Reformation Tours, LLC presents the

June Oberammergau Reformation Tour

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The history of the Oberammergau Passion Play dates back to the middle of the Thirty Years War. In 1633, after months of suffering from the Bubonic Plague, the people of Oberammergau took a vow to perform the "Play of the Suffering, Dying and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ" every ten years if they were spared. Miraculously from that point on they all survived and true to their promise, the first performance was in 1634. This simple performance was held in a meadow and acted by the villagers. After 1674 they decided to change the date, so as to fall every ten years beginning in 1680. The only time it was not performed, was during World War II. This time the play will open on May 16, 2020 and ends on October 4, 2020.

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

Day 1: Sunday, June 7, 2020: Fly to Berlin
Our journey to explore the sites and heroes of the Reformation will begin with an overnight flight to Berlin. Early arrivals are welcome to join Frank for an optional dinner at a local restaurant. **(IF)**

Day 2: Monday, June 8, 2020: Berlin, Wittenberg
Welcome to Germany! On arrival in Berlin, travelers will transfer to the Hotel Movenpick. After time to explore the nearby Kaiser Wilhelm Church, purchase lunch, and shop, we will gather back at the hotel to begin the tour (time will be confirmed once we know all the flight arrival times.) Our afternoon bus orientation tour will include a stop at the famous Brandenburg Gate for photos. We'll then go back to the time of Luther as we visit Lutherstadt-Wittenberg, the birthplace of the Reformation. This evening we'll enjoy a welcome dinner, and spend our first night in Wittenberg. **(IF/D)**

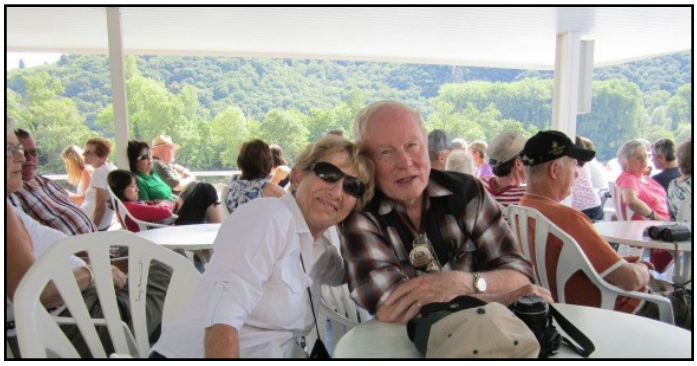
Day 3: Tuesday, June 9, 2020: Wittenberg
This morning our local guide will take us on a tour of Lutherstadt Wittenberg. It was here in 1517 that Martin Luther nailed his famous 95 Theses to the door of Castle Church (Schlosskirche). Although the original doors were destroyed in the Seven Years War, we 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 is free to explore independently. **(B)**

Day 4: Wednesday, June 10, 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'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 then continue to Erfurt and dine in our hotel. **(B/D)**

Day 5: Thursday, June 11, 2020: Eisenach, Erfurt
Today's full-day excursion is 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 is 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 is at leisure. **(B)**

Day 6: Friday, June 12, 2020: Erfurt, Mainz
Our local guide will take us on a tour including viewing St. Mary's Cathedral, the Church of St. Severus, and the famous 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 Mainz and enjoy a meal in a local restaurant this evening. **(B/D)**



Day 7: Saturday, June 13, 2020: Rhine Cruise, Worms, Heidelberg
What better way to start the day than with a Rhine cruise! We'll board the boat and sail past magnificent castles and the famous Loreley rock to St. Goar. Every bend in the river brings 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'll 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 winery, then we will check in to our hotel in Heidelberg. **(B/D)**

Day 8: Sunday, June 14, 2020: Heidelberg, Rothenburg
We have a leisurely morning today. We can either attend church, 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's 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: Monday, June 15, 2020: Wieskirche, Oberammergau
We'll 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 popular tourist route which runs for 350 romantic kilometres across a rich and varied cultural landscape along the river Main and through the Franconian wine country to the Alps. We'll pass small historic villages full of their original charm, including the small village of Wies. This is home to the famous rococo Wieskirche and we will have a tour of this beautiful baroque church. We will end our day in our 4-star hotel in the Oberammergau area. **(B/D)**

Day 10: Tuesday, June 16, 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: Wednesday, June 17, 2020: Munich
After a leisurely breakfast, we will spend some time by the gorgeous Lake Starnberg with lunch in Tutzing. In the afternoon we will have a walking tour of Munich, including the Cathedral, the Marienplatz, and the Old Town. This evening we finish our fun tour with a farewell Bavarian meal in a beer garden. We will overnight in Munich. **(B/L/D)**

Day 12: Thursday, June 18, 2020: Fly
We will provide transfers for morning flights back to the USA. Post-tour nights in Munich are available on request. **(B)**

RPJ20 Tour Price: 3,499 USD **per person, land only*

Price based on double occupancy with a minimum of 35 participants

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
- Frank Drinkhouse as tour director 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
- Single supplement ($850)
- 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 $1,000 is due by January 1, 2019
- Final payments will be due no later than February 1, 2020
- Reservations will be accepted after February 1, 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 (5/24/20), $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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