

# ***Reformation Heritage and Eastern Europe***

*Celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation*

***Poland, the Czech Republic and Germany***

*Krakow ♦ Auschwitz ♦ Prague ♦ Dresden ♦ Erfurt*

*The Wartburg Castle*

*Eisenach ♦ Wittenberg ♦ Berlin*



*13 Days*

*May 2 ~ 14, 2016*

*hosted by*

*Pastor Tim Halverson*

*Faith Presbyterian Church*

*Cape Coral, Florida*

## **Reformation Heritage Tour**

*Poland, the Czech Republic and Germany*

### **13 Day Tour**

**May 2 ~ 14, 2016**

### **TOUR COST†**

*from Ft. Myers*

**\$4398.00**

*per person, double occupancy*

*Single occupancy -- \$649.00*

*† Based on a minimum of 27 participants and pricing in effect at the time of printing January 15, 2015.*

### **PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

*\$400.00 ~ per person due with reservation*

*\$900.00 ~ per person September 1, 2015*

*Final Payment due January 20, 2016*

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**All checks should be made payable to:**

**Trans World Travel, Inc.**

*and returned to:*

*Pastor Tim Halverson*

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*Dear Friends,*

*We invite you to join us on a journey through Poland, the Czech Republic, and the Reformation cities ... a customized trip that has been planned and designed for us.*

*Our travels will take us to cities that have played important part in our Reformation heritage. We will visit Wittenberg, where Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the Castle Church door, the Wartburg Castle in Eisenach where he translated the New Testament of the Bible into German, and other important sites that will deepen our appreciation of our Protestant traditions - past and present.*

*Through this program we hope to grow - not only in knowledge of our heritage, but also in faith in Christ.*

*It will be a very special journey ... and we look forward to sharing it with you. Since space will be limited, your prompt response and reservation will be greatly appreciated.*

*Pastor Tim Halverson*

### **Tour Includes:**

- ~ Round-trip Air from Ft. Myers
- ~ 3 & 4 Star Hotel Accommodations
- ~ Comprehensive Sightseeing & Admissions
- ~ Meals - as outlined in the itinerary
- ~ The services of a Professional Tour Manager
- ~ Deluxe Motor Coach ... washroom equipped
- ~ Taxes for included services ... air & land
- ~ Luggage handling for 1 bag at all hotels
- ~ Flight bag, baggage tags and final documents

## **RESERVATION FORM**

RETURN TO: Pastor Halverson ... c/o Trans World Travel, Inc., 734 Central Ave., Highland Park, IL 60035

Enclosed is my (our) reservation form(s) for the Reformation Heritage Tour departing on May 2, 2016 and a \$200 per person deposit check which indicates my (our) acceptance of the General Conditions stated in this brochure and the understanding that there can be future increases by the air carriers for fuel and/or for government related taxes. Also, we strongly suggest that all passengers consider the optional travel protection insurance that can include pre-existing conditions.

\*\*\* Please make your check payable to: Trans World Travel, Inc. and return to the above address. \*\*\*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

Print name as it appears on your PASSPORT

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EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ ROOMMATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Cards ... Visa and MasterCard are accepted, but there is an additional charge of 4% of the tour cost to be added.

☐ Yes, I prefer a single room - if available.

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Monday, May 2, 2016 - Ft. Myers: Today we depart from Ft. Myers Airport and begin our journey to Europe.

Tuesday, May 3 – Krakow: On arrival in Krakow you will be greeted by your tour manager and directed to your waiting motor coach. After check-in at the hotel, the remainder of the day will be at leisure. Dinner and overnight in Krakow. (D)

Wednesday, May 4 – Krakow: For five hundred years Krakow was the seat of the Polish kings. Miraculously unscathed during World War II and now on the UNESCO list of World Heritage Sites, it is certainly one of Europe's most charming cities. This morning's walking tour will visit the area of Wawel Castle and its Cathedral before dropping down into the old town to see the Market Square, Cloth Hall and St. Mary's Church with its magnificent high altar by Veit Stoss. The afternoon is free to continue your own sightseeing or shop for Polish handicrafts at the Cloth Hall. Overnight in Krakow. (B)

Thursday, May 5 – Krakow / Auschwitz / Salt Mines: This morning we will drive to Auschwitz, site of the notorious Nazi concentration camp. After a haunting visit to the death camp, we will enjoy our excursion to the Wieliczka Salt Mines. Listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Salt Mines are a unique phenomenon, once described as being as remarkable as the Pyramids, but more useful. Each of the chambers is more spectacular than the one before - incredible to imagine that the gnomes, the chandeliers, the altars are all carved from salt. Overnight in Krakow. (B)

Friday, May 6 – Krakow / Prague: This morning, we say good-bye to Poland and motor into the Czech Republic. We pass towns rich in Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque styles, and villages splashed with warmly painted, timber homes. In the early evening, we arrive in Prague for the next two nights. (B,D)

Saturday, May 7 – Prague: Known as the Golden City, the city of one hundred-towers and the Jerusalem of Europe, Prague is one of Europe's most beautiful cities. It is also justifiably considered to be one of the forerunners of the Reformation, when Jan Hus, Rector of the university preached against the sale of indulgences one hundred years before Martin Luther. Today's walking tour will take in all the highlights of this breath-taking city - the castle area of Hradcany with St. Vitus Cathedral, the Lesser Quarter, the Charles' Bridge and the Old Town Square. The afternoon and evening are free for individual exploration. (B)

Sunday, May 8 – Prague / Dresden / Erfurt: This morning we drive through the Erzgebirge to the German border and on to Dresden. Once called Florence on the Elbe, for its unique collection of artistic treasures, palaces and museums, the city was razed to the ground during World War II. Dresden has risen from the ashes and with the rebuilding of the Frauenkirche, has become the symbol of a Germany at peace with itself and its neighbors. Following our walking tour to see the Semper Opera House, the Zwinger royal residence, the Court Church and the Meissen porcelain Procession of Princes, there will be time for lunch and individual sightseeing, before we continue to Erfurt for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

Monday, May 9 – Erfurt (Wartburg Excursion): Following breakfast we will drive through the rolling hills of Thuringia to Eisenach, where Martin Luther attended school and sang as a choirboy. Our journey will continue up the mountain overlooking the town to the Wartburg, one of Germany's most ancient castles. It was here that Luther lived in hiding as Junker Jörg for 10 months following the decree which declared him an outlaw after the Diet of Worms in 1521. During this time he translated the New Testament from the

original Greek text into German. Following our visit of the castle we will return to Erfurt, which is one of Germany's oldest towns, with 1250 years of history and a skyline dominated by the spires of its Cathedral and St. Severi Church. Our walking tour of the city will include the 600 year old Kraemer Bridge, the Collegium Maius where Luther attended the university and the remains of the Augustinian Monastery, where he began his monastic life. The remainder of the afternoon and evening are free for individual sightseeing. (B)

Tuesday, May 10 – Erfurt / Leipzig / Wittenberg: This morning we will depart Erfurt and drive to Leipzig, where our walking tour will include St. Thomas Church and the tomb of Johann Sebastian Bach, St. Nicholas Church where the Monday Demonstrations played such a leading role in the downfall of the Communist regime in 1989 and the famous Gewandhaus Concert Hall. Following free time for lunch, we will continue to Wittenberg for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

Wednesday, May 11 – Wittenberg: Today is the climax of our journey in the footsteps of Martin Luther, in the city which is regarded as the very Cradle of the Reformation, where he lived and worked from 1508 to 1546. Our walking tour of Wittenberg will include the Luther House, formerly the Augustinian Monastery, later home of the Luthers and now the largest museum dedicated to the Reformation in the world. We will continue to the Town Church, where Luther preached and the Castle Church, where he posted his 95 theses and where both he and Melanchthon are buried. The remainder of the afternoon and evening is at leisure to truly enjoy Wittenberg - perhaps visit the newly restored Melanchthon House or the House of History, a fascinating documentation of everyday life in the Communist era of East Germany. Overnight in Wittenberg. (B)

Thursday, May 12 – Wittenberg / Potsdam / Berlin: This morning we will drive to Potsdam, favorite residence of the Prussian Kings and German Emperors. Our tour will include a visit to Cecilienhof Palace, which hosted the Potsdam Peace Conference in the summer of 1945 and the gardens of Sans Souci, the Rococo residence of Frederick the Great. Following free time for lunch, we will continue to Berlin, where in the elegant suburbs of the city, we will visit the home of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Lutheran pastor, theologian and martyr. As a founding member of the Confessing Church, he was an outspoken opponent of the Nazi regime and one of the few voices raised against the persecution of the Jews. His involvement in plans to assassinate Hitler led to his arrest in 1943 and execution in April 1945, just 23 days before Germany's unconditional surrender. In the early evening, we will check into our Berlin hotel. (B)

Friday, May 13 – Berlin: This morning our city tour will explore the sometimes tortured history of this fascinating city. Re-instated as Germany's capital and seat of government after re-unification in 1990, there are still 3 parts to this city – old East Berlin, old West Berlin and the 'new' Berlin which has grown out of the wasteland of 'no-man's land' around the Wall. We will experience many reminders of Berlin's recent tragic past - the remains of the Berlin Wall, the place where Checkpoint Charlie once stood, the new Jewish Memorial – but also the elegant avenue Unter den Linden, the Brandenburg Gate, once symbol of the divided city, the Cathedral, Reichstag and the beautiful symmetry of Gendarmenmarkt. The early afternoon is free for individual sightseeing before we gather for our farewell dinner. (B,SD)

Saturday, May 14 – Berlin / Ft. Myers: This morning we begin our journey home. Arrive Ft. Myers this afternoon.

(B) Breakfast (D) Dinner (SD) Special Dinner

## GENERAL CONDITIONS

### CANCELLATION BY TOUR MEMBER

CANCELLATIONS per person: All cancellations must be in writing and acknowledged by TWT. A \$100.00 administrative fee will be assessed for any cancellation plus all costs in cancelling a passenger and all other penalties assessed by airlines, hotels, cruise lines, tour operators, attractions, motor coach companies, etc. PLUS the following:

1) Cancellations postmarked within 180 days of departure, penalty up to 10% of tour cost per person.

2) Cancellations postmarked within 120 days of departure, penalty up to 20% of tour cost per person.†

3) Cancellations postmarked within 60 days of departure, penalty up to 50% of tour cost per person.†

4) Cancellations postmarked within 45 days of departure, penalty 100% of tour cost per person.†

†Additionally, unless a replacement is found, a cancelling tour member will also be charged for the single supplement fee of one's non-cancelling roommate.

**PARTIAL OR COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL AFTER TOUR BEGINS:** Once the tour is in progress, no refund will be made for any unused portion of the tour.

**CANCELLATION BY T.W.T.:** TWT reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure for any reason, including insufficient number of participants, in which case a full refund will be given. TWT also has the right to withdraw your membership at any time if your actions impose upon or disturb the other members of the tour. All additional costs to send a tour member home will be borne by the tour member.

**INSURANCE:** An optional insurance plan is available. We strongly urge all tour members to have insurance in the event of illness or death occurring prior to departure. Also, medical insurance is urged since some insurance companies do not cover an individual while abroad. Please note that this insurance will not cover pre-existing conditions unless enrollment for the insurance is done within a specified number of days of TWT registering you for the tour. If you lose or don't receive this insurance information, immediately contact your tour host or Trans World Travel, Inc..

**WHAT'S INCLUDED:** Only items listed in the Tour Highlights or What the Tour Includes section of the brochure are included.

**AIR TRANSPORTATION:** Round-trip in Economy Class. Individual seating requests cannot be guaranteed due to airline seating policies.

TWT must have your legal name. Reissuance ticket fees are subject to the policies of the individual airline contracted for your tour. Passengers not traveling on the group's air itinerary are responsible for arranging their own transfers from their arrival airport to the group's first hotel or cruise ship and from the group's last hotel or cruise ship to their departure airport.

**HOTEL CLASSIFICATIONS:** We use 3 and 4-star hotels that are chosen on the basis of location, cleanliness and services and, when possible, are typical of the local area, or the best accommodations available in a particular city. All rooms have private bath and toilet facilities.

**WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED:** Excluded is any item or service not specifically indicated as included - such as cost of passports, visas where required, portage at airports and/or ship docks, gratuities on all cruises ships, tips to tour manager, motor coach driver, or guide, optional tours, and any other items of a personal nature including beverages with included meals. No responsibility is incurred by TWT for loss of or damage to baggage or any of the passenger's belongings. Baggage, health and trip cancellation insurance is recommended.

**DEVIATIONS:** Deviations from the group itinerary will be quoted separately and require completion of a "Request for Deviation" Form. Changes are subject to a TWT deviation fee of \$100 per person plus any other travel related fees from airlines, hotels, etc.

**TOUR DOCUMENTS:** Tour documents will be mailed approximately two weeks prior to departure. Documents delayed because of late payment may require express shipment billed to recipient or C. O. D.

**ITINERARY CHANGES:** Occasionally, a change in a portion of your tour, accommodations, services, etc. may be necessitated due to: altered transportation schedules/equipment, weather conditions, labor strikes, road construction, or for other unforeseen reasons outside the control of TWT. Any resultant expenses shall be borne by the passengers.

**RATES:** All rates in this brochure are based on applicable tariffs in effect at the time of printing. Tour price can be increased due to the occurrence of currency fluctuations, the increase in fuel, increase in air tickets, various taxes, or any other increase connected with the tour package. Any cancellation due to any of the above changes is subject to the cancellation policy stated above.

**LEGAL / HEALTH DOCUMENTS:** For international travel, all U.S. citizens must have a current passport with at least 6 months validity remaining from your return date. For certain countries you will also need a properly dated

visa. These documents are your responsibility and we urge you to apply for these documents as soon as possible.

## RESPONSIBILITY

The responsibility of Trans-World Travel, Inc. is strictly limited. As a tour operator, TWT organizes, promotes and sells tour programs consisting of certain travel services, including, but not limited to, surface transportation, sightseeing excursions and hotel accommodations which TWT purchases or reserves from various suppliers. The suppliers providing travel services for TWT's tour programs are independent contractors and are not agents or employees of TWT or any subsidiary company. To the extent that TWT is involved in the sale of air transportation to you, TWT acts as an agent of the air carrier. For all other purposes, TWT does not act as agent for any party.

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These tour programs are planned in advance. If, between planning time and the actual tour operation, circumstances beyond TWT's control require changes, TWT reserves the right to vary itineraries and substitute components of tour programs. Remember that all travel documents, as well as compliance with customs regulations, are your (the tour member's) responsibility.

The payment of the required deposit or any other partial payment for a reservation on a tour constitutes consent to all provisions of the conditions and general information contained in this brochure. The terms under which you agree to take these tours cannot be changed or amended except in writing signed by an authorized officer of TWT. TWT is not responsible for typographical errors or errors of omission.

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