



# CLEF LUTHERAN HERITAGE TOUR

13 DAY INSPIRATIONAL TOUR | SEPTEMBER 10-22, 2025



You are invited to explore the world of Martin Luther on our Lutheran-themed trip to Germany. This tour also supports the work of the Chicagoland Lutheran Education Foundation, which seeks to prepare students to maximize their potential by educating the whole person in a safe, nurturing environment.



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Highlights include Sanssouci Palace, a tour of Berlin, a service with the Wittenberg English Ministry. Luther's birth and death homes, Wartburg Castle, medieval Rothenburg-ob-der-Tauber, Heidelberg Castle, the Gutenberg Museum, fellowship with Trinity Lutheran in Frankfurt, and a Rhine cruise.



Our tour host is 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: Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2025: Depart**

We will depart from the USA. Group flights will be available from Chicago, or alternative flights can be requested. **(IF)**

## **Day 2: Thursday, Sept. 11, 2025: Arrive in Berlin**

Welcome to Germany! On arrival in Berlin, we will transfer to our luxury hotel for a relaxing two-night stay, as part of the CLEF special package. The afternoon we will acquaint ourselves with the city on a relaxing River Cruise, followed by leisure time. Dinner tonight is in the hotel. **(IF/D)**

## **Day 3: Friday, Sept. 12, 2025: Potsdam, Berlin**

After a delicious breakfast, our private guide will pick us up at the hotel for a guided tour of Potsdam, a UNESCO World Heritage site, with stunning palaces, beautiful gardens, and fascinating history. We will visit Sanssouci Palace, the summer palace of Frederick the Great, King of Prussia. We will also see the Dutch Quarter, a charming neighborhood with 134 Dutch brick buildings, the "Bridge of Spies", the Peace Church and the Russian quarter. The evening is at leisure. Alternative tours can be arranged for today on request. **(B)**





#### **Day 4: Saturday, Sept. 13, 2025: Berlin, Wittenberg**

After our exclusive two-day CLEF tour, we will meet up with other tour participants for 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. We will dine in our hotel this evening, then go to the weekly Wittenberg English Ministry service. **(B/D)**

#### **Day 5: Sunday, Sept. 14: Wittenberg**

We will have a free morning to attend a church service or have free time. After lunch, we will take 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 (if it’s reopened), as well as some of Luther’s very own personal library, rare manuscripts and early Bibles. We can 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 6: Monday, Sept. 15: Eisleben, Gotha**

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, as well as St. Anne’s, an old miner’s church famous for the Biblical Scenes hewn in stone. St. Peter and St. Paul Church is where Luther was baptized, and St. Andrews is where he preached his last sermon. In the afternoon, we will continue on to Gotha (via Stottenheim) and dine together. **(B/D)**



### **Day 7: Tuesday, Sept. 16: Erfurt, Gotha**

We will begin our day visiting the Augustinian Monastery in Gotha, where Luther stayed in 1515 and 1516. He preached here on his way to the Diet of Worms. The onsite café employs people with disabilities, who will be delighted to serve you. We will continue on to Erfurt for a walking 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. We will end the day with a group meal in the Augustiner Restaurant before returning to Gotha. **(B/D)**



### **Day 8: Wednesday, Sept. 17: Eisenach, Gotha**

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 free time in Eisenach to visit the Bach House, Luther House and St. George's Church. We will return to Gotha in the late afternoon. **(B/D)**





### **Day 9: Thursday, Sept. 18: Rothenburg-ob-der-Tauber**

We will drive down to Rothenburg this morning, 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. Our walking tour of the town will include St Jacob's Church and the City walls. After an early dinner, we will join the Night Watchman Tour on his nightly rounds. **(B/D)**

### **Day 10: Friday, Sept.19: Heidelberg**

Today we will visit Heidelberg, a city with a fascinating history. The Heidelberg Confession was drafted by Zacharius Ursinus (age 28) and Caspar Olevianus (age 26). After free time for lunch, we will visit Heidelberg Castle which boasts the world's largest wine barrel, and a stunning view. The evening is at leisure. **(B)**



### **Day 11: Saturday, Sept. 20: Worms, Mainz (World Children's Day)**

In Worms, 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 and visit the Church of the Holy Trinity. In Mainz, we will tour the Gutenberg Museum exhibits in the Natural History Museum, which celebrates the work of Johannes Gutenberg, who invented book printing with movable letters. This led to the media revolution and the spread of Reformation teaching. We will have dinner with wine-tasting this evening. **(B/D)**

### **Day 12: Sunday, Sept. 21: Frankfurt, Mainz**

We will attend Sunday morning service at Trinity Lutheran in Frankfurt, where Rev. Bob Flohrs served as pastor for many years. This is an English-speaking congregation. We will have lunch, with some invited members of the congregation (plan for 4). We will enjoy a leisurely Rhine Cruise in the afternoon before returning to our hotel. The evening is at leisure. **(B/L)**

### **Day 13: Monday, Sept. 22: Return**

We will transfer to Frankfurt Airport for our flights back to the USA. **(B/D)**

Please note this itinerary is copyrighted.



# PRICING

**The land price of this tour is \$5,199** 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. T



## HOTELS

### **Berlin, Germany**

Waldorf Astoria or similar (2 nights)

### **Wittenberg, Germany**

Martas Hotel (2 nights)

### **Gotha, Germany**

Hotel am Schlosspark (3 nights)

### **Rothenburg ob der Tauber, Germany**

Hotel Rappen (1 night)

### **Heidelberg, Germany**

Hotel Plaza Premium (1 night)

### **Mainz, Germany**

Hotel Hilton Riverside (2 nights)

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Transportation: via deluxe air-conditioned coaches
- Accommodations (double-occupancy) in 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 \$780
- 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/RCL25](https://ReformationTours.com/package/RCL25)

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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 June 16, 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.

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Medical Evacuation & Repatriation of Remains Additional Medical Evacuation: Transportation Of Children/Child Bedside Visit Transportation to Join You	\$100,000 included included included	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓
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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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