

Walk in the Footsteps of Saint Hildegard September 12 – 22, 2026

Join Filmmaker-Pilgrims **Michael M. Conti & Heather Boyle** from September 12 to 22, 2026, in Germany, on a spiritual journey through the Hildegard Way Pilgrimage, tracing the path of Saint Hildegard von Bingen, a revered theologian, composer, and mystic. This pilgrimage offers a unique blend of religious reflection, historical exploration, and breathtaking natural landscapes. Spanning key locations significant to Hildegard's life, this transformative journey connects pilgrims to her deep legacy and fosters personal growth and contemplation.

The Hildegard Way Trail stretches 84 miles (135 km), and we will walk highlights over six days. Each day invites spiritual reflection and connection with nature, resonating with Hildegard's holistic teachings and her extraordinary legacy.



Package Includes:

- Roundtrip Airfare and all ground transportation.
- All overnight accommodations and most meals.
- Walking and cultural pilgrimage for Hildegard Week, includes Saint Hildegard's Feast Day at the Pilgrimage Church.
- Nine-night stay in a comfortable and convenient accommodation with dining options.
- Time for preparation leading up to pilgrimage and reflection afterwards.
- Pilgrim passports, admissions to sites, lectures, films, special events, and Hildegard docent-led trail guides.



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Saint Hildegard Pilgrimage Itinerary Highlights September 12 - 22, 2026

Day 1, September 12th, 2026 (Saturday) Departure

- Depart US for your overnight flight to Germany. Meals will be served on board the flight.

Day 2, September 13th, 2026 (Sunday): Frankfurt arrival – Bad Kreuznach

- Arrival at Frankfurt Airport and transfer to Bad Kreuznach (app. 1h drive)
- The first days are intentionally planned to help participants experience the greening region that so influenced St. Hildegard. We will engage physically in our environment and allow the Land of Hildegard, the river country, rolling hills and forests, and the special places where Hildegard lived to deeply nourish us. This is part of the path of joy and awe and of the outward journey.
- Enjoy lunch on your own at the hotel, or nearby restaurant
- We invite you to have a slow relaxing arrival with a walk in the beautiful park adjoining the hotel,
- Enjoy dinner at the hotel as a group
- Participate in retreat welcome and group introductions.
- Overnight in Bad Kreuznach (D)

Attention: Schedule on this day is subject to change depending on flight details

Day 3, September 14th, 2026 (Monday): Bad Kreuznach – Bingen am Rhein – Bad Kreuznach

- Breakfast at the hotel
- We invite you to ease into our Land of Hildegard experience with a relaxing morning in the town of Bad Kreuznach. Bad Kreuznach is noted for having several public spa pool bathhouses, lovely parks and walking trails along the river Nahe, a remarkable Roman archeological museum (Museum Römerhalle), and a variety of nice restaurants and shops along the river and in the quaint downtown section (time to explore on your own).
- Walk as a group on a short tour of Bad Kreuznach's historic downtown.
- Enjoy lunch with the group at a historic restaurant (included)
- After Lunch, transfer to Bingen am Rhein. Go across the river to Rudesheim am Rhein by ferry for a river cruise.
- Downstream from Bingen am Rhein, as the Rhine River flows through the scenic Rhine Gorge, you'll encounter a breathtaking array of natural beauty, historic landmarks, and charming towns.
- Return to Bad Kreuznach
- Dinner together at the hotel
- We will come together after dinner for a Hildegard discussion with Dr. Annette Esser, the author and scholar who instigated the Hildegard Way, Dr Esser will talk about her work designing the Hildegard Way trail and writing the texts of the film and book "Hildegard Speaks".
- Overnight in Bad Kreuznach (B,D)

Day 4: September 15th, 2026 (Tuesday): Bad Kreuznach – Idar Oberstein – Herrstein – Niederhosenbach – Bad Kreuznach

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Today we will travel by coach to the start of the Hildegard Way in Idar Oberstein, and have a guided tour of the Gem Museum. Many of the precious stones that Hildegard speaks of in the "Heavenly Jerusalem" are mined in the mountainous Idar Oberstein area. We will walk up to the famous "Church in the Rock" above Idar Oberstein, then continue up the mountain path to the historic fortress and castle at the top.
- Lunch will be in Idar Oberstein at a famous local restaurant (3-course menu incl. water)
- Travel by coach to the picturesque village of Herrstein and visit the Schlosskirche.
- Scivias Institute Guide will accompany.
- Walk from the medieval village of Herrstein through the forest and fields to Niederhosenbach.
- Return to Bad Kreuznach
- Dinner at the hotel
- Overnight in Bad Kreuznach (B,L,D)

Attention: Today will be a walking day, so wear comfortable walking shoes, water, and appropriate weather gear.

Day 5, September 16th, 2026 (Wednesday): Bad Kreuznach – Disibodenberg - Bad Kreuznach

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfer to Disibodenberg.
- Today we visit one of the most significant locations of Hildegard's Homeland, the sacred site of Disibodenberg, at the top of the hill next to the rivers Glan and Nahe. Although the Disibodenberg today is a ruin, the sacred atmosphere of this forested hilltop is unmistakable and will take you under its spell. It is indeed a "thin veil" place, even before the construction of the Benedictine monastery in the early 10th century, it had already been a sacred Roman and Celtic site. It is here where Hildegard spent most of the first half of her life (1112 – 1147), together with her relative and mentor, Jutta.
- Scivias Institute Guide accompanies
- Enjoy box lunch while on the grounds of Disibodenberg
- Archaeology Museum at Disibodenberg
- Return to Bad Kreuznach
- Free time in afternoon pool time, or spa treatments in Bad Kreuznach
- Dinner that night will be on your own with options at one of the many restaurant options in Bad Kreuznach
- Overnight in Bad Kreuznach **(B,L)**

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Day 6, September 17th, 2026 (Thursday): Saint Hildegard Feast Day – Rudesheim am Rhein – Bad Kreuznach

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfer to Rudesheim am Rhein.
- Today is the Feast Day of Saint Hildegard, with Hildegard groups throughout Germany and from around the world gathering together with Vatican officials to honor her at the pilgrimage church. The ultimate highlight of the retreat, rain-or-shine, this event of remembrance and pageantry is unforgettable.
- An outdoor morning mass will be held in German at the Wallfahrtskirche St. Hildegard, followed by a community lunch
- The ornate Hildegard reliquary is then carefully brought outside and taken in procession through the village streets.
- In the afternoon we will spend time at Abbey St. Hildegard, visiting the grounds, the gift shop and having wine and treats in the café.
- Return to Bad Kreuznach
- Dinner at the hotel
- Overnight in Bad Kreuznach **(B,L,D)**

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Day 7, September 18th, 2026 (Friday): Bad Kreuznach – Sponheim - Bad Sobernheim– Bad Kreuznach

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Coach to Sponheim
- We will walk through the forest to Burg Sponheim, see the impressive view from the top of the tower, walk the trail over the hill into the town, and explore the ancient Romanesque Sponheim church, one of the only churches still remaining from Hildegard's lifetime.
- Scivias Institute Guide
- Lunch together at a local restaurant in Bad Sobernheim (not included)
- Music and Movement workshop inside the church of Sponheim (or another location TBD)
- Return to Bad Kreuznach
- Dinner together at the hotel.
- Overnight in Bad Kreuznach

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Day 8, September 19, 2026 (Saturday) Bad Kreuznach - Hildegard Forum - Scivias Conference Events

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Today, we will attend events and lectures being hosted by the Scivias Institute on Hildegard-inspired teachings with other Hildegard conference attendees.
- Lunch included
- Travel by coach to Bingen to Hildegard Forum
- This afternoon, we will visit the Hildegard Forum, with its elaborate Hildegard garden, and walk down the road to the nearby St Rochus Chapel

- Dinner together at Forum
- After dinner, Michael M. Conti will host a screening of his film “The Unruly Mystic: Saint Hildegard” and Q&A session
- Return to Bad Kreuznach
- Overnight in Bad Kreuznach **(B,L,D)**

Day 9, September 20th, 2026 (Sunday): Bad Kreuznach - Dhaun - Monzingen - Rupertsberg – Bad Kreuznach

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Today we will travel by coach to visit St Johannesburg church in Hochstetten-Dhaun, then to a beautiful Hildegard-inspired garden in Dhaun
- Transfer to Vineyard in Monzingen
- Visit the award-winning vineyard Weingut Weber for an informal wine tasting and lunch with 4th-generation winemaker Laura Weber.
- Transfer to Rupertsberg (30 minutes)
- In the afternoon, we will visit the Rupertsberg Ruins and cellars. Although the church building constructed by Hildegard no longer exists, we will be allowed to go down the stairs into the large cellar area and crypt, which is still in use for concerts and special events. In 1147, at age 53, Hildegard left the Disibodenberg and founded the first of her own abbeys, the Rupertsberg Monastery, built above the chapel of Saint Rupertus. Hildegard lived and worked at the Rupertsberg Abbey until her death in 1179 at the age of 82.
- Return to Bad Kreuznach
- Dinner together at the hotel
- Overnight in Bad Kreuznach **(B,L,D)**

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Day 10, September 21st, 2026 (Monday): Bad Kreuznach – Bingerbrück Forest Walk - Bad Kreuznach

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfer to St. Jakobus Church in Stromberg.
- Today is a long pilgrimage walking day, and we will hike in the morning through an “enchanted” forest with cleverly carved spirits, gnomes, and woodland creatures hidden within the trees and along the path. This will be the longest walk of the retreat, and your efforts will be rewarded with a lovely view of the Rhine from the trail, with its beautiful scenic vistas and busy river traffic.
- Enjoy lunch together along the trail at one of the local Jägerhauses. (not included)
- Scivias Institute Guide
- Walk through Bingen Forest to Rupertsburg. Transport will pick up.
- Return to Bad Kreuznach
- In the evening, we will gather for our final dinner together to discuss and reflect upon our experiences of the past 9 days.
- Overnight in Bad Kreuznach **(B,L)**

Day 11, September 21st, 2026 (Monday): Day 11, September 22nd, 2026 (Tuesday): Bad Kreuznach – Frankfurt departure

- Breakfast at the hotel and check-out
- Transfer to Frankfurt
- Arrive at the Frankfurt Airport three hours prior to departure! (B)

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DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS: A deposit of \$1250.00.00 per person is required to make a reservation. The final payment is due no less than 90 days prior to the departure date of the tour (June 12, 2026). Payment can be made by personal check or money order. Credit card payments will be accepted but will incur a 4% Surcharge at the time of booking. Reservations received after June 12, 2026 may incur additional charges due to supplier contract terms.

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ACCEPTANCE: Registration for trip and payment of deposit constitutes your acceptance of the "Fine Print."

<p>Trip date: September 12 - 22, 2026</p>	<p>Package Price with Airfare: \$6690.00 Package Price "Land Only": \$5590.00 Single supplement is \$890 (Private Room)</p>
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- Package price include s the following:**
- Airline Tickets
 - Accommodations at Bad Kreuznach (9 nights) –Park Hotel or similar
 - 7 dinners (in hotel)
 - 6 lunches (3 restaurant lunches, 1 boxed lunch from hotel, 2 lunches as part of community activities)
 - Air-conditioned bus from
 - Rhine river cruise
 - English-speaking tour escort throughout the itinerary
 - Entrance fees
 - Wi-Fi on the bus

- Package price does not include the following:**
- Airport Transfers upon arrival and departure
 - 1 dinner is not covered; guests will pay on their own
 - 2 lunches are not covered; guests will pay on their own
 - All Personal Expenses.
 - Tips for hotel's staff, local guides, tour leader & driver
 - Travel Insurance. (**Not Included but required for travel**)
 - All prices reflect a 4% cash discount and is forfeited when using a credit card

RESERVATION APPLICATION

Tour Leaders: Filmmaker-Pilgrim Michael M. Conti & Heather Boyle

Saint Hildegard Pilgrimage
(September 12 - 22, 2026)

Group Reference Number: **G090826**

Package Preference	
Package with Airline Ticket from \$6690	<input type="checkbox"/>
JFK or LAX (Circle Departure preference)	
Land Only Package No Airline ticket \$5590	<input type="checkbox"/>
Please select one!	

PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please complete one application per person)

Full Name (as printed on your passport):				
First Name:		Middle Name:		Last Name:
Name (as you wish it to appear on your name badge):			Date of birth:	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
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PASSPORT INFORMATION

Country of citizenship:	Passport number:
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Frequent flyer number:	Known traveler number:

ROOM ASSIGNMENT INFORMATION

Please check one: Double/Triple occupancy <input type="checkbox"/> Single occupancy (Private Room) \$890 additional <input type="checkbox"/> <i>*All prices are in US Dollars based on per person in a double/Triple room, Passengers rooming alone is subject to single supplement*</i>
If choosing double occupancy, please indicate the name of your roommate if known at the time of booking:
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Please list the name, relationship, and phone number for a family member/close friend who is NOT traveling with you:

I agree to the terms and conditions as stated in this tour contract:
Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please enclose a copy of current passport and a deposit of **\$1250.00 per person** made payable to

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