



Reformation Tours, LLC presents the
Communio Sanctorum
Reformation Tour

March 6-19, 2017

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In the Fall of 1517, an Augustinian monk, grieved over the state of the Church and with a heart brimming over with his studies in Romans, wrote a list of close to a hundred topics inviting the people of Wittenberg, Germany to engage in discussion with him. And the Protestant Reformation was off and running. Within a couple decades that discussion reached all Europe and forever altered the course of history. 2017 is the 500th anniversary of those events, so we're going to the scene where the Reformation played out. Join us on this trip of many lifetimes!



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

Day 1: Monday, March 6, 2017: Flight

We will leave today for our overnight flights to Prague. **(IF)**

Day 2: Tuesday, March 7, 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 transfer to our hotel for a well-deserved night's sleep. **(IF)**



Day 3: Wednesday, March 8, 2017: Prague

The morning is at leisure to relax or explore on our own. In the early afternoon we will begin our visit to Prague with a city orientation tour, followed by a dinner cruise on the Vltava River. **(B/D)**

Day 4: Thursday, March 9, 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 5: Friday, March 10, 2017: Dresden, Wittenberg

Crossing into Germany, we will stop in the wonderful Baroque city of Dresden. Our guide will lead us on a walk through 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. There is a lunchtime concert at noon which we can attend at no extra charge. We will then continue on to Lutherstadt-Wittenberg and check-in to our hotel. We will dine at a local restaurant this evening. **(B/D)**



Day 6: Saturday, March 11, 2017: Wittenberg

Today 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. Tonight we have the opportunity to join the Wittenberg English Ministry service, where we will worship with believers from all over the world. There's no group dinner this evening, so that you can dine in the restaurant of your choice. **(B)**



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Day 7: Sunday, March 12, 2017: Erfurt

We will have an early breakfast, then set off for Erfurt. When we arrive, we'll have time for a typical German lunch of Bratwurst! Our guide will then meet us for a walking tour including St. Mary's Cathedral where Luther was ordained. We'll also tour the Augustinian Monastery and its Luther exhibition, including a typical cell from Luther's time. We will end the tour with a special service in the chapel. We will dine at our hotel this evening. Our guide will lead an optional evening walk to see the floodlit cathedral and lively cafes. **(B/D)**

Day 8: Monday, March 13, 2017: Eisenach, Erfurt

Our day trip today is to nearby Eisenach, beginning with a tour of Wartburg Castle. In 1521, while fleeing from the wrath of the Pope, Luther took refuge in the 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 11 weeks. Luther spent time in the nearby town of Eisenach 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. We will return to Erfurt at the end of the day. **(B/D)**

Day 9: Tuesday, March 14, 2017: Marburg, Worms, Heidelberg

This morning we will stop in the university city of Marburg to see the Landgrave Castle, site of the Marburg Colloquy. Continuing south, we will stop in Worms and visit 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. Our final stop is Heidelberg where we will visit the Heidelberg Castle and talk about the Heidelberg Confession. We will dine in our hotel this evening. **(B/ D)**

Day 10: Wednesday, March 15, 2017: Strasbourg

After breakfast, we will continue on to 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 an afternoon tour around the city centre and view the Cathedral of Strasbourg, St. Thomas's Church, and the charming "La Petite France" quarter. After dinner we will take a boat ride on the canal. **(B/D)**

Day 11: Thursday, March 16, 2017: 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 dine in an authentic Swiss restaurant. We will spend the night in Zurich. **(B/D)**



Day 12: Friday, March 17, 2017: Zurich, Geneva

Our local guide in Zurich will take us on a walking 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 depart for Geneva and dine at our hotel. **(B/D)**

Day 13: Saturday, March 18, 2017: Geneva

This morning our local guide will join us for a tour of the Reformation highlights in Geneva. We 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 tour 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 14: Sunday, March 19, 2017: Return

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

RCS17 Tour Price: \$2,799 **per person, land only* \$3,899 from LAX

**Price based on double occupancy with a minimum of 35 participants*

Your Tour Includes:

- Land transportation via private, deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- Twin accommodations in superior 3 star and moderate 4 star hotels
- Meals as indicated in itinerary
- Services of professional 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
- All taxes and tips, except coach driver

Your Tour Does Not Include:

- Air transportation, related taxes & fees (\$1,100 from LAX)
- 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.
- Final invoices will be sent in November 2016
- Final payments will be due by December 23, 2016
- Reservations will be accepted after final payment date, only subject to availability, and will need to be paid in full.
- Early registration is encouraged as space is limited. *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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