



Reformation Tours, LLC Presents
**Reformation Heritage in
Sights and Sounds Tour**

June 7-19, 2018

Hosted by Pastor Kirk Clayton, Zion Lutheran Church



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You are invited to walk “In the Footsteps of Luther” as we explore the “Reformation Heritage in Sights and Sounds.” When Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses on the door of the castle church in Wittenberg, Germany 500 years ago, the effect was much more than theological. Luther’s work not only reformed the church, but also brought profound changes to culture in politics, art, music, and family life. This tour will

allow the opportunity to explore all of these as we walk in the footsteps of Luther physically, theologically, and culturally. In addition to the sights and sounds of architecture, art, and music, the trip will also be filled with friends, fellowship, and lots of good food and fun. Join in!

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

Day 1: Thursday, June 7, 2018: Fly

We will depart from the USA. Pre-tour nights in Berlin can be arranged for anyone who wishes to travel before the tour begins. **(IF)**

Day 2: Friday, June 8, 2018: Berlin, Wittenberg

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. We will continue to Lutherstadt-Wittenberg and check-in our hotel. We will dine in our hotel this evening. **(D)**



Day 3: Saturday, June 9, 2018: Wittenberg

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 take us on a guided tour including St. Mary's Church, the Old Latin School, Castle Church and Lutherhalle. After some free time, we will meet again for the 5 PM Wittenberg English Ministry service. **(B/L)**

Day 4: Sunday, June 10, 2018: Wittenberg, Eisleben

This morning we have the opportunity to attend a morning service in St. Mary's or Castle Church (both in German). In the afternoon we will take 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. We will return to Wittenberg and dine in a local restaurant. **(B/D)**

Day 5: Monday, June 11, 2018: Torgau, Leipzig

This morning, we will drive to Torgau, the political center of the Reformation. During the 15th and 16th centuries, the town was the residence of the prince-electors of Saxony. We will begin with a tour of St. Mary's Church, where Luther's wife, Katharina von Bora, is buried. We will see the house where she died, which is now a museum about her life. The magnificent renaissance Hartenfels Castle includes the first purpose-built Protestant church, which Luther consecrated in 1544. In the afternoon, we will continue on to Leipzig. Luther was here more than once, but Leipzig is really the town of Johann Sebastian Bach. Bach served as cantor in St. Thomas Church for 27 years. We will have an early dinner and attend a concert as part of the Leipzig Bach Festival. **(B/D)**

Day 6: Tuesday, June 12, 2018: Leipzig

Today we will explore one of Europe's flourishing trade and commercial centers during the Middle Ages which became the center of resistance to Communist rule a quarter century ago. Here we have the privilege of visiting the Nikolaikirche (St. Nicholas Church), the home of the faithful “Pray for Peace” Christians, and the powerful force that transformed Germany's East and West. In 1989, thousands of East Germans gathered by candlelight in this church to form human rights and pro-democracy demonstrations that led to the destruction of the infamous Berlin Wall and the dissolution of East Germany. Another Leipzig highlight is our visit to Thomaskirche (St. Thomas Church), where Luther preached and Johann Sebastian Bach performed and directed the famous St. Thomas Boys choir. The rest of the day is at leisure to enjoy the Bach Festival. **(B)**



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Day 7: Wednesday, June 13, 2018: Dresden, Leipzig

We will have a day-trip today to Baroque Dresden. We will begin with the noon service in the Frauenkirche. 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. In the afternoon there will be free time, an optional city tour, or a visit to the Jehmlich-Orgelbau organ factory. Dinner this evening is in the magnificent Schloss Wackerbarth, including wine-tasting. (B/D)



Day 8: Thursday, June 14, 2018: Erfurt, Eisenach

After breakfast, we will travel to Erfurt, where 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 also tour 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. After a group lunch, we will continue on to Eisenach and check into our hotel. 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. (B/L)

Day 9: Friday, June 15, 2018: Eisenach, Rothenburg

In 1521, while fleeing from the wrath of the Pope, Luther took refuge in the Wartburg 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 eleven weeks. We will have a fun lunch today in a medieval-style restaurant featuring foods from Luther's time. In the afternoon we will drive down to Rothenburg. The rest of the day is at leisure to relax or join the Night Watchman on his nightly tour. (B/L)

Day 10: Saturday, June 16, 2018: Heidelberg, Mainz

We will have some free time this morning to visit the Käthe Wohlfahrt Christmas shop, or walk around the medieval walls. We will then continue on to Heidelberg where we will visit the Castle and discuss the Heidelberg Confession. Our final hotel is in Mainz. We will dine in our hotel this evening. (B/D)

Day 11: Sunday, June 17, 2018: Frankfurt, Mainz

This morning we will join other English-speaking Christians for the morning worship at Trinity International Church. In the afternoon we will tour the Gutenberg Museum, where we will see three extremely rare and valuable Gutenberg original 42-line Bibles. Gutenberg is recognized as being one of the most influential figures of the millennium. We will dine in a restaurant this evening. (B/D)

Day 12: Monday, June 18, 2018, Worms, Mainz

Our morning begins with a relaxing cruise down the Rhine from St. Goar, past magnificent castles and the famous Loreley rock. We will spend the afternoon in Worms, where we will 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. Our final dinner will be in a winery. (B/D)

Day 13: Tuesday, June 19, 2018: Return

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



Tour Price: *\$3,250 per person land only

*Price based on double occupancy with a minimum of 20 participants.

Terms and Conditions

Your Tour Includes:

- Transportation: via deluxe air-conditioned coaches
- Accommodations (double-occupancy) in 3 and 4-star hotels
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- Professional tour escort throughout the tour
- Local step-on guides for city tours and major attractions
- Guides will use Whisper headsets throughout the tour
- Entrance fees included as per itinerary
- All transfers, as a group
- Baggage handling (1 piece of baggage per guest)
- All taxes and tips except as indicated below

Your Tour Does Not Include:

- Round-trip air from St. Louis, MO
- Single supplement (\$415)
- Meals and beverages not identified in itinerary
- Items of a personal nature, such as passports and visas. Passports must be valid for 6 months beyond return date.
- Passenger trip cancellation insurance (from \$158)
- Gratuities for tour manager, and driver

Payment Schedule:

- Deposit of \$350 will secure your place on the tour. Please send all payments to Reformation Tours, P.O. Box 854, Belleville, IL 62222.
- Final invoices will be sent in February 2018
- Final payment is due by March 24, 2018
- Reservations will be accepted after March 24, 2018, subject to availability

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