

A CELEBRATION OF LUTHERAN HERITAGE IN GERMANY AND PRAGUE



OCTOBER 27–NOVEMBER 6, 2016

Hosted by religion faculty Mark Tranvik and Hans Wiersma

PROGRAM ITINERARY

Thursday, October 27

MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL DEPARTURE

Depart Minneapolis-St. Paul on a Delta Air Lines flight.

Friday, October 28—BERLIN ARRIVAL (D)

A German tour guide welcomes group to Berlin. Board a private motor coach. Depending on time of arrival, there may be an introductory drive before check-in and dinner at [Maritim Hotel Berlin](#), stopping at:

- [Brandenburg Gate](#)
- [Berlin's Holocaust memorial](#)
- [Museum at Bernauer Strasse](#)

Saturday, October 29—DISCOVER BERLIN (B)

- Guided tour of the [Checkpoint Charlie Museum](#).
- Visit the [Bonhoeffer Haus](#) for a presentation on Dietrich Bonhoeffer's life and legacy.
- End at [Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church](#).
- Free time for individual exploration. One option is to attend the Organ Vespers at the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, which takes place most Saturdays at 6 p.m.
- Dinner on own to try local cuisine and overnight in Berlin.

Sunday, October 30—BERLIN/WELCOME TO WITTENBERG (B, D)

- Sunday morning worship at [Berliner Dom](#) followed by a 90-minute drive to Wittenberg.*
- Take a guided tour through [Lutherhaus](#), where Martin and Katie Luther lived, now a museum of Reformation artifacts and exhibits.
- Arrive at [Colleg Wittenberg](#), located in the heart of the city, for check-in, dinner, and overnight.



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Monday, October 31—WITTENBERG REFORMATION FESTIVAL (B)

Wittenberg is alive with Reformation spirit today as nearly 500 years of Lutheran heritage is celebrated in the city where Martin Luther lived for 36 years. Attend special morning worship service followed by free time to choose among festival activities including a parade, food booths, exhibits, and concerts. Enjoy the atmosphere of street performers, artisans, and musicians typical of Luther's time.

Dinner on own and option to attend a classical concert (ticket additional cost) at the Town Church. Overnight in Wittenberg.

Tuesday, November 1—EXPLORE ERFURT (B, D)

- Leave Wittenberg for a reflective visit to [Buchenwald](#), a former concentration camp turned memorial and museum.
- Lunch break in nearby [Weimar](#).
- Head to Erfurt, where Martin Luther studied and lived from 1501-1511.
- Brief visit to St. Augustine's Monastery.
- Arrive at the [Radisson BLU](#) for check-in.
- Dinner at a local restaurant and overnight in Erfurt.

Wednesday, November 2—LEIPZIG/ARRIVE IN DRESDEN (B, D)

Leave Erfurt for a two-hour drive to Leipzig and a memorable visit to [St. Thomas Church](#) where Johann Sebastian Bach was cantor for 27 years and Martin Luther once preached the implementation of Reformation. Meet with a local pastor at St. Nicholas Church to hear about how the 1989 Peaceful Revolution began at the church. Continue to the city of Dresden and arrive at the [Maritim Dresden Hotel](#) for check-in, dinner, and overnight.

Thursday, November 3—EXPLORE DRESDEN/WELCOME TO PRAGUE (B, D)

Take a guided tour of Dresden featuring a visit to the [Frauenkirche](#), Church of Our Lady Lutheran, which remained in ruins for decades from the WWII bombing until the recent restoration. After some free time for lunch on own, drive south to Prague. Arrive at the [NH Hotel Prague City](#) for check-in followed by dinner.

Friday, November 4—DISCOVER PRAGUE (B, D)

- Discover Prague's [Old Town](#)* on a walking tour with a local guide, passing [Our Lady Before the Tyn Church](#), the leading church of the Hussite movement for 200 years.
- Possibly a short devotion at [Bethlehem Chapel](#) where Jan Hus preached his ministry of reform.
- Visit [Wenceslaus Square](#), the protest site during the Velvet Revolution.
- Explore Prague's imposing [castle](#) featuring visits inside the impressive [St. Vitus Cathedral](#) and Vladislav Hall.
- Final group dinner at a local restaurant.

Saturday, November 5—PRAGUE (B)

Take a guided walk across the famous [Charles Bridge](#) and continue by foot to Prague's [Jewish Quarter](#) to learn about the community established here in the 12th century. Enjoy rest of day meandering Prague's narrow streets, scenic bridges, and vibrant squares. Savor local cuisine on own.

Sunday, November 6—PRAGUE DEPARTURE (B)

Transfer to the airport for departure to Minneapolis-St. Paul.



Cost

The comprehensive cost for this custom-designed travel program is estimated at \$4,500 from Minneapolis-St. Paul. Single room accommodations will be available at a supplemental cost as well as departures from other U.S. cities. Flights and airfare are not available until late December 2015.

Registration

Registration will open in January 2016 when a brochure will be made available detailing the program cost, inclusions, and instructions for enrollment. A deposit of \$600 is required for registration. **Space is limited; register early.**

Hosts

Your religion faculty hosts, Mark Tranvik and Hans Wiersma, enhance this uniquely Augsburg experience with their wide-ranging knowledge and expertise. For their complete bios, go to augsb.org/alumni/travel.

Lori Moline '82 from Seminars International, Inc. has planned and coordinated all travel arrangements. Lori has been involved in creating Augsburg alumni travel for more than 20 years.

Includes meals: B, breakfast; D, dinner

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