

## 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation Tour October 29 – November 9, 2017



Celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation in Wittenberg where Martin Luther posted his 95 theses on October 31, 1517. Travel with WELS members and friends, follow in the footsteps of Martin Luther, and experience how this pivotal point in history changed the way future generations would understand God's grace.

Pastor David Meyer will join us on the tour to provide background and answer questions about the Reformation from a WELS perspective. We will visit Berlin, Wittenberg, Worms, Augsburg, and more!

## BE IN WITTENBERG, GERMANY ON OCTOBER 31, 2017!

### PRICING

\$2,975 per person, double occupancy

### PAYMENTS

- \$750 deposit due now
- \$500 due on 1/31/2017
- \$500 due on 4/30/2017
- balance due on 7/31/2017

### INCLUDED

- 11 nights in deluxe hotels.
- Breakfast daily + 7 dinners with wine.
- Guided sightseeing with headsets.
- Transportation by motor coach.
- Boat cruise on Rhine River.
- Wi-Fi on motorcoach and in hotel lobbies.

Optional airfare available in December 2016.

**There is limited space available for this opportunity!**

For more information and to reserve your spot, visit

<http://www.forlutherans.com>.

## ITINERARY

### **Day 1, Sunday October 29, 2017**

**Arrive in Berlin, Germany**

Welcome to Berlin! At 6 pm, meet your Tour Director and traveling companions, then enjoy this evening's welcome dinner with wine at your hotel. (Dinner)

### **Day 2, Monday October 30, 2017**

**Berlin–Jüterbog–Dessau**

Sightseeing includes the restored Reichstag, Charlottenburg Castle, a picture stop at monumental Brandenburg Gate, the Holocaust Memorial, and the Victory Column. Visit the KAISER WILHELM MEMORIAL CHURCH with its bomb-damaged tower and pass Checkpoint Charlie. In the afternoon, stop in Jüterbog to see St. Nicholas Church and hear about the Pulpit dispute. (Breakfast, Dinner)

### **Day 3, Tuesday October 31, 2017 (Reformation Day)**

**Dessau. Excursion To Wittenberg**

In Dessau, visit PRINCE GEORGE III LIBRARY with its collection of works by Luther. Your guided walking tour in Wittenberg takes in Luther House, where Martin Luther and his family lived, followed by a visit to the twin-towered, gothic ST. MARY'S CHURCH, where Luther preached the Reformation, got married (1525), and baptized his six children. Finally, see the door of the Castle Church where Luther posted his 95 Theses against the sale of indulgences in 1517. (Breakfast, Dinner)

### **Day 4, Wednesday November 1, 2017**

**Dessau–Torgau–Leipzig**

Visit Torgau, the political center of the Reformation, where Luther sanctified the first Protestant church. Arrive in Leipzig for your walking tour and visit the THOMASKIRCHE, where J.S. Bach worked. Visit the market square that today is a site for celebrations and festivals. (Breakfast, Dinner)

### **Day 5, Thursday November 2, 2017**

**Leipzig–Mansfeld–Eisleben–Erfurt**

Today, stop in Mansfeld, city of Martin Luther's childhood and see his parents' home. Next, in Eisleben visit LUTHER'S BIRTHPLACE MUSEUM, LUTHER'S DEATH HOUSE MUSEUM, and ST. PETER & PAUL CHURCH. Later, drive to Erfurt, where Martin Luther spent his student days. Highlight of the day is a visit to the AUGUSTINIAN MONASTERY, where Luther lived as a monk. (Breakfast)

### **Day 6, Friday November 3, 2017**

**Erfurt. Excursion to Eisenach and Schmalkalden**

Journey to Eisenach and enjoy a guided visit to WARTBURG CASTLE, where Luther translated the New Testament. Also visit LUTHER HOUSE, ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, and see the Luther and Bach Memorials. Continue to medieval Schmalkalden and see St. George's Church. (Breakfast, Dinner)

### **Day 7, Saturday November 4, 2017**

**Erfurt–Coburg–Mainz**

In Coburg, where Luther stayed in 1530 for the Imperial Diet of Augsburg, visit fascinating COBURG FORTRESS, one of the largest surviving medieval fortresses in Germany. (Breakfast, Dinner)

### **Day 8, Sunday November 5, 2017**

**Mainz. Excursion to Worms & The Rhine Valley**

In Worms, where the Imperial Council passed judgment on Luther in 1521, visit the CATHEDRAL where Luther presented his case, as well as TRINITY CHURCH and the famed REFORMATION MONUMENT. Later, enjoy a scenic RHINE CRUISE past castle-crested cliffs, terraced vineyards, and trim, half-timbered towns. Evening at leisure. (Breakfast)

### **Day 9, Monday November 6, 2017**

**Mainz–Rothenburg–Nuremberg**

This morning, visit the GUTENBERG MUSEUM in Mainz, where original copies of the Bible can be seen. Next is the medieval walled town of Rothenburg. During your walking tour, visit ST. JACOB'S CHURCH with the renowned Blood Altar. Afterwards, there is time to shop for Christmas ornaments, for which this picturesque town is world famous. Continue to Nuremberg, the first town to accept the Reformation in 1525. (Breakfast, Dinner)

### **Day 10, Tuesday November 7, 2017**

**Nuremberg–Augsburg–Munich**

Your walking tour in Nuremberg features the famous ST. LORENZ LUTHERAN CHURCH. Continue to Augsburg, where your guided sightseeing reveals the city where Luther and his followers proclaimed their beliefs. Arrive in Munich. (Breakfast)

### **Day 11, Wednesday November 8, 2017**

**Munich**

Sightseeing with a Local Guide of Germany's "Secret Capital" includes the Olympic Stadium, MARIENPLATZ with the Old and the New Town Halls, and the gothic Frauenkirche. Tonight, enjoy a farewell dinner with wine at your hotel. (Breakfast, Dinner)

### **Day 12, Thursday November 9, 2017**

**Munich**

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning. (Breakfast)

**Prices for group airfare will be available in December 2016.**