

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL REFORMATION TOUR

11 DAY INSPIRATIONAL TOUR | MAY 16-26, 2024



You are invited to join Reverend John Richter, Senior Pastor of St. John's Evangelical Protestant Church, Cullman, AL on an 11-day tour of Germany. As part of the church's 150th anniversary celebration, we'll have a special visit to Frankweiler, Cullman's sister city. We'll be going from Berlin down to Munich with many stops along the way to see and experience the sites of Martin Luther as well as many quintessential historical German sites.

Born and raised in Cullman, Reverend John is a lifelong member of St. John's. He has been on staff since 2003 and was formally called as Senior Pastor in 2014. John also serves on the Board of Directors for the Evangelical Association of Reformed and Congregational Christian Churches and is an adjunct professor of religion at Wallace State Community College. He is married to Tiffany, and they have two children, Vella and John Isaac.

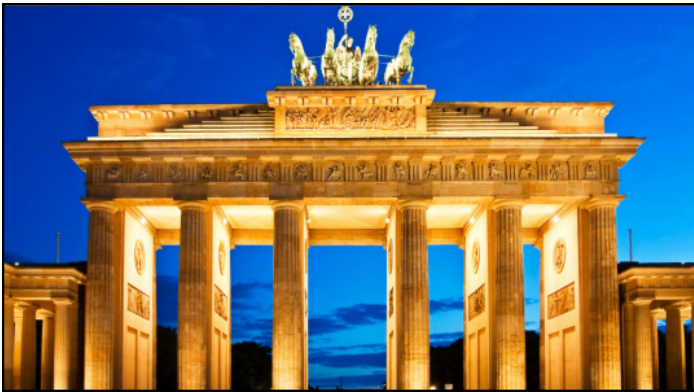


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Key: IF = In Flight Meals, B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

Day 1: Thursday, May 16, 2024: Overnight flights

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

Day 2: Friday, May 17, 2024: Arrival in Berlin, Wittenberg

Upon our early evening arrival in Berlin, we meet our tour leader and coach driver and transfer to our hotel in Wittenberg. We will have a Welcome Meal together this evening. **(B/D)**

Day 3: Saturday, May 18, 2024: Wittenberg

We will begin our time in Germany with a guided 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 (currently undergoing refurbishment) 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 together this evening. **(B/D)**

Day 4: May 19, 2024: Berlin, Wittenberg

This morning is at leisure to attend a church service (in German) or explore the town. In the afternoon we will have an excursion to Berlin. The panoramic tour of the city will include photo stops. We'll see the famous Brandenburg Gate, the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, the Cathedral, the Reichstag building and the lively boulevards. This city has undergone momentous changes since reunification. We will stop to visit the Checkpoint Charlie Museum, then return to Wittenberg. The evening is at leisure. **(B)**

Day 5: Monday, May 20, 2024: Erfurt

On arrival in Erfurt, 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. The evening is at leisure. **(B)**

**Day 6: Tuesday, May 21, 2024: Eisenach, Speyer**

This morning we will visit nearby Eisenach, for a tour of the Wartburg Castle, where Luther translated the New Testament into German. 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 schoolboy and sang in the choir of St. George's Church, where the Bach family also worshiped. The afternoon will be free to explore the town or tour the Bach Museum and Luther House Museum before we drive down to Speyer for our group dinner. **(B/D)**

Day 7: Wednesday, May 22, 2024: Rhine Cruise, Mainz, Worms, Heidelberg, Speyer

What better way to start the day than with a Rhine cruise! We will board the boat and sail 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. 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 will have a photo stop at the stunning Reformation Monument, then visit Heidelberg to view the famous castle. Tonight's dinner will be in a family-owned winery and our meal will include tasting 4 local wines. We will return to Speyer for a second overnight **(B/D)**



Day 8: Thursday, May 23, 2024: Frankweiler, Rothenburg-ob-der-Tauber

As the church is celebrating our 150th anniversary, we will have a special trip to Frankweiler today, which has been the sister city of Cullman, AL in 1987. We will have a guided tour including the birthplace of Colonel John Cullmann. We will have lunch today with local people and hear more about the town twinning project. We will continue to Rothenburg, the most picturesque and well-preserved of the towns along the famous "Romantic Road". It is one of Germany's very best walled medieval cities – most of the buildings were built by 1400. We will dine in our hotel this evening. **(B/L/D)**

Day 9: Friday, May 24, 2024: Romantic Road, Munich

We will begin with a walk along the city wall. On our tour of St. Jacob's Church we will see the famous carved "Holy Blood Altar" by Tilman Riemenschneider. We will also have some time 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 through a rich and varied cultural landscape along the river Main and through the Franconian wine country to the Alps. In the afternoon we will have a walking tour of Munich, including the Cathedral, the Marienplatz, and the Old Town. This evening is at leisure to explore Munich. **(B)**

Day 10: Saturday, May 25, 2024: Bavarian Castles, Munich

Today is castle day! We will have a brief stop to see the Baroque paintings in the Wieskirche, then we will tour the magnificent Neuschwanstein Castle, the inspiration for the Disney Palace. Those would prefer can visit Hohenschwangau Palace which involves fewer stairs. In the afternoon we will visit Linderhof Palace and Gardens and we'll have dinner in the Ettal Monastery, which brews its own beer. We will return to Munich for our final overnight. **(B/D)**

Day 11: Sunday, May 26, 2024: Return

Our motor coach takes us to Munich airport for our return flights home.

Please note this itinerary is copyrighted.

PRICING

The land price of this tour is based is \$3,399 based on double occupancy and a minimum of 20 travelers. **The land and air price is \$4,999** including round-trip flights from Birmingham, AL. These rates are subject to change if there is a significant fluctuation in the exchange rate. The single supplement (for those not sharing a room) is \$600.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Transportation: via deluxe air-conditioned coaches
- Accommodations (double-occupancy) in superior 3-star and moderate 4-star hotels
- Meals as indicated in the 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 taxes and tips – other than the tour director and driver
- Full color tour book
- Personalized travel app

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Round-trip air transportation and related taxes and fees (\$1,600 from Birmingham, AL)
- Arrival and departure transfers separate from the group
- Single supplement (\$600)
- Meals and beverages not identified in itinerary
- Items of a personal nature, such as passports and visas. Passports must be valid for 6 months beyond return date.
- Passenger trip cancellation insurance
- Gratuities for the tour director and driver



TERMS & CONDITIONS

SIGN UP: Please click the registration link on the website: ReformationTours.com/package/RJR24.

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FIRST DEPOSIT: A \$350 per person, partially-refundable deposit at the time of registration will secure your space.

FINAL PAYMENT: Due by February 17, 2024.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: We highly recommended insuring your tour and there are two options (see below). Enhanced insurance needs to be paid within two weeks of paying the deposit.

ROOMING and DIETARY REQUIREMENTS: All passenger details including, rooming preferences, dietary needs and any medical conditions are collected at registration, or via email.

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