

# Reformation Tour 2017

*Travels with Reverend Tiews*



Celebrate the Reformation where it all started

June 18-29, 2017

Join us for a Fun-Filled 12 Day Trip in Germany,  
Tailor-Made for Lutherans

## Suggested Itinerary

Date: **June 18 - 29 2017**

12 days designed for 20 - 45 travelers

### **Sunday, June 18 Arrive Berlin**

Upon arrival at Berlin Airport we will be met by our German tour director and transferred to the hotel. Time to rest and to get over the jet lag. In the evening you will enjoy dinner in a typical Old Berlin restaurant. Try Berlin specialties like a Currywurst sausage, homemade jelly knuckle or just a Lard pot of homemade bread and pickles. (D)

Overnight in Berlin: 1 night

### **Monday, June 19 Berlin – Wittenberg**

More sightseeing is planned for today in the German capital. We'll see the famous sites, including the **Brandenburg Gate, the Reichstag, and Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church**. The history of the divided Berlin comes alive when we visit Checkpoint Charlie and discover remnants of the Berlin Wall. In the evening we depart Berlin and drive to Wittenberg for dinner and overnight. (BD)

Overnight in Wittenberg vicinity: 1 night

We will also visit the 1<sup>st</sup> of three National Exhibitions for the Reformation Jubilee: “**The Luther Effect. 500 Years of the Reformation**” in the German Historical Museum.

### **Tuesday, June 20 Wittenberg - Eisleben - Mansfeld**

This morning we'll visit sites in Wittenberg, the city of the Lutheran reformation, including Luther's house, the Stadtkirche, the University, and the All Saints Castle Church where Luther nailed his 95 Theses on the door. We will also have a chance to visit the **LCMS International Lutheran Center** at the Old Latin School in Wittenberg.

In 2017 Wittenberg will be the place of a National Exhibition in the Lutherhouse: “Luther! 95 People – 95 Treasures”.

In the afternoon we continue to Eisleben, where Luther was born and died (in 1483 and 1546). After arrival we'll visit the little museum in the house where Luther was born, visit the church where he preached his last sermon, and walk by the Luther monument. In the evening we celebrate a Baptism remembrance worship service in St Peter and Paul, the church where Luther was baptized. Sit next to Luther's baptismal font and reflect what it means for you to be baptized. Eisleben's Lord Mayor will join us (subject to her schedule) for dinner tonight to share with us the advantages and challenges of this little town in former East Germany. (BD)

Overnight in Eisleben (1 night)

### **Wednesday, June 21 Leipzig - Buchenwald – Erfurt**

We continue south this morning and visit Leipzig. Points of interest include Augustusplatz, the market, and the St Thomas church where Bach was an organist. Our local guide will also talk about the revolution in former East Germany when the protesters in Leipzig got the attention of international media and the candle marches in Leipzig became the symbol of the change.

Our next stop will be from the darkest part of German history as we visit the memorial site of former Nazi concentration camp Buchenwald.

The day ends in Erfurt. Erfurt was the town where Martin Luther was a student of law and business before joining the Augustinian convent as a monk. In a short walk through this charming town with many timber framed houses we see the market with St Mary's Cathedral, the merchant's bridge, and visit the Augustinian monastery. (B)

Overnight in Erfurt: 2 nights

### **Thursday, June 22 Wartburg Castle – Eisenach**

Our day excursion takes us to the town of Eisenach to visit Wartburg castle. It is here that Luther hid in 1521 and 1522, taking on the assumed name of Knight George, after being placed under an imperial ban. While here, he translated the New Testament into German.

In 2017 the Wartburg will be the place for the National Exhibition "Luther and the Germans." Eisenach also is the birthplace of the famous composer Johann Sebastian Bach. We visit the museum and listen to a demonstration of Bach's works on historical instruments. Back in Erfurt we'll have dinner tonight in a rustic "medieval style" restaurant. (BD)

### **Friday, June 23 Coburg - Nuremberg – Augsburg**

We continue our tour as we travel south through the Thuringian Forest. Our first visit is the Veste Coburg Fortress where Luther spent some time under protection while an outlaw of the Holy Roman Empire. It was during this time that the Augsburg Confession was presented.

Later in the afternoon we arrive at Nuremberg, the second-largest city in Bavaria. It was from here that Luther began his journey to Rome in 1510. We'll visit the Old Town with its many points of interest before ending the day at Augsburg, where we have dinner and overnight. (BD)

Overnight in Augsburg: 2 nights

### **Saturday, June 24 Augsburg - Munich – Augsburg**

In Augsburg we'll visit St. Anne's Church, where, in 1518, Luther met with Cardinal Cajetan, who demanded that Luther submit to the Pope. We'll also see the Augustus Fountain, the Church of the Holy Cross, and other sites. The Augsburg town market where bakers, farmers, butchers, cheese dairies, and florists present their specialties gives us many reasons for a tasty lunch break. The afternoon will be spent in Munich, the capital of Bavaria, where we visit the Marienplatz, and see the Town Hall, Cathedral, and other sites. (B)

### **Sunday, June 25 Neuschwanstein - Romantic Road – Rothenburg**

Today we drive south from Augsburg in the morning to reach Neuschwanstein, the fairy tale castle built by King Ludwig II, near the town of Füssen. We visit the castle, and then travel along the Romantic Road to reach Rothenburg ob der Tauber, where we have dinner and overnight.

(BD)

Overnight in Rothenburg: 1 night

### **Monday, June 26 Rothenburg - Heidelberg – Worms**

Rothenburg is Germany's best-preserved walled city. We'll take a walking tour of the town this morning, and then proceed to Heidelberg. On arrival, we visit the Castle and the University, and see the Stone Bridge. For lunch we could mingle with students of the Heidelberg University and get some snacks at University commons next to the river. We continue to Worms for overnight.

Dinner will be in a restaurant which specializes in the local “Flammkuchen” tarte flambée (BD)

Overnight in Worms: 1 night

### **Tuesday, June 27 Worms – Ruedesheim**

Worms is where Luther, in 1521, appeared before the Holy Roman Emperor and the Imperial Diet. He refused to recant his beliefs, and stated "Here I stand, I can do no other. God help me." In the morning we'll visit the Reformation Monument and the Cathedral. In the afternoon we proceed to Ruedesheim, in the romantic Rhine valley. (B)

Overnight in Ruedesheim: 2 nights

### **Wednesday, June 28 Ruedesheim - Rhine Cruise – Ruedesheim**

This morning we take a **cruise on the Rhine River**, passing many small villages and the famous Loreley Rock. The afternoon is at leisure. A farewell dinner with wine is planned for this evening. (BD)

### **Thursday, June 29 Depart Ruedesheim for the flight home**

This morning we transfer to Frankfurt airport, where we board our return flight back home. (B)

(B)= Breakfast (D)= Dinner

This itinerary will be further fine-tuned and customized for our group. Special events such as Evening Prayer and divine services will be included. Exact daily schedules will be determined in close cooperation with the group before the tour. Due to unexpected circumstances like weather conditions, heavy traffic, changes of museum opening times, etc. we have to reserve the right of changes.

Rev. Tiews will provide special commentary on events of the Reformation and Christianity in contemporary Germany. He holds dual German/US citizenship and is fluent in both English and German as is his wife Lula.

We are working with our **local German partner Terra Lu Travel** and their **package includes:**

- Private motor coach from Berlin Airport to Frankfurt Airport (modern coach, registered in Germany, according to German laws, with reclining seats, A/C, bathroom, video/DVD) with nice, English speaking driver. Road taxes, bus miles, bus parking on scheduled tour sites included Driver's accommodation and meals included
- TERRA LU TRAVEL tour director, experienced Lutheran, the friendly host for the group in addition to Rev. Tiewes
- 11 nights in selected 3- 4 star Hotels, centrally located in city centers (no airport/ interstate hotels) - Breakfast every morning
- 8 dinners in hotels and restaurants as indicated in itinerary
- Berlin: Tour with local guide
- Wittenberg: Tour of town and churches with local guide, admission fees to churches included
- Eisleben: Tour of town and churches with local guide, admission fee to churches and Luther's birth house
- Devotional service at Luther's baptismal church
- Leipzig: Tour of town and churches with local guide
- Buchenwald: Video presentation and audioguides
- Erfurt: Tour of town and Augustinian monastery with local guide, admission fees included
- Wartburg: guided tour
- Eisenach: Admission to Bach-House with introduction into Bach's work which includes demonstration of historical instruments
- Veste Coburg: Tour "Luther at the Veste Coburg"
- Augsburg: Tour with local guide
- Munich: City tour with local guide
- Neuschwanstein: Guided tour, van shuttle up- and downhill included
- Rothenburg ob der Tauber: Tour with local guide
- Heidelberg: Tour with local guides, includes cog railway to the castle (outside visit)
- Worms: Tour with local guide
- Ruedesheim/ Rhine valley: Rhine cruise and Wine taste
- Admission to all 3 German National Exhibitions for the Reformation Jubilee in Wittenberg, in Berlin, and at the Wartburg
- All local tours with English speaking guides

- Town maps, info sheets, pamphlets provided for all travelers
- All local and federal taxes included as well as bank and administrative fees.

**Not included:**

- o Flights to/ from Germany
- o Personal expenses, passports, luggage, telephone calls

Price per person in double rooms: **\$1,700 - \$2,250**

Price per person in single room: **\$1,950 - \$2,450**

We can't give you an exact price at this time because it depends on the number of travelers and Euro exchange rate in 2017. We promise to pass all savings on to you and hope the US dollar will still be strong.

**In the Reformation year 2017 many travelers are expected to visit the land of Luther. In order to reserve our travel guides, bus and hotel rooms we need a non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person by May 1st, 2016.**

The remaining payment will be due about twelve weeks prior to departure. The more people attend the lower the price will be. There is an upper limit of 45 travelers, so register early. If not enough people **register by May 1st 2016** we will have to cancel the trip and your deposit will be returned. We have until December 10, 2016 to accept additional registrations. **Substitutions for travelers are possible** as long as you haven't bought an airplane ticket. Make sure your passport is valid for at least 6 months after our trip in June 2017. No visa is required.

It will be **your responsibility to reserve your flights to Berlin and back from Frankfurt.** Estimated airfare is around \$1500 from Tulsa; a Dallas connection is sometimes cheaper (check out [kayak.com](http://kayak.com)). You might want to add time in Europe before and after our Reformation tour, but be sure to be in Berlin on Sunday, June 18th. We recommend to wait at least until early 2017 for booking your flights.

It is advised to consider travel insurance (<https://www.travelinsurancecenter.com/>) so neither you nor we get stuck with the whole cost of the trip if something should happen that prevents you from traveling. As soon as we know how many will be joining us we will request a quote for group insurance also.

Questions? Email [pastortiews@gmail.com](mailto:pastortiews@gmail.com) or Lula at [ltiews@yahoo.com](mailto:ltiews@yahoo.com).

# Registration

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**Space is limited, and we encourage you to book by April 15, 2016.**

Estimated price per person in double rooms: **\$1,700 - \$2,250** - Single room: \$1,950 - \$2,450

Please complete a separate registration form for each participant. Parents will sign for their children.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

(legal passport name, please)

I prefer to be called

(name): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Accommodations desired: \_\_\_\_\_ Double \_\_\_\_\_ Twin

\_\_\_\_\_  
(specify roommate)

\_\_\_\_\_ Single room throughout the tour for an additional supplement

I am a vegetarian: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No I am allergic to \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

## **More Information, Deposits, Acceptance and Payments:**

I understand the per person cost covers land transportation, double occupancy accommodation, German standards, with supplement for single occupancy, and all attractions cited in the program.

The tour cost includes only the land arrangements for travel in Germany. Air service must be arranged and paid for separately. Please send us your travel plans as soon as you know them. Terra Lu, our German tour operator, bills us in Euros. Please know that the exact final payment amount will depend on the USD/Euro exchange rate in February 2017 as well as the number of travelers and cannot be determined precisely at this time.

**Initial deposit of US \$500 per person is paid with this reservation. Balance is due by March 1, 2017.** I will pay by check, payable to “ Rev. Christian C. Tiews– Reformation 2017 Tour” and he will wire the money to Terra Lu in Germany. His address is 2505 E. 20th Street, Tulsa, OK 74104. His email address is [pastortiews@gmail.com](mailto:pastortiews@gmail.com).

**Cancellation:**

Rev. Christian C. Tiews and Lula Tiews will be the registrars and coordinators for this tour. They will accept deposits and arrange for bank transfers to Terra Lu, Germany. An initial \$500 non-refundable deposit will be due upon registration. The balance will be due Mar 1, 2017. As long as flights haven't been purchased, substitutes for individual travelers are possible. Refunds for cancellations are given, but you still owe part of the price if you cancel without providing a substitute

- up to December 10, 2016: you lose your deposit - before March 1st 2017: you pay 50% of the travel cost - after March 1st 2017: you owe the total price

**Please read carefully and sign below.**

“I have read and understand this entire document and agree to the General Information, including the Terms and Conditions therein. I understand that the tour operator for this trip is Terra Lu Travel & Consult GmbH, Germany. Neither Rev. Christian Tiews nor Lula Tiews owns or operates any of the firms or vendors that are expected to or will provide goods or services for this trip. Those firms include, but are not limited to, Terra Lu; any hotels or other lodging establishments; sightseeing attractions; air, land or water transportation companies; and restaurants or other eating establishments. As a result, neither Rev. Tiews nor Lula Tiews are responsible for any death, injury of any sort, loss of property, delay or inconvenience occasioned by any negligent or willful act or omission of any such firm or vendor. In addition, neither Rev. Christian Tiews nor Lula Tiews are responsible for any death, injury of any sort, loss of property, delay or inconvenience occasioned by force majeure or other acts of God, acts of government, acts of war, labor discord, criminal or terrorist conduct, or for any other act, action or inaction, whether negligent or otherwise, by any entity which it does not own or operate. I understand and accept that this trip is operated exclusively under German Law. I also understand and accept the conditions under which the trip will be conducted, particularly those which apply to flights, health, payments, refund policy, insurance and participant's responsibilities. The sale of this trip to you is specifically conditioned on your agreeing to these terms and conditions.

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Signature

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Date