



**Association of
Lutheran
Church
Musicians**

Music and The Passion Play

The Passion Play, Luther, and Bach
July 3 - 17, 2020

Let this be your invitation to join a travelling group from The Association of Lutheran Church Musicians for a tour to Germany, hosted by

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A program of The Association of Lutheran Church Musicians coordinated with Christian Tours Europe



Come journey through the beautiful and historical Alps, "Lutherland," and "Bach Country." We will see new sites; explore spiritual, musical, and artistic treasures of our Christian heritage; encounter historical figures; meet new people; and hear delightful music.

Highlights will include the Passion Play in Oberammergau (held only every ten years), Luther's Wittenberg, Bach's Leipzig, Mozart's Salzburg, Schütz's Dresden, as well as Berlin, Halle, and more.

We will visit beautiful buildings of historic significance. We will listen to music in great spaces, large and small. We will sing together as our gifts allow. And there will be times for worship, particularly in the Castle Church in Wittenberg and the newly restored Frauenkirche in Dresden.

We believe this trip will present unique opportunities for us to broaden our perspectives and for history and faith to come alive as we connect with colleagues and friends who travel with us as well as international sisters and brothers. We hope you can join us!

Oberammergau and the Passion Play

The small picturesque town of Oberammergau is the world famous host to the Passion Play. When the Thirty Years War (1618-1648) and the plague of 1632 came close to wiping out the entire population, the surviving inhabitants pledged that if they were saved from extinction they would "for ever more" stage a play about the suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. The townspeople thought that the story would give them hope and at the same time admonish them: Live the way he lived. They believed, "If you do that, you will do everything you can to eliminate all those conditions that bring disaster and death." No further deaths occurred and to this day villagers have kept their pledge. Every 10 years some 2000 people take part in a six hour long production of this Play of Redemption. (There is a two hour break for dinner.) (*Oberammergau Passion Play Textbook 2000*, p. 5)



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Salzburg – Innsbruck - Oberammergau – Nuremberg - Eisenach – Erfurt – Halle - Leipzig -
Dresden – Wittenberg - Berlin

Day 1, Friday, July 3, 2020: Leave the US

We leave the US for our overnight flight to Munich.

Day 2, Saturday, July 4, 2020: Munich/Salzburg

Welcome to Europe. We arrive in Munich, where we meet our tour director and our bus. After everything is settled, we drive to Salzburg. Check in at our hotel beneath the mountain Untersberg. In the evening, gather for our welcome dinner. Dinner included.



Day 3, Sunday, July 5, 2020: Salzburg

In the morning, we will set off on our guided walk through the centre - a pedestrian zone where we find many historic sites related to Mozart. Salzburg, which is also known as the "Rome of the North", has many magnificent monuments from the Baroque and Renaissance periods. Designated as an UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Site, Salzburg was ruled for centuries by Prince Archbishops. Highlights of our walk will include Mozart's birthplace, the Fortress Hohensalzburg and Salzburg Cathedral. The afternoon offers free time to explore Salzburg further. This evening we are in for a special treat - our Mozart Dinner during which young musicians perform and introduce us into the musical world of Mozart. Breakfast and Dinner included, Lunch on your own.

Day 4, Monday, July 6, 2020: Innsbruck/Oberammergau

We leave Salzburg and discover the beautiful Tyrolean city of Innsbruck. A local guide will introduce us to the delights of this alpine centre on a walking tour that will feature Innsbruck's old town including the Hofkirche with its royal tombs and still-functional wooden organ (installed in 1560). In the afternoon we continue to Oberammergau and check in at our hotel. Breakfast and Dinner included, Lunch on your own.



Day 5, Tuesday, July 7, 2020: Oberammergau/Passion Play

We will have the morning free, to enjoy the village's quaint wooden homes adorned with colourful paintings and to do a little shopping for local crafts. 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 a tradition, played every ten years. It's just a short walk from the hotel to the theater, which was built in 1930 with 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 backdrop. Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner included.



**Day 6, Wednesday, July 8, 2020:
Nuremberg/Erfurt**

In the morning we leave Oberammergau. On our way to Erfurt we stop in Nuremberg for a walking tour of the Old Town which includes seeing the city walls, Craftsmen's Court, St. Sebaldus and St. Lawrence Churches, Marketplace with the beautiful fountain and wishing ring, Old Town Hall, Albrecht-Dürer-Platz and the Imperial Castle Courtyards. Later we continue to Erfurt to check in at our hotel for dinner and overnight. Breakfast and Dinner included, Lunch on your own.

Day 7, Thursday, July 9, 2020: Eisenach

Day trip to Eisenach. In the morning we'll tour the Wartburg Castle, where Luther disguised himself as a squire named "Junker Jörg" and hid away for ten months while he was on the run from imperial authorities. Here Luther created one of his most important works—the translation of the New Testament into German. On your private guided tour of the castle we will also see the room where Luther lived and worked on his translation. After some free time for lunch, we will visit the Bach House Museum and hear a mini-concert on period instruments. In the afternoon, back to Erfurt. Breakfast and Dinner included, Lunch on your own.

Day 8, Friday, July 10, 2020: Erfurt/Halle/Leipzig

Discover Erfurt this morning: 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. We will enjoy a walk through the Augustinerkloster, where Luther celebrated his first mass and lived as a monk for six years. After lunch on your own, we continue to Halle, where we will visit the Händel Museum and see Luther's Death mask at the Market Church, eating dinner before we head to Leipzig and our hotel. Breakfast and Dinner included, Lunch on your own.



Day 9, Saturday, July 11, 2020: Leipzig

The program today and city tour will focus on the city's music. In addition to Bach both Mendelssohn and Schuman called Leipzig home. We will see the St. Thomas Church where J.S. Bach served as the cantor, and attend the afternoon Motette with the possibility to hear the famous St. Thomas Boys Choir. We hope our time in Leipzig will also give our group the chance to sing together in St. Thomas, with its new "Bach Organ" installed in 2000. The day will conclude with a dinner at the Auerbach's Keller, a place linked to the Legend of Dr. Faust. Breakfast and Dinner included, Lunch on your own.

Day 10, Sunday, July 12, 2020: Dresden

In the morning we board our bus to be transferred to Dresden where we join the congregation for its Sunday morning worship service at Frauenkirche – Church of our Lady (Lutheran). After lunch on our own, we have a guided walk of the panoramic old town and see the historic sites. Visit the second main church of Dresden, Kreuzkirche. Back to Leipzig for a free evening, no group dinner. Breakfast included, Lunch and Dinner on your own.



Day 11, Monday, July 13, 2020: Wittenberg

We leave for Wittenberg. After arrival and check in at Colleg Wittenberg we gather for the first part of the city tour and discover the city where Martin Luther once lived and taught. On our tour in the "Footsteps of Martin Luther" we visit places which were important in his life, like the Town Church, the Market square, the Town hall and the Castle Church, where Luther posted his "95 theses". In the afternoon we have time to discover the historic old town by ourselves. Breakfast and Dinner included, Lunch on your own.

Day 12, Tuesday, July 14, 2020: Wittenberg

After breakfast, join your guide for the second part of the city tour. In 1883, the Prussian Crown Prince established the "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.

Another museum is in the Melancthon House, which we will visit afterwards. Breakfast and Dinner included, Lunch on your own.



Day 13, Wednesday, July 15, 2020: Berlin

Our last stage follows today. We board our bus and travel to Berlin. On arrival we have a guided city tour of Berlin. The tour includes a stop at the Brandenburg Gate, the Berlin Cathedral and former Checkpoint Charlie. We visit the museum at Bernauer Strasse to see a remaining part of the Wall. End the tour at Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church which was bombed during World War II leaving only the west tower standing. We check in at our hotel. In the evening we gather for our farewell dinner. Breakfast and Dinner included, Lunch on your own.

Day 14, Thursday, July 16, 2020: Berlin

The entire day is free for the sites in Berlin. Breakfast included, Lunch and Dinner on your own.

Day 15, Friday, July 17, 2020: Good Bye

Minor changes to the program are possible.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Rates:

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

With a minimum of 35 paying participants	US\$	3,315.00	per person
Single room supplement	US\$	600.00	per person

Rates are applicable for 2020. Due to currency fluctuations or with fewer participants, the final rate might vary from the above.

Confirmed accommodation:

Salzburg	2 nights	Hotel Untersberg
Oberammergau	2 nights	Hotel Alte Post
Erfurt	2 nights	Radisson BLU
Leipzig	3 nights	The Westin
Wittenberg	2 nights	Colleg Wittenberg
Berlin	2 nights	Maritim Berlin

Included:

- Thoroughly experienced multilingual tour director from Munich to Berlin Airport.
- Transportation in a 4- star European-styled motorcoach with climate control, reclining seats, restroom, sink, refrigerator, and coffee machine. Maximum 44 seats.
- First Class hotel accommodations, Category C accommodation in Oberammergau.
- First Class (TK 1) Passion Play Ticket.
- Bilingual text book for the Passion Play.
- Baggage handling for one piece of luggage per guest.
- Taxes, parking and road fees.
- Local guides in Salzburg, Innsbruck, Erfurt, Leipzig, Dresden, Wittenberg and Berlin.
- Entrance fee to Mozart's Birthplace and Fortress Cable car in Salzburg.
- Entrance fee to Wartburg castle and the Bachhaus in Eisenach.
- Admission and guided tour at Handel house in Halle.
- Admission to the Motette at St. Thomas Church in Leipzig.
- Entrance fee for Castle Church and Town Church, Luther House and Melanchthon House museums in Wittenberg.
- Sightseeing and excursions as cited in the program.
- 23 meals: 13 buffet breakfasts, 1 lunch and 9 dinners (beverages are not included with lunch and dinners but with welcome and farewell dinners.)
- All necessary tips such as bellman, maid, doormen and dining room tips for meals specified in the itinerary. The customary gratuity to the German tour directors, drivers, and step-on guides is included.
- Information folder for all participants including town and country brochures and maps, along with information on Germany and a detailed timed itinerary upon arrival in Munich.

Not included:

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

Airfare:

Participants are expected to make their own arrangements flying to Munich and home from Berlin. We have arranged a travel agent who is willing to help you, if you would like assistance; there is a per ticket charge of \$50. **Please plan to arrive in Munich by 10:00 a.m. in order to retrieve your luggage and get through customs, comfortably meeting our bus.**

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When you contact Andrea please have this information ready:

Dates of travel # of travelers Departure city

Names as they appear on passport

Contact phone number

Deposit/Payment/Cancellation:

Cheryl Dieter, ALCM Administrator, will serve as the registrar for this trip. She will accept deposits and arrange for bank transfers to Christian Tours Europe.

- An initial \$350 non-refundable deposit will be due upon registration.
- A second deposit of \$1000 will be due by August 1, 2019.
- A third deposit of \$1000 will be due by January 15, 2020.
- The final payment (balance*) will be due by March 31, 2020.
- ****balance will be determined by possible fluctuations in the dollar to euro ratio, the actual number of participants, and minor adjustments to the program.***

- Refunds for cancellations are possible.
- The initial \$350 deposit is non-refundable.
- All other deposits are non-refundable *unless* the tour leaders are able to fill the space.
- Priority in filling vacated spaces will be given to names on the tour leaders' waiting list.
- Any cancellations must be received in writing by email or snail mail to Cheryl Dieter, ALCM administrator.
- There will be no refunds for cancellations after March 31, 2020.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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 Lutherstadt 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 is included. 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 through 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.**

Gratuities:

All necessary tips, such as maid, doorman, and dining room tips for meals specified in the itinerary and the customary gratuity to escorts, drivers and step-on guides are included. Tips for beverages and drinks are not included; if you wish, such appreciation may be extended on a voluntary and individual basis.

Physical activities:

There will be physical activities for you. 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 that Christian Tours Europe must be notified, in advance, of this special required assistance.