

MARTIN LUTHER AND THE REFORMATION

SEPTEMBER 5-15, 2017

YOUR WALK OF FAITH WILL BE DEEPENED AS YOU EMBARK ON THIS UNFORGETTABLE SPIRITUAL JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY THROUGH GERMANY

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Come along as our professional tour manager escorts you on this custom-designed journey along the "Reformation Road" from Berlin to Frankfurt. Your tour is co-hosted by,

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Friends of Pastor Curt and Larry,

You are invited to experience the joys of traveling together in Christian fellowship and learn more about how the great German Reformer, Dr. Martin Luther, ignited a movement that would reach far beyond the borders of the Holy Roman Empire of the German Nation...and change the world. Pastor Curt and Larry will accompany the group sharing stories, discussions, leading devotions and studying His word as you travel along the historical "Reformation Road".



Itinerary

Day 1, Depart USA for Germany

Day 2, Wittenberg (B)

Upon arrival in Berlin, Germany our group will be met by our English-speaking professional tour manager who will escort the group to our private motor coach. We'll begin our journey with a short drive through the German countryside, to "Lutherstadt Wittenberg, home to the most historic sights of Luther's life and work and known as the "cradle of the Reformation". Along the way, Pastor Curt and Larry will provide a welcome orientation and opportunities to meet your traveling companions. Upon arrival in Wittenberg, we will check in to our hotel. This evening is at leisure to enjoy dinner on your own, relax and rest for our full-day of sightseeing

tomorrow. Individuals or small groups may wish to venture out from the hotel dining and try a local restaurant or join Pastor Curt and Larry at one of the traditional German brauhaus.
Overnight Wittenberg

Day 3, Wittenberg, Chapel Service (B,D)

After our German buffet breakfast we begin our journey to the places where Luther walked with his fellow Reformation colleagues. First, we gather for worship in the chapel of the newly renovated Old Latin School, followed by a tour of this new LCMS facility. Next, we visit St. Mary's Church (where Luther preached) and adorned with the beautiful Reformation themed-altar painted by Lucas Cranach, a close friend of Luther and the awe-inspiring Schlosskirche-Castle Church and

its historic 95 theses door, We visit the Luther Haus & Reformation Museum home to the largest collection of Reformation artifacts in the world. *Special exhibition "Luther! 95 People - 95 Treasures"*. This afternoon enjoy the town on our own, strolling the quaint shops, or perhaps a visit to the Cranach Haus or Philipp Melancthon Haus (Luther's friend who helped establish the German educational system). This evening our group will meet for our welcome to Germany dinner.
Overnight Wittenberg

Day 4, Torgau, Katharina von Bora, Leipzig (B,D) Today we visit Torgau on the banks of the Elbe River. It was here where the rulers protected Martin Luther and allowed him to preach and supported the dissemination of his

ideas. We visit to the best preserved early Renaissance palace chapel in Germany- the Hartenfels Palace Chapel- consecrated by Martin Luther and widely regarded as the first Lutheran church and the first embodiment of the Reformation message in architecture and art. Our walking tour includes the fascinating history of Luther's wife, Katharina von Bora- including the house where she lived and died and her burial site at St. Mary's church. Next, we drive to the majestic city of Leipzig. We check in to our hotel for our group dinner. **Overnight Leipzig**

Day 5, Leipzig, Bach Concert (B,L)

Today our walking tour of this fascinating city includes Nickolaikirch (St. Nicholas Church), home of the faithful "pray for peace" Christians and the powerful force that transformed Germany's East and West, a tour and lunch at the historic Auersbach Keller, to view the museum worthy Reformation art displayed in the "Luther Room" and the "Wine Cellar" room, including the recently found reproduction (original piece was destroyed) of the Leipzig Debate between Martin Luther and Dr. Eck. We visit St. Thomas Church where Luther preached and Johann Sebastian Bach performed and directed the famous St. Thomas Boys choir and the current site of his grave. This afternoon is at leisure to enjoy the city on our own- revisit some of the sites on our walking tour, or the Bach Museum, home to the second-largest stock of Bach originals in the world! Music lovers may enjoy a stroll along the "Leipzig Music Trail" which links the places where composers Bach, Mendelssohn Bartholdy, Schumann, Wagner lived and worked. Our group will meet for a Bach concert performance at St. Thomas Church. **Overnight Leipzig**

Day 6, Sunday Worship, Eisleben, Erfurt (B)

This morning we gather for worship service before continuing our journey in the footsteps of Martin Luther. In Eisleben, we tour the houses where Luther was born in 1483 and where he died in 1546, St. Peter's Church where Luther was baptized and St. Andrews Church where Luther preached his last four sermons, and where his body was laid in state. Next, we visit Erfurt, where Luther took his vows and committed to a monastic life. Our walking tour includes the medieval Kramer Bridge, the unmistakable St. Mary's Cathedral (where Luther was ordained) and the Augustinian Monastery where Luther lived as a monk from 1505-1511 and where he studied, worshiped and was inspired to create the "Luther Rose". This evening is at leisure to enjoy dinner in the market center. **Overnight Erfurt**

Day 7, Eisenach (B)

Today we drive to the quaint village of Eisenach to visit St. George Church and the Lutherhaus Museum with its exhibit, "Luther and the Bible." We visit the Bach Museum, which houses an extensive collection of instruments from the 16th to 19th century and exhibit on the life and work of J. S. Bach including a musical performance on historical instruments. This evening is at leisure for dinner in town. **Overnight Eisenach**

Day 8, Wartburg Castle, Lutherweg "Luther Way"(B) Visit the magnificent Wartburg Castle where Luther took refuge while he translated the New Testament into the German language. Option to ride the coach or walk along the Lutherweg "Luther Way"- a leisurely hike takes you along a tree-covered path traveled by Luther to the castle. **Overnight Eisenach**

Day 9, Mainz, Rhine River Cruise (B, D)

Today we drive west to the Rhine region and the lovely city of Mainz. Our guide will lead our walking tour including the Gutenberg Museum, home to 2-copies of the world's first printed Bible and centuries-old manuscripts and printing presses. Afterwards, we embark on a relaxing sightseeing cruise along the Rhine River, past some of the most picturesque stretches of this majestic waterway, magnificent castles and the famous Loreley Rock. **Overnight Rudesheim**

Day 10, Worms, Heidelberg, Winery (B,D)

Today we visit the Reformation city of Worms, thought to be one of the oldest towns in Germany, and where Luther was summoned in 1521 to appear before an Imperial Diet to justify his conduct. We'll view the world's largest memorial to the Reformation and the Church of the Holy Trinity. Next, we visit the quaint city of Heidelberg, Germany's oldest university town and stroll the Stone Bridge over the Neckar River. In the rooms of the university, the great reformer presented his beliefs to the Augustinian Order in 1518, shortly after nailing his 95 theses to the door of the Castle Church. The students and younger members of the university were enthralled by the fiery Luther and became friends and supporters, spreading Lutheran ideas. Later, we drive along the German wine road to a premier winery for wine tastings and our farewell dinner. **Overnight Rudesheim**

Day 11, Depart Frankfurt (B) Group transfer to airport

Tour Activity Level- daily walking, moderately active. If you or you will be traveling with someone who has special needs, physically disabled (use a wheelchair, walker), hearing or visually impaired please contact LutherTours.

YOUR JOURNEY INCLUDES

- ✚ Private Group, Custom-designed itinerary
- ✚ Professional Reformation History Tour Manager
- ✚ Deluxe Motor Coach with Air-conditioning
- ✚ Group Airport Transfers in Germany
- ✚ 9-nights First-class Hotels and Hotel tax
- ✚ Breakfast Daily, 1- Lunch, 4-Dinners
- ✚ Gratuities for Included Meals
- ✚ Life Enriching Sightseeing Daily
- ✚ Reformation Anniversary Events and Exhibits
- ✚ Worship Service in Lutherstadt Wittenberg
- ✚ Bach Musical Performance at St. Thomas Church
- ✚ Rhine River sightseeing cruise
- ✚ Winery tour and tastings with farewell dinner
- ✚ Local Guides with expertise in Reformation history
- ✚ All Admissions and Entrance fees
- ✚ Baggage Handling (1 bag each)

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE

Gratuity Recommendations: 4-5 Euro per person per day for the tour manager and coach driver, 2Euro for each local guide.
Passport application fee and visa fee for non-US passport holders. Check with LT for requirements. Meals and drinks not listed. Personal items such as phone and internet charges.

TOUR PRICE per person based on double occupancy
\$2795 with 25-29 travelers | \$2995 with 20-24 travelers
\$450 Additional for Single Occupancy
Prices subject to change due to currency fluctuation

GROUP AIRFARE is per person and additional to the tour price
\$1400 from Louisville, KY | \$1500 from Missoula, MT
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CANCELLATION SCHEDULE IS PER PERSON

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