

Tour Code: BTRR26

Wartburg Castle



Rome to Reformation

MAIN TOUR

Oct. 25 - Nov. 7, 2026

OPTIONAL EXTENSION

Nov. 7 - 12, 2026

Castle Church Doors



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Day 1: Sunday, October 25, 2026 • Departure

Our journey begins today as we board our international flight bound for Rome, Italy. With excitement and anticipation, we settle in for the journey ahead, enjoying in-flight meals and rest as we cross the Atlantic.

Day 2: Monday, October 26, 2026 • Rome

Upon arrival in Rome, we're warmly greeted by our tour director who escorts us to our waiting motor coach. On our way to our centrally located hotel, we enjoy a panoramic orientation tour of the Eternal City, catching our first glimpses of its iconic beauty. The afternoon is ours to unwind or explore at leisure. This evening, we gather for our Welcome Dinner at the hotel, sharing a toast to the incredible days ahead. **(D)**

Day 3: Tuesday, October 27, 2026 • Rome

This morning, we journey to the heart of Vatican City. As we walk through the awe-inspiring St. Peter's Basilica—the largest church in Christendom—we're reminded of the grandeur and influence of the Roman Catholic Church. We marvel at the Vatican Museums and the Sistine Chapel, taking in Michelangelo's masterful ceiling. In the afternoon, we visit the Basilica of St. John in the Lateran and the Scala Sancta, the sacred steps Martin Luther once ascended on his knees. Tonight, we enjoy dinner together at a traditional Roman restaurant. **(B/D)**

Day 4: Wednesday, October 28, 2026 • Rome

After breakfast, we dive deeper into the wonders of ancient Rome. We explore Capitoline Hill and gaze over the Roman Forum, imagining the bustling life of the Caesars. The Colosseum, Constantine's Arch, and other ruins stir our imaginations with their grandeur and history. The afternoon is free for us to explore the city center at our own pace. Dinner is again enjoyed together as we reflect on Rome's legacy. **(B/D)**

Day 5: Thursday, October 29, 2026 • Wittenberg

Today we transfer to the airport for our flight to Berlin. Upon arrival, we are taken on a guided tour of the city, stopping for photos at the Brandenburg Gate and visiting sites such as the Berlin Cathedral, and the Checkpoint Charlie Museum. From Berlin, we continue to Wittenberg, where we check in to our hotel and settle in for the next two nights. **(B/D)**

Day 6: Friday, October 30, 2026 • Wittenberg

This morning, we step back into Reformation history as we



Prague

visit the Castle Church where Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses in 1517. Though the original door was lost to fire, the bronze replica is stunning. We see the outside of the Lutherhalle (Luther House) Museum, where Luther lived and he experienced his pivotal "Tower Experience" while reading Romans 1:17. Our day includes visits to the Melancthon House, St. Mary's Church and the Luther Oak. We enjoy lunch at the charming Brauhaus near the market square, after which we have free time to explore Wittenberg on our own. **(B/L)** *(Note the Lutherhalle Museum is under renovations and closed until spring of 2027.)*

Day 7: Saturday, October 31, 2026 • Prague

After breakfast, we depart for Leipzig. There, we visit the Nikolaikirche where a Bible study in the Beatitudes lead to prayer walks and the peaceful protests that played a role in the fall of East Germany. We also visit the Thomaskirche, where Johann Sebastian Bach once served and is now buried. Then we journey onward to Prague and enjoy a festive folklore dinner together this evening. **(B/D)**

Day 8: Sunday, November 1, 2026 • Prague

A local guide joins us this morning to lead a tour of Prague, including the Prague Castle, St. Vitus Cathedral, and the historic Charles Bridge. In the afternoon, we pay tribute to Jan Hus at Bethlehem Chapel, where he preached against corruption. His bold voice continues to inspire as we reflect on his sacrifice and the seeds of reform he planted. **(B/D)**

Day 9: Monday, November 2, 2026 • Munich

We travel today toward Munich, with a sobering and meaningful stop at Flossenbürg Concentration Camp, where Dietrich Bonhoeffer was martyred in 1945. In silence, we honor his life and legacy with prayer. On arrival in Munich, a local guide introduces us to the city's highlights, including the Marienplatz and Nymphenburg Palace. We gather tonight for dinner at a traditional German restaurant, sharing stories and reflections. **(B/D)**

Day 10: Tuesday, November 3, 2026 • Munich

Today we take a day trip to Augsburg, the birthplace of the Augsburg Confession—a foundational document of Lutheran belief. We visit St. Anne's Church, where Luther once stayed, and the historic Fugger Quarter, a testament to Christian charity and community. Here, we pause to consider the themes of unity, courage, and enduring faith. We return to Munich in the evening, where we enjoy dinner on our own. **(B)**



Day 11: Wednesday, November 4, 2026 • Zurich

This morning, we depart for Switzerland, stopping en route at a traditional Swiss cheese factory for a delicious tasting. We then visit Kappel am Albis Monastery, reflecting on the 1529 standoff between Protestant and Catholic forces and the peace-sharing tale of the “Milk Soup of Kappel.” Later, we continue to Zurich, where we enjoy dinner together at our hotel. (B/D)

Day 12: Thursday, November 5, 2026 • Geneva

We begin our day in Zurich with a walking tour focused on Huldrych Zwingli and the Anabaptists. At the Grossmünster and the Helferei—Zwingli’s home—we learn about his reform efforts and lasting legacy. After exploring Zurich’s charming old town, we travel to Geneva, where Calvin, Knox, and Farel once taught and preached. (B/D)

Day 13: Friday, November 6, 2026 • Geneva

Our day begins at the grand Reformation Monument, where statues of Calvin, Farel, Knox, and Beza commemorate the courage and truth of the Reformation. We continue to Calvin’s church and Academy, visiting the Auditoire de Calvin and St. Pierre’s Cathedral, where we see Calvin’s chair and the restored interior. We explore the impressive Reformation Museum and the archaeological ruins beneath it. The remainder of the afternoon is free before we come together for a meaningful farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B/D)

Day 14: Saturday, November 7, 2026 • Return

With full hearts and memories to last a lifetime, we transfer to the airport for our return flights home. We leave inspired, having walked in the footsteps of those who shaped our faith and history. (B)



TOUR COST: 20-24 pilgrims \$6,669

15-19 pilgrims \$7,179

per person, double occupancy

Single supplement = \$1,979

Your Tour Includes:

- **Land Transportation** via private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- **Accommodations** (double occupancy) Moderate 3 and 4 star hotels
- **Meals per the itinerary**
- Services of a **Professional Tour Manager**
- Local step-on guides for city tours and major attractions
- **Admission** to all activities indicated in the itinerary except those listed as optional
- **Luggage handling** of one piece per person at hotels where available
- **All taxes and tips** for provided services except as noted below

Your Tour Does Not Include:

- Estimated **Roundtrip airfare**
- Meals not indicated on itinerary
- **Beverages**, except with breakfast
- **End of tour gratuity** for coach driver and tour manager
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees.
(*Passport must be valid for 6 months beyond return date.*)
- **Optional insurance** for health, baggage and cancellation.
(*This insurance is available and offered by Bursch*)

Payment Schedule:

A deposit of \$750 per person is due with reservation.
Interim payment of \$500 is due April 18, 2026
Final payment is due 100 days prior to departure date (July 17, 2026). Invoice will be sent out prior to final payment. Passengers may add after this date subject to air and land availability. Generally airlines do not increase the price of a ticket after it has been contracted. However, prior to the issuance of a ticket, airlines may (and regularly do) impose fuel, tax, or security surcharges. In the event a surcharge is imposed after Ed-Ventures has received a final payment, Ed-Ventures will send an additional invoice for the surcharge amount. Early registration is encouraged.

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All cancellations must be in writing. The date of postmark will determine the amount of refund due. Refunds are based on the number of days prior to departure date. From the time of deposit to 100 days before departure a \$100 administrative fee plus any airfare penalties will be assessed. From 99 to 46 days prior to departure, a \$500 cancellation penalty plus lost airfare deposits and any unrecoverable deposits to ground suppliers will be assessed. Airline tickets once purchased are nonrefundable. Anyone canceling 45 days or less prior to departure will receive **no refund**.

Purchase of health, baggage, and trip cancellation/interruption insurance is strongly recommended.

Terms and Conditions

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Legal Name: _____

(Name for name badge): _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female (required by airlines)

Dietary Needs: _____

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Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female (required by airlines)

Dietary Needs: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____ **Phone:** _____

Work phone/cell: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Sleeping Preference (circle one): Double bed (1 bed) Twin Beds (2 beds)

Roommate name: _____ **OR Single supplement:** _____ Yes _____ No

Travel Insurance (Please check one)

- ☐ I wish to purchase Allianz insurance and have included the premium with my deposit.
- ☐ I wish to decline the travel insurance offered. I understand I am solely responsible for any cancellation penalties and out of pocket expenses occurred should I have an emergency before or during the tour.

Deposit Payment Information (please check one)

- ☐ Enclosed is my \$ _____ deposit and insurance premium (if applicable). **Make checks payable to Bursch Travel**
- ☐ Please charge \$ _____ deposit and insurance premium (if applicable) to my Discover/MasterCard/Visa

Credit Card Number: _____ **Exp. Date:** _____

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Signature of 1st traveler: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature of 2nd traveler: _____ **Date:** _____



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