

Celebrate 'REFORMATION 500' Germany 2017

20th October to 4th November 2017

16
Days

Fully
Escorted

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

500th Anniversary Commemoration 31st October in Wittenberg.

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

TOUR PRICE
\$7990*

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



Proposed Itinerary

Day 1: Friday, 20th October 2017

Depart from Australia via Singapore to Frankfurt, Germany.

Day 2: Saturday, 21st October - Arrival Frankfurt

Early morning arrival to Frankfurt where we will be transferred to our nearby hotel in Mainz for check in and rest. Remainder of the day free to enjoy a stroll through the medieval old city. This evening we will meet for our welcome dinner. Overnight Mainz. (D)

Day 3: Sunday, 22nd October- Mainz - Rhine river cruise

Following breakfast tour Mainz and visit the birthplace of printing, the Gutenberg Museum. Gutenberg's first Bible is on display, also the world's tiniest Bible. Then tour St. Martin's Cathedral, built in the 8th century. Seven king's coronations took place in the Mainz cathedral. If time is still available visit St. Stephen's Church, famous for its marvellous Chagall windows. Followed by a Rhine river cruise. Overnight Mainz. (BD)

Day 4: Monday, 23rd October - Heidelberg - Worms

Board the coach for Worms. Luther was summoned in 1521 to appear before an Imperial Diet 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. Then onward to Heidelberg, the 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 the Church of the Holy Ghost. Time at leisure. Overnight Heidelberg area. (BD)

Day 5: Tuesday, 24th October - Rothenburg - Augsburg

Depart for Rothenburg ob der Tauber. Take a glimpse into the middle-ages, at perhaps the most famous town on the "Romantik Road", a nearly intact medieval walled-city without a single modern building within and tour the city. After lunch travel the "Romantic Road" past quaint towns and villages before arriving in Augsburg for overnight. (BD)

Day 6: Wednesday, 25th October - Augsburg - Coburg

Following breakfast explore the city with its magnificent Renaissance buildings, dated from the 15th and 16th 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. Also view the plaques which remind us of the Augsburg Confession at the Fugger House and at the Augsburg Cathedral. Then north to Coburg to visit the famous Veste Coburg, the fortress where Luther took refuge and lived during the Augsburg Confession. See the Luther Room, the art treasures in the various collections and the royal building with the Luther Chapel. Overnight Coburg. (BD)

Day 7: Thursday, 26th October - Eisenach - Erfurt

Following breakfast, drive to Eisenach to visit St. George's Church where St. Elisabeth was married and J.S. Bach baptized. Tour the Luther House housing the Luther exhibition. Next stop takes you 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 overnight in Erfurt. (BD)

Day 8: Friday, 27th October - Erfurt

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 very special place where composers Bach and Pachelbel were organists. Overnight Erfurt. (BD)

Day 9: Saturday, 28th October - Eisleben - Leipzig

In the morning continue to Eisleben and tour the Luther Houses where he was born and died. Then head on to 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. Tour also St. Anne's to see the only stone-carved biblical scenes in Europe. Then 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 10: Sunday, 29th October - Dresden

After breakfast drive to Dresden. Explore the Old City on a city tour, 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. Overnight Leipzig. (BD)

Day 11: Monday, 30th October - Torgau - Wittenberg

This morning worship together with the German community at St. Thomas Church. Then continue on 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. Board the coach for a short drive to the highlight of the tour to Wittenberg which was from 1508 the main workplace of Martin Luther. We visit Luther Hall, the Augustinian monastery where Luther lived as a monk. Luther Hall is the largest museum of Reformation history

in the world. Next visit the Market Square and Town Hall; tour All Saints Church (Schlosskirche), famous site where Luther posted his 95 Theses on the Castle Church door sparking the beginning of the Reformation. Luther is buried here, alongside his fellow reformer, Philipp Melancthon. Overnight in Wittenberg area. (BD)

Day 12: Tuesday, 31st October (Reformation Day) - Wittenberg

500 years ago Martin Luther started the Reformation by nailing his 95 Theses. Germany and the whole Protestant world will commemorate and celebrate today. We take part in the celebrations at Wittenberg, which will take place in the whole city all day long. Overnight in Wittenberg area. (BD)

Day 13: Wednesday, 1st November - Berlin

This morning we depart for Berlin, the re-unified capital of Germany. Our panoramic sightseeing tour takes us to main landmarks such as the Kaiser Wilhelm Church, Nikolai Quarter, Unter den Linden, Checkpoint Charlie, the Brandenburg Gate, Reichstag, Charlottenburg Palace, Potsdamer Platz, East Side Gallery etc. Time at leisure. Overnight Berlin. (BD)

Day 14: Thursday, 2nd November - Berlin

This morning we tour Museum Island with a visit to one of the famous museums. We also visit Berlin's beautifully restored Synagogue that was destroyed during the war. Time at leisure. Overnight Berlin (BD)

Day 15: Friday, 3rd November - Departure

Transfer to Berlin airport and depart home. (B)

Day 16: Saturday, 4th November

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

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What to do Next

1. Obtain a booking form from Trish Cortizo 0421638453/1300 550 830 or 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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