

## Vacation Highlights

**BERLIN** - Welcome dinner; guided sightseeing, visit Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church

**JÜTERBOG** - See St. Nicholas Church

**DESSAU** - Visit Prince Georg III Library

**WITTENBERG** - Guided walking tour, see Luther House, visit St. Mary's Church and Melanchthon House

**TORGAU** - Visit the political center

**LEIPZIG** - Walking tour, visit the Thomaskirche and the market square

**MANSFELD** See Luther's parents' home

**EISLEBEN** - Visit Luther's Birthplace Museum and Death House Museum, St. Andrew's Church, and St. Peter & Paul Church

**ERFURT** - Visit the Augustinian Monastery and the Merchants' Bridge

**EISENACH** - Guided visit of Wartburg Castle, visit Luther House and St. George's Church; see the Luther & Bach Memorials, and Nikolai Church & Gate

**SCHMALKALDEN** - See St. George's Church

**COBURG** - Visit Coburg Fortress

**WORMS** - Visit the cathedral, Trinity Church, and the Reformation Monument

### RHINE CRUISE

**MAINZ** - Visit the Gutenberg Museum

**ROTHENBURG** - Walking tour, visit St. Jacob's Church

**NUREMBERG** - Walking tour, visit St. Lorenz Lutheran Church

**AUGSBURG** - Guided sightseeing

**MUNICH** - Guided sightseeing, visit Marienplatz; farewell dinner

Headsets throughout the tour

Inside visits and special features are shown in the description, including admission charges when applicable.

**MEALS** - Full buffet breakfast; 7 three-course dinners with wine, including a welcome dinner in Berlin and a farewell dinner in Munich

Motorcoach; boat cruise. Free Wi-Fi available on your motorcoach and in most hotel lobbies.

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## 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

October 29 - November 9, 2017

Starting from \$2,938.00 per person/ double occupancy





## Vacation Overview

2017 marks the 500 year anniversary of the Reformation and on this very special journey through key Reformation cities, follow in the footsteps of Martin Luther and see where it all began. There's no better way to build fellowship and community than with a welcome dinner in Berlin to meet your fellow traveling companions. Begin your tour with sightseeing in Berlin followed by a stop in Jüterbog to see St. Nicholas Church. In Dessau, visit Prince George III Library famed for its collection of works by Luther. Before arriving in Leipzig, stop in Torgau, the political center of the Reformation and where Martin Luther sanctified the first Protestant church. In Mansfeld, Luther's childhood town, see his parents' home. Continue to Eisleben and visit Luther's Birthplace Museum, Luther's Death House Museum, St. Andrew's Church, and St. Peter & Paul Church and in Erfurt visit the Augustinian Monastery. Enjoy a Rhine River cruise through the prettiest part of the Rhine Valley and in Mainz. End in Munich and visit Marienplatz with its Old and New Town Halls.

## Your Itinerary

### DAY 1 Arrive in Berlin, Germany

Welcome to Berlin! At 6 pm, meet your Tour Director and traveling companions, then enjoy this evening's welcome dinner with wine at your hotel. (Dinner)

### DAY 2 Berlin–Jüterbog–Dessau

Sightseeing with a Local Guide in the once-divided metropolis includes the elegant Ku'damm, the restored Reichstag, Charlottenburg Castle, a picture stop at monumental Brandenburg Gate, the Holocaust Memorial, and the 21-foot Victory Column in the vast Tiergarten park. Visit the KAISER WILHELM MEMORIAL CHURCH with its bomb-damaged tower, drive along Unter den Linden boulevard, and pass the State Opera House and Checkpoint Charlie. In the afternoon, on the way to Dessau, stop in Jüterbog to see St. Nicholas Church and hear about the Pulpit dispute. (Breakfast, Dinner)

### DAY 3 Dessau. Excursion To Wittenberg

In Dessau visit PRINCE GEORGE III LIBRARY with its collection of works by Luther. Your guided walking tour in Wittenberg takes in Luther House, where Martin Luther and his family lived, followed by a visit to the twin-towered, gothic ST. MARY'S CHURCH, where Luther preached the Reformation, got married (1525), and baptized his six children. Finally, see the door of the Castle Church where Luther posted his 95 Theses against the sale of indulgences—and launched the Reformation in 1517. A special visit has been included to the renaissance-style MELANCHTHON HOUSE, built in 1536 and today a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It belonged to Philipp Melancthon, Luther's closest friend and most successful co-worker. (Breakfast, Dinner)



## Your Itinerary Continues

### DAY 4 Dessau–Torgau–Leipzig

Visit Torgau, the political center of the Reformation, where in 1544 Martin Luther sanctified the first Protestant church. Arrive in Leipzig for your walking tour and visit the THOMASKIRCHE, where J.S. Bach worked. It is the home of the St. Thomas Boys Choir and a place of musical creativity. Also visit the market square that today is a site for celebrations and festivals, but once was the scene of executions and political demonstrations. (Breakfast, Dinner)

### DAY 5 Leipzig–Mansfeld–Eisleben–Erfurt

Today stop in Mansfeld, city of Martin Luther's childhood and see his parents' home. Next in Eisleben visit LUTHER'S BIRTHPLACE MUSEUM, LUTHER'S DEATH HOUSE MUSEUM, ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, and ST. PETER & PAUL CHURCH. Later, drive to Erfurt, where the fine gothic and renaissance buildings evoke memories of the days of Dominican Master Eckhart and Martin Luther, who spent his student days here before embarking on his journey to Wittenberg. Highlight of the day is a visit to the AUGUSTINIAN MONASTERY, where Luther lived as a monk, and the MERCHANTS' BRIDGE. (Breakfast)

### DAY 6 Erfurt. Excursion to Eisenach and Schmalkalden

Journey to Eisenach and enjoy a guided visit to WARTBURG CASTLE, where Luther translated the New Testament. Also visit LUTHER HOUSE, ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, and see the Luther and Bach Memorials, Nikolai Church and Gate, through which Luther passed whenever he entered or left Eisenach. Continue to medieval Schmalkalden, famous for the "Schmalkaldic League" and see St. George's Church. Return to Erfurt. (Breakfast, Dinner)

### DAY 7 Erfurt–Coburg–Mainz

In Coburg, where Luther stayed in 1530 for the Imperial Diet of Augsburg, visit fascinating COBURG FORTRESS, one of the largest surviving medieval fortresses in Germany. (Breakfast, Dinner)

### DAY 8 Mainz. Excursion to Worms & The Rhine Valley

In Worms, where the Imperial Council passed judgment on Luther in 1521, visit the CATHEDRAL where Luther presented his case, as well as TRINITY CHURCH and the famed REFORMATION MONUMENT. Later, enjoy a scenic RHINE CRUISE past castle-crested cliffs, terraced vineyards, and trim, half-timbered towns. Evening at leisure. (Breakfast)

### DAY 9 Mainz–Rothenburg–Nuremberg

This morning, visit the GUTENBERG MUSEUM in Mainz, where original copies of the Bible can be seen. Next is the medieval walled town of Rothenburg. During your walking tour, visit ST. JACOB'S CHURCH with the renowned Blood Altar. Afterwards, there is time to shop for Christmas ornaments, for which this picturesque town is world famous. Continue to Nuremberg, the first town to accept the Reformation in 1525. (Breakfast, Dinner)

### DAY 10 Nuremberg–Augsburg–Munich

Your walking tour in Nuremberg features the famous ST. LORENZ LUTHERAN CHURCH. Continue to Augsburg, where your guided sightseeing reveals the city where Luther and his followers proclaimed their beliefs. Arrive in Munich. (Breakfast)

### DAY 11 Munich

Sightseeing with a Local Guide of Germany's "Secret Capital" includes the Olympic Stadium, 1,000-foot-high Television Tower, MARIENPLATZ with the Old and the New Town Halls, and the gothic Frauenkirche. An optional excursion to Linderhof Castle and the Passion Play town of Oberammergau is available. Tonight, enjoy a farewell dinner with wine at your hotel. (Breakfast, Dinner)

### DAY 12 Munich

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning. (Breakfast)

