

Lutherland 500 Tour: Metigoshe in Germany

September 6
to
September 19
2017

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Come and celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation in Germany with Metigoshe Ministries! This once-in-a-lifetime trip will visit many famous sites and learn about the roots of our Lutheran faith tradition. In addition to our focus on deepening our faith through visiting these Reformation sites and learning from theologians, pastors and laity, our trip will include a fun and faith-building mix of day trips, museums, worship, sightseeing and free time to explore on your own or with a small group. Our trip will include many of the beloved and special “Metigoshe touches” to make your trip extra memorable.



Pastor Jon Halvorson, Executive Director at Metigoshe Ministries, in front of Wartburg Castle.

Trip Itinerary

Day 1: Wednesday, September 6, 2017
Leave the US

Overnight flight to Berlin, Germany.

Day 2, Thursday, September 7, 2017
Wittenberg

Arrive in Berlin in the morning. Your German tour director and bus are waiting for you for the transfer to Wittenberg and check in at Colleg Wittenberg. After a free afternoon, welcome dinner at Colleg Wittenberg. (Dinner Included)

Day 3, Friday, September 8, 2017
Wittenberg

In the morning, a local guide will help us explore the city, where Martin Luther lived and taught for 36 years. The tour includes the City Church, where Luther preached thousands of times, and the Castle Church, where he posted his “95 Theses,” thus sparking the Reformation. Learn more about Luther’s partners in the Reformation with a visit to the Cranach print shop. You will also visit the Melancthon House and the Luther House, which was Luther’s wedding gift from his prince in 1525 and now houses one of the world’s largest



Martin & Katie Luther's wedding portraits by Lucas Cranach the Elder.



Naumburg Cathedral with head pastor and friend of Jon and Laura Halvorson.

Reformation archives. In the afternoon, celebrate worship service. After dinner, have the chance to hear a local scholar give a presentation on “How Martin Luther and his friends lived in Wittenberg.” (Breakfast, Dinner included)

Day 4, Saturday, September 9, 2017

Leipzig

Visit Leipzig today. In October 1989, the people of Leipzig first organized the demonstrations that brought hundreds of thousands into the streets for the “Peaceful Revolution.” We will visit their rendezvous point at the Gothic (12th century) St. Nicholas Church. Enjoy the Motette at the 14th-century St. Thomas Church, where Luther preached and where Bach served as cantor and choirmaster for 25 years. Meet with a local pastor who shares the story of how the Peaceful Revolution began. Tonight we will dine at the historic Auerbachs Keller, where, in a scene made famous by Goethe’s *Faust*, Mephistopheles and Faust drank with the local students before flying away on a barrel. Late return to Wittenberg. (Breakfast, Dinner included)

Day 5, Sunday, September 10, 2017

Eisleben

In the morning, we will go to Eisleben to celebrate worship service with the local congregation. Afterwards, we will have a city tour of Eisleben, including visits to Luther’s Birth House and Death House museums, the church in which he was baptized, and the church in which he preached his final sermon. In the afternoon, we will head back to Wittenberg. Another option for this day would be to stay in Wittenberg to explore the town further on your own. (Breakfast, Dinner included)

Day 6, Monday, September 11, 2017

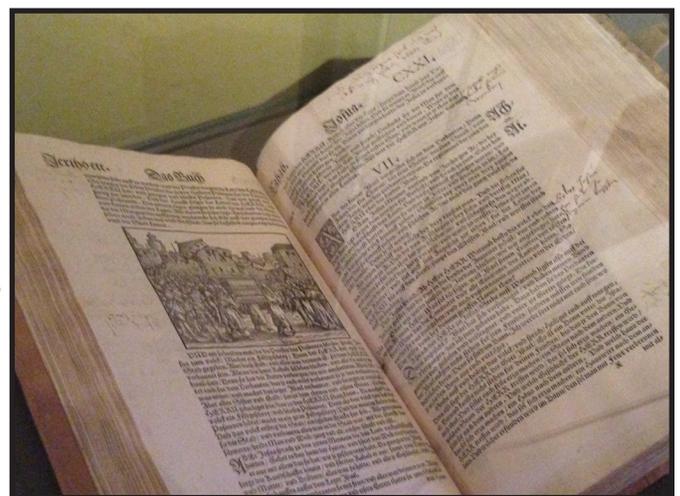
Wittenberg

We will visit Burg Rabenstein, a typical German castle, built in the early 13th century. We will have the chance to see a local falconry and have a guided tour through the old castle. Enjoying the traditional medieval ambience, we complete our tour with a group dinner before we go back to Wittenberg. (Breakfast, Dinner included)

Day 7, Tuesday, September 12, 2017

Halle

Leave Wittenberg for Halle in the morning. Visit the pre-historic museum, which hosts one of the oldest, most extensive and most important archaeological collections in Germany, including the Nebra Sky Disc. During a break for lunch and some freetime you may also visit the Handel House and the Market Church, where you



Luther Bible with handwritten margin notes by Martin Luther

will 'see' George Fredrick Händel who composed "The Messiah." Martin Luther's body rested here overnight en route to Wittenberg. A chamber is devoted to his death mask. In the afternoon, we will visit the Francke Foundations, a center of Pietist practice from which Henry Melchior Muhlenberg began his 1742 journey to organize the Lutheran Church in North America. Afterwards we will return to Wittenberg Colleg. (Breakfast, Dinner included)

Day 8, Wednesday, September 13, 2017

Naumburg

Visit Naumburg today. The Cathedral of St. Peter and St. Paul was built in the 13. Century and is especially interesting for the statues of the twelve cathedral founders, works of the Naumburg Master. His works are counted among the most important artworks of the Middle Ages. After our visit there, you will have some freetime to explore the city before we continue to monastery of Pforta. Both, the monastery and it's church were built more than 800 years ago. Today, all buildings are used for the boarding school "Landesschule Pforta" and the traditional winery, where you will have the chance to taste the products of the famous wine region of Naumburg. Afterwards, we will continue to Erfurt and check in to the hotel. (Breakfast, Dinner included)



Naumburg city skyline with cathedral in distance.

Day 9, Thursday, September 14, 2017

Erfurt

This morning in Erfurt you will take a city tour in the footsteps of Martin Luther. See the University district where Luther studied and visit St. Mary's Cathedral, where he was ordained. You will also tour the Augustinian Monastery where Luther took his monastic vows and lived as a monk. Dinner at the hotel. (Breakfast, Dinner included)

Day 10, Friday, September 15, 2017

Buchenwald

Visit the medieval Mikveh and the Old Synagogue which shows parts dating from the 11th century and provides an insight into the life of the Erfurt community, which in the Middle Ages held a prominent position in Europe. After some free time for lunch, continue to the former concentration camp Buchenwald, where a quarter million people were imprisoned between 1937 and 1945. All of them suffered and 50,000 of them died. Among the prisoners were Lutheran pastors Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Paul Schneider, outspoken opponents of National Socialism. A private guided tour will allow us time for reflection and a service of reconciliation. We head back to Erfurt for a free evening. (Breakfast included)

Day 11, Saturday, September 16, 2017

Eisenach

Today, we leave Erfurt and head to Eisenach. After check in to the hotel, join a city tour of Eisenach and visit the Bach House - experience what a typical home looked like in the 18th century, see an interesting collection of antique instruments and hear a demonstration on a variety of these pieces. The afternoon will be free for you to explore the beautiful historic centre of Eisenach. Check into our hotel. (Breakfast, Dinner included)



City of Eisenach as seen from the Wartburg Castle.

Day 12, Sunday, September 17, 2017

Eisenach

Today, we take the beautiful trip up the mountain to the Wartburg Castle. After his excommunication Martin Luther was kidnapped by his prince and hid here for almost a year under the alias of “Junker Jorg.” See the room where Luther lived and made his translation of the New Testament. In the afternoon, we will travel to Berlin and check into our hotel. (Breakfast, Dinner included)

Day 13, Monday, September 18, 2017

Berlin

This morning become familiar with the vibrant city of Berlin with a city tour including its major religious and historical sites. Your local tour guide will show you sights such as the 1905 neo-Baroque Berlin Cathedral, the bomb-damaged tower of Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, Brandenburg Gate, Reichstag, the “Unter den Linden” government district, and remains of the Berlin Wall. After some free time for lunch we will visit the Bonhoeffer House. In the evening, we celebrate the last 2 weeks with a farewell dinner. (Breakfast, Dinner included)

Day 14, Tuesday, September 19, 2017

Auf Wiedersehen!

It's time to say Goodbye. After breakfast depart for Berlin airport for your homebound flight. (Breakfast included)



Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German pastor and theologian who actively opposed Hitler and Nazi Germany.

Lutherland 500 Tour Details

Items Included in Tour Price

- Thoroughly experienced multilingual tour director from Berlin airport to Berlin airport.
- Transportation in a 4-star European-styled motor coach with climate control, reclining seats, restroom, sink, refrigerator, and coffee machine. Maximum 44 seats.
- Accommodations in 4-star German hotels, double occupancy.
- Accommodation in Lutherstadt Wittenberg at Colleg Wittenberg.
- Taxes, parking and road fees.
- Visits and guided tours in Lutherstadt Wittenberg, Leipzig, Eisleben, Halle, Naumburg, Erfurt, Weimar, Buchenwald, Eisenach and Berlin.
- Admission and entrance fees to the Luther House and the Melanchthon House museums and Town Church and Castle Church in Wittenberg, the Birth and the Death House museums and both churches in Eisleben, Burg Rabenstein, Händel House museum, Market church and Francke Foundation in Halle, Naumburg Cathedral, Monastery Pforta, Augustinian Monastery in Erfurt and Herder church in Weimar.
- Lecture in Wittenberg on Martin Luther.
- Entrance fee to the Motet in Leipzig.
- Presentation “Peaceful revolution” and room rental.
- Wine tasting at winery in Naumburg.
- Entrance fee and guided tour of Wartburg Castle.
- Mini concert at Bach house museum in Eisenach.
- Lecture fee at Bonhoeffer House.
- Sightseeing and excursions as cited in the program.
- 23 meals: 12 buffet breakfasts, and 11 dinners (beverages are not included).
- All necessary tips such as bellman, maid, doormen, and dining room tips for meals specified in the itinerary are included. The customary gratuity to escorts, drivers, and step-on guides is included.
- Information folder for all participants, including town and country brochures, information on Germany and a detailed timed itinerary upon arrival in Berlin.



Wartburg Castle where Luther was hidden for almost a year.

Items Not Included in Tour Price

- Airfare
- Expenses for passports and visas
- Beverages, bar bills
- Tips for beverages and drinks
- Telephone calls
- Laundry
- Items of a personal nature
- Baggage fees
- Trip insurance
- Meals other than those included in the itinerary



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