

MARTIN LUTHER

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Visit THE places and discover BEST OF GERMANY



Day 1: BERLIN

Arrival in Berlin.

Day 2: BERLIN

Upon arrival in Berlin, your European Tour Director will greet and escort you to the waiting deluxe, air-conditioned motor coach. We will discover **Berlin's** varied past on our **city tour** highlighting sights like **Memorial Church**, **Boulevard unter den Linden**, **Brandenburg Gate**, **Alexanderplatz** and **Charlottenburg Palace**. The rest of the day is yours for exploring the secrets of this urban city.

Day 3: BERLIN

Your morning excursion takes you to **Potsdam**, an incredible beautiful city. Here you find marvellous gardens and palaces convenient concentrated together. The one of **Sanssouci** (entr.) is a masterpiece of architecture. Jewels of **Hellenistic art** as well as of **Greek** and **Roman architecture** you find when visiting the **Pergamon Museum** (entr.) in the afternoon, one of the most popular in its kind.

Day 4: BERLIN, WITTENBERG, LEIPZIG

Leaving Berlin the journey goes to **Lutherstadt Wittenberg**, which means experiencing old world history. We tour the inspiring **Castle Church** and the historic **Theses Doors**, the beautiful **Stadtkirche** with its marvelous **Cranach Altarpiece**, and the **Lutherhall** (entr.), home of the largest collection of Reformation artifacts in the world. Later this afternoon we continue on to Leipzig.

Day 5: LEIPZIG, EISLEBEN, LEIPZIG

Leipzig, the city of composers and poems offers a lot of sights. A highlight is our visit to **St. Thomas Church** where Luther preached and Johann Sebastian Bach performed. In the afternoon we travel to **Lutherstadt Eisleben** to explore the **birth house** (entr.) of the reformator. Nowadays a museum it contains the first translated German bible. We take you out for dinner to famous **Auerbach's Keller**.

Day 6: LEIPZIG, WEIMAR, ERFURT, GOTHA, LEIPZIG

On our roundtrip to the historical towns of **Gotha**, **Erfurt** and **Weimar** we follow the tracks of Martin Luther, Johann Goethe, Wolfgang Schiller and Lucas Cranach. **Gotha** charms with baroque facades, **Erfurt** impresses with its old town and **Weimar** breathes the spirit of great poems. Enjoy a day out in the heart of **Thuringen** and be guest in the county of culture, music, theaters, museums and castles.

Day 7: LEIPZIG, DRESDEN, LEIPZIG

This morning we head for **Dresden** and we tour this baroque gem, set on the banks of the **Elbe River**. See magnificent and imposing buildings like the **Semper Opera** house or the spectacular **Zwinger** Palace. We also lead you through the historic heart of the city. The afternoon takes us to the city of **Meissen**, where we visit the world known **porcelain manufacture** (entr.), whose products are a guarantee of finest quality.

Day 8: LEIPZIG, EISENACH, ROTHENBURG

Our journey of Luther continues as we travel on to **Eisenach**. A visit to Luther's home provides a glimpse of the reformation at its earliest moments. We travel on to **Wartburg Castle** (entr.) an overwhelming fortress overlooking Eisenach. Here it was where Luther translated the New Testament from the original Greek into German. We head for **Rothenburg**, where medieval charm expects you.

Day 9: ROTHENBURG, HEIDELBERG

Experience lively **Middle-Ages** when exploring **Rothenburg**. Surrounded by thick city-walls it hides sacral monuments and patrician houses in its old town. Rothenburg is a memorial of culture and art. A drive through scenic landscapes takes us to another jewel of architecture - to **Heidelberg**. Admire its castle (entr.) and its medieval town-center.

Day 10: HEIDELBERG, WORMS, SPEYER, HEIDELBERG

This morning we visit **Worms**, where the former emperor tried to force Luther to withdraw his theses, which he didn't. At **Speyer** you will admire one of the most imposing cathedrals in the world. The afternoon takes us to the winegrowing area of 'Deutsche Weinstrasse', with lovely cities along the way like **Neustadt** and **Bad Dürkheim**.

Day 11: depart Frankfurt

After breakfast we will transfer you to the airport to board your homebound flight.



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