



**2017 GERMANY TOUR  
500th ANNIVERSARY**  
of the  
**REFORMATION &  
55<sup>th</sup> Sister City Celebration**  
PLUS



**Celebrate the Bürgerfest in Sister City Gunzenhausen**

**Friday, June 23 - Tuesday, July 4 ,2017**

Board your overnight flight.

**Day 1 – 24 June (Sat) – Arrival in Frankfurt, Germany – Worms -Speyer**

Meet your Tour Director at the airport and journey to Worms, where the Imperial Council passed judgment on Luther in 1521. Visit the CATHEDRAL where Luther presented his case, as well as TRINITY CHURCH and the famed REFORMATION MONUMENT. Enjoy some free time for lunch and then continue to Speyer on the banks of the Rhine River for an overnight stay. Learn how Speyer fits into the Reformation and Protestantism. Check into the hotel. Later enjoy a welcome dinner at the hotel. (D)

**Day 2 – 25 June (Sun) – Speyer -- Eisenach**

This morning, enjoy a guided visit to WARTBURG CASTLE, where Luther translated the Bible. Also see the Luther and Bach Memorials as well as the LUTHER HOUSE, where he lived during grammar school. Then, visit ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, where he sang in the church's boy choir. Check into your hotel and the remainder of your day is free. A round-trip transfer will be provided. (B)

**Day 3 – 26 June (Mon) – Eisenach - Erfurt—Eisleben-Magdeburg-Wittenberg**

Depart this morning for Erfurt, where the fine Gothic and Renaissance buildings evoke memories of the days of the Dominican Master Eckhart and Martin Luther, who spent his student days here before embarking on his journey to Wittenberg. Visit the AUGUSTINIAN MONASTERY, where Luther lived as a monk, and the MERCHANTS' BRIDGE. Next, drive to Magdeburg located on the river Elbe. Here we will enjoy lunch and visit ST JOHN'S CHURCH and WALLOON CHURCH. Continue to Eisleben and visit two UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the HOUSE in which Luther was born and the STERBEHAUS MUSEUM, home of his last residence. Also included is a visit to ST PETER AND PAUL CHURCH where Luther was baptized. End the day in Wittenberg, Martin Luther's home for 30-plus years and birthplace of the Reformation. Your evening is free. (B)

**Day 4 – 27 June (Tue) – Wittenberg**

Enjoy a guided walking tour of LUTHER HOUSE and MUSEUM, where Martin Luther and his family lived. This well-preserved place of Reformation relics includes Luther's desk, his pulpit, and first editions of his books. Continue to nearby ST. MARY'S CHURCH, a twin-towered gothic church where Luther preached the Reformation, got married (1525), and baptized his six children. Finally, see LUTHER'S TOMB in the CASTLE CHURCH where Luther posted his 95 Theses against the sale of indulgences and launched the Reformation in 1517. The evening is free. (B)

### **Day 5 – 28 June (Wed) – Wittenberg –Leipzig-Torgau -Dresden**

Our first stop today is in Leipzig for a visit to THOMASKIRCHE, where J.S. Bach worked. It is the home of the St. Thomas Boys Choir and a place of musical creativity. Also visit the market square that today is a site for celebrations and festivals but that once was the scene of executions and political demonstrations. Continue to Torgau the place which commemorates the meetings of US and Soviet forces during the Second World War and where Martin Luther's wife Katy was born. Here visit HARTENFELS CASTLE and CHAPEL. Next, drive to Dresden, the old capital of Saxony, at one time rightly called the "Florence on the Elbe" for an overnight stay. The remainder of the day is free. (B)

### **Day 6 – 29 June (Thu) – Dresden - Nuremburg**

Join your guide for morning sightseeing which will include FRAUENKIRCHE, built by the citizens of Dresden and the HOFKIRCHE built by August the Strong. Also see Dresden Castle, Sempher Opera House, ZWINGER PALACE and the GREEN VAULT. After some time for lunch we will continue to Nuremburg, the first town to accept the Reformation in 1525. Dinner is included tonight at a local restaurant. (B,D)

### **Day 7 — 30 June (Fri) – Nuremburg**

Your walking tour today features the famous ST. LORENZ LUTHERAN CHURCH, the impressive medieval ramparts and a walk through the pedestrian area of the charming Old Town to St. Sebald Church, painstakingly reconstructed as a monument to peace from the rubble of near-total wartime destruction. Admire the Schöner Brunnen, a 14th-century fountain dedicated to the Holy Roman Empire. It is said that it brings good luck to spin the two brass rings. Of course, you will also taste the traditional Nürnberger Bratwürste. (B,D)

### **Day 8 — 01 July (Sat) – Nuremburg - Neuendettelsau–Rostal-Gunzenhausen**

Check-out this morning and drive to the city of Neuendettelsau, the home of Rev Wilhelm Loehe who sent the founding settlers to Frankenmuth. Enjoy an included lunch and then continue to Rostal where some of the original settlers lived. Arrive in the town of Gunzenhausen for our independently arranged home stays. (B,L)

### **Day 9 and Day 10 — 02, 03 July (Sun, Mon) – Gunzenhausen - 55th Anniversary Celebration**

Join also in the celebration of the Bürgerfest (Citizens festival).  
Independently arranged home stay.

### **Day 11 – 04 July (Tues) – Transfer from Gunzenhausen to Frankfurt**

A transfer is provided to Frankfurt airport today for our homebound flight. (B)

**Due to the significance of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation and the popularity of the planned Luther City events, we have been advised that available hotel space is already being reserved. Therefore, we are now accepting preregistrations.**

- Deposit of \$270.00 per person will hold your tour reservation.
- Flights will be available to reserve approximately August 5, 2016.
- Cancellation insurance is recommended to be purchased with your deposit. Please ask for quote.

**For additional information and preregistration, please contact:**

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