

Lord of Life Lutheran Church

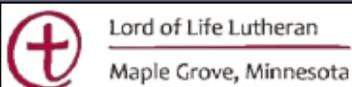
# GERMANY:

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

October 13-22, 2017 10 Days

Optional extension to Prague: October 22-24

Hosted by Pastor Donna Rohrer



## DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

### FRI 13 OCT

### Depart U.S.

Begin your journey of discovery and faith today. Depart the U.S. on your transatlantic overnight flight to Europe. (Meals in-flight)

### SAT 14 OCT

### Arrive Munich

Connect in Europe this morning with the continuing flight to Munich. Upon arrival your national guide and driver will welcome you. Drive into the Alps to visit King Ludwig II's Rococo Linderhof Castle. Return to Munich for a short walking tour of the centrum highlighting landmarks such as Frauenkirche, the late-Gothic cathedral, which is a signature image of the city. Time permitting, hear the chimes of the famed glockenspiel at Marienplatz. After hotel check-in, gather for this evening's welcome dinner at the famous Hofbräuhaus. Hotel Derag Deutsches Museum (Meals in-flight, D) [www.deraghotels.de/hotel-am-deutschen-museum-muenchen/en/](http://www.deraghotels.de/hotel-am-deutschen-museum-muenchen/en/)

### SUN 15 OCT

### Munich/Augsburg/Nürnberg

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. 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. Visit the Church of the Holy Cross and Luther's "Dahinab," part of the city wall where Luther secretly fled the city in 1518. Continue to Nürnberg, the first city to embrace Reformation thought. Tour by coach the outer environs passing by the parade grounds where Hitler displayed his massive army, and the courthouse where the famous Nürnberg Trials were held. InterCity Nürnberg (B, D) [www.intercityhotel.com/en/hotels/all-hotels/germany/nuremberg/intercityhotel-nuernberg](http://www.intercityhotel.com/en/hotels/all-hotels/germany/nuremberg/intercityhotel-nuernberg)

### MON 16 OCT

### Nürnberg/Erfurt

Take a morning guided tour of 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. Walk through the Old Town. Enjoy lunch on your own, then board your coach for 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



On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany, an act that sparked the Protestant Reformation. Join me in Germany to celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation in 2017. We will visit Eisleben, where Luther was born; Wittenberg, where he taught; Worms where he stood against the empire and the church for his belief in the Word of God; Wartburg Castle where he translated



the New Testament into German. We will also visit some places and learn more about the Lutheran pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who gave his life in defiance of Hitler. An optional extension to Prague is also offered. Join me for the

opportunity for spiritual growth, history, a broader understanding of who we are as followers of Luther, and FUN!

—Donna Rohrer

he was ordained a priest. Check in at your hotel for dinner and overnight. Excelsior Hotel (B, D) <https://www.bestwestern.de/hotels/Erfurt/BEST-WESTERN-PLUS-Hotel-Excelsior>

### TUE 17 OCT

### 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. Visit the Georgenkirche where Luther preached. 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, and enjoy a recital of Bach music played on period instruments. 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 for time at leisure. Perhaps explore the shops of the medieval Merchant's Bridge, which is lined with half-timbered buildings on both sides. Excelsior Hotel (B)

### WED 18 OCT

### Erfurt/Eisleben/Leipzig

Depart for Buchenwald Concentration Camp to walk a sobering pilgrimage through the grounds as a reminder of human cruelty during WWII. 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 number of victims is estimated at approximately 56,000. Continue to 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 Leipzig, city of Bach and books, for a two-night stay. This evening enjoy dinner at Auerbach's Keller, mentioned in Goethe's "Faust." Seaside Park Hotel (B, D) <http://www.parkhotelleipzig.de/en/hotel.html>

### THU 19 OCT

### Leipzig

This morning take a guided tour of the city center of 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. The afternoon and evening are at leisure. Seaside Park Hotel (B)

### FRI 20 OCT

### Leipzig/Wittenberg/Berlin

This morning drive to Lutherstadt Wittenberg, home of Martin and Katie Luther for 36 years. Enjoy 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. Continue on to Berlin, the capital of Germany. Check in at the hotel for dinner and overnight. Hotel Dietrich Bonhoeffer Haus (B, D) [www.hotel-dietrich-bonhoeffer.de](http://www.hotel-dietrich-bonhoeffer.de)

### SAT 21 OCT

### Berlin

In Berlin 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. Gather for a farewell dinner this evening. Hotel Dietrich Bonhoeffer Haus (B, D)

### SUN 22 OCT

### Berlin/Return to U.S.

This morning transfer to the Berlin airport for the return flights to the U.S. Arrive home this same day enriched with your journey of faith, friendship and discovery. Or depart to Prague on an optional two-day extension. (B, Meals in-flight)

## PRAGUE EXTENSION

### SUN 22 OCT

### Berlin/Prague

Board a train this morning for the trip to Prague. Upon early afternoon arrival meet a local guide and embark on a walking tour of Josefov, the Old Jewish Quarter which houses Europe's oldest synagogue and cemetery. A children's museum here shows artwork of the children who were housed in Terezin concentration camp outside of Prague. Check in at your hotel for dinner and overnight. Hotel Melantrich (D) [www.hotelmelantrich.cz](http://www.hotelmelantrich.cz)

### MON 23 OCT

### Prague

Enjoy a full day of touring featuring the Prague Castle, St. Vitus Cathedral and Vladislav Hall. Tour Old Town, with its famous clock tower at the Town Hall and, of course, stroll the elegant Charles Bridge. This evening enjoy a traditional Czech dinner with entertainment. Hotel Melantrich (B, D)

### TUE 24 OCT

### Return to U.S.

Transfer to the airport for your homebound flights to the United States. (B, 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 June 9, 2017. Final payment is due August 9, 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 June 8, 2017 - \$100 per person administrative fee plus any unrecoverable deposits; June 9 - September 28, 2017 - Deposit plus any unrecoverable payments to hotels, tour operators or airlines; September 29, 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 June 9, 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 Minneapolis/St. Paul via Delta Air Lines or other ARC/IATA approved scheduled carrier.
- ACCOMMODATION:** Eight nights accommodation in superior tourist and first class hotels, double occupancy, with private facilities. Hotels as listed or similar.
- MEALS:** Breakfast daily and six 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 with the exception of Bonhoeffer Haus in Berlin.
- EXPERT GUIDES:** An experienced English-speaking tour guide from arrival in Munich through departure from Berlin.
- GRATUITIES:** Gratuities to drivers and guides (for your convenience, \$102 per person has been included).
- TAXES:** Airport/foreign departure taxes (currently \$708 per person).
- ALL THE INFO YOU NEED:** Comprehensive documentation including travel accessory, bag tags, name badges, flight and land itineraries, destination literature, customs information, travel tips and more.

**PRE-EXISTING medical conditions and other circumstances are covered when travel protection is purchased within 14 days of registration. Contact Travel Insured for more info. 800-243-3174**

**COST SUMMARY**

**\$4299**

From Minneapolis/St. Paul  
 Tour Gratuities (\$102).....Included  
 Airport /Departures Taxes (\$708).....Included  
 Costs per person based on double occupancy in USD

**Optional Individual Supplement**

Single Room.....\$449  
 In addition to base tour cost. Limited availability.

**Optional Prague Extension.....\$699**

Includes: Two nights in superior tourist or first class hotel, double occupancy; breakfast/dinner daily; transfers/transportation by deluxe motorcoach and second class train; entrance fees; experienced English-speaking guides from arrival in Prague to departure from Prague; gratuities to drivers and guides; note that luggage handling is not available at the Hotel Melantrich.

**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 July 2016, a minimum of 20 travelers (10 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.
- Beverages other than coffee/tea at breakfast.
- Any meal or sightseeing item not listed in the itinerary.
- Items of a personal nature.
- Optional travel protection: trip cancellation/interruption, baggage delay/loss, emergency accident and sickness medical expense, and emergency evacuation/repatriation. Please refer to the Travel Protection 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#171004 • 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.  Sign me/us up for the Prague extension.

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.

**DEPOSIT/TRAVEL PROTECTION (please check one)**

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ space(s) for me/us; we choose the following deposit option:  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$648 per person **inclusive of travel protection for the main tour only.**  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$673 per person **inclusive of travel protection for the main tour and Prague extension.**  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$400 per person **without travel protection.**  
 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#171004

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 protection is optional, but we encourage all travelers to purchase a plan. GTD offers an extensive and competitively priced plan from Travel Insured International. Travel protection can help provide coverage for trip cancellation/interruption, baggage delay/loss, emergency accident and sickness medical expense, and emergency evacuation/repatriation. If you decline coverage at the time of reservation, you may purchase it later, but the Pre-existing Conditions Waiver is available only if the plan is purchased within 14 days of the initial trip deposit. You may contact Travel Insured International for further information before making your decision: 800-243-3174. Review your Plan Document for Schedule of Benefits and Plan Details.

**GTD TRAVEL PROTECTION 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 \$4500 per person  
 \*\* a maximum of \$6750 per person

Cost of this optional GTD Travel Protection is \$248 per person (\$273 with the optional extension). Additional coverage provided as needed; the full cost of your tour must be covered. Travel protection is non-refundable fourteen days after you purchase a plan.



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**EXCLUSIONS & LIMITATIONS**

Insurance benefits are not payable for any loss due to, arising or resulting from: suicide, attempted suicide or any intentionally self-inflicted injury of You, a Traveling Companion, Family Member or Business Partner booked to travel with You, while sane or insane; an act of declared or undeclared war; participating in maneuvers or training exercises of an armed service, except while participating in weekend or summer training for the reserve forces of the United States, including the National Guard; riding or driving in races, or speed or endurance competitions or events; mountaineering (engaging in the sport of scaling mountains generally requiring the use of picks, ropes, or other special equipment); participating as a member of a team in an organized sporting competition or participating as a professional in a stunt, athletic or sporting event or competition; participating in bodily contact sports, skydiving or parachuting, hang gliding, or bungee cord jumping; piloting or learning to pilot or acting as a member of the crew of any aircraft; being Intoxicated as defined herein, or under the influence of any controlled substance unless as administered or prescribed by a Legally Qualified Physician; the commission of or attempt to commit a felony or being engaged in an illegal occupation; normal childbirth or pregnancy (except Complications of Pregnancy) or voluntarily induced abortion; dental treatment (except as coverage is otherwise specifically provided herein); amounts which exceed the Maximum Benefit Amount for each coverage as shown in the Schedule of Benefits; due to a Pre-Existing Condition, as defined in the Certificate. The Pre-Existing Condition Limitation does not apply to the Emergency Medical Evacuation or Return of Remains coverage; medical treatment during or arising from a Trip undertaken for the purpose or intent of securing medical treatment; due to loss or damage (including death or injury) and any associated cost or expense resulting directly from the discharge, explosion or use of any device, weapon or material employing or involving chemical, biological, radiological or similar agents, whether in time of peace or war, and regardless of who commits the act and regardless of any other sequence thereto.

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