



Wartburg College Alumni Tour

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARTIN LUTHER IN GERMANY: 500 YEARS OF REFORMATION

June 7-21, 2017 15 Days
with optional extension to Bavaria June 21-24

Led by the Rev. Dr. Kit Kleinhans



DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1, Wed, June 7 **Your Journey Begins**

Depart US for overnight flight to Berlin. (Meals in-flight)

Day 2, Thur, June 8 **Herzlich Willkommen!**

Arrive in Berlin and travel to Wittenberg by private motor coach. Check into Colleg Wittenberg, our home for the next 6 days. After an orientation walk through the town, a welcome dinner will get us off to an excellent start. Colleg Wittenberg (Meals in-flight, D)

Day 3, Fri, June 9 **Wittenberg**

City tour through Wittenberg, where Martin Luther lived and taught for 36 years. Visit the Luther House - a former monastery - where Luther lived before his marriage and which the Luther family received as a wedding gift from their prince. Now a museum, it houses the world's largest collection of Reformation artifacts. See the Castle Church (or "Theses Church"), where Luther is buried, and the St. Mary's (Town) Church, where he often preached. In the afternoon, the festivities for Luther's wedding start with the traditional arrival of the nuns. Colleg Wittenberg (B,D)

Day 4, Sat, June 10 **Wittenberg**

Today we have time to explore the medieval atmosphere of Wittenberg during the city festival. Enjoy a day full of ancient instrumental music, singing and dancing, as well as a variety of medieval games and markets. The highlight of the day is the afternoon wedding parade demonstrating how Martin Luther, Katharina von Bora and the inhabitants of Wittenberg and nearby villages celebrated Luther's wedding almost 500 years ago. Colleg Wittenberg (B)

Day 5, Sun, June 11 **Wittenberg**

Join the local congregation of Wittenberg this morning for a worship service. To conclude the festivities you may enjoy the traditional children's wedding parade this afternoon. After some free time on your own, we will all come together for a group dinner. Colleg Wittenberg (B,D)

Day 6, Mon, June 12 **Torgau**

This morning our coach brings us to Torgau, where we will visit St. Mary's Church, where Luther's lively wife "Katie" is buried, and the Katharinastube, the house where she spent the last days of her life, now a small museum. Afterwards, we continue to Nimbschen to see the ruins of the convent where Katharina von Bora lived when she was a nun. Colleg Wittenberg (B,D)

Day 7, Tues, June 13 **Eisleben and Mansfeld**

Today we visit Luther's hometown, Eisleben. Here we explore the homes in which Luther was born and died. You can affirm your baptism in the church of St. Peter and Paul, where Luther was baptized. Our tour also includes a visit to St. Andrew's Church, where Luther gave his last four sermons. Colleg Wittenberg (B,D)

Day 8, Wed, June 14 **Erfurt**

We say farewell to Wittenberg and travel west to Erfurt. On our way, we stop at Stotternheim, where a thunderstorm sparked Luther's promise to become a monk. Our tour of Erfurt includes the University district, where Luther studied; the Augustinian Monastery, where Luther lived as a monk; and St. Mary's Cathedral, where he was ordained. Radisson Blu (B,D)

Day 9, Thurs, June 15 **Weimar and Buchenwald**

Travel to Weimar, one of Germany's cultural capitals. Tour the city of Schiller and Goethe and visit the Herder Church, with its famous Cranach altar.

On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther posted 95 theses against indulgences on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany – an event ranked as one of the most important events of the millennium! Celebrate the 500th anniversary of Luther's bold action by following in his footsteps. Visit Eisleben, where Luther was born; Wittenberg, where he taught; Worms, where he stood up for beliefs against the leaders of the church and the empire; the Wartburg Castle, where he translated the New Testament from Greek into the common language of the German people; and more.

In the afternoon, continue to the former concentration camp Buchenwald, where a quarter million people were imprisoned from 1937 to 1945. All of them suffered and 50,000 of them died. Among the prisoners were Lutheran pastors Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Paul Schneider, outspoken opponents of National Socialism. Radisson Blu (B)

Day 10, Fri, June 16 **Eisenach**

Travel to Eisenach and explore the city during a walking tour that includes St. George's School, which Luther attended from 1498 to 1501, and the Bach House, where we experience the atmosphere of an early 18th-century home and hear a demonstration of period instruments. Free time to explore Eisenach. Thüringer Hof (B,D)

Day 11, Sat, June 17 **Eisenach**

Today, we visit the Wartburg Castle, where Luther disguised himself as a squire named "Junker Jorg" and hid away after he was declared an outlaw at the Diet of Worms in 1521. Here at the Wartburg Castle, he created one of his most important works—the translation of the New Testament into German. On our private guided tour of the castle, we will also see the room where Luther lived and worked on his translation. Thüringer Hof (B)

Day 12, Sun, June 18 **Eisenach/Schmalkalden**

Join the local congregation for worship service this morning. Afterwards, we travel to Schmalkalden, where the reformers and their supporting princes gathered to further the work of the Reformation. The Schmalkaldic League eventually engaged in armed struggle against the forces of the Emperor. Thüringer Hof (B,D)

Day 13, Mon, June 19 **Marburg**

Travel to Marburg, the home of Philipp of Hesse. It was Philipp, one of the leading princes of the Reformation, who invited reformers Luther and Zwingli to come to his castle in Marburg to resolve their theological differences. We also visit the Church of St. Elizabeth, the princess who lived at the Wartburg Castle centuries before Luther, and whom Pope Gregory IX called the "greatest woman of the Middle Ages." In the afternoon, continue to Darmstadt. Maritim Rhein Main (B,D)

Day 14, Tues, June 20 **Mainz and Worms**

This morning, travel to nearby Mainz. Visit the St. Stephan Church and see its famous Chagall Windows. In Mainz, Gutenberg applied his goldsmith skills to a practical purpose -- printing. The

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of Lutheranism and its relevance for us today. Her article "Lutheranism 101," published in The Lutheran in 2006, remains the most frequently requested reprint in the history of the magazine. Kit has been leading student May Term trips and faculty/staff summer seminars to "Lutherland" since 2006. She and her husband Alan Schulz are both ELCA pastors.

Gutenberg Museum provides demonstrations of Gutenberg's printing techniques and displays one of his original 48-line Bibles. Next we visit Worms to see the Reformation Monument and the place where Martin Luther famously stood his ground before the Emperor in 1521, refusing to recant his writings. Back in Darmstadt, we celebrate the past two weeks and share our stories and memories at a farewell dinner. Maritim Rhein Main (B,D)

Day 15, Wed, June 21 **Auf Wiedersehen!**

For those who chose to return home, your coach will bring you to Frankfurt's airport for your homebound flight. (B, Meals in-flight)

EXTENSION TO BAVARIA

Day 15, Wed, June 21 **Nuremberg**

We travel onward to Bavaria. Our tour of the charming city of Nuremberg is a walk through time from the Middle Ages to the present. We see the fortress, the Old Town, St. Lawrence Church and St. Sebald Church, and have the opportunity to shop for Lebkuchen and pewter. Hotel check-in for the next three nights. Maritim (B,D)

Day 16, Thur, June 22 **Neuendettelsau**

Today we visit the small town where Wilhelm Loehe served as pastor. A tour of the diaconal ministries with one of the sisters and a visit to the Loehe Museum help us explore the ongoing legacy of Loehe's ministry of training missionary pastors and equipping women for diaconal ministries of service. Maritim (B)

Day 17, Fri, June 23 **Augsburg**

Our tour of this historic city includes the Fuggerei (a public housing settlement financed by the Fugger banking family, who were also at the center of the indulgence controversy); St. Anne's Church (where Luther met with papal representatives in 1518 and where an agreement on the doctrine of justification between the Vatican and the Lutheran World Federation was signed in 1999), and the site where the Augsburg Confession was presented at an imperial assembly in 1530. Farewell dinner in Nuremberg. Maritim (B,D)

Day 18, Sat, June 24 **Auf Wiedersehen!**

We will be transferred to Nuremberg or Munich airport for our homebound flights. (B, Meals in-flight)

Code: **Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**
Itinerary subject to change.

TOUR CONDITIONS

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: Your reservation and deposit of \$400 per person are requested immediately to fulfill the group deadline requirements. Note that space is limited and reservations are taken on a first come, first served basis. A second payment of \$1000 is due October 31, 2016. Final payment is due April 4, 2017. For credit card payment Group Travel Directors accepts Visa, MasterCard, or Discover.

REFUND POLICY: All cancellations must be in writing. There is no refund for partial or unused land arrangements. Note: Airline tickets will be issued well in advance of departure and may be nonrefundable. The following penalties will apply: Up to October 30, 2016 - \$100 per person administrative fee plus any unrecoverable deposits to hotels, tour operators or airlines; October 31, 2016 - May 9, 2017 - Deposit plus any unrecoverable payments to hotels, tour operators or airlines; May 10, 2017 or after - No refund.

CHANGES TO GROUP FLIGHTS: The group airfare contract for this tour may not allow travelers to make any date or itinerary changes. If you are considering other dates or cities, please submit your request in writing well in advance to secure the best rates and schedule, but no later than February 2, 2017. A minimum fee of \$175 per person will apply for changes to group flights in addition to a possible airfare increase.

LATE BOOKINGS: Passengers registering within thirty days of tour departure will be charged a \$50 per person fee. Tour payment in full is required before we can request and confirm space. This fee does not cover any additional airline or ground service charges.

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WHAT'S INCLUDED?

Note: All arrangements in Germany are being made by local representatives of Wartburg College.

- AIRFARE:** Round-trip economy class airfare from Chicago via an ARC/IATA approved scheduled carrier.
- ACCOMMODATION:** Thirteen nights accommodation in conference centers and first class hotels, double occupancy, with private facilities. Hotels as listed or similar.
- MEALS:** Breakfast daily and ten dinners as outlined in the itinerary.
- GROUND TRANSPORT:** Transfers and transportation by deluxe motorcoach.
- SIGHTSEEING:** Extensive sightseeing throughout; entrance fees included.
- EXPERT GUIDES:** An experienced English-speaking tour guide from arrival in Berlin through departure from Frankfurt.
- GRATUITIES:** Gratuities to drivers and guides.
- TAXES:** Airport/foreign departure taxes (currently \$692 per person).
- ALL THE INFO YOU NEED:** Comprehensive documentation including travel accessory, bag tags, name tags, flight and land itineraries, destination literature, customs information, travel tips and more.

PRE-EXISTING medical conditions and other circumstances are covered when insurance is purchased at the time of reservation / deposit. Contact Travel Insured for more info. 800-243-3174

COST SUMMARY

\$4899

From Chicago

Tour Gratuities.....Included
 Airport /Departures Taxes (\$692).....Included
 *Costs per person based on double occupancy in USD

Optional Individual Supplement

Single Room*.....\$619
 *In addition to base tour cost. Limited availability.

Optional Extension to Bavaria.....\$670

Includes: Three nights accommodation; breakfast daily and two dinners; all sightseeing, including entrance fees; luggage handling of one piece per person; tour guide. Single room supplement=\$125 extra.

Costs: The tour cost is per person based on estimated airfare from Chicago (other cities available), double occupancy, tariffs and currency valuations as of June 2015, a minimum of 32 travelers (22 on the optional extension), and subject to confirmation. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed price and/or itinerary, they are subject to change due to circumstances beyond our control. Single room supplements may have limited availability and are on a request basis only. Not all bookings have been made and all space/rates are subject to availability at time of booking.

Items Not Included

- Fuel surcharges and/or tax increases levied since the pricing of this tour.
- Luggage handling.
- Beverages other than coffee/tea at breakfast.
- Any meal or sightseeing item not listed in the itinerary.
- Items of a personal nature.
- Optional insurance for health, baggage, and trip cancellation/interruption is not included and highly recommended. Please refer to the Travel Insurance section.
- Passport fees. A passport valid six months beyond date of reentry to the U.S. is required.
- No entry visa is required for U.S. citizens; non-U.S. citizens may require an entry visa.

RESERVATION APPLICATION • APPLY ONLINE AT: WWW.GTD.ORG G#170602 • OR CLIP AND MAIL

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Name as it appears (or will appear) on passport:

1. _____ Male Female Date of Birth _____
First Name Middle Name Last Name Month/Day/Year

2. _____ Male Female Date of Birth _____
First Name Middle Name Last Name Month/Day/Year

Address (no P.O. boxes) _____ Tel. (Day) _____ (Eve.) _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Email _____

Roommate or single supplement _____
 Advise if we can assign you a roommate or single supplement. GTD can assist in finding roommates; however, this cannot be guaranteed and the supplement may apply. Sign me/us up for the optional extension to Bavaria

FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS (please check one)

I/We will take the group flights from Chicago.

I/We will need assistance with flight arrangements from _____ airport to join the group.

I/We will make all of my own flight arrangements.

DEPOSIT/TRAVEL INSURANCE (please check one)

Please reserve _____ space(s) for me/us; we choose the following deposit option:

\$ _____ \$720 per person **inclusive of travel insurance for the main tour and optional extension.**

\$ _____ \$673 per person **inclusive of travel insurance for the main tour only.**

\$ _____ \$400 per person **without travel insurance.**

I/We decline now, but understand it can be purchased later without the pre-existing waiver.

Form of Payment

Check

Charge my deposit(s) to

Credit Card # _____

Exp _____

Security Code _____

Name as it appears on credit card: _____

Please make checks payable to Group Travel Directors G#170602
 I/We have read and understand the conditions of this brochure. Parent or guardian signature is required for travelers under age 18.

Signature _____ Date _____
 Signature _____ Date _____



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GTD TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel insurance is included as an option with the initial tour deposit and is highly recommended. GTD offers a competitive policy from an independent company. By purchasing insurance at the time the tour deposit is made, you can be covered for events that may cause you to cancel or interrupt your trip, e.g., pre-existing medical conditions (certain restrictions apply). If you decline travel insurance at the time of reservation, you may purchase it within 14 days with the pre-existing conditions waiver or you may purchase it later without the pre-existing conditions waiver. You may contact Travel Insured International for further information before making your decision: 800-243-3174.

GTD TRAVEL INSURANCE INCLUSIONS

Trip Cancellation.....up to Tour Cost*
 Trip Interruption.....up to 150% of Tour Cost**
 Travel Delay.....\$750
 Missed Connection.....\$300
 Baggage.....\$1,000
 Baggage Delay.....\$200
 Medical Expense.....\$50,000
 Evacuation/Repatriation.....\$500,000
 Accidental Death.....\$10,000
 Political Emergency Evacuation.....\$100,000
 ID Theft Resolution Services.....included
 Assistance Service.....included

* a maximum of \$5000 per person

** a maximum of \$7500 per person

Cost of this optional GTD Travel Insurance is \$273 per person (\$320 with the optional extension). Additional coverage provided as needed; the full cost of your tour must be covered. Once purchased, travel insurance is non-refundable. *NOTE: Residents of Georgia, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah and Washington will receive a state-specific Description of Coverage, which can also be requested by calling 866-684-0218.*

Participants should be able to climb stairs (sometimes many) without assistance and to walk at a modest pace for a mile at a time. Good walking shoes are essential on German cobblestones.



CONDITIONS AND RESPONSIBILITY

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