



Reformation Tours, LLC presents the
Oberammergau Bike Tour

July 24— August 4, 2020

Hosted by Pastor Jake Lehman



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You are invited to join Pastor Jake Lehman on a bicycle tour through Germany highlighting the land of Martin Luther and the Oberammergau Passion Play. This unique opportunity will enable you to enjoy local culture and cuisine, and take in the picturesque landscape dotted with small towns as you bicycle through the German countryside. On this tour, you will visit the beautiful and historic places where the reformation began and share the wonderful experience of witnessing the Oberammergau Passion Play held in the beautiful alpine town of Oberammergau. Highlights include visits to Berlin, Wittenberg, Eisleben, Erfurt, the Wartburg Castle, Regensburg, Neuschwanstein Castle, Oberammergau, and Munich.

**This tour will include over 200 miles of cycling on varied terrain. It is recommended that riders are able to cover 40 miles comfortably in order to participate.*

IF = In-flight meals, B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

Day 1: Friday, July 24, 2020: Departure

We will depart the US on our overnight flights to Berlin, Germany. (IF)



Day 2: Saturday, July 25, 2020: Berlin, Wittenberg

On arrival in Berlin, the support team will welcome us and load our bikes into the van. The bikes and luggage will go

directly to the hotel in Wittenberg. We will be free to explore Berlin at our leisure. In the afternoon, we will take the train to Wittenberg and check-in to our hotel. Anyone renting bikes will pick them up in Wittenberg. (IF)

Day 3: Sunday, July 26, 2020: Wittenberg

After breakfast, we will have the opportunity to attend church in Wittenberg. In the afternoon, our expert local guide will take us on a 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. The rest of the day is at leisure and we will have coupons to use for free admission to the Melancthon House, the Cranach Museum, etc. (B)



Day 4: Monday, July 27, 2020: Eisleben

We will have breakfast in our hotel, then we will have our first bike ride on the Luther Way from Wittenberg to Eisleben. The route will take us through delightful villages and countryside. Our luggage will be transferred to the hotel in Eisleben and the driver will be on hand if assistance is required. We will relax in Eisleben this evening after our ride. (B)

Day 5: Tuesday, July 28, 2020: Eisleben

After a relaxed breakfast, we will have a guided walking tour of Eisleben, where Luther was born and also where he died. 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. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

Day 6: Wednesday, July 29, 2020: Erfurt

After breakfast, we will set off on our bikes again, this time riding to Erfurt, where we will meet up with the rest of the group who are on the bus tour. Our luggage will be transferred to Erfurt. We will all dine as a group in our hotel in Erfurt. (B/D)



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Day 7: Thursday, July 30, 2020: Erfurt

We will have breakfast in our hotel, then our local expert guide will take us on a walking tour. Luther lived in Erfurt as a student before he joined the Augustinian order. We will see the market square with the magnificent cathedral, stroll through the little streets with the rich timber-framed buildings, cross the Merchant's Bridge, and visit the Augustinian Monastery, which Luther always called his spiritual home. We will dine together this evening. **(B/D)**



Day 8: Friday, July 31, 2020: Eisenach, Erfurt

After breakfast, our bikes will be loaded in the van and transported to Eisenach. We will travel to Wartburg Castle on the bus with the rest of the group. The Wartburg is one of the most important castles in German history. In 1521, Luther took refuge after a fake kidnapping staged by his friend and protector, Frederick the Wise. Among the many letters and books that he wrote here, was the first translation of the New Testament into German. We will also learn about the life and work of St. Elizabeth. In the afternoon, we will ride our bikes back to Erfurt and join the rest of the group for dinner. **(B/D)**

Day 9: Saturday, August 1, 2020: Regensburg, Munich

We will have breakfast in our hotel, then the bikes will be loaded in the van to be transported down to Bavaria. We can choose to either take the train to Munich, or ride on the tour bus to the ancient city of Regensburg. Dating back to the 9th



century, this city is a UNESCO heritage site due to the wealth of historic buildings including a 12th century bridge, medieval houses and a stunning cathedral. After free time to explore the city, we will continue on to Munich and dine in our hotel. **(B/D)**

Day 10: Sunday, August 2, 2020: Oberammergau

After breakfast, we will all travel to Oberammergau and we will have free time to stroll around the village. The seven-hour performance is truly a moving experience as we witness the passion of Jesus, recalling how He gave His life so that we might be forgiven. We will stay in a hotel in the Oberammergau area. **(B/D)**



Day 11: Monday, August 3, 2020: Fussen, Munich

After breakfast, we will ride our bikes to Neuschwanstein Castle, the fairytale castle built by King Ludwig II. This attractive castle is the most photographed place in Germany. After visiting the castle, we will cycle to Fussen. The van will take the bikes to the hotel and we will take the train back to Munich. We will dine in a romantic Bavarian beer garden, where we will enjoy fellowship and good beer. **(B/D)**



Day 12: Tuesday, August 4, 2020: Return

After breakfast in the hotel, we will transfer to the airport. Rental bikes will be returned to Berlin on the van. **(B/IF)**

RBK20 Tour Price: \$2,499*per person

*Price based on double occupancy with a minimum of 10 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 the 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 (\$415)
- 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 \$500 is due by December 1, 2019
- Final payments will be due no later than May 10, 2020
- Reservations will be accepted after May 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 (8/27/20), \$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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