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May 11 - May 21, 2016

11 Days • 14 Meals

9 Breakfasts • 5 Dinner

Highlights: Mainz, Worms, Gutenberg Museum, Erfurt, Wartburg Castle, Lutherhaus, Eisleben, Dresden, Leipzig, St. Thomas Church, Wittenberg, St. Mary's Church, Berlin



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Featuring three star hotels and more modest meals, these packages are designed to capture the reflective and humble surroundings of the world-famous spiritual sites they visit. With an emphasis on religious inclusions, these tours also include other culturally appropriate attractions and the services of a professional Tour Manager.

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On the Trail of Martin Luther

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Day 1: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 Overnight Flight

Embark on an inspirational journey through Germany that follows the epic trail blazed by Martin Luther.

Day 2: Thursday, May 12, 2016 Mainz, Germany - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in the enchanting city of Mainz, a medieval town located on the banks of the Rhine River. Tonight, meet your fellow travelers during a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3: Friday, May 13, 2016 Mainz - Worms - Mainz

Begin your day with a visit to the Gutenberg Museum where you can see a copy of Gutenberg's masterpiece — the 42-line Bible. Enjoy free time to explore the town before traveling to Worms. It was in Worms that the Imperial Diet (Assembly) passed judgment on Luther after his refusal to recant. Come to know the sites significant to Luther's story during a guided walking tour of the city. Take a moment at the Cathedral where Luther presented his case; see Trinity Church; and visit monuments dedicated to Luther and other important Reformation figures. (B)

Day 4: Saturday, May 14, 2016 Mainz - Erfurt

Today you travel to Erfurt which Martin Luther himself referred to as the "City of Towers," no doubt due to its numerous steeples. Arriving in Erfurt, embark on a walking tour of the city, passing over Merchants' Bridge on your way to the Augustinian monastery. Enjoy a tour of the monastery, where Luther lived and studied as a monk from 1505 to 1512. After your tour, you are invited to a prayer service in St. Augustine's church inside the monastery. (B, D)

Day 5: Sunday, May 15, 2016 Erfurt - Eisenach - Wartburg Castle - Erfurt

This morning we travel to Eisenach to explore another central town in Luther's life. Your tour of the area begins with a visit to Wartburg Castle, where Luther translated the Bible. Step into what is now "Luther's Room," where Luther lived during the many months he spent at the castle. Our next stop is at the Bachhaus Eisenach to enjoy a musical performance played on various historical instruments dating back to Bach's time. Next, join a local guide for a walking tour of the town. You will see the Lutherhaus Eisenach, where Luther resided as a child, and St. George's Church, where he was a choir boy. Enjoy some free time to explore independently. Return to Erfurt in the late afternoon. (B)

Day 6: Monday, May 16, 2016 Erfurt - Eisleben - Dresden

Begin your day with a visit to Eisleben, the site of Luther's birth and death. Delve into his life as we visit the museum inside the home where he was born; St. Peter and Paul Church where he was baptized; and St. Andrews Church where he performed his final sermons. Next, continue on to Dresden, your home for the next two nights. This evening, get a true taste of the region when dining in a local cellar restaurant. (B, D)

Day 7: Tuesday, May 17, 2016 Dresden

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Important Reservation Information

Itinerary at a Glance

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Day 2 – 3	Park Inn Mainz, Mainz
Day 4 – 5	Radisson Blu Hotel Erfurt, Erfurt
Day 6 – 7	Swissotel Dresden, Dresden
Day 8 – 9	Luther Hotel Wittenberg, Wittenberg
Day 10	Intercontinental Hotel Berlin, Berlin

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Essential Experiences

Visit the Gutenberg Museum and see the famed Gutenberg Bible.

Travel to Worms where Luther refused to recant and the Imperial Diet (Assembly) declared him an "outlaw."

Visit Wartburg Castle, the place where Luther translated the New Testament into German while in hiding.

Enjoy a guided tour of Eisleben – site of Luther's birth and death – including a visit inside the home where he was born.

Discover St. Thomas Church where Martin Luther preached and Johann Sebastian Bach was a cantor.

Join a church service in one of the Luther churches in Wittenberg.

Enjoy a tour and prayer service in the Augustinian monastery in Erfurt, where Luther lived and studied.

Enjoy a musical performance played on medieval instruments inside the Bachhaus Eisenach.

This morning, join a local guide for a tour of this historical city. See the old town square, the royal residence castle and the Frauenkirche (Church of Our Lady). Enjoy ample time to explore this lovely town on the banks of the River Elbe. (B)

Day 8: Wednesday, May 18, 2016 Dresden - Leipzig - Wittenberg

This morning, travel to Leipzig, a city touched by musical greatness. Discover the city's interesting history during a guided tour featuring St. Thomas Church where the boys' choir has been performing for over 800 years. Martin Luther preached here and its former cantor was the famed composer – Johann Sebastian Bach. Next, travel to Wittenberg where you will have an afternoon service inside one of the local churches remaining from the time of the Reformation. Tonight, discover the tastes of the region with a tour of a local brewery including a tasting, followed by dinner. (B, D)

Day 9: Thursday, May 19, 2016 Wittenberg

Set out on a guided tour of Wittenberg. Your first stop is the former Wittenberg University where Luther served as a professor of theology. Next, explore his family home on the grounds; today it is a fascinating museum housing his writings and other artifacts from the Reformation. Travel back in time as you discover its seemingly untouched rooms used by Luther. Continue to the oldest structure in the city, St. Mary's Church, where Luther preached, was married, and where his children were baptized. See the Castle Church, the location where the famous 95 Theses were posted, launching the Reformation. Have time to explore or to reflect at Luther's tomb. Then it is on to discover the Renaissance-style home of Philipp Melancthon, Luther's scholarly confidant who aided him significantly in communicating his revolutionary theology. Next, you are in for a special treat! Join a local family in their home to sip coffee and discuss life in Germany, both today and during Communist times. (B)

Day 10: Friday, May 20, 2016 Wittenberg - Berlin

Depart this morning for Berlin. Embark on a comprehensive tour featuring Brandenburg Gate, Charlottenburg Palace, Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, Schöneberg City Hall, Kurfürstendamm and the Reichstag Building. Finally, pass through the area that was once "Checkpoint Charlie," and see what remains of the Berlin Wall. Tonight, gather with your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 11: Saturday, May 21, 2016 Berlin - Tour Ends

Your journey comes to a close. Depart with new perspectives, a strengthened faith and treasured memories. (B)

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Included Meals Key

B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

Please Note:

- Book Now rates valid until Nov 12, 2015, valid on air inclusive packages only.
- Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.
- Included breakfasts are buffet breakfasts.
- To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing Collette airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at prescheduled times.

- Please note that single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Triple accommodations are not available.
- Church services on this tour may be in German; English language services will be provided when possible.
- Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.
- This tour includes moderate physical activity. The itinerary blends some longer days with shorter days and more leisure time. Walking tours, as well as walking slightly longer distances, up stairs or on uneven walking surfaces should be expected.
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On the Trail of Martin Luther

Listed below is important information to assist you in preparing for your upcoming trip. This information provided will help you have a more enjoyable experience while you are on your tour.

Accommodations

On some programs, there are a limited number of single and triple rooms. Double rooms usually consist of 2 beds. Triple rooms are normally a standard double room with 2 beds. A cot or rollaway bed may be added to the double room at some hotels, based on room size and fire codes. When triples are not available, appropriate charges for single and twin accommodations will be assessed.

We make every effort to accommodate your specific requests and forward them to the hotels. These requests cannot be guaranteed as hotels may not always be able to honor them.

Check-in times are set by individual hotel properties and vary by hotel. Depending on your arrival time, there may be a delay in gaining access to your room as most hotels offer afternoon check-in. We ask guests to observe check-out times at all properties as designated by the hotel.

Some hotels require a credit card imprint or your passport information upon check-in in order to activate telephones in the rooms and for potential incidental charges. Most hotels charge an access fee for using phones in hotel rooms. Please check with the front desk personnel at each hotel for specific policies.

Hotel membership programs are not applicable.

In certain countries, hotel rooms tend to be smaller than standard U.S. accommodations. Please be assured that we use high quality properties throughout each country.

ADA

The Americans with Disabilities Act does not apply outside of the United States.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, we will make reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants. Persons requiring individual assistance must be accompanied by a companion who is capable of, and totally responsible for, providing the necessary assistance. Neither our personnel nor its suppliers may physically lift or assist clients onto transportation vehicles.

We regret that we cannot provide individual assistance to a tour member who has special mobility, dietary or other like needs.

Clothing & Packing Tips

If you are taking prescription medication, please be sure to take an adequate supply for your tour and a few additional days, in original prescription containers. Medication should be packed in your carry-on baggage. Do not place it in your checked luggage. You may want to carry an extra prescription in a separate bag in case medication is lost.

As you prepare to explore Germany, enjoy a casual dress style and be sure to pack comfortable walking shoes!

When visiting churches and religious sites, please observe a conservative style of dress, i.e. no shorts or short skirts/dresses and no sleeveless shirts. It is recommended to bring clothing that may be worn in layers that may be added or removed as the temperature changes.

Currency

Your personal bank card should work at local ATM machines in the destination you are traveling to and would dispense local currency. Please contact your bank to determine if this option is available, that your PIN number will be accepted, to inform them that you are traveling and to determine if any charges apply for each transaction.

You may exchange your money at airports, banks, exchange bureaus, and at some hotels (although the exchange rate and fee is usually higher at hotels). In most cases, a commission charge will be assessed to exchange your money. Locations in the city usually offer a better currency exchange rate than airports.

We recommend carrying only a few major credit cards. Credit card purchases often provide an extra guarantee on your purchase (check with your specific credit card company for details and fees). It is advisable to contact any credit card company you intend utilizing while on tour before you depart to notify them where you will be traveling, to avoid any rejection of services.

While it may be handy to have some small bills in US Dollars for tipping, local sellers expect to be paid in Euro. Local currency will be needed for lunches, gratuities and small items such as postcards and postage.

The currency in Germany is the Euro.

Electricity

An adaptor (which changes the physical plug) and/or converter (which changes the electric current) are necessary if you plan to use an appliance with voltage different from the standard within the country you are visiting. Please note, if your appliance has dual voltage you may still need an adaptor for the plug.

When packing your electronic items for travel, please review the converter electric current level to make sure it is the same or greater than the items you are planning on using. If you plan on utilizing or transporting a sleep apnea machine, please remember to pack an extension cord and adapter plug to ensure proper function.

Helpful Hints

Bring a camera, memory cards, film and batteries and be sure to bring enough photography supplies for your entire trip. If you have a video camera, bring an extra battery, plus proper recharging equipment. Due to security screening, we recommend storing your equipment in your carry-on luggage.

Bring a travel alarm clock, travel sewing kit and an alcohol based gel hand sanitizer when soap and water is not accessible.

Pack items that may leak in plastic bags. Do not pack any articles of value in your checked luggage.

As a precaution, we suggest that you divide the contents of your suitcase with your traveling companion.

Avoid over packing and leave room for souvenirs that you plan to take back home.

Bring a copy of your passport/identification and pack it separately from the original.

Leave a copy of your tour itinerary at home with your emergency contact and a copy of your passport.

Remember when flying you can only take one quart size bag with no more than 3 ounces of any one liquid. Liquids that do not fit in the one quart size bag and are larger than 3 ounces will be discarded by security.

Remember to hydrate and get up and stretch while flying.

If you are considering using your cell phone while traveling internationally, you should check with your cell provider concerning their access and charges for overseas calls, texting and emailing for the specific destination you are traveling to.

Included Features

The following are included in your tour package: transportation via motorcoach, accommodations, hotel luggage handling, meals, sightseeing, admission charges (as outlined in your itinerary), and applicable gratuities for bellmen, doormen and dining room wait staff. Customary gratuities for hotel housekeeping staff, local sightseeing guides, drivers and tour managers have not been included.

Luggage

Please consult with your scheduled airline as luggage fees and restrictions vary by carrier and destination. Due to the limited motorcoach capacity, one checked luggage (62 inches in length, height and width; weight not to exceed 23kg/50lbs) is allowed on tour.

We also encourage just one carry-on bag per individual (for carrying items that might be needed during the day's sightseeing excursions or camera/video equipment). Dimensions for carry-on bags should not exceed 17" x 12" x 10", allowing it to fit under the seat or in the overhead rack of most motor coaches.

If you exceed the limit of 2 bags, we cannot guarantee that your additional luggage will be able to fit in the touring vehicle. Storage or shipment of additional luggage will be at your own expense. If we are able to accommodate your additional luggage, we will assess a fee of 4 US dollars per bag per hotel. Please remember to label your luggage and important items with your name, home address and telephone number.

We recommend labeling your luggage on both outside and inside of the bag.

Please attach only the plastic luggage tag included in this mailing to your checked luggage before checking in for your flight.

Your paper luggage tag is to be attached at the first hotel.

We cannot assume liability or accept claims for loss or damage to luggage and personal effects due to breakage, theft or normal wear and tear that results from hotel, airline and group carrier handling. It is in your best interest to have adequate insurance (such as our comprehensive "No Worries Travel Protection") to cover these eventualities.

Miscellaneous

Any person entering or leaving the EU and carrying cash of a value of €10,000 or more must declare it. The term "cash" includes currency notes, coins, bankers' drafts, checks and travelers' cheques.

Travelers who fail to declare any amount over €10,000 will face stiff sanctions and could face penalties of as much as €8,000.

Name Badges

Collette provides name badges to our travelers in order to facilitate conversation among fellow travelers. The name badge also ensures that a Collette representative can easily recognize you, especially at airports upon arrival.

Seat Belts

The European Union (EU) has adopted a directive (2003/20EU) regarding the compulsory wearing of seatbelts while traveling on your vehicle when equipped. Failure to comply could result in a PERSONAL fine of up to Euro 750. Collette will NOT issue refunds to passengers who may be fined for non-compliance. Our tour managers will remind you again while on tour, but we feel that advising you in advance is beneficial.

Smoking

Smoking Restrictions:

Our tours are non-smoking throughout.

If you require a smoking room, please alert your agent upon tour booking.

Please be mindful of locations where smoking is prohibited: the motorcoach, at dining venues and other restricted areas on tour including most hotels. Customers are responsible for any fines incurred for failure to comply with smoking restrictions.

Tour Manager

We pride ourselves on having the best-trained and most experienced Tour Managers in the industry.

Gratuities should be extended on a voluntary basis and should be in direct proportion to the level of professionalism and personal service extended to you throughout the tour. Past experience has shown that a guideline of 4-6 US dollars per person for each traveling day is a customary amount for the Tour Manager. A customary amount of 3-5 US dollars per person per day is suggested for the driver.

Transportation

Flight Information, Departure Taxes & Fees

Land Only Vacations:

If you chose to purchase a land only vacation, pay particular attention to flight segments that occur during the tour which are not included in your land only rate.

You must purchase these internal flight segments and the schedule must match the flights that we utilize on the group tour.

Please provide us with your flight schedules for the entire tour six weeks prior to departure so we may secure services if you purchased transfers from us, as well as maintain emergency contact.

Air Inclusive Vacations

Air inclusive vacations cover air transport to and from your origin gateway as well as all internal air segments on tour.

In order to comply with Homeland Security's "Secure Flight" mandate, all passengers must provide full name, date of birth and gender at time of reservation. Your airline ticket must match the name on your valid, non-expired, government issued photo ID to be shown at the airport (including middle name, first or middle initial).

If you are a member of a participating frequent flyer program, provide the number upon booking and retain the passenger copy of your ticket and boarding pass to ensure that you receive proper credit of your mileage.

Some air tickets are not eligible for mileage accrual.

Whenever possible, we will add charges for air departure taxes to your invoice. Some international arrival and departure fees are not included in your air ticket and must be paid by you on tour in local currency.

Transfers

We are pleased to provide you with complimentary airport to hotel, and hotel to airport transfers at the beginning and end of an escorted tour when you purchase an air-inclusive vacation.

Land-only clients who have purchased round trip transfers will be accommodated at the same times as air inclusive clients.

Arrival meeting locations and transfer departure times are provided on your document booklets.

On some programs there may be a waiting period at the airport due to varying flight schedules of other arriving passengers.

If you have secured your own transfer, you may meet your Tour Manager at the hotel.

Motorcoach Information: We do not own or operate vehicles. We charter quality coaches that are temperature controlled vehicles. Coach size may vary based upon the number of tour patrons. In certain countries, lavatory equipped motorcoaches are not available or the lavatory is for emergency use only.

Frequent stops will be made en route for comfort and convenience.

Seat Rotation: Seats are rotated for the benefit of our tour guests. This fosters communication and enables our guests to enjoy a variety of vantage points on the motorcoach. Guests will rotate seats at least once a day, as directed by the tour manager. In fairness to all, there will be no exceptions to this policy.