



Reformation Tours, LLC presents
**In the Footsteps of Luther
and the Passion Play**

June 16-27, 2020



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Pastor Terri Stagner-Collier will host this 12 day (including travel days) exploration of the major Luther historical sites, the Passion Play in Oberammergau, and a few Germany highlights. In addition to the historical and cultural insights provided by our professional tour guides, Pastor Terri will also lead us in scripture

study, worship and song. This tour has been custom designed to strike a balance between group site-seeing and down-time to explore (or rest) on your own! Martin Luther's journey of faith grew from a tentative novitiate full of questions and doubt to that of a passionate and courageous reformer, deeply grounded in God's grace and the truth of Scripture. This tour will not only explore the sites and history of Luther's life, but his theological journey as well. The Passion Play in Oberammergau will be the pinnacle of our travels, as we too experience anew the life-changing gift of God's grace made known on the cross. All are welcome!

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

Day 1: Tuesday, June 16, 2020: Fly to Berlin

Our journey to explore the sites and heroes of the Reformation will begin with an overnight flight to Berlin. Pre-tour hotel nights can be arranged in Berlin. (IF)

Day 2: Wednesday, June 17, 2020: Berlin, Wittenberg

Welcome to Germany! On arrival in Berlin, travelers will take a taxi to the centrally-located hotel. After time to explore the nearby Kaiser Wilhelm Church, purchase lunch, and shop, we will gather back at the hotel to begin the tour. Our afternoon bus orientation tour will include a stop at the famous Brandenburg Gate for photos. We will then go back to the time of Luther as we visit Lutherstadt-Wittenberg, the birthplace of the Reformation. This evening we will enjoy a welcome dinner and spend our first night in Wittenberg. (IF/D)



Day 3: Thursday, June 18, 2020: Wittenberg

This morning our local guide will take us on a tour of Lutherstadt Wittenberg. It was here in 1517 that Martin Luther nailed his famous 95 Theses to the door of Castle Church (Schlosskirche). Although the original doors were destroyed in the Seven Years War, we can see Luther's texts cast in bronze on the new doors. We will visit St. Mary's Church where Luther regularly preached and visit the Old Latin School next door. Luther's former home, the Lutherhalle, is now a Reformation Museum and we will see where he lived with his family, as well as some of Luther's very own personal library, rare manuscripts, and early Bibles. The rest of the day will be free to explore independently. (B)

Day 4: Friday, June 19, 2020: Eisleben, Erfurt

This morning we will visit Eisleben, one of Luther's favorite towns. This is where he was born and also where he died, so it is sometimes referred to as his Bethlehem and Jerusalem. We will visit both of 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 then continue to Erfurt and dine in our hotel. (B/D)

Day 5: Saturday, June 20, 2020: Eisenach, Erfurt

Today's full-day excursion will be to Eisenach. 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. Luther spent time in the nearby town of Eisenach as a school boy and sang in the choir of St. George's Church, where the Bach family also worshiped. The afternoon will be free to explore the town or tour the Bach Museum and Luther House Museum. The bus will then take us back to Erfurt and the rest of the day will be at leisure. (B)



Day 6: Sunday, June 21, 2020: Erfurt, Rudesheim

Our local guide will take us on a tour including viewing St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Severin's Church and the famous



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Merchant's Bridge. We will end our tour at 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 when he lived there. At the end of the tour, we will have a group worship service in the chapel. On our way to the Rhine River, we will watch a Reformation DVD. We will stay overnight in Rudesheim and enjoy a meal in a local restaurant this evening. (B/D)

Day 7: Monday, June 22, 2020: Rhine Cruise, Worms, Heidelberg

What better way to start the day than with a Rhine cruise! We will board the boat and sail past magnificent castles and the famous Loreley rock to St. Goar. Every bend in the river will bring more stunning scenery, ships pass left & right, and numerous trains roar up and down the Rhine River valley. From there we will drive to Worms, where we will tour the Cathedral, followed by 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 in 1521. We will have a photo stop at the stunning Reformation Monument, followed by a visit to the Church of the Holy Trinity. Tonight's dinner will be in a family-owned winery and our meal will include tasting 4 local wines. We will end the day in Heidelberg. (B/D)



Day 8: Tuesday, June 23, 2020: Heidelberg, Rothenburg

Today we will have a leisurely morning to relax or visit Heidelberg Castle which boasts the world's largest wine barrel, a fascinating history and a stunning view. We will then drive to Rothenburg, the most picturesque and well-preserved of the towns along the famous "Romantic Road". It is one of Germany's very best walled medieval cities – most of the buildings were built by 1400. 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. We will dine in our hotel this evening. (B/D)

Day 9: Wednesday, June 24, 2020: Neuschwanstein Castle, Oberammergau

We will have some time this morning to shop at the famous Käthe Wohlfahrt store. We will travel south today using the fabled "Romantic Road," Germany's most famous and pop-

ular tourist route which runs for 350 romantic kilometers across a rich and varied cultural landscape along the river Main and through the Franconian wine country to the Alps. One of the best-known sites in Bavaria is Neuschwanstein Castle. We will tour the castle designed by King Ludwig. We will end our day in our 4-star hotel in the Oberammergau area. (B/D)



Day 10: Thursday, June 25, 2020: Oberammergau

We will transfer to Oberammergau this morning and have time to shop or explore locally on our own. We will eat lunch together before Part One of the Play, which begins at 2:30 PM. There is a break for dinner from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM and we will dine together in a restaurant in Oberammergau. Part Two ends at 10:30 PM and then we will board our bus to return to our hotel. (B/L/D)

Day 11: Friday, June 26, 2020: Munich

After a leisurely breakfast, we will travel up to Munich. In the afternoon we will have a walking tour of Munich, including the Cathedral, the Marienplatz, and the Old Town. This evening we will finish our fun tour with a farewell Bavarian meal in a beer garden. We will overnight in Munich. (B/L/D)



Day 12: Saturday, June 27, 2020: Fly

We will provide transfers for morning flights back to the USA. Post-tour nights in Munich are available on request. (B)

RGA20 Tour Price: \$3,499*per person, land only

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

Terms and Conditions

Your Tour Includes:

- Land transportation via private, deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- Accommodations (double-occupancy) in superior 3-star and moderate 4-star hotels
- Category 1 seats for the Oberammergau Passion Play
- Meals as indicated in itinerary
- Professional Tour Director throughout the tour
- Local step-on guides for city tours and major attractions
- Admission to all activities indicated in the itinerary
- All transfers as a group
- Luggage handling: one piece per person
- All taxes and tips including the driver and guides

Your Tour Does Not Include:

- Round-trip air transportation
- Meals and beverages not indicated on itinerary
- Single supplement (\$850)
- Items of a personal nature, such as passports and visas (*Passport must be valid for six months beyond return date*)
- Passenger trip cancellation insurance (details sent with reservation form)

Payment Schedule:

- First deposit of \$350 will secure your place on the tour. All payments should be sent to Reformation Tours, P.O. Box 854, Belleville, IL 62222
- Second deposit of \$1,000 is due by December 1, 2019
- Final payments will be due no later than February 10, 2020
- Reservations will be accepted after February 10, 2020 subject to availability
- Early registration is encouraged. *Please note: all credit card payments will incur a 3.5% surcharge.*

Cancellation Policy:

Oberammergau ticket deposits (\$650) are non-refundable, but we will endeavor to find replacement travelers. All cancellations must be in writing and the date of postmark will determine the amount of refund due. Refunds are based on the number of days prior to departure date. From the time of deposit until December 1, 2019: \$350. From December 2019 to 15 days prior to departure (6/1/20), \$650 per person penalty, plus any non-refundable deposits. 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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