

GERMANY:

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF
MARTIN LUTHER
CELEBRATING 500 YEARS
OF THE REFORMATION

April 26 – May 8, 2017 13 Days

Guided by Larry Trachte
Hosted by President Darrel and Christy Colson

To celebrate the Reformation Jubilee, Christy and I are inviting you to join us for this special tour of Germany. Roaming the halls of the Wartburg Castle and visiting the Neuen-dettelsau campus of the Diakonie founded by Wilhelm Lohe will bring to life the rich history and distinctive mission of the College we love and serve.

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DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

WED 26 APR Depart Minneapolis/St. Paul

Your journey of faith and discovery begins today. Board your aircraft in Minneapolis/St. Paul for the overnight, transatlantic flight to Europe. (Meals in-flight)

THU 27 APR Arrive Berlin

Connect in Europe this morning with the continuing flight to Berlin. Upon arrival a local guide and your driver will be waiting to welcome you. Enjoy a panoramic overview tour of Berlin en route to the hotel. In the West, see the memorial along the famous Kurfurstendamm Street (Kudamm) – Kaiser Wilhelm Gedächtniskirche (Memorial Church), which represents the horrors of war and the promise of the future. In the East, see the Brandenburg Gate, once the symbol of the division of West and East and now of unified Berlin. Drive past the site of Hitler's bunker to a remaining portion of the wall that separated East and West Berlin during the Cold War until the fall of Communism in 1989. After hotel check-in and time to refresh, gather for a welcome dinner at a restaurant near the hotel. Hotel Amano (Meals in-flight, D) <http://www.amanogroup.de/en/hotels/amano>

FRI 28 APR Berlin

This morning visit a special exhibit presented by the German Historical Museum in honor of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation: "The Luther Effect" at the Martin-Gropius-Bau. What traces of Protestantism can be found in other denominations, religions and concepts of life? How did it change itself through these encounters – and not least of all, in what ways have people adopted and appropriated the Protestant doctrine, how have they shaped it and lived it? The exhibition tells a global story of effect and counter-effect that begins around 1500 and continues on into the present. Enjoy a free afternoon to explore Berlin. This evening attend a performance at the historic FriedrichstadtPalast Theater, which is known for its unique shows. Hotel Amano (B)

SAT 29 APR Berlin/Wittenberg

Depart Berlin for Lutherstadt Wittenberg, home of Martin and Katie Luther for 36 years. Upon arrival take a tour of the town including visits to the Castle Church, where Luther posted his 95 Theses; St. Mary's Church, where he preferred to preach; and the Lutherhaus, which was Martin and Katie's home and is now the world's largest Reformation museum. Attend a Wartburg College Choir concert this afternoon. Luther Hotel (B) http://www.luther-hotel-wittenberg.de/no_cache/en/

SUN 30 APR Wittenberg/Neuendettelsau

Worship in Wittenberg this morning. Then travel to Neuendettelsau where the Reverend Wilhelm Löhe founded an institute for deaconesses, the Diakonie Neuendettelsau, in 1854. Today it is one of the major independent Christian institutions for social welfare work in Germany. The city is also home to a Lutheran seminary. Wartburg College traces its roots to 1852, when Rev. Löhe sent Pastor Georg Grossmann to America to work as a missionary of the Lutheran faith. Check in at your cozy country hotel for a three-night stay. Hotel Sonne (B,D) www.landhotel-sonne.com/die-sonne.html

MON 01 MAY Neuendettelsau

Enjoy a day trip to Rothenburg ob der Tauber, one of the oldest and most historic of the medieval towns along the Romantic Road. Half-timbered houses line the cobblestone lanes of its old town. The town walls include many preserved gate houses and towers, plus a covered walkway on

In recognition of your leadership and service to Wartburg College, and in celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, President Darrel and Christy Colson invite you to join them for an extraordinary travel opportunity to Germany.

Highlights of the trip will include:

- Martin Luther's legacy in Wittenberg
- The Wartburg Choir concert in the Wartburg Castle
- Neuendettelsau – the "birthplace" of Wartburg College

Space is limited, so make plans early to experience the 500th anniversary of the Reformation and learn about Wartburg's distinctive heritage.

top. St. Jakob's Church houses an intricate, late Gothic altarpiece by woodcarver Tilman Riemenschneider. The medieval Town Hall has a tower with panoramic views. After an introduction to the town, explore at your leisure. Perhaps stop at the famous Käthe Wohlfahrt Christmas store. Return to Neuendettelsau and attend a Wartburg College Choir concert. Hotel Sonne (B)

TUE 02 MAY Neuendettelsau

Today's destination is Nürnberg, the first city to embrace Reformation thought. The Old Town was demolished in WW II and has been lovingly restored to its former medieval charm. Drive by the parade grounds where Hitler displayed his massive army, and the courthouse where the famous Nürnberg Trials were held. Visit the Nazi Documentation Center. Stroll through the Old Town seeing the historic St. Sebald Church and St. Lorenz Church, one of the most important Lutheran churches in Bavaria. Return to Neuendettelsau. Hotel Sonne (B)

WED 03 MAY Neuendettelsau/Eisenach

Travel to Eisenach, where Martin Luther attended parish school as a youth and where Johann Sebastian Bach was born in 1685. Take a walking tour through town passing Cotta House where Luther lodged as a schoolboy and visit St. George's Church where Luther sang in the choir as a boy and where Bach was baptized. Check in at the hotel for dinner and overnight. Attend a Wartburg College Choir performance this evening. Hotel Kaiserhof (B, D) www.kaiserhof-eisenach.de/hotel/herzlich-willkommen-im-kaiserhof

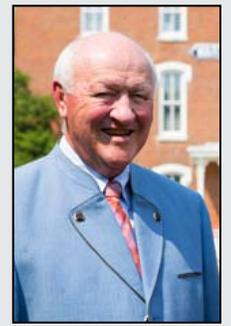
THU 04 MAY Eisenach

Wartburg College is named after one of Europe's best-known landmarks, the Wartburg Castle. The Wartburg Castle is a fortress built in 1067 overlooking Eisenach. During the stormy days of the 16th-century Reformation, the castle provided a refuge for Martin Luther. It was here that he retreated after returning from the Worms debate and where he translated the New Testament from its original Greek into common German. Enjoy a tour of the castle arranged through the special relationship of Wartburg College with Wartburg Castle. This afternoon tour the Bach Haus where the young J.S. Bach lived. Hotel Kaiserhof (B)

FRI 05 MAY Eisenach

Make a sobering visit to Buchenwald concentration camp. Between July 1937 and April 1945, altogether 250,000 persons from all countries of Europe were imprisoned in Buchenwald, including the Lutheran pastor, Dietrich Bonhoeffer. The

The Rev. Larry Trachte '66, retired Wartburg campus pastor, has been sharing his love for travel, people, and cultures by leading Wartburg alumni tours to Germany and Europe for more than 30 years. In



2017, he will lead a once-in-a-lifetime tour to Germany to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the birth of the Reformation, an important religious, historical, and cultural event that changed the world forever.

number of victims is estimated at approximately 56,000. After lunch on own in Weimar, continue to Erfurt, where Luther studied in the university. On July 2, 1505, during a violent thunderstorm, Martin Luther vowed to become a monk. On July 17, Luther walked through the gates of Erfurt's Augustinian Monastery to enter monastic life. Tour the Augustinian Cloister; the monastery is now a home to Protestant nuns. Also visit the Cathedral where he was ordained a priest. Return to Eisenach for an evening on own. Hotel Kaiserhof (B)

SAT 06 MAY Eisenach

Depart for a visit to the Merkers salt mines, which have a long history of salt extraction, and hold the record for concealing large amounts of Nazi gold during World War II. A hundred tons of gold and many works of art presumed to be stolen were discovered here by the liberating United States Army in 1945. Visitors are lowered in a hoisting cage at over almost 165 feet per second down to the galleries. There they are driven on 12.5 mile long tour of the mine seeing an underground mining museum, a room where the Nazi horde was stored, the world's largest underground bucket-wheel excavator, simulated blasting and a laser show in the world's largest underground concert hall. Also visit a remarkable crystal grotto with enormous salt crystals. Continue to the Point Alpha Memorial on the site of a Cold War observation point between West and East Germany. Return to Eisenach. Hotel Kaiserhof (B)

SUN 07 MAY Eisenach/Boppard

Attend worship at St. George's Church during which the Wartburg College Choir will be singing. Drive from Eisenach to the Rhine River to embark on a cruise from Rudesheim to Boppard passing by picturesque towns, vineyards and castles atop the hills. Arrive at your hotel overlooking the Rhine River. After check-in, gather for a festive farewell dinner at the hotel. Bellevue Rheinhof (Rhine view rooms) (B, D) <http://www.bellevue-boppard.de/en/>

MON 08 MAY Boppard/Return to Mpls-St. Paul

This morning transfer to Frankfurt Airport for the return flights to the U.S. Arrive home this same day enriched with your journey of faith, friendship and discovery. (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 December 16, 2016. Final payment is due February 22, 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 December 15, 2016 - \$100 per person administrative fee plus any unrecoverable deposits; December 16, 2016 - April 13, 2017 - Deposit plus any unrecoverable payments to hotels, tour operators or airlines; April 14, 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 December 16, 2016. 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?

- AIRFARE:** Round-trip economy class airfare from Minneapolis/St. Paul via Delta Airlines or other ARC/IATA approved scheduled carrier.
- ACCOMMODATION:** Eleven nights accommodation in superior tourist and first class hotels, double occupancy, with private facilities. Hotels as listed or similar.
- MEALS:** Breakfast daily and four dinners as outlined in the itinerary.
- GROUND TRANSPORT:** Transfers and transportation by deluxe motorcoach from arrival in Berlin to departure from Frankfurt.
- SIGHTSEEING:** Extensive sightseeing throughout; entrance fees included as per the itinerary.
- EXPERT GUIDES:** Experienced English-speaking local guides for: Berlin city tour; Bachhaus, Eisenach; Buchenwald Concentration Camp; Cathedral, Erfurt; Augustiner Kloster, Erfurt; Merkers Salt Mine.
- THE REV. LARRY TRACHTÉ** serving as your expert host and guide.
- PORTERAGE:** Luggage handling of one piece per person where available (currently not available in Wittenberg and Eisenach).
- GRATUITIES:** Gratuities to drivers and guides (for your convenience, \$83 per person has been included).
- TAXES:** Airport/foreign departure taxes (currently \$691 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.

COST SUMMARY

\$ 4245

From Minneapolis/St. Paul

Tour Gratuities (\$83)..... Included
 Airport /Departures Taxes (\$691)..... Included
 *Costs per person based on double occupancy in USD

Optional Individual Supplement

Single Room*.....\$565
 *In addition to base tour cost.
 Very limited availability on request basis.

Costs: The tour cost is per person based on current airfare from Minneapolis/St. Paul (other cities available), double occupancy, tariffs and currency valuations as of March 2016, a minimum of 44 travelers, 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.
- 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.

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

RESERVATION APPLICATION • APPLY ONLINE AT: WWW.GTD.ORG G#170401 • 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 _____ I will pay the supplement for a single room.

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.

FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS (please check one)

- I/We will take the group flights from Mpls/St. Paul.
- I/We will need assistance with flight arrangements from _____ airport to join the group.
- I/We will make all of my own flight arrangements.
Please contact GTD for land-only rates.

DEPOSIT/TRAVEL INSURANCE (please check one)

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

\$ _____ \$697 per person **inclusive of travel insurance.**

\$ _____ \$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#170401

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 _____



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

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| 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 \$4500 per person
 ** a maximum of \$6750 per person

Cost of this optional GTD Travel Insurance is \$248 per person. 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.*

CONDITIONS AND RESPONSIBILITY

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prices, the U.S. dollar is devalued significantly against foreign currencies, the group falls below minimum numbers, or a fuel surcharge, government tax or user's fee is imposed. Baggage and personal effects are the sole responsibility of the owners at all times. GTD reserves the right to withdraw from any tour any tour member whose conduct is incompatible with the interests of the group as a whole. The above Conditions and Responsibility also covers the group leader(s) and their respective organizations.

NOTE TO OUR TRAVELERS:

Please be assured that GTD continually monitors industry events, such as airline strikes and bankruptcies, etc. If any such events affect your tour, you will be notified. At the time this tour was developed there was not a U.S. State Department Travel Warning in effect for this destination; please refer to the following website for current information or call Group Travel Directors. <http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/alertswarnings.html>

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