

In the Footsteps of Martin Luther

500 Years of the Reformation

Martin Luther was a simple monk, who - through his stand of conscience - started an ecclesiastical shock wave that changed the course of Western history. This great Protestant revolutionary held such a strong belief in his faith that eventually he overthrew the all-powerful Catholic Church and reshaped Medieval Europe.

Music Celebrations International has created itineraries that will have your group visiting many of the locations so important in the life and times of Luther, from Eisleben to Worms to Wittenberg and Leipzig, where you will see his homes, churches, and sanctuaries he used in his darkest hours, where he translated the Bible into the vernacular.



In addition to walking in the footsteps of Luther, your choir will have the opportunity to honor both past and present musical heritage produced so prominently in Germany. Bach, Beethoven, Brahms, Gluck, Händel, Mendelssohn, Pachelbel, Schumann, Stockhausen, Wagner, and von Weber are a short and impressive list of German composers who have contributed to the world musical canon. These composers, the culture of their times and their influences are part of the organized edu-

cational sightseeing. The musical experience is enhanced by other sensory experiences and the fact that Germany boasts incredible scenery, art, architecture, and a rich history.

The Luther decade from 2008 to 2017 invites you to take part in various events and tours in order to search for traces of the original scenes of the Reformation. It will commemorate the 500th anniversary of the nailing of the theses, with which Luther set the Reformation in motion in Wittenberg on 31 October 1517. Exhibitions, concerts, church services, festivals and theatre productions will highlight the importance of the Reformation and the role Martin Luther played in the places he lived and worked.

A summary of upcoming theme years:

2014

Authority - Reformation and Politics

Authority and responsibility, belief and power, freedom of conscience and human rights - these are themes of the Reformation which are also present today and deserve an in-depth discussion in the church and in society.

2015

Reformation - Art and the Bible

On the occasion of the 500th anniversary of the birth of Cranach the Younger, we will look at the art of the Reformation period. The Reformation was also a media revolution. A new semantic and visual language was created. Which "images" does faith assume today and how its message conveyed through media, image and language?

2016

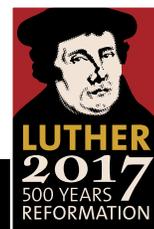
Reformation and the New World

The Reformation spread from Wittenberg to the rest of the world. More than 400 million Protestants worldwide connect their spiritual and religious existence with the events of the Reformation. On the eve of the anniversary of the Reformation these global influences will be the focal point.

2017

The anniversary of the Reformation

The anniversary year "500 years of the Reformation" will be celebrated worldwide with ecclesiastical and cultural events, conferences and large exhibitions: it will be the pinnacle of the Luther decade, although it will not be the end of our encounter with Luther's life and work.



Reformation Tours

Tour #1 - In the Footsteps of Martin Luther

(6 nights / 8 days)

Wittenburg, Leipzig, Eisenach, Eisleben, Berlin

Tour #2 - Martin Luther and Johann Sebastian Bach

(7 nights / 9 days)

Eisenach, Erfurt, Leipzig, Eisleben, Wittenberg, Berlin

Tour #3 - The History of the Reformation

(7 nights / 9 days)

Berlin, Juterborg, Wittenberg, Eisleben, Leipzig, Dresden, Prague

Tour #4 - The Luther Path

(8 nights / 10 days)

Berlin, Juterborg, Wittenberg, Torgau, Leipzig, Eisleben, Erfurt, Eisenach, Mainz

Music Celebrations International would be happy to create a custom tour to meet your specific wishes and interests

These tours may be viewed on our website at
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A Short List of Potential Venues

Berlin

Berliner Dom
Auenkirche
Heiligkreuzkirche
Passionkirche
Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church

Heidelberg

Heiliggeistkirche

Prague

St. Nicholas Church

Dresden

Lukaskirche
Dreikonigskirche
Freunkirche

Leipzig

Thomaskirche
Nikolaikirche
Lukaskirche

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