



Berlin

# A Peace Lutheran-Community of Grace 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

Led by Pastor Al Cassel and meeting Pastor Tim Wright while in Wittenberg

SEPTEMBER 5-15, 2017

11 DAYS/9 NIGHTS - \$3,899 AIR & LAND  
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$495



## TOUR FEATURES

- English speaking tour escort 10 days in Europe
- Half Board in hotel in Berlin, drinks included on first night
- City tax at hotel in Berlin
- Transfer by private coach from airport to the hotel in Berlin
- Private coach at disposal full day in Berlin
- Full day guided tour of Berlin with English speaking guide
- Entrance fees to Deutsches Historisches Museum and special Luther exhibition
- Bed & breakfast in hotel in Berlin on second day
- Private coach at disposal for seven days in Germany
- English speaking guide in Wittenberg half day
- Wittenberg Schlosskirche and Town Church
- Bed and breakfast in hotel in Wittenberg on first night
- Half day guided tour of Leipzig with English speaking guide
- Half day guided tour with English speaking guide of Luthersdatd Eisenach, with visit of Church of St. Andrews and Church of St. Peter & Paul
- Dinner in a restaurant in Weimar
- Bed and breakfast Hotel accommodation in Weimar
- Half day guided tour of Eisenach with English speaking guide
- Admission fee to Wartburg Castle
- Visit the St Augustine's Monastery
- Bed and breakfast Hotel accommodation in Weimar
- Half day guided tour of Nuremberg with English speaking guide
- Bed and breakfast Hotel accommodation in Weimar
- Dinner in local restaurant in Berlin, drinks included
- Bed & breakfast in hotel in Berlin

## HOTELS (or similar)

Date	City	Hotel	Cat.
Sep. 6-8	Berlin	Park Inn Alexander Platz	4★
Sep. 8-11	Wittenberg	Luther Hotel Wittenberg	4★
Sep. 11-14	Weimar	Park Inn Weimar	4★
Sep. 14-15	Berlin	Park Inn Alexander Platz	4★

**Day 1 | Tue | Sep 5 | Depart USA** Depart the US for Berlin, Germany.

**Day 2 | Wed | Sep 6 | Berlin** Welcome to Berlin! Meet your Tour Director and begin your tour with a welcome dinner including wine at your hotel. (D)

**Day 3 | Thu | Sep 7 | Berlin** After breakfast, see the city of Berlin, the laboratory of the new Europe. After World War II, and the fall of the Berlin Wall, the city continues to rebuild to stunning effect. A special visit is dedicated today to the exhibition "The Luther Effect: 500 Years of the Reformation". In the autumn of 1517 Martin Luther published his 95 Theses against the sale of indulgences. Today the Theses are seen as the beginning of the Reformation – a movement that had a lasting influence on German history and changed the world. The exhibition focuses on the question of the "Luther effect": What impact and consequences did the Reformation have and what role did the historical person Martin Luther play in this? You will find possible answers in the themes of this special exhibition.

**Day 4 | Fri | Sep 8 | Wittenberg** Today we leave Berlin and we drive towards Wittenberg. More than any other city, Wittenberg (also known as Lutherstadt Wittenberg) is identified with Martin Luther and Reformation history. Most of its historical buildings survived WWII, even more were repaired after German reunification. Wittenberg's Luther sites became UNESCO World Cultural Heritage sites in 1997. Today we will visit the two major sites related to Martin Luther, Castle Church and Town Church with the possibility to worship with Pastor Tim Wright at one of them. Dinner is at leisure and overnight in Wittenberg.

**Day 5 | Sat | Sep 9 | Wittenberg | Leipzig | Wittenberg** After breakfast at your hotel, we will have an excursion to Leipzig. The city was located on important trade routes, it became a considerable commercial power after being granted the privilege of holding fairs, eventually becoming the leading city in Saxony after Dresden. It also became a center of art, culture, and learning, as well as an important center for the book trade. Today, Leipzig is one of the most popular tourist destinations in eastern Germany, and thanks to its rich cultural and musical heritage, is regularly cited as one of the best cities in Europe in which to live. We take a walking tour in the historic center, visiting Markplatz, with the old City Hall and the gothic churches. Return back to Wittenberg in the afternoon where you will again worship with Pastor Tim Wright and have dinner at leisure. Overnight in Wittenberg.

**Day 6 | Sun | Sep 10 | Wittenberg** Day at leisure in Wittenberg. You may wish to stroll in Market Square and admire the splendid Renaissance town hall or visit Luther House. This UNESCO World Heritage Site preserves the place where Luther lived and worked and is the world's largest museum on Reformation history. Overnight in Wittenberg.

**Day 7 | Mon | Sep 11 | Wittenberg | Lutherstadt Eisleben | Weimar** Depart today towards Erfurt, on route we stop to Eisleben. Lutherstadt Eisleben was Martin Luther's beloved hometown and the place where he spent his first and final moments of his life. Born here in 1483, Luther returned to the city many times throughout his life before, in a poetic turn of events, he died here in 1546. Visit the church of St Andrew's. This ancient church served as Martin Luther's final stage; from January 31 – February 15, 1546, the Great Reformer gave his last four sermons from the church pulpit. Also visit the church of St. Peter and St. Paul where Luther was baptized on November 11, 1483. Arrive in Weimar for dinner and overnight.

**Day 8 Tue | Sep 12 | Weimar | Eisenach | Erfurt | Weimar** This morning we explore the city of Eisenach. Luther's mother was a native of Eisenach. It was here at Wartburg Castle, that Martin Luther translated the New Testament into German. Having been "kidnapped" for his own safety by his good friend, Georg Spalatin, Luther found shelter from his enemies under the guise of "Squire George" ("Junker Joerg") and completed this daunting undertaking in



just 10 weeks. With its expansive courtyard and towering walls, Wartburg Castle still towers over the city of Eisenach. Drive to Erfurt in the afternoon and explore the town. Erfurt is known as Luther's "spiritual home", where Martin Luther studied, became a monk, and was later ordained. The Great Reformer dedicated his life to God by joining the city's Augustinian Monastery as a monk in July 1505. The monastery itself was also influenced by Luther's Reformation, becoming home to the Lutheran parish of St. John's in 1525. Dinner is at leisure.

**Day 9 | Wed | Sep 13 | Weimar | Nuremberg | Weimar** Following breakfast, we depart for Nuremberg, the German imperial city. We will take a short walking tour to see the Castle, the Church of Saint Sebald, Hauptmarkt square and the church of Our Lady of the Sands, the banks of the river and St Lawrence's church. Return to Weimar in the afternoon and overnight.

**Day 10 | Thu | Sep 14 | Weimar | Berlin** After breakfast we drive back to Berlin. Here we enjoy a full free day at leisure. We suggest a visit to the Pergamon Museum, where masterpieces such as the Pergamon Altar and Ishtar door can be appreciated, or visiting West Berlin for shopping and leisure time. Join your fellow travelers tonight for a typical dinner. Overnight in Berlin.

**Day 11 | Fri | Sep 15 | Berlin to USA** Private Coach transfer from hotel to Berlin airport for your flight home.

Non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person due at time of booking.  
25% of total cost due 150 days before departure.  
Balance is due 90 days before departure.

#### CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellations more than 120 days prior to departure - 10% of total per person price is retained or amount of deposit whichever is greater

Cancellations between 119-90 days prior to the departure - 30% of total per person price is retained.

Cancellations between 89-45 days prior to the departure - 50% of total per person price is retained.

Cancellations between 44-31 days prior to the departure - 75% of total per person price is retained.

Cancellations 30 days or less prior to the departure/no shows - No refunds.

Note: A person becoming a single as a result in the roommate's cancellation must pay the single supplement. Travel insurance is highly recommended.

**Conditions:** Price is per person, based on a minimum of 25 participants. Land prices are based on current rate of exchange. In case of major fluctuation, prices might be reviewed and supplements might apply. All payments to be made by check. In case of other type of payments, charges will apply. Airfare is still not confirmed, therefore, price might change upon AIR confirmation.



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