



Tour: Luther500 Festival and Tour

Grace Lutheran Church, Palo Alto, CA

Date: July 18 – 25, 2017

Itinerary:

Tuesday, July 18 Getting to Wittenberg

Upon arrival at Berlin airport we will be met by Luther500 Festival staff and our waiting de-luxe motor coaches. We will make our way to Wittenberg where we check in to the conference center/hotel. After this long travel day we'll enjoy our Luther500 Welcome BBQ!

Wednesday, July 19 in Wittenberg

Our first of 5 Luther500 Festival days in Wittenberg*. The cradle of the Reformation!

Thursday, July 20 Day excursions from Wittenberg

Two different day excursions are offered today to see more Luther sites outside of Wittenberg:

- **Wartburg Castle and Erfurt** – Our first stop is to visit the magnificent Wartburg Castle where Luther took refuge after the Diet of Worms. Among many letters and books he wrote here is the first translation of the New Testament into German. We will have a guided tour and visit the 2017 National Exhibition “Luther and the Germans.” On our way back to Wittenberg, we’ll stop in Erfurt. Luther lived here as a student before he joined the Augustinian monks. We will see the market square and magnificent cathedral, stroll through the little streets with rich timber framed buildings, cross the merchant’s bridge, and have evening prayer in the Augustinian monastery which Luther always thought of as his spiritual home.





- **Eisleben:** This is the town where Martin Luther was born and where he died. We will have a festival-style day in Eisleben with options to visit the museum of Luther's birth house, the museum in the place where he died, and St Andrew Church with the last original pulpit from Luther's time. Evening prayer will be in the stunningly updated St Peter and Paul where Luther was baptized.
- If you don't want to attend a day excursion you may also stay in Wittenberg and enjoy your day in museums and exhibitions.

Friday, July 21 **Day excursions from Wittenberg**
The *same* two excursions are offered again. See above.

Saturday, July 22 **in Wittenberg**
Luther500 Festival day in Wittenberg*.

Sunday, July 23 **in Wittenberg**
Luther500 Festival day in Wittenberg*.
We will also have our Sunday worship service today.
Our last evening includes a cruise on the Elbe River, passing by the skyline of the Altstadt (Old City).



Monday, July 24 **to Berlin**
We leave Wittenberg today for Berlin.
Besides some basic sightseeing we will also visit the 2017 National Exhibition in the German Historical Museum "The Luther Effect. 500 Years of the Reformation."
Our farewell dinner will be in a rustic German restaurant tonight.



Tuesday, July 25 **Homeward Bound**
Our motor coaches take us to Berlin airport this morning for our homebound flights.



**Luther500 Festival Day includes items like: Morning and Evening Prayer in the historic Wittenberg churches, study and sightseeing options, servant projects, and leisure activities, e.g. Wittenberg in the GDR Revolution, gardening at the Luther graveyard, retirement home singing and visiting, Historic Printing Workshop, make a clay Luther Rose, help in a refugee camp (variable), Melancthon House tour, bicycle tour of old and new Wittenberg, canoe on the Elbe River, walking tour of the Altstadt (Old City) of Wittenberg, Tour of the Luther House and museum, and potentially, more, more, and more, and you can always shop or nap as you choose!*

Exact schedules will be determined in close cooperation with the tour operator before the tour. Due to unexpected circumstances like weather conditions, heavy traffic, changes of museum opening times, etc. Terra Lu Travel has to reserve the right of changes.

Package includes:

- Festival with 6 nights in Wittenberg Youth Hostel/Conference Center *all rooms with shower/ bathroom.*
- Breakfast and Dinner *or* Lunch box every day
- Morning and evening prayer usually in historical churches
- Festival program with interest centers, admission to local museums and exhibitions, servant projects in Wittenberg
- 2 different day excursions:
 - Wartburg & Erfurt: Guided tour of Warburg Castle with admission to Luther jubilee exhibition and walking tour of Erfurt with evening prayer in the Augustinian monastery.
 - Eisleben: Tour of Luther's birth house, churches and town, admission to churches and to museum included with evening prayer in Luther's baptismal church.
- Airport shuttle motor coaches from Berlin to Wittenberg
- Elbe river cruise in Wittenberg
- Private motor coach from Wittenberg to Berlin Airport
- Terra Lu tour companion, experienced Lutheran, the friendly host for the group.
- 1 overnight in a good 3- 4- star Hotel, located downtown Berlin
- Farewell dinner in a charming restaurant in Berlin
- Berlin: Bus sightseeing tour with local guide
- Berlin: Admission to national exhibition "The Luther Effect"
- All local tours with selected, English speaking guides
- All local and federal taxes included

Not included:

- Air fare
- Portorage



Luther500 Festival Price:

\$1,250 per person (no cost for under 2 years of age)

Upgrade for overnight in a local hotel in Wittenberg (6 nights):

\$390 per person in double occupancy

\$520 per person in single occupancy

By January 15, 2016: 10% (\$125/person) of the overall balance (paid to Grace)

By June 15, 2016: + 30% of the overall balance (paid to Grace)

By December 15, 2016: remaining 60% of the overall balance (paid to Grace)

