

**MARTIN LUTHER**  
plus the highlights of  
**GERMANY, AUSTRIA &  
THE CZECH REPUBLIC**

**July 9 – July 20, 2023**

**\$3,294.00** per person  
(sharing twin or double room)



***Personally escorted by Pastor Randy Poppe***

**ITINERARY** (included meals B=breakfast, D=dinner)

**Day 1 – Sunday, July 9, 2023 Chicago – Munich**

Board your flight to Munich, Germany.

**Day 2 – Monday, July 10, 2023 Munich - Salzburg**

Welcome to Germany! Meet your tour director. Your first stop is the memorial of Dachau to learn all about a very dark chapter of German history. After your visit drive towards Austria. Your destination today is a small country inn just outside the city. Enjoy your welcome dinner! (D)

**Day 3 – Tuesday, July 11, 2023 Salzburg**

Your destination this morning is the village of Schoenau. Board a boat and cruise on the Koenigssee. This Lake is surrounded by high mountains. Watch a boat crew member demonstrate the echo with his trumpet. Stop at the pilgrimage Church of St. Bartholomae before you return to Schoenau. From here back to Salzburg for an introduction of the city. See the Abbey of St. Peter, the Archbishop's residence, the Cathedral, the Festival Playhouse, Mozart's birth house in the busy Getreidegasse and Mirabell gardens. (B, D)



**Day 4 – Wednesday, July 12, 2023 Salzburg (Hallstatt excursion)**

A beautiful excursion takes you to Hallstatt. The village is located at the Hallstatter Lake against the backdrop of beautiful mountains. Your ride back takes you through the scenery of St. Wolfgang which brings back memories from the "Sound of Music". (B, D)

**Day 5 – Thursday, July 13, 2023 Salzburg - Prague**

Depart Austria and cross the border into the Czech Republic. A local guide will introduce you to the highlights of the capital of the Czech Republic. See the highlights of the old town, featuring Wenceslaus Square, Hradcany Castle, St. Vitus Cathedral, the Strahov Monastery with its remarkable astronomical clock, the lovely bridges over the gentle Vltava River, and Charles University, the oldest in central Europe. (B, D)

**Day 6 – Friday, July 14, 2023 Prague – Dresden - Wittenberg**

Enjoy your morning at leisure before you depart to Wittenberg. Your first stop is Dresden, famous for its Renaissance buildings. Did you know that Porcelain was invented in a small town nearby? (B, D)



**Day 7 – Saturday, July 15, 2023 Wittenberg**

Meet your local guide for a walking tour. See the Schlosskirche (castle church) where Luther nailed his 95 theses on the church door on October 31, 1517 and St. Mary's Church where Luther preached.

Early afternoon excursion to Torgau. This town became famous when Russian and American troops met at the River Elbe during WW II and being the grave site of Katarina von Bora, the wife of Martin Luther.



### **Day 8 – Sunday, July 16, 2023 Wittenberg – Eisleben – Eisenach - Rothenburg**

The first stop today is Eisleben, where Luther was born in 1483 and where he died in 1546. From there we're off to Eisenach, the birthplace of Johann Sebastian Bach, the greatest of all Lutheran composers and organists. Interesting sights in Eisenach are the home of Madam Cotta, where Luther lived as a student during his teenage years, and the medieval St. George Church, where Bach was baptized and where Luther sang in the boys' choir and later preached at the time of the Diet of Worms. Just outside the city is the Wartburg Castle. One of Germany's best-preserved castles, the fortress was Luther's hiding place after the Diet of Worms and the location where he translated the New Testament into German. Your destination today is the medieval town of Rothenburg. (B, D)

### **Day 9 – Monday, July 17, 2023 Rothenburg**

Morning guided walking tour of this perfectly preserved town. For the afternoon an excursion to the town of Dinkelsbuehl is scheduled. Dinkelsbuehl is another fine example of medieval architecture. (B)

### **Day 10 – Tuesday, July 18, 2023 Rothenburg**

Today's excursion takes you to the old imperial town of Nuremberg. Enjoy the historic market square with its many flower and fruit stands, the colorful fountain, the new town hall and the Church of St. Lawrence. Stop at the Durer House where the famous artist lived from 1509 to 1528. See the fortress giving you a wonderful view over the historical part of the city. Use your free time to try the famous grilled sausage or the freshly baked Gingerbread, manufactured right here in Nuremberg and shipped all over the world. (B)

### **Day 11 – Wednesday, July 19, 2023 Rothenburg - Munich**

Depart Rothenburg and drive south to Munich. See the highlights of this capital of "Gemutlichkeit" including the Hofbrauhaus! (B, D)

### **Day 12 – Thursday, July 20, 2023 Munich - Chicago**

This morning it is time to say "Auf Wiedersehen" when you board your motor coach for the transfer to the airport for your return flight to the U.S. (B)

## **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:**

- **Air transportation Chicago – Munich - Chicago with wide body jet**
- **Hotel accommodations in charming hotels, all rooms with private facilities.**
- **Experienced tour director from arrival until departure (gratuity not included)**
- **Ground transportation via deluxe, private motor coach (driver's gratuity not included)**
- **Daily breakfast and seven dinners (B=breakfast, D=dinner)**
- **Guided sightseeing tours in Salzburg, Prague, Munich, Rothenburg and Wittenberg.**
- **Admission to Castle Church and St. Marien Church in Wittenberg and Wartburg Castle**
- **Boat ride on Koenigssee**

**For questions & to sign up  
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