



Reformation Tours, LLC presents the
Urbana Seminary
Reformation History Tour

May 20-30, 2019

Hosted by Dr. Joe Thomas, Professor of Christianity



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You are invited to join Dr. Joe Thomas, Professor of History of Christianity at Urbana Theological Seminary as he traces our rich Protestant heritage through three countries: Germany, Switzerland, and the Czech Republic. Dr. Thomas regularly gives public talks on Luther, Erasmus, and the history of the Reformation. He

has been a seminary professor for nearly 15 years and is the author of *Perfect Harmony*.

"I've had the privilege of traveling internationally for nearly 20 years, most of which have been to Israel. After studying with the Urbana Seminary, I was honored to come on board as their study abroad travel coordinator. I'm committed to working hard to make this a wonderful experience for each participant." Brenda Tennill, Urbana Seminary Tour Coordinator



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

Day 1: Monday, May 20, 2019: Depart

We will depart from the US on our overnight trip from Chicago. Reformation Tours can also arrange pre-tour nights in Prague for anyone who wishes to travel before the tour begins. (IF)

Day 2: Tuesday, May 21, 2019: Arrival in Prague

When we arrive in Prague, our Reformation Tours' Tour Director will greet and escort us to our waiting deluxe, air-conditioned motor coach. We will have some free time for lunch, then our expert local guide will take us on a walking tour focused on Jan Hus, the leading personality of the Czech Reformation movement. We'll visit Bethlehem Chapel where he preached (possibly closed for renovations) and see the Hus monument outside Týn Church. Hus was a contemporary of John Wycliffe and was heavily



influenced by his writings. They both agreed that all Christians are members of Christ's church and that Jesus is the head. We will end the day with a dinner cruise. (IF/D)

Day 3: Wednesday, May 22, 2019: Prague

This morning we'll explore Prague Castle, a complex of palaces, courtyards, streets and churches including St. Vitus Cathedral, which took 600 years to complete. We will then take a stroll across Charles Bridge, past the famous statues to the Old Town Square. We will finish by the Jan Hus Monument, built to commemorate the 500th anniversary of his martyrdom. The afternoon will be at leisure before a Czech folk dinner this evening. (B/D)

Day 4: Thursday, May 23, 2019: Prague, Wittenberg

We will cross the border into Germany this morning and travel to 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. Our local guide will take us to St. Mary's Church where Luther regularly preached. We can also 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. We will dine in our hotel this evening. (B/D)



Day 5: Friday, May 24, 2019: Erfurt, Eisenach

This morning we will drive to Erfurt. Our local guide will take us on a tour including viewing 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. We will have the opportunity to use the Chapter House for a group service. We will continue on to Eisenach and dine in our hotel. (B/D)

Day 6: Saturday, May 25, 2019: Eisenach, Mainz

In 1521, while fleeing from the wrath of the Pope, Luther took refuge in the Wartburg after a fake kidnapping staged by his friend and protector, Frederick the Wise. We will tour



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Wartburg Castle and see where Luther finished translating the New Testament into German in just eleven weeks. In the afternoon we will drive down to Mainz and dine in an authentic German restaurant. (B/D)



Day 7: Sunday, May 26, 2019: Mainz, Worms, Basel

This morning we will visit the Gutenberg Museum where we will learn about the contribution of Johann Gutenberg, who developed movable type. We will be able to see original copies of the Bible in the Gutenberg Museum. We will also view Mainz Cathedral, dating back to 975. In the afternoon we will see the site of the Worms Debates (Diet of Worms), now a park, with a plaque commemorating the Diet of Worms and the Reformation Monument. We will hear the stories of Luther as he responded "Here I stand; I can do no other. God help me." We will then head south to Basel, home of Erasmus and Johannes Oecolampadius. (B/D)



Day 8: Monday, May 27, 2019: Zurich, Basel

We will take a day trip to Zurich today and have a guided tour of the key Reformation sites, including Zwingli's church, the Grossmünster, and the Zwingli Statue. We will have a stroll through the historic Altstadt (old city) and see the Zwingli Museum and the Helferei (where Zwingli lived). Other notable sites are the Anabaptist memorial, and the Fraumünster (the famous Catholic Cathedral) with its Marc Chagall windows. We will return to Basel and have a free evening to dine in the restaurant of our choice. (B)



Day 9: Tuesday, May 28, 2019: Basel, Geneva

It was here in Basel that Calvin published the first edition, in Latin, of his *Institutes of the Christian Religion*. We will join our local guide, for a walking tour of Basel, including St. Martin's Church, the Marketplatz, Munster Church and the Rathaus. We will continue on to Geneva and dine in our hotel. (B/D)



Day 10: Wednesday, May 29, 2019: Geneva

We will begin our final day of the tour at the impressive Reformation Monument. Four 5-meter statues of four Reformation leaders – Beza, Calvin, Farel and Knox – stand as sentinels. Our tour will also include Cathedrale St. Pierre (St. Peter's Cathedral) where Calvin regularly taught. It's only 157 steps up to the top of the North Tower, where the view is worth the effort. Under the Cathedral are the ruins of a Roman sanctuary, a 4th century basilica, and a 6th century church. Close by is the Auditoire de Calvin (Calvin's Academy, also known as the Protestant Lecture Hall), where Calvin and Knox both taught. We will then visit the Reformation Museum, which we can tour with the included audio guides. The afternoon will be at leisure and we will meet up at a local restaurant by the water for our farewell meal. (B/D)

Day 11: Thursday, May 30, 2019: Geneva

We will transfer to Geneva Airport for our flights back to the USA. (B)

RUS19 Tour Price: \$3,999 USD *per person
**Price based on double occupancy with a minimum of 20 participants*

Terms and Conditions

Your Tour Includes:

- Air transportation from Chicago
- Land transportation via private, deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- Accommodations (double-occupancy) in superior 3-star and 4-star hotels
- Meals as indicated in itinerary
- Professional Tour Director throughout the tour
- Local step-on guides for city tours and major attractions
- Entrance fees included as per itinerary
- Guides will use Whisper Headsets throughout the tour
- 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:

- Meals not indicated on itinerary
- Beverages except with breakfast
- End of tour gratuity for tour guide and coach driver
- Single supplement for those not sharing a room (\$600)
- 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
- Final payments will be due no later than March 6, 2019
- Reservations will be accepted after March 6, 2019 subject to availability
- Early registration is encouraged. *Please note: all credit card payments will incur a 3.5% surcharge.*

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