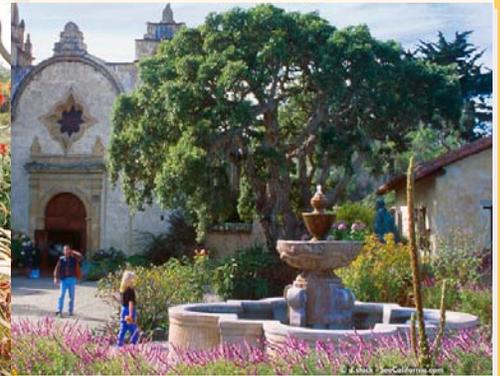


# Footsteps of Saint Junipero Serra

## California Missions

WITH STEPHEN J. BINZ

OCTOBER 18-27, 2015



**\$2,795.00 LAND AND TAXES**

**PER PERSON BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY**

*Although the tour begins in San Francisco and ends in San Diego,  
we will be happy to book your air travel to and from California, if you wish*

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## Pilgrimage Leader: Stephen J. Binz

Stephen J. Binz is an award-winning author of over 40 books, biblical scholar, and popular speaker, offering keynotes, seminars, and workshops at national and regional conferences. Following graduate degrees at the Gregorian University, the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome, and Hebrew University in Jerusalem, he has developed bible studies in the church for three decades and has offered numerous study trips and pilgrimages to biblical lands. His books have earned top publishing awards from the Association of Catholic Publishers and the Catholic Press Association. He lives with his wife Pamela in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. You may see his work and contact him at [www.Bridge-B.com](http://www.Bridge-B.com).

*Dear Friends,*

*I invite you to explore the breath-taking coast of California while journeying in the footsteps of the soon-to-be-canonized Franciscan missionary, Junipero Serra. Under the patronage of Saint Serra, this journey is destined to become America's own pilgrim way.*

*On our Camino of St. Serra, we will explore the most important of the early missions, focusing on Native American spirituality, Franciscan tradition, and the life of Serra as an inspiration for missionary discipleship.*

*Although I am offering this trip as a pilgrimage, we will also experience the most wonderful sites of coastal California. As you look over the itinerary, you will see that we will strive for a healthy balance of learning, reflection, inspiration, and recreation.*

*This unique and customized pilgrimage offers you the opportunity to be among the first to travel to the tomb, relics, and missions of this newly canonized saint. Come along with us to enrich your faith and create lifelong memories.*

*Please help us spread the word about this pilgrimage by sending this link to your friends on email, Facebook, and other social media. Space is limited, so please send your registration and deposit soon.*

*Although I often bring pilgrims to the Holy Land and Europe, I can't wait to share with you the riches of Catholic California and the treasures of our new American saint.*

*Sincerely in Christ,*

*Stephen J. Binz*



*Call us toll free at 1-800-842-4842*

# California Missions

## Sunday, October 18-Day 1: Arrive in San Francisco on your own

Depart from your home gateway to San Francisco. Rest of the day is at leisure to explore the city on your own. We meet at the hotel for a group dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight at the Holiday Inn Fisherman's Warf or similar in San Francisco. (D)

## Monday, October 19-Day 2: Mission Dolores- Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption - Highlights Tour of San Francisco – Sonoma Wine Country

Breakfast at your hotel. The day starts with 8 am Mass at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption, followed by a visit to Mission Dolores, the oldest intact building in the city of San Francisco and the only intact mission chapel in the chain of 21 established under the inspiration of Father Serra. Our panoramic tour of the San Francisco includes: the Civic Center; Opera House; Twin Peaks panoramic view of San Francisco; Golden Gate Park; Japanese Tea Garden and the Presidio (outside view). We head out to Sonoma past the Golden Gate Bridge and Muir Woods to the pretty Sonoma Square which has many little shops and restaurants and have lunch on our own. We enjoy a stop at a winery for a visit before returning to San Francisco for dinner. Independent dinner. Return to hotel. Overnight at hotel in San Francisco. (B)

## Tuesday, October 20-Day 3: Mission San Juan Bautista – San Carlos Borromeo del Rio Carmelo - Monterey

Breakfast at your hotel. This morning, you will be transferred to the National Shrine of St. Francis of Assisi for a visit. See La Porziuncola Nuova, a scaled replica of the original in Assisi. We leave San Francisco to travel through the Silicon Valley to Salinas Valley - the artichoke capital of the world and the salad bowl of America - to the Mission San Juan Bautista. Founded in 1797, it is the largest church in the mission chain and the only one still in service since its founding. The church's three-aisle plan and large altar inspired many Native Americans to convert, thus creating one of the largest congregations in all of California. Continue to the charming town of Carmel-by-the-Sea, a simple yet sophisticated shopper's paradise. Take the famed 17-mile drive, known throughout the world for its natural scenic beauty and affluence. The drive affords an insider's view of sheltered coves that are home to sea lions, seals and otters. The groves of cypress and pine shelter the free-roaming deer. Our drive will take us through Pebble Beach to Mission San Carlos Borromeo del Rio Carmelo, the final resting place of Father Junipero Serra. Founded in 1770, one of the first 13 Spanish missions in California, it is considered to be one of the state's most outstanding historic monuments. The dome, bell towers, and exterior have a Moorish influence, and its magnificent stateliness has been recaptured from careful restoration. Mass will be celebrated at Mission Carmel this evening. Check-in at hotel Monterey. Group dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight at hotel in Monterey. (B,D)

## Wednesday, October 21-Day 4: San Simeon- San Luis Obispo

Breakfast at your hotel. Today we leave Carmel and drive south on a cliff-hanging highway along the overwhelmingly beautiful Big Sur coastline. California's scenic Coastal Highway is one of the most spectacular coastal drives in the world. Several photo stops will be made. Next, we will visit Hearst Castle, which was designed for newspaper magnate William Randolph Hearst between 1919 and 1947. In 1956, the Hearst Corporation donated the property to the State of California. Since that time, it has been maintained as state historic park, where the estate and its considerable collection of art and antiques are open for public tour. Independent lunch. Continue south to visit San Luis Obispo de Tolosa, founded in 1772. California's fifth mission, often called "the Prince of Missions," remains one of the prettiest and most interesting in the Franciscan chain. The red-tiled roof was first used here, after the original thatched roofs repeatedly fell to hostile Native American's burning arrows. The former padres' quarters are now an excellent museum chronicling both Native American and Missionary life through all eras of the mission's use. Check-in at hotel. Independent dinner. Overnight at hotel in San Luis Obispo. (B)

## Thursday, October 22-Day 5: Solvang - Santa Barbara

Breakfast at your hotel. Visit Mission La Purisima Conception de Maria Santisima founded in 1987. Continue to Solvang, a charming Danish Replica Village situated in the picturesque wine region of California's Central Valley. Be sure to taste the famous Danish baked goods sold by many local bakeries in Solvang. Independent lunch en-route to Santa Barbara. This afternoon, continue to Santa Barbara, a spectacular Southern California coastal community known as the American Riviera. Celebrate Mass at Mission Santa Barbara. Founded in 1786 and still inhabited by Franciscan friars, it is the tenth of the California missions. Its beautiful setting, unique twin bell towers, and lovely facade have earned it the title "Queen of the Missions." Its architectural design, differing from the standard mission simplicity, incorporates many Moorish and classical elements. Santa Barbara's residents embraced the church's distinctive look as the town grew in the 1920s and 1930s, and incorporated red-roof tiles, thick stucco walls, arches, and outdoor arcades into the design of the town's new buildings. Overnight Santa Barbara. (B)

## Friday, October 23-Day 6: Los Angeles

Breakfast followed by departure for Los Angeles. Enroute we visit Mission San Fernando Rey. Called the "Mission of the Valley," the

church features an elaborate altar and pulpit carved from walnut in 1687 and the convent is marked by a long colonnade with 19 arches. We have a panoramic city tour of Los Angeles including North Hollywood, Beverly Hills, Grauman's Chinese Theater, Hollywood and Vine, Avenue of the Stars and Wilshire Blvd. Enjoy independent time for lunch and a visit of the city on our own. Enroute we stop at Christ Cathedral (the former Crystal Cathedral) recently renovated to be the Catholic cathedral of the Diocese of Orange. In the afternoon we will continue south to Laguna Niguel. Check-in at hotel upon arrival. Freshen up for dinner. Dinner and overnight at hotel in Mission Viejo. (B,D)

**Saturday, October 24-Day 7: San Juan Capistrano**

We celebrate Mass and enjoy a visit of the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels to view its beautiful tapestries of the saints. Then we visit Mission San Juan Capistrano. We will have a guided tour through the ten acres of museum rooms, exhibits, gardens, fountains and more, providing you with the details of California's early history and the birthplace of Orange County. In the afternoon we visit Mission San Gabriel Archangel. Designated as the "Pride of the Missions," this fourth mission founded by Fr. Serra features a wall with six bells and the wondrous banner of Our Lady of Sorrows. Return to your hotel with the balance of the day at leisure. Independent dinner. Overnight at hotel in Mission Viejo. (B)

**Sunday, October 25-Day 8: Mission San Luis Rey - San Diego**

Breakfast at your hotel. Today, we leave Laguna Niguel and continue south along the Mission Trail to Mission San Luis Rey, "King of the Missions." Located a few miles inland, it is the largest of the Spanish missions and is one of the most impressive architecturally. Founded in 1798 by Padre Fermin Francisco de Lasuen, successor to Padre Junipero Serra, the Mission was named after St. Louis IX, King of France, who lived during the 13th century. Celebrate Mass at the Mission San Luis Rey. This afternoon, continue to San Diego to the hotel for check-in. Independent dinner. Overnight in hotel in San Diego at Homewood Suites. (B)

**Monday, October 26-Day 9: San Diego - Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcalá**

Breakfast at your hotel. Celebrate Mass today at Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcalá, California's first mission. This "Mother of the Missions," is the first link in a chain of 21 missions inspired by Blessed Junipero Serra. We will have a panoramic tour of San Diego as we drive through Mission Bay, a beautiful 4,600-acre aquatic playground with miles of sandy beaches, rolling parks and shore side resorts. Pass Balboa Park, one of the city's most famous and beautiful attractions. Established in 1868 and covering 1,400 acres, it is one of the oldest and largest city parks in the country, featuring seven museums along its main drive and a world-famous zoo. Independent lunch. This evening we will enjoy a festive farewell dinner (location to be confirmed). Overnight at hotel in San Diego. (B,D)

**Tuesday, October 27-Day 10: Return Home**

Breakfast at your hotel. Guests make their own way to the airport (B)



**Deposits and final payment:** A deposit of

**RATE INCLUDES:**

- Accommodations in hotels such as Holiday Inn, Hampton Inn, Comfort Inn or similar for 9 nights
- Breakfast daily
- 4 dinners with choice of coffee or tea at local restaurants
- Winery visit and wine tasting
- Private air-conditioned bus
- English speaking guide
- All admission charges as per the itinerary including admission to the missions
- Parking fees for busses
- Local hotel taxes
- Select International Tours Travel Portfolio
- Confirmation of Mass or Service upon request (based on availability)

**RATES DO NOT INCLUDE:**

- Personal expenses
- Trip cancellation and medical insurance are optional and highly recommended
- Any items not specifically mentioned in the listed inclusions
- Beverages at meals unless otherwise noted
- Gratuities for the guide(s), driver and hotel staff (please refer to the suggestions we will make available to you). At lunch, we recommend a tip of \$ 1.00 per person per day. For extra luggage, please tip \$ 1.00 per person per bag.
- Church donations



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\$500.00 per person should accompany the registration form along with your nonrefundable insurance payment by **June 18, 2015**. Final payment is due by **August 20, 2015**. Please send your payment to:

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Preferred Roommate: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact (Name and Phone): \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is a check/money order in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for my initial deposit.

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