

# Celebrate 'REFORMATION 500' Germany 2017

24th May to 9th June 2017

17  
Days

Fully  
Escorted

Follow the Pathway of the Reformer, **Martin Luther**.

Participate in the **500th Reformation Service at Wittenberg**.

Hosted by Graeme Lienert featuring Special Guest Lecturer Rev Dr Ari Rothe.



TOUR PRICE  
**\$8590\***

Per Person Twin Share.  
Single Room Supplement  
Additional AUD \$920\*

## Proposed Itinerary

### Day 1: Wednesday 24th May 2017

Depart from Australia via Singapore and Frankfurt to Berlin, Germany.

### Day 2: Thursday 25th May - Berlin

Morning arrival to Berlin where we will be transferred to our centrally located hotel for check in and rest. Meet your Tour Leaders. Remainder of the day free to enjoy a stroll or a coffee on the famous Friedrichstrasse. (D)

### Day 3: Friday 26th May - Berlin

Sightseeing over the next 2 days will be combined with participation in the main events of Kirchentag and will include, Berlin city center, Kaiser Wilhelm Church, Nikolai Quarter, Unter den Linden, Checkpoint Charlie, Brandenburg Gate, Reichstag and Charlottenburg Palace. We visit Berlin's beautifully restored **Synagogue** that was destroyed during WWII and **Potsdamer Platz**, a marvellous example of modern German architecture. Overnight Berlin (BD)

### Day 4: Saturday 27th May - Berlin

Kirchentag or optional day tour. Overnight Berlin. (BD)

### Day 5: Sunday 28th May 2017 - Wittenberg

We leave our Berlin hotel in the morning to join the congregation in Wittenberg for the major Reformation service. Organizers expect thousands of participants. This will be the largest event of the 2017 Reformation Jubilee. Overnight near Wittenberg. (BD)

### Day 6: Monday 29th May - Wittenberg

Following breakfast we visit **Luther Hall**, the Augustinian monastery where Luther lived as a monk and later with his family, the Market Square and Town Hall; view All Saints Church, the famous site where Luther posted his **95 Theses** on the Castle Church door sparking the beginning of the Reformation (view only from outside) and tour **St. Mary's Church**, where Luther did the majority of his preaching. Overnight near Wittenberg. (BD)

### Day 7: Tuesday 30th May - Torgau - Leipzig

After breakfast continue journey to **Torgau**. Martin Luther sanctified the **Castle Church** as the first Protestant church. The tombstone of Katharina von Bora can be found in **St. Mary's Church**. Continue to **Leipzig**, where Luther preached and Bach served as cantor. Visit the magnificent **St. Thomas Church**, **St. Nicolai Church** and the Market Square with its fine Renaissance buildings. Overnight Leipzig. (BD)

### Day 8: Wednesday 31st May - Dresden

After breakfast drive to **Dresden** and explore the Old City, including the Semper Opera, the Court Church, the Zwinger Gallery and the **Frauenkirche** - the most important Protestant Church in pre-war Germany. It was destroyed in 1945. Reconstruction of the Frauenkirche began in 1994 and after many years of rebuilding was rededicated in 2006. Return to Leipzig for overnight. (BD)

### Day 9: Thursday 1st June Eisleben - Erfurt

This morning depart for **Eisleben** where we tour the **Luther Houses** where he was born and died, **St. Peter's Church** where Luther was

baptized, **St. Andrews Church** where Luther preached his last four sermons and where his body was laid in state. Continue on to **Gotha** for overnight. (BD)

#### Day 10: Friday 2nd June - Erfurt - Gotha

A wonderful day ahead touring **Erfurt**, the spiritual home of Martin Luther. The walking tour includes **St. Mary's Cathedral**, where Luther was ordained as a priest, the **Augustinian Monastery** with a permanent exhibit depicting Luther's life as a monk in Erfurt and to the **Prediger Kirche**. This is a special place where composers Bach and Pachelbel were organists. Overnight Gotha. (BD)

#### Day 11: Saturday 3rd June - Eisenach - Coburg

Morning drive to Eisenach to visit St. George's Church where St. Elisabeth was married and J.S. Bach baptized. Tour Luther House with the Luther exhibition. Next travel to the magnificent Wartburg Castle for a tour of the Palas (Great Hall), Art exhibition, the Elisabeth Hallway and the Luther Room where "Junker Jörg" (the Knight George) translated the New Testament into German. In the afternoon, board the coach for Coburg. Overnight Coburg. (BD)

#### Day 12: Sunday 4th June - Coburg - Rothenburg - Augsburg

In Coburg visit the famous **Veste Coburg**, the fortress where Luther took refuge and lived during the Augsburg Confession. Then see the Luther Room, various collections of art treasures and the royal building with the Luther Chapel. Tour the city of Coburg before departing for **Rothenburg** ob der Tauber. Take a glimpse into the middle-ages, at perhaps the most famous town on the "Romantic Road", a nearly intact medieval walled-city without a single modern building within. Travel the "Romantic Road" past quaint towns and villages before arriving in **Augsburg** for overnight. (BD)

#### Day 13: Monday 5th June - Augsburg - Worms

Following breakfast you explore the city with its magnificent Renaissance buildings, dated from the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> centuries, which give the city its unique character. Martin Luther stayed at the monastery of **St. Anna Church** in 1518, during his confrontation with Cardinal Cajetan. Onward to the **Worms** area for overnight. (BD)

#### Day 14: Tuesday 6th June - Worms - Heidelberg

Luther was summoned in 1521 to appear before an Imperial Diet in **Worms** to justify his conduct. Visit the world's largest **Memorial to the Reformation** and the **Church of the Holy Trinity**, Europe's oldest Jewish cemetery, the **Holy Sands** and the former Jewish quarter. Visit **St. Peter's Cathedral**, one of the most exquisite examples of Romanesque architecture. Board the coach for **Heidelberg**, a gorgeous town on the Neckar River. Our walking tour includes the Old Town, the famous Stone Bridge, the Heidelberg Castle, the Castle Church, German Apothecary Museum, and Church of the Holy Ghost. Worms for overnight. (BD)

#### Day 15: Wednesday 7th June - Mainz - Rhine river cruise

Following breakfast travel north to **Mainz** and visit the birthplace of printing, the **Gutenberg Museum**. Gutenberg's first Bible is on display, along with the world's tiniest Bible. Tour **St. Martin's Cathedral**, built in the 8<sup>th</sup> century. The coronation of seven King's took place in the Mainz Cathedral. Time permitting visit **St. Stephen's Church**, famous for its marvelous Chagall windows. In the afternoon relax on a farewell **Rhine river cruise**. Overnight Mainz. (BD)

#### Day 16: Thursday 8th June - Transfer to Frankfurt airport for your departure.(B)

#### Day 17: Friday 9th June - Arrival home!



#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- Return economy airfares Australia/Germany/Australia
- Accommodation in quality hotels with meals (Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner as indicated BLD)
- Registration fee for the Kirchentag
- Transportation - bus and driver for touring and group transfers to and from airport
- Government licensed tour guide - English & German speaking
- Entrances fees - Historical sites, Museums, Parks etc
- Afternoon Cruise on the Rhine
- Airline Ticket & Departure Taxes for Tour Package Flights

#### PRICE EXCLUDES:

- Travel Insurance - Mandatory, if you are not choosing the option offered by Olive Tree Travel a copy of your policy is required
- Drinks with meals
- Optional tours and individual activities on free days
- Individual Airport Transfers apart from the group
- Single room supplement (\$920 additional to tour cost)
- Visas

\*Price is subject to a minimum of 20 full paying adults, currency fluctuation, and increase in Airline Ticket/Departure Taxes - conditions apply

\*Please note if you are not travelling with a companion and a suitable same gender roommate is not available, you will need to pay the single room supplement

## What to do Next

1. Obtain a booking form from Trish Cortizo 0421638453/1300 550 830 or [trish@olivetreetravel.com.au](mailto:trish@olivetreetravel.com.au)
2. To secure your place a deposit of \$600 is required as soon as possible
3. Final balance will be due by 20th March, 2017



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