

# Martin Luther and J.S. Bach: An 8-Day Reformation Tour to Germany

Suggested Tour #3 (6 nights/8 days)

## Day 1

Depart via scheduled air service. The destination is Berlin, Germany

## Day 2

### Juterbog / Wittenberg (D)

Arrive in Berlin

Meet your Faith Journeys Tour Manager who will assist the group to awaiting chartered motorcoach for a transfer to Wittenberg via Juterbog to visit *Nikolaikirche* (St. Nicholas' Church from the 14<sup>th</sup> century), remarkable for its three fine aisles and well preserved coffer of Johann Tetzel

Continue to Wittenberg

Late-afternoon hotel check-in

Evening Welcome Dinner and overnight

## Day 3

### Wittenberg (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

This morning we will visit *Schlosskirche* (Castle Church) where Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses, sparking the reformation. Also visit City Church (a twin-towered Gothic church in which Luther preached during the Reformation, was married, and baptized his six children

Lunch, on own

Explore Luther's well-preserved house where he and his family lived (it contains many Reformation relics, including Luther's desk, his pulpit, and first editions of his books) and the Renaissance mansion of Philip Melanchthon

Evening dinner and overnight

## Day 4

### Leipzig (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to Leipzig where we can see *Altes Rathaus* and visit St. Nicholas Church and St. Thomas Church where Martin Luther preached. Bach's 12 children and infant Richard Wagner were baptized in St. Thomas Church, and both Mozart and Mendelssohn performed here

Lunch, on own

Visit the Bach Museum

Evening dinner and overnight

## Day 5

### Eisenach / Wartburg Castle (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Take an excursion to Eisenach & Wartburg Castle to visit one of the best-preserved medieval castles in Germany, Wartburg Castle, which looms over the city of Eisenach and is the site where Martin Luther translated the New Testament into German. At the castle, visit a museum which contains Reformation artifacts, including paintings, sculptures, furniture, and tapestries. A private worship service may be organized in the chapel of Wartburg Castle



Lunch, on own

Visit Eisenach, childhood home of Martin Luther and birthplace of Johann Sebastian Bach. We will visit the *Bachhaus* museum which is dedicated to Bach's life and work. Also visit *Lutherhaus*, one of the oldest and picturesque buildings remaining in Eisenach and now a museum. We will also have time to explore the *Markplatz* and visit the *Georgenkirche*, where Bach was baptized  
Evening dinner and overnight



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**Day 6**

**Halle / Eisleben**

**(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel

This morning, we will visit Halle, whose early history is connected with the harvesting of salt (since the Bronze Age). In 1508, Luther received his appointment in philosophy in Halle, and the city is also the birthplace of George Friderich Handel. Tour Handel House, now a museum housing a collection of historic musical instruments and an exhibition about the composer's life. We will also visit Markt Kirche, a center of Lutheran Pietism  
Lunch, on own

Continue to Eisleben, where Martin Luther was born and died (Luther had a special affection for this city now officially known as "Luther-City Eisleben" Lutherstadt Eisleben). During our tour, we'll have the honor of visiting Luther's birth house which is now a well-preserved museum. Visit the Church of St. Peter and Paul (also known as the *Taufkirche* or "baptism church"), where Martin Luther was baptized. The remains of the original baptismal font can still be seen inside the church. Also visit St. Andrew's Church, where Luther preached his last sermon

Transfer to Berlin for evening dinner and overnight



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**Day 7**

**Berlin**

**(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel

Visit East Berlin to stroll along its famous *Unter den Linden Strasse* (an iconic boulevard which once led to the palace of the Prussian monarchs), the Russian War Memorial, the Brandenburg Gate, and German Historical Museum

Lunch, on own

Enjoy a 1-hr cruise along the Spree River

See what remains of "the Wall" and Checkpoint Charlie as we pass into the western sector to experience *Kurfurstendamm Strasse*, home to some of Berlin's most luxurious stores. Visit Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church and enjoy some time at leisure for shopping or additional sightseeing

Farewell Dinner and overnight



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**Day 8**

**Depart for home**

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Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to Berlin's airport for return flight

***This is a very flexible itinerary.*** Except for confirmed appointments, the places of interest and the sequence of sightseeing might be changed if necessary or desirable

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