

GERMANY 2017

In the Footsteps of Martin Luther and Dietrich Bonhoeffer

August 22—September 3, 2017

Tue, Aug 22 Arrival in Munich (D)

Upon our arrival at Munich airport we will be met by our German tour director and the waiting deluxe motor coach. Heading into the city, a local guide will give us a brief orientation tour of Bavaria's capital. Our group's Welcome Dinner will be at the Hofbräuhaus, probably the World's best known Wirtshaus. Overnight in Munich

Wed, Aug 23 Neuschwanstein, Oberammergau, Munich (B)

We head into the Bavarian countryside and cross many picturesque villages on our day excursion. First stop will be at Neuschwanstein Castle, the most visited and photographed place in Germany. Built by Bavarian King Ludwig, Neuschwanstein is the archetype for Walt Disney's Castle. After our tour of the Castle we will have an en-route stop at baroque Wieskirche before arriving in Oberammergau. Here every ten years the villagers perform a "Passion Play", and we will visit that theatre backstage to get an impression about this magnificent production. Back to Munich in the evening. Overnight in Munich

Aug 24 Flossenbürg Concentration Camp, to Prague (B, D)

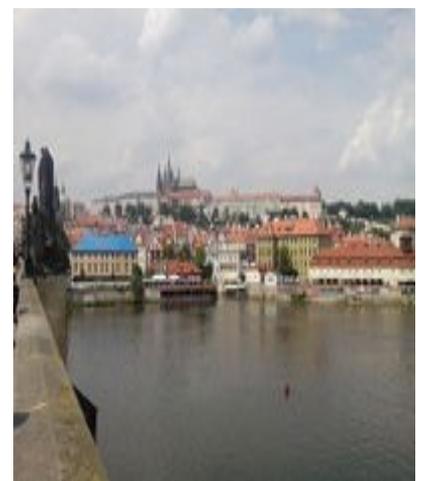
After that Bavarian introduction to our trip of Germany we will start our tour in the steps of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Flossenbürg Concentration Camp is where Dietrich Bonhoeffer was executed at the end of WWII. We will have a tour of the memorial and here about his life and ministry. In the later afternoon we continue our tour to Prague, capital of the Czech Republic, and enjoy a group dinner after arrival. Overnight in Prague.

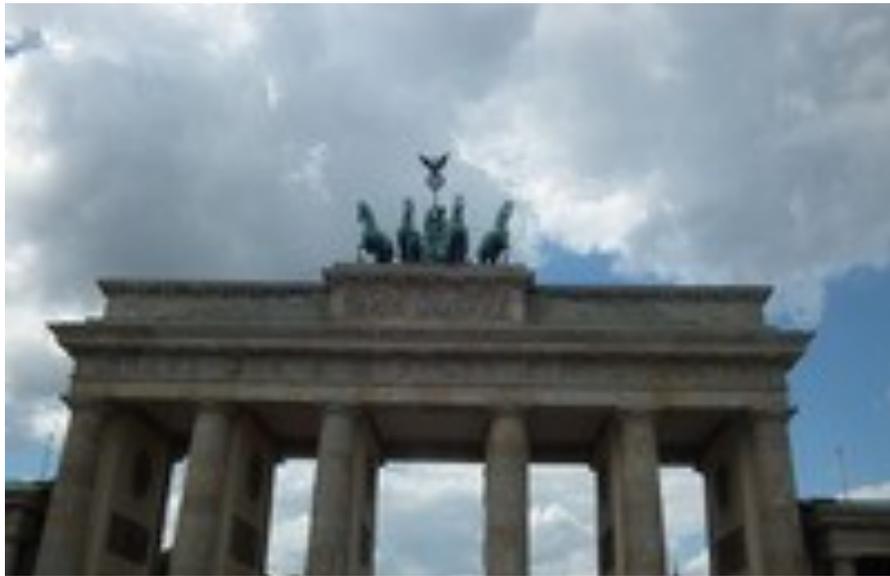
Aug 25 Prague (B, D)

The "Golden City" of Prague is waiting to be discovered today! In the morning a local guide will join us and take us around the city. We will see the Castle district with the cathedral, cross Charles Bridge into the old center, see the astronomical clock at the market square and end up at the Jan Hus Memorial, commemorating the first Czech Reformer. The afternoon is on leisure for shopping and own excursions before we meet for dinner on a Vlatava river cruise. Overnight in Prague

Sat, Aug 26 Dresden, Erfurt (B, D)

We head into Germany again and visit Dresden, the "Florence of the North". We'll be amazed by the magnificent architecture of churches and museums. Many of the buildings like the Palace and the Frauenkirche have just been reconstructed from WWII devastation. On to Erfurt where we will hit the steps of Martin Luther. Here Luther lived as a student before he joined the Augustin-





ian monks. We see the market square with the magnificent cathedral, stroll through the little streets with the rich timber framed buildings, cross the merchant's bridge, and visit the Augustinian monastery which Luther always called to be his spiritual home. Dinner tonight will be in a rustic, "medieval styled" restaurant in the old center. Overnight in Erfurt

Sun, Aug 27 Wartburg and Eisenach (B)

Our day excursions takes us to Wartburg castle where Luther took refuge after the Diet of Worms. Among many letters and books he wrote here is the first translation of the New Testament into the German language. After visiting the castle we head down into the town of Eisenach, birth place of Johann Sebastian Bach. We will visit the museum in his birth house and get an introduction into Bach's work on historical music instruments. Overnight in Erfurt

Mon, Aug 28 Eisleben (B, D)

We leave Erfurt and head North for an en-route stop in Eisleben. Here Martin Luther was born and died. We visit the little museum in his birthhouse, see the pulpit in St. Andrews where Luther preached, and visit St Peter and Paul. This church, where Luther was baptized, is now a "Center for Baptism". Overnight in Eisleben

Tue., Aug 29 Wittenberg (B)

Our first stop in the morning is Leipzig. Here Johann Sebastian Bach spent most of his life, being the cantor for the Thomas Boys Choir and composing a cantata every Sunday. On a walking tour with a local guide we will visit Thomas Church with Bach's grave, pass the Renaissance town hall, see the University with its reconstructed facade, and Gewandhaus concert hall. Leipzig also is important for the German revolution of 1989 when thousands of Leipzigers joined prayers for peace in Nikolai church and started marching along the ring road. Of course these events will be an important part of our visit there. In the afternoon we travel to Wittenberg for overnight. Overnight: Wittenberg, Luther-Hotel

Wed, Aug 30 Wittenberg (B)

In the morning we'll tour the town where Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of the Schlosskirche on October 31, 1517. In Luther's time this was the University Chapel and the doors were used as a bulletin board. Luther preached here often and in the City Church of St. Mary. In 1508, when Martin Luther came to Wittenberg, he lived in the Black Abbey – now known as the "Lutherhaus". It was here that he had his "Tower Experience" and first grasped the gift of faith by grace alone. Later, Luther lived here with his wife, Katharina von Bora, and their six children. The afternoon is on leisure for own discoveries, just enjoy a coffee or ice-cream in one of the cafés around the town square. Tonight we will not meet for dinner as a group, but enjoy various options on own account in the local restaurants. Overnight in Wittenberg, Luther-Hotel



Thu, Aug 31 Wittenberg (B, D)

A second full day in Wittenberg, the cradle of the Reformation, is waiting for us. We take advantage of Terra Lu Travel's exclusive "Wittenberg Coupons™" which give everyone individual, free choice for free admission at the museums of Luther House, Melanchthon House, Cranach Museum, and the exhibition of Modern Christian Art. In the afternoon we relax at a boat tour on the Elbe River before we enjoy our dinner. Overnight in Wittenberg, Luther-Hotel

Fri, Sep 1 Berlin (B, D)

We head into Berlin where a local guide joins us for our tour of the city. We will see sights like the Reichstag parliament, Brandenburg Gate, Holocaust Memorial, and remnants of the Berlin Wall. A special focus of our tour will be upon the life and ministry of Lutheran pastor and martyr Dietrich Bonhoeffer. We learn about the life and ministry of Dietrich Bonhoeffer while exploring his parents' home and the church in which he preached. And we discover how Pastor Bonhoeffer discerned and answered God's call with the words, "When Christ calls a man, He bids him come and die." Overnight in Berlin

Sat, Sep 2 Berlin (B, D)

As our tour is coming to the end we visit the grand Luther Exhibition presented by the National German Historical Museum. Additional to the exhibitions we already saw at the Wartburg and in Wittenberg this is the 3rd part of the national exhibitions, "What impact and consequences did the Reformation have and what role did Martin Luther play in this?"

Our Farewell Dinner will be in a traditional Berliner restaurant. Overnight in Berlin

Sun, Sep 3 Berlin (B)

Our motor coach takes us to Berlin Airport for our flights back home.

Terra Lu Travel provides a package including (Airfare NOT included):

- Private motor coach from Munich Airport to Berlin Airport (modern coach with appropriate luggage compartment, reclining seats, A/C, bathroom, video/DVD), with experienced, friendly, English speaking driver. Driver's accommodation and meals included.
- Terra Lu tour companion, experienced Lutheran, the friendly host for the group. Companion's accommodation / meals included.
- 12 stays in good 3- 4- star Hotels, located downtown close to city centers
- Porterage service
- Breakfast every morning
- 8 Dinners in Hotels or local restaurants, including one Dinner in Munich Hofbräuhaus, one Dinner in Prague on Vlatava Cruise, one Dinner in Erfurt in "Medieval styled" restaurant, Farewell Dinner Berlin in traditional Berliner restaurant
- Munich: Tour of town • Neuschwanstein: shuttle bus uphill, guided tour, admission • Oberammergau tour, Passionplay theater included • Flossenbürg Concentration Camp: Tour with or Audio guides • Prague: Half day guided tour, admission to St Vitus cathedral included • Dresden: Guided Walking tour • Erfurt: Guided tour of town • Wartburg: Guided tour • Eisenach: Admission to Bach House with introduction on historical instruments • Eisleben: Guided Tour of town, admission fee to churches included Admission to Luther's birth house included • Leipzig: Guided tour of town, admission fees to churches included • Wittenberg: Tour of town and churches, admission fees to churches included • 2-Days Wittenberg Coupons™ (exclusive by Terra Lu Travel) for free admission at museums and exhibitions • Wittenberg: Boat tour on the Elbe River • Berlin: Guided orientation tour of town
- Admission to all 3 German National Exhibitions for the Reformation Jubilee in Wittenberg, in Berlin, and at the Wartburg
- All local tours with selected, English speaking guides • All tips/ gratuities for all guides, tour director, drivers, hotel staff included. All local and federal taxes included
- COST (in Euros):
 - Group with min 40 paying persons: 1,685 Euro per person in dbl/ twin occupancy
 - Group with min 35 paying persons: 1,780 Euro per person in dbl/ twin occupancy
 - Group with min 30 paying persons: 1,910 Euro per person in dbl/ twin occupancy
 - Group with min 25 paying persons: 2,095 Euro per person in dbl/ twin occupancy
 - Group with min 20 paying persons: 2,380 Euro per person in dbl/ twin occupancy
 - Surcharge Single Room: 355 Euro per person

A deposit of **\$350 per person** is due, **November 1, 2016** (this is non-refundable after December 15, 2016). The deposit will be deducted from the final total which is due no later than **May 15, 2017**. All payments are to be made to Bethel Lutheran Church.

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