

# FOLLOWING LUTHER: CELEBRATING FAITH & LOVE

11 DAY INSPIRATIONAL TOUR | JUNE 11-21, 2025



You are invited to the Luther Wedding Festival in Wittenberg, celebrating the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther and Katharine von Bora. After our time in Wittenberg, we will visit Luther's former monastery in Erfurt, Wartburg Castle, Medieval Rothenburg-ob-der-Tauber, Neuschwanstein Castle, and the delightful Bavarian village of Ettal. We will have a 2-day trip into Austria to enjoy Salzburg, then return to Munich for a farewell meal at the Hofbrauhaus.



### ITINERARY

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

#### Day 1: Wednesday, June 11, 2025: 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: Thursday, June 12, 2025: Berlin, Wittenberg

Welcome to Germany! On arrival in Berlin, travelers will transfer to the centrally located hotel. After spending time exploring, purchasing lunch, and shopping, we will gather back at the hotel to begin the panoramic sightseeing tour, highlighting the Reichstag (parliament building), the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, the refurbished city center, and Gendarmenmarkt. We will continue to Lutherstadt-Wittenberg and check in our hotel. We will dine in our hotel this evening. (B/D)

#### Day 3: Friday, June 13, 2025: 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: Saturday, June 14, 2025: Luther's Wedding Celebration

Lutherstadt Wittenberg will celebrate the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther and Katharina von Bora with a popular historical pageant. Martin, Katharina, and their 2,000 costumed wedding guests, process through the town to their richly decorated wedding table on the market square. The celebration also includes Renaissance dancing and music, street entertainers, and animals. (B)

#### Day 5: Sunday, June 15, 2025: Erfurt

This morning we will drive to Erfurt. 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: Monday, June 16, 2025: Eisenach, Rothenburg-ob-der Tauber

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 continue on to medieval Rothenburg, where we will have leisure time to walk around the walls and explore the town. **(B)** 

#### Day 7: Tuesday, June 17, 2025: Romantic Road, Neuschwanstein, Ettal

We will 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. After free time for lunch, 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 stay in the Bavarian village of Ettal and dine in Ettal Monastery, which has been brewing its own beer for over 400 years. **(B)** 





#### Day 8: Wednesday, June 18, 2025: Ettal, Salzburg

Before we leave the charming Bavarian town, we will sample local cheeses in the Ammergau Alp Cheese Factory. We will also tour Ettal Monastery, including the stunning Gothic abbey church, built between 1330 and 1370. After free time for lunch, we will cross the border into Austria to Salzburg. We will attend a Mozart dinner concert in the Baroque Hall of the famous Benedictine Monastery of St. Peter. This is the oldest restaurant in Europe and was first mentioned in 803. Mozart and his family dined here and the menu is inspired by recipes from his time. We will be entertained by musicians in period costumes. (B/D)

#### Day 9: Thursday, June 19, 2025: Salzburg

Our morning Salzburg tour will include visiting some sites related to Salzburg's most famous resident, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, including the Mozarteum, one of the best music schools in the world, and the house where he was born in 1756. In the afternoon, we can choose between a Sound of Music tour or free time for relaxation, shopping, visiting museums, or enjoying coffee and cake. (B)

#### Day 10: Friday, June 20, 2025: Salzburg

This morning we will depart for Munich, Bavaria's fun-loving capital. we will take an orientation tour of the main sights of Munich. We'll drive by the Olympic Stadium, Nymphenburg Castle, the New and Old Pinakothek, Deutsches Museum, and we'll take a walk to Frauenkirche, the New City Hall, Marienplatz, and the famous "Glockenspiel." We'll end the day with a traditional Bavarian dinner at the famous "Hofbräuhaus." (B/D)

#### Day 11: Saturday, June 21, 2025: Return

We will transfer to Munich Airport for our flight home. (B)

Please note this itinerary is copyrighted.

## HOTELS AND MAP

#### Pre-tour night Berlin

June 11-12 2025 TBD

#### Wittenberg

June 12-15, 2025 Best Western Hotel Soibelmanns

#### Erfurt

June 15-16, 2025 Mercure Hotel

#### Rothenburg ob der Tauber

June 16-17, 2025 <u>Hotel Rappen</u>

#### Ettal

June 17-18 <u>Hotel Ludwig der Bayer</u>

#### Salzburg

June 18-20, 2025 <u>Hotel am Mirabellplatz</u>

#### Freising, near Munich

June 20-21, 2025 <u>Hotel Bayerischer Hof</u>



### PRICING

The land price of this tour is \$4,299 based on double occupancy and a minimum of 25 travelers. These rates are subject to change if there is a significant fluctuation in the exchange rate.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Tour of Berlin
- Luther's Wedding Festival, Wittenberg
- St. Mary's and Castle Church, Wittenberg
- The Augustinian Monastery in Erfurt
- Wartburg Castle
- Medieval Rothenburg
- Neuschwanstein Castle
- Ettal Monastery
- Cheese tasting in Bavaria
- Dinner concert in Salzburg
- Salzburg city tour
- Munich city tour

#### 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 the tour director and driver

#### WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Round-trip air transportation and related taxes and fees
- Arrival and departure transfers
- Single supplement (\$675)
- 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 & CONDITION

SIGN UP: Please click the registration link on www.ReformationTours.com/package/RJG25

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," to 12316 244th St., Chisago City, MN 55013-9688.

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

FINAL PAYMENT: Due by March 13, 2025.

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
From 99 - 30 days before departure	\$350 plus any non- refundable deposits
Less than 30 days before departure	No refund

In addition to our cancellation costs, we may need to charge for any unrecoverable deposits to suppliers and any penalties imposed by airlines or ground suppliers. Airline tickets, once printed, are not refundable.

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SCHEDULE OF INSURANCE BENEFITS	MAXIMUM BENEFIT AMOUNT	STANDARD PLAN F561S	ENHANCED PLAN F561E
Cancel For Any Reason Benefit*	75% of Non-Refundable Trip Cost		✓
Trip Cancellation** Single Supplement	up to 100% of the non-refundable insured Trip Cost included	<b>√</b> ✓	<b>√</b> ✓
Trip Interruption** Single Supplement	up to 100% of the non-refundable insured Trip Cost included	<b>√</b> ✓	<b>√</b> ✓
Additional Trip Interruption Travel Companion Hospitalization	Included under Trip Interruption benefit Maximum up to \$150 Per Day Limited to 5 Days	<b>V</b>	<b>√</b> ✓
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	√ √	<b>√</b> ✓
Medical Evacuation & Repatriation of Remains Additional Medical Evacuation: Transportation Of Children/Child Bedside Visit Transportation to Join You	\$100,000 included included included	<b>V V V</b>	√ √ √
Political or Security Evacuation & Natural Disaster Evacuation	\$25,000	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>
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	<b>√</b> <b>√</b>	<b>√</b> <b>√</b>

PLAN	RATE
Standard (F561S)	4.55% of Trip Cost
Enhanced (F561E)	7.60% of Trip Cost

#### **Generali Global Assistance** non-insurance service



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- Emergency Medical Payments
- Prescription Assistance
- 24 Hour Legal Assistance
- Emergency Cash Transfer

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