

In Luther's Footsteps

see where it began

June 20-29, 2017
with Rob and Susan Fuquay



Rob and Susan Fuquay invite you to join them on an exciting tour celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. Much of the trip will be in Germany walking in the footsteps of Martin Luther, the leader of the Reformation. We will also learn about other influential Protestant leaders as well as visit important sites including the Golden city of Prague; Dresden, Germany, a city destroyed in WWII; Leipzig, Germany, where Bach spent most of his life; Buchenwald, a Nazi Concentration Camp; and finish with a beautiful boat ride and dinner on the Rhine river.

We look forward to a meaningful and fun time together.

Day 1 – Tuesday June 20 .. Depart Indianapolis

Day 2 – Wednesday June 21 Arrival Prague

Upon arrival at Prague Airport we will be met by our tour director and board the waiting de-luxe motor coach. We head into the city to check into our centrally located hotel. The rest of the day gives ample of time for a little orientation walk and to rest after the long travel. We will offer an option of an open top bus tour of Prague in order to orient yourself to this beautiful city. Our welcome dinner will be on a scenic river cruise at the Vlatava.

Overnight in Prague.

Day 3 – Thursday, June 22 Enjoy Breakfast at the Hotel

A morning tour of the city includes the ancient Hradcany complex, including Prague Castle and St. Vitus' Cathedral. A walk across Charles Bridge takes us back into the Old Town. Here we see the astronomical clock, dating back into the 14th century. A large memorial reminds us on Jan Hus, the Czech reformer, who lived about 100 years before Martin Luther. We will have time for shopping in the many little stores in the afternoon. Dinner tonight is on your own.

Overnight in Prague

Day 4 – Friday, June 23 – Dresden/Leipzig

Following our breakfast we leave the Golden City of Prague and travel towards Germany. Our en-route stop is in Dresden, which, as most German cities, was destroyed by bombing at the end of World War II. Martin Luther visited Dresden in 1516 and 1517 and preached to the Saxon Royal court in the castle chapel (now a theatre). Next we'll visit the majestic Church of Our Lady, and then the world-famous Zwinger Palace, which is one of the most magnificent Baroque buildings in Germany.

After arrival in Leipzig we will join a local guide for a walking tour around our hotel. Johann Sebastian Bach spent most of his life in Leipzig, being the cantor for the Thomas Boys Choir and composing a cantata every Sunday. We will visit Thomas Church with Bach's grave, pass the Renaissance town hall, see the University with its reconstructed facade, and Gewandhaus concert hall. Leipzig also is important for the German revolution of 1989 when thousands of Leipzigers joined prayers for peace in Nikolai church and started marching along the ring road. Dinner on your own.



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Day 5 – Saturday June 24 A full day in Wittenberg, the cradle of the Reformation, is waiting for us. In the morning 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. In 2017 Wittenberg will be the place of a National Exhibition in the Lutherhouse: "Luther! 95 Treasures – 95 People." The afternoon is on leisure for own discoveries. And as soon as you are finished with your program you may just enjoy a coffee or ice-cream in one of the cafés around the town square.



Overnight in Leipzig - Dinner on your own.

Day 6 – Sunday June 25 This morning, we will join together for worship before we leave Leipzig and travel towards Eisleben. Eisleben is the town where Martin Luther was born and where he died. We will visit the little museum of Luther's birth house and St Andrew with the last original pulpit from Luther's times. St Peter and Paul, the church where Luther was baptized. Here we will have a chance to renew our baptisms in the "center of baptism".

Overnight in Weimer

Day 7 – Monday, June 26 Today we get into the darkest part of German history as we visit the memorial site of Nazi Concentration Camp Buchenwald. We will see an introduction video before we have time to explore the area in our individual pace with audio guides.

In the afternoon we will visit Erfurt. 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 will see the Augustinian monastery which Luther always called to be his spiritual home.

Overnight in Weimer

Day 8 – Tuesday June 27 Enjoy Breakfast at our hotel.

We leave Weimar and travel towards the Rhine river valley. Our en-route stop is the magnificent Wartburg Castle where Luther took refuge after the Diet of Worms. Among many letters and books he wrote here is the first translation of the New Testament into the German language. We will have a guided tour and visit the 2017' National Exhibition "Luther and the Germans." We continue along the German Autobahn and arrive in the Rhine valley in the evening.



Enjoy dinner in one of the many restaurants in Rudesheim. Overnight in Rudesheim

Day 9 – Wednesday, June 28 After breakfast, we take the chance to visit the Gutenberg Museum in Mainz. Johannes Gutenberg, printer in Mainz, invented the movable letters and made print technology affordable in the early 16th century. We will see printing machines from Luther's times and learn how modern media helped to share the ideas of the Reformation.

Back in the Rhine valley we will enjoy a wonderful afternoon. A Rhine cruise takes us along the river's most romantic part. We'll pass countless castles and vineyard before the ship takes us through the narrowest part of the Rhine at the Loreley cliff. We finish our tour of Germany with a festive Farewell dinner (with wine) tonight.



Overnight in Rudesheim

Day 10 – June 29 Departure

After breakfast at the hotel, we transfer to Frankfurt for our flight home.

Package includes round trip airfare from Indianapolis to Prague with return from Frankfurt.
Private motor coach with reclining seats, A/C, bathroom, with English speaking driver.
Local guided tours with selected, English speaking guides

8 Nights in 5 star Hotels in

In Prague: *The Boscolo Prague, Autograph Collection*

www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/prgak-boscolo-prague-autograph-collection

In Leipzig: *Steigenberger Grandhotel*

www.steigenberger.com/en/hotels/all-hotels/germany/leipzig/steigenberger-grandhotel-handelshof

In Weimer: *Hotel Elephant*

www.hotelelephantweimar.com/en

In Rudesheim: Hotel Krone

www.hotel-krone-ruedesheim.de/en/#height_301

Daily Breakfast every day

One Evening Dinner Cruise

Two Evening Dinners

Prague: Guided tour of town, from Hradcany with Cathedral and St. Charles Bridge to the market

Dresden: Guided tour of town

Wittenberg: Guided tour of town and churches, admission churches included

Eisleben: Guided tour of town, admission to Luther's Birth house included

Leipzig: Guided tour in the steps of Luther and Bach

Weimar: Guided tour of town

Erfurt: Guided tour of town and Augustinian Monastery (outside)

Wartburg Castle: Guided tour

Rhine: River cruise Assmannshausen – St Goarshausen

Admission to German National Exhibitions for the Reformation Jubilee in Wittenberg and at the Wartburg

Cost:

This itinerary includes 8 nights and 9 days. The anticipated cost is approximately \$3800.00 per person (double occupancy) dependent upon final airfare costs.

The price includes 8 Overnights using 4 ½ to 5 star hotels. All ground packages and round trip airfare from Indianapolis. Single occupancy is available for additional fee. Final rates will be determined once airfare and hotels are confirmed. The price is based upon the current rate of exchange for the Euro. Travel to Remember reserves the right to adjust the final cost to reflect the actual exchange rate at 120 days prior to the trip.

Not included: Fees for passports and, if applicable, visas, entry/departure fees; personal gratuities; laundry and dry cleaning; excursions, wines, liquors, mineral waters and meals not mentioned in the itinerary, travel insurance; all items of a strictly personal nature

Pre and Post tours and use of Frequent Flyer miles can be arranged as requested.

The price is based upon cash or check payments. Payment by credit card will incur an additional fee of 3.5%.

Payment Schedule:

A deposit of \$500. per traveler will be due by September 15, 2016.

An additional payment of \$1500.00 will be due January 15, 2017.

Final Payment as invoiced will be due March 15, 2016.

Alternate payment schedules can be arranged.

Cancellation:

Once you have made a payment, If you must cancel before 120 days prior to the trip, you will be entitled to a full refund. Between 120 days and 30 days prior to the trip, you will be entitled to a refund of the total trip cost less the cost of the airline ticket and any non refundable deposits paid to hotels and other vendors. If you cancel less than 30 days prior, there will be no refund. If you cancel after 120 days prior and the airfare has been paid, you may be entitled to an airline credit less the change fee assessed by the airline. Usually you have one year to use the value of the ticket minus the change fee set by the airline, currently at \$300.00. Cancellations after 120 days will incur a \$100 administrative fee.

Trip Insurance:

Trip insurance may be purchased to protect the cost of the trip in case of a last minute emergency. To cover pre-existing conditions, trip insurance must be purchased within 14 days of the initial deposit. Once you have placed a deposit for this trip, I will provide you with a brochure that you may choose to use.

Baggage: Most airlines allow for one free checked bag on international flights. You will be charged for a second checked bag. Please check the website for specific prices. You will be allowed a small carryon and one personal bag. Please be sure you meet the specifications for the carry on bag so you are not surprised with a charge at check in.

Selection of Vendors: Travel to Remember, LLC will use the following guidelines for the selection of international and domestic land and air suppliers. All suppliers will be chosen from those recommended by other known and trusted vendors in our industry. We will look for suppliers that have a proven track record for safety and a reputation for being the most experienced local receptive operators. Suppliers will be expected to comply with all local insurance and licensing regulations. One of the tour managers from Travel to Remember will accompany all excursions to make sure that the suppliers provides the best in service and customer response.

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Name(s)_ (as they appear on your passport(s))

#1 _____

#2 _____

Address _____

City/State _____ Home Phone _____

#1 E-Mail _____ Cell _____

#2 E-Mail _____ Cell _____

#1 Date of Birth _____ #2 Date of Birth _____

#1 Passport Number _____ #2 Passport Number _____

#1 Passport Expiration Date _____ #2 Passport Expiration Date _____

Payment Schedule

Checks made out to: "Travel to Remember" Memo: "LUTHER"
Deposit of \$500 per person – by October 1, 2016
Second Payment of \$1500 per person – by January 15, 2017
Final Payment of balance – tbd – March 15, 2017

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