



McDonough Presbyterian Church

Reformation and Music Tour

June 7-18, 2017

Led by Olin McBride



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Rev. Dr. Olin McBride and his wife, Virginia, invite you to join members of McDonough Presbyterian Church on an 11 day tour of Germany and Austria. We will celebrate the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Protestant Reformation, learn about Martin Luther's life and ministry, and

enjoy the music of Bach and Mozart. We will participate in two very special events while we are on tour. The first is the Luther Wedding Celebration in Wittenberg, where we will join in the annual celebration and watch the parade. We will also be in Leipzig during the annual Bach Festival and we will attend a concert on Sunday evening. Our tour will conclude in Salzburg, Austria which many say is the most romantic city in the world.



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

Day 1: Wednesday, June 7, 2017: Departure

We will depart the US today on our overnight flight from Atlanta to Berlin, Germany (IF)

Day 2: Thursday, June 8, 2017: Berlin

On arrival in Berlin, we will meet our tour director who will escort us to our motor coach. After boarding our bus, we will have a panoramic tour of Berlin as an introduction to our Reformation tour, then check-in to our hotel. The afternoon is free to explore Berlin independently. A welcome dinner is at our hotel this evening. (IF/D)

Day 3: Friday, June 9, 2017: Berlin

After breakfast at the hotel, we will take a half-day walking tour including a remnant of the Berlin Wall; an out-

side visit of the Reichstag and Checkpoint Charlie Museum; the historic Berlin thoroughfare, Unter den Linden; Gendarmenmarkt, the most elegant square in former East Berlin, with its German and French cathedrals; and several significant churches. We will visit the German Resistance Memorial Center for a guided tour focusing on the religious resistance in WW II. You may consider an optional visit to German History Museum. The afternoon and evening are at leisure. (B)

Day 4: Saturday, June 10, 2017: Wittenberg, Leipzig

We will spend a full day in Wittenberg where the Reformation officially began in 1517. Wittenberg will be in celebration mode today, as it's the annual Luther Wedding Festival, complete with parade and fun activities. Our guide will share highlights from Luther's life on the bus, then we will explore at our leisure. After some free time, we will meet again for the 5 PM Wittenberg English Ministry service. We will board the bus after the fellowship time and continue on to Leipzig. (B/L)

Day 5: Sunday, June 11, 2017: Leipzig

This morning we have the opportunity to attend a morning service at St. Thomas' Church in Leipzig, followed by lunch at the Auerbachs Restaurant. The rest of the day is free to explore Leipzig. The Bach Festival is from June 9-18th, and concert tickets are included this evening. (B/L)

Day 6: Monday, June 12, 2017: Erfurt

This morning we will drive to Erfurt where Luther studied law and theology at one of Germany's oldest universities. He became a monk and then an ordained priest here and remained at the monastery until 1511. After a group lunch, we will visit the Augustin-



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ian Monastery. Our tour will also include St. Mary's Cathedral where Luther celebrated his first mass and the delightful Merchant's Bridge, the longest Renaissance bridge of its kind in Europe. (B/L)

Day 7: Tuesday, June 13, 2017: Eisenach, Erfurt

Today's day trip is to nearby Eisenach, and begins with a tour of Wartburg Castle where Luther completed the first translation of the New Testament from Greek into German. After our tour, we will have lunch in the restaurant next to the castle with amazing views over the Thuringian Forest. In the afternoon, we will have a guided tour of Eisenach including St. George's Church, the Luther house and the Luther Monument. Bach was born here in 1685, and we will visit the Bach House with the largest collection of Bach memorabilia in the world. A musical demonstration of period instruments is also included. We will return to Erfurt in the late afternoon and dine at our hotel. (B/D)



Day 8: Wednesday, June 14, 2017: Rothenburg-ob-der-Tauber

This morning we will drive through the Thuringian Forest to the wonderfully preserved medieval town of Rothenburg. We will begin with a walk along the city wall. Inside St. Jacob's Church we will see the famous carved "Holy Blood Altar" by Tilman Riemenschneider. We will continue through the lower town gate into the area where the castle once stood. The rest of the day is at leisure to relax, browse stores like Käthe Wohlfahrt's year-round Christmas store, or visit the local history museum which includes the oldest kitchen in Europe. We will dine at our hotel. (B/D)

Day 9: Thursday, June 15, 2017: Salzburg

We will see more of the German countryside today

as we drive across Bavaria to Salzburg, Austria. The afternoon is free to explore Salzburg's "Old Town" (Altstadt), a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the world's best-preserved Baroque cities. We will dine at our hotel this evening. (B/D)



Day 10: Friday, June 16, 2017: Salzburg

Our morning Salzburg tour will feature highlights from the Sound of Music. We will explore the breathtaking landscapes that made this movie famous while we wander through locations that served as impressive backdrops to one of the world's most-loved films. We will also visit some sites related to Salzburg's most famous resident, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, including the Mozarteum, one of the best music schools in the world and the house where he was born in 1756. In Salzburg's Baroque Old Town, we will visit the beautiful cathedral and festival quarter. The afternoon is free for relaxation, shopping, visiting museums or enjoying coffee and cake. This evening we will attend a classical music concert inside Schloss Mirabell's breathtaking Marble Hall. (B)

Day 11: Saturday, June 17, 2016: Berchtesgaden, Salzburg

We will return to Germany today for a trip to the Berchtesgaden, Obersalzberg and Lake Konigsee area, including Eagle's Nest. This was built as a teahouse for Adolf Hitler's 50th birthday and has breathtaking views across the Alps. We will return to Salzburg in the afternoon with plenty of time to pack. We will end with a Farewell Meal. (B/D)

Day 12: Saturday, June 18, 2016: Return

This morning, we will transfer by coach to the Munich Airport for our non-stop flight to Atlanta (B/IF)

RKC17 Tour Price: \$3,150* per person, land only
Price based on a minimum of 30 participants

Terms and Conditions

Your Tour Includes:

- Land transportation via private, deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- Twin accommodations in 3 and 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, other than the tour director and driver

Your Tour Does Not Include:

- Air transportation, related taxes & fees (available in August)
- Meals not indicated on itinerary
- Beverages except with breakfast
- Single supplement \$450
- Tips to tour director and driver
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees (*Passport must be valid for six months beyond return date*)

Payment Schedule:

- Deposit of \$800 will secure your place on the tour. Registration is requested by October 13 2016
- Final invoices will be sent in February 2017
- Final payments will be due no later than March 10, 2017
- Reservations will be accepted after March 10, 2017, subject to availability, and will need to be paid in full.
- Early registration is encouraged.

Cancellation Policy:

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