



Reformation Tours, LLC presents the
Grand Reformation Tour
Germany, France and Switzerland
July 3-14, 2016



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Travelling to historic places is a wonderful way to bring the past to life. As a tour guide, my goal is to communicate the historical significance of the places we visit in plain language and digestible portions. It is important to me that Christian travel connect the church history we encounter “back then” and “over there” to our own spiritual lives and to issues faced by Christians and churches “here and now.” We invite you to join us!



Kyle and Colleen Jantzen.

IF = In flight meals, B = Breakfast, D = Dinner

Day 1: Sunday, July 3, 2016: Flight to Berlin, Germany

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

Day 2: Monday, July 4, 2016: Arrival in Berlin, Wittenberg

Welcome to Germany! On arrival in Berlin, travelers will take a taxi to the centrally-located Berlin Hof 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 will also see the Cathedral, the Reichstag building and the lively boulevards, followed by visits to WWII Topography of Terror Museum and Cold War Check Point Charlie Museum. We will then travel to Wittenberg and dine at our hotel. **(B/D)**

Day 3: Tuesday, July 5, 2016: Wittenberg (Torgau)

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 and Melancthon helped forge Reformation Theology. Here the Cranachs painted now famous portraits of Luther. We will spend time in the Lutherhalle (Luther House) Museum, where Luther lived first as a monk, then later with his wife and children. We'll be able to view some of Luther's very own personal library, rare manuscripts, and early Bibles. The tour will also include Castle Church, Stadtkirche St. Marien (St. Mary's church) where Luther preached and where his children were baptized, and the Luther Oak where he burned the edict from Rome, condemning him as a “heretic”. The rest of the day is free to enjoy the town or take an optional excursion to nearby Torgau. Tonight we will be joined by members of the Wittenberg

English Ministry. **(B)**

Day 4: Wednesday, July 6, 2016: Erfurt

After breakfast, we will travel to Erfurt, where we will have free time for lunch and a stroll around this delightful medieval town. Our local guide will take us on a tour including St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Severin's Church and the famous Merchant's Bridge. We will end 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 done when he lived there. At the end of the tour we will have a group worship service in the chapel. This evening we will dine in the “Luther Cellar” restaurant with a traditional meal from his time. We spend two nights in his Augustinian Monastery, which is now a Christian hotel (subject to availability). **(B/D)**



Day 5: Thursday, July 7, 2016: Eisenach, Erfurt

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 at as 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, followed by an optional tour to Buchenwald, a Nazi concentration camp. The evening is at leisure. **(B)**

Day 6: Friday, July 8, 2016: Rhine Cruise, Rudesheim

On our way to the Rhine River, we will watch a Reformation DVD and then enjoy a delightful and picturesque cruise from St. Goarshausen, past magnificent castles and the famous Loreley Rock to charming Rudesheim. We will then take a cable car over vineyards to the Germania



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Monument with a gorgeous Rhein view, followed by a winery tour and tasting at St. Hildegard Abbey. Here, we'll enjoy a relaxed group meal and learn about life in the abbey. This evening in Rudesheim we can sing along to German folk songs with live accordion music. We overnight in Rudesheim. (B/D)

Day 7: Saturday, July 9, 2016: Worms, Strasbourg

Our guide in Worms will take us to see the amazing 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. We'll have a photo stop at the stunning Reformation Monument, followed by worship and prayers in the Church of the Holy Trinity. We will then travel into France to visit Strasbourg, referred to as the "City of Hope" and "Refuge of the Righteous" by the Anabaptists. This is where John Calvin wrote his famous books on systematic theology and where Martin Bucer, another Reformation leader, helped bring in the Reformation. We will have a stroll around the city centre and view the Cathedral of Strasbourg, St. Thomas's Church, and the charming "La Petite France" quarter. This evening we enjoy a fellowship meal with local believers. (B/D)

Day 8: Sunday, July 10, 2016: Strasbourg

This morning we will have the option of worshipping at one of the local English-speaking churches, or a French service at the famous Cathedral. The afternoon is at leisure to explore this wonderful French city, take a canal tour boat ride, rest or try local cuisine favorites. Kyle will also be leading an optional excursion to explore charming Colmar, just an hour south by train. Colmar escaped damage during the war, and has numerous picturesque half-timbered houses. This was the hometown of Frederic Bartholdi (creator of the Statue of Liberty) and the town includes a small museum. (B)



Day 9: Monday, July 11, 2016: Constance, Zurich

Today we will have breakfast in France, lunch in Germany and dinner in Switzerland! In Constance, we will pray on the spot where the pre-Reformer Jan Hus was martyred, and see the Cathedral where some of the trials were held. Crossing

over in Switzerland, we'll meet up with our guide in Zurich, to learn about Zwingli and the Anabaptists on a tour of the key Reformation sites in Zurich. We will tour the Grossmünster, the Helferei (where Zwingli lived) and see the Zwingli Statue. After a stroll through the historic Auld Stadt (old city) we will dine in an authentic Swiss restaurant. (B/D)



Day 10: Tuesday, July 12, 2016: Grindelwald

We will leave Zurich early and head high up to Grindelwald, nestled in the Swiss Alps. This is our fun Alps play day! Local leisure options include bike rental, hiking with a picnic in a meadow, or the cogwheel railway up to Kleine Scheidegg and the spectacular Jungfrau Peak. Kyle will escort those who wish on an amazing journey of cable cars and trains to Murren, returning to the hotel in the evening. (B)

Day 11: Wednesday, July 13, 2016: Geneva

We will stop for coffee in medieval Murten, where we can walk atop the original city walls and explore another chapter of Swiss history. We then continue to Geneva, where Calvin, Knox, Farel and others brought Christ's teachings to eager listeners. Our tour will begin at the impressive Reformation Monument. Four statues of four Reformation leaders stand as sentinels to truth and courage inspired by godly faith. We will see Calvin's church, the Auditoire de Calvin, (Calvin's Academy, also known as The Protestant Lecture Hall), where the inspired theologian himself taught. Next door is St. Pierre's Cathedral, where John Calvin preached. We can see his chair and a restored section decorated as it would have been before Calvin. Our final stop is an audio guide tour through the incredible Reformation Museum. Below the museum and the Cathedral, we can see the ruins of a Roman sanctuary, a 4th century basilica, and a 6th century church. We have a free time this afternoon to experience these key sites before we dine at a local restaurant this evening for our farewell meal. (B/D)

Day 12: Thursday, July 14, 2016: Return

We transfer from the hotel to the airport for our flights. (B/IF)

RFD16 Tour Price: 3,150 USD *per person, land only

**Price based on double occupancy with a minimum of 20 participants*

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 as indicated in itinerary
- Kyle Jantzen, as tour escort throughout the tour
- Local step-on guides for city tours and major attractions
- Entrance fees included as per itinerary
- All transfers as a group
- Luggage handling: one piece per person at hotels
- All taxes and tips for services provided except as indicated below

Your Tour Does Not Include:

- Air Transportation and related taxes and fees (available on request)
- Meals not indicated on itinerary
- Beverages except with breakfast
- End of tour gratuity for coach driver
- Single supplement (\$475)
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees (*Passport must be valid for six months beyond return date*)
- Optional Insurance for health, baggage and cancellation. (*This insurance is available and highly recommended*)

Payment Schedule:

- Deposit of \$350 will secure your place on the tour. All payments should be sent to Reformation Tours, P.O. Box 854, Belleville, IL 62222.
- Final invoices will be sent in March 2016
- Final payments will be due no later than April 19, 2016
- Reservations will be accepted after April 19 subject to availability
- Early registration is encouraged. *Please note: all credit card payments will incur a 3% surcharge.*

Cancellation Policy:

All cancellations must be in writing and the date of postmark will determine the amount of refund due. Anyone canceling 14 days or less prior to departure will receive no refund. In the unlikely event the tour does not reach minimum enrollment required, all deposit money will be returned.

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