



Join Pastor Steve and Merrill Mixer on the

Footsteps of Martin Luther in Germany Tour

August 13-22, 2020



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Steve and Merrill Mixer will host the Footsteps of Martin Luther in Germany tour. Steve, a retired pastor, and Merrill, a professional tour guide and history buff, have been married 38 years and have visited 40 countries where they always take time to enjoy coffee and a local delicacy. Several years ago they took a group to the Holy Land to walk where Jesus walked and discovered that exploring sites important to their Christian faith was especially fun when traveling with fellow believers. They then planned a sequel taking a group to walk in the Footsteps of Peter and Paul in Greece, Ephesus and Rome. They are looking forward to continuing the journey and invite you to join them for coffee, apple strudel and good times!

Travel from Berlin to Munich exploring quaint German villages, historical sites where Martin Luther lived and worked, magnificent castles, monasteries and churches. Learn how God directed people and events sparking the Protestant Reformation and changing Christianity and the entire world for the better in many ways. Relax on a scenic Rhine River cruise. Enjoy periods for personal free time and exploration. Attend the Oberammergau Passion Play and remember Jesus Christ's teachings, sacrificial death and resurrection. In 1633 the people of Oberammergau made a vow that they would perform a passion play every ten years if God spared them from the Black Plague. 2020 will be the 42nd production of the world famous play with orchestra and chorus - performed solely by Oberammergau residents! Gain renewed appreciation for the Protestant Church, which is due to the important reforms affected 500 years ago when Martin Luther challenged the Catholic Church and rediscovered the wonderful message: "For by grace are you saved through faith...it is the gift of God." (Ephesians 2:8)



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

Day 1: Thursday, August 13, 2020: Depart

We will depart from the USA. Group flights can be arranged from Portland, OR. Reformation Tours can also arrange pre-tour nights in Berlin for anyone who wishes to travel before the tour begins. (IF)



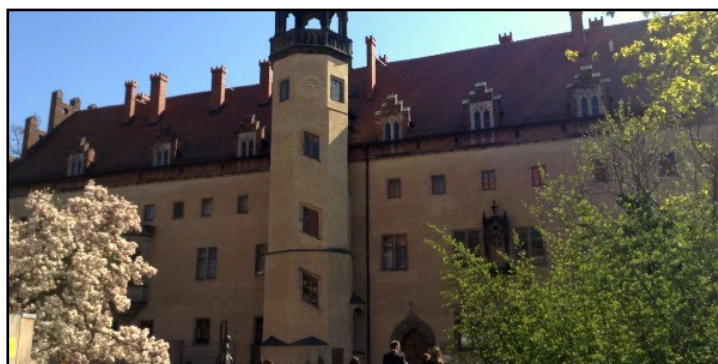
Day 2: Friday, August 14, 2020 Berlin, Wittenberg

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. (IF/D)

Day 3: Saturday, August 15, 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



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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. We will arrange for a time of fellowship today, either in the Old Lutheran School, or with the Wittenberg English Ministry. The rest of the day will be free to explore independently. **(B)**

Day 4: Sunday, August 16, 2020: Erfurt

This morning we will drive to Erfurt. 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 when he lived there. **(B/D)**



Day 5: Monday, August 17, 2020: Eisenach, Rudesheim

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. In the afternoon we will travel down to the Rhine region and check-in to our hotel in Rudesheim. We will have dinner in the stunning Eberbach Abbey. **(B/D)**

Day 6: Tuesday, August 18, 2020: Rhine Cruise, Rothenburg

We will start our day with a relaxing Rhine cruise, sailing 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. We will continue on to medieval Rothenburg, where we will have leisure time to shop, walk around the walls and explore the town. This evening we will have the option of joining the Night Watchman on his nightly tour (public tour). **(B)**

Day 7: Wednesday, August 19, 2020: Neuschwanstein, Oberammergau

This morning we will drive down the Romantic Road to Neuschwanstein and tour this gorgeous fairytale castle. We'll end the day at our hotel in the Oberammergau area. **(B/D)**



Day 8: Thursday, August 20, 2020: Oberammergau

The morning will be free to stroll around Oberammergau before eating lunch and heading to the Passion Play. 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. Gathered together with Christians from around the globe, this once-a-decade play is an unforgettable experience. **(B/L/D)**

Day 9: Friday, August 21, 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 traditional restaurant. We will overnight in Munich. **(B/D)**

Day 10: Saturday, August 22, 2020: Return

We will leave this morning and drive to Munich Airport for our flight home. Post-tours can be arranged. **(B)**



RMX20 Tour Price: \$2,999 *per person, land only

**Price based on double occupancy with a minimum of 30 participants*

Terms and Conditions

Your Tour Includes:

- Land transportation via private, deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- Accommodations (double-occupancy) in superior 3-star and 4-star hotels
- Category 1 seats for the Oberammergau Passion Play
- Meals as indicated in itinerary
- Merrill Mixer as tour guide throughout the tour
- Local step-on guides for city tours and major attractions
- Entrance fees included as per itinerary
- All transfers as a group
- Luggage handling: one piece per person at hotels
- Basic Insurance coverage (upgrade available)
- All taxes and tips for services provided except as indicated below

Your Tour Does Not Include:

- Air transportation and related taxes and fees (available on request)
- Meals not indicated on itinerary
- Beverages except with breakfast
- End of tour gratuity for coach driver and tour guide
- Single supplement (\$780)
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees (*Passport must be valid for six months beyond return date*)
- Optional insurance upgrade (recommended)

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 February 1, 2019
- Final payments will be due no later than April 8, 2020
- Reservations will be accepted after April 8, 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 (7/29/20), \$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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