

Luther 500th Anniversary Tour

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 Neuschwanstein Castle





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Tour Code: MSL



Day 1: Friday, October 27, 2017 • Depart

Our tour begins as we depart on our transatlantic flight to Frankfurt, Germany!

Day 2: Saturday, October 28, 2017 • Eisenach

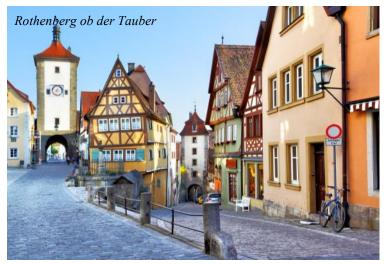
Upon our early morning arrival in Frankfurt, we meet our guide and coach driver and depart for Eisenach. En route we stop in **Bad Hersfeld for lunch**. Then continue on to Eisenach where we check into our hotel before **a local guide introduces us to the city.** We see the splendid Martin Luther Statue in town and St. George's Church. We also stop to see the Lutherhaus where Luther lived as a teenager. Tonight we enjoy a welcome dinner at our hotel tonight in Eisenach. **L/D**

Day 3: Sunday, October 29, 2017 • Eisenach – Erfurt - Eisenach

After a delicious breakfast we make our way to the **Wartburg Castle.** It was here, in 1521, while fleeing from the wrath of the Pope, Luther took refuge after a fake kidnapping staged by his friend and protector, Frederick the Wise. This is where Luther translated the New Testament into German in just 11 weeks! Then we take a short drive to Erfurt for a **guided tour of Erfurt**, including **St. Mary's Cathedral and St. Severin's Church**. We tour the **Augustinian Monastery** where Luther became an Augustinian monk on July 17, 1505. We see his monastic quarters, including one cell furnished to look as it would have when he lived there. We hold a **communion service in the chapel**. This evening we dine in a typical German restaurant. We return to Eisenach for overnight. **B/D**

Day 4: Monday, October 30, 2017 • Eisleben – Wittenberg Area

We stop this morning in **Eisleben** for a guided tour of the place where Luther was born and where he died. We see Luther's **birth house** and **death house**. We continue on a sightseeing tour with a visit to the inspiring Schlosskirche (Castle Church), and the historic "Theses Doors." It was here in Wittenberg, where Martin Luther's *95 Theses* were courageously given to this prominent university town and to the world. We visit the beautiful St. Mary's Church, where Luther preached and his children were baptized. We marvel at the amazing detail in the reformation theme altar painted by Lucas Cranach. We also tour the Lutherhalle (Luther House



Museum). In 1508, when Luther came to Wittenberg, he stayed here with the other Augustinian Monks. Later, Luther and his wife, Katharina von Bora, raised six children here. Now this is home to the largest collection of Reformation artifacts in the world. We view some of Luther's very own personal library, rare manuscripts, early Bibles and some of the very pamphlets that Luther had printed, stoking the fires of the Reformation! We have dinner and overnight in Wittenberg or nearby. **B/D**

Day 5: Tuesday, October 31, 2017 • Wittenberg Area

Today is a free day in Wittenberg. We overnight in Wittenberg or nearby. **B/D**

Day 6: Wednesday, November 1, 2017 • Leipzig - Bayreuth

This morning we drive to one of Europe's flourishing trade and commercial centers during the Middle Ages, and which became the center of resistance to Communist rule just over a decade ago. Here 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 will be our visit to **Thomaskirche** (St. Thomas Church), where Luther preached and Johann Sebastian Bach performed and directed the famous St. Thomas Boys choir. We continue on to **Bayreuth** for overnight and dinner. **B/D**

Day 7: Thursday, November 2, 2017 • Nuremburg – Rothenberg ob der Tauber

After breakfast we board our coach and drive to **Nuremberg**, a historic city known for its Lebkuchen ("Gingerbread") and its sausages. We take a brief tour of the city before a lunch where we sample some sausages and Franconian beer. Then we continue on to Rothenberg, our home for the next two nights. Tonight you may wish to join the night watchman tour. B/L/D



Day 8: Friday, November 3, 2017 • Augsburg - Munich Our first stop today is Augsburg where a local guide will join us as we explore the city. We visit the Dom Cathedral, St. Ulrich Basilica, City Hall and its Golden Chamber Hall. We also visit the Fuggerei. Then we continue on to Munich the city of "Gemütlichkeit" where a local guide will acquaint us with the city's major sights, including the Marienplatz with the famed Glockenspiel, the Maximilian Straße with its elegant shops, Viktualien Market and the Olympic grounds with its controversial architectural style. Dinner is on our own tonight. B

Day 9: Saturday, November 4, 2017 • Munich

Today we take an excursion to we visit **Neuschwanstein, the fairytale castle** that was the model for the Disney Castle. Later we return to Munich for a farewell dinner at the Hofbräuhaus. **B/D**

Day 10: Sunday, November 5, 2017 • Return

Our motor coach takes us to Munich International airport for our return flight home. In flight meals **B**

> Abbreviations for Meals B=Breakfast L=Lunch D=Dinner



Tour Price: \$2,655

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- Admission to all activities indicated in the itinerary except those listed as optional
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- Local **step-on guides** for city tours and major attractions
- Luggage handling of one piece per person
- All taxes and tips for provided services on land tour except as indicated below

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- Beverages, except with breakfast
- End of tour gratuity for coach driver and tour manager
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- **Optional insurance** for health, baggage and cancellation. (This insurance is available and recommended.)

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