Reformation Arts Tour

Oct. 22-Nov. 2 2015

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Please join us for an enriching tour of Reformation sights and sounds in Germany. Leading up to the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in 2017, the year 2015 has been designated as the year of the Bible and the image, as it coincides with the 500th anniversary of the birth of Lucas Cranach the Younger. Both Cranachs, Elder and Younger, used their considerable skills as painters to promote Martin Luther and the movement he led. The advent of the moveable type printing press made the Bible available to the masses. Combined with the ability of artists like the Cranachs to illustrate the text, the reformers had two powerful tools at their disposal.

In addition to exploring Reformation texts and images, this fully inclusive 12-day tour will highlight the powerful effects of music, including that of J.S. Bach, on the spread of this movement. The tour will be led by professional local guides.

This tour is organized by two Luther Seminary staff members: Paul Daniels, head of arts and archives; and Mary Steeber, coordinator of volunteer programs.

Day 1: Oct. 22—Travel
Depart the U.S. on a transatlantic flight to Berlin.

Day 2: Oct. 23—Berlin
Arrive in Berlin, board your private bus and travel to Leipzig. Check in at The Westin Leipzig for the next two days. Enjoy the afternoon at your leisure. We’ll have dinner at the historic Auerbachs Keller, where, in a scene made famous in Johann Wolfgang von Goethe’s “Faust,” Faust and Mephistopheles drank with local students before flying away on a barrel.

Day 3: Oct. 24—Leipzig
In May 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 St. Nicholas Church, built in 1165. In the afternoon, we visit the Bachhouse museum on a guided tour. Afterward, enjoy the Motet with the famous St. Thomas Boys Choir at the 14th-century St. Thomas Church, where Luther preached and Bach served as cantor and choirmaster for 25 years. Your evening is free to explore Leipzig on your own. There is no group dinner.

Day 4: Oct. 25—Leipzig and Erfurt
After breakfast and hotel check out, join the St. Nicolai congregation for a Sunday worship service in German. Afterward, a visit to the Museum der bildenden Künste to view Cranach paintings is planned. In the afternoon, we say goodbye to Leipzig and continue to Erfurt, where we will take a city tour in the footsteps of Martin Luther. We will see the university district, where Luther studied, and visit St. Mary’s Cathedral, where he was ordained. We will also tour the Augustinian Monastery, where Luther took his monastic vows and lived as a monk. Dinner tonight is planned at a local restaurant with typical Thuringian food. We will spend the next two nights at the Radisson BLU in Erfurt.

Day 5: Oct. 26—Eisenach and Wartburg Castle
Travel to Eisenach, where you will have a guided tour of the Wartburg Castle and see the room where Martin Luther hid out after he was kidnapped by his prince following his excommunication. This room is where Martin Luther made his translation of the New Testament. We’ll then visit the Bach House to see what houses looked like in the 18th century and view a collection of antique instruments and hear a brief demonstration of them. We’ll return to Erfurt for dinner.
Day 6: Oct. 27—Weimar
A short drive will bring us to Weimar. In 1790, Johann Gottfried Herder introduced historic evolution, the concept that cultures progress toward an ideal condition of humanity. The Church of St. Peter and Paul in Weimar is called the Herder Church in honor of his work here. Inside, we will see an altar painting by Lucas Cranach the Elder, whose portraits of Luther are significant historical documents. A visit to the Cranach exhibition at Castle Museum is included as well. After lunch on your own, head north to Wittenberg. Check in at Colleg Wittenberg for the next 5 nights.

Day 7: Oct. 28—Wittenberg
Explore Wittenberg, where Martin Luther lived and taught for 36 years. This morning’s tour includes the brilliant interior of the Castle Church, where we encounter lofty architecture that is conceptually both heavenly and earthbound, both majestic and restrained. This is the Theses Church, where the Reformation began. Stroll by Wittenberg’s historic Market Square, Town Hall, Luther’s home and the town church of Wittenberg, which was the Cranach’s church. In the afternoon, continue with your city tour. When Luther married in 1525, his prince presented him with the building where he lived as a monk. In 1883, the Prussian Crown Prince established this Lutherhalle as a museum, which archives more than 10,000 prints; 6,000 manuscripts; 2,000 coins and medals; and 14,000 illustrations. We explore the three-story museum, which displays only a fraction of its Reformation collection, the world’s largest. The Reformer’s living room, known as the Lutherstube, is especially well-preserved. Philipp Melanchthon joined Wittenberg University in 1518 at age 21 to teach Greek. He became Luther’s close friend and leading supporter. Melanchthon’s contemporaries conferred upon him the honorary title of Praeceptor Germaniae (translated to teacher of Germany). His 1536 residence is a gem among Wittenberg’s historic sites. Here, an exhibition illuminates Melanchthon’s life and work in the intimacy of his own study and the room where he died.

Day 8: Oct. 29—Wittenberg
2015 is the Cranach Year,” and a state exhibition is dedicated to Lucas Cranach the Younger. We will visit the exhibition today, as well as Cranach’s workshop and world, two houses and courtyards. For the afternoon, we will hear a lecture and meet with the director of the Cranach Foundation.

Day 9: Oct. 30—Wittenberg
Today we go on an excursion in the surrounding towns of Wittenberg and visit several churches and paintings of Cranach in Kemberg, Coswig, Dessau and Wörlitz, exploring his footprints. You’ll have the evening free in Wittenberg.

Day 10: Oct. 31 (Reformation Day)—Wittenberg
Wittenberg is alive with Renaissance spirit today as it celebrates nearly 500 years of Lutheran heritage. We’ll enjoy a morning worship service in English at Castle Church, where Luther posted his 95 Theses on Oct. 31, 1517, inciting a wave of protest and reform. Today you’ll be free to choose from a host of Reformation Day activities, including worship services in English or German, museum tours, food and activities typical of Luther’s time. You’ll enjoy dinner on your own. In the evening, we’ll attend a classical concert at the town church.

Day 11: Nov. 1—Berlin
Leave Wittenberg this morning for Berlin. An orientation of and a panoramic tour through this cosmopolitan city includes the Reichstag building and stops at Brandenburg gate, Berlin’s Holocaust memorial, remains of the Berlin Wall and Checkpoint Charlie. In the afternoon, visit the Gemäldegalerie Stat of Berlin art exhibition before checking in at the Maritim Hotel. We’ll enjoy a farewell dinner together.

Day 12: Nov. 2—Travel
It is time to say goodbye. A transfer will bring you to Berlin’s airport for your homebound flight.

Note: Minor changes to the program are possible.
General information

Rates:
The rate for the land arrangement is based on a minimum of 20 participants, double occupancy, and does not include airfare.

- Per Person: .................................................. U.S. $1,990
- Single room supplement: .................................. U.S. $350

Accommodation:
- Leipzig (2 Nights) ........................................ The Westin Leipzig
- Erfurt (2 Nights) ............................................ Radisson Blu Hotel
- Wittenberg (5 Nights) ..................................... coleg Wittenberg
- Berlin (1 Night) ............................................. Maritim Hotel

Included:
- Thoroughly experienced multilingual tour director from Berlin to Berlin airport
- Transportation in a four-star, European-styled motor coach with climate control, reclining seats, restroom, sink, refrigerator and coffee machine
- Accommodations in first-class German hotels, double occupancy and accommodation in Lutherstadt Wittenberg at Colleg Wittenberg
- Taxes, parking and road fees
- Visits and guided tours in Leipzig, Erfurt, Eisenach, Weimar, Wittenberg and Berlin
- Admission to the Motet in Leipzig
- Entrance fee and guided tour at Bachhouse Museum in Leipzig; Wartburg Castle and Bachhouse in Eisenach; Herdercrhuch and Castle Museum in Weimar
- Entrance fees for the Town Church, Lutherhouse and Melanchthonhouse in Wittenberg; the Cranach exhibition, courtyard, workshop and churches in the surrounding of Wittenberg; the Reformation concert at Town Church in Wittenberg; and Gemäldegalerie Berlin
- Meeting with director of Cranach Foundation
- Sightseeing and excursions as cited in the program
- 17 meals: 10 buffet breakfasts and seven dinners
- All necessary tips such as bellmen, maids, doormen and dining room tips for meals specified in the itinerary and customary gratuity to escorts, drivers and step-on guides
- Information folder for all participants including town and country brochures, information on Germany and a detailed timed itinerary upon arrival in Berlin

Not included: Airfare, expenses for passports, visas, beverages, bar bills, telephone calls, laundry or items of a personal nature, baggage or other insurance, meals other than those included in the itinerary and tips for beverages and drinks

Deposit/Payment/Cancellation:
Mary Steeber will serve as the registrar for this trip. She will accept deposits and arrange for bank transfers to Christian Tours Europe. An initial $500 non-refundable deposit will be due upon registration. Full payment is due by Sept. 1, 2015. There will be no refunds for cancellations or no-shows after Sept. 1. Checks should be made to Luther Seminary with a notation: “Reformation Arts Tour” and mailed to Mary Steeber, Office of Seminary Relations, 2481 Como Ave., St. Paul, MN 55108. Forward any questions about registrations and travel to Mary Steeber, msteeber@luthersem.edu or 651-641-3596.
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Baggage:
Transportation for one full-sized suitcase per person is included. For extra luggage, an additional $30 per bag will be assessed. There is no charge for an additional carry-on bag, which must fit under your seat or in the overhead rack and for which you will be responsible. Although every effort is made to handle passengers’ luggage as carefully as possible, Christian Tours Europe cannot be responsible, assume liability, or accept claims for loss or damage to luggage due to breakage, theft or fair wear and tear though hotel and group carrier handling.

Travel requirements and insurance:
For U.S. citizens, a valid passport is all that is required. Participants are responsible for all visa, health and passport regulations. Please check your medical insurance for overseas coverage. It is recommended that participants purchase trip insurance to cover health, trip cancellation and loss of baggage.

Gratuities:
All necessary tips, such as maid, doorperson and dining room tips for meals specified in the itinerary and the customary gratuity to escorts, drivers and step-on guides are included. Tips for beverages and drinks are not included; if you wish, such appreciation may be extended on a voluntary and individual basis.

Physical activities:
There will be physical activities for you. You should be in good health, able to climb stairs (sometimes many) without assistance, and to walk at a modest pace for more than a mile at a time. Christian Tours Europe requires all handicapped or disabled clients requiring special assistance to be accompanied by a responsible paying adult and that Christian Tours Europe must be notified, in advance, of this special required assistance.
Reservation form

Please complete and sign below.

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From Oct. 22-Nov. 2, 2015 for U.S. $1,990 per person (double occupancy)

Space is limited, and we encourage you to book early.

Registrations will be accepted until the bus capacity has been reached.

Please complete a separate registration form for each participant.

Name: _____________________________________________________________________ Age: __________________________
(legal passport name, please)

I prefer to be called (name): ______________________________________________________________________________________

Address: ___________________________________________________________________________________________________

City/State/Zip: __________________________________________________________________________________________________

Telephone: ______________________________ Email: ___________________________________________________________

Accommodations desired:  ❑ Double  ❑ Twin

Specify roommate:

❑ I request assistance in securing a roommate. If none is found by Sept. 1, 2015, I will pay the single room supplement.

❑ Single room throughout the tour for an additional supplement of U.S. $350 per person

I am a vegetarian:  ❑ Yes  ❑ No  I am allergic to: ____________________________________________________

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.

Initial deposit of U.S. $500 per person is paid with this reservation.

Balance is due by Sept. 1, 2015.

I will pay by check, payable to “Luther Seminary Reformation Arts” and sent to Luther Seminary, 2481 Como Ave., St. Paul, MN 55108, Attn: Mary Steeber, to be received by the listed due dates.

Return to:
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Airline Reservations:
To avoid airline cancellation penalties, you may wish to purchase your airline tickets after you have been notified that the required minimum of 20 participants have registered for the program. In order to join the group hotel transfer, you should plan to arrive at Berlin (TXL) around Noon on Oct. 23.

My anticipated flight information (if known at this time) is:

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Arrival time: ______________________ at Berlin airport (TXL)

Homebound flight from Berlin (Tegel) airport (TXL):

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Notice of Responsibility:
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 Christian Tours Europe (“CTE”). Neither Luther Seminary, nor Paul A. Daniels, nor Mary Steeber 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, CTE; any hotels or other lodging establishments; sightseeing attractions; air, land or water transportation companies; and restaurants or other eating establishments. As a result, neither Luther Seminary, nor Paul A. Daniels, nor Mary Steeber is 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 Luther Seminary, nor Paul A. Daniels, nor Mary Steeber is 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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Date Signature

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