

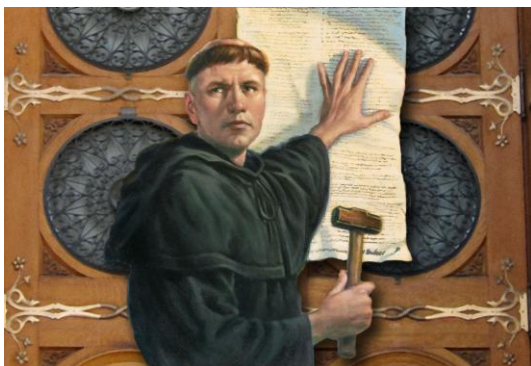
REFORMATION 500

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Day 1, Wednesday, May 23: Mid-day flight from New Orleans, one-stop, to **Prague, Czech Republic**, on Delta. Anyone wishing to fly from a different airport please contact group organizers.

Day 2, Thursday, May 24: Scheduled noon arrival in Prague, then board a deluxe motor coach for an orientation tour of major Prague landmarks.

“One of Europe’s best-preserved cities, Prague has a romantic riverside location enhanced by graceful bridges and a magnificent skyline punctuated with medieval church spires. Its historic Old Town follows a plan laid out 1,000 years ago, with ancient squares and winding cobblestone streets. Haunting Prague Castle looms large across the Vltava River, rising above the exquisite Charles Bridge.” (Fodors). Many people have already seen Prague without realizing it—as the setting for dozens of movies due to its gloriously-spectacular architecture, including *Amadeus* and two *Mission Impossible* films.

Walking tour begins at New Town Hall where the first defenestration occurred in 1419. Next is Bethlehem Chapel where Hus preached from 1403 until his 1412 excommunication and historic Wenceslas Square, site of many gatherings for Czech freedom. Time to find a pleasant restaurant near the hotel for dinner on your own in Prague (breakfast daily, three dinners included on tour).

Day 3, Friday, May 25: Guided visit to Prague Castle, largest ancient castle in the world, begun in the 9th century, official residence of the President of the Czech Republic. This is where the second defenestration took place in 1618, sparking the Thirty Wars’ War. The complex includes St. Vitus Cathedral and St. George’s Basilica. After lunch, drive to Leipzig, Germany, for a walking tour of the central historical district, where Johann Sebastian Bach led music at St. Thomas Church and Luther had his 1519 debate with Johann von Eck in Pleissenburg Castle. Dinner on own and overnight in Leipzig.

Day 4, Saturday, May 26: Drive to **Wittenberg**, birthplace of the Reformation and city of Frederick the Wise who protected Martin Luther, who lived here from 1508 until his 1546 death. As part of our walking tour of the city, we will see the Castle Church, where Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door and which contains the graves of Luther and Melanchthon. We will also visit the Stadtkirche of St. Marien where Luther often preached, and see the Luther monument and the renaissance Town Hall. After lunch, guided visit of the Luther House, largest and greatest museum of Reformation history in the world. A short walk then to Melanchthon’s House, which contains a copy of the Augsburg Confession. Dinner on own at Schlosskeller in the basement of the church. Overnight in Wittenberg.

Day 5, Sunday, May 27: Morning worship at All Saints Castle Church before driving to **Erfurt** where Luther studied at the university and preached. Visit the Mariendom Cathedral where Luther was ordained a priest in 1507 then tour the Augustinian Monastery, built in 1277, Luther’s home when he was a monk and containing a Luther exhibition, including the room in which he lived. Dinner on own and overnight in Erfurt.

Day 6, Monday, May 28: Short drive to **Eisenach**, the birthplace of Johann Sebastian Bach. Explore Wartburg Castle where Luther lived in seclusion after the Diet of Worms and where he translated the New Testament into German. See the famous “ink spot” where Luther supposedly saw the devil and hurled his ink well at him. After lunch, transfer to **Rothenburg**, founded in 5 B.C., the medieval walled town on the Tauber River. Visit the Crime Museum, depicting how prisoners, including religious ones, were treated. After supper on own, it’s pleasant to walk the 13th and 14th-century ramparts surrounding Germany’s best-preserved walled town on the “Romantic Road.” Great Christmas shopping!

Day 7, Tuesday, May 29: Scenic drive through the lower alpine area to **Rottenburg am Neckar**, where Michael Sattler was martyred on 20 May 1527. After a brief stop at the memorial erected in his memory, continue on to **Schleitheim** to visit an exhibition about early Anabaptists and their 1527 Confession of Faith. Transfer to **Schaffhausen** for dinner on own and see the Rhine Falls, largest waterfalls in Europe (pay to take the boat actually out to the falls or free walk around to a stunning vantage point). Overnight in Schaffhausen.

Day 8, Wednesday, May 30: A short drive across the Swiss border to **Constance**, where the Council of Constance was held 1414-1418, unifying the papacy. John Hus defended his faith in Constance and was executed for it. We will see the Cathedral and the Council Buildings where the Council was held. After lunch, to **Zurich** where Ulrich Zwingli led the Reformed branch of the Reformation. See his monument on a walking tour and the Grossmunster where he was pastor. The Anabaptist movement was born in the Zurich home of Felix Manz, a few blocks from Zwingli's church—a legacy for which he was martyred by drowning in Limmat River. Dinner is included this evening; overnight in Zurich.

Day 9, Thursday, May 31: Depart Zurich after breakfast for a short drive to **Zollikon**, home of the first Anabaptist congregation. Next destination, the Anabaptist cave (Taeuferhole) near Baretswil, where early Anabaptists met secretly for worship. After our own time of worship, we pass through the scenic Swiss countryside to the Emmen Valley

(Emmental), along the way stopping at the battlefield where Ulrich Zwingli was killed during the Second Kappel War of 1531. Travel on to scenic **Bern**, capital of Switzerland, with arcaded streets and scenic towers (“scenic now,” but where Anabaptists were once imprisoned). View the cathedral in the heart of the Old City. Dinner is included this evening, before overnight in Bern.

Day 10, Friday, June 1: Depart Bern after breakfast for **Geneva**, hub of the Reformed branch of the Reformation led by William Farel and John Calvin. Protestant exiles from England produced the Geneva Bible, influential among Presbyterians in Scotland and Puritans in America. Exploration of Geneva begins with the Reformation or Protestant Wall, a football-field length monument honoring many of the main individuals, events, and documents of the Protestant Reformation in statues and bas-reliefs. Next, the Calvin Auditory, near St. Peter's Cathedral, where the teachings of theologians John Calvin and Théodore de Beze were heard, as well as the sermons of John Knox (Reformation leader in Scotland) during his 1556-1558 stay in what he found to be “the most perfect school of Christ that ever was in the earth since the days of the apostles.” Tour the archeological site under St. Peter's and the Reformation Museum. “Farewell” dinner is included this evening, last of the tour, overnight in Geneva.

Day 11, Saturday, June 2: mid-morning scheduled flight on Delta partner Air France via Paris, arriving back in New Orleans evening of the same day.

Registration Details on Back of Brochure

Students who register for the tour as a class experience pay a \$75 fee, then receive up to five academic credit hours from the below courses:

History of Christianity (BCHI 5500) [Baptist College Partnership]

History of Christianity: Reformation/Modern (HIST 5201)

Renaissance and Reformation (HIST 6311)

Reformation

Terms and Conditions

U.S. passport valid through January, 2019, is required; anyone with non-U.S. passport, please contact tour operator.

Payment schedule: \$500 deposit required to guarantee a place on the tour. Second payment of \$500 due October 15. Third payment of \$500 due November 15. Fourth payment of \$500 due December 15. Fifth payment of \$995 is due January 15 (final payment for qualified NOBTS students) and the final payment of \$1000 for non-students is due March 15. Please note an additional non-refundable 2.5% credit card transaction fee will be added to the amount charged for any payment toward the total tour cost.

Tour price includes . . .

Air transportation, currently scheduled on Delta, can be on any scheduled airline, economy class. Cancellations after the air tickets have been issued are subject to a cancellation penalty as imposed by the airline. Current air taxes and fees are included but may change up or down till tickets are issued. Please note: frequent flyer miles or credit card points cannot be used to purchase or upgrade air tickets; however, if you arrange your own airfare, deduct \$1200 from the brochure price.

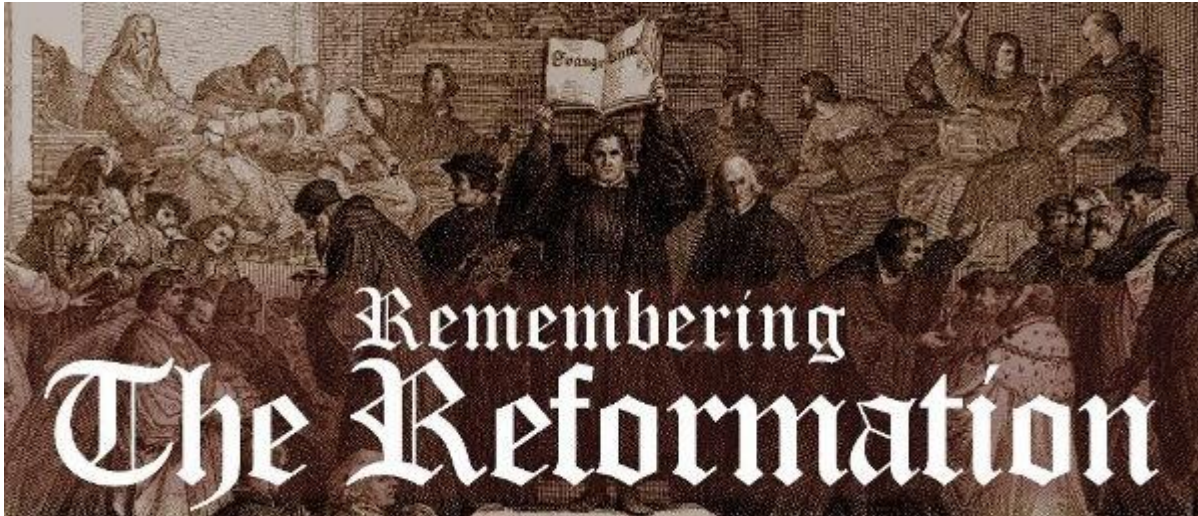
Accommodations in superior hotels with private bath. Extra cost for anyone staying in a single room \$495.

Meals daily buffet breakfast in hotels, three dinners either in hotels or restaurants.

Sightseeing as specified in the itinerary, including entrance fees and services of English-speaking guide.

One regular-sized suitcase per person, maximum 50 pounds, is currently allowed free of charge plus one airline approved "under-seat" bag. Tour organizers accept no liability for loss or damage to any baggage.

Tour price does not include tips; beverages not part of normal menu; sightseeing or services not specifically mentioned or noted as optional; baggage charges that may be implemented by airlines (none apply at time of printing).



Cancellation policy: Full refund minus \$200 administration fee if written cancellation is received through December 31. Refund, minus a minimum of \$500 and a maximum of 90% of the total tour price if written cancellation is received between January 1 and March 31. No refunds for cancellations after March 31. In addition to not receiving a refund of the \$2995 paid for the tour, scholarship students will be required to reimburse the \$1000 scholarship after March 31. No refund made for missed services while on tour. *In addition to the above cancellation fees*, airline tickets are not refundable once issued. *We recommend the purchase of travel insurance*, information available on request. Please note: Healthcare and Medical Costs due to international travel are not covered by basic Medicare.

Brochure price based on minimum 30 passengers and applicable currency exchange rates as of July 1, 2017.

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