



OBERAMMERGAU 2020

Passion Play

MARTIN LUTHER & JAN HUS REFORMATION TOUR

Itinerary:	Prague (2 nights) – Berlin (2 nights) – Wittenberg (1 night) - Leipzig (1 night) – Erfurt (1 night) – Nuremberg (1 night) – Oberammergau (2 nights) – Munich (1 night)
Duration:	12 days / 11 nights

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrive Prague

- Arrive to Prague International Airport and meet your tour escort.
- Enjoy a panoramic overview tour en route to your hotel.
- Dinner and overnight in Prague.

Day 2: Prague

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- This morning embark on the city tour of Prague. Sites of Jan Hus will be visited today. Visit Hradcany town, the Royal Castle, St. Vitus Cathedral and pass by St. Nicholas Church. Cross the Charles Bridge into Prague' s Old Town.
- Have some free time for lunch on your own

- After lunch cross the Charles Bridge and tour the old town, see the Astronomical Clock, the Jan Hus Memorial.
- Enjoy some free time in the Old Town.
- Embark on a short walking tour of the Jewish quarter: the ghetto, synagogues, and cemetery.
- Dinner and overnight in Prague

Day 3: Prague – Dresden – Berlin

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Depart for Dresden. Drive through the landscape to the city of Dresden for a late morning 2 hour tour of city highlights that include the Zwinger Palace, Semper Opera House, the Princess Procession, and Frauenkirche interior visit.
- Free time is provided for a self-host lunch.
- Continue to Berlin, the city formerly divided by an infamous wall..
- Dinner and overnight in Berlin

Day 4: Berlin city tour

- Breakfast at the hotel
- The morning tour still gives evidence of the former divided city. View the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, remnants of the former city wall, St. Hedwig's Church, the State Opera House, St. Mary's Church, and the Brandenburg Gate.
- Visit the renown Pergamon Museum where one may see the reconstruction of classic architecture from biblical periods of Turkey, Greece and Egypt. It was at Pergamum (Turkey) that Christians became the first martyrs under decree of Emperor Domitian.
- After a lunch period visit the Kurfurstendamm Ka De Ve shopping area prior to a 5:30 visit of the Bonhoeffer House.
- Dinner and overnight in Berlin

Day 5: Berlin – Wittenberg

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Board the coach and depart for Wittenberg.
- Enjoy the tour of Wittenberg, where Luther lived and worked from 1508 to 1546. Walk through the old part of town to see Luther's House, a former Augustinian Monastery; the Parish Church, with an Altar painting by Lucas Cranach the Elder depicting Luther while preaching and Melanchthon baptizing a child.
- Dinner and overnight in Wittenberg or its vicinity

Day 6: Wittenberg – Torgau – Leipzig

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Depart for Wittenberg, Luther's work site from 1512 to 1546, until his death. View the Luther House (former Augustinian monastery), his monument in the market square, and Castle Church where Luther nailed his 95 Thesis on the Castle Church, and where he is buried along with Melanchthon. Wittenberg was Luther's home for over 30 years. Visit the interior of the Luther House.
- Have some free time for independent lunch
- Depart for Torgau for a brief visit. Here was a favorite Saxony town. During the reformation period the town council closed all cloisters in 1523. Luther's wife, Katharina von Bora, is buried here in St. Mary's Church. Luther's cantor and close friend, Johann Walter, helped create the music for many of Luther's hymns.
- Drive on to Leipzig
- Dinner and overnight in Leipzig

Day 7: Leipzig – Eisleben – Erfurt

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Enjoy a walking tour of Leipzig. Here Luther attacked the authority of the Pope in 1519 at the Castle of Pleissenburg. Visit St. Thomas Church, Bach's work-site and his grave (under the pulpit). It is a short drive to Halle (birthplace of Handel).
- Continue to Eisleben, where Luther was born in 1483, and died in 1546. Visit Luther's family home and the St. Andreas Church, Luther's Church.
- Continue to Erfurt for lodging.
- Dinner and overnight in Erfurt

Day 8: Erfurt – Eisenach - Nuremberg

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Board the coach and drive to Nuremberg.
- En route stop in Eisenach and the Cotta House where Luther lived, 1498 to 1501, and the Wartburg Castle, medieval castle also known from Wagner's "Tannhauser". The medieval castle was Luther's "prison" while translating the New Testament into the language of the people, i.e., Greek into German (Did he really throw the inkwell at the devil?).
- Have some free time for lunch on your own before we continue to Nuremberg
- Dinner and overnight in Nuremberg.

Day 9: Nuremberg – Oberammergau

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Enjoy guided tour of Nuremberg, one of Germany's most colorful of medieval cities. The town features half-timbered houses. It is noted for its toys, gingerbread, and the renowned WW II trials.
- Have some free time for lunch on your own before we continue our trip to Oberammergau.
- The balance of the day is at leisure.
- Dinner and overnight in Oberammergau or its vicinity.

Day 10: Oberammergau

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Enjoy free morning at Oberammergau village
- Lunch included
- After lunch take seats in the theatre to attend the performance of the world-famous Passion Play. This Play is performed by local villagers – often roles are handed down from generation to generation within families. Dinner is included during a three hour break in the late afternoon and the performance lasts until 10:30 pm.
- Overnight in Oberammergau or its vicinity.

Day 11: Oberammergau – Munich

- Breakfast at the hotel and
- Today we depart for Munich.
- Have some free time for lunch on your own upon arrival.
- We enjoy a guided tour of Munich. We see the Nymphenberg Palace, Olympic Stadium Deutsche Museum, Frauenkirche, Neues Rathaus, and a view of the famous “Glockenspiel” at the Marienplatz
- Dinner and overnight in Munich.

Day 12: Munich departure

- Breakfast at your hotel.
- Transfer to the airport for your flight home



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