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Lutherland Tour of Germany

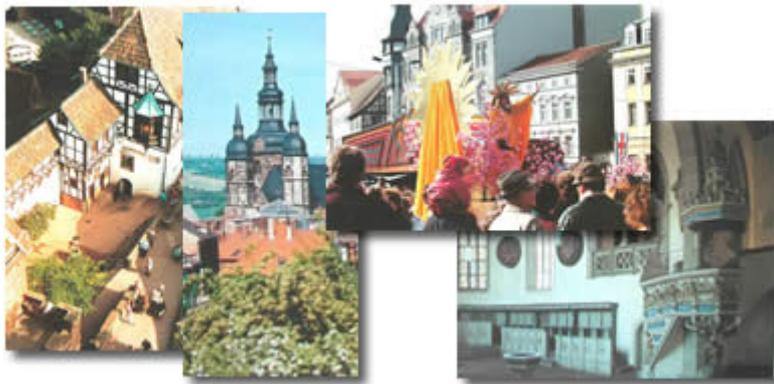
Tour Hosts: Professor Mark Braun and
Father Edwin Kornath

DATES:

March 7-16, 2003

Cities and Sites on Tour: Munich, Rothenburg, Nuremburg, Colberg, Eisenach, Erfurt, Leipzig, Eisleben, Wittenberg, Lutherhaus, Concentration Camp, Berlin

Join Heavenly International Tours, Father Edwin Kornath of St. Thomas, Waterford and Professor Mark Braun of Wisconsin Lutheran College on this exciting Lutherland tour of Germany. We will explore the historical sites of Martin Luther, breathtaking scenery, culture and history of Germany. Our tour will also include a visit to a Concentration Camp dating back to World War II. We leave from Chicago and fly to Munich, where our tour begins. Enjoy travelling through picturesque villages, mountains and valleys with fellow partners in travel from all denominations. This is our invitation to you, your family and friends to join this tour. Fellowship is the main ingredient that makes this tour the experience of a lifetime and allows you to cultivate new friendships long after you return home.



Tour Features Include:

- Roundtrip flight from Chicago/Germany/Chicago
- Meet and assist at airports
- 1 night - Munich
- 1 night - Rothenburg
- 1 night - Coburg
- 1 night - Erfurt
- 2 nights - Leipzig
- 2 nights - Berlin
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Farewell dinner in Berlin

- Private air-conditioned motorcoach for travel
- Transfers, entrance fees, portorage, service charges

Daily Tour Itinerary:

March 7 Friday - DEPARTURE

Today we depart for Germany from Chicago's O'Hare Airport. Enjoy superb in-flight service and meals on our flight across the Atlantic.

March 8 Saturday - MUNICH

Arrive at Munich airport. Meet your guide, board your private motorcoach and transfer to your hotel. Check into your hotel. In the afternoon, take a city tour of Munich. Visit the Marienplatz, traditional center of the city, whose attractive architecture dates from the Middle Ages with the New Town Hall where its huge clock presents the "Glockenspiel" during which redcoated figures dance to a traditional melody. See the Church of the Lady, the Odeonsplatz, the Residence, the market place with open air stalls, passing the former Olympic grounds viewing the classical buildings and many other interesting places as Royal Square (Königsplatz), Ludwigstreet, the University, etc. You also visit an 18th century Nymphenburg Palace. In the evening, celebrate with a welcome dinner with a Bavarian Show. *Dinner - out of hotel. Overnight in Munich - (B,D)*

March 9 Sunday - ROTHENBURG

Breakfast in hotel. After breakfast a short drive to Augsburg - as old as the Christian era. Augsburg was long one of the most powerful and richest cities of Germany. The Mozart family originated in Augsburg. In 1530, the "Confessio Augustana" was publicly proclaimed for the first time. Walking tour of Augsburg highlighting Church of St. Anne (Luther stayed here in October 1518), the starting point of the Reformation in Augsburg, with an original portrait of Luther by Lucas Cranach the Elder. See Luther's "Da hinab", part of the city wall where Luther secretly fled the city in 1518. Travel along the Romantic Road to Rothenburg, the most perfectly preserved medieval city in Germany. Here towers, walls and quaint narrow streets invite us to return to a bygone era. Enjoy a walking tour through this village. Visit St. James Church, featuring altar pieces by the painter Herling and the famous woodcarver Tilman Riemenschneider. *Dinner and overnight - Rothenburg (B,D)*

March 10 Monday - NUREMBURG - COBURG

Breakfast in hotel. This morning we drive to Nuremberg, the first free Imperial town to accept the reformation. Walking tour of Nuremberg which was Germany's most important city at the center of philosophical and religious developments. In the afternoon, we travel to Coburg, situated in Northern Bavaria. In 1530, Luther stayed here for 6 months in Coburg Fortress in order to follow the negotiations at the Imperial Diet in Augsburg. Visit Coburg Fortress. Please note: No interior visit is possible because the Coburg Fortress is closed on Monday. *Dinner and overnight - Coburg (B,D)*

March 11 Tuesday - EISENACH - ERFURT

Breakfast in hotel. We travel to Eisenach in the Thuringian Forest where little has changed since the Middle Ages. Martin Luther had many connections to the town of Eisenach. Visit the Luther House where Luther was educated from 1498 - 1501. Continue to the Wartburg Castle, towering 560 feet above the valley, where Luther disguised as a nobleman, took shelter from the wrath of the Pope when he translated the New Testament from Greek to German in 1521-22. Eisenach is also the birthplace of Bach-often called the Fifth Evangelist. Next we travel to Erfurt, one of Germany's most picturesque medieval cities. Erfurt is the spiritual home of Martin Luther. He studied here from 1501-1505. As a result of his experience in a thunderstorm, he entered the Augustinian Monastery. *Dinner and overnight - Erfurt (B,D)*

March 12 Wednesday - LEIPZIG

Breakfast in hotel. Erfurt became the most important "Lutheran City". Morning walking tour of Erfurt, the historical capital of Thuringia. See St. Mary's cathedral, where Luther was ordained as a priest and visit the Augustinian Church and Monastery. We continue to Leipzig, important as a trade and book center. Leipzig, a

university town and the cradle of the peaceful revolution in 1989. *Dinner and overnight - Leipzig (B,D)*

March 13 Thursday - LEIPZIG - EISLEBEN

Breakfast in the hotel. This morning we visit St.Thomas' Church. Luther preached here in order to introduce the Reformation into this part of Saxony. J.S.Bach was cantor here and the famous St.Thomas' Church Choir was and still is based here. See the Old Town Hall in the Market Square, Maedler Passage with Auerbach's Cellar, new Town Hall, Church of St. Nicholas. We depart for Luther sites in Eisleben. The Lutheran town of Eisleben is situated in the countryside of the Harz mountains. Eisleben was first documented in 994 and was first recognized as a town in the 12th century. Luther was born and baptized in Eisleben and also found his last resting place. Experience his dramatic faith and visit his house where he was born and died. *Dinner and overnight - Leipzig (B,D)*

March 14 Friday - WITTENBERG - CONCENTRATION CAMP - BERLIN

Breakfast in hotel. Continuing in the steps of Martin Luther, depart for Wittenberg, the city of Luther. During our walking tour, we visit the Lutherhaus-his living and working quarters, the Castle Church, Marien Church and the Wittenberg University, Germany's first University founded in 1502. Enjoy free time in the Market Square. Next we continue to the former Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp, located in a suburb of Berlin. This camp for men was opened in 1936, where more than 200,000 people were imprisoned between 1936 and 1945. Afterwards, we travel to Berlin, Germany's capital. *Dinner and overnight - Berlin (B,D)*

March 15 Saturday - BERLIN

Breakfast in hotel. Berlin - a city where history can be experienced first hand. The appeal of Berlin lies in its contrasts: a historical city facing an exciting future, a fascinating mixture which lives from its diversity makes Berlin one of the most interesting city destinations. Morning tour of Berlin to explore this fascinating city including the remains of the Berlin Wall. Visit the Charlottenburg Palace, built in 1695-1713. Following the city tour, enjoy a one hour boat cruise through the historic center of the city. See the Museum Island, the Berlin Cathedral and Nikolai district. Free time in the afternoon for last minute shopping. In the evening, enjoy our Farewell Dinner in a local restaurant. *Overnight - Berlin (B,D)*

March 16 Sunday - BERLIN - USA

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