



Reformation Tours, LLC presents the
**May Oberammergau
Reformation Tour**

May 15-26, 2022



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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.

Our tour hosts are Pastor Brian and Wendy Taylor from Our Redeemer Church, Garden Grove, CA. Pastor Taylor has just celebrated 43 years of ordained ministry in the Lutheran Church (ELCA) and has spent the last 15 years at Our Redeemer, after pastoring in Wichita, KS, Springfield, MO, San Diego, CA and Pomona, CA. The Taylors have three grown children and two grandsons.



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

Day 1: Sunday, May 15, 2022: 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 meet up for an optional dinner at a local restaurant. (IF)

Day 2: Monday, May 16, 2022: Berlin, Wittenberg

Welcome to Germany! On arrival in Berlin, travelers will transfer to the centrally-located hotel in Berlin. After time to explore the nearby Kaiser Wilhelm Church, purchase lunch, and shop, we will gather back at the hotel for a welcome lunch. 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/L/D)



Day 3: Tuesday, May 17, 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 rest of the day is free to explore independently with vouchers for museum entries. (B)

Day 4: Wednesday, May 18, 2022: 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, May 19, 2022: Eisenach, Erfurt

We will have an excursion this morning to the Wartburg Castle, near 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 castle and see where Luther finished translating the New Testament into German in just eleven weeks. We will have a medieval-themed lunch in Erfurt, then return to Erfurt. Our walking tour will focus on Martin Luther's life as a student before he joining the Augustinian monks, including viewing St. Mary's Cathedral, the Church of St. Severus, and the famous Merchant's Bridge. (B/L)

Day 6: Friday, May 20, 2022: Erfurt, Mainz

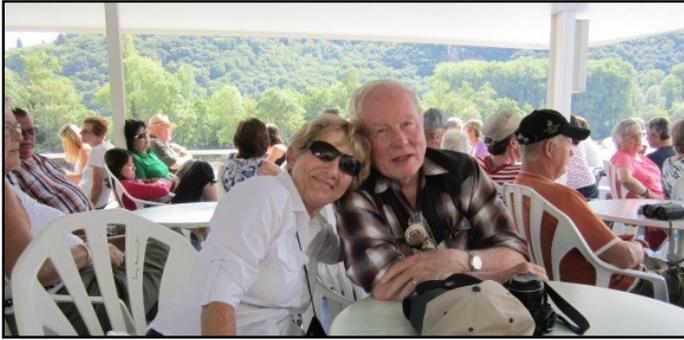
Luther called the Augustinian Monastery his spiritual home and he became a monk in Erfurt on July 17, 1505. We will be able to see his monastic quarters, including one cell furnished to look as it would have when he lived there. At the end of the tour we will have a group worship service in the chapel. In the afternoon we will drive down towards the



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Rhine region. On arrival in Mainz, we will visit the Gutenberg Museum, then dine in a local restaurant. (B/D)



Day 7: Saturday, May 21, 2022: Rhine Cruise, Worms, Heidelberg

What better way to start the day than with a Rhine cruise! We'll board the boat in Bingen 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, May 22, 2022: 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 and 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. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)



Day 9: Monday, May 23, 2022: Romantic Road, Oberammergau

We will travel south today using the fabled "Romantic Road," Germany's most famous and popular tourist route. 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 also visit Neuschwanstein Castle, built for Bavarian King Ludwig II. We will end our day in our 4-star hotel in the Oberammergau area. (B/D)



Day 10: Tuesday, May 24, 2022: 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. There is a break for dinner and we will dine together in a restaurant in Oberammergau. After Part Two, we will board our bus to return to our hotel. (B/L/D)



Day 11: Wednesday, May 25, 2022: Munich

After a leisurely breakfast, we will travel to Munich for a combined bus and walking tour. Our local guide will take us to the Cathedral, the Marienplatz, the Nymphenburg Palace (outside) and other iconic sights in the Old Town. The afternoon is at leisure for last minute shopping or a relaxed coffee and cake. This evening we finish our fun tour with a farewell Bavarian meal in an authentic Bavarian beer garden. We will overnight in Munich. (B/D)

Day 12: Thursday, May 26, 2022: Fly

We will provide transfers for morning flights back to the USA. Post-tour nights in Munich are available on request. (B)

RGA202 Tour Price: \$3,699*per person, land only

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

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 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 other than the driver and guides

Your Tour Does Not Include:

- Round-trip air transportation
- Individual transfers
- Meals and beverages not indicated on itinerary
- Single supplement (\$850)
- Items of a personal nature, such as passports and visas (*Passport must be valid for six months beyond return date*)
- Gratuities for the driver and guide
- Passenger trip cancellation insurance (details sent with reservation form)

Payment Schedule:

- First deposit of \$1,000 will secure your place on the tour. All payments should be sent to Reformation Tours, 64 Fiesta Circle, St. Louis, MO 63146
- Second deposit of \$1,000 is due by October 1, 2021
- Final payments will be due no later than May 6, 2022
- Reservations will be accepted after May 6, 2022 subject to availability
- Early registration is encouraged. *Please note: all credit card payments will incur a 3.5% surcharge.*

Cancellation Policy:

Oberammergau ticket deposits (\$750) 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 January 19, 2022: \$850 plus any non-refundable deposits. From January 20 – June 2, 2022: \$1,350 cancellation penalty plus any non-refundable deposits. From June 3-16, 2022: Cancellation penalty is 60% of land costs plus any non-refundable deposits. From June 17-30, 2022: Cancellation penalty is 80% of land costs any non-refundable deposits. From July 1, 2022 to departure: No refund

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