



Reformation Tours, LLC presents the
Lutherland & Bavaria Tour

September 27— October 8, 2018

Hosted by Pastor David and Jeanette Meggers



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We are extending an invitation to members of Concordia, their family and friends to join Pastor David and Jeanette Meggers on a trip to Germany in October 2018. The itinerary will include extended time in Luther towns (Wittenberg, Erfurt, Eisenach and Eisleben) and then on to Bavaria (Rothenberg, Oberammergau, Salzburg and Munchen). Besides a guided tour at each town we have a schedule that will allow for personal time to explore these sites and soak up the culture. The intention is to make the trip pleasurable and memorable. For example in Wittenberg we will visit the Old Latin School and the activities of the Wittenberg Project and attend church service in the Castle Church as part of celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation (albeit a year later!). This is an opportunity to get a deeper understanding of Martin Luther and the Reformation.

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

Day 1: Thursday, September 27, 2018: Depart USA

Our journey begins as we board our international flight to Berlin, Germany. Group flights will be arranged from St. Louis and can be reserved from November 2017. Alternative travel arrangements, including pre-tours can also be arranged. **(IF)**



Day 2: Friday, September 28, 2018: Berlin

On arrival in Berlin, we will meet our tour director who will escort us throughout the tour. We will start our Reformation Tour with a panoramic sightseeing tour of the reunified German capital, highlighting the Reichstag (parliament building), the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, the refurbished city center and Gendarmenmarkt. We will also see Alexanderplatz, the famous boulevard "Unter den Linden", and the Berlin Cathedral. Our Welcome Dinner is in our hotel this evening. **(IF/D)**

Day 3: Saturday, September 29, 2018: Berlin, Wittenberg

Before departing Berlin this morning, we will visit the Bonhoeffer Museum and see a film about his life. On arrival in Lutherstadt-Wittenberg, we will enjoy a group meal in the Brauhaus, then the rest of the day is at leisure. The group is warmly invited to join the weekly English-language service organized by the Wittenberg English Ministry at 5 PM (one hour). **(B/L)**

Day 4: Sunday, September 30, 2018: Wittenberg

After breakfast at the hotel, we will attend a morning church service (in German) in Castle Church Wittenberg. In the afternoon our expert local guide will take us on half-day walking tour including the Lutherhalle (Luther's home), Town Church, and Castle Church. Although the original door was destroyed in a fire, the replica has all 95 Theses magnificently displayed in bronze. We'll dine this evening in a local restaurant and ask local pastors to join us. **(B/D)**



Day 5: Monday, October 1, 2018: Eisleben, Erfurt

We will begin the day with a trip to Eisleben, where Luther was born and also where he died. 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. Then we will drive through the Thuringian countryside to Erfurt and check-in to our hotel. We have time to stroll through the narrow streets of the old town and walk across the famous Krämer Bridge. We will enjoy a group meal at a restaurant this evening. **(B/D)**

Day 6: Tuesday, October 2, 2018: Erfurt

We will start our full day in Erfurt with a walking tour



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led by a local expert guide. We will visit 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. (The group could have a special service in the Monastery chapel and communion elements can be provided.) We have the opportunity to dine independently at a restaurant of our choice this evening. **(B)**

Day 7: Wednesday, October 3, 2018: Eisenach, Rothenburg

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 continue on to Rothenburg, a well-preserved medieval city, with its ramparts, a city gate, and town hall. Perhaps the most famous town on the "Romantic Road", Rothenburg is indeed a jewel. We will enjoy a meal together at our hotel in this wonderful city, followed by the option of joining the Night Watchman's tour. **(B/D)**

Day 8: Thursday, October 4, 2018: Romantic Road, Oberammergau

We will begin the day with some free time to explore this storybook town. Then we will board the coach and drive the Romantic Road past the medieval towns of Dinkelsbühl and Nördlingen to southern Bavaria. We will visit Ettal Monastery, before continuing on to Oberammergau. The Thirty Years' War and the plague of 1632 threatened to wipe out the local population of this small town. The survivors made a pledge that they would perform a passion play every 10 years and no further deaths occurred. We will dine in our hotel this evening. **(B/D)**

Day 9: Friday, October 5, 2018: Bavarian Alps and Castles, Oberammergau

Today we will enjoy some of the highlights of Bavaria, including a tour of the spectacular Neuschwanstein Castle and Linderhof Castle. In the afternoon we will return to the village of Oberammergau and have a guided tour of the famous Passion Play Theater, where the Passion Play has been performed every ten years or so, since the Middle Ages (next performance is in 2020). The rest of the day is at leisure. **(B)**



Day 10: Saturday, October 6, 2018: Salzburg

We will head to Austria this explore the breathtaking landscapes that made the Sound of Music 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. This evening we will attend a classical music concert. **(B/D)**

Day 11: Sunday, October 7, 2018; Munich

This morning we will drive to Munich and have orientation tour of the main sights. We will drive by the Olympic Stadium, Nymphenburg Castle, the New and Old Pinakothek, Deutsches Museum and take a walk to Frauenkirche, the New City Hall, Marienplatz and the famous "Glockenspiel". Tonight we will celebrate the conclusion of our tour with a traditional Farewell Dinner at an authentic beer garden. It is time to reminisce about the places visited and the new friends we have made along the way. Our final overnight is in Munich. **(B/D)**



Day 12: Monday, October 8, 2018; Return

Our motor coach will take us to Munich airport for our return flights home. **(B/D)**

RDM18 Tour Price: \$2,899**per person land only*

Price based on a minimum of 20 participants

Your Tour Includes:

- Land transportation via private, deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- Twin accommodations in superior tourist and moderate first class 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, including the tour director and driver

Your Tour Does Not Include:

- Air transportation, related taxes & fees (available in September on request)
- Meals not indicated on itinerary
- Beverages except with breakfast
- Single supplement \$500
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees (*Passport must be valid for six months beyond return date*)

Payment Schedule:

- Deposit of \$350 will secure your place on the tour.
- Final invoices will be sent in June 2018
- Final payments will be due no later than June 24, 2018
- Reservations will be accepted after June 24, 2018, subject to availability, and will need to be paid in full.
- Early registration is encouraged. *Please note: all credit card payments will incur a 3.5% surcharge.*

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