



The German Reformation Tour 2025

October 30th, 2025 until November 09th, 2025

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**Being useful to God in a post-Christian World.
“Exploring Christianity in Germany from The Reformation until now.”**

Join us this fall for a tour of Germany. The tour will examine the theme of living a life that is
“useful to God in a Post-Christian World.”

On this tour, we will explore this theme by touring the country of Germany. Germany is the birthplace of Protestant Christianity. But it also has been dominated by movements like Nazism, Atheistic Communism, and Liberal Secularism. We will explore how the church in Germany responded as we learn of these various movements. The history of Germany raises issues similar to those of our time. How do we, as Gospel people, respond to cultural evil? How do we deal with our history? How do we balance our faith with our responsibilities as citizens? How can we effectively convey the Gospel in difficult times? As we walk through this history, we will discuss how you can be better equipped to live lives that are useful to God.



Day 1 **Oct 30th, 2025**

Arrival at the new Berlin Airport. Transfer to the tour hotel in downtown Berlin. Depending on your flight arrival time, you may want to go for a walk to the nearby city center. 6.00 PM we would like to invite you to refreshments and a Welcome Dinner at the tour hotel. Overnight Berlin. (D)

Day 2 **Oct 31st, 2025**



Start an extended city sight seeing of the famous Berlin sights from different historical periods - Berlin Reichstag, Holocaust Memorial, Brandenburg Gate, Topography of Terror Exhibition. Your visit of the Berlin Wall Memorial at Bernauer Straße makes you understand how it was to live in a divided city during the Cold War. Tonight enjoy a typical Brauhaus Dinner with German food. Overnight Berlin. (B, D)



Day 3 Nov 1st, 2025

This morning enjoy your own activities in Berlin – the city features 170 museums and a dozen sights of WW II and 70 shopping Centers, the most famous one is KaDeWe with a remarkable food store and restaurant. A good place for an exceptional individual lunch in Berlin.

In the early afternoon we take you to the town of Wittenberg, hometown of Martin Luther. Overnight in Wittenberg. (B, D)



Day 4 Nov 2nd, 2025



Reformation Sunday at the first Protestant Church, the town church St. Mary's. Visit the monastery "Augusteum" where Luther first lived as a monk and later with his wife Katharina von Bora and his children. After an included lunch visit the Castle Church with Martin Luthers grave and the famous door where he nailed his 95 theses, which was one of the reasons the Reformation started. End your tour at the famous oak tree where the Reformer burned the papal document declaring his excommunication.
Overnight Wittenberg. (B, L,)

Day 5 Nov 3rd 2025

A leisurely drive through what used to be East Germany befor the reunification takes you to the city of Erfurt. Tour the St. Augustine Monastery, where Martin Luther lived as a monk for 7 years before we visit the mighty cathedral of Erfurt where Luther was ordained. Enjoy a free afternoon in this historic gem – discover the Medieval Center and dozens of little medieval bridges.
Overnight Erfurt (B, D)



Day 6 Nov 4th, 2015



Morning drive to Eisenach. Walk the cobblestone streets of this romantic little town, where the Reformer spend a large part of his youth.

Learn

about the composer J.S. Bach during a visit of the “Bach House”.

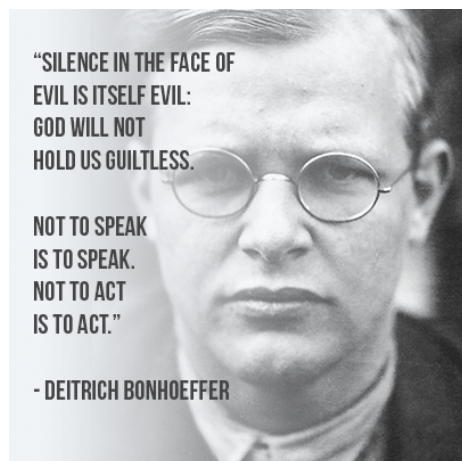


Next our coach takes us up a steep mountain road where on a cliff the famous Wartburg Castle is towering above miles of woods. Here Martin Luther translated the bible into German language

which had an enormous impact not only on Germany but on the whole of Europe. Later return to Erfurt and enjoy a free afternoon in this historic gem – discover the medieval center and dozens of medieval little bridges.

Overnight in Erfurt. (B,)

Day 7 Nov 5th, 2025



We travel from Erfurt to Flossenberg Concentration camp. Pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer – one of the most prominent members of the resistance against Hitler was sentenced to death here at a drumhead court martial and hanged on the night after his arrival on 8 April 1945.

Arrive at Nuremberg in late afternoon.

Enjoy a typical Frankonian Bratwurst & Sauerkraut Dinner at a restaurant, which was a hospital in the Middle Ages.

Overnight in Nuremberg. (B, D)

Day 8 Nov 6th, 2025



Nuremberg. Visit Soldiers Field, where the massive Nazi rallies were held, and then visit the Nuremberg Courthouse. Here something unusual happened after WW II.



For the first time in history, an international tribunal was authorized to hold leading representatives of a state personally accountable for crimes under international law and it was the U.S. that carried it out.

Then take a walking tour including St. Sebaldus Cathedral with the famous Coventry Nail Cross and the fountain at the market square. Overnight in Nuremberg. (B)



Day 9 Nov 7th, 2025



Today experience another gem in Germany – the town of Regensburg by the River Danube. Spend the day visiting the Cathedral and places related to the Colloquy of Ratisbon, a conference held at Regensburg (medieval name Ratisbon) in the year 1541. The world may have become a very different place had the 1541 Colloquy at Regensburg reunified the church.

Tonight enjoy an included dinner at a typical Bavarian Restaurant.
Overnight Regensburg. (B, D)

Day 10 Nov 8th, 2025



Today we take you to one of the most important historical places in Germany – the concentration camp of Dachau. It is called „the mother of concentration camps“ because here the Nazis developed „industrial ways“ of massmur-der.

Return to Regensburg in the afternoon and enjoy a final highlight – a dinner cruise on the River Danube.

Overnight Regensburg (B, D)

Day 11 Nov 9th, 2025

We transfer you to Munich Airport from which your flight home leaves and arrives in the U.S. today.

***** End of the tour *****

