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Wartburg Castle



*Martin Luther and*

# *Oberammergau Tour*

*June 14 - 25, 2020*

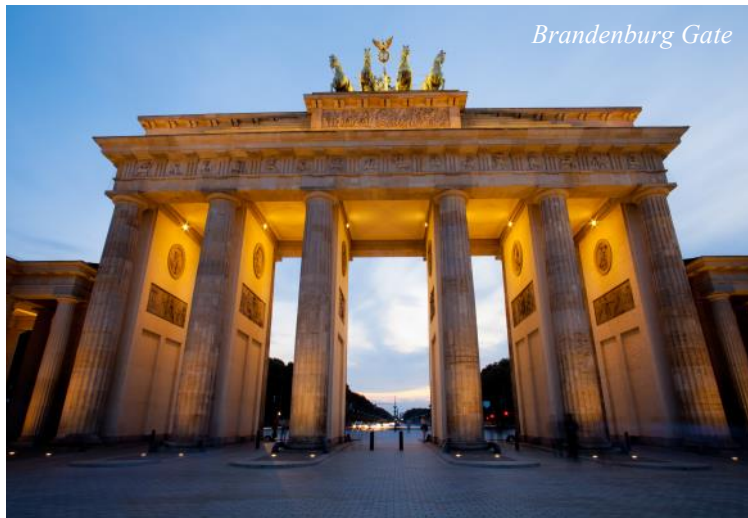


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*Brandenburg Gate*

**Day 1: Sunday, June 14, 2020: Fly to Berlin**

Our journey to explore the sites and heroes of the Reformation begins with an overnight flight to Berlin. Early arrivals are welcome to join Frank for an optional dinner at a local restaurant. **(IF)**

**Day 2: Monday, June 15, 2020: Berlin, Wittenberg**

Welcome to Germany! On arrival in Berlin, travelers will take a taxi to the centrally-located hotel. After time to explore the nearby Kaiser Wilhelm Church, purchase lunch, and shop, we will gather back at the hotel to begin the tour. Our afternoon bus orientation tour will include a stop at the famous Brandenburg Gate for photos. We'll then go back to the time of Luther as we visit Lutherstadt-Wittenberg, the birthplace of the Reformation. This evening we'll enjoy a welcome dinner, and spend our first night in Wittenberg. **(IF/D)**

**Day 3: Tuesday, June 16, 2020: Wittenberg**

This morning our local guide will take us on a tour of Lutherstadt Wittenberg. It was here in 1517 that Martin Luther nailed his famous 95 Theses to the door of Castle Church (Schlosskirche). Although the original doors were destroyed in the Seven Years War, we can see Luther's texts cast in bronze on the new doors. We will visit St. Mary's Church where Luther regularly preached and visit the Old Latin School next door. Luther's former home, the Lutherhalle, is now a Reformation Museum and we will see where he lived with his family, as well as some of Luther's very own personal library, rare manuscripts, and early Bibles. The rest of the day is free to explore independently. **(B)**

**Day 4: Wednesday, June 17, 2020: Eisleben, Erfurt**

This morning we will visit Eisleben, one of Luther's favorite towns. This is where he was born and also where he died, so it is sometimes referred to as his Bethlehem and Jerusalem. We'll visit both these homes with our guide, as well as St. Anne's, an old



miner's church famous for the Biblical Scenes hewn in stone. We will also visit St. Peter and St. Paul Church where Luther was baptized. We will then continue to Erfurt and dine in our hotel. **(B/D)**

**Day 5: Thursday, June 18, 2020: Eisenach, Erfurt**

Today's full-day excursion is to Eisenach. In 1521, while fleeing from the wrath of the Pope, Luther took refuge in the Wartburg Castle after a fake kidnapping staged by his friend and protector, Frederick the Wise. We will tour the Wartburg and see where Luther finished translating the New Testament into German in just eleven weeks. Luther spent time in the nearby town of Eisenach as a school boy and sang in the choir of St. George's Church, where the Bach family also worshiped. The afternoon is free to explore the town or tour the Bach Museum and Luther House Museum. The bus will then take us back to Erfurt and the rest of the day is at leisure. **(B)**

**Day 6: Friday, June 19, 2020: Erfurt, Rudesheim**

Our local guide will take us on a tour including viewing St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Severin's Church and the famous Merchant's Bridge. We will end our tour at the Augustinian Monastery where Luther became a monk on July 17, 1505. We will be able to see his monastic quarters, including one cell furnished to look as it would have when he lived there. At the end of the tour we will have a group worship service in the chapel. On our way to the Rhine River, we will watch a Reformation DVD. We will stay overnight in Rudesheim and enjoy a meal in a local restaurant this evening. **(B/D)**

**Day 7: Saturday, June 20, 2020:  
Rhine Cruise, Worms, Heidelberg**

What better way to start the day than with a Rhine cruise! We'll board the boat and sail past magnificent castles and the famous Loreley rock to St. Goar. Every bend in the river brings more stunning scenery, ships pass left & right, and numerous trains roar up and down the Rhine River valley. From there we will drive to



*Cloister Gallery, Erfurt*



*Rhine cruise*



Worms, where we will tour the Cathedral, followed by the site of Luther's Worms Debates (Diet of Worms), now a park, with a plaque commemorating Luther's brave stand for faith and truth in 1521. We'll have a photo stop at the stunning Reformation Monument, followed by a visit to the Church of the Holy Trinity. Tonight's dinner is in a winery, then we will check-in to our hotel in Heidelberg. **(B/D)**

**Day 8: Sunday, June 21, 2020: Heidelberg, Rothenburg**

This morning we can either shop, relax, or visit Heidelberg Castle which boasts the world's largest wine barrel, a fascinating history and a stunning view. We will then drive to Rothenburg, the most picturesque and well-preserved of the towns along the famous "Romantic Road". It's one of Germany's very best walled medieval cities, most of the buildings were built by 1400. We will begin with a walk along the city wall. Inside St. Jacob's Church we will see the famous carved "Holy Blood Altar" by Tilman Riemenschneider. We'll have some time to shop at the famous Käthe Wohlfahrt store. We will continue through the lower town gate into the area where the castle once stood. We will dine in our hotel this evening. **(B/D)**

**Day 9: Monday, June 22: Wieskirche, Oberammergau**

We have a leisurely morning today. We will travel south today using the fabled "Romantic Road," Germany's most famous and popular tourist route which runs for 350 romantic kilometers across a rich and varied cultural landscape along the river Main and through the Franconian wine country to the Alps. We'll pass small historic villages full of their original charm, including the small village of Wies. This is home to the famous rococo Wieskirche and we will have a tour of this beautiful baroque church. We will end our day in our 4-star hotel in the Oberammergau area. **(B/D)**

**Day 10: Tuesday, June 23, 2020: Oberammergau**

We will transfer to Oberammergau this morning and have time to shop or explore locally on our own. We will eat lunch together before Part One of the Play, which begins at 2:30 PM. There is a break for dinner from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM and we will dine together in a restaurant in Oberammergau. Part Two ends at 10:30 PM and then we will board our bus to return to our hotel. **(B/L/D)**

**Day 11: Wednesday, June 24, 2020: Munich**

After a leisurely breakfast, we will spend some time by the gorgeous Lake Starnberg with lunch in Tutzing. In the afternoon we will have a walking tour of Munich, including the Cathedral, the Marienplatz, and the Old Town. This evening we finish our fun tour with a farewell Bavarian meal in a beer garden. We will overnight in Munich. **(B/L/D)**

**Day 12: Thursday, June 25, 2020: Fly**

We will provide transfers for morning flights back to the USA. Post-tour nights in Munich are available on request. **(B)**

*Please note this itinerary is copyrighted.*

**Tour Price: \$3,499**

*Land only per person, double occupancy*

with a minimum of 35 participants

**Single supplement: \$850**

**Your Tour Includes:**

- **Land Transportation** via private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- **Accommodations** (double occupancy) in superior 3-star and moderate 4-star hotels
- **Meals per itinerary**
- Services of **Professional tour manager**
- Local step-on guides for city tours and major attractions
- **Admission** to all activities indicated in the itinerary except those listed as optional
- Category 1 seats for the Oberammergau Passion Play
- **Luggage handling** of one piece per person at hotels
- Luggage strap, luggage tags and trip journal
- **All taxes and tips** for provided services except as noted below

**Your Tour Does Not Include:**

- **Roundtrip airfare** to Berlin and return from Munich, Germany, related taxes and fees
- Meals not indicated on itinerary
- **Beverages**, except with breakfast
- **End of tour gratuity** for tour manager and coach driver
- 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. *(This insurance is available and offered by Ed-Ventures.)*

**Payment Schedule:**

**Deposit with registration (Nonrefundable) \$500 per person**  
**2nd Deposit by Dec. 1, 2019: \$1,000 per person**  
**Final payment due Feb. 8, 2020**

Invoices 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.

**Currency:**

Currency exchange rates fluctuate constantly. In the event of a significant drop in the value of the dollar, we reserve the right to add a currency surcharge to the price of the tour.

**Refund/Cancellation Policy:**

All cancellations must be in writing. The date of postmark will determine the amount of refund due. Refunds are based on the number of days prior to departure date. The initial deposit is non-refundable. From the time of 2nd deposit to 121 days before departure a \$100 administrative fee plus lost airfare deposits and any unrecoverable deposits to ground suppliers will be assessed. From 120-14 days, a \$300 cancellation penalty plus lost airfare deposits and any unrecoverable deposits to ground suppliers will be assessed. Airline tickets once purchased are nonrefundable. Anyone canceling less than 14 days prior to departure will receive no refund.

***Purchase of health, baggage, and trip cancellation/interruption insurance is strongly recommended.***

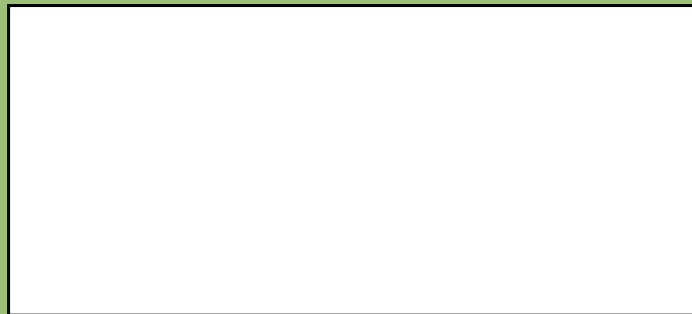
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# Martin Luther and Oberammergau Tour

Please register me for:

- RDM20: June 14 - 25, 2020 • \$3,499
- Single Supplement • \$850

## Passenger Information (1<sup>st</sup> 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. *Best practice is to include a copy of the photo page of your passport.*

**Legal Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Name for name badge): \_\_\_\_\_

**Passport #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Passport Exp. Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Passport Authority:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Place of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Gender:**  Male  Female

**Dietary Needs:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Passenger Information (2<sup>nd</sup> Traveler)

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**Legal Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Name for name badge): \_\_\_\_\_

**Passport #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Passport Exp. Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Passport Authority:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Place of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Gender:**  Male  Female

**Dietary Needs:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Work phone/cell:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sleeping Preference** (circle one): Double bed (1 bed) Twin Beds (2 beds)

**Roommate name:** \_\_\_\_\_ OR **Single supplement:** \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

## Travel Insurance (price is 7.2% of tour cost)

- I wish to purchase a Travel Guard insurance plan and have included the premium with my deposit.
- I wish to decline the travel protection plan offered through Travel Guard.

## **Deposit Payment Information** (please check one)

Enclosed is my \$ \_\_\_\_\_ deposit. **Make checks payable to Ed-Ventures, Inc.**

Please charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ deposit to my Discover/MasterCard/Visa

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**Signature of 1<sup>st</sup> traveler:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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