

CELEBRATE THE 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION IN GERMANY

Whether it's your first visit to Germany or a return visit, your walk of faith will be deepened as you embark on this unforgettable journey of discovery



OCTOBER 3-13, 2016

LUTHERAN HERITAGE

11-DAY SPIRITUAL AND INTELLECTUAL JOURNEY
IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARTIN LUTHER

TOUR ESCORTED BY **REV. SCOTT KLEMSZ**

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PASTOR KLEMSZ WILL ACCOMPANY THE GROUP SHARING STORIES AT ON-SITE DISCUSSIONS, LEADING DAILY DEVOTIONS AND STUDYING HIS WORD AS YOU TRAVEL ALONG THE "REFORMATION ROAD" IN GERMANY

Join us for a unique tour of Germany and the Reformation. In the past, I have been blessed to plan and lead urban backpack trips for Christ Academy - Germany and Concordia Theological Seminary. Luther Tours and I have combined the best of urban backpacking with a structured tour of the "Land of Martin Luther". Not only will you benefit from the best tour guides and efficient transportation, we've built in additional free time and unique opportunities to explore these wonderful cities on your own. We will help you take advantage of several free days to see and do what you would like to do. You will have the opportunity to dine at local cafes and stroll through beautiful streets. Let this tour be a time to let your faith grow and your life be enriched in the unique way that only travel can provide. Pastor Scott and Susie Klemsz

TOUR INCLUDES

- Tour escorted by Pastor Scott Klemsz
- Deluxe Air-Conditioned Motor Coach
- 9-nights first-class hotels and Hotel Tax
- Breakfast Daily, 1- Lunch, 2- Dinners
- Gratuities for Included Meals
- Life Enriching Sightseeing and admissions
- Professional Local Guides
- Winery visit, tasting and regional cuisine
- Baggage Handling (1 bag each)

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE- meals, beverages not listed, passport and visa fees, recommended gratuities-coach driver \$4 ea p/day, local guides \$2 each

TOUR COSTS per person/double occupancy

\$1990 minimum 27 travelers

\$2190 minimum 22 travelers

\$2390 minimum 17 travelers

Single Traveler add \$495

Price subject to change due to currency fluctuation

AIRFARE COST* per person

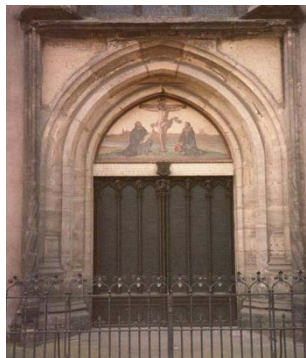
Departure from San Francisco, CA from \$1200

Additional cities available nationwide

*Price confirmed 11-months prior to travel dates

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Moderate Active

TRIP INSURANCE: Contact LutherTours for detail



Day 1 Depart USA for Berlin, Germany

Day 2 Willkommen in Deutschland! (B, D)

Upon arrival in Berlin our group will be met by a local guide and escorted to the waiting motor coach. We begin our tour of the fascinating city of Berlin with the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church- the symbolic centre of West Berlin and anti-war memorial to peace and reconciliation. We visit the Berliner Dom (Evangelical Cathedral) Berlin's largest and most important Protestant church, view the location of Checkpoint Charlie well-known border crossing of Cold-War days and the world famous Brandenburg Gate. Next, we visit the Reichstag with its beautiful rooftop dome and spectacular panoramic views of the city. Tonight we meet for our group "welcome to Germany" dinner. **Overnight Berlin**

Day 3 Berlin (B)

Today is at leisure to enjoy the city on our own. You may choose to revisit some of the sights on our sightseeing tour or visit one of the many museums such as the *Pergamon Museum* housing an outstanding collection of Grecian and Babylonian art and architecture such as the great and colorful "walls of Babylon" brought here by German archeologists, the DDR Museum a hands-on experience of history, exhibitions show the daily life in East Germany (known in German as the Deutsche Demokratische Republik or DDR) or perhaps a visit to the popular KaDeWe Department Store for some shopping and dining at the world-famous food stalls. **Overnight Berlin**

Day 4 Wittenberg, Int'l Lutheran Center (B)

This morning after breakfast, we board the coach for a short drive through the German countryside to Lutherstadt Wittenberg, also known as "the Cradle of the Reformation". Here, we will visit some of the most important sites of the Reformation including the places where Luther walked with his fellow Reformation colleagues and the most historic sights of Luther's life and work. Our walking tour begins at the inspiring **Schlosskirche** (Castle Church) with its historic 95 theses door (*currently under refurbishment, some area may be inaccessible*). We visit the beautiful St. Mary's Church where Luther preached and where his children were baptized. Be sure to view the amazing detail in the Reformation theme altar painted by Lucas Cranach. Afterwards, we visit the Lutherhalle (Luther House Museum) home to the largest collection of Reformation artifacts in the world. Next, we tour the new International Lutheran Center.

Overnight Wittenberg

Day 5 Leipzig, Erfurt (B)

Today we visit Leipzig, our walking tour includes the history of the life of Luther and J.S. Bach. We visit St. Thomas Church built in the 12th century, where Luther preached and where Bach worked as Kantor and is buried, St. Nicolai Church built 1165 the home of the faithful "pray for peace" Christians and the powerful force that transformed Germany's east and west in 1989. Time at leisure for lunch, afterwards, we continue to Erfurt, where Luther decided to turn to theology and the monastic life

when caught in a violent thunderstorm. Our walking tour includes St. Mary's Cathedral and the Church of St. Severus, where Luther was ordained, the Augustinian Monastery where Luther lived and created the "Luther Rose". **Overnight Erfurt**

Day 6 Wartburg Castle, Lutherweg ("Luther Way"), Eisenach (B)

Today we drive to nearby Eisenach and the magnificent Wartburg Castle, where Luther took refuge while he translated the New Testament into the German language. Enjoy a coach ride to the castle, or walk along the Lutherweg ("Luther Way"), a leisurely hike takes you along the same path traveled by Luther, return to Eisenach via the same path or onboard our coach. Afterwards, our walking tour of the town includes a visit to St. George Church, the Lutherhaus and the Bach Museum, housing an extensive collection of instruments from the 16th to 19th century and a permanent exhibition on the life and work of J. S. Bach. We'll attend a musical performance on historical instruments. After a stop for lunch in the lively market square we return to Erfurt. **Overnight Erfurt**

Day 7 Coburg, Franconia Wine Region (B,L)

Today we visit the lovely city of Coburg and the famous Veste Coburg, the mighty fortress where Luther took refuge and lived during the Augsburg Confession. We'll tour the Luther Room, view the art treasures and the royal building with the Luther Chapel. This afternoon we visit a premier winery to learn about the wine making history of this region including wine tasting of superb quality wines accompanied by local cuisine. Cheers and bon appetite! Before returning to Coburg we visit a nearby village and home to some of Germany's most talented artists of the Upper-Bavarian region, such as Germany's traditional art of glass-blowing to see how Germany's beautiful glass Christmas ornaments are made in the old-world German tradition or the popular German treasure- art of wood carving including world-famous nutcrackers and Christmas pyramids. Time to shop for hand-made souvenirs. **Overnight Wine Region**

Day 8 Augsburg, Munich (B)

After breakfast we drive through the Germany countryside to Munich- the fun-filled capital of Bavaria. Along the way we will stop at the medieval city of Augsburg where in 1530 followers of Martin Luther read the Augsburg Confession before the Holy Roman Emperor Charles V, a major milestone in the history of the Reformation. Our guide will lead us on a tour of the famous Renaissance Town Hall and St. Anne's Church where Luther stayed in 1518 during his meetings with Cardinal Cajetan, sent to persuade Luther to renounce his views. Next, we continue to Munich. Our sightseeing includes some of the most beautiful sights such as; the King's Square with its 3 temple buildings in the classical Greek style, the Hall of Generals, the Angel of Peace monument, Maximilianeum State Parliament, the Royal Palace, Karl Square and view the elaborate Palace of Nymphenburg. Time on our own in the Marienplatz (town center) to view the Glockenspiel. **Overnight Munich**

Day 9 Munich, Andechs Klosterbrauerei (B)

Today you may choose to enjoy the city on your own or visit Andechs Klosterbrauerei and the amazing awe-inspiring view from Holy Mountain overlooking the shimmering blue waters of Lake Ammersee. Using public transit, Pr. Klemsz will escort you to this popular pilgrimage site including a 17th-century Gothic church with onion-domed tower, a modern brewery and beer garden. **Overnight Munich**

Day 10 Bavarian Castle, Zugspitze Cable-car Ride, Oberammergau (B, D)

After breakfast we enjoy a picturesque drive through the beautiful **Bavarian Alps** to visit **Linderhof Palace**, the famous fairytale palace of "mad" King Ludwig. We will tour the palace with its ornate suites and Venus fern grotto. Next, an awe-inspiring ride to the top of Zugspitze Peak, from cog wheel train to cable car, as we ascend to the highest peak in Germany, offering spectacular panoramic views of 4 countries. Refresh in the pristine mountain air and enjoy a mountain-high lunch (not included) at the restaurant at the top! Before returning to Munich, we stop at the quaint alpine village of Oberammergau with its famous painted houses, wood carving studios and home to the theater that hosts the famous Passion Play once every 10-years. We'll have time to peruse the village shops before returning to Munich. This evening we meet for our farewell dinner at the world famous Hofbrauhaus Restaurant with authentic Bavaria food, music and entertainment. **Overnight Munich**

Day 11 Departure to USA (B)

B-Breakfast, D-Dinner

PAYMENT INFORMATION

2 Easy Ways to Register

Submit a Reservation Form & \$350pp Deposit

Visit www.luthertours.com, click Contact Us

#1 Complete the Reservation Form and submit a \$350 per person credit card payment online

#2 Click Download Reservation Form to print, complete and mail your form along with your \$350 per person deposit to:

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All travelers must travel with a passport valid for at least 6-months beyond your return travel date.

Non-US passport holders contact LT for credentials required to travel. Prices and group flight arrangements are confirmed 11-months prior to travel dates. Itinerary is subject to change. Please be aware of the LutherTours Terms and Conditions of Travel and Cancellation policy- a copy is available by contacting LT or online at www.luthertours.com.

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