

Lutherland Tour

Getting Ready for the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

September 3–18, 2016

What better way to get ready for the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in 2017 than to visit the sites where so much of the history took place! This tour is packed with all that you would want to see of the Luther sites, plus much more, including Salzburg, Austria. Here is a sampling of what we'll be seeing on this custom-planned tour:

- ✠ The SELK seminary at Oberursel, where we'll have Vespers on the day of our arrival
- ✠ **Worms**, the location of Luther's "Here I Stand" speech
- ✠ Both the Wartburg castle (where Luther was holed up after the Diet of Worms) and the **Coburg** castle (where Luther stayed during the Diet of Augsburg)
- ✠ The cities of **Augsburg, Eisenach, Erfurt, Weimar, and Eisleben** (where both Luther's birth and death occurred)
- ✠ 3 nights in **Wittenberg**, including the opportunity to stay at the newly renovated Latin School you've heard about in the Wittenberg Project. (Our tour operator is based in Wittenberg and will manage the accommodations at the old Latin School.)
- ✠ The cities of **Torgau, Leipzig, Mansfeld**, (as well as **Frankfurt and Berlin**)

In addition to the Luther sites, we will also experience some excellent music, including:

- ✠ A Mozart dinner in **Salzburg, Austria**, which includes live performances of some of Mozart's instrumental and vocal works
- ✠ A performance of a Bach Motet by the Thomannerchor boys choir at St. Thomas church in **Leipzig**, the very church where Bach served.

We will also be seeing some important historical sites, including:

- ✠ The Kehlsteinhaus, Hitler's Eagle's nest
- ✠ The Buchenwald concentration camp
- ✠ The Brandenburg Gate, remnants of the Berlin Wall, Checkpoint Charlie



And of course, we will have plenty of time to simply enjoy the tourist experience of Germany (and Austria).

- ✠ A Rhine river cruise with a Rhine valley wine tasting and dinner
- ✠ Visiting the Saalburg, a fort on the northerneast boundary of the old Roman Empire
- ✠ Lunch at the famed Hofbrauhaus in **Munich**
- ✠ The romantic old city of **Rothenberg** and the famous night watchman tour
- ✠ The Salt mines of Salzburg and/or a boat ride on the Koenigsee
- ✠ Auerbachs Keller (of the famed Faust and Mephistopheles)
- ✠ Famous original works of Albrecht Durer and Lucas Cranach

And there is still a good deal more! All of this is offered for the cost of \$2,995/person plus airfare (currently in the range of \$1,300), including 28 meals, tour guides, transportation, and high quality hotel accommodations. You won't find a better deal for all that's included in this trip anywhere else. We are traveling in 2016 instead of 2017 in order to avoid the crowds and the higher costs of the actual anniversary year. But everything will be prepared and ready for the time of our arrival.

This tour will be led by Pastor Aaron Koch of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Greenfield, Wisconsin. If you'd like more information about this Lutherland tour, pick up a brochure at church or visit the following web site: MountZionGreenfield.org/lutherland-tour-2016. You may also email Pastor Koch at pastor.koch@gmail.com. We hope you'll be able to join us!

