



Reformation Tours, LLC presents

Celebrating Bible Translation on the Rhine

May 9-24, 2022

with special guests from Wycliffe Bible Translators



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A simple question, “*If your God is so smart, why can’t he speak our language?*” launched Wycliffe founder Cameron Townsend into dedicating his life to making sure everyone would have scriptures in their heart language. He’s quoted as saying that understanding Scripture in a language other than the heart language in which we think and experience emotion is “like trying to eat soup with a fork.” You can get a little taste, but you cannot get nourished. Back in 1521, while hiding in Wartburg Castle, Martin Luther translated the New Testament into German from the original Greek, which was a key part of the Protestant Reformation.

Are you as excited as we are to hear about the impact of Bible translation, both historically and in the present day? You are invited us to join us and our special guests from Wycliffe Bible Translators, to hear stories of God's faithfulness. We are designating some of the proceeds to further the work of Bible translation, so that the trip will have a lasting impact.

We will begin by visiting key sites associated with Martin Luther, including Castle Church where he nailed the 95 Theses and his family home in Wittenberg, the monastery in Erfurt where he lived as a monk, his translation room in Wartburg Castle, the “Luther and the Bible” exhibit in Eisenach, and the Bible Museum in Frankfurt. We have an exclusive charter of the [MS Symphonie](#) down the Rhine from Amsterdam to Basel, and our 8-day journey will include many fabulous excursions, such as Amsterdam, Cologne, the Gutenberg Museum in Mainz, Strasbourg and Basel. We will have on-board seminars from our hosts, as well as updates and stories about the impact of Bible translation globally. Our tour will end in Geneva, Switzerland, with a tour of the Reformation Museum.

Meet our tour hosts, who will share amazing stories about what the Lord is doing around the world:



Larry and Linda Jones were married in 1977. They live in Arlington, Texas where Larry serves as President and CEO of Seed Company, a Wycliffe affiliate organization. The Joneses served for 27 years in Bible translation ministry in Asia (Indonesia and the Philippines). They assisted the Yawa people group of Indonesia to complete a translation of the New Testament, which was dedicated in 2011, and the Psalms, which was dedicated in 2019. They have three adult children, all married, and four lovely granddaughters. They are excited to be a part of this cruise, and Larry is looking forward to his ministry as our devotional speaker.



Andrew and Anne Sims were married in 1977. They live in Waxhaw, NC where Andrew serves as a Bible Translation Consultant with Seed Company. After briefly serving in Mexico, they worked for 18 years in Indonesia with the Ketengban, dedicating the New Testament in 1998. Since then, Andrew has served as a translation consultant and trainer, primarily in Indonesia. From 2008 until 2014 his focus was again with the Ketengban and a related language, Lik, and culminated in celebrating the completion of the Lik New Testament and half of the Old Testament for both languages. Andrew continues to consult for both teams as they seek to finish their full Bibles. Anne serves with Wycliffe Human Resources, focusing on families in crisis. The Sims have a son and a daughter, both married and five wonderful grandchildren. They are looking forward to being a part of this cruise, and sharing how the lives of the Ketengban and Lik have been transformed through the Word.



Chuck and Chris Daly were married in 1987. They live in Waxhaw, NC where Chuck is the chief pilot and a flight instructor at JAARS, which supports Bible translation worldwide through transportation, technology, media, and training. Chuck served as a pilot in Papua New Guinea, Cameroon, and Peru, and also at JAARS in transportation leadership roles. Through the years Chris has filled a variety of part-time support roles as well as homeschooled their three children. Two of their children are now married and one is engaged, and they are enjoying their two grandsons. They look forward to participating in the cruise and sharing about support services for Bible translation.



Don and Veralyn Adams were married in 1974 and reside in Tucson, Arizona where their two children and 4 grandchildren also live. Don is a retired high school science teacher and has been a popular speaker on natural history topics on several cruise lines. He teaches Reformation, Church History and Bible to the adult Sunday school class at their PCA church. Veralyn leads a home Bible Study for working women once a week. Both love traveling and have visited a number of Reformation sites in Germany and are excited about sharing their knowledge with others on this wonderful tour and cruise.



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Land and Cruise Itinerary



IF = In Flight Meals, B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

Day 1: Monday, May 9, 2022: Depart

We will depart from the USA today and Reformation Tours can assist with group (10+) or individual bookings. Air options will be available from July 2021. Pre-tour nights are also available in Berlin and are recommended for anyone traveling from the West Coast. Those arriving today are invited to join the tour hosts for a group dinner this evening. (IF)



Day 2: Tuesday, May 10, 2022: Berlin, Wittenberg

On arrival in Berlin, we will have group or individual transfers to the pre-tour hotel in central Berlin, where we will meet our tour director. Tour members are requested to arrive by 10:00 AM. 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 in Wittenberg. (IF/D)

Day 3: Wednesday, May 11, 2022: 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 afternoon will be at leisure. In the evening we will have a special service with the Wittenberg English Ministry. (B)



Day 4: Thursday, May 12, 2022: Erfurt, Eisenach

We will visit Erfurt today and our guide will take us on a tour including viewing St. Mary's Cathedral, the

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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 May 17, 1505. We will be able to see his monastic quarters, including one cell furnished to look as it would have looked during Luther's time. At the end of the tour we will have a group worship service in the chapel. We will continue on to Eisenach for dinner and overnight. (B/D)



Day 5: Friday, May 13, 2022: Eisenach, Frankfurt

We will begin our day in the Luther House museum, housed in one of the oldest and loveliest half-timbered houses in Thuringia. Luther is believed to have lived here as a child from 1498 to 1501 while attending a local school. which has an exhibit called "Luther and the Bible". This features objects and multimedia presentations about Luther's translation and the impact of his work on language, literature, and music. We will then visit Wartburg castle, where he took refuge in 1521 while fleeing from the wrath of the Pope, aided 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. This evening we will drive to Frankfurt and dine in our hotel. (B/D)

Day 6: Saturday, May 14, 2022: Frankfurt, Leiden

We will have a private guided tour of the Frankfurt Bible Museum this morning and see their special exhibits. After free time for lunch, we will drive through the Netherlands to Leiden. This is about a 5 hour drive, so we'll have stops along the way. We'll dine in our hotel in Leiden. The Separatists fled persecution in England and lived in Leiden for 12 years before they sailed to England and boarded the Mayflower in 1621. Leiden was also a center for Bible publishing. (B/D)

Day 7: Sunday, May 15, 2022: Amsterdam

This is the arrival day for those who are just doing the cruise portion. Transfers are included from Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport. We will have the opportunity to attend an English-speaking church service in Amsterdam and meet local believers. In the afternoon we can explore Amsterdam, take a walking tour of Leiden, or visit Corrie Ten Boom's home in Haarlem (subject to availability). Corrie and her family assisted hundreds of Jews during the Holocaust. After surviving Ravensbrück Concentration Camp, she preached in more than 60 countries about the Lord's faithfulness. We will have a group meal together this evening. (B/D)

Day 8: Monday, May 16, 2022: Amsterdam

In the morning we will have an orientation tour of Amsterdam, including a boat ride on the canals. The afternoon is at leisure to explore independently. The next few days will be spent on the [MS Symphonie](#) and we have a full-ship charter, so it will be a wonderful opportunity to get to know the hosts and other travelers. We will board our ship at 6:00 PM. After comfortably settling into our cabins, we'll meet the tour hosts and crew at the welcome event. (B/D)

Day 9: Tuesday, May 17, 2022: Arnhem, Dusseldorf

The ship will dock at Emmerich-am-Rhine this morning (8:30 AM) and we will tour the open-air living history museum in Arnhem. We'll rejoin the ship in Xanten (12:00 PM) and the afternoon will be spent cruising towards Dusseldorf (7:00 PM). During the afternoon we will have some presentations and events about Bible translation around the world. The evening is at leisure to explore Dusseldorf. (B/L/D)



Day 10: Wednesday, May 18, 2022: Cologne, Koblenz

We will arrive in Cologne at 8:00 AM. We'll have a tour of the city including the magnificent cathedral. The buses will take us to Königswinter to board the ship, and we'll sail to Koblenz, arriving at 6:30 PM. (B/L/D)



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Day 11: Thursday, May 19, 2022: Mainz, Worms

This morning will be spent cruising towards Mainz and we will dock at 2:30 PM. In the afternoon we will have a guided tour of the Gutenberg Museum. Johann Gutenberg's development of movable type enabled the work of Luther, Zwingli, Calvin and other reformers to spread quickly. The museum houses three extremely rare and valuable Gutenberg original 42-line Bibles. We will continue on to Worms, where we will board the ship for dinner. (B/L/D)



Day 12: Friday, May 20, 2022: Worms, Speyer

This morning we will visit Holy Trinity Church, Worms. This Evangelical Lutheran Church is supposedly built on the site of the Diet of Worms. It was damaged in the war and rebuilt in 1959 and has magnificent stained-glass windows. We will also view St. Peter's Cathedral, the Reformation Monument, and the commemorative plaques in Heylshof Garden. We will then drive to Speyer, where the term "Protestant" originated. We will have free time to explore the town and cathedral before the ship sails at 5:30 PM. (B/D)

Day 13: Saturday, May 21, 2022: Strasbourg

We will then travel into France to visit Strasbourg, referred to as the "City of Hope" and "Refuge of the Righteous" by the Anabaptists. This is where John Calvin wrote his famous books on systematic theology and where Martin Bucer, another Reformation leader, helped bring in the Reformation. We will arrive in the early morning, and our walking tour will include La Petite France and the cathedral. We will depart at 1:00 PM and the rest of the day will be spent on the ship. Tonight is our gala dinner and evening. (B/L/D)

Day 14: Sunday, May 22, 2022: Basel

After breakfast we will have a guided tour of Basel with a focus on the Christian heritage of the city. John Calvin found refuge here while fleeing from

France and he published his first edition of the Institutes of the Christian Religion in Latin. The humanist Erasmus is buried in the cathedral. In the afternoon we can visit the Rhine Falls with an optional hike. We will have evening entertainment on the ship. (B/L/D)



Day 15: Monday, May 23, 2022: Geneva

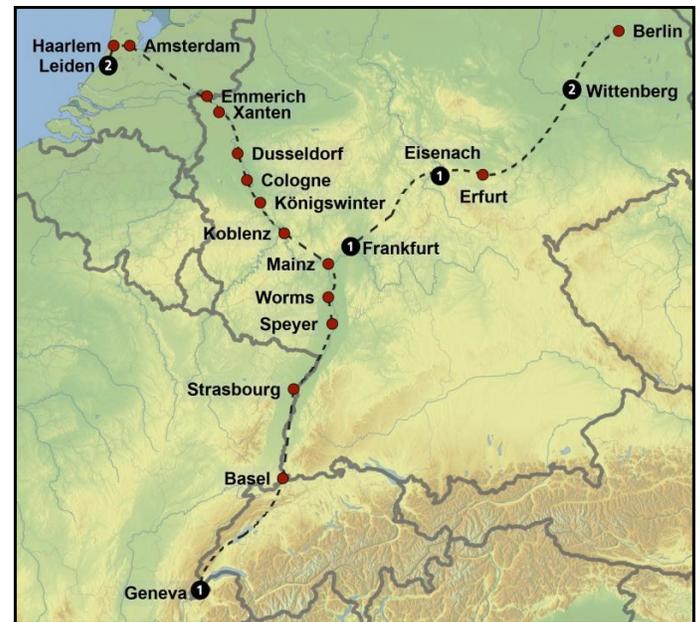
We will disembark (by 9 AM) and drive through Switzerland to Geneva. In the afternoon we will tour Reformation sites, including the Reformation Wall, St. Peter's Cathedral and a private tour of the Reformation Museum. We will end the tour with a Swiss meal. For convenience, the hotel will be close to the airport. (B/D)

Day 16: Tuesday, May 24, 2022: Return

We will return home today from Geneva. (B)

Map of the Tour

Numbers indicate overnights



RLB22 Full Tour Price: \$5,499 + air (double occupancy)
Cruise only option: \$3,999 + air (double occupancy)

Terms and Conditions

Your Tour Includes:

- En-suite cabin with floor-to-ceiling windows or large picture windows
- Land transportation via private, deluxe air-conditioned motor coaches
- 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
- All transfers as a group
- Luggage handling: one piece per person at hotels
- All taxes and tips for services provided
- Port taxes and fees

Your Tour Does Not Include:

- Air transportation and related taxes and fees (available from July 2021)
- Meals not indicated on itinerary
- Beverages except with breakfast
- Single supplement (\$400 or \$200 for cruise only—4 single cabins available)
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees (*Passport must be valid for six months beyond return date*)
- Travel insurance (highly recommended)

Payment Schedule:

Checks can be made payable to "Reformation Tours" and sent to 64 Fiesta Circle, St. Louis, MO 63146. Payments by credit card incur a 3.5% processing fee. Credit vouchers can be applied to the tour deposit.

- Tour deposit is due at sign-up (\$1,500 check or \$1,552 by credit card)
- Final invoices will be sent in October 2021
- Final payment is due by November 1, 2021.

Cancellation Policy:

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 time of deposit to until 5/1/21: \$500 (or \$200 if replacement is found)

From 5/2/21 to 3/31/22: \$1,000 plus any non-refundable deposits

From 5/1/2022 to departure: No refund

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We reserve the right to cancel this trip due to lack of subscription. In the event of cancellation of the trip in its entirety, a full refund of all deposits will be made to passengers enrolled at the time of cancellation. Tour price is based on the value of the dollar, the number of participants and the cost of airfare and is subject to change without notice. Any changes in airfare booking may result in a processing fee.

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