



Lutherland

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Friday, October 3, 2014 • Depart

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

Saturday, October 4, 2014 • Berlin

Upon our early morning arrival in Berlin, we meet our tour leader and coach driver. We begin with a tour of Berlin highlighting the three centers of Berlin: the west around **Kurfürstendamm Blvd and Memorial Church**, the new center around **Potsdamer Square**, and the east around **Unter den Linden, Brandenburg Gate and Alexanderplatz**. Tonight, we will have a **special welcome dinner**. **D**



Sunday, October 5, 2014 • Berlin, Wittenberg

After breakfast we visit the **Dietrich Bonhoeffer Museum**. Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a Berlin Pastor and Professor of Theology who resisted National Socialism during a time when tyranny and racism ruled Germany, victimizing religious, ethnic and social minorities. A guest speaker will share with us the history of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. In the afternoon, we have free time to enjoy this city on our own. Perhaps a visit to the **Pergamon Museum** with its' fabulous treasure or a visit to the **KaDeWe**, the continent's largest department store would be your preference. This evening we drive to Wittenberg our home for the next two nights. **B/D**

Monday, October 6, 2014 • Wittenberg



We begin our 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'll 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'll be able to 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! Tonight we will be joined by members of the **English Ministry in Wittenberg** for dinner and later meet some former East Germans and ask them about life Germany today and as it was before the wall came down. **B/D**

Tuesday, October 7, 2014 • Leipzig, Erfurt

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. Then we continue on to Erfurt, our stay for the next two nights. **B/D**

Wednesday, October 8, 2014 • Eisenach, Erfurt

We begin this morning with a visit to **Wartburg Castle**, where



Luther found refuge and translated the New Testament into German. This afternoon a local guide takes us on a tour of Erfurt including the **Augustinian Monastery**, where Luther studied for the priesthood and **St.**

Mary's Cathedral, the site of Luther's ordination. **B/D**

Thursday, October 9, 2014 • Coburg, Rothenburg

This morning we head south to the lovely city of Coburg to visit the **famous Veste Coburg**, the fortress where Luther took refuge and lived during the Augsburg Confession. Visitors to the castle nowadays will be able to see the **Luther Room**, the art treasures in the various collections and the royal building with the **Luther Chapel**. We'll end the day in **Rothenburg**, a well-preserved



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medieval city, with ramparts, a city gate and town hall. 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'll enjoy a meal at our hotel in this wonderful city, followed by the **Night Watchman's tour**. **B/D**

Friday, October 10, 2014 • Heidelberg

After breakfast, we drive to **Heidelberg** where the Heidelberg Confession was written in 1631. We start at the Heidelberg Castle where we see the Grosse Vat and hear the stories of the young prince. Then we ride tram down to the city center for a walking tour of the Old Town and the famous Stone Bridge over the Neckar River. We overnight in Heidelberg. We have some free time this afternoon to explore the Old Town on our own. We enjoy dinner tonight at a nearby winery. **B/D**

Saturday, October 11, 2014 • Mainz, Worms, Heidelberg

This morning we drive a short distance to **Mainz** to focus on Bible printing history & the contribution of Johann Gutenberg, who developed moveable type. We'll be amazed as we view original copies of the Bible in the **Gutenberg Museum**. We'll also view Mainz Cathedral, dating back to 975. Then we return to Worms. What a better way to spend our last afternoon on our last day following the footsteps of Luther. 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 less. God help me." We also learn of another Reformer, William Tyndale who finished his printing of the English Bible in Worms. Tonight we return to Heidelberg, for a celebration farewell dinner as our tour comes to an end. **B/D**



Sunday, October 12, 2014 • Return to USA

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

TOUR PRICE: \$2,369* per person, land only

Single Supplement = \$475

**Price is per person based on a minimum of 20 participants, double occupancy.*

Your Tour Includes:

- **Land Transportation** via private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- **Accommodations** (double occupancy) in superior tourist and moderate first-class hotels
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- **Admission** to all activities indicated in the itinerary except those listed as optional
- Services of **professional tour manager**
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Abbreviations for Meals

B=Breakfast D=Dinner

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Registration Form

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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: _____

(Nickname): _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Dietary needs: _____

Passenger Information (2nd 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: _____

(Nickname): _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Dietary needs: _____

Address: _____

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

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(please fill out if paying by check):

Enclosed is my check made payable to
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_____.

Deposit Payment Information (please fill out if paying by *credit card*):

Credit Card Number: _____

Visa/MasterCard/Disc: _____ Card ID Code:* _____

Exp. Date: _____ Amount: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

**last 3 digits in signature box on the back of the card*

Sleeping Preference (circle one): Double bed Twin Beds

Roommate name: _____

Single supplement (\$475): _____ Yes _____ No

Travel Insurance (please check one): Yes, sign me up No, I decline

Insurance Payment Information: Charge my card below Check enclosed

Credit Card Number: _____

Card ID Code: _____ Visa/MC/Disc: _____ Exp. Date: _____ Amount: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

I have read and agree to the terms and conditions. Please sign me up for the trip!

Signature of 1st traveler: _____ Date: _____

Signature of 2nd traveler: _____ Date: _____

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