DAY 5 / MAY 10

Leave Wittenberg for **Leipzig**, home of the famous composer J.S. Bach. See his grave at St. Thomas Church where we will try to arrange a short organ concert of Bach music. In this church Martin Luther preached a sermon about the Reformation, and held a debate which resulted in the city of Leipzig becoming Protestant.

Stop for a quick lunch at a highway recreation area.

In the afternoon arrive at the city of **Erfurt**. Let us take you on a guided visit of **St. Augustine Monastery**, where Martin Luther lived as a monk for 7 years. Pastor Lutzer will explain life in the monastery and why Luther chose to become a monk.

Dinner at your hotel. (B, D)

DAY 6 / MAY 11

Morning drive to **Eisenach**. Walk the cobblestone streets of this romantic little town, where Martin Luther spent a large part of his youth. We will have an inside visit of the Luther House.

After lunch, our coach takes us up a steep mountain road where on a cliff the famous **Wartburg Castle** towers high above the woods. We will tour this fascinating castle and Pastor Lutzer will show you the room where Martin Luther translated the New Testament into German, which had an enormous impact 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 little medieval bridges.

Overnight in Erfurt. (B)

DAY 7 / MAY 12

We travel from Erfurt to **Nuremberg**. Visit **Soldiers Field**, where the massive Nazi rallies were held, and then visit the courthouse were some Nazi criminals were later tried. Then take a walking tour including **St. Sebaldus Cathedral** with the famous **Coventry Nail Cross** and the fountain at the market square.

Enjoy a Bratwurst Dinner in a building which was a historic hospital dating back to the 14th century.

Overnight in Nuremberg. (B, D)

DAY 8 / MAY 13

Continue to **Munich** and a visit to the **Nymphenburg Castle**, then a short city orientation followed by a walking tour of "Munich – birthplace of the Third Reich." Pastor Lutzer will take you on a walk where the famous **Nazi Putsch** took place. Included lunch together in the famous restaurant "Ratskeller" in the townhall of Munich.

In the afternoon free time in Munich, then transfer to your hotel in a village outside of Munich, where we will stay for 2 nights. (B, L)

DAY 9 / MAY 14

We take a full day tour to drive into the **Bavarian Alpine Mountains** to visit famous **Hitler's "Eagles Nest"** outside of Berchtesgaden and the Documentation Center with the WWII bunkers

Enjoy an included Bavarian Lunch in a restaurant below the Eagles Nest.

Back to our hotel in the evening – on time for a Special Bavarian Farewell Buffet Dinner. Overnight in a village outside of Munich. (B, L, D)

DAY 10 / MAY 15

3 transfers to Munich Airport to fly home. (B)



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- Visit of the town of Eisenach
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DAY 1 / MAY 6

Arrival at the new Berlin Airport. There will be 3 Transfers to the tour hotel in **Berlin**. Depending on your flight arrival time, we can go for a walk in the city center.

6.00 PM Refreshments and Welcome Dinner

Overnight Berlin. (D)

DAY 2 / MAY 7

In the morning visit the highlights of Germany's old and new political capital: drive by Parliament Reichstag, stop at Holocaust Memorial, Check Point Charlie, Topography of Terror, Brandenburg Gate, and an inside visit of the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church that was bombed out in WWII. Here in the center of the city we give you the opportunity for an individual lunch break.

In the afternoon visit the **Staufenberg Memorial**, the **Museum to the Resistance**, and step inside the magnificent **Berliner Dome**. Tour ends with an optional visit to the Pergamon Museum.

Overnight Berlin. (B)

DAY 3 / MAY 8

Leave Berlin for the **Potsdam Castle**, the home of the Prussian Kings. Walk in the beautiful park and enjoy an inside visit of **Cecilienhof Palace**, where in 1945 world history was made when the heads of state of USA, England, and Russia met to decide the future of Germany. Here is where Harry S. Truman, Joseph Stalin, and Winston Churchill met. See the table where each sat and rehearsed the drama of the Potsdam conference.

At noon we will take you to the historic **Dutch Quarter** with little local shops and restaurants. Have a lunch break before we continue to **Wittenberg**, hometown of Martin Luther. Participate in an English-speaking service held by the "English Ministry," during which couples may renew their vow if they wish (if available).

Tonight enjoy an included dinner at the tour hotel.

Overnight in Wittenberg. (B, D)

DAY 4 / MAY 9

All day in **Wittenberg**. The morning is dedicated to Martin Luther. Visit the **monastery Augusteum** where Luther first lived as a monk and later with his wife Katharina von Bora and his children.

Let a local guide bring you to the two churches that were important in his life – the **Town Church** and the **Castle Church**. There Pastor Lutzer will take us to where Luther nailed the 95 theses, and we will rehearse the details. Also, we will visit the House of Melanchthon, the most important co-worker of Martin Luther.

Enjoy an included lunch in the Town Square or at the cozy Brauhaus Restaurant. Take some time to shop at the stores along Wittenberg's most famous street.

Near the end of the day, Pastor Lutzer will take you where Martin Luther burned the Papal Bull, near the famous **Luther Oak Tree**.

Overnight Wittenberg (B, L)

