



## Lutherland and Oberammergau 2020 Alumni Tour

Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University  
Capital University Office of Alumni Engagement

June 22- July 3, 2020

Visit key places in the life of Martin Luther and the history of the Protestant Reformation! Take advantage of a once-in-a-decade opportunity to attend the world-famous Oberammergau Passion Play! Travel with and learn from the Rev. Dr. Kit Kleinhans, Dean of Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University. Plus, enjoy the opportunity of traveling with your fellow Trinity and Capital alumni. Dean Kleinhans is a scholar of Lutheran history and theology who has led over a dozen study tours and seminars in Lutherland.

Please note that this tour is priced for land arrangements only. Participants are responsible for making their own flight arrangements. We specify the time participants need to arrive in Berlin (roughly by noon on Tuesday, June 23, 2020) and the departure date from Munich (July 3, 2020). We provide transportation to and from the airports on those dates. Allowing participants to book their own flights makes it easier for people to use airline miles, if they have them, and/or to extend the trip before or after. We can also accommodate passengers arriving or departing by train from other destinations within Europe. (Because airlines typically do not sell flights more than a year in advance, packages that include airfare often have inflated prices based on estimate. You will likely find cheaper, more convenient flights on your own.)



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Wittenberg – Torgau - Leipzig – Eisleben – Eisenach – Erfurt – Nuremberg -  
Oberammergau

## Day 1, Monday, June 22, 2020: Your Journey Begins

Depart US for overnight flight to Berlin.

Note: Participants are responsible for making their own flight arrangements.

## Day 2, Tuesday, June 23, 2020: Herzlich Willkommen!

Arrive at Berlin – Tegel airport, where your driver and private motor coach are waiting for you as you exit customs. Transfer to Wittenberg and check into the Colleg Wittenberg, your home for the next 4 days. We will have an orientation walk through the town and then the welcome dinner at the Colleg will get us off to an excellent start. D

## Day 3, Wednesday, June 24, 2020: Wittenberg

In the morning, a guided tour brings you to the Castle Church, also known as the “Theses Church,” and St. Mary’s (Town) Church. At the Castle Church we encounter lofty architecture that is conceptually heavenly but earthbound, majestic but restrained. At St. Mary’s (Town) Church we find the place where Luther often preached and the building that founded the



Reformation. You will also visit the Luther House, converted into a museum in 1883 by the Prussian Crown Prince. This house was given to Luther by the Saxon prince in 1525, on the date of his marriage and now houses 10,000 prints, 6,000 manuscripts, 2,000 coins and medals, and 14,000 illustrations. We will explore the three-story museum and afterwards visit the Melanchthon House. Dinner and overnight at the Colleg. BD

## Day 4, Thursday, June 25, 2020: Wittenberg and Torgau

This morning our bus brings us to Torgau, where we tour the beautiful Renaissance castle “Schloss Hartenfels,” as well as an early, prototypical Protestant church. We also visit nearby St. Mary’s Church, where Katharina von Bora, Luther’s lively wife “Katie,” is buried and the Katharinastube, the house where she spent the last days of her life, now a small museum. After our visit we head back to Wittenberg for a free afternoon and evening. B



### **Day 5, Friday, June 26, 2020: Leipzig**

Visit Leipzig today. In October 1989, the people of Leipzig first organized the demonstrations that brought hundreds of thousands into the streets for the "Peaceful Revolution." We will visit their rendezvous point at the Gothic (12th century) St. Nicholas Church. Meet with a local pastor who shares the story of how the Peaceful Revolution began. Enjoy the Motette at the 14th-century St. Thomas Church, where Luther

preached and where Bach served as cantor and choirmaster for 25 years. Afterwards, return to Wittenberg for dinner and overnight. BD



### **Day 6, Saturday, June 27, 2020: Eisleben and Eisenach**

Today, we say goodbye to Wittenberg and travel to the other Luthertown, Eisleben, the place where Martin Luther was born and later died. We visit his home, which is typical of the middle ages. An exhibition interprets his childhood. Later, we will stop at the church of St. Peter and Paul, the site of Luther's baptism. Our visit also includes a stop at St. Andrews' Church, where Luther gave his last four sermons. Afterwards we continue to Eisenach. Check-in at Hotel Haus Hainstein for the next two nights. Dinner and overnight. BD

### **Day 7, Sunday, June 28, 2020: Eisenach**

Join the local congregation for worship service this morning. After lunch we gather again for a walking tour of Eisenach which will bring you to St. George's school, which Luther attended from 1498 to 1501, and to the Bach House, where you will experience the atmosphere of an early-18th-century home and hear a demonstration of period instruments from Bach's time and have a chance to see the newly completed museum exhibits on Bach's life and works. Dinner and overnight. BD

### **Day 8, Monday, June 29, 2020: Wartburg Castle**

Today we'll tour the Wartburg Castle, where Luther disguised himself as a squire named "Junker Jörg" and hid away for ten months while he was on the run from imperial authorities. Here Luther created one of his most important works—the translation of the New Testament into German. On our private guided tour of the castle, we will also see the room where Luther lived and worked on his translation. In the afternoon, we transfer to Erfurt. Check in at the Radisson hotel for two nights. Dinner and overnight. BD



### **Day 9, Tuesday, June 30, 2020: Erfurt and Buchenwald**

Enjoy a walking tour of Erfurt this morning. We will see the University district, where Luther studied, and visit St. Mary's Cathedral, where he was ordained. A tour of the Augustinian Monastery, where Luther took his monastic vows and lived as a monk, will follow. Lunch on your own and free time. In the afternoon, we continue to the former concentration camp Buchenwald, where a quarter million people were imprisoned between 1937 and 1945. All of them suffered and 50,000 of them died. Among the prisoners were Lutheran pastors Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Paul Schneider, outspoken opponents of National Socialism. A private guided tour will allow us time for reflection and a service of reconciliation. We head back to Erfurt. No group dinner tonight. B

### **Day 10, Wednesday, July 01, 2020: Nuremberg and Oberammergau**

Today, we will leave Eisenach and travel south to Nuremberg and explore the city. We see the charming medieval center during a walk that will include the fortress and the Old Town. This is a walk through time from the Middle Ages to the present, highlighted by a visit to the St. Lawrence Church and opportunities to shop for Lebkuchen and pewter. Afterwards we continue our journey through Bavaria and drive to Oberammergau. In the evening, we will check-in to our hotel. Dinner and overnight. BD

### **Day 11, Thursday, July 02, 2020: The Passion Play in Oberammergau**

We will have the morning free, to enjoy the colourful paintings on the wooden houses in the village and to do a little shopping. Following lunch, the highlight of the trip, the Passion Play in Oberammergau begins! The Play was instituted in fulfillment of a vow made in 1633, when the town was stricken by plague. It was performed for the first time in 1634 and since then has been played every ten years. It's just a short walk from the hotel to the theater, which was built in 1930 and has seating for 4,800 spectators. While the seats are covered, the stage is open to the elements, using the natural grandeur of the region as a back-drop. BLD



### **Day 12, Friday, July 03, 2020: Auf Wiedersehen!**

All too soon our adventure draws to a close as we transfer to Munich airport and catch our flights home – or on to other adventures. B



## GENERAL INFORMATION

**The net rates per paid participant for the land arrangement are based on double occupancy and do not include airfare!**

minimum of 25 participants	US\$	2,450.00	per person
single room supplement	US\$	820.00	

### Accommodations planned:

Wittenberg	4 nights	Colleg Wittenberg
Eisenach	2 nights	Haus Hainstein
Erfurt	2 nights	Radisson BLU
Oberammergau	2 Nights	Hotel Alte Post

### Included:

- Thoroughly experienced multilingual tour director from Berlin airport to Munich airport.
- Transportation in a 4 - star European-styled motor coach with climate control, reclining seats, restroom, sink, refrigerator, and coffee machine. Maximum 44 seats.
- First Class hotel accommodations, Category C accommodation in Oberammergau.
- First Class (TK 1) Passion Play Ticket.
- Bilingual text book for the Passion Play.
- Taxes, parking and road fees.
- Guided tours in Wittenberg, Torgau, Leipzig, Eisleben, Eisenach, Erfurt and Buchenwald.
- Entrance fees to the Castle Church, Town Church, Luther House museum and Melanchthon House museum in Wittenberg.
- Entrance fees to St. Mary's Church and Schloss Hartenfels Chapel in Torgau.
- Admission to St. Thomas Motet.
- Presentation on Peaceful Revolution in Leipzig incl. room rental.
- Entrance fee to St. Andrews Church, St. Peter and Paul Church and Luther's Birth and Death house in Eisleben.
- Entrance fee to Augustinian Monastery exhibition in Erfurt.
- Admission to the Bach House in Eisenach including a mini concert.
- Admission and guided tour at the Wartburg Castle in Eisenach.
- 19 meals: 10 buffet breakfasts (B), 1 lunch and 8 dinners (D) Beverages and drinks are not included with dinners.
- All necessary tips such as bellman, maid, doormen and dining room tips for meals specified in the itinerary. The customary gratuity to tour directors, drivers, and step-on guides is included.
- Information folder for all participants including town and country brochures and maps, along with information on Germany and a detailed timed itinerary upon arrival in Berlin.

### Not included:

Airfare, expenses for passports, visas, additional beverages, bar bills, telephone calls, laundry or items of a personal nature, baggage or other insurance, meals other than those included in the itinerary, baggage service.

### Deposit/Payment/Cancellation:

Registration and payment may be made online at [2020 Alumni Tour](#) or copy and paste the following URL:

[https://epay.capital.edu/C20501\\_ustores/web/store\\_main.jsp?STOREID=116](https://epay.capital.edu/C20501_ustores/web/store_main.jsp?STOREID=116).

An initial \$300 deposit is due with registration. A second deposit of \$1,000 is due no later than October 1, 2019. Full payment is due by April 1, 2020. The deposits serve as cancellation fees. Checks should be made payable to Capital University, with a notation "Alumni Tour 2020," and mailed to Dean's Alumni Tour, Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University, 2199 E. Main Street, Columbus, Ohio 43209.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### **Terms and Conditions:**

Any person reserving a Christian Tours Europe ("CTE") tour accepts the condition that CTE reserves the exclusive right to change tour itineraries, hotels, and other tour components whenever it is deemed necessary, although tours are planned and hotels are booked with all possible care. Published times in our itineraries are as accurate as possible and subject to change due to traffic, weather, mechanical and any other conditions that prevent CTE from operating under normal conditions. CTE cannot accept liability in the case of any passenger being denied boarding by any airline carrier due to carrier's over-booking of a flight, nor does it accept liability in the case of a cancelled or delayed flight. It shall be the passenger's responsibility solely to provide the means to join a missed tour that is already in progress. In the event that any dispute arises in which any party has a right to assert a claim, the exclusive jurisdiction for that claim shall be in a court of competent jurisdiction located in Wittenberg, Germany. The tour is operated exclusively under German law.

### **Responsibility:**

Christian Tours Europe, Wittenberg, Germany acts only as an agent for all suppliers of service offered on this tour and does so upon the express condition and agreement that it shall not be liable for any injury, loss, damage, accident, delay, irregularity, or expense arising from strikes, war, weather, quarantines, sickness, government restrictions or regulations, from any act or omission of any individual, firm or corporation furnishing transportation, sightseeing, hotel accommodations, or any service in connection with such travel plan, or from any other cause whatsoever in connection therewith.

### **Baggage:**

Transportation for one full-sized suitcase per person is included. For extra luggage, an additional \$30.00 per bag will be assessed. There is no charge for an additional carry-on bag, which must fit under your seat or in the overhead rack and for which you will be responsible. Although every effort is made to handle passengers' luggage as carefully as possible, Christian Tours Europe cannot be responsible, assume liability, or accept claims for loss or damage to luggage due to breakage, theft, or fair wear and tear though hotel and group carrier handling.

### **Travel requirements and insurance:**

For U.S. citizens, a valid passport is all that is required. Participants are responsible for all visa, health and passport regulations. Please check your medical insurance for overseas coverage. It is recommended that participants purchase trip insurance to cover health, trip cancellation, and loss of baggage.

### **Gratuities:**

All necessary tips, such as maid, doorman, and dining room tips for meals specified in the itinerary and the customary gratuity to escorts, drivers and step-on guides are included. Tips for beverages and drinks are not included; if you wish, such appreciation may be extended on a voluntary and individual basis.

### **Physical activities:**

Travelers should be in good health, able to climb stairs (sometimes many) without assistance, and to walk at a modest pace for more than a mile at a time.