

Heroes of the Reformation

with an optional extension in **Paris**

Prague • Wittenberg • Erfurt • Rudesheim
Zurich • Lauterbrunnen • Geneva

October 2-13, 2013

Paris extension: October 13-15, 2013



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| • St. Vitus Cathedral | • Augustinian Monastery | • Black Forest |
| • Baroque City of Dresden | • Wartburg Castle | • Cogwheel Train Ride |
| • Lutherhalle | • Rhine River Cruise | • Swiss Alps |
| • Buchenwald | • Lunch in Heidelberg | • Chillon Castle |

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Heroes of the Reformation and Their Homelands

Wednesday, October 2, 2013: Flight

We will leave today for our overnight transatlantic flight to Prague.

Thursday, October 3, 2013: Prague

When we arrive in **Prague**, our Reformation Tours' Tour Director will greet and escort us to our waiting deluxe, air-conditioned motor coach. We will begin our visit to Prague with a city orientation tour. Tonight, we are invited to a special welcome dinner and orientation. Overnight in Prague. (D)

Friday, October 4, 2013: Prague

Our expert local guide will join us this morning for a walking tour focused on Jan Hus, the leading personality of the Czech Reformation movement. We'll visit Bethlehem Chapel where he preached, and see the Hus monument outside Tyn Church. Hus was a contemporary of John Wycliffe and was heavily influenced by his writings. They both agreed that all Christians are members of Christ's church and that Jesus is the head. We'll also visit the Castle, which is a complex of palaces, courtyards, streets and churches including St. Vitus Cathedral, which took 600 years to complete. We will then take a stroll across Charles Bridge, past the famous statues. It's a good place to see artists and street musicians. The afternoon and evening are at leisure. (B)

Saturday, October 5, 2013: Dresden, Wittenberg



Crossing into Germany, we will stop in the wonderful Baroque city of Dresden. Highlights include the magnificent palatial buildings around the Theaterplatz and the Brühl Terraces, and the many art treasures at the state museums. Germany's largest Protestant church, the Frauenkirche has now been fully restored after being damaged during World War II. J.S. Bach was the first to play on the Silberman organ when the church was originally built. We will then continue on to Lutherstadt-Wittenberg, where we'll check into our hotel. Tonight's dinner is at the Golden Eagle Pub. (B/D)

Sunday, October 6, 2013: Wittenberg

This morning is free, with the option of attending a church service (in German). In the afternoon our local guide will take us to where Martin Luther nailed his famous 95 Theses to the door of the Schlosskirche (Castle Church) in 1517. Although the original door was destroyed in a fire, the replica has all 95 Theses in bronze, which is magnificent. Next we tour the Lutherhalle (Luther House) Museum, where Luther lived for 35 years. It was here that he had his pivotal "Tower Experience" while reading Romans 1:17. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

Monday, October 7, 2013: Buchenwald, Erfurt



In the afternoon we'll take a sobering visit to Buchenwald and pause to remember those dark days and those who were incarcerated during WWII, including Dietrich Bonhoeffer. When we arrive in Medieval Erfurt, we'll tour St. Mary's Cathedral, where Luther was ordained. We'll also tour the Augustinian Monastery and enjoy a

service in the chapel with our group. After a tour of the Luther Ex-

hibition, where we will see what a cell from Luther's time would have looked like, we will check into the Monastery guest house. (B/D)

Tuesday, October 8, 2013: Eisenach, Rudesheim

This morning we'll travel to the imposing Wartburg Castle, where Luther took refuge after a fake kidnapping staged by his friend and protector, Frederick the Wise. This is where Luther translated the New Testament into German in just 11 weeks! After traveling to the Rhine, we'll board the boat at St. Goar and sail past magnificent castles and the famous Loreley rock. We'll then have the afternoon to explore Rudesheim, a town dating back to the pre-Roman era. Attractions include Siegfried's Mechanical Music Museum, the Drosselgasse, a lively street with live evening music, a Medieval Torture Museum (not for the faint of heart!), and the Rheingau Wine Museum. We can also take a cable car up to the Niederwald Monument for a fabulous view. Dinner will be in a winery. (B/D)

Wednesday, October 9, 2013: Worms, Heidelberg, Zurich

On our way south, we'll stop in Worms for a brief stop to see the site of the Worms Debates (Diet of Worms), now a park, with a plaque commemorating the Diet of Worms and the Reformation Monument. Our guide will also share about another Reformer, William Tyndale, who finished his printing of the English Bible in Worms, escaping persecution in England. Our lunch stop will be in Heidelberg, a gorgeous town on the Neckar River. The stone bridge and Castle are magnificent. Driving through the Black Forest, we'll end our day with a group dinner and overnight in Zurich. (B/D)



Thursday, October 10, 2013: Zurich, Lauterbrunnen

Today we learn more about Zwingli on a tour of the key Reformation sites in Zurich. We tour Zwingli's church, the Grossmünster, and see the Zwingli Statue. We have a stroll through the historic Altstadt (old city) and enjoy the Swiss heritage. We also see the Zwingli Museum and the Helferei (where Zwingli lived). Other notable sites are the Fraumünster (the famous Catholic Cathedral) and the historic Auld Stadt (old city). We'll enjoy a group dinner in Lauterbrunnen, where we will stay for two-nights. (B/D)

Friday, October 11, 2013: Swiss Alps



Today we will have a full day to explore the Lauterbrunnen Valley, regarded as one of the most spectacular glacial valleys in Europe. It lies surrounded by the un-spoilt natural beauty of the magnificent Swiss Alps. In the afternoon we'll ride the funicular railway to the picturesque resort of Murren. This is a car-free village

perched atop a cliff, surrounded by the unbelievable panorama of the Eiger, Monch, and Jungfrau peaks. We return to Lauterbrunnen for a second overnight stay. (B)

Saturday, October 12, 2013: Geneva

Leaving the Alps behind, we will drive to Chillon Castle which stands on the banks of Lake Geneva and was the inspiration for

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Lord Byron's poem, "The prisoner of Chillon." We'll take a tour of this impressive fortress, before making our way along the bank of Lake Geneva, also known as Lac Lemman, to Geneva. Our local guide will take us on a walking tour this afternoon to learn more about John Calvin, the French Protestant theologian and John Knox, the Scottish Reformer, who spent several years here as a Pastor. The tour will include Cathedrale St. Pierre (St. Peter's Cathedral), the impressive Reformation Monument, the Museum of the Reformation and Calvin College. We'll have the opportunity to sample local Swiss cuisine this evening. Overnight in Geneva. (B/D)

Sunday, October 13, 2013: Return

Those on the shorter tour will depart today from Geneva. (B)



PARIS Optional Extension

October 13-15, 2013

Extension cost: \$650 per person

**minimum of 20 participants, double occupancy*

Single supplement: \$400

Sunday, October 13, 2013: Geneva, Paris

We have the opportunity to worship this morning in the Auditoire de Calvin, also known as the Protestant Lecture Hall. We will then board our train to Paris, arriving late afternoon. We will have an orientation bus tour of Paris, followed by check-in at our centrally-located hotel. After dinner, we will take an evening cruise on the Seine. (B/D)

Monday, October 14, 2013: Paris

In the morning we join our local expert guide for a walking tour focusing on the Huguenot history of Paris. We will also hear about the time that Calvin spent in the city. The afternoon is free to explore Paris and we meet up again for our farewell meal at a Parisian café. (B/D)

Tuesday, October 15, 2013: Depart

All good things must come to an end. As we fly out of Paris this morning, we'll treasure the memories of the last two weeks. (B)

YOUR TOUR HOST

Frank Drinkhouse

President, Reformation Tours

I would like to invite you to join us, as we trace the footsteps of Hus, Luther, Zwingli, Calvin and others at key places where the Lord did His mighty acts. My prayer is that we do Psalm 145:4-5 as a group- *"One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts. They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty—and I will meditate on your wonderful works."*



TOUR COST: \$2,999* per person, land only

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**Price is based on a minimum of 20 participants, double occupancy*

Single supplement = \$575

Triples can be requested but are not advised

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES:

- Transportation: via deluxe air-conditioned coaches
- Accommodations (double-occupancy) in superior 3-star and moderate 4-star hotels
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- Professional tour escort throughout the tour
- Local step-on guides for city tours and major attractions
- Entrance fees included as per itinerary
- All transfers, as a group
- Baggage handling (1 piece of baggage per guest)
- All taxes and tips except as indicated below

YOUR TOUR DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Air transportation
- Single supplement (subject to availability)
- Meals and beverages not identified in itinerary
- Items of a personal nature, such as passports and visas. Passports must be valid for months beyond return date.
- Passenger trip cancellation insurance (details sent with reservation form)
- Gratuities for tour manager, and driver
- Optional Paris Extension

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

A deposit of \$350 per person is due with reservation. Final payment is due no later than July 19, 2013. Final invoices will be sent out in June, 2013. Early registration is encouraged.

CURRENCY:

Currency exchange rates fluctuate constantly. In the event of a significant drop in the value of the dollar, Ed-Ventures reserves the right to add a currency surcharge to the price of the tour.

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Abbreviations for Meals

B=Breakfast D=Dinner

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Registration Form

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Passenger Information (1st Traveler)

Full name must be exactly as it appears on your passport or passport application. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport.

First Name: _____

Middle Name(s): _____

Last Name(s): _____

(Nickname): _____ Gender _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Dietary needs: _____

Passenger Information (2nd Traveler)

Full name must be exactly as it appears on your passport or passport application. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport.

First Name: _____

Middle Name(s): _____

Last Name(s): _____

(Nickname): _____ Gender _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Dietary needs: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Work phone/cell: _____ E-mail: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Deposit Payment Information

(please fill out if paying by check):

Enclosed is my check made payable to
Ed-Ventures, Inc. in the amount of:

_____.

Deposit Payment Information (please fill out if paying by *credit card*):

Credit Card Number: _____

Visa/MasterCard/Disc: _____ Card ID Code:* _____

Exp. Date: _____ Amount: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

**last 3 digits in signature box on the back of the card*

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☐ Yes, sign me up and bill me add'l \$650 pp
double occupancy (singles \$400 higher)

☐ No, I am not interested in the London ext.

Price is based on a minimum of 10 participants

Sleeping Preference (circle one): Double bed Twin Beds

Roommate (name): _____

Single supplement is an additional (\$575): _____ Yes _____ No

Travel Insurance (please check one): ☐ Yes, sign me up ☐ No, I decline

Insurance Payment Information: ☐ Charge my card below ☐ Check enclosed

Credit Card Number: _____

Card ID Code*: _____ Visa/MC/Disc: _____ Exp. Date: _____ Amount: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

I have read and agree to the terms and conditions. Please sign me up for the trip!

Signature of 1st traveler: _____ Date: _____

Signature of 2nd traveler: _____ Date: _____

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