



Join Rev. Barry Gray and Rev. Dr. John Paderson
In the Footsteps of the Reformers
A 500th Anniversary Reformation Tour
Germany, France and Switzerland
August 26-September 6, 2017



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Join us for a 500th anniversary tour of the major cities of the Reformation in Germany, France, and Switzerland.



The tour combines the old with the new. It begins in Berlin and ends in Geneva. It combines Reformation history with a taste of local culture. Local guides provide the history at each stop while **Rev. Gray** and **Rev. Dr. Paderson** provide additional background to enhance the experience.

Key: IF = In Flight Meals, B= Breakfast, D = Dinner

Day 1: Saturday: Overnight Flight to Berlin, Germany

Our journey to explore the sites and heroes of the Reformation begins with an overnight flight to Berlin. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the flight! **(IF)**

Day 2: Sunday: Arrival in Berlin

Our tour director will welcome us on our arrival in Berlin, and escort us to the waiting bus. We will begin with a guided tour of Berlin including stops at the famous Brandenburg Gate for photos. We will also see the Cathedral, the Reichstag building, and Cold War Check Point Charlie Museum. Our welcome dinner is at our hotel this evening. **(D)**



Day 3: Monday: Wittenberg, Eisleben

After breakfast we will drive to Wittenberg and have free time for lunch. Our guided tour will include the Luther

House Museum, where Martin Luther and his family lived. This Reformation museum's collection includes Luther's desk, his pulpit, and first editions of his books. Nearby is St. Mary's Church, a twin-towered gothic church where Luther preached the Reformation, got married (1525), and baptized his six children. We will go to the spot where Luther reputedly burned the Papal Bull, by which Rome condemned him as a heretic. In the Castle Church we will see Luther's tomb and gather outside the doors where Luther posted his 95 Theses against the sale of indulgences—and launched the Reformation in 1517. We will continue on to Eisleben and dine in our hotel. **(B/D)**

Day 4: Tuesday: Eisleben

Eisleben is where Luther was born and also where he died and it is sometimes referred to as his Bethlehem and Jerusalem. We'll visit both these homes with our guide, as well as St. Anne's, an old miner's church famous for the Biblical Scenes hewn in stone. We will also visit St. Peter and St. Paul Church where Luther was baptized. The afternoon is at leisure to relax or explore the town. We will have a wine tasting and dinner at the Hoffman Winery on the Luther Way this evening. **(B/D)**



Day 5: Wednesday: Erfurt, Eisenach

We will drive to Erfurt this morning. In the afternoon we will be joined by our local guide, who will take us to St. Mary's Cathedral where Luther celebrated his first mass and the delightful Merchant's Bridge. Following in Luther's footsteps, we will also visit the Augustinian Monastery. While we are there, we will see the "Luther Cell" and exhibition. We will end the day with a special after-hours wine and music reception at the Bach House, featuring a private concert with period instruments. **(B/D)**



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Day 6: Thursday: Eisenach, Rudesheim

This morning we'll tour 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 our tour, we will return to Eisenach for a guided tour, including St. George's Church, the Luther House and the Luther Monument. After a drive to St. Goarshausen, we will board our boat for a mini-cruise on the most scenic part of the Rhine with vineyards, old castles, and of course the Lorelei. Our bus will take the luggage directly, so that we can walk to our hotel. We will enjoy live folk music in our Rudesheim restaurant this evening. **(B/D)**



Day 7: Friday: Worms, Mainz, Rudesheim

Our morning begins with a visit to Worms where we will visit the site of the Worms Debates (Diet of Worms), now a park, with a plaque commemorating the Diet of Worms, the Reformation Monument, St. Peters, and the Church of the Holy Trinity. Then we will continue on to Mainz to focus on Bible printing history and the contribution of Johann Gutenberg, who developed moveable type. We will be amazed as we view original copies of the Bible in the Gutenberg Museum. Before returning to St. Goar we also view Mainz Cathedral, dating back to 975. We will return to Rudesheim and dine in a winery above the Rhine this evening. **(B/D)**

Day 8: Saturday: Heidelberg, Strasbourg

On our way to France we will stop in Heidelberg where we will visit the Heidelberg Castle and discuss the Heidelberg Confession. Strasbourg was 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, followed by dinner and a boat ride on the canal. **(B/D)**

Day 9: Sunday: 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. In the afternoon we have leisure time to explore this wonderful French city, rest or try local cuisine favorites. The tour director will also be leading an optional excursion to the European Parliament Building in Strasbourg. **(B)**

Day 10: Monday: Basel, Geneva

After breakfast we will head south to Basel, home of Erasmus and Johannes Oecolampadius. We will join our local guide for a walking tour of Basel, including St. Martin's Church, the Marketplatz, Munster Church and the Rathaus. We will continue on to Geneva and check in to our hotel. We will dine in our hotel this evening. **(B/D)**



Day 11: Tuesday: Geneva

This morning, our local guide will take us on a tour of Reformation sites in Geneva including the impressive Reformation Monument. Four statues of four Reformation leaders stand as sentinels to truth and courage inspired by Godly faith. St. Pierre's Cathedral, next to the Auditoire de Calvin, is where John Calvin preached. We can see his chair and a restored section decorated as it would have been before Calvin. We will have plenty of time to explore the Reformation Museum and the Roman ruins below. The rest of the day is at leisure before our farewell meal at a local restaurant this evening. **(B/D)**

Day 12: Monday: Return

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

RSF17 Tour Price: \$2,999* per person land only

*Price based on a minimum of 30 participants

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