



**Luther, Pietism, and Bonhoeffer:
Germany Study Tour
January 4-25, 2015**

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You are invited to participate January 4-25, 2015 in a study tour to Germany, focused on *sites related to the legacy of Martin Luther, German Pietism, and Dietrich Bonhoeffer*. In anticipation of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, this immersion will trace these three key threads of the Reformation heritage in relationship to their significance to present day realities in church and society.

Travel will include sites and encounters related to Luther (Wittenberg, Eisleben, Erfurt, Eisenach, and the Wartburg Castle), German Pietism (Herrnhut, Halle, and Neuendettelsau), the Czech Reformation (Prague), Bach (Eisenach and Leipzig), and Bonhoeffer (Berlin, Buchenwald, and Flossenbürg).

The tour is being organized in partnership with Christian Tours Europe (contact: Christian Eggert). The complete itinerary of and conditions related to the tour is attached.

Costs are as follows:

Airfare round trip Chicago to Berlin (local transport to and from Chicago to be arranged by participants): \$1100** (**subject to change based on fuel costs)

Per person rates for tour services, ground travel and hotels (according to number of participants):

15 – 19 paying participants	US\$ 2,600.00	per person
20 – 24 paying participants	US\$ 2,340.00	per person
25 – 29 paying participants	US\$ 2,190.00	per person

Additional cost for single room accommodations: \$600 per person

39 meals: 20 buffet breakfasts and 19 dinners are included in the trip expense. All other meals are paid by the participants (beverages and drinks are not included with lunch and dinners).

Not included: Expenses for passports, visas, bar bills, additional beverages, telephone calls, laundry or items of a personal nature, baggage or other insurance and meals other than those included in the itinerary.

Members of the group may decide to purchase group travel insurance by mutual agreement.

Deposit of \$1500 due upon registration and by October 1, 2014 at the latest.

Remainder due on November 1, 2014 (this is the firm due date!)

Reservation information (*including participant name, address, phone number, birthdate, and email address*) and payments by check (*made out to Wartburg Seminary*) should be sent to:

Wartburg Theological Seminary
c/o Dr. Craig Nesson
333 Wartburg Place
Dubuque, IA 52004

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE A VALID PASSPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL! United States passports do not require a visa for travel in Germany.

Please send Dr. Nesson your full name as in Passport, your birthdate and your Passport Number ASAP.

This immersion is *available for 3 hours of academic credit* at ELCA theological seminaries for students completing all required work and paying tuition to the home seminary.

Wartburg Theological Seminary students may meet their Cross-Cultural requirement by completing the requirements of this course.

Reading List (required for those seeking academic credit):

Peter C. Erb, Editor. *Pietists: Selected Writings*. Paulist Press, 1983.

Jan Hus, Wikipedia, <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jan_Hus#Famous_followers_of_Jan_Hus>

Heiko Obermann, *Luther: Man Between God and Devil*. Yale University Press, 2006.

“Wilhelm Loehe and His Legacy,” *Currents in Theology and Mission* 33(April 2006) [available from WTS for \$5].

Ferdinand Schlingensiepen, *Dietrich Bonhoeffer 1906-1945: Martyr, Thinker, Man of Resistance*. T & T Clark, 2010.

Recommended Readings (for all participants, in addition to the above):

Geffrey B. Kelly and F. Burton Nelson, Editors. *A Testament to Freedom: The Essential Writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer*. HarperOne, 1995.

Timothy F. Lull and William R. Russell, Editors. *Martin Luther's Basic Theological Writings*. Third Edition. Fortress Press, 2012. [or an earlier edition].

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Day 1, Sunday, January 4, 2015: Your Journey Begins

Depart the US, transatlantic overnight flight to Berlin.

Day 2, Monday, January 5, 2015: Herzlich Willkommen!

Arrive in Berlin, transfer to Wittenberg. Check in at Colleg Wittenberg for the next two weeks. After dinner, a welcome and orientation meeting will get you off to an excellent start (9 overnights in Wittenberg). D

Day 3, Tuesday, January 6, 2015: Wittenberg through

Day 10, Tuesday, January 13, 2015: Wittenberg
(breakfast and dinner daily)

In Wittenberg, the following tours and lectures are planned:

- Guided tour of Wittenberg, which includes the Castle Church and Town Church, as well as the Luther House and Melanchthon House Museums.
- Coffee and cake and a presentation of the Luther Garden, a project of the LWF that will culminate in the celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.
- Sunday worship service with local church members.
- English Stammtisch (has to be on a Thursday evening).
- Meeting with vicars and professors of the Preacher's Seminary in Wittenberg.
- Meeting with Protestant sisters of a convent in Wittenberg.
- Lecture on church life in East and West Germany (before and after the re-unification of Germany).

- Day trip to Leipzig

Enjoy a full day in Leipzig. In May 1989, the people of Leipzig first organized the demonstrations that brought hundreds of thousands into the streets for the "Peaceful Revolution." We will visit their rendezvous point at the Gothic St. Nicholas Church, built in 1165. After time and lunch on your own (we suggest to go for lunch at the historic Auerbachs Keller, where, in a scene made famous in Johann Wolfgang von Goethe's *Faust*, Faust and Mephistopheles drank with the local students before flying away on a barrel). We meet for a presentation by a participant in the Peaceful Revolution. Later on, we will enjoy the Motet with the famous St. Thomas Boys Choir at the 14th century St. Thomas Church, where Luther preached and where Bach served as cantor and choir master for 25 years.

- Day trip to Eisleben

We visit Eisleben. Luther's birth and death occurred here, in his "Bethlehem" and "Jerusalem." His home is typical of the Middle Ages. An exhibition interprets the spiritual environment of Luther's childhood. Our tour includes a stop at St. Andrews, where Luther gave his last four sermons.

- Half-day trip to 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.

Day 11, Wednesday, January 14, 2015: Herrnhut

We say good-bye to Wittenberg and travel to Herrnhut, town of the hymn writer Nicolaus von Zinzendorf, center of the Moravian settlement and home of the *Daily Texts*, Bible readings used devotionally worldwide since the early 18th century. Visit the congregational building, local history museum and the factory, where the Moravian stars are made, hear a presentation on "The Daily Texts: Scripture in Christian Spirituality" or "Life and Work of Count Zinzendorf". Check in, dinner and overnight at the Retreat Center Herrnhut. BD

Day 12, Thursday, January 15, 2015: Prague

Start the day in joining the Herrnhut community for morning devotion. Afterwards, we continue to Prague. Begin to discover this historic and elegant baroque city while meandering through the narrow streets of Old Town. Admire the Astronomical Clock Tower and visit the Church Our Lady before the Tyn, the leading church of the Hussite movement for the 200 years following the execution of Jan Hus. Explore the Jewish Quarter to learn about the community established here in the 12th century. Check into your nh hotel for the next two nights. BD

Day 13, Friday, January 16, 2015: Prague

This morning visit the grounds of Prague Castle to explore the magnificent St. Vitus Cathedral and Vladislav Hall. The afternoon offers free time to discover Prague on your own. No group dinner tonight. B

Day 14, Saturday, January 17, 2015: Flossenbürg

We leave the Czech Republic and reenter Germany for Neuendettelsau. On our way, we will have a guided tour of the former concentration camp Flossenbürg, where Dietrich Bonhoeffer was imprisoned and died. Continue to Neuendettelsau, check in and dinner at the Dialog Hotel BD

Day 15, Sunday, January 18, 2015: Munich

After Sunday worship with the Neuendettelsau congregation, we head to Munich. A tour will introduce us to the sights of Bavaria's capital, the Nymphenburg Palace, Marienplatz, Frauenkirche and the Olympic Stadium. The tour will also include a visit and presentation of the White Rose documentation center at the Munich University. Back to Neuendettelsau for dinner and overnight. BD

Day 16, Monday, January 19, 2015: Neuendettelsau

In Neuendettelsau, we will hear from a local scholar, Horst Becker, on "Loeche and Mission: A Global Perspective," and "Lutheranism's Pathway to Iowa," followed by a visit to the Loeche Museum. This will be a day to think about our roots and how the church and the Reformation movement have branched out over the years into the whole world. In the afternoon, meet a diaconal sister who will talk to us about their life, mission and work. She

will show us around their facilities. Possible meeting with professors and students of the Augustana Hochschule. BD

Day 17, Tuesday, January 20, 2015: Nuremberg

We travel to Nuremberg to visit the Documentation Center Nazi Party Rally Grounds. After a guided tour and some free time for lunch in the old town, continue north to Lutherland again. Check in at Hotel Hainstein in Eisenach. BD

Day 18, Wednesday, January 21, 2015: Eisenach and Wartburg Castle

First on our list this morning is a visit the Wartburg Castle, where Luther disguised himself as a squire named "Junker Jorg" and hid away after he was declared an outlaw at the Diet of Worms in 1521. Here, at the Wartburg Castle, he created one of his most important works — the translation of the New Testament into German. On our guided tour of the castle, we will also see the room where Luther lived and worked on his translation. In the afternoon, we visit the Bach House to experience, what a typical home looked like in the 18th century, see an interesting collection of antique instruments and enjoy a musical presentation using a variety of these period pieces. A walking tour of Eisenach will bring us to St. George's school, which Luther attended from 1498 to 1501, to the market square and St. George's Church, where Johann Sebastian Bach was baptized and Martin Luther sang in the boys' choir. BD

Day 19, Thursday, January 22, 2015: Erfurt and Buchenwald

We visit Erfurt today, where we will take a city tour in the footsteps of Martin Luther. We will see the university district, where Luther studied, and visit St. Mary's Cathedral, where he was ordained. We will also tour the Augustinian Monastery, where Luther took his monastic vows and lived as a monk. After some free time for lunch, continue to the former concentration camp Buchenwald, where a quarter million people were imprisoned between 1937 and 1945. 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. A private guided tour will allow us time for reflection and a service of reconciliation. Back to Eisenach for dinner and overnight. BD

Day 20, Friday, January 23, 2015: Halle

We continue our journey and travel to Halle. Visit the Market Church, where we will 'see' George Frederick Händel who composed "The Messiah." Martin Luther's body rested here overnight en route to Wittenberg. A chamber is devoted to his death mask. Our visit includes the Francke Foundations, a center of Pietist practice, from where Henry Melchior Muhlenberg began his 1742 journey to organize the Lutheran Church in North America. Continue to Berlin. Hotel check in, dinner and overnight. BD

Day 21, Saturday, January 24, 2015: Berlin

Today we become familiar with the vibrant city of Berlin on a city tour including its major religious and historical sites. Your local tour guide will show you sites, such as the 1905 neo-Baroque Berlin Cathedral, the bomb-damaged tower of Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, Brandenburg Gate, Reichstag, the "Unter den Linden" government district, and remains of the Berlin Wall. The afternoon is dedicated to the Bonhoeffer House, built in 1935 for Dietrich Bonhoeffer's parents. Hidden here, the manuscript of Bonhoeffer's

analysis of the German resistance survived the war. On April 5, 1943, Dietrich Bonhoeffer was arrested in this building, which now houses an exhibit devoted to his works. On our way back to the hotel, visit St. Matthews Church where Bonhoeffer was ordained. Opposite of our hotel is the little museum about the German resistance. Farewell dinner. BD

Day 22, Sunday, January 25, 2015: Auf Wiedersehen!

It is time to say goodbye. A morning transfer will bring you to Berlin's airport for your homebound flight. B

Confirmed accommodation:

Wittenberg	9 nights	Colleg Wittenberg
Herrnhut	1 night	Retreat Center Herrnhut
Prague	2 nights	nh Hotel Prague
Neuendettelsau	3 nights	Dialog Hotel
Eisenach	3 nights	Haus Hainstein
Berlin	2 night	Maritim Hotel

Rates: The net rates per paid participant for the land arrangement are based on double occupancy:

with 15 - 19 paying participants	US\$ 2,600.00	per person
with 20 - 24 paying participants	US\$ 2,340.00	per person
with 25 - 29 paying participants	US\$ 2,190.00	per person
Single room supplement	US\$ 600.00	per person

Included:

- Thoroughly experienced multilingual tour director where necessary.
- Transportation by private bus, scheduled trains (2nd class), taxi or public transportation.
- Accommodation in German twin bedded rooms.
- All taxes, tourist fees, parking and road fees.
- Guided tours in Wittenberg, Leipzig, Eisleben, Torgau, Herrnhut, Prague, Flossenbürg, Munich, Eisenach, Erfurt, Buchenwald and Berlin.
- Admission and private guided tours of Luther House and Melancthon House in Wittenberg, Luther's Birth and Death House Museums, as well St. Peter and Paul as St. Andrews Churches in Eisleben, Castle Church and St. Mary's Church in Torgau, sites in Herrnhut, Prague Castle district, Jewish quarter and Bethlehem Chapel in Prague, White Rose center in Munich, sites in Neuendettelsau, Nazi Documentation Center in Nuremberg, Bach House and Wartburg Castle in Eisenach, Augustinian Monastery in Erfurt, Francke Foundations and Market Church in Halle, Matthews Church, Bonhoeffer House and Resistance Museum in Berlin.
- Presentation of the Luther Garden, a project of the LWF including coffee and cake.
- Lectures in Wittenberg.
- Admission to Motette in Leipzig.
- Presentation on Peaceful Revolution in Leipzig.
- Donation to Herrnhut congregation.
- Gifts for presenters and room rentals in Neuendettelsau.

- 39 meals: 20 buffet breakfasts and 19 dinners (beverages and drinks are not included with lunch and dinners).
- All necessary tips such as bellman, maid, doormen, dining room tips for meals specified in the itinerary and the customary gratuity to drivers, tour director and step-on guides are included.
- Information folder for all participants including town and country brochures, information on Germany and a detailed timed itinerary upon arrival in Berlin.

Not included:

Airfare, expenses for passports, visas, bar bills, additional beverages, telephone calls, laundry or items of a personal nature, baggage or other insurance and meals other than those included in the itinerary.

Payment, cancellation, terms and conditions:

- The entire tour, a portion of it, or individual tour members may be cancelled without a fee up to ten weeks prior to departure. A 20% fee is required for cancellation made ten to eight 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 for cancellation made less than one week prior to departure or no-show. Group rates are subject to change if size of group varies due to cancellation.
- Airfares are not included.
- Booking party is responsible for all visa, health and passport regulations.
- Participants are encouraged to purchase trip insurance to cover health, trip cancellation or delay, and loss of baggage.
- Participants should be able to climb stairs (sometimes many) without assistance and to walk at a modest pace for a mile at a time.
- Notification of double/single occupancy and the names of the participants should be received ten weeks in advance.
- The travel group is responsible for the payment of any single room supplements required due to an odd number of participants of either gender requesting double occupancy.
- All rates are net without commission and in US Dollars.
- Rates are applicable for 2015. Due to currency fluctuations, we reserve the right to adjust prices after renegotiation with the booking party.
- In the event that any dispute arises on which any party has a right to assert a civil claim related to this tour agreement, the exclusive jurisdiction for that claim shall be in a court of competent jurisdiction, located in Lutherstadt Wittenberg, Germany.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen
Christian Eggert
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