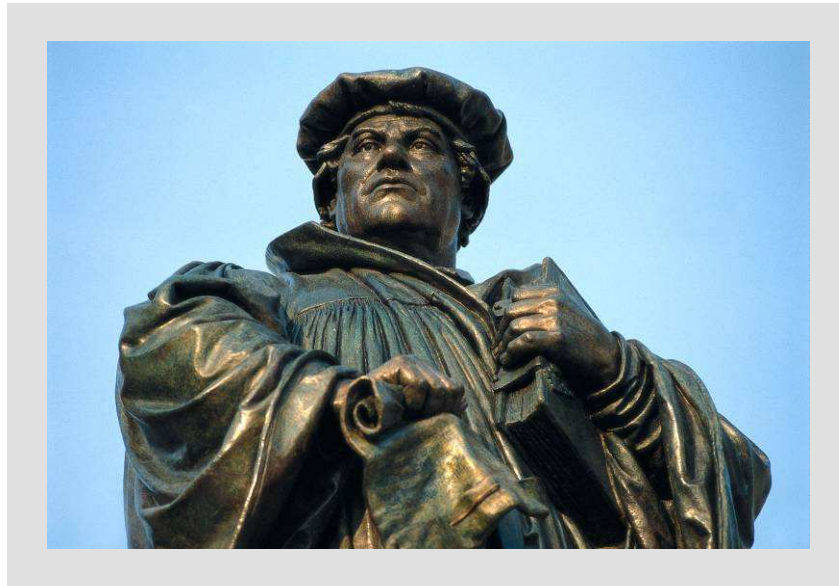


Sample Itinerary

Luther Tour 2 (10 days)

**Berlin – Wittenberg – Torgau – Leipzig – Eisleben – Mansfeld –
Erfurt – Eisenach – Schmalkalden – Coburg – Nuremberg (Nürnberg) –
Rothenburg – Augsburg – Heidelberg – Worms – Heidelberg**



DAY 1 **USA – Berlin**

Departure from the USA (overnight flight)

DAY 2 **Berlin**

Arrival Berlin

Transfer to the hotel and check-in

Guided city tour

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DAY 2
Cont'd **Berlin**

Places of Interest:

- Brandenburg Gate
- Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church
- Charlottenburg Palace
- Museums along the Wall incl. Checkpoint Charlie
- Schonenberg Town Hall
- Olympic Stadium
- TV Tower
- Potsdamer Platz
- Government district

Berlin – The events of the past have left their mark on Berlin's cityscape – and the city is still changing today. "Berlin is always in the process of becoming", remarked historian Karl Scheffler, and this is one of the traits that makes it one of Europe's most vibrant, exciting and colorful capitals. One is spoilt for choice with more than 1,500 events every day as well as numerous parks, gardens, museums, operas, and historical sites as Brandenburg Gate, Charlottenburg Castle and last but not least the Berlin Wall. Berlin has a vibe all of its own, and wherever you go, you will experience the pulsating life on the boulevards, in the art galleries and at the flea markets, and in the city's 300 clubs and 7,000 bars and restaurants. While in town, visit Marien Church to see its Luther memorial.



Berlin Cathedral



Charlottenburg Castle

Dinner

Overnight in Berlin

DAY 3 **Berlin – Wittenberg**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Wittenberg – 69 miles (by car, coach, or direct connection by ICE high speed train)

DAY 3
Cont'd **Wittenberg – Torgau**

Guided city tour

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Places of Interest:

- “Augustine” Monastery
- Luther Hall
- Luther House
- Melonchton House
- Town Church with Lucas Cranach Alter
- All Saints Castle Church

Wittenberg – It is best known as the place where Luther did most of his work, and you will feel his presence everywhere. Luther launched the Reformation in Wittenberg, an act of the greatest importance in Europe. Visit the All Saints Castle Church on whose door Luther hung his 96 theses in 1517, and where Luther and Melancthon are buried.



Reenactment of Luther's wedding

Lunch

Transfer to Torgau – 30 miles (by car or coach)

Short guided city tour

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DAY 3 **Torgau – Leipzig**
Cont'd

Places of Interest:

- Church of St. Mary
- Hartenfels Castle
- Historical Old Quarter

Torgau – the City of Renaissance and Reformation. In Torgau the first Protestant church was established in 1544. Here the Torgau Articles were drawn up, and essential part of the Augsburg Confession. Martin Luther's wife is buried at the Church of St. Mary.



Castle and St. Mary's town church

Transfer to Leipzig – 35 miles (by car or coach)

Hotel check-in

Dinner

Overnight in Leipzig

DAY 4 **Leipzig**

Breakfast at the hotel

Guided city tour

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DAY 4 **Leipzig – Eisleben**
Cont'd

Places of Interest:

- St. Thomas Church with Bach's tomb
- St. Nicholas Church
- Luther House
- Luther Hall
- Old City Hall
- Former German Supreme Court
- Mendelssohn House
- Mädler Passage
- Monument of the Battle of the Nations
- Stasi-Museum in the "Round Corner"
- Grassi Museum with Museum of Musical Instruments, Museum of Applied Arts, and Ethnological Museum

Leipzig – The city of Leipzig has been an important influence in European commercial and intellectual life for centuries, and its sights are all part of the Leipzig experience. Historical shopping arcades, lovingly restored, are typical of the architecture in the city centre. Johann Sebastian Bach was choirmaster in St. Thomas's Church, and many other composers spent time in Leipzig: Richard Wagner, Robert Schumann, Mendelssohn-Bartoldy, and the world famous St. Thomas Choir. Today many new artists live in Leipzig where a peaceful demonstration led to the reunification of Germany. In 1519, Luther visited the city and took part in an academic debate – it was here that Luther went from being a critic of the Catholic Church, to a resolute "reformer."



Old Town Hall



St. Nicholas Church

Lunch

Transfer to Eisleben – 59 miles (by car or coach)

DAY 4
Cont'd **Eisleben – Mansfeld**

Short guided city tour

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Places of Interest:

- St. Petri-Pauli Church
- St. Annen Church
- St. Andreas Church
- Old Town
- Old Town Hall
- Market Square
- Luther's Birth House (UNESCO World Heritage Site)
- Luther's Death House (UNESCO World Heritage Site)

Eisleben – the city is famous as the hometown of Martin Luther, the official name is Lutherstadt Eisleben. Luther was born here in 1483 and also died here in 1546. The city is divided into old and new towns, the latter of which was created for miners in the 14th century. Eisleben has a sizeable Old Town which dates to the 10th century and is dotted with historic churches, some of which were visited by Luther.



Luther's Birth House

Transfer to Mansfeld – 9 miles (by care or coach)

Short guided city tour

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DAY 4
Cont'd **Mansfeld – Erfurt**

Places of Interest:

- Mansfeld Castle with Chapel
- St. George Church
- Luther's Family's House
- Luther's School

Mansfeld – Luther spent his childhood in Mansfeld which was the centre of the copper-mining industry. Mansfeld has a famous Luther memorial and it commemorates the reformer's childhood. The Mansfeld Castle is set on a hill overlooking the town.



View from the castle

Transfer to Erfurt – 60 miles (by car or coach)

Hotel check-in

Dinner

Overnight in Erfurt

DAY 5 **Erfurt**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Guided city tour

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**DAY 5
Cont'd**

Erfurt – Eisenach

Places of Interest:

- Cathedral
- Augustinian Monastery
- Luther Memorial
- Franciscan Church
- St. Mary's Cathedral
- St. Severi Church
- Merchant's Bridge
- Medieval Old Town

Erfurt – Thuringia's largest city. It has one of the best-preserved medieval town centers in Germany, a delightful blend of wealthy patrician townhouses and fine half-timbered buildings. One of Erfurt's most distinctive sights is the remarkable Merchants' Bridge, the longest bridge in Europe to have houses along its entire length. Luther studied and taught in the Augustinian Abbey as a monk from 1505-1511, and the town was of supreme importance to the reformer's life and work.



Merchant's Bridge

Lunch

Transfer to Eisenach – 42 miles (by car or coach)

Hotel check-in

Guided city tour

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Places of interest:

- Wartburg Castle (UNESCO World Heritage Site)
- Luther House
- Bach Family House and Museum
- Automobile Museum
- Reuter Wagner Museum
- Nikolai Church and Nikolai Gate

DAY 5
Cont'd

Eisenach

Eisenach – Since its founding in the 12th century, Eisenach has made an unmistakable mark on German culture and history. The Wartburg Castle, majestically overlooking the forests of Thuringia, has witnessed 900 years of history and culture. Martin Luther hid in the castle in 1521-22, during which time he translated the New Testament from Greek into German. The Luther memorials have been lovingly preserved. Set in the gently rolling hills of the Thuringian Forest, Eisenach is home to a beautiful medieval center, and the Bach House with a fascinating collection of historic musical instruments.



Wartburg Castle

Dinner

Overnight in Eisenach

DAY 6

Eisenach – Schmalkalden

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Schmalkalden – 25 miles (by car or coach)

Guided city tour

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Places of Interest:

- Old Town Hall
- Wilhelmsburg Castle
- St. Georg Church
- Old furnace Neue Hütte
- Former underground mining site Besucherbergwerk Finstertal

**DAY 6
Cont'd**

Schmalkalden – Coburg

Schmalkalden – Home to the Martin Luther Path: a marked walking trail following Luther's historic route. Visit the City Church of St. George, the Luther House, the historical City Hall, and Castle Wilhelmsburg.



Castle Wilhelmsburg

Lunch

Transfer to Coburg – 52 miles (by car or coach)

Guided city tour

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Places of interest:

- Veste Coburg Fortress
- Ehrenburg Castle with Library
- Rosenau Castle
- Callenberg Castle
- Mint Master's house
- St. Moritz Church
- St. Augustine Church
- Market Square
- Castle Square

Coburg – The Veste Coburg is a fortress and it is visible from afar. It served as a Refuge for Martin Luther. In the old town at the base of the castle hill, the Ehrenburg Palace (a former Franciscan Monastery), was rebuilt in 1543. It was gutted by fire in 1690 and rebuilt in a Baroque style.



Ehrenburg Palace

DAY 6 **Coburg – Nuremberg (Nürnberg)**
Cont'd

Transfer to Nuremberg – 70 miles (by car or coach)

Hotel check-in

Dinner

Overnight in Nuremberg

DAY 7 **Nuremberg**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Guided city tour

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90443 Nuremberg

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www.tourismus.nuernberg.de

Places of Interest:

- old walled city with crafts shops and gothic churches
- Lutheran Lorenz Church
- Kaiserburg Castle
- Church of St. Sebaldus
- Albrecht Durer House
- Renaissance Town hall
- Toy Museum
- Germanic National Museum
- Dokumentationszentrum Reichsparteitagsgelände, Information Center about Nürnberg's history in Nazi times

Nuremberg – Visitors to this lively city with medieval feel will find evidence of its 950-year old history at every turn. Thick walls with 80 towers enclose the historical old quarter, where beautiful works of art in the Gothic churches bear testament to the city's heyday – not to mention the impressive Kaiserburg Castle above the city. In 1525, Nuremberg accepted the Protestant Reformation, and in 1532, the Peace of Nuremberg by which the Lutherans gained important concessions, was signed here.



Kaiserburg Castle

DAY 7
Cont'd **Nuremberg – Rothenburg**

Lunch

Transfer to Rothenburg along the “Romantic Road” – 67 miles (by car or coach)

Hotel check-in

Guided city tour

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www.rothenburg.de

Places of Interest:

- Old Town with town wall and western town gate
- Old Town Hall
- St. Jakob Church
- St. Wolfgang Church
- Franziskaner Church
- Käthe Wohlfahrt Store
- Toppler Castle

Rothenburg – A walk around this small town on Germany's idyllic 'Romantic Road' is like taking a journey down the centuries. Its proud town hall, lofty towers and stout town walls, its churches and patrician houses bear witness to its history as a powerful imperial town. With its elaborate half-timbered buildings and imposing fortifications, the townscape is still much as it was in the Middle Ages. And there is a place where it is always Christmas: the famous Käthe Wohlfahrt store.



Old Town

Dinner

Overnight in Rothenburg

DAY 8 Rothenburg – Augsburg – Heidelberg

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Augsburg – 114 miles (by car or coach)

Guided city tour

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Augsburg – The Romans founded Augsburg in 15 BC, making it the oldest town in Bavaria. The city lies between the rivers Lech and Wertach and is named after its founder, Emperor Augustus. Two Patrician families - the Fuggers and the Welsers - transformed Augsburg into a rich and influential town through their banking and trading activities. The center of this charming city is the magnificent ensemble of the Renaissance Town Hall and the Perlach Tower. Augsburg is home of St. Anne's Church with Lutherhoefle and the Lutherstiege museums, the St. Ulrich Churches - one catholic and one protestant - and the Romanesque gothic St. Mary Cathedral.



City hall and Perlach Tower

Places of Interest:

- Town Hall and Perlach Tower
- St. Anne's Church with Lutherhoefle and the Lutherstiege museums
- Mozart House
- St. Mary Cathedral
- Brecht House
- St. Ulrich Churches

Lunch

Transfer to Heidelberg – 169 miles (by car or coach)

Hotel check-in

Free time to leisure

DAY 8
Cont'd **Heidelberg**

Dinner

Overnight in Heidelberg

DAY 9 **Heidelberg**

Breakfast at the hotel

Guided city tour

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Places of interest:

- Heidelberg Castle
- Church of the Holy Spirit
- Baroque Old Quarter
- Old Bridge
- University of Heidelberg
- Great Vat
- Pharmacy Museum

Heidelberg – Every year, millions of visitors from all over the world are inspired by Heidelberg, this youthful German town that is steeped in history. Science and learning have also played their own distinctive part in the history of Germany's oldest university town. Heidelberg is widely regarded as one of the best business locations in Germany, while the world-famous Heidelberg Castle still towers above the lanes and the picturesque jumble of roofs of the old town. The architecture contains elements of the Gothic and Renaissance periods. The castle gardens, the Great Vat (the world's largest wine barrel) and the remarkable Pharmacy Museum are also worth a visit. Luther's early influence on Heidelberg is commemorated with the 1883 planted Luther Oak.



Old Neckar Bridge and Heidelberg Castle

DAY 9
Cont'd **Heidelberg – Worms – Heidelberg**

Lunch

Transfer to Worms – 29 miles (by car or coach)

Guided city tour

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Places of interest:

- Cathedral
- Nibelungs Museum
- St. Paul Church
- St. Andrew Church
- St. Martin Church

Worms – Worms, the home of the Nibelungs saga, has a magnificent cathedral. Luther appeared before the Diet of Worms in 1521. Every October visitors flock to Bad Dürkheim to join the celebrations at the *Wurstmarkt*, Germany's oldest wine festival. Established by the Celts, Worms today remains embattled with the cities Trier and Cologne over the title of "Oldest City in Germany." Worms is the only German member in the organization Most Ancient European Towns Network.



Luther Memorial

Transfer back to Heidelberg – 29 miles (by car or coach)

Dinner

Overnight in Heidelberg

DAY 10 **Heidelberg – Frankfurt – USA**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Frankfurt Airport – 51 miles (by car or coach)

Departure to the USA