

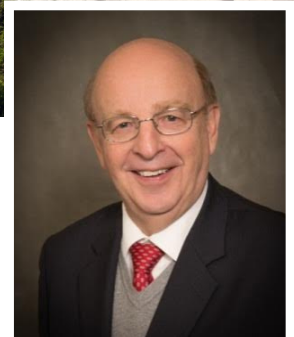


# LUTHER, CASTLES & OKTOBERFEST

11 DAY INSPIRATIONAL TOUR | SEPTEMBER 15-25, 2024



You are invited to explore the world of Martin Luther on our Lutheran-themed trip to Germany. The tour also includes a Rhine river cruise, Medieval Rothenburg-ob-der-Tauber, the delightful village of Oberammergau, Neuschwanstein Castle, and lunch at Oktoberfest. All are welcome!



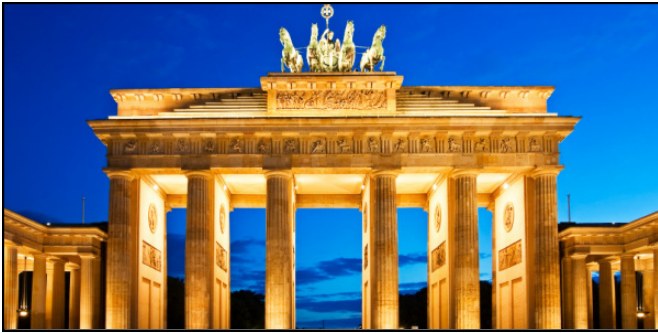
We are delighted to welcome our tour host, the Rev. Robert Flohrs, Director for Wittenberg English Ministry (WEM). He resides with his wife Rita in both Virginia and Arizona. They have children and grandchildren in both places. Bob served Lutheran congregations in Minnesota, Florida, and Arizona. His last call was serving 5+ years as pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, the International Lutheran congregation in Frankfurt, Germany.

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# ITINERARY



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

## **Day 1: Sunday, Sept. 15, 2024: Depart**

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: Monday, Sept. 16, 2024: Berlin, Wittenberg**

Welcome to Germany! On arrival in Berlin, travelers will transfer to the centrally located hotel. After time to explore, 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.) We will start our Reformation Tour in the early afternoon with a panoramic sightseeing tour of the reunified German capital, highlighting the Reichstag (parliament building), the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, the refurbished city center and Gendarmenmarkt. We will also see Alexanderplatz, the famous boulevard "Unter den Linden," and the Berlin Cathedral. We will continue to Lutherstadt-Wittenberg and check-in our hotel. We will dine in our hotel this evening. (B/D)

## **Day 3: Tuesday, September 17, 2024: 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. We will arrange for a time of fellowship today with the Wittenberg English Ministry. The rest of the day will be free to explore independently. (B)

#### **Day 4: Wednesday, September 18, 2024: Eisleben, Erfurt**

This morning we will drive to Eisleben, where Luther was born and also where he died. It is sometimes referred to as his Bethlehem and Jerusalem. We will visit both of 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, and St. Andrews, where he preached his last sermon. In the afternoon, we will continue on to Erfurt. We will have a fun dinner tonight in a medieval-style restaurant featuring foods from Luther's time. (B/D)

#### **Day 5: Thursday, September 19, 2024: Erfurt**

This morning our local guide will take us on a tour including St. Mary's Cathedral, Church of St. Severus, 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. The rest of the day will be at leisure. (B)



#### **Day 6: Friday, September 20, 2024: Eisenach, Rudesheim**

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. We will have some free time in Eisenach to visit the Bach House or Luther House before we drive down to our hotel in Rudesheim. We will have dinner in a local restaurant. (B/D)

#### **Day 7: Saturday, September 21, 2024: Rhine Cruise, Rothenburg**

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 and right, and numerous trains roar up and down the Rhine River valley. We will continue on to medieval Rothenburg, where we will have leisure time to walk around the walls and explore the town. (B)





**Day 8: Sunday, September 22, 2024: Romantic Road, Füssen**

We will have some free time this morning to visit the Käthe Wohlfahrt Christmas shop or walk around the medieval walls. We will then travel down the fabled “Romantic Road,” a famous and popular tourist route, displaying a rich and varied cultural landscape, through the Franconian wine country to Bavaria. We will pass small historic villages full of their original charm on our way to our hotel. We will tour the Passion Play Theater this afternoon and see the fabulous costumes and sets in Oberammergau, before we check-into our hotel in Füssen. (B/D)

**Day 9: Monday, September 23, 2024: Neuschwanstein, Füssen**

After a leisurely breakfast, we will tour the magnificent fairytale Neuschwanstein Castle, the inspiration for the Disney Palace. This castle was built by King Ludwig II of Bavaria in the 19th century and is now one of the most visited tourist destinations in Europe. We will also visit Linderhof Palace and Gardens, before returning to Garmisch. The evening is at leisure. (B)

**Day 10: Tuesday, September 24, 2024: Munich, Oktoberfest, Freising**

This morning we will depart for Munich, Bavaria’s fun-loving capital. We will watch the brass band concert this morning with all the Oktoberfest bands. After lunch in one of the tents, we will have a walking tour of the city, including the Olympic Village, Nymphenburg Palace, the elegant Maximilian Strasse and the Glockenspiel. We’ll end the day with dinner in a beer garden in the charming village of Freising, close to the airport. (B/L/D)

**Day 11: Wednesday, September 25, 2024: Return**

We will leave this morning and drive to Munich Airport for our flight home. (B)

Please note this itinerary is copyrighted.

# PRICING

**The land price of this tour is based is \$3,499** based on double occupancy and a minimum of 20 travelers. 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 \$550.



## HIGHLIGHTS

- Tour of Berlin
- Luther's home in Wittenberg
- St. Mary's and Castle Church, Wittenberg
- Luther's Birthplace in Eisleben
- The Augustinian Monastery in Erfurt
- Wartburg Castle
- A Rhine cruise from St. Goar to Rudesheim
- Medieval Rothenburg
- Neuschwanstein Castle
- Linderhof Palace and Gardens
- City tour of Munich
- Tickets to Oktoberfest

## 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 – including tour director and driver

## WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Round-trip air transportation and related taxes and fees
- Arrival and departure transfers
- Single supplement (\$550)
- 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
- Baggage handling (let us know if you need assistance)

# TERMS & CONDITIONS

**SIGN UP:** Please click the registration link on the website: [ReformationTours.com/package/RST24](https://ReformationTours.com/package/RST24).

**PAYMENT METHOD:** Payments can be made directly on the registration platform, using a credit card (3.5% fee), or a bank debit. You can also send checks made payable to "Reformation Tours" at 12316 244th St., Chisago City, MN 55013-9688.

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

**FINAL PAYMENT:** Due by June 18, 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.

**CANCELLATIONS:** All cancellations must be received in writing or by email by 5:00 p.m. Central Time on the last business day of the applicable period. The postmark date will determine the refund amount due.

From time of deposit until 100 days before departure	\$100 per person
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Trip Cancellation** Single Supplement	up to 100% of the non-refundable insured Trip Cost included	✓ ✓	✓ ✓
Trip Interruption** Single Supplement	up to 100% of the non-refundable insured Trip Cost included	✓ ✓	✓ ✓
Additional Trip Interruption Travel Companion Hospitalization	Included under Trip Interruption benefit Maximum up to \$150 Per Day Limited to 5 Days	✓ ✓	✓ ✓
Missed Connection	\$500	✓	✓
Trip Delay	up to \$150 Per Day, to a Maximum of \$750	✓	✓
Accident & Sickness Medical Expense Dental Expense Sublimit	\$25,000 \$750	✓ ✓	✓ ✓
Medical Evacuation & Repatriation of Remains Additional Medical Evacuation: Transportation Of Children/Child Bedside Visit Transportation to Join You	\$100,000 included included included	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓
Political or Security Evacuation & Natural Disaster Evacuation	\$25,000	✓	✓
Baggage and Personal Effects Passport, Visa or Other Travel Documents Replacement Credit Card Charges and Interest Per Article Limit Items Subject to Special Limitations	\$1,500 \$100 \$50 up to \$300 \$600 Maximum Combined	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓
Baggage Delay	\$300 Up to \$50 to expedite the Return	✓ ✓	✓ ✓

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