

Lutherland and/or Oberammergau 2010 Germany Tour

Tour Host: The Rev. Larry W. Myers

**A Fantastic Adventure in Germany
16 Days- OR 8 Days- Option**



Wittenberg, Germany



Luther, by Lucas Cranach the Elder



The Wartburg, Eisenach



Oberammergau Passion Play, Bavaria

Tour Dates:

August 13-28, 2010 (16-Days Option)

August 21-28, 2010 (8-Days Option)

\$4,650 (with air; \$3,150, land only)—16 Days

\$3,775 (with air; \$2,275, land only)—8 Days

Includes: Air (\$1,500 maximum); land transportation and accommodations; two meals daily (three in Oberammergau); all tipping for guides & drivers; and a \$950 HK III package (in Oberammergau) with Category 1 ticket for the Passion Play.

ITINERARY

Day 1, Friday, August 13

Transatlantic overnight flight to Berlin (Host will arrange purchase of airfare, as necessary. Airfare must be arranged on one's own, if land only.).

Day 2, Saturday, August 14

Welcome to Germany! Arrive in Berlin, where your German tour director and land transfer await you as you exit customs. Plan to arrive no later than 3:00 p.m. local time.

Multiple transfers will be arranged to the downtown area of Germany's capital for hotel check-in. Time permitting, visit the Pergamon Museum on Berlin's "Museum Island."



Welcome meeting and dinner at hotel. BD

Day 3, Sunday, August 15

Breakfast will be followed by a full day in Berlin. Become familiar with the vibrant city of Berlin with a city tour that includes its major religious and historical sites. During the tour we will show you sights such as the 1905 neo-Baroque Berlin Cathedral, the bomb-damaged tower of the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, the Brandenburg Gate, the Reichstag (private tour possible), the "Unter den Linden" government district, and remains of the Berlin Wall. Lunch and time are on your own, but Part 2 of your city tour includes a visit to the Bonhoeffer House. Continue to Wittenberg for dinner and overnight. BD



Day 4, Monday, August 16

Explore Wittenberg today, where Martin Luther lived and taught for 36 years. This morning includes a worship service in the brilliant interior of the Castle Church, where we encounter lofty architecture that is conceptually both heavenly and earthbound, both majestic and restrained. This is the "Theses Church,"



where the Reformation began. Stroll through Wittenberg's historic Market Square, Town Hall, and St. Mary's Church. When Luther married in 1525, his prince presented him with the building where he had lived as a monk. In 1883, the Prussian Crown Prince established this "Lutherhaus" as a museum which archives more than 10,000 prints, 6,000 manuscripts, 2,000 coins and medals, and 14,000 illustrations. We explore the three-story museum, which displays only a fraction of its Reformation collection, the world's largest. The Reformer's living room, known as the *Lutherstube*, is especially well preserved. The Melancthonhaus will be visited, as well as the site of the new International Lutheran Welcome Center. After a full day of reformation history, some free time in the afternoon with another overnight in Wittenberg. BD



Day 5, Tuesday, August 17

We leave Wittenberg and visit Torgau: In 1544, Martin Luther consecrated the Castle Church at Schloss Hartenfels as the prototypical Protestant worship space. We will visit this perfectly preserved Renaissance castle and its "Beautiful Oriel" chapel. Explore the cantilevered spiral staircase. We continue to nearby St. Mary's Church, where

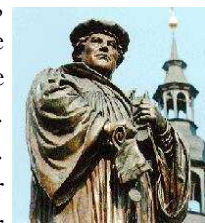


Katharina von Bora, Luther's lively wife "Katie," is buried. Later on, to Gräfenhainichen, where we will visit the house, chapel and exhibit of Paul Gerhardt. Back to Wittenberg for dinner and overnight. BD



Day 6, Wednesday, August 18

In the morning, we visit Eisleben: Luther's birth and death occurred in Eisleben, his Bethlehem and Jerusalem. His home is typical of the Middle Ages. An exhibition interprets the spiritual environment of Luther's childhood. We can further understand the foundation of Luther's faith when we visit the Church of St. Peter and Paul, where Luther was baptized. The late medieval residence where Luther died is preserved nearby. Our tour includes a stop at St. Andrews Church, where Luther gave his last four sermons. After some time on our own for lunch, we will continue to Mansfeld to visit sites of the Mansfeld Latin School, the Evangelical Church and the Mansfeld Castle. Continue to Erfurt for hotel check in, dinner and overnight. BD



Day 7, Thursday, August 19

Enjoy a scenic drive to Eisenach this morning: We tour Wartburg Castle. Luther's prince had him "kidnapped" after the Diet of Worms and taken here for protection. He assumed the name "Junker Jorg", grew his hair and beard, wore secular clothes and took advantage of the seclusion to create one of the most important works of his life, the translation of the New Testament. In the afternoon, a walking tour will bring you to the city center, where Luther attended St. George's school from 1498 to 1501 and the birthplace of Johann Sebastian Bach. Luther always had fond memories of his school



days and called Eisenach "... my dear town". Visit Luther's house as well as the Bach house, where you will feel the atmosphere of a residential home of the early 18th century with a demonstration of musical instruments from Bach's time. Back to Erfurt for a typical Thuringian dinner at a local restaurant. Following dinner, our way back to the hotel brings us to the old university grounds and the Krämerbrücke (Merchant's Bridge.) BD



Day 8, Friday, August 20

Wealthy merchants founded Erfurt's university. When Luther studied here, the university was a center of humanist thought where church dogma was brought into question. We will visit St. Mary's Cathedral, where Luther was ordained.



The stained glass windows, bronze candelabra, and Gloriosa bell were all here during Luther's time. Included is a visit through the former Augustinerkloster, where Luther read his first mass and lived as a monk for six years. A short drive will bring us to neighboring Weimar: In 1790, Johann Gottfried Herder introduced "historic evolution," the concept that cultures progress toward an ideal condition of "humanity." The Church of St. Peter and Paul in Weimar is called the "Herder Church" in honor of his work here. A visit to the Goethe Haus will be part of the city tour as well. After time for lunch and some time on your own, we head to Buchenwald. Between 1937 and 1945, a quarter million people were imprisoned at Buchenwald concentration camp. 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. Continue to Leipzig for dinner and overnight. BD

Day 9 / Day 1 , Saturday, August 21

During a walking tour we will visit the most important sights of Leipzig, including the St. Thomas Church and the St. Nicholas Church, where the Peaceful Revolution began in 1989. Lunch is planned at the historic Auerbachs Keller, where, in a scene made famous by Johann Wolfgang von Goethe's *Faust*, Faust and Mephistopheles drank with the local students before flying away on a barrel. In the afternoon, we will enjoy the Motette at the 14th century St. Thomas Church, where Luther preached and where Bach served as cantor and choirmaster for 25 years. Free evening; no group dinner tonight. BL



8-Days Option participants board trans-Atlantic overnight flight to Frankfurt/Main.

Day 10 / Day 2, Sunday, August 22

We leave Lutherland and travel south to Coburg for a tour of the castle, where Luther stayed during the Diet of Augsburg in 1530. Sunday worship will be held in the bus enroute.

8-Days Option participants arrive in Frankfurt/Main and are met by land tour representative for transfer to Rothenburg ob der Tauber.



After lunch on own, we continue to Rothenburg ob der Tauber. We focus on Germany's Romantic Road, which passes the most attractive places between the River Rhine and the Alps. The highlight, beyond all doubt, is Rothenburg ob der Tauber, which with its old houses, ramparts,

magnificent buildings and narrow cobbled streets became a Mecca for visitors from all over the world. After hotel check-in and dinner, explore this town on an entertaining Watchman's Tour in the evening. Overnight in Rothenburg. BD

Day 11 / Day 3, Monday, August 23

We travel south and visit Augsburg, well known as the place where Melancthon delivered The Augsburg Confession to the Diet in 1530. Augsburg is the third largest city in Bavaria, after Munich and Nürnberg. It is an ancient and famous imperial city and home of the two great medieval merchant dynasties of the Fuggers and the Welsers. During our guided city tour we will view the Cathedral, whose five windows on the south side of the nave have the oldest figural stained glass in Germany, probably dating from before 1100 and the Fuggererei, a 16th century low-income housing project, which still exists to date. During our free time for lunch you might also want to view the Mozart House, the birthplace of Leopold Mozart, the famous composer's father. In the afternoon continue to Austria and St. Leonard, a little suburb of Salzburg, beautifully located on foot of Mount Untersberg. Hotel check- in, dinner and overnight. BD



Day 12 / Day 4, Tuesday, August 24

Discover the famous sights of Salzburg on a guided walking tour through the Old Town. See Mozart's birthplace, the Cathedral, St. Peter's Abbey and cemetery, and the impressive 12th century Hohensalzburg Castle overlooking the town. After the tour, enjoy time on your own to explore the Old



Town and indulge yourself in a shopping spree at the famous Getreidegasse. This evening we are in for a special treat - our Mozart Dinner during which young musi-

cians perform and introduce us into the musical world of Mozart. BD

Day 13 / Day 5, Wednesday, Aug 25

We leave Salzburg this morning for Lake Königsee, famous for its crystal-clear waters. Enjoy a cruise on the lake and visit one of Germany's most famous pilgrimage churches, St. Bartholomä. Afterwards,



visit the Obersalzberg Documentation Center and Hitler's Kehlsteinhaus, known as the Eagle's Nest. Following lunch on your own in the mountains, we travel to Oberammergau, with visits to Ramsau and Maria Gern enroute. BD



Day 14 / Day 6, Thursday, August 26

In the morning, we will call at the Monastery Ettal and later at Castle Linderhof, King Ludwig's summer residence and favorite rococo castle. Stroll through the beautifully decorated halls and admire the delightful garden. 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 theatre, 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 15 / Day 7, Friday, August 27

This morning some final alpine vistas as we head north to Munich. On arrival a local guide will introduce us to the sights of Bavaria's capital, the Nymphenburg Palace, Marienplatz, Frauenkirche and the Olympic Stadium. This evening, we celebrate the past two weeks, sharing our stories and memories at our Farewell Dinner. Park Inn Munich Ost. BD



Day 16 / Day 8, Saturday, August 28

All too soon our adventure draws to a close as we enjoy our final German buffet breakfast, transfer to the Munich airport, and catch our homebound flights. Multiple transfers, as needed, will be arranged from the hotel.

DARE TO COMPARE!

You won't find a comparably priced study tour exactly like this one in 2010 of such high quality for such a reasonable price! The 16-Days Option is the lowest cost, per day, of any Lutherland & Oberammergau combo tour in 2010.

[NOTE: Itinerary & details of program have been arranged personally by Pastor Myers, who lived in Germany during 1980-86, served Trinity Lutheran Church in Frankfurt/Main, and regularly led study tours into the former East Germany. This study tour is the result of his 30 years of experience in studying Luther sites in Germany.]

INCLUDED FEATURES

- Airfare (\$1,500 maximum, if purchased through host)
- Land transportation in Germany (via 4-star motor coach) and accommodations in Germany (double occupancy; supplementary charge for single)
- Entrance fees to sites specified in program itinerary
- Two meals daily (breakfast and dinner or breakfast and lunch); total of five meals (D, B, L, D, & B) in Oberammergau.
- Category 1 ticket for the Passion Play in Oberammergau
- Tips (including guides and drivers) and local taxes
- Baggage handling for one piece of luggage per guest

NOT INCLUDED

- Air transportation, taxes, & fees (if land only)
- Any passport, visa, or health fees
- Phone calls
- Beverages & drinks at meals (except breakfast)
- Tips for beverages & drinks
- Bar bills
- Meals not in program itinerary
- Personal expenses
- Items of a strictly personal nature
- Customs
- Travel/trip insurance

COST:

\$4,650 per person—16 Days

(Land Only—\$3,150 per person)

\$500 single supplement

\$3,775 per person—8 Days

(Land Only—\$2,275 per person)

[Based on double occupancy]

\$250 single supplement

**Note: Participants should be able to climb stairs (sometimes many) without assistance and to walk at a modest pace for a mile at a time.

For further information, please contact:

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To register,

please use Reservation Form.

Travel / Trip Insurance: Participants are encouraged to purchase trip insurance to cover health, trip cancellation or delay, and loss of baggage. Highly recommended is the Trip Insurance Store (www.TripInsuranceStore.com), an insurance broker in Owatonna, MN, that can easily compare multiple plans for you (based on your own needs) and offer a plan at the same cost as the individual companies. Visit them online or call Steve, Deanna, Becky, Teresa, or Mary toll free at 1-888-407-3854.

TOUR TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Rates are applicable for 2010. Due to currency fluctuations, Christian Tours Europe (CTE) reserves the right to adjust prices after renegotiation with the booking party (the tour host). All rates are net without commission and in U.S. Currency.

LAND TRANSPORTATION: As specified in the respective tour itinerary. Where motor coaches are specified, these are modern, large-windowed, air-conditioned/heated vehicles designed especially for sightseeing.

HOTELS: All four-star comparable hotels, as specified in brochure. The tour price is based on shared accommodation in twin-bedded room with private shower or bath. A limited number of single rooms are available at an additional supplement stated in brochure. Single rooms, when available, are often smaller than doubles. Tour participants without a roommate will have to pay the single rate.

MEALS: As per tour brochure. In-flight meals as per the airline's normal meal service policies.

SIGHTSEEING: As specified in the itinerary, including the services of a thoroughly experienced, multilingual tour director from Berlin (or Frankfurt) to the Munich Airport. (Right is reserved to vary the sequence of sightseeing programs, or to make substitutions if necessitated by circumstances beyond our control.)

LUGGAGE: Seasoned travelers have found it convenient to use one piece of baggage only, with wheels attached. Remember that, if you pack it, you carry it! Free baggage handling (on land portion of tour) is provided for one piece of luggage per participant. Additional pieces may incur additional airline charges, and an additional \$30 is charged on the land portion of the tour for each extra piece of luggage.

TIPS AND LOCAL TAXES are included, except for drinks and beverages at lunch and dinner and as noted in the tour brochure.

INCLUDED IN PRICE OF BASIC STANDARD PROGRAM: Ground transportation and accommodations in Germany (as detailed in brochure); transfers with group to and from overseas airports and hotels; shared double room in four-star comparable hotels; two meals daily (three in Oberammergau); English-speaking guides; transportation and entrance fees to sites to be visited; parking & road fees.

NOT INCLUDED: Land only option—transfer to/from U.S. airport; airfare, applicable air taxes, U.S. and international departure taxes, & security surcharges. Both options—visa, & health fees; telephone calls; valet/laundry service; bar bills; other items of a strictly personal nature; baggage or other travel/trip insurance (which is highly recommended); and any drinks or beverages [Please note that the custom abroad is to include coffee or tea with breakfast only; it is an extra charge when ordered with other meals, as are mineral waters, wines, or liquor.]; tips for drinks or beverages; meals other than those detailed in the tour brochure; personal expenses within the U.S.A. or Canada; and customs taxes. Also, any exception noted on the face of the booking registration form and/or in the tour brochure as indicated in "not included" box of brochure.

PASSPORTS: All tour members must have a valid passport. As of June 1, 2009, all persons traveling by air are required to present a passport or other valid travel document to enter or re-enter the United States. The passport should be valid a minimum of three months after the end of the tour. To apply for passports you can contact your local Passport Office, USPS, or the Clerk of the District or County Court.

DOCUMENTATION: U.S. citizens require a valid passport for international travel. Regulations of the U.S. Customs Service require airlines to provide access to information contained in passenger reservations.

RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT INFORMATION

RESERVATIONS may be secured upon payment of a deposit in the amount per person, as specified in the tour brochure. We recommend that this be done far in advance of the reservation deadline in order to secure passports and other documents.

DEPOSIT AND FINAL PAYMENT: As of June 1, complete payment is due immediately with one's registration form. Late payments may be charged late fees. Extraordinary mail charges required by late booking, changes, or late payments must be borne by the passenger.

CANCELLATIONS: Airfare, if purchased, is nonrefundable, nor is the \$950 Oberammergau package. The remainder of the land portion of the tour, a portion of it, or individual tour members may be cancelled for a \$75 administrative fee up to ten weeks prior to departure. A 40% fee is required for cancellation made eight to four weeks prior to departure. A 70% fee is required for cancellation made less than four weeks to one week prior to departure. No refund can be made for a cancellation made less than one week prior to departure or a no-show. Group rates are subject to change if size of group varies due to cancellation. Travel / Trip Insurance, which includes cancellation coverage, is highly recommended.

TRANSFERS: Included in each city abroad between airports and hotels and vice versa. Transfers will be arranged for those who do not arrive with the main group. However, participants must arrive in Berlin no later than 3:00 p.m. on 14 August (for the 16-day option) and in Frankfurt am Main no later than 10:00 a.m. on 22 August (for the 8-day option).

AIRLINE / INITINERARY ARRANGEMENTS: Deviations from the departure date or return date are at the discretion of the individual participant. If a participant desires to extend her/his trip, this land-only package makes it easy to do so. Please note that clear, accurate communication with the tour host is necessary in order to arrange a transfer from the Berlin airport or Frankfurt airport and to the Munich airport.

INSURANCE: Neither the tour host nor Christian Tours Europe (CTE) is responsible or liable for loss, damage, theft of luggage or personal belongings, personal injury, accidents, or illness. For your protection we strongly suggest that you purchase adequate insurance to cover these eventualities and the cost of the tour itself. We strongly recommend that you be insured against the eventuality of cancellation.

HEALTH REGULATIONS: Smallpox vaccinations are no longer required to enter countries visited in the brochure, or to re-enter the U.S.

PRICES quoted herein are expected to be in effect at the time of departure but are subject to change prior to departure (due to fluctuations in monetary exchange rates). Fare levels are subject to change and government approval and as applicable on the date of departure.

GENERAL CONDITIONS AND RESPONSIBILITY: The tour host and Christian Tours Europe (CTE) agree to provide the itinerary described in this brochure, and this represents the entire agreement between the passenger and the tour host and the land tour operator. No changes or deviations are effective unless approved in writing and signed by an authorized officer of the land tour operator. Except as stated herein, no person is authorized to cancel, modify, or vary the tour arrangements or to make any representation of warranty concerning the tour. All prices, itineraries, and schedules are subject to regulations and changes thereof by acts of Government, International Agreement, and Airline tariff adjustments, rules, and regulations. In the event of rescheduling of the tour due to unforeseen circumstances, the cancellation and refund clause will apply. The tour host reserves the right to refuse or revoke travel to anyone who is, in the sole judgment of the tour host, incapable of group travel.

SEQUENCE OF TOUR: During certain periods of conventions, congresses, sports events, and other unforeseen events and circumstances, the tour operator and/or tour host may have to make last-minute changes (sometimes even after arrival) in the sequence of the tour. All services to which participants are entitled will be rendered. 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 Braunschweig, Germany. The tour is operated exclusively under German law.



Why and how is this great deal being offered?

Unlike most pastor-led tours, this one does not pass on the cost of the tour for the host and his family member to the tour participants.

In other words, Pr. Myers is bearing his personal costs of the tour—paying for airfares, advertising, & borrowing to make down payments—not to mention his countless hours of planning and selling the tour.

The tour host has paid \$31,350 to guarantee Oberammergau accommodations.

The tour host is paying interest each month on the borrowed amount.

Therefore, total payment is required with each registration.

About the Host / Study Tour Leader:

The Rev. Larry W. Myers

- Administrative Pastor, Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church, Elm Grove, WI
 - 10 Years Experience in Lutheran Churches overseas (4 in South Korea; 6 in Germany)
 - 30 Years Experience as Chaplain, U.S. Air Force Reserve (first-ever Reserve chaplain to serve on the Joint Staff of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; retired with rank of Colonel)
 - Former Professor at Concordia College, St. Paul, MN (1977-80); Concordia Lutheran College of Texas, Austin, TX (1986-88); and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO (1988-89)
 - Interim Staff on LCMS Commission on Theology & Church Relations (1989-90)
 - Active Member of Whitnall Park Rotary Club (Past President)
 - Executive Committee, 440 AW/128 ARW Community Council
 - Vice-President, South Wisconsin District, LCMS, Central East Region (2006-2009)
 - Member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Philological Association, & American Classical League
 - Graduate Studies in Classical Languages (Greek & Latin); Summer School Graduate of American Academy in Rome and American School of Classical Studies in Athens
 - Has led and/or organized nine study tours to Germany, three to Israel, one to Greece/Turkey, and one to Italy
 - Lives in New Berlin, WI, with son Christoph-Martin Mattias Myers (who was born in Frankfurt/Main, Germany)
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