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In the Footsteps of Luther & the Passion Play

SCHEDULED DEPARTURE
June 16 - 27, 2020



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Brandenburg Gate

Day 1: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 • Depart U.S.

Our journey to explore the sites and heroes of the Reformation begins with an overnight flight to Berlin. Pre-tour hotel nights can be arranged in Berlin. (IF)

Day 2: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 • Berlin, Wittenberg

Welcome to Germany! On arrival in Berlin, travelers take a taxi to the centrally-located hotel. After time to explore the nearby Kaiser Wilhelm Church, purchase lunch, and shop, we gather back at the hotel to begin the tour. Our afternoon bus orientation tour includes a stop at the famous Brandenburg Gate for photos. We then go back to the time of Luther as we visit Lutherstadt-Wittenberg, the birthplace of the Reformation. This evening we enjoy a welcome dinner and spend our first night in Wittenberg. (IF/D)

Day 3: Thursday, June 18, 2020 • Wittenberg

This morning our local guide takes us on a tour of Lutherstadt Wittenberg. It was here in 1517 that Martin Luther nailed his famous 95 Theses to the door of Castle Church (Schlosskirche). Although the original doors were destroyed in the Seven Years War, we can see Luther's texts cast in bronze on the new doors. We visit St. Mary's Church where Luther regularly preached and visit the Old Latin School next door. Luther's former home, the Lutherhalle, is now a Reformation Museum and we see where he lived with his family, as well as some of Luther's very own personal library, rare manuscripts, and early Bibles. The rest of the day is free to explore independently. (B)

Day 4: Friday, June 19, 2020 • Eisleben, Erfurt

This morning we visit Eisleben, one of Luther's favorite towns. This is where he was born and also where he died, so it is sometimes referred to as his Bethlehem and Jerusalem. We visit both these homes with our guide, as well as St. Anne's, an old miner's church famous for the Biblical Scenes hewn in stone. We also visit St. Peter and St. Paul Church where Luther was baptized. We then continue to Erfurt and dine in our hotel. (B/D)

Day 5: Saturday, June 20, 2020 • Eisenach, Erfurt

Today's full-day excursion is to Eisenach. In 1521, while fleeing from the wrath of the Pope, Luther took refuge in the Wartburg Castle after a fake kidnapping staged by his friend and protector, Frederick the Wise. We tour the Wartburg and see where Luther finished translating the New Testament into German in just eleven weeks. Luther spent time in the nearby town of Eisenach as a school boy and sang in the choir of St. George's Church, where the Bach family also worshiped. The afternoon is free to explore the town or tour the Bach Museum and Luther House



Luther's study

Museum. The bus then takes us back to Erfurt and the rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

Day 6: Sunday, June 21, 2020 • Erfurt, Rudesheim

Our local guide takes us on a tour including viewing St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Severin's Church and the famous Merchant's Bridge. We end our tour at the Augustinian Monastery where Luther became a monk on July 17, 1505. We are able to see his monastic quarters, including one cell furnished to look as it would have done when he lived there. At the end of the tour we have a group worship service in the chapel. On our way to the Rhine River, we watch a Reformation DVD. We stay overnight in Rudesheim and enjoy a meal in a local restaurant this evening. (B/D)

Day 7: Monday, June 22, 2020 •

Rhine Cruise, Worms, Heidelberg

What better way to start the day than with a Rhine cruise! We board the boat and sail past magnificent castles and the famous Loreley rock to St. Goar. Every bend in the river brings more stunning scenery, ships pass left & right, and numerous trains roar up and down the Rhine River valley. From there we drive to Worms, where we tour the Cathedral, followed by the site of Luther's Worms Debates (Diet of Worms), now a park, with a plaque commemorating Luther's brave stand for faith and truth in 1521. We have a photo stop at the stunning Reformation Monument, followed by a visit to the Church of the Holy Trinity. Tonight's dinner is in a family-owned winery and our meal includes tasting 4 local wines. We end the day in Heidelberg. (B/D)

Day 8: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 • Heidelberg, Rothenburg

We have a leisurely morning today to relax or visit Heidelberg Castle which boasts the world's largest wine barrel, a fascinating history and a stunning view. We then drive to Rothenburg, the most picturesque and well preserved of the towns along the famous "Romantic Road". It's one of Germany's very best walled medieval cities, most of the buildings were built by 1400. We begin with a walk along the city wall. Inside St. Jacob's Church we see the famous carved "Holy Blood Altar" by Tilman Riemenschneider. We continue through the lower town gate into the area where the castle once stood. We dine in our hotel this evening. (B/D)

Day 9: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 •

Neuschwanstein Castle, Oberammergau

We have some time this morning to shop at the famous Käthe Wohlfahrt store. We travel south today using the fabled



Neuschwanstein Castle

“Romantic Road,” Germany’s most famous and popular tourist route which runs for 350 romantic kilometers across a rich and varied cultural landscape along the river Main and through the Franconian wine country to the Alps. One of the best-known sites in Bavaria is Neuschwanstein Castle. We tour the castle designed by King Ludwig. We end our day in our 4-star hotel in the Oberammergau area. (B/D)

Day 10: Thursday, June 25, 2020 • Oberammergau

We transfer to Oberammergau this morning and have time to shop or explore locally on our own. We eat lunch together before Part One of the Play, which begins at 2:30 PM. There is a break for dinner from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM and we dine together in a restaurant in Oberammergau. Part Two ends at 10:30 PM and then we board our bus to return to our hotel. (B/L/D)

Day 11: Friday, June 26, 2020 • Munich

After a leisurely breakfast, we travel up to Munich. In the afternoon we have a walking tour of Munich, including the Cathedral, the Marienplatz, and the Old Town. This evening we finish our fun tour with a farewell Bavarian meal in a beer garden. We overnight in Munich. (B/L/D)

Day 12: Saturday, June 27, 2020 • Return to U.S.

Transfers are provided for morning flights back to the USA. Post-tour nights in Munich are available on request. (B)

Abbreviations for Meals

B=Breakfast L=Lunch D=Dinner



Rothenburg

TOUR COST: \$3,499* per person
Land Only

*Price is based on a minimum of 35 paying participants, double occupancy
Single supplement = \$850

Your Tour Includes:

- **Land Transportation** via private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- **Accommodations** (double occupancy) in moderate first-class hotels
- **Meals per itinerary**
- Services of **Professional tour manager**
- Local step-on guides for city tours and major attractions
- **Admission** to all activities indicated in the itinerary except those listed as optional
- **Luggage handling** of one piece per person at hotels
- Luggage strap, luggage tags and trip journal
- **All taxes and tips** for provided services except as noted below

Your Tour Does Not Include:

- **Roundtrip airfare** to Berlin, Germany and return from Munich, Germany, related taxes and fees
- Meals not indicated on itinerary
- **Beverages**, except with breakfast
- **End of tour gratuity** for tour manager and coach driver
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees.
(*Passport must be valid for 6 months beyond return date.*)
- **Optional insurance** for health, baggage and cancellation.

Payment Schedule:

Deposit with registration: \$500 per person

2nd Deposit by Jan. 1, 2019: \$1000 per person

Final payment due 120 days prior to departure.

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Footsteps of Luther & the Passion Play

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- RGA20: June 16 - 27, 2020 • \$3,499
- Single Supplement • \$850
- Airfare from _____

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Legal Name: _____

(Name for name badge): _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Gender: Male Female

Dietary Needs: _____

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Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Gender: Male Female

Dietary Needs: _____

Address: _____

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

Work phone/cell: _____ E-mail: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Sleeping Preference (circle one): Double bed (1 bed) Twin Beds (2 beds)

Roommate name: _____ OR Single supplement: Yes No

Travel Insurance (please check one)

- I wish to purchase Travel Guard insurance and have included the premium with my deposit.
- I wish to decline the travel insurance offered.

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- Enclosed is my \$ _____ deposit and insurance premium (if applicable). **Make checks payable to Ed-Ventures, Inc.**
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Signature of 1st traveler: _____ Date: _____

Signature of 2nd traveler: _____ Date: _____



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