

CUSTOM "MARTIN LUTHER TOUR" IN GERMANY – SUMMER 2016
GROUP "XXXX"

Travel in the footsteps of one of the most famous Germans - Martin Luther. Born in 1483 in the small town Eisleben he has spent most of his life in the today's East German states Saxony-Anhalt, Thuringia and Saxony. In the 16th century Martin Luther's challenging theological ideas inspired the Protestant Reformation and changed the course of Western civilization. Our exclusive tour takes you to the places where Martin Luther has lived and worked and back to the medieval times in which he has lived – and to one of the most interesting cultural landscapes in German and European history. Martin Luther was born and has died in the small town Eisleben in 1546. In the small historic town of Eisenach, nestled in the scenic Thuringian Forest, Martin Luther attended the St. Georg School until 1501 and here he also sang in the church boy choir. Erfurt is considered young Luther's spiritual home. Founded in 742, Erfurt has one of the largest listed historical city centers in Germany. Martin Luther was a student at the University in Erfurt, Germany's third oldest university. Luther was admitted to the Augustinian Monastery in 1505 where he was later ordained to the priesthood and where he has lived as a monk. In Wittenberg Martin Luther has spent most of his life carrier and here he posted his famous 95 theses and held the very first service in German. The Luther House where Martin Luther has lived for almost 35 years and where he and his wife, Katharina von Bora, raised their six children, today accommodates the world's largest museum relating to the history of the Reformation. Due to the ban of the Catholic Church, Martin Luther was forced 1521 into protective custody at the fortress Wartburg in Eisenach where he translated the New Testament into German. In 1537, Martin Luther presented in the town of Schmalkalden his articles of faith, which were incorporated into the Book of Concord of the Evangelical church as the Schmalkaldic Articles. The Luther sites in Eisleben and Wittenberg as well as the Luther fortress Wartburg in Eisenach have the status of UNESCO World Cultural Heritage sites.

We offer customized private tours on request for both, independent travelers on self-guided trips as well as for individuals and existing groups on escorted tours. We work with groups of all sizes.

We lay-out the group trip for a leisure travel pace providing everyone the opportunity to truly enjoy the tailor-made trip in Germany and also to have enough free time for individual activities, shopping or just to relax. Our trip planner for Germany is a native German and knows also the more hidden places – and the good places to savor authentic German food and delicious local specialties.

"All I had to do was tell them where I wanted to go and they took care of all the rest! The service and communication were excellent and the fee was very reasonable! Terry B, FL

The service TGAC provided was perfect. We easily enjoyed our three week trip in Germany and Austria. We could not have done this without her knowledge and experience." Diana E., OR

Contact us for detailed information & registration for your group's customized Luther Tour.

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Travel date: **July 11th – 22nd, 2016** (12 days / 10 nights on ground)

Day 01 – Mon, July 11: 04:15 PM group flight departure from Houston, Texas / 1-stop flight to Germany
 Day 02 – Tue, July 12: 11:40 AM group flight arrival in Berlin / Airport transfer to hotel / Rest & Relax / Individual activities in Berlin / Welcome group dinner / *Hotel: Berlin*
 Day 03 – Wed, July 13: Guided Berlin tour by bus and on foot with Berlin Cathedral, Museum Island, Brandenburg Gate, Reichstag building etc. / Group lunch / Individual activities in Berlin (optional Spree boat tour) / *Hotel: Berlin*
 Day 04 – Thu, July 14: Transfer to Wittenberg / Guided walking tour in Wittenberg with Castle Church / Group lunch / Visit of the Luther House / *Hotel: Wittenberg*
 Day 05 – Fri, July 15: Church service in Wittenberg / Day trip to Eisleben with guided walking tour / Group lunch / Luther's Birth House / *Hotel: Wittenberg*
 Day 06 – Sat, July 16: Transfer to Leipzig / guided walking tour in Leipzig with St. Thomas Church, Old Town Hall, Arcades etc. / Group lunch / Time for individual stroll in Leipzig / Transfer to Dresden / *Hotel: Dresden*
 Day 07 – Sun, July 17: Guided walking tour in historic Dresden with Semper Opera House, Church of Our Lady, Zwinger Palace, Residence Castle etc. / Group lunch / Individual activities in Dresden / *Hotel: Dresden*
 Day 08 – Mon, July 18: Transfer to Erfurt / Guided walking tour through historic Erfurt with St. Mary Cathedral, Augustinian Monastery, Merchants Bridge etc. / Group lunch / Individual activities in Erfurt / *Hotel: Erfurt*
 Day 09 – Tue, July 19: Day trip to Schmalkalden with guided walking tour with St. Georg Church and medieval small town center / Group lunch / *Hotel: Erfurt*
 Day 10 – Wed, July 20: Day trip to Eisenach / Luther House & St. Georg Church in Eisenach / Group lunch / Wartburg Fortress with guided tour / *Hotel: Erfurt*
 Day 11 – Thu, July 21: Transfer to Berlin / Time for individual activities and final souvenir shopping in Berlin / Farewell group dinner / *Hotel: Berlin*
 Day 12 – Fri, July 22: Airport transfer / 11:00 AM group flight departure / 1-stop return flight to U.S. / 06:30 PM group flight arrival in Houston, Texas

Ground tour price* for customized escorted trip with English speaking native German guide:

\$2,745 per person (credit card payment)
\$2,649 per person (check payment / 3.5% discount)

Group airfare (min 10 participants): \$1,637 per person (credit card payment)
\$1,579 per person (check payment / 3.5% discount)

* In ground tour price included: Lodging (twin bed or double room), daily rich breakfast, airport transfers for group flights in Berlin, private transportation by coach with professional bus driver (incl. gas, parking fees, refreshments - limited), native German English speaking group escort 24/7, day passes for public transportation in Berlin (3 days), admission fees for group activities, 4 local guided tours at castles / museums, 10 group meals incl. 1 beverage, incentive for group leader, group travel insurance, travel documents. The ground tour price is calculated for a minimum number of 12 paying travelers. Group airfare requires a minimum of 10 participants. Add \$440 per person single room supplement. USD price calculation is based on bankers buyers exchange rate 1 EUR = 1.15 USD (subject to change).
 Trip itinerary and ground tour price are subject to change due to possible limitations of availabilities.

* Not included: Airfare, credit card payment fee (add 3.5%), extra meals aside breakfast and group meals as listed in the program, individual expenses, shopping, excess baggage charges, public transportation aside Berlin, boat tours.

