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# Lutherland

July 19-29, 2018

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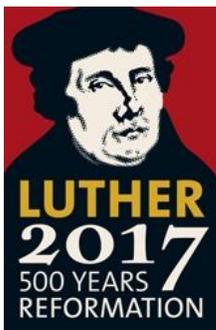
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Neuschwanstein Castle



Rothenburg ob der Tauber



2017 marks the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Martin Luther nailing the 95 Theses to the doors of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, which launched the Protestant Reformation. It is one thing to hear of such places as the Castle Church, the Wartburg Castle, and other places of historical significance from the Reformation. To see all of these places in person is an entirely new experience. Please

join us as we walk in the footsteps of Martin Luther and the Protestant Reformation in Germany.

Reverends Anthony & Stephanie Christoffels

#### Day 1: Thursday, July 19, 2018 • Depart USA

We begin our journey to better understand Luther's reasons for the Reformation movement as we journey across the ocean to Germany.

#### Day 2: Friday, July 20, 2018 • Berlin

Upon landing in Berlin, we are met by our tour guide and motor coach. We transfer to the Kaiser Wilhelm Church, where we have time to explore, purchase lunch, and shop. We then begin a panoramic tour of Berlin. Our bus orientation tour includes a stop at the famous Brandenburg Gate for photos. We also see the Cathedral, the Reichstag building and the lively boulevards, followed by visits to the WWII Topography of Terror Museum and the Cold War Check Point Charlie Museum. We have dinner at our hotel tonight. **D**

#### Day 3: Saturday, July 21, 2018 • Wittenberg (Torgau)

After breakfast, we travel to Lutherstadt-Wittenberg, where we have a tour. We follow in Luther's footsteps as he struggled with Catholic teachings. It was here in 1517 that Martin Luther nailed his famous 95 Theses, sparking the Reformation. We also see the courtyard where the Cranachs painted the now famous portraits of Luther. The tour includes Castle Church and Stadtkirche St. Marien (St. Mary's church) where Luther preached and where his children were baptized. We see the Luther Oak where he burned the edict from Rome, which condemned him as a "heretic." Spending time in the Lutherhalle (Luther House) Museum, we see where Luther lived first as a monk, then later with his wife and children. Here we view some of Luther's very own personal library, rare manuscripts and early Bibles. We have

free time until this evening when we attend an English church service in Wittenberg. **B/D**

#### Day 4: Sunday, July 22, 2018 • Erfurt

After breakfast, we travel to Erfurt and have free time for lunch and a stroll around this delightful medieval town. We meet our local guide who then takes us on a tour including St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Severin's Church and the famous Merchant's Bridge. Ending the tour at the Augustinian Monastery, we see where Luther became a monk in 1505, as well as his monastic quarters. This evening we dine in the Luther Cellar restaurant with a traditional meal from his time. We spend two nights in the Augustinian Monastery, now a Christian hotel (subject to availability). **B/D**

#### Day 5: Monday, July 23, 2018 • Eisenach, Erfurt

In 1521, while fleeing from the wrath of the Pope, Luther took refuge in the Wartburg Castle after a fake kidnapping. We tour the Wartburg and see where Luther finished translating the New Testament into German in just 11 weeks. In the afternoon we explore the nearby town of Eisenach where Luther spent time as a school boy and sang in the choir of St. George's Church. Eisenach is also the birthplace of Johann Sebastian Bach. Here we can visit the Bach House, a museum dedicated to his life and works. We return to Erfurt for dinner and overnight. **B/D**

#### Day 6: Tuesday, July 24, 2018 • Coburg, Rüdeseim

This morning we head south to the lovely city of Coburg to visit the famous Veste Coburg, the fortress where Luther lived during the discussion and writing of the Augsburg Confession. Visitors to the castle see the Luther Room, the art treasures in the various collections and the royal building with the Luther Chapel. Then we drive to the Rhine River for a delightful and picturesque cruise from St. Goarshausen, past magnificent castles and the famous Loreley Rock, to charming Rüdeseim. This evening in Rüdeseim we are on our own to enjoy dinner and entertainment along Drosselgasse. We overnight in Rüdeseim. **B**

#### Day 7: Wednesday, July 25, 2018 • Worms, Rothenburg

We depart this morning for Worms where our local guide takes us to see the amazing Cathedral. Then we see the site of Luther's Worms Debates (Diet of Worms), now a park with a plaque commemorating Luther's brave stand of faith and truth. We have a photo stop at the stunning Reformation Monument and follow this with worship and prayers in the Church of the Holy Trinity.

Linderhof Castle



Our next stop is Rothenburg, a well-preserved medieval city with ramparts, a city gate and a town hall. Perhaps the most famous town on the Romantic Road, Rothenburg is indeed a jewel. We have free time until dinner together at our hotel, followed by the Night Watchman's tour. **B/D**

**Day 8: Thursday, July 26, 2018 • Romantic Road and Oberammergau**

Continuing on the Romantic Road, we make a short stop in the medieval town of Dinkelsbühl to explore and shop. Later in the day at Neuschwanstein Castle, everyone can get a photo of the fairytale castle. We end our day in the beautiful Bavarian village of Oberammergau. The Thirty Years' War and the plague of 1632 threatened to wipe out the town's population. The survivors made a pledge that they would perform a passion play every 10 years. We overnight in this delightful village. **B/D**

**Day 9: Friday, July 27, 2018 • Munich**

This morning we visit King Ludwig's spectacular Linderhof Castle, nestled in the Bavarian Alps near Oberammergau. We continue on to Munich and check into our hotel. The rest of the day, dinner and evening is on our own. **B**

**Day 10: Saturday, July 28, 2018 • Munich**

A local guide leads us on an orientation tour of the main sights of Munich. We drive by the Olympic Stadium, Nymphenburg Castle and several museums. Then we take a walk to Frauenkirche, the New City Hall, Marienplatz and the famous *Glockenspiel*. Lunch is on our own to enjoy a local restaurant or perhaps a beer garden. This afternoon we can either visit Dachau or spend free time shopping. Tonight we celebrate the conclusion of our tour with a traditional farewell dinner at the famous Hofbräuhaus. It is time to reminisce about the places visited and the new friends we have made along the way. Our final overnight is in Munich. **B/D**

**Day 11: Sunday, July 29, 2018 • Auf Wiedersehen**

Sadly we bid farewell to Germany as we depart to the Munich Airport for our return flight home.

**Abbreviations for Meals**

**B**=Breakfast **D**=Dinner

**TOUR PRICE: \$3,499\*** per person

*Includes Roundtrip Airfare from MSP*

*(air estimated at \$1100)*

**Single Supplement = \$400**

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

**Your Tour Includes:**

- **Estimated Roundtrip Airfare** (Minneapolis to Berlin, and return from Munich) and related taxes, fees and fuel charges
- **Land Transportation** via private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- **Accommodations** (double occupancy) in three or four star traditional European Hotels
- **Meals** as indicated in the itinerary
- **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 excluding end of tour tips for driver and tour guide

**Your Tour Does Not Include:**

- Meals not indicated on itinerary
- **Beverages**, except with breakfast
- End of tour gratuity for coach driver and tour guide
- 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 recommended.*)

**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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## 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 photocopy of your passport.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Passenger Information (2<sup>nd</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 photocopy of your passport.*

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

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

**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 (1 bed)    Twin Beds (2 beds)

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

## Travel Insurance (please check one)

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

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- Enclosed is my \$ \_\_\_\_\_ deposit and insurance premium (if applicable). **Make checks payable to Ed-Ventures, Inc.**
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**Signature of 1<sup>st</sup> traveler:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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