

# *First Lutheran Church*



*Lutherland & Switzerland*  
*September 11-28, 2017*



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# Itinerary

## **Day 1: Monday, September 11, 2017 • Departure**

Our journey begins as we board our international flight to Berlin, Germany.

## **Day 2: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 • Berlin**

Upon our arrival in Berlin, we meet our tour leader and coach driver. A local guide joins us for a tour of the city. We see the famous Brandenburg Gate, the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, the Cathedral, the Reichstag building and the lively boulevards. This city has undergone momentous change in the 25 years since reunification. We stop to visit the Checkpoint Charlie Museum before our welcome dinner at our hotel this evening. **D**

## **Day 3: Wednesday, September 13, 2017 • Wittenberg**

Before departing Berlin this morning, we visit the Bonhoeffer Museum and see a film about his life. Next we drive to Leipzig, the city where the "freedom march" began. We see both the St. Nicholas church and the St. Thomas church where Bach was the organist. We end the day in Lutherstadt-Wittenberg, our home for the next two nights. **B/D**

## **Day 4: Thursday, September 14, 2017 • Wittenberg**

A full day in Wittenberg, where the Reformation officially began in 1517, awaits us. A local guide joins us for a tour of Lutherstadt-Wittenberg, beginning at the site where Luther posted his 95 Theses. Although the original door was destroyed in a fire, the replica has all 95 Theses magnificently displayed in bronze. Next we tour the Lutherhalle (Luther House) Museum. In 1508, when Martin Luther came to Wittenberg, he lived here with other Augustinian Monks. Later, Luther and his wife, Katharina von Bora, raised six children here. We dine this evening in a local restaurant and ask local pastors to join us. **B/D**

## **Day 5: Friday, September 15, 2017 • Erfurt**

After breakfast we stop in Eisleben, where Luther was born and also where he died. It is sometimes referred to as his Bethlehem and Jerusalem. We visit both these homes as well as St. Anne's, an old miner's church famous for the Biblical Scenes hewn in stone. Then we drive through the Thuringian countryside to Erfurt where we tour the Augustinian Monastery in which Luther lived six years as a monk. We have time to stroll through the narrow streets of the old town and walk across the famous Krämer Bridge. We stay the next two nights in Erfurt and soak up the atmosphere of this historic city. **B/D**

## **Day 6: Saturday, September 16, 2017 • Erfurt**

This morning we take a day-trip to nearby Eisenach for a tour of the Wartburg Castle, where Luther translated the New Testament into German. Afterwards we drive to the city center and see St. George's Church, where Luther sang and worshipped as a teenager and where J.S. Bach was baptized. We enjoy hearing about the authentic instruments in the Bach Museum. In the afternoon we return to Erfurt for some free time. We dine at a local restaurant this evening. **B/D**

## **Day 7: Sunday, September 17, 2017 • Augsburg**

After lunch we depart for Dachau to visit the Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial Site. This was one of the first Nazi concentration camps opened in Germany. From there we continue to Augsburg with the rest of the day free to explore this wonderful city. **B/L**

## **Day 8: Monday, September 18, 2017 • Augsburg**

Today a local guide joins us as we explore Augsburg. We see the Dom Cathedral, St. Ulrich Basilica, City Hall and its Golden Chamber Hall. We visit the Fuggerei, the world's oldest government subsidized housing project. Tonight we enjoy a dinner at a local restaurant. **B/D**

**Day 9: Tuesday, September 19, 2017 • Lucerne**

We drive to Appenzell district where we stop at an Appenzell dairy for a tasting. We then move on to Liechtenstein where we stop in Vaduz that we explore on our own. Our last destination today is Lucerne, our home for the next two nights. **B/D**

**Day 10: Wednesday, September 20, 2017 • Lucerne**

We begin our day with a walking tour of Lucerne. We take time to cross the famous wooden Chapel Bridge, and stop to see the sculptured, poignant Lion Monument, designed by the Danish sculptor Thorwaldsen, as a memorial to Swiss mercenaries that lost their lives defending the King of France. After lunch on our own we take a cruise on Lake Lucerne. We have a day pass that allows to hop on/ hop off, and depending on our desire, we can get off at Weggins, Vitznau, Beckenried, Rütli, Brunnen or/and Flüelen. Upon our return to Lucerne, we have more time to wander through this beautiful city. We can shop for chocolate or wood carvings or take a long walk along the lake's beautiful esplanade. **B/D**

**Day 11: Thursday, September 21, 2017 • Interlaken**

Departing lovely Lucerne, we first cross the Brunig Pass and arrive at the international resort town of Interlaken. We then reach Lauterbrunnen, the "village of the waterfalls." Here a cogwheel train brings us to Kleine Scheidegg for a spectacular panoramic view of Jungfrau mountain peaks and a lunch break before riding down the other side of the mountain to Grindelwald, the "village of the glaciers." We then transfer back to Interlaken where dinner and a Swiss Folklore Show awaits us. **B/D**

**Day 12: Friday, September 22, 2017 • Zurich**

Upon arrival a local guide takes us on a walking tour of Zurich's Old Town. Then we check into our hotel where we have time to either relax or explore more of Zurich before dinner our farewell dinner at the hotel. **B/D**

**Day 13**

With wonderful memories this morning after breakfast we will transfer to the airport for return flight to the US.

## *Tour Inclusions:*

**Accommodations:**

- Double occupancy accommodations in superior three and moderate four star hotels.
  - Berlin – Berlin Mövenpick
  - Wittenberg – Luther Hotel
  - Erfurt – Radisson Blu Hotel Erfurt
  - Augsburg – Ringhotel Dehner Blumen
  - Lucerne – Radisson Blu Lucerne
  - Interlaken – Hotel Interlaken
  - Zurich – Hotel Alexander

**Transportation:**

- Private, deluxe touring coach and driver throughout the tour

**Meals:**

- Meals as indicated in the itinerary

**Sightseeing and activities:**

- Admission for all attractions mentioned in the itinerary

**Guides:**

- Services of a professional tour guide throughout the tour
- Step-on guides for tour highlights and city tours

**Taxes and Tips:**

- All taxes and tips for provided services, except as indicated below

# TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**TOUR HOST:**

Pastor Greg Billberg, Senior Pastor at First Lutheran Church – Alexandria, Minnesota.

**TOUR PRICE:**

\$4595 pp based on double occupancy. Single Supplement: \$900 \*Price is based on a minimum of 25 tour participants. Air cost and taxes are subject to change.

**RESERVATION AND DEPOSIT:**

Early registration is a must as space not under deposit will be released. A deposit of \$500 is due at time of registration. Final payment is due May 15, 2017. A 3.5% service fee will be added to all credit card payments.

**CANCELLATION:**

Cancellations must be received in writing. For cancellation made from time of deposit until May 15, 2017 the cancel fee is \$250 per person. After May 15, 2017 there is NO-REFUND.

**DOCUMENTATION:**

A valid passport is required for the trip. Passports can take up to 2 months. Please allow ample time for processing.

**TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE:**

Travel Insurance is highly recommended. Travel insurance coverage is available to purchase based on the cost of the trip and the traveler's age. Upon confirmation of your reservations, we will provide details regarding the insurance including coverage and price. **Purchase insurance at the time of deposit to be eligible for the waiver of pre-existing conditions.**

**NOT INCLUDED:**

Tips to the driver and guide (\$5 per person per day for the guide and \$3 per person per day for the driver), items of a personal nature, such as long distance phone calls, room service, laundry, meals except as noted in itinerary, and gratuities.

**OTHER:**

This tour price is based on prices in effect on November 1, 2016 and subject to change without notice. We reserve the right to make changes in the itinerary should it be deemed necessary. If the price adjustment becomes necessary due to foreign currency exchange and/or additional fuel/security taxes, you will be notified immediately.

**RESPONSIBILITY:**

All reservations are accepted with the specific condition that Bursch Travel, operator of this tour, acts only as an agent of the hotels, sightseeing contractors, bus operators, airlines and others who provide the actual arrangements, and is not liable for any act, omission, delay, injury, loss or damage, or nonperformance occurring in connection with these arrangements.

## First Lutheran Church – Lutherland & Switzerland

September 11-23, 2017

Registration

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_  
first, middle & last legal names as they appear on passport date of birth

Passport # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Passport # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

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State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Delta Sky Mile Numbers Name #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Name #2 \_\_\_\_\_

**Check appropriate item:** Hotel:  2 beds  1 bed

Roommate (not listed above): \_\_\_\_\_ Special requests: \_\_\_\_\_

**Travel Insurance:**

Yes, I wish to purchase optional insurance.  No, I decline cancellation insurance.  
*The premium amount has to be paid by credit card.*



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Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 3 digit sec. code: \_\_\_\_\_

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