



Midvale Community Lutheran Church

GERMANY:

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

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June 14-24, 2017 11 days

Hosted by Pastors
Katie Beardseth and Blake Rohrer

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

WED 14 JUN

Depart U.S.

Your journey of faith and discovery begins today. Board your transatlantic, overnight flight from Chicago to Europe. (Meals in-flight)

THU 15 JUN

Arrive Berlin

Connect in Europe this morning with the continuing flight to Berlin. Upon arrival your national guide and 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 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 the hotel. Hotel Amano (Meals in-flight, D) <http://www.amanogroup.de/en/hotels/amano>

FRI 16 JUN

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 an afternoon and evening at leisure to explore Berlin. Hotel Amano (B)

SAT 17 JUN

Berlin/Wittenberg

Travel to Lutherstadt Wittenberg, home of Martin and Katie Luther for 36 years. Upon arrival take a locally guided 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 Lutherhalle, which was Martin and Katie’s home and is now the world’s largest Reformation museum. Attend Saturday 5 p.m. worship



Please join us on a spiritual pilgrimage as we commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. In October, 1517, Martin Luther instigated a time of renewal that would forever change the Christian faith and our world. In 2017, our hope and prayer is that you will be renewed in faith and experience the power of God’s grace for you as, together, we explore



the sites that were central to Luther’s life. We will worship in Wittenberg at one of the churches where Luther frequently preached. We will learn how the reformation had an impact on music and culture worldwide through special exhibits for this 500th anniversary. Our itinerary offers the promise of a fascinating and life-changing trip. We have been Lutheran pastors for nearly twenty years, and it has always been a hope to visit these sites. It would be a privilege to do so with you in this special anniversary year!

– Pastors Katie Baardseth and Blake Rohrer

in English at one of the local churches. Check in at the hotel for dinner and overnight. Acron Hotel (B, D) <http://www.wittenberg-acron.de>

SUN 18 JUN Wittenberg/Leipzig/Wittenberg

Enjoy an excursion to Leipzig. Over the centuries Leipzig has been known as the center of commerce and trade fairs, especially in publishing. Its many publishing houses and libraries still attest to this tradition. During the tour visit Market Square and see the beautifully restored commercial buildings. Enter the Nikolaikirche, the center of the peaceful demonstrations that brought about the fall of Communism in 1989. Visit the Thomaskirche, where Bach was organist for 27 years and where Luther preached in 1539, and tour the Bach Museum. Return to Wittenberg and enjoy a Luther themed dinner. Acron Hotel (B, D)

MON 19 JUN Wittenberg/Eisleben/Erfurt

Depart for Eisleben, where Martin Luther was born on November 10, 1483, and died on February 18, 1546. Visit the late Gothic house where Luther was born and the house where he died, both now museums depicting different phases of Luther’s life. Also see the church of St. Peter and Paul where he was baptized, St. Andrew’s church where he laid in state, and Market Square with its Luther Memorial. Continue to Erfurt where Martin Luther attended university and entered the monastic life here—this is his spiritual home. Visit the old synagogue and enjoy a bit of free time at the Merchant’s Bridge before hotel check in. B.W. Excelsior (B, D) <https://www.bestwestern.de/hotels/Erfurt/BEST-WESTERN-PLUS-Hotel-Excelsior/index.html>

TUE 20 JUN Erfurt/Eisenach/Erfurt

Travel to nearby 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 the Bach Haus where the young J.S. Bach lived. If available, attend an organ concert at St. George’s Church where Luther sang in the choir as a boy and where Bach was baptized. Tour Wartburg Castle; it was here that Luther retreated after returning from the Worms debate and where he translated the New Testament from its original Greek into common German. This afternoon return to Erfurt. 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. B.W. Excelsior (B)

WED 21 JUN

Erfurt/Nürnberg

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. Take a walking tour of the Old Town including the restored home of the Renaissance painter Albrecht Dürer. Enjoy a bit of time to explore on your own in the marktplatz - sample some of the city’s tasty lebkuchen (gingerbread) or visit one of the Christmas shops. Check in at your hotel for dinner and overnight. B.W. Nürnberg am Hauptbahnhof (B, D) <https://www.bestwestern.de/hotels/Nuernberg/BEST-WESTERN-Hotel-Nuernberg-am-Hauptbahnhof/index.html>

THU 22 JUN Nürnberg/Augsburg/Munich

Drive to Augsburg, where Martin Luther debated on the authority of the Bible, Church, and Pope: creed, conscience, and freedom. At the Imperial Diet of 1530 the Confession of Augsburg was declared and today it forms the basis of doctrine for some sixty evangelical churches. Actually, Augsburg has been a melting pot of many reformative movements: Zwinglians, Lutherans and Anabaptists as well as others. Learn about this remarkable history during a tour of the city and a visit to St. Annakirche with a painting of Luther by Lucas Cranach (Luther stayed here in October 1518). Visit the Church of the Holy Cross and Luther’s “Dahinab,” part of the city wall where Luther secretly fled the city in 1518. En route to Munich make a sobering visit to Dachau WWII Concentration Camp. Continue to Munich, the “Big Apple” of Bavaria. The city is known for its unique sense of conviviality or “gemütlichkeit” with which locals live life and visitors are welcomed. Hotel St. Paul (B, D) <http://www.hotel-stpaul.de/EN/home.html>

FRI 23 JUN

Munich

This morning drive into the Alps to visit one of the castles built by King Ludwig II, the fairytale Neuschwanstein Castle. Return to Munich for a walking tour of the centrum highlighting landmarks such as Frauenkirche, the late-Gothic cathedral, which is a signature image of the city. Hear the chimes of the famed glockenspiel at Marienplatz. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner at the famous Hofbräuhaus. Hotel St. Paul (B, D)

SAT 24 JUN

Munich/Return to U.S

This morning transfer to Munich 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 \$395 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 February 10, 2017. Final payment is due April 10, 2017. **The tour price is based upon cash payment.**

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 February 9, 2017 - \$100 per person administrative fee plus any unrecoverable deposits; February 10 – May 30, 2017 – Deposit plus any unrecoverable payments to hotels, tour operators or airlines; May 31, 2017 – 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 10, 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.

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- AIRFARE:** Round-trip economy class airfare from Chicago via an ARC/IATA approved scheduled carrier.
- ACCOMMODATION:** Nine nights accommodation in superior tourist and first class hotels, double occupancy, with private facilities. Hotels as listed or similar.
- MEALS:** Breakfast daily and seven dinners as outlined in the itinerary.
- GROUND TRANSPORT:** Transfers and transportation by deluxe motorcoach.
- SIGHTSEEING:** Extensive sightseeing throughout; entrance fees included.
- PORTERAGE:** Luggage handling of one piece per person (not available in Nürnberg).
- EXPERT GUIDES:** An experienced English-speaking tour guide from arrival in Berlin through departure from Munich.
- GRATUITIES:** Gratuities to drivers and guides (for your convenience, \$98 per person has been included).
- TAXES:** Airport/foreign departure taxes (currently \$727 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

\$ 4595

From Chicago

Tour Gratuities (\$98)..... Included
 Airport /Departures Taxes (\$727)..... Included
 *Costs per person based on double occupancy in USD

Optional Individual Supplement

Single Room*.....\$400
 *In addition to base tour cost.
 Very limited availability on request basis.

Costs: The tour cost is per person based on current airfare from Chicago (other cities available), double occupancy, tariffs and currency valuations as of January 2016, a minimum of 22 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.

RESERVATION APPLICATION • APPLY ONLINE AT: WWW.GTD.ORG G#170604 • 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 _____ 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 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:

- \$ _____ \$668 per person **inclusive of travel insurance.**
- \$ _____ \$395 per person **without travel insurance.**
 I/We decline now, but understand it can be purchased later without the pre- existing waiver.

Please make checks payable to Group Travel Directors G#170604

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

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. 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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