

# **Germany Trip Information for Current 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Graders**

**Here is some introductory information about our planned trip to the Land of Martin Luther (Germany) in December 2027 here is some basic information.**

**Approximate Cost: \$2,600 per person plus a passport and spending money**

**Dates: December 26, 2027-January 3, 2028**

**Who: Those who will be in high school and older at the time of the trip. Parents are welcome.**

**Fundraising:**

**Chili Cook Off/Pie Auction (if able) February**

**Christmas Cookie Tray Sale December 9th**

**Cookie Sale is the best opportunity to make a lot of money for baking.**

**Below is an overview of this year's trip. The next trip will be similar.**

**If you are interested in the trip, please sign up on the bulletin board by the Parish Admin office at school.**

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# Trip Details 2023-24 Trip

## **Day 1**    Fri. 27 December 2019

- Motor coach with a nice and experienced driver. Service starts at Berlin
  - Private de-luxe motor coach, registered in Germany, according to German laws, with appropriate luggage room, reclining seats, A/C, bathroom, video/DVD, with friendly, professional, and experienced driver (Driver's accommodation and meals are included.)
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- Health Insurance
  - All travelers are insured by a German Health Insurance plan which is covering all medical costs, hospital stay, home transport, and a multilingual helpline for communication between local doctors and relatives at home. (Only citizen from countries which do not require visa for Germany/ Schengen countries like from USA, Canada, Australia)
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- Tour Director
  - This tour will be accompanied by an experienced Terra Lu Travel tour director, bilingual German and English speaking. (Director's accommodation and meals are included.)
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- Meet & Greet
  - Upon arrival we will be met by our local tour director and board the waiting de-luxe motor coach for our wonderful tour of Europe.
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- Travel to Erfurt
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- Dinner and overnight at Jugendherberge Erfurt

## **Day 2**    Sat. 28 December 2019    Lutherland

- Breakfast at hotel
- De-luxe motor coach

- Admission and tour - Wartburg Stiftung Eisenach
  - We visit the Wartburg, one of the most important castles in German history. It is here that Martin Luther hid in 1521 and 1522, taking on the assumed name of Knight George, after being placed under an imperial ban. Among many letters and books he wrote here is the first translation of the New Testament into the German language. The Wartburg also is important for many other aspects of German history. On our tour we will be remembered to the life and work of St Elisabeth. And we will see the original black-red-golden German flag, used at a student's meeting at the Wartburg in 1817.
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- Tour of Merkers Mine - Merkers Adventure Mine
  - Get ready for the experience of a lifetime: get into the earth and explore a real mine on a thrilling ride on open trucks.
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- Lunch Bag - [Meal]
  - A lunch bag with a sandwich, some fruit, candy, and a drink will be provided by the hotel in the morning.
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- Dinner and overnight at Jugendherberge Erfurt

### **Day 3**    Sun. 29 December 2019

- Breakfast at hotel
- De-luxe motor coach
- Lunch Bag - [Meal]
  - A lunch bag with a sandwich, some fruit, candy, and a drink will be provided by the hotel in the morning.
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- Walking tour of Erfurt
  - On to Erfurt where we will again walk in the steps of Martin Luther. Here Luther lived as a student before he joined the Augustinian 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.
- Travel to Eisleben
- Noon Prayer St. Petri & Pauli

- Walking tour of Eisleben
  - Eisleben is the town where Luther was born and died (in 1483 and 1546). We visit the little museum in the 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."
- Travel to Wittenberg
- Dinner - [Meal]
- Overnight at Hostel Wittenberg

#### **Day 4** Mon. 30 December 2019

- Breakfast at hotel
- De-luxe motor coach
- Walking tour of Wittenberg
  - Wittenberg, the cradle of the Reformation, is waiting for us. 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.
- Lunch Bag - [Meal]
  - A lunch bag with a sandwich, some fruit, candy, and a drink will be provided by the hotel in the morning.
- Visit Old Latin School
- Dinner - [Meal]
- Overnight at Hostel Wittenberg

**Day 5** Tue. 31 December 2019

- Breakfast at hotel
- De-luxe motor coach
- Lunch Bag - [Meal]
  - A lunch bag with a sandwich, some fruit, candy, and a drink will be provided by the hotel in the morning.
- Stop at a grocery store
- Worship service in Berlin
- Berlin CityTourCard 48hours
- Leisure time / New year Fireworks
- Overnight at Gäste Etage Berlin

**Day 6** Wed. 1 January 2020

- De-luxe motor coach
- [afternoon: leisure for shopping]
- Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp (opens 11 am)
- Overnight at Gäste Etage Berlin

**Day 7** Thu. 2 January 2020

- De-luxe motor coach
- Guided tour of Berlin by bus (3 hrs)
- Overnight at Gäste Etage Berlin

**Day 8** Fri. 3 January 2020

- Motor coach service ends with transfer and farewell at Berlin
- Transfer to Airport
  - This morning we'll get transferred to the airport to board our home-bound flights after a memorable tour of Europe.

# Germany Fundraiser Heat and Sweet



Pie Auction



When: Feb. ?? — 12:15 PM

Location: Immanuel Lutheran Gym

Earn \$\$ towards 2027 Germany Trip

Earn a share of the total for each of the following:

1. Set up on Sunday at 9:45 AM (attend church service at 8 AM or 10:45 AM).
2. Bring a homemade pie or other specialty dessert for auction.
3. Clean-up.
4. Serve chili or food or help with crafts.
5. Have a parent help out.

# COOKIE SALE GENERAL INFORMATION

We are getting closer to our visit to the land of Martin Luther December 26, 2027 until January 3, 2028. .

The cost of the trip will be around \$2,600 per person plus a passport and spending money (approx. \$200). This is a big chunk of money but it is possible to raise almost all of it through fundraisers if you are able to participate.

The biggest fundraiser we have each year is our cookie sale. In the past some youth have earned over \$500 on a single cookie sale.

We operate the sale based on shares. We will take the total net profits of the sale and divide by the number of shares earned to determine your portion. If you can help sell the cookie trays to friends, family, or business folks that is a big help in increasing total sales.

We are requesting that each Germany family bake at least 16 dozen **colorful** Christmas Cookies. We encourage you to make even more. Every 16 dozen cookies baked will earn you another share (**no maximum**). The youth and/or a parent helping to pack the cookies will earn another share (max 1 per youth). Last year each share was worth \$57. Also you are welcome to have grandparents or others also bake on your behalf.

No mint cookies please.

Cookie Sale day is Saturday, December 9. Cookies can be delivered Friday, Dec. 8 before 4 PM or on Saturday morning before 9:30 AM. We will begin packing at 10 AM. Make sure you sign in your cookies and helping to pack to ensure proper credit.