

# A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

## in GERMANY, AUSTRIA, AND ITALY



### BERLIN TO ROME

13 days plus overseas trips:  
14 different cities & villages  
31 sites of Martin Luther,  
German, Austrian and  
Roman historical sites

**JUNE 14 - 28, 2020**

- Day 1— **Berlin:** Pick up at Tegel Airport  
June 15 Berliner Dom, Reichstag, and the  
Brandenburg Gate, Jewish Memorial
- Day 2 **Berlin:** Hitler's Bunker, Berlin Wall,  
Checkpoint Charlie, Pergamon  
Museum with the Ishtar Gate
- Day 3 **Wittenberg:** Worship in the Town  
Church, Explore the Castle Church,  
Lutherhaus, Monastery, and enjoy  
Free Time
- Day 4 **Brehna:** Worship in Käthe's Church  
**Eisleben:** St. Andrew's Church,  
Luther's Birth and Death Houses  
**Erfurt:** Free Time, Augustinian  
Monastery
- Day 5 **Eisenach:** Wartburg Castle, Bachhaus  
**Rothenburg ob der Tauber:** Free Time  
(history and shopping)
- Day 6 **Oberammergau:** Passion Play of Jesus
- Day 7 Tour of **Neuschwanstein Castle**  
**Dachau:** First Concentration Camp
- Day 8 **Salzburg:** Sound of Music Tour
- Day 9 **Berchtesgaden** Hitler's Eagles' Nest
- Day 10 **Pisa** Leaning Tower
- Day 11-13 **Rome** Vatican Tour, Sistine Chapel  
St. Peter's Cathedral, Roman Forum,  
Colosseum and more

**Estimated Cost per person—US\$3000—**  
**includes** bus, hotels  
(double occupancy),  
entrance fees, and two  
meals most days.

**Rooming single? Add  
US\$500.**

**Airfare on your own**  
Fly into Berlin (TXL)  
and out of Rome  
(FCO)

**Delightful hotels!**  
**Delicious food!**  
**Great fellowship!**

**Walk Luther's  
streets . . .** see the  
monasteries where  
he became a monk  
and where he and  
Käthe von Bora lived  
after their marriage.

**Ride horse-drawn  
wagons** up to the  
Neuschwanstein  
Castle.

## SOME OF THE THINGS YOU'LL SEE AND DO IN GERMANY

In **Wittenberg**, sing *A Mighty Fortress* in the church in which it was first sung. See the Castle Church and the door where Martin Luther nailed the *95 Theses*. Meet Martin and Käthe *in the flesh*. Take a guided tour of the Lutherhaus Museum, the monastery where the Luther family lived.

Explore Käthe von Bora Luther's childhood church in the tiny village of **Brehna**—climb to the ancient bell tower, see the 1,000-year-old beams in the attic, play the old organ, buy hand-made gifts and experience a fellowship tea prepared by the church ladies.

In **Eisleben**, see the houses where Martin Luther was born and died . . . and St. Andrew's Church, where he preached his last four sermons.

At the Dom Platz in **Erfurt** you will have time to enjoy dinner on your own at one of the nearby restaurants and take a guided tour of the Augustinian monastery where young Luther knocked on the gate saying, "I want to become a monk." If you hurry, you may dash up the steps to the Cathedral for a self-guided walk-through.

Climb the cobblestone road to the **Wartburg Castle** where Martin Luther was hidden away—take the guided tour of the 1,000-year-old castle, seeing the knight's hall, the ladies bower, and more. Then record on your camera pictures of the very room where Luther translated the New Testament into the local vernacular, thus standardizing the German language.

At the **Bachhaus Museum**, explore the old house, enjoy a short concert of Bach compositions played on period instruments, and find musical souvenirs.

Enjoy some free time in the old, walled city of **Rothenburg ob der Tauber**. Shop for German souvenirs, i.e., cuckoo clocks, nutcrackers, lace curtains, children's toys, Christmas items, table cloths, etc. . . . and walk atop the ancient walls learning the history of the town . . .

Experience Luther's "the righteous shall live by faith" and other messages over and over again! Renew your own commitment to God.

**Oberammergau** . . . experience the Passion Play, shown every 10 years.

**Berchtesgarden** . . . see Hitler's mountain-top hide-a-way.

## In Austria . . . take the *Sound of Music* Tour

### See Rome . . . and Experience the History of the Early Christian Church and the Apostles

**A**ccording to legend, Rome was founded in the 8<sup>th</sup> century BC by the Latin Romulus, the first of a succession of seven legendary kings. From the 2<sup>nd</sup> century BC to the 5<sup>th</sup> century AD the Roman Empire ruled the world. Following the collapse of the Roman Empire, it was first ruled by various Germanic tribes (Ostrogoths, Lombards, Franks) and then by the popes who during the 8<sup>th</sup> century established the Papal State in Italy with Rome as the capital. The Frankish kings protected Rome and the pope against all enemies. Rome remained the center of the Papal State until 1870 when Italian troops under King Victor Emmanuel II entered Rome and made it the capital of Italy.

What will we see in Rome? We will tour **The Vatican**, the tiny city-state that covers 108 acres, where the pope is the sovereign, and his armed forces within the state are the Swiss Guards. St. Peter's Square leads to the largest church in the world, **St. Peter's Basilica**, which is said to be built over the tomb of the apostle Peter. We will see the **Sistine Chapel** and the many works of art by Michaelangelo and other noted artists.

We'll see old churches such as **Santa Maria Maggiore**, one of the oldest churches in Rome, which was built around 440. It is one of the four great pilgrimage churches. In **San Pietro in Vincoli** (St. Peter in Chains) you will see the monumental statue of Moses, carved by Michelangelo in the early 16<sup>th</sup> century and "the relics" on display, "the chains said to have bound Peter during his imprisonment by the Romans in Jerusalem". The **Basilica of San Giovanni in Laterano** (St. John Lateran Basilica), founded in the 4<sup>th</sup> century, is the cathedral of Rome where the pope officiates as bishop of Rome. On the grounds you will see the early Christian baptistry supporting baptism by immersion and the **Santa Scala**, the stairs Martin Luther was climbing on His knees when he was impressed that "the just shall live by faith."

In addition, we will see the **Colosseum**, the **Mamertine Prison**, and the **Roman Forum** with its centuries of history excavated for us to explore.

Along the way you can see the **Trevi Fountain**, the **Pantheon**, the **Piazza Navona**, and the **Circus Maximus**.

You will enjoy the Italian cuisine followed by gelato, the famous Italian ice cream. Save a few dollars to shop for **Italian silk ties and scarves** in the tiny closet-sized shop on the Barberini Piazza. We'll tell you the story about the little man who is the proprietor, who sings at the Vatican. The ties sold for about € 8 each the last time we were there.

You will be able to drink from the many ancient drinking water fountains found around the city . . . and watch the Romans just for fun!



**Apply ASAP**—Send application, \$1,000 non-refundable deposit, and copy of passport(s) to **Name** at the **Email Address** to save your spot on the tour.

## Germany, Austria and Italy—A Spiritual Journey

June 14 - 28, 2020

### APPLICATION FORM

- Mail or email this form completed by hand or electronically to St. Paul's United Church of Christ 426 Washington St. Wausau, WI 54403 or admin2@stpaulsuccwausau.org including the initial deposit(s).
- Please include a copy of your passport(s) with your application.

Primary Person Name – First Name as it should appear on Name Tag	Primary Person – Last Name																						
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Medical Equipment—participant must bring, i.e., wheel chair, walker, etc.																							
Allergies																							
Special Food Needs (Bring with you or purchase in Berlin)																							
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