

Tour Code: AYSL17



Lutherland & Bavaria:

The Reformation 500th Anniversary Tour

SCHEDULED DEPARTURE

Oct. 24 - Nov. 4, 2017

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Mirabel Gardens, Salzburg



Linderhof Castle

Day 1: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 • Departure

Our journey begins as we board our international flight to Munich, Germany.

Day 2: Wednesday, October 25, 2017 • Munich

Upon our arrival in Munich, the fun-loving capital of Bavaria, we meet our tour leader and coach driver. We see the highlights such as the elegant Maximilian Strasse, the Residenz Palace, the Marienplatz with the fascinating Glockenspiel in the tower of the City Hall, and more. We check into our hotel and have some time to explore on our own before our dinner at the Hofbräuhaus! **D**

Day 3: Thursday, October 26, 2017 • Dachau, Munich

Our morning begins with a short drive to Dachau to remember a sobering moment in history that should not be forgotten. We return to the city center of Munich this afternoon where we have free time to explore on our own. Dinner is at our hotel this evening. **B/D**

Day 4: Friday, October 27, 2017 • Salzburg, Austria

The hills are alive with the “Sounds of Music” and Mozart this morning as we depart for Salzburg. Upon arrival a local guide joins us for a walking tour of Salzburg this morning. Our tour includes the Mirabell Gardens, a walk over the river, the Cathedral, and a walk through the St. Peters cemetery where American General Harry Collins is buried. We also see the Mozart statue and the Getreidegasse, the major shopping street in Salzburg. Dinner will be at our hotel tonight. **B/D**

Day 5- Saturday, October 28, 2017 • Linderhof Castle, Oberammergau

This morning we visit King Ludwig’s spectacular Linderhof Castle, nestled in the Bavarian Alps near Oberammergau. Then we continue on to Oberammergau. The Thirty Years’ War and the plague of 1632 threatened to wipe out the local population. The survivors made a pledge that they would perform a passion play every 10 years and no further plague deaths occurred. We overnight in this delightful village. **B/D**

Day 6- Sunday, October 29, 2017 • Neuschwanstein, Rothenburg

Today begins with a photo stop at Neuschwanstein, the famous castle after which the Disney castle was modeled.

Then we continue on to Augsburg where a local guide joins us as we explore the city. We see the Cathedral, St. Ulrich Basilica, City Hall and its Golden Chamber Hall. We visit the Fuggerei, a 500-year-old social-housing complex. In the late afternoon we arrive in Rothenburg, a well-preserved medieval city with its ramparts, a city gate, and town hall. It is perhaps the most famous town on the Romantic Road. Rothenburg is indeed a jewel. It is a nearly intact medieval walled-city without a single modern building within. We enjoy a meal together at our hotel in this wonderful city, followed by the Night Watchman’s tour. **B/D**

Day 7: Monday, October 30, 2017 • Leipzig, Wittenberg

Today, Bach and history come to life!! We travel to Leipzig where a local guide joins us as we explore the city. We have the privilege of visiting the Nikolaikirche (St. Nicholas Church), the home of the faithful “Pray for Peace” Christians, and the powerful force that transformed Germany’s East and West. In 1989, thousands of East Germans gathered by candlelight in this church to form human rights and pro-democracy demonstrations that led to the destruction of the infamous Berlin Wall and the dissolution of East Germany. Another Leipzig highlight is our visit to Thomaskirche (St. Thomas Church), where Luther preached and Johann Sebastian Bach performed and directed the famous St. Thomas Boys choir. Then we continue on to Wittenberg Kreis our home for the next two nights located seven kilometers from Wittenberg. **B/D**

Day 8: Tuesday, October 31, 2017 • Wittenberg

A full day in Wittenberg, where the Reformation officially began in 1517, is ahead of us. A day filled with excitement and celebration awaits us as we remember the posting of the 95 Theses 500 years ago. **B/D**

Day 9: Wednesday, November 1, 2017 • Eisleben, Erfurt

After breakfast we stop in Eisleben, where Martin Luther was born and also where he died. It’s sometimes referred to as his Bethlehem and Jerusalem. We visit both these homes as well as St. Anne’s, an old miner’s church famous for the Biblical scenes hewn in stone. Then we drive through the Thuringian countryside to Erfurt where we tour the Augustinian Monastery in which Luther lived six years as a monk. We have time to stroll through the narrow streets of the old town and



Neuschwanstein Castle

walk across the famous Krämer Bridge. We stay tonight in Erfurt and soak up the atmosphere of this historic city. Subject to availability we will stay in the monastery. **B/D**

Day 10: Thursday, November 2, 2017 • Eisenach, Rüdeshcim

This morning we tour the Wartburg Castle, where Luther translated the New Testament into German. Afterwards we drive to the Eisenach city center and see St. George's Church, where Luther sang and worshipped as a teenager and where J.S. Bach was baptized. In the afternoon we continue on to Rüdeshcim on the banks of the Rhine River. **B/D**

Day 11: Friday, November 3, 2017 • Heidelberg, Worms

After breakfast, we drive to Heidelberg where the Heidelberg Confession was written in 1653. We start at the castle where we see the *Grosses Fass* and hear the stories of the young prince. Then we ride the tram down to the city center for a walking tour of the Old Town and the famous Stone Bridge over the Neckar River. We then continue on to Worms. We see the site of the Worms Debates (Diet of Worms), now a park with a plaque commemorating the Diet of Worms and the Reformation Monument. We hear the stories of Luther as he responded "Here I stand; I can do no other. God help me." Later, we return to Rüdeshcim for a farewell dinner tonight. **B/D**

Day 12: Saturday, November 4, 2017 • Return

This morning we transfer to the Frankfurt airport for our return flight home. **B**

Abbreviations for Meals

B=Breakfast D=Dinner



Tour Price: \$2,832

Prices are *per person, double occupancy* with a minimum of 25 participants

Single supplement: \$600

Your Tour Includes:

- **Land Transportation** via private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- **Accommodations** (double occupancy) in three or four star traditional European Hotels
- **Meals** per the itinerary (breakfast and dinner daily)
- **Admission** to all activities indicated in the itinerary except those listed as optional
- Services of **professional tour manager**
- Local **step-on guides** for city tours and major attractions
- **Luggage handling** of one piece per person
- **All taxes and tips** for provided services except as noted below.

Your Tour Does Not Include:

- Airfare to Munich and return from Frankfurt (Estimated at \$1,400 from Chicago, other gateways available) and related taxes, fees and fuel charges
- Meals not indicated on itinerary
- **Beverages**, except with breakfast
- End of tour gratuity for coach driver and tour manager
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees. (Passport must be valid for 6 months beyond return date.)
- **Optional insurance** for health, baggage and cancellation.

Payment Schedule:

A deposit of \$500 per person is due with reservation. Final payment is due 100 days prior to departure date. Invoice will be sent out prior to final payment. Passengers may add after this date subject to air and land availability. Generally airlines do not increase the price of a ticket after it has been contracted. However, prior to the issuance of a ticket, airlines may (and regularly do) impose fuel, tax, or security surcharges. In the event a surcharge is imposed after Ed-Ventures has received a final payment, Ed-Ventures will send an additional invoice for the surcharge amount. Early registration is encouraged.

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 Single Supplement • \$600

Passenger Information (1st Traveler)

Please record information exactly as it appears on your passport. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport.

Legal Name: _____

(Name for name badge): _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Dietary Needs: _____

Passenger Information (2nd Traveler)

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Legal Name: _____

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Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Dietary Needs: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____ **Phone:** _____

Work phone/cell: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Sleeping Preference (circle one): Double bed Twin Beds

Roommate name: _____ OR **Single supplement:** ____ Yes ____ No

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I wish to decline the travel insurance offered.

Deposit Payment Information (please check one)

Enclosed is my \$ _____ deposit and insurance premium (if applicable). *Make checks payable to: Ed-Ventures, Inc.*

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Signature of 1st traveler: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature of 2nd traveler: _____ **Date:** _____

