

Luther Reformation & Germany Tour

13 Days: May 21 – June 2 2017

Berlin • Wittenberg • Eisleben • Erfurt • Wartburg Castle/Eisenach • Rhine River • Worms •
Rothenburg ob der Tauber • Munich • Neuschwanstein • Oberammergau • Salzburg

hosted by

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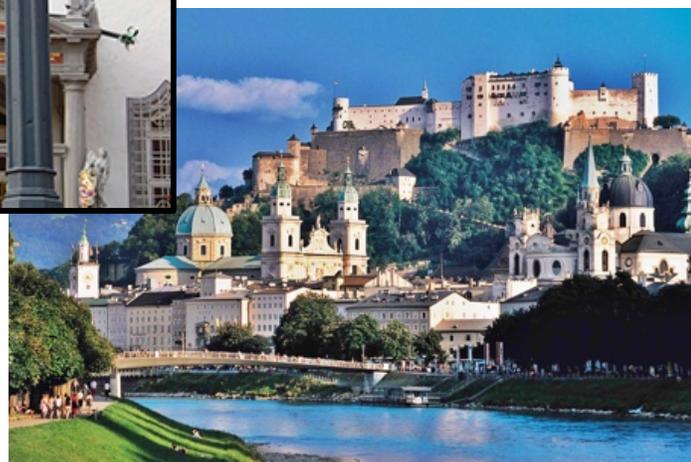
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\$2700 Land Tour Price double occupancy (Single Room Supplement is \$349)

Airfare is \$1200 from Houston to Berlin, returning Munich to Houston. *(You may book your own flight)*

Price includes: • 3-4 star hotels • 11 Breakfasts & 10 Dinners , • All museum admissions, •
Local tour guides in every city, • Comfortable coach bus • And your friendly hosts!

It's been 500 years since a little known monk named Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses and unintentionally started a religious, cultural, and national reformation in Germany. Join us as we travel and explore the historical places that defined Luther's reformation and the beauty of modern and medieval Germany, Bavaria, and Salzburg!



Daily Itinerary (subject to change)

Day 1 - Sun, 05/21 Depart For Germany on overnight flight

Day 2 - Mon, 05/22 Arrive Berlin

Upon arrival at Berlin Airport we will be met by our bus driver and board the waiting deluxe motorcoach. We head into the city where a local guide will show us the major sights like Reichstag parliament, Brandenburg gate, the Holocaust Memorial, and remnants of the Berlin Wall. We will check in to our hotel in the evening and enjoy our Welcome Dinner after a long day of travels.

Overnight in Berlin

Day 3 - Tue, 05/23 Berlin

More sightseeing is planned for today in the German capital. We will also visit the 1st of three National Exhibitions for the Reformation Jubilee: "The Luther Effect. 500 Years of the Reformation" in the German Historical Museum (April 12 – November 5, 2017). The afternoon will be off for own experiences in the museums and for shopping before we meet for dinner.

Overnight in Berlin

Day 4 - Wed, 05/24 Wittenberg

In the morning we depart Berlin and drive to Wittenberg, the "cradle of the Reformation." We will join a local guide as we visit the main sights like Luther's house, the Stadtkirche, the Leucorea University, and Castle Church where Luther nailed his 95 Theses on the door. And we hear why even a pharmacist can be important for the history of the church.

In the afternoon we will have some more time in Wittenberg to take a closer look on the special exhibition commemorating the 500th Reformation Jubilee. In 2017 Wittenberg will be the place of a National Exhibition in the Lutherhouse: "Luther! 95 People – 95 Treasures" (April 13 – July 16, 2017).

Overnight in Wittenberg / Eisleben / vicinity

Day 5 - Thu, 05/25 Eisleben, Erfurt Ascension Day / Public Holiday in Germany!

This morning we visit Eisleben, the town where Luther was born and died (in 1483 and 1546). We visit the little museum in the house where Luther was born, visit the church where he preached his last sermon, and walk by the Luther monument. Our noon prayer / Ascension Day worship may be a baptism remembrance worship service in St Peter and Paul, the church where Luther was baptized.

We continue south in the afternoon to Erfurt. Erfurt was the town where Martin Luther was a student of law and business before joining the Augustinian convent as a monk. In a short walk through this charming town with many timber framed houses we see the market with St Mary's Cathedral, the merchant's bridge, and visit the Augustinian monastery. We'll have dinner tonight in a rustic "medieval style" restaurant.

Overnight in Erfurt / vicinity

Day 6 - Fri, 05/26 Wartburg Castle, Eisenach – to Rhine Valley

Our first stop is the town of Eisenach to visit Wartburg castle. It is here that Luther hid in 1521 and 1522, taking on the assumed name of Knight George, after being placed under an imperial ban. While here, he translated the New Testament into German. In 2017 the Wartburg will be the place for the National Exhibition “Luther and the Germans.” (May 4 – November 5, 2017).

Eisenach also is the birthplace of the famous composer Johann Sebastian Bach. We visit the museum and listen to a demonstration of Bach’s works on historical instruments. In the evening we arrive in the Rhine Valley for Dinner and overnight.

Overnight in a charming town in the Rhine Valley

Day 7 - Sat, 05/27 Ruedesheim - Rhine River Cruise

After all the Luther sights we’ll enjoy a leisure day in the Rhine valley. This morning we take a cruise on the Rhine River, passing many small villages and the famous Loreley Rock. The afternoon is at leisure. A dinner with wine is planned for this evening.

Overnight in a charming town in the Rhine Valley

Day 8 - Sun, 05/28 Worms - Rothenburg

Worms is where Luther, in 1521, appeared before the Holy Roman Emperor and the Imperial Diet. He refused to recant his beliefs, and stated "Here I stand, I can do no other. God help me." This morning we'll visit the Reformation Monument and the Cathedral. We continue to Rothenburg for dinner and the famous Night Watchmen Tour!

Overnight in Rothenburg

Day 9 - Mon, 05/29 Rothenburg – Augsburg - Munich

Rothenburg is Germany's best-preserved walled city. We'll take a walking tour of the town this morning, and then proceed to Augsburg. In Augsburg, we'll visit St. Anne's Church, where, in 1518, Luther met with Cardinal Cajetan, who demanded that Luther submit to the Pope. We'll also see the Augustus Fountain, the Church of the Holy Cross, and other sites. The Augsburg town market where bakers, farmers, butchers, cheese dairies, and florists present their specialties gives us many reasons to dwell. We'll arrive in Munich in the evening.

Overnight in Munich

Day 10 - Tue, 05/30 Munich

A full day will be spent in Munich, the capital of Bavaria, where we visit the Marienplatz, and see the Town Hall, Cathedral, and other sites. The afternoon is on leisure for own discoveries. Dinner on our own in one of the many restaurants.

Overnight in Munich

Day 11 - Wed, 05/31 Neuschwanstein, Oberammergau, Munich

We head into the Bavarian countryside and cross many picturesque villages on our day excursion. First stop will be at Neuschwanstein Castle, the most visited and photographed place in Germany. Built by Bavarian King Ludwig, Neuschwanstein is the archetype for Walt Disney's Castle. After our tour of the Castle we will have an en-route stop at baroque Wieskirche before arriving in Oberammergau. Here every ten years the villagers perform a "Passion Play", and we will visit that theatre backstage to get an impression about this magnificent production. Back to Munich in the evening.

Overnight in Munich

Day 12 - Thu, 06/01 Salzburg

Daytrip to Salzburg, the lovely birthplace of Mozart. Salzburg is the city of great houses, mansions, Festival Hall, and the Mirabell Gardens. We will hear the bells of the great Glockenspiel Tower, performed to a melody of Mozart's. Farewell Dinner will be in Hofbräuhaus back in Munich, probably the World's best known Wirtshaus.

Overnight in Munich

Day 13 - Fri, 06/02 Depart for the flight home

This morning we transfer to Munich airport, where we board our return flight back home.

Exact daily schedules will be determined in close cooperation with the group before the tour. Due to unexpected circumstances like weather conditions, heavy traffic, changes of museum opening times, etc. Terra Lu Travel reserves the right to make changes.

Payment Schedule:

Initial Deposit	\$300
September 1	\$1000
<i>(For those purchasing group airfare at our discounted rate)</i>	
October 1	\$1000
November 1	\$1000
January 15	Final Payment of remaining balance

Payment Methods

Please make checks payable to:
Lutheran Educational Services

Refund Schedule:

<u>Days before Departure</u>	<u>Refund Amount</u>
145+ Days	Full Refund
145-120 Days	Refund minus \$300
119-70 Days	Refund minus \$800
69-31 Days	50% of total price
30 days or less	No refund

Airfare Change or Cancellation fee is \$150 at any time after airfare lists are finalized.

Travel insurance is strongly recommended
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- Private motor coach from Berlin Airport to Munich Airport (modern coach, with reclining seats, A/C, bathroom, video/DVD) with nice, English speaking driver.
- Full-time English speaking tour guide provided by Terra Lu Travel to coordinate daily activities, provide historical and cultural information, and arrange hotel & meal schedules.
- 11 nights in good, selected 3- 4 star Hotels, centrally located in city centers (no airport/ interstate hotels)
- Breakfast every morning & 10 Dinners in hotels and restaurants as indicated in itinerary.
- Berlin: Tour with local guide
- Wittenberg: Tour of town and churches with local guide, admission fees to churches
- Eisleben: Tour of town, Luther's birth house and churches with local guide
- Erfurt: Tour of town and Augustinian monastery with local guide
- Wartburg: guided tour
- Ruedesheim/ Rhine valley: Rhine cruise and Wine tasting
- Rothenburg ob der Tauber: Night Watchmen Tour with local guide
- Augsburg: Tour with local guide
- Munich: City tour with local guide
- Neuschwanstein: Guided tour
- Oberammergau: Guided tour Passion Play Theater
- Salzburg: Guided tour of the city of music
- Admission to all 3 German National Exhibitions for the Reformation Jubilee
- All local tours with selected, English speaking guides with town maps, info sheets, & pamphlets provided for all travelers

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TOUR REGISTRATION FORM - LUTHER GERMANY TOUR, MAY 2017

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A VALID PASSPORT IS REQUIRED TO TRAVEL. IT MUST BE VALID FOR 6 MONTHS BEYOND YOUR RETURN DATE. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A PASSPORT OR NEED TO RENEW - WWW.TRAVEL.STATE.GOV

PLEASE LIST YOUR NAME AS IT APPEARS ON YOUR PASSPORT INCLUDING ANY MIDDLE NAME OR INITIAL.

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Date of Birth _____ Passport Number _____ Passport Expires _____

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Special requests _____

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Air transportation schedules will be available by September 1, 2016

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SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

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