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Martin Luther & the Reformation

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Day 1 (Tues, Oct 24) Depart USA -
Depart on your international overnight flight from Chicago to Berlin.

Our Representatives will meet you at the airport and escort you to your transportation. Enjoy a two-hour walking/bus tour along Unter Den Linden [to Alexanderplatz]. Walk through the Berlin Cathedral (Berliner Dom). Check into the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Night One: Holiday Inn Berlin Alexanderplatz
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Day 3 (Thurs, Oct 26): Berlin On Own Day
Today is yours to explore and shop in Berlin. From the Brandenburg Gate, the Reichstag, Checkpoint Charlie to Museum Island to other museums and shopping areas, the city is yours (transportation and entrance fees not included). Dinner not included on this day.

Night Two: Holiday Inn Berlin Alexanderplatz (no dinner)

Day 4 (Fri, Oct 27): Lutherstadt Eisleben Erfurt
Depart Berlin for Eisleben, where Luther's life both began and ended. Luther was baptized at St. Petri (St. Peter & St. Paul's Church), where you can see portraits of his wife and parents. This charming little town includes the Luther Family Home, as well as the house Luther was visiting at the time of his death. Walk the medieval cobblestone streets past St. Andrew's Church, where Luther preached his last sermon. Continue on to Erfurt, Known as the “city of spires” in Luther’s day. Visit St. Mary’s Cathedral and the Augustinian Monastery, where Luther was ordained into the priesthood in 1507. Visit the Veste, the 900-year-old fortress of Coburg, where Luther took refuge from his enemies behind its triple ramparts. Dinner at Lutherkeller Restaurant in Erfurt.

Night Three: Radisson Blu Erfurt
http://www.radisson-erfurt.de/en/

Day 5 (Sat, Oct 28): Eisenach – Wartburg Castle
Martin Luther lived in Eisenach during his student days. Learn about Luther’s life and the Reformation at the Luther House Museum, and tour the famous Wartburg Castle, where Luther translated the New Testament into German in 1522. View the room where Luther completed his translation in just 11 weeks. See the Johann Sebastian Bach Museum here, dedicated to life and work of the acclaimed composer. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Night Four: Radisson Blu Erfurt
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Day 6 (Sun, Oct 29): Rothenburg ob der Tauber
One of the most fascinating preserved Middle Ages city, Rothenburg provides a walk back in time. See St. James Church and Holy Blood Altar. Enjoy leisure time to explore and shop here. The home of Kathie Wohlfahrt Christmas Stores and an adjoining museum is here. Check into your hotel for dinner and overnight.

Night Five: Hotel Rappen Rothenburg ob der Tauber

Day 7 (Mon, Oct 30): Rothenburg to Leipzig
This morning enjoy free time in Rothenburg before transferring to Leipzig for dinner and overnight.

Night Six: Radisson Blu Leipzig

Day 8 (Tues, Oct 31) [500th Anniversary of the Reformation!]: Wittenberg
This morning, enjoy a walking tour of Wittenberg, where Luther lived and taught for 36 years. See where he posted his 95 Theses on the Castle Church door, giving voice to the
Reformation. Visit the Schlosskirche, where Luther is buried, and explore Luther Hall, a former monastery where Martin lived with his family. This afternoon, explore on your own through the town’s museums and shops. Gather together late this afternoon to enjoy the Hymnfest music, provided in part by the Valparaiso University Chorale at the City Church. Return to Leipzig for a late dinner.

Night Seven: Radisson Blu Leipzig

Day 9 (Wed, Nov 1): Leipzig
In Leipzig, you’ll walk to St. Thomas Church where Luther preached and Bach served as cantor and choir director. It contains a large stained glass window depicting Luther with his translation of the Bible. See also the Neues Rathaus, the city hall built over the castle where Johann Eck and Martin Luther debated in 1519. This afternoon is yours to explore the rich musical and historical heritage of the city, as well as its many shopping opportunities. Dinner is on your own tonight.

Night Eight: Radisson Blu Leipzig

Day 10 (Thurs, Nov 2): Dresden
This morning travel to Dresden for a day tour of the city. Martin Luther visited Dresden in 1516 and again in 1518. See a statue of Martin Luther in the square in front of the Frauenkirche (“Church of Our Lady”). The church, built between 1726 and 1743, was destroyed by Allied bombs during WWll. The ruins lay untouched until after the reunification of Germany. Reconstruction took 13 years and the church was reconsecrated with a festive two-day service lasting through Reformation Day on October 31, 2005. Then enjoy time on your own to explore and shop before returning to Leipzig for dinner and overnight.

Night Nine: Radisson Blu Leipzig

Day 11 (Fri, Nov 3): Weimar
Today you’ll travel to Weimar, home to German greats such as Goethe and Schiller and Liszt. The grand buildings of the city were also the site of what is called the Weimar Republic when, from 1919-1933, following WWI, the German government was centered here. This afternoon you’ll visit the concentration camp of Buchenwald where Dietrich Bonhoeffer, German Lutheran pastor and theologian, was held prisoner along with hundreds of thousands. Return to Leipzig for dinner and overnight.

Night Ten: Radisson Blu Leipzig

Day 12 (Sat, Nov 4): Leipzig
Enjoy a morning on your own, before gathering for lunch at Auerbach’s Keller in Leipzig. This evening, join with the Valparaiso University Chorale and the Thomanerchor at St. Thomas Church. Return to the hotel for a late dinner and overnight.

Night Eleven: Radisson Blu Leipzig

Day 13 (Sun, Nov 5): Leipzig
This morning attend a service at St. Thomas Church with musical groups enhancing the worship. After lunch on your own, gather together for a tour of the Bach Museum or hear the Valparaiso University Chorale perform in the St. Thomas Church at 3 p.m., before heading to Berlin for dinner and overnight.

Night Twelve: Holiday Inn Berlin Alexanderplatz
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Day 14 (Mon, Nov 6): Return to USA - Berlin to Chicago
After Breakfast, transfer to the airport for your return flight home, with memories of the people and places of the Reformation and their gifts of Theology and music.