Durgan Travel Service presents...

11-Days/9-Nights

# **GERMANY**

## The Footsteps of Martin Luther

Featuring: Berlin, Wittenberg, Leipzig, Eisleben, Erfurt, Eisenach, Worms, Heidelberg, Augsburg and Munich!

## **Departures Available**

\$TBA for payment by credit card

\$TBA for payment by cash or check

All rates are per person, twin occupancy, and INCLUDE \$TBA in taxes and fees (subject to change).

### Valid Passport Required

Passport must be valid for 3 months after RETURN date







#### **OUR 10-DAY/8-NIGHT FOOTSTEPS OF MARTIN LUTHER TOUR ITINERARY:**

**DAY 1 – BOSTON~INTERMEDIATE CITY~BERLIN:** Depart Boston's Logan International Airport on our overnight flight to Berlin (*via intermediate city*) with full meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, available while in-flight.

**DAY 2 – BERLIN:** Upon arrival in Berlin, we will be met by our English speaking Tour Guide, who will assist with our transfer. On our way to our hotel, we will enjoy a short orientation tour by bus. The largest city in Germany, Berlin offers a wonderful combination of history, nightlife, architecture and culture. We will see the famous *Brandenburg Gate*, the *Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church*, the *Cathedral*, the *Reichstag building* and the lively boulevards. Afterwards, we will check in to our hotel for a "welcome dinner" and overnight. (D)

**DAY 3 – BERLIN:** Following breakfast at our hotel, we will continue touring more of Berlin's highlights. Included will be *The Berlin Wall Museum, State Opera House, Alexanderplatz, Unter den Linden Boulevard, Tiergarten* and the shopping and entertainment district of *Kurfuerstendamm*. One of today's highlights is *Checkpoint Charlie*, the only crossing point between East and West Berlin for Allied force members during the Cold War years. Berlin's wall fell in 1989, but *Checkpoint Charlie* remains a constant reminder of the "Iron Curtain", and an important symbol of the tension, conflict, and competition of the Cold War years. We will return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)



**DAY 4 – BERLIN~WITTENBERG~LEIPZIG:** Following breakfast and hotel check out, we board our coach and travel to Wittenberg to see the *Castle Church*, on whose door Luther nailed his famous 95 theses. The graves of Martin Luther and Philipp Melanchthon are inside the church. After, we visit the *Luther House*, a building that functioned formerly as the Augustinian monastery before becoming Luther's home. In the afternoon we continue on to Leipzig for a city tour that includes *St. Nicholas' Church*. Our next stop is *St. Thomas Church*, where Luther preached and introduced the ideas for the Reformation to the people. We will check in to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

**DAY 5 – LEIPZIG~EISLEBEN~ERFURT:** After breakfast and hotel check out, we will head to Erfurt. On our way we will stop at Eisleben. Commonly associated with the lives of Martin Luther and his fellow-reformer Melanchthon, we enjoy a city tour that includes a visit to *Luther's Birth House*, where Martin Luther was born. We then continue on to Erfurt to see the *University of Erfurt*, where Luther obtained both his bachelor and masters degrees. He lived there as a student and as a monk. Today we will walk the same medieval cobbled streets that Luther, Goethe and Bach walked. We will check in to our hotel for overnight. Dinner will be on our own this evening. (B)

**DAY 6 – EISENACH:** Following breakfast, we make our way to Eisenach, where we will visit *Luther House*, one of the oldest remaining buildings in Eisenach. Next, we will get the opportunity to explore *Wartburg Castle*, which is situated on a 1230-foot precipice overlooking the town on Eisenach, in the state of Thuringia. It serves as one of Germany's most prolific national symbols. A tour of the castle includes the *Knight's Hall, the Chapel, the Hall of Songs* (which inspired Wagner); *the Langrave's Hall,* and *the Festival Hall. The Luther Room* (*Lutherstiege*) is well worth a visit. We will be able to see furnishings and an original copy of Luther's translation of the Bible. In the afternoon, we return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 7 – ERFURT~BAD HERSFELD~HEIDELBERG: Following breakfast and hotel check out, we will enjoy a visit to Bad Hersfeld, now a famous festival and spa town but once a place where Martin Luther preached in the Abbey Church. After exploring Bad Hersfeld, we will travel to Heidelberg. Heidelberg named for the world famous castle, a picturesque old town and lively atmosphere, lies on the Neckar River, at the point where it leaves its narrow, steep valley in the Odenwald to flow into the Rhine valley. We will check in to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

**DAY 8 –WORMS~HEIDELBERG:** Following breakfast, we are off for a city tour of Worms, which will include *St. Peter's Cathedral, Site of the Diet of Worms*, and the *Luther Memorial*. Construction on *St. Peter's Cathedral (Dom St. Peter)* began in 1181, and was completed in 1230. It is a "kaiserdome", or Imperial cathedral, along with the Romanesque cathedrals of *Mainz* and the *Site of the Diet of Worms*. After exploring Worms, we will return to Heidelberg for a guided city tour, including Heidelberg Castle. Dinner and overnight. (B, D)

**DAY 9 – HEIDELBERG~AUGSBURG:** After breakfast and hotel check out, we will enjoy a drive along the Romantic Road, passing such places as Dinkelsbuehl, Noerdlingen, and Donauwoerth, en route to the high-gabled houses and cobblestone streets of Augsburg. A metropolis during the Roman times and famous for old trade dynasties during the Middle Ages, Augsburg offers a plethora of interesting sights. These sights include the unusual Dom (cathedral), *St. Anne's Church,* where Martin Luther took refuge, *the Romisches Museum* (housed in a baroque church), and the shining *Renaissance Golden Room* in the *Rathaus* (town hall). We will check in to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

**DAY 10 – AUGSBURG~MUNICH:** After breakfast and hotel check out, we will begin our scenic travel to Munich. The capital of Bavaria, the largest federal state in Germany, Munich is the third-largest German city by population. It is noted for its architecture and culture, as well as its annual, world-famous Oktoberfest beer celebration. Upon arrival, we will check in to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

**DAY 11 – MUNICH~INTERMEDIATE CITY~BOSTON:** After breakfast and hotel check-out, we will transfer to the Munich Airport to board our flight to Boston (*via intermediate city*) with full meal and beverage as well as stereo headsets, available while in-flight. Arrive back in Boston the same day. (B)

#### <u>OUR 11-DAY/9-NIGHT FOOTSTEPS OF MARTIN LUTHER TOUR INCLUDES ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:</u>

- Round-trip motorcoach transportation to and from Boston's Logan International Airport. FREE with a minimum 35 paying passengers. Additional charge with fewer than 35.
- Special meet-and-greet service and assistance at Logan Airport by a Durgan Travel Service Representative.
- > Round trip flights Boston-Intermediate City-Berlin and Munich-Intermediate City-Boston return with full meal service and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, available while in-flight.
- > All transfers and sightseeing aboard a private, deluxe, temperature-controlled motorcoach with expert driver.
- 9-nights' accommodations as described in the itinerary, based on twin occupancy. The single supplement is an additional \$TBA per single. ONLY 4 singles per tour.
- Porterage of luggage at the hotels.
- Breakfast (B) and dinner (D) daily.
- > All room and meal taxes (for included meals)
- Professional Tour Escort who will accompany our group throughout the tour.
- Expert English-speaking tour guides where required.
- > Guided sightseeing tours as specified in itinerary, including entrance fees where applicable.
- Complimentary Durgan Travel Service flight bag and complete packet of required travel documents.

#### A \$TBA DEPOSIT IS DUE UPON RECEIPT OF FLYER. FINAL PAYMENT IS DUE 75 DAYS PRIOR TO DEPATURE

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