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Heroes of the Reformation

July 12-22, 2017

Paris Post-Tour: July 22-24, 2017



Heroes of the Reformation Tour 2017



I would like to invite you to join us, as we Please join our group of touring Hoosiers from the Indianapolis area of Indiana as we follow the footsteps of Martin Luther and other key contributors to the Reformation movement. We will visit fourteen different areas as we trace the steps of the Heroes of the Reformation and hope you will join us! *Becky Kirby, The Greater Go*

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

Day 1: Wednesday, July 12, 2017: Flight

Depart USA for overnight transatlantic flight to Prague. (IF)

Day 2: Thursday, July 13, 2017: Prague

When we arrive in Prague, our Reformation Tours' Tour Director will greet and escort us to our waiting deluxe, air-conditioned motor coach. We will begin our visit to Prague with a city orientation tour, followed by a dinner cruise on the Vltava River. Our hotel is near Wenceslas Square. (IF/D)

Day 3: Friday, July 14, 2017: Prague

Our expert local guide will join us this morning for a walking tour focused on Jan Hus, the leading personality of the Czech Reformation movement. We'll visit Bethlehem Chapel where he preached, and see the Hus monument outside Týn Church.



Hus was a contemporary of John Wycliffe and was heavily influenced by his writings. They both agreed that all Christians are members of Christ's church and that Jesus is the head. We'll also visit the Castle, which is a complex of palaces, courtyards, streets and churches including St. Vitus Cathedral, which took 600 years to complete. We will then take a stroll across Charles Bridge, past the famous statues. The afternoon is at leisure before a Czech folk dinner this evening. (B/D)

Day 4: Saturday, July 15, 2017: Prague, Dresden, Wittenberg

Crossing into Germany, we will stop in the wonderful Baroque city of Dresden. Highlights include the magnificent palatial buildings around the Theaterplatz and the Brühl Terraces, and the many art treasures at the state museums. Germany's largest Protestant church, the Frauenkirche has now been fully restored after being damaged during WWII. J.S. Bach was the first to play on the Silberman organ when the church was originally built. We will then continue on to Lutherstadt-Wittenberg, where we'll dine at the Golden Eagle Pub. (B/D)

Day 5: Sunday, July 16, 2017: Wittenberg

This morning is free, with the option of attending a church service (in German). In the afternoon our local guide will take us to where Martin Luther nailed his famous 95 Theses to the door of the Schlosskirche (Castle Church) in 1517. Although the original door was destroyed in a fire, the replica has all 95 Theses in bronze, which is magnificent. Next we tour the Lutherhalle (Luther House) Museum, where Luther lived for 35 years. It was here that he had his pivotal "Tower Experience" while reading Romans 1:17. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)



Day 6: Monday, July 17, 2017: 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. (B/D)



Day 7: Tuesday, July 18, 2017: Eisenach, Rudesheim



This morning we'll travel to the imposing Wartburg Castle, where Luther took refuge after a fake kidnapping staged by his friend and protector, Frederick the Wise. This is where Luther translated the

New Testament into German in just 11 weeks! After travelling down to the Rhine, we'll board the boat at St. Goar



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and sail past magnificent castles and the famous Loreley rock. We'll then have the afternoon to explore Rudesheim, a town dating back to the pre-Roman era. Dinner will be in a winery. (B/D)

Day 8: Wednesday, July 19, 2017: Worms, Heidelberg, Zurich

On our way south, we'll stop in Worms to see the site of the plaque commemorating the Worms Debates (Diet of Worms), now a park, and the Reformation Monument. Our guide will share about another Reformer, William Tyndale, who finished his printing of the English Bible in Worms, escaping persecution in England. Our lunch stop will be in Heidelberg, a gorgeous town on the Neckar River. The stone bridge and Castle are magnificent. Driving through the Black Forest, we'll end our day with a group dinner and overnight in Zurich. (B/D)

Day 9: Thursday, July 20, 2017: Zurich, Grindelwald

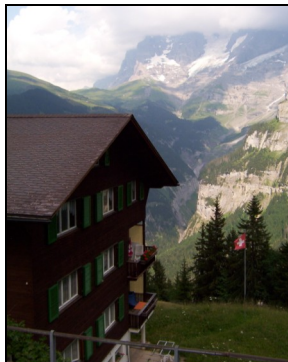
Today we learn more about Zwingli on a tour of the key Reformation sites in Zurich. We tour Zwingli's church, the Grossmünster, and see the Zwingli Statue. We have a stroll through the historic Altstadt (old city) and enjoy the Swiss heritage. We also see the Zwingli Museum and the Helferei (where Zwingli lived). Other notable sites are the Fraumünster (the famous Catholic Cathedral) with its



Marc Chagall windows. In the afternoon we'll ride the funicular railway to the picturesque resort of Mürren, a car-free village perched up in the Alps, where we will stay for two-nights. (B/D)

Day 10: Friday, July 21, 2017: Swiss Alps

Today we will have a full day to explore the Lauterbrunnen Valley, regarded as one of the most spectacular glacial valleys in Europe. It lies surrounded by the unspoiled natural beauty of the magnificent Swiss Alps. You are invited to join the optional excursion of trains and cable cars to explore Kleine Scheidegg Mountain, surrounded by the unbelievable panorama of the Eiger, Monch and Jungfray peaks. Or take a cable car higher up to Schilthorn Peak, to Piz Gloria, made famous in the James Bond film, "On Her Majesty's Secret Service." We return to Mürren for a second overnight stay (B)



Day 11: Saturday, July 22, 2017: Geneva

Leaving the Alps behind, we will drive to the marvelous medieval walled village of Murten, where we will walk atop the ramparts and practice speaking French with the locals over coffee and chocolate. On arrival in Geneva, our local guide will take us on a walking tour to learn more about John Calvin, the French Protestant theologian and John Knox, the Scottish Reformer, who spent several years here as a Pastor. The tour will include Cathedrale St. Pierre (St. Peter's Cathedral), the impressive Reformation Monument, the Museum of the Reformation and Calvin College. We'll have the opportunity to sample local Swiss cuisine this evening. Overnight in Geneva. (B/D)



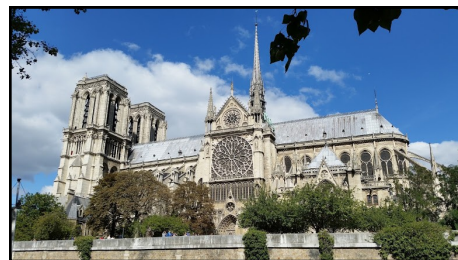
Day 12: Sunday, July 22, 2017: Geneva, Paris

Those on the shorter tour will depart today from Geneva. (B/IF)

Paris Extension \$950

Day 12: Sunday, July 22, 2017: Geneva, Paris

We will travel to Paris this morning on the fast TGV train. After our drive-by orientation tour, we'll go up to the second deck of the Eiffel Tower for fabulous views of the city.



We'll then check-in to our centrally-located hotel and after visiting Notre Dame Cathedral, we will take a cruise on the Seine before enjoying a group dinner. (B/D)

Day 13: Monday, July 23, 2017: Paris

In the morning we join our local expert guide for a walking tour focusing on the Huguenot history of Paris. We will also hear about the time that Calvin spent in the city. The afternoon is free to explore Paris and we meet up again for our farewell meal at a Parisian café. (B/D)

Day 14: Tuesday, July 24, 2017: Depart

All good things come to an end. Today we will return home with wonderful memories and new friendships. (B/IF)

RBK17 Tour Price: \$3,399*per person, land only

**Price based on double occupancy with a minimum of 25 participants*

Terms and Conditions

Your Tour Includes:

- Land transportation via private, deluxe air-conditioned motor coach or public transportation
- Accommodations (double-occupancy) in superior 3-star and moderate 4-star hotels
- Meals as indicated in itinerary
- Services of a professional tour escort throughout the tour
- Local step-on guides for city tours and major attractions
- Entrance fees included as per itinerary
- Luggage handling: one piece per person at hotels
- All taxes and tips for services provided except as indicated below

Your Tour Does Not Include:

- Paris Extension (\$950)
- Air Transportation and related taxes and fees (assistance available)
- Meals not indicated on itinerary
- Beverages except with breakfast
- End of tour gratuity for coach driver
- Single supplement (\$725 on main tour and \$225 on extension)
- 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 \$500 will secure your place on the tour. All payments should be sent to Reformation Tours, P.O. Box 854, Belleville, IL 62222.
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- Early registration is encouraged. *Please note: all credit card payments will incur a 3% surcharge.*

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