

AN INTRODUCTORY NOTE FROM
LCMS PRESIDENT MATTHEW C. HARRISON



Dear Wittenberg Confessor and Friend,

Great news! We had such a wonderful response to our 2022 Lutherland Tour that **we are hosting a tour in August of 2024**. Check out the brochure! From the Alps to Heidelberg, from Worms and the Rhine to Eisenach and Wartburg, to Wittenberg, I'm inviting you to join us. This will be a fulsome experience of Lutherland, the heart of the Reformation in Wittenberg, and beautiful and cultural sites in Germany on a 12-night, 13-day tour that will also bring vital support to our Old Latin School (OLS) in Wittenberg. The historical, theological and cultural insights will sparkle from OLS Director Rev. Dr. Wilhelm Weber, LCMS Church Relations Director Rev. Dr. Jonathan Shaw, and yours truly. If you participate, I am asking you prayerfully to make a \$3,000 commitment over three years for support to the OLS to continue its Gospel work of Word and Sacrament ministry and Bible classes, its confessional Lutheran interpretation of the Reformation, and its retreat focus for personal growth — a ministry faithful to the Gospel and Luther's biblical teaching, which otherwise would not exist in Wittenberg, the birthplace of the Reformation. Spaces are limited, so register soon at lcms.org/lutherland-tour-2024.

I hope you can travel with us on this tour, but, either way, the doors are wide open for needed OLS support. The remittance form lists options for the three-year donor commitment (one-time gift of \$3,000, three annual gifts of \$1,000, or \$75 gift over 40 months).

It is a joy to partner with you in preaching the Gospel through the Old Latin School.

Sincerely, in Christ,





Lutherland—Beautiful Germany—Wittenberg—The Old Latin School

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

August 23—September 5, 2024

Munich – Oberammergau – Heidelberg – Worms – Marburg – Wartburg Castle – Erfurt – Eisleben – Leipzig – Wittenberg – Torgau – Nuremberg

DAY 1 Friday, August 23, 2024: Departure
Individual departure from the US, transatlantic overnight flight to Munich, Germany.

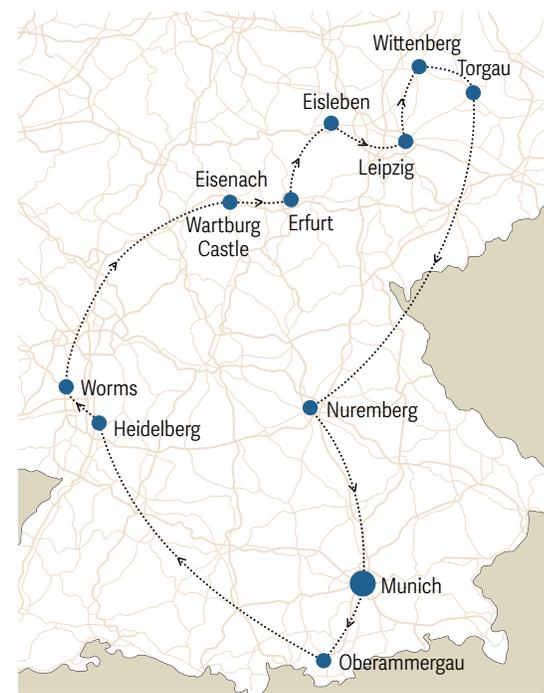
DAY 2 Saturday, August 24, 2024: Munich/ Bavarian Alps
Arrive at Munich airport and meet your tour manager and bus. Drive to famous Kloster Andechs for a welcome lunch with stipend. Continue to Oberammergau for check-in at Hotel Alte Post, a charming hotel in the center of the Passion Play town. Dinner provided at the hotel.

DAY 3 Sunday, August 25, 2024: Oberammergau, Bavarian Alps
Divine Service in Oberammergau after breakfast. Then, venture into the stunning Bavarian Alps. Nestled in the mountains, make a visit to King Ludwig’s Neuschwanstein Castle as well as the Wieskirche. Back to Oberammergau for a free evening and dinner on your own.

DAY 4 Monday, August 26, 2024: Garmisch-Partenkirchen and Alps
We visit the Monastery in Ettal in the morning, before we spend the whole day in the mountain resort of Garmisch-Partenkirchen. Enjoy stops at the Olympic Stadium, as well as Eibsee for a walk along the lakeshore at the foot of the Zugspitze, the tallest mountain in Germany. In the evening, enjoy dinner with traditional Bavarian entertainment including Schuhplattler folk dancing with dinner stipend. Return to Oberammergau for the evening.

DAY 5 Tuesday, August 27, 2024: Heidelberg
Leave the Alps and head north to Heidelberg. We will walk along the shopping street, Hauptstrasse, visit the Heidelberg castle, the baroque style old town and the famous University district. We will stop at the location of Luther’s 1518 Heidelberg Disputation and pause to consider Luther’s theology of the cross developed in his Heidelberg Theses. Enjoy some free time to discover Heidelberg on your own until we continue to Darmstadt for hotel check in and a dinner provided.

DAY 6 Wednesday, August 28, 2024: Worms and Rhine River
Today, Worms is on your list. It was at the Diet of Worms in 1521 where Luther stood his ground with the Emperor and refused to recant what he had said and written about grace, about indulgences, about the Pope. Our visit in Worms will include the grounds of the former Bishop’s Residence, the Luther Monument and St. Peter’s Cathedral.



At noon, we continue to Rüdeseheim. After some free time here, board a riverboat and take a two hour Rhine river cruise, seeing many castles and visiting some sites made famous by German folklore, including the Loreley. Disembark at St. Goar and travel back to Darmstadt for a free evening.

DAY 7 Thursday, August 29, 2024: Wartburg and Eisenach

We will check out of our hotel, board our bus and make our way to Eisenach and visit the Wartburg Castle. This is the place where Luther was held in friendly captivity after having been declared a heretic and outlaw, and where Luther translated the New Testament into German. The Wartburg was also the home of Elizabeth of Thuringia who renounced her royal privileges to spend a life serving the poor. Afterwards we will drive into the center of Eisenach and visit the birthplace of Johann Sebastian Bach. Enjoy exploring Eisenach on own before we head to Erfurt for hotel check in and a dinner provided.



DAY 8 Friday, August 30, 2024: Erfurt

We meet our local guide who shows us the beautiful city of Erfurt where Luther first studied law and later became a monk. Our guide will take us on a tour of Erfurt that will include the Augustinian monastery, the university Luther attended, and St. Mary's Cathedral, where Luther was ordained. The afternoon and evening offers ample free time for exploring on your own.

DAY 9 Saturday, August 31, 2024: Eisleben and Leipzig

We will begin our morning with a city tour of Eisleben, the town where Luther was born and where he died. We will use the visit to Luther's baptismal church to remember our own baptisms with a short meditation. We continue to Leipzig for exploring and a self-guided tour, do not miss the two famous Leipzig churches: the Thomaskirche where Bach served as cantor and the St. Nicholas Church where the weekly peace prayers grew into the "Peaceful Revolution." Continue to Wittenberg for check in and a dinner provided.



DAY 10 Sunday, September 1, 2024: Wittenberg

In the morning we will celebrate the divine service at the chapel of the Old Latin School. After time for lunch, we will take tours of both Wittenberg churches: The Castle Church (the 95 Theses church) and the Town Church where Luther preached and which has the Reformation Altar painted by Lucas Cranach, the Elder. Enjoy free time in the evening.

DAY 11 Monday, September 2, 2024: Wittenberg

We will start our day in Wittenberg with a tour of the annex of the Luther House, the former monastery and a wedding gift to Luther from the prince. The Luther House has one of the world's largest Reformation archives. Although it is closed due to renovations, we will see the most important pieces, which are on display in the neighboring Augusteum. We will also visit the Melancthon House, home of Philipp Melancthon, Luther's colleague and companion throughout the Reformation. Free afternoon and evening to further explore Wittenberg on own. Dinner provided.

DAY 12 Tuesday, September 3, 2024: Torgau

Today we travel to nearby Torgau. Torgau and Wittenberg both had a royal residence of the Saxon Prince Elector. You will visit the Palace (from the outside), the Palace Chapel (the first church designed as a Lutheran church), and the church where Katharina von Bora, Luther's wife is buried. Katharina died in Torgau after suffering a fall while leaving Wittenberg because of the plague. Return to Wittenberg.



DAY 13 Wednesday, September 4, 2024: Nuremberg

We leave Wittenberg and travel to Nuremberg. We will have free time to walk around this medieval city – many will want to visit St. Sebald's church. We will leave Nuremberg for our final destination, Munich. Check in at Marriott Freising hotel. This evening, we celebrate the past 13 days, sharing our stories and memories at our Farewell Dinner provided at nearby Huber Weissbräu Restaurant.

DAY 14 Thursday, September 5, 2024: Auf Wiedersehen!

All too soon our adventure draws to a close as we transfer to Munich airport and catch our flights to our homes across the US.



General Information

RATES

The net rates per participant for the land arrangement are based on a minimum of 25 paying participants, double occupancy, and does not include airfare.

Per Person: US \$ 2,540.00

Single room supplement: US \$ 750.00

ACCOMMODATION

Oberammergau	3 nights	Hotel Alte Post
Darmstadt	2 nights	Maritim Hotel
Erfurt	2 nights	Radisson BLU
Wittenberg	4 nights	Old Latin School and Colleg Wittenberg
Munich	1 night	Marriott Airport Freising

INCLUDED

- ✓ Thoroughly experienced multilingual tour director from Munich airport to Munich airport.
- ✓ Transportation in a 4-star European-styled motorcoach with climate control, reclining seats, restroom and refrigerator. Maximum 44 seats.
- ✓ First Class hotel accommodations, in Wittenberg at Old Latin School and Colleg Wittenberg.
- ✓ All taxes, parking and road fees.
- ✓ Local tours in Heidelberg, Worms, Marburg, Erfurt, Eisleben, Wittenberg, Torgau and Nuremberg.
- ✓ Entrance fees to Neuschwanstein Castle.
- ✓ Entrance fees for the Castle Church, Town Church, Luther House special exhibition, and Melanchthon House museum in Wittenberg.
- ✓ Entrance fee to Birth and Death House museums and St. Peter and Paul Church in Eisleben.

- ✓ Admission to the Augustinian Monastery exhibition in Erfurt.
- ✓ Entrance fee and guided tour of Wartburg Castle and entrance fee to Bachhouse Museum in Eisenach.
- ✓ Entrance fee to Heidelberg Castle including cable car ride.
- ✓ 18 meals: 12 breakfasts and 6 dinners, plus stipends for one lunch and one dinner.
- ✓ 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, information on Germany and a detailed timed itinerary upon arrival in Munich.

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

The registrar for this trip is Georgia Endicott in the LCMS Office of the President. Her contact information is as follows:

Georgia Endicott
 Email: georgia.endicott@lcms.org
 Phone: 314-996-1407

Please feel free to contact her with any questions regarding the tour, your financial support to the OLS, etc. She will send updates electronically periodically as the countdown begins.



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. Should you desire such insurance, please mark that on your registration form; the registrar will mail an offer for trip insurance to you.

GRATUITIES

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.

PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES

The tour will involve physical activity. You 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. Christian Tours Europe requires all handicapped or disabled clients requiring special assistance to be accompanied by a responsible paying adult and Christian Tours Europe must be notified, in advance, of this special required assistance.

