

Tour Code: JSG23



St Paul Lutheran Church & Wartburg College:

Germany

SCHEDULED DEPARTURE

May 13 - 24, 2023



St. Paul's
LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL



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Erfurt's Merchants bridge



St. Paul's Lutheran Church and Wartburg College have collaborated to sponsor a LUTHERAN HERITAGE TOUR TO GERMANY. This will include visits to the charming village of Neuendettelsau, the Mission House from which the founder of Wartburg College came. Another highlight of the tour will be the opportunity to hear the Wartburg College Choir sing in St. Georg Kirche and also the great hall of the Wartburg Castle.

Hosting the tour is Dr. Rebecca Neiduski, Wartburg's 18th President. Pastor Larry Trachte joins the group at Neuendettelsau to provide insights on the important role it played in our history.

This is really a unique tour, combining history and highlights of Germany's heartland as well as two wonderful cities, Munich and Berlin. We invite you to join us. There are many other special features included in this offering as you will see when you peruse the brochure. It would be great to have you along!

TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1: Saturday, May 13, 2023 • Departure

Our journey begins as we board our international flight bound for Munich, Germany. **Inflight meals**

Day 2: Sunday, May 14, 2023 • Munich

Upon arrival at Munich airport early this afternoon, we meet our guide and coach. A local guide joins us as we begin to explore Munich, home of the Oktoberfest and "Gemütlichkeit," that Bavarian blend of fun, relaxation, and good cheer! We stop to see the Olympic Park and to visit the BMW Museum. Tonight, we have dinner at our hotel. **D**

Day 3: Monday, May 15, 2023 • Dachau - Munich

This morning we drive a short distance to remember a time never to be forgotten. We visit the memorial at the infamous concentration camp at Dachau, noted as the first of the Nazi concentration camps intended to hold political prisoners. A local guide acquaints us as we continue to discover the city's major sights, including the Marienplatz with the famed Glockenspiel, the Maximilian Straße with its elegant shops, and much more. Afterwards we have some free time to get a bite to eat at the nearby Viktualien Market or visit one of a number of fine museums such or enjoy the atmosphere of the city center. Tonight, we have dinner in a traditional German beer hall. **B, D**

Berlin Cathedral



Day 4: Tuesday, May 16, 2023 •

Nuremberg - Neuendettelsau

After breakfast we board our coach and drive to Nuremberg, a historic city known for its Lebkuchen ("Gingerbread") and its sausages. A local guide takes us on a tour of the city. Next, we tour the Felsengänge, the historic rock cut cellars. We eat lunch at the adjoining Hausbrauerei Altstadt, where we are served a menu which compliments the red beer. After lunch we head to Neuendettelsau where Pastor Larry Trachte joins us as we remember the roots of the college when Wilhelm Lohe, a German pastor sent Georg Grossman and five students to start a teacher training school for German immigrants in the United States. We recall the Neuendettelsau "Lebenskreuz," or "cross of life," inspired by the seven acts of mercy mentioned in the Gospel of Matthew. **B, L, D**

Day 5: Wednesday, May 17, 2023 •

Rothenburg ob der Taube

Today we drive to Rothenburg ob der Tauber, one of the most picturesque and best-preserved of the towns along the "Romantic Road." It is one of Germany's best walled medieval cities, with most of the buildings constructed by 1400. A local guide gives us a brief introduction. Then we have free time and a chance to walk the ramparts of the city walls, explore the amazing shops, and see the famous Riemenschneider Altar. Tonight, after dinner we join the night watchman tour. **B, D**

Day 6: Thursday, May 18, 2023 •

Wurzburg – Coburg – Eisenach or Eisenach area

Our first stop today is the city of Wurzburg where a local guide takes us on a stroll through this ancient wine town which is rich in historic sites, including the magnificent 18th-century residence of the prince-bishops, boasting the largest ceiling fresco in the world, and the ornate Alte Mainbrücke, the oldest bridge on the River Main. We have a wine tasting at a local winery and time for lunch. Then we continue on to the lovely city of Coburg to visit the famous Veste Coburg, the fortress where Luther took refuge and lived during the Augsburg Confession. We see the Luther Room, the art treasures in the various collections and the royal building with the Luther Chapel. We end the day in Eisenach, where we have dinner at our hotel. **B, D**

Day 7: Friday, May 19, 2023 •

Eisenach - Erfurt – Eisenach or Eisenach area

Today, we take a short journey to Erfurt. A local guide takes us on a tour including St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Severin's Church, and the famous Merchant's Bridge. We end at the Augustinian Monastery where Luther became a monk on July 17, 1505. We

are able to see his monastic quarters, including one cell furnished to look as it would have done when he lived there. Later this afternoon we return to Eisenach for the Wartburg College Choir concert in the Wartburg Castle. **B, D**

Day 8: Saturday, May 20, 2023 •

Wartburg Castle – Eisenach or Eisenach area

In 1521, while fleeing from the wrath of the Pope, Luther took refuge in the Wartburg Castle after a fake kidnapping staged by his friend and protector, Frederick the Wise. We tour Wartburg and see where Luther finished translating the New Testament into German in just 11 weeks. Luther spent time in the nearby town of Eisenach as a schoolboy and sang in the choir of St. George's Church, where the Bach family also worshiped. The rest of the afternoon is free to visit the Bach Museum or Luther House Museum. This evening we attend the Wartburg Choir concert at St. George Church. **B**

Day 9: Sunday, May 21, 2023 • Leipzig - Wittenberg

Today we explore one of Europe's flourishing trade and commercial centers during the Middle Ages which became the center of resistance to Communist rule a quarter century ago. Here we have the privilege of visiting the Nikolaikirche (St. Nicholas Church), the home of the faithful "Pray for Peace" Christians, and the powerful force that transformed Germany's East and West. In 1989, thousands of East Germans gathered by candlelight in this church to form human rights and pro-democracy demonstrations that led to the destruction of the infamous Berlin Wall and the dissolution of East Germany. Another Leipzig highlight is our visit to Thomaskirche (St. Thomas Church), where Luther preached, and Johann Sebastian Bach performed and directed the famous St. Thomas Boys choir. We end our day in Lutherstadt (Wittenberg). **B, D**

Day 10: Monday, May 22, 2023 • Wittenberg

This morning our local guide takes us on a tour of Lutherstadt. It was here in 1517 that Martin Luther nailed his famous 95 Theses and collaborated with Philip Melancthon to help forge Reformation theology. It is also where the Cranachs painted portraits of Luther. We spend time in the Lutherhalle (Luther House) Museum, where Luther lived first as a monk, then later with his wife and children. We view some of Luther's personal library, rare manuscripts, and early Bibles. The tour also includes Castle Church, Stadtkirche St. Marien (St. Mary's church) where Luther preached and where his children were baptized, and the Luther Oak where he burned the edict from Rome, condemning him as a heretic. We have dinner and overnight in Wittenberg. **B, D**

Day 11: Tuesday, May 23, 2023 • Berlin

We explore Berlin today with a city tour which includes a one hour ride on the Spree River, and a stop at the famous Brandenburg Gate for photos. We see the Cathedral, the Reichstag building and the lively boulevards and visit the Cold War Check Point Charlie Museum. We have a farewell dinner tonight at our hotel. **B, D**

Day 12: Wednesday, May 24, 2023 • Return

Today we drive to Berlin Tegel Airport for our return flight home. **B**

Abbreviations for Meals
B=Breakfast L=Lunch D=Dinner

Tour Price: \$4,399

Prices are *per person, double occupancy*
with a minimum of 25 participants

Single supplement: \$600

Your Tour Includes:

- Estimated Airfare to Munich and return from Berlin (Estimated at \$1,530 from Cedar Rapids, IA; other gateways available) and related taxes, fees and fuel charges
- **Land Transportation** via private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- **Accommodations** (double occupancy) in three or four star traditional European Hotels
- **Meals** per the itinerary (10 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 9 dinners)
- **Admission** to all activities indicated in the itinerary except those listed as optional
- Services of **professional tour manager**
- Local **step-on guides** for city tours and major attractions
- **Luggage handling** of one piece per person at hotels
- **All taxes and tips** for provided services except as noted below.

Your Tour Does Not Include:

- Meals not indicated on itinerary
- **Beverages**, except with breakfast
- End of tour gratuity for coach driver and tour manager
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees. (*Passport must be valid for 6 months beyond return date.*)
- **Optional insurance** for health, baggage and cancellation.

Payment Schedule:

A deposit of \$500 per person is due with reservation. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure date (Feb. 12, 2023). Invoice will be sent out prior to final payment. Passengers may add after this date subject to air and land availability. Generally airlines do not increase the price of a ticket after it has been contracted. However, prior to the issuance of a ticket, airlines may (and regularly do) impose fuel, tax, or security surcharges. In the event a surcharge is imposed after Ed-Ventures has received a final payment, Ed-Ventures will send an additional invoice for the surcharge amount. Early registration is encouraged.

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Refund/Cancellation Policy:

All cancellations must be in writing. The date of postmark will determine the amount of refund due. Refunds are based on the number of days prior to departure date. From the time of deposit to 90 days before departure a \$100 administrative fee plus any airfare penalties will be assessed. From 89-30 days, a \$300 cancellation penalty plus lost airfare deposits and any unrecoverable deposits to ground suppliers will be assessed. Airline tickets once purchased are nonrefundable. Anyone canceling less than 30 days prior to departure will receive **no refund**.

Purchase of health, baggage, and trip cancellation/interruption insurance is strongly recommended.

Terms and Conditions

We reserve the right to cancel this trip due to lack of subscription. In the event of cancellation of the trip in its entirety, a full refund of all deposits will be made to passengers enrolled at the time of cancellation. Tour price is based on the value of the dollar and the cost of airfare and is subject to change without notice. Extensions are usually available, but must be requested when booking the tour. Any changes in airfare booking may result in a processing fee. It may be possible, that due to unforeseen events, conditions, or changes in airline schedules, the land portion of the trip may be extended or shortened. Any savings realized by such occurrences will be refunded, however any extra expenses incurred must be borne by the client. Trip cancellation insurance is available. This low-cost protection can save you money if you are forced to cancel or alter your trip for a medical reason only. You will be mailed trip cancellation insurance information with the brochure or upon receipt of your deposit.

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- Single Supplement • \$600

Germany

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Legal Name: _____

(Name for name badge): _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Gender: (required by airline) Male Female

Dietary Needs: _____

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Legal Name: _____

(Name for name badge): _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Gender: (required by airline) Male Female

Dietary Needs: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____ **Phone:** _____

Work phone/cell: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Sleeping Preference (circle one): Double bed (1 bed) Twin Beds (2 beds)

Roommate name: _____ OR **Single supplement:** _____ Yes _____ No

Travel Insurance (7.2% of tour cost; policy must be purchased at time of initial deposit to cover pre-existing medical conditions)

- I wish to purchase Travel Guard insurance and have included the premium with my deposit.
- I wish to decline the travel insurance offered. I understand I am solely responsible for any cancellation penalties and out of pocket expenses occurred should I have an emergency before or during the tour.

Deposit Payment Information (please check one)

- Enclosed is my \$ _____ deposit and insurance premium (if applicable). *Make checks payable to: Ed-Ventures, Inc.*
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Signature of 1st traveler: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature of 2nd traveler: _____ **Date:** _____

