



Day 1: Fly to Prague

Meet your group and travel on an overnight flight to Prague.

Day 2: Prague

Arrive in Prague: Welcome to Prague, capital city of the Czech Republic. Depending on your arrival time, you may have free time to settle in and explore on your own.

Explore Prague: It's time to get acquainted with the "City of a Hundred Spires" on a walking tour. Your first stop at the Jan Hus monument is rooted in both the Reformation and a broader celebration of resistance that is valued by Czechs. Pass through the Old Town Square where Hus' towering likeness stands alongside a young mother, symbolizing both strength and national rebirth.

Day 3: Prague

Sightseeing tour of Prague: Prague gracefully balances the classical features of old Europe with a lively, Bohemian spirit. On your sightseeing tour, step inside the magnificent St. Vitus Cathedral in the courtyard of Prague Castle before making your way by the 11 historical buildings that mark the Golden Lane.

Free afternoon: Cross medieval bridges and cobblestone alleyways, and take Prague at your own pace.

Day 4: Dresden | Leipzig

Travel to Leipzig: On your way to Leipzig, explore the city of Dresden on foot and gain insight into the effects of the devastating fire bombing of World War II and the city's reconstruction. With your afternoon free to explore, be sure to experience an authentic German meal before heading over to the Zwinger Palace and Museum.

Day 5: Wittenberg | Leipzig

Sightseeing tour of Wittenberg: Today you'll travel to Wittenberg, where Martin Luther turned this charming German village into the birthplace of the Protestant Reformation. Your first stop will be at the restored Castle Church, where iconic bronze doors display an engraved reproduction of the 95 Theses. You'll also get to see the tomb of Luther and Philipp Melancthon, the co-founder of Lutheranism and first true theologian of the Reformation.

Luther House: Trace the 95 Theses' journey back to the door they were written behind on a visit to Luther's home. Located in the monastery where he studied and eventually lived out his adult life, the home doubles as a museum. Inside you'll get to see the world's most impressive collection of German Reformation artifacts, including Luther's robe, a preserved lecture hall and dozens of first edition books.

Luther Garden: Since 2008, the Lutheran World Foundation in Geneva has been planting 500 trees from all over the world as a living tribute to the Reformation's quinquennial anniversary. This massive public garden is a remarkable culmination of theology, history and community that is expected to grow well beyond Wittenberg city limits.

Melancthon House: Enter the Renaissance mansion of Philipp Melancthon, the Reformation's greatest scholar and Luther's greatest collaborator. Timeless facades guard an interior that are the academic counterpart to Luther's monastic quarters—complete with one-of-a-kind manuscripts and artifacts. Afterwards, travel to Leipzig where you'll spend the night.

Day 6: Eisleben

Travel to Eisleben: Arrive in Luther's hometown of Eisleben, officially known as *Lutherstadt Eisleben*. Enter the Church of St. Peter and Paul where he was baptized, and see the original font he was baptized in. Not far from the church is the village-home-turned-museum where Luther was born. Though he traveled often during his life, Luther died in the same town he was born in. The Luther Death House contains a plaster cast of his face and hands, as well as many personal artifacts.

Sightseeing tour of Naumburg: Travel to the vineyard-rich city of Naumburg, where crowded cobble streets and village homes preserve the air of medievalism amid a modern charm. The red-roofed town is overseen by two pairs of massive spires from the Peter and Paul Cathedral.

Free time in Leipzig: Head back to Leipzig where you can take in the afternoon at your own pace. If you're hungry for a local snack, try a *Leipziger Lerche*: a shortcrust pastry filled with a mixture of crushed almonds, nuts and cherries.

Day 7: Erfurt | Heidelberg

Travel to Erfurt: Today you'll travel to Erfurt to visit the Augustinian monastery where Martin Luther began his years as a theologian. The monastery functions as a Lutheran church and cloister, but the main attractions are the historical library and Brother Martin's monastery quarters. You'll also visit the recently re-established Erfurt University, where Luther received his bachelor's degree.

Georgenburse Museum: Before Luther lived and studied here, this small Renaissance building existed to simply accommodate students. Today it is a museum and a sacred place of pilgrimage. After visiting Erfurt University's most famous dormitory, you'll make your way west from Erfurt to rustic Eisenach.

Wartburg Castle: Step into the castle where Martin Luther sought refuge from Pope Leo X and translated the New Testament into German. You'll see the room he stayed in as well as a stunning view of the treetops that stand below the castle walls.

Travel to Worms: Welcome to Worms, arguably the oldest city in Germany and site of the historic Edict of Worms in 1521. Travel under medieval bridges and through timeless villages to find the largest Luther Monument in the world. Walk through a hall of Reformation heroes as you're greeted by the patina-green statues of everyone from Philip of Hesse to John Wycliffe. Later you'll travel to Heidelberg where you'll spend the night.

Day 8: Heidelberg

Reformation tour of Heidelberg: Your tour begins with a visit to the most famous church in Germany. Daylight pours through the windows of The Church of the Holy Spirit, and its tall Gothic steeple stands high above the village houses. Head for Old Town ("*Altstadt*") and into historic Heidelberg University—which was established by the Holy Roman Empire but became a home for leading Reformers after Luther's disputation in 1518.

Heidelberg Castle: Take an unforgettable ascent to Heidelberg Castle, whose Renaissance facades and ravaged walls were witness to the unholy coronation that sparked the Thirty Years War.

Rhine Neckar Cruise: Get a view of castles, fortresses and raw Alpine beauty from the sun deck of a riverboat on the Rhine and Neckar rivers.

Day 9: Depart for home

Transfer to Frankfurt for your return flight home.

🕒 3-DAY TOUR EXTENSION

Day 9: London

Travel to London: Transfer to Frankfurt where you'll fly to London.

Days 10-11: London

Sightseeing tour of London: During a guided trip along the Thames, you'll discover two of London's most famous churches: the intricate latticework of Westminster Abbey and the famed dome of St. Paul's Cathedral. You'll also get to see the Tower of London, which has served surprisingly different functions throughout London's long history.

Excursion to Oxford: A stroll down St. Giles' Street reveals the towering Martyrs' Memorial Monument in Oxford, commemorating three Anglican bishops who were executed by order of "Bloody Mary" Tudor. Your local guide will introduce you to all of the sights, including Christ Church College—one of the largest colleges at Oxford University. Christ Church has a lengthy history in literature, serving as the setting for parts of Evelyn Waugh's *Brideshead Revisited*, as well as Lewis Carroll's *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*.

Free time: If you'd like to digest something in addition to the rich history, stop by The Eagle and Child Pub for lunch. Throughout the 40s, the likes of C.S. Lewis and J. R. R. Tolkien used to meet here for literary discussion groups.

Reformation tour of London: Make your way back to London, where the first stop is John Wesley's Chapel: the reformer's previous residency and final resting place. Walk through the nearby burial grounds of Bunhill Fields, a popular interment site for Protestant dissenters. You'll also see where Baptist preacher Charles Spurgeon held huge sermons in the Metropolitan Tabernacle—a cavernous edifice that could fit 6,000 parishioners at a time. The last stop is the St. Giles-without-Cripplegate Church, one of the last medieval churches in London.

Days 12: Depart for home