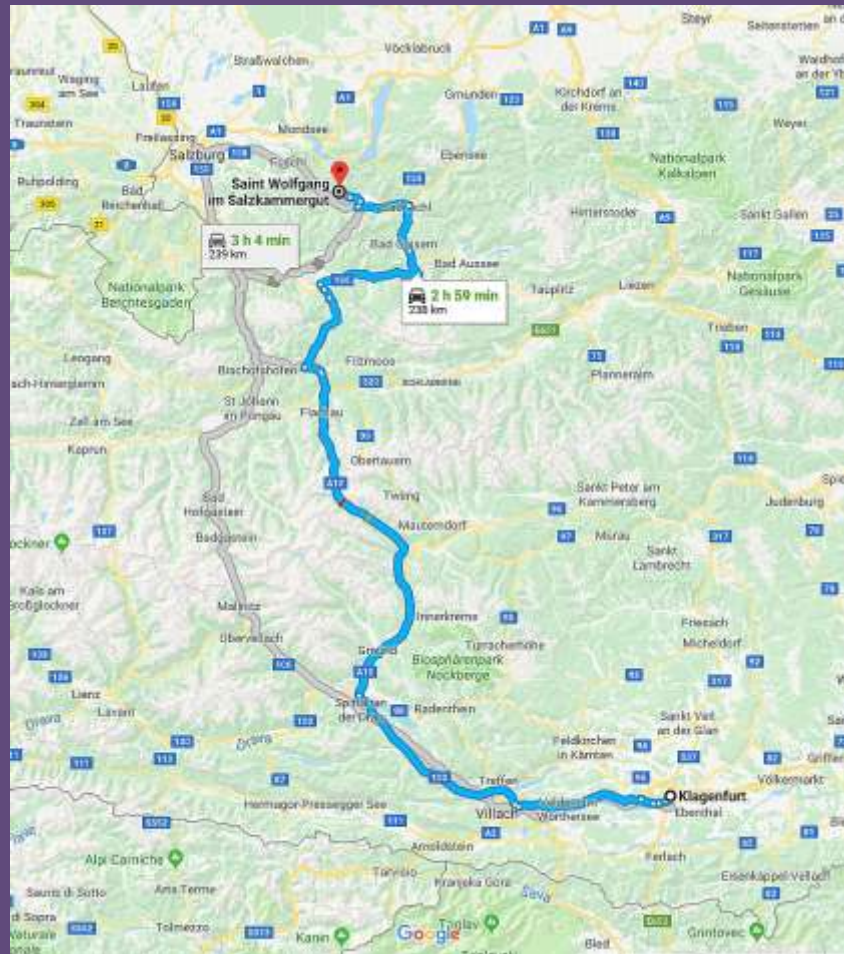
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# Day 9 - Klagenfurt – St. Wolfgang



148 Miles

# Day 9, Tuesday

## St. Wolfgang, Austria

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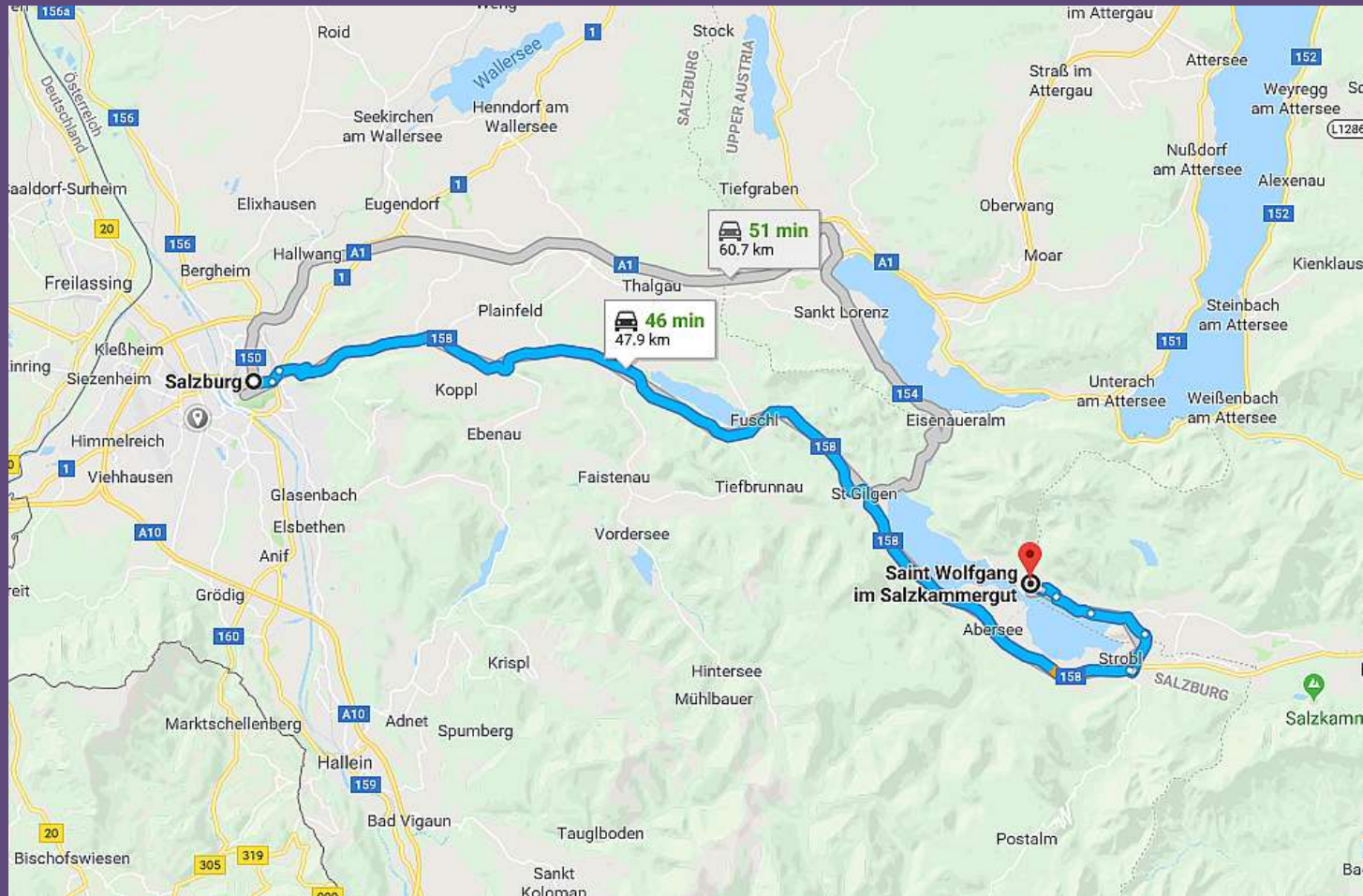


# Day 9 - Klagenfurt – St. Wolfgang – Salzburg



*Pilgrimage Church of St. Wolfgang*

# Day 9 - St. Wolfgang to Salzburg



30 Miles

# Salzburg



# *Cathedral*, dedicated to Sts. Rupert and Virgil and Virgil

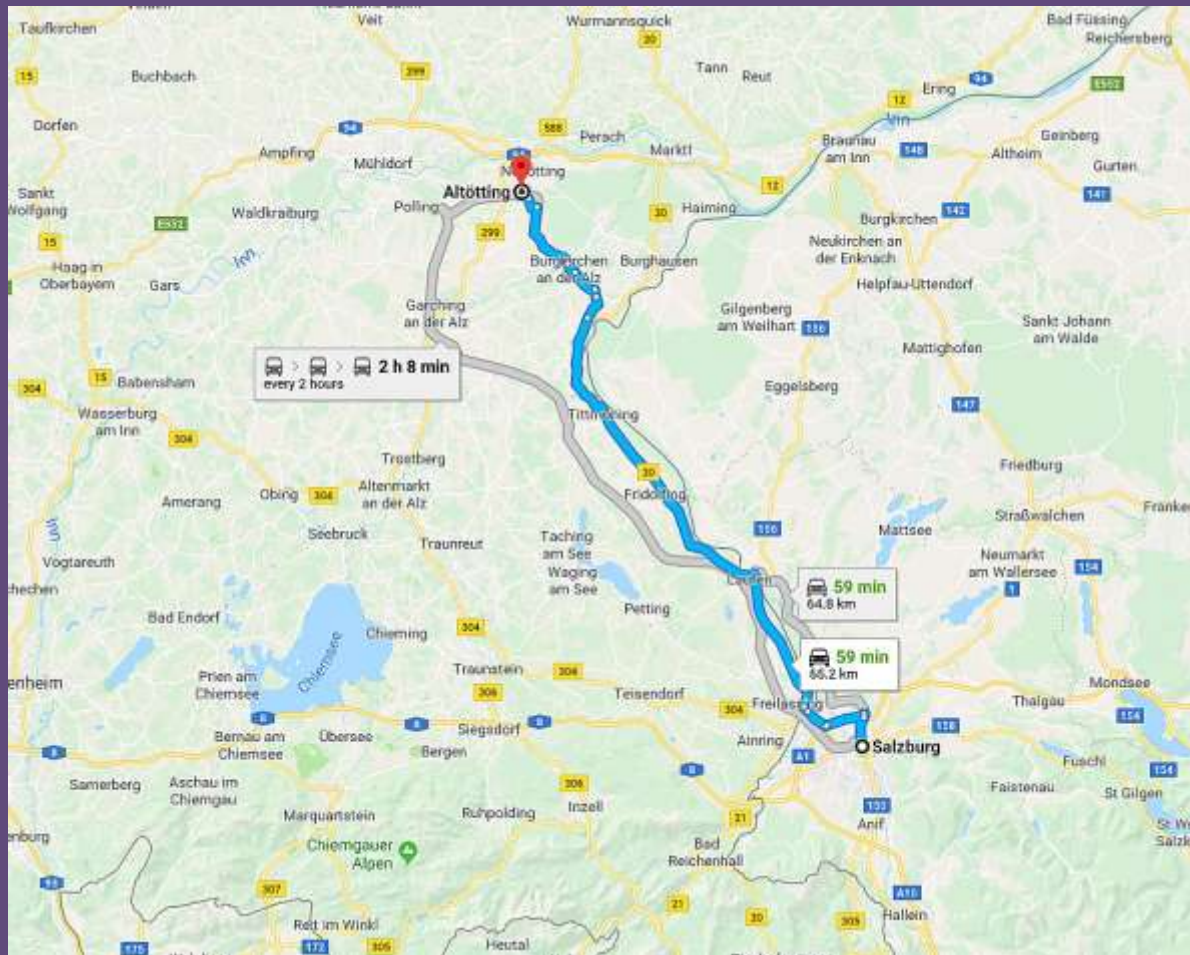


# *St. Francis Church*





# Day 11 - Salzburg – Altötting



40 Miles

Salzburg to Altötting

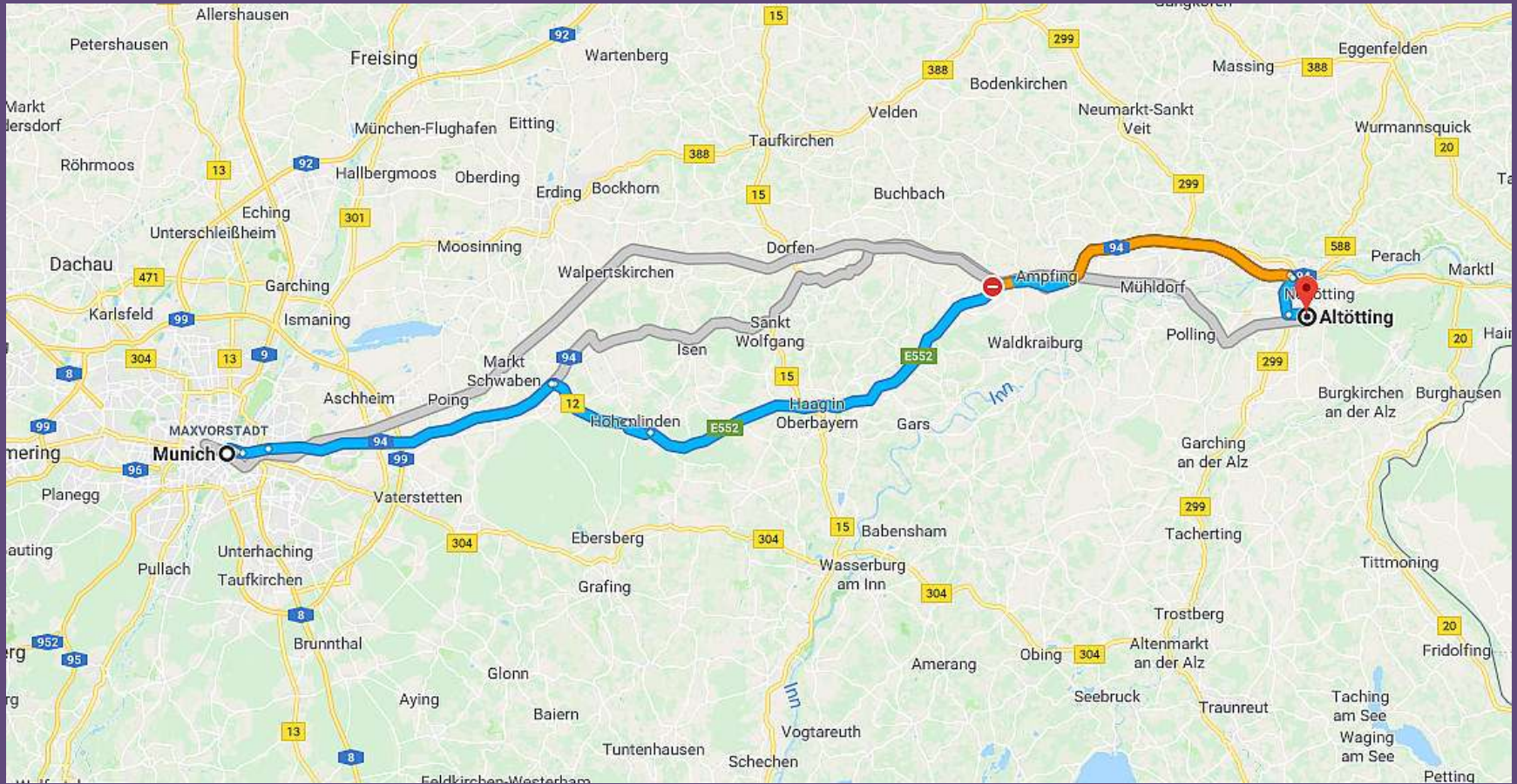
# Our Lady of Altötting Shrine



# The Shrine of Our Lady of Altötting



# Day 11 – Altötting to Munich



40 Miles

# Day 11 – Marienplatz, Munich



# Day 12 – Return from Munich



# Munich to Chicago

