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Celebration of the Reformation

Ridley College Friends and Supporters Tour

28 JUNE - 11 JULY 2017

LED BY RICHARD TRIST & RHYS BEZZANT



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Celebration of the Reformation

"Here I stand - I can do no other"
Martin Luther

Be part of a tour that will help you stand firm in your faith.

2017 marks the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, a movement that has shaped Christian faith and life in ways that remain critical and relevant for today. Ridley College invites you to participate in a unique tour which will enable you to engage with the vital biblical truths rediscovered at the Reformation. Discover the life and work of great heroes of faith such as Martin Luther, John Calvin, Johannes Gutenberg, and Ulrich Zwingli, and be inspired and encouraged in your own faith.

The tour commences with two days of orientation and sightseeing in Germany's vibrant capital city of Berlin. The following days will be spent exploring the picturesque and historic Luther towns of Wittenberg and Erfurt, as well as enjoying a relaxing morning cruise on the beautiful Rhine River. After some shopping in the medieval town of Rothenburg we will visit the fascinating city of Nuremberg, site of many important events associated with World War 2. We will then travel to Switzerland to experience the history and beauty of Zurich and Geneva, key cities for the Swiss Reformation and the work of Calvin, Zwingli and the Anabaptist movement.

The tour will be led by Canon Richard Trist accompanied by his wife Glenda. Richard is the Dean of the Anglican Institute at Ridley College and has previously led tour groups to Egypt, Israel, Turkey, Greece and Oberammergau.



Church history lecturer and theologian Dr Rhys Bezzant will keep us informed along the way. Rhys is a well-known preacher and teacher both in Australia and overseas. He loves to travel, speaks fluent German, and has conducted many study tours of Germany and Switzerland.

This tour will provide many opportunities for reflection and fellowship as well as times of fun and relaxation. Richard and Rhys look forward to sharing with you in this special 500th celebration year of the Protestant Reformation.



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Itinerary

WEDNESDAY JUNE 28TH:

Depart Australia

Departure flight from Melbourne to Berlin.

THURSDAY JUNE 29TH:

Arrive Berlin

Welcome to Germany. On arrival at Berlin airport you are met by your Tour Director and transferred to your hotel. This afternoon we embark on a sightseeing tour with a local guide. Get to know the many different faces of Berlin. Pass the places of historical Berlin, including the Brandenburg Gate, the Reichstag, the boulevard Unter den Linden as well as the famous Gendarmenmarkt, the Berlin Cathedral, the unique Museum Island with five important museum-buildings, the Embassy quarter around Pariser Platz, Tiergarten, Checkpoint Charlie (the former border crossing between East and West Berlin), Potsdamer Platz, the boulevard Kurfürstendamm with the Memorial Church and much more. (The tour does not include inside visits)

Tonight we enjoy a Welcome Dinner together at a local restaurant.

HOTEL: Steigenberger Hotel

MEALS: Dinner

FRIDAY JUNE 30TH:

Berlin

Today after breakfast we visit the Pergamon Museum. This famous museum contains many archaeological finds from Biblical times including the Pergamon Altar and the Market Gate of Miletus (Revelation 2:12-17, Acts 20:17-38). The remainder of the day is free for you to explore Berlin, this once divided city.

HOTEL: Steigenberger Hotel

MEALS: Breakfast

SATURDAY JULY 1ST:

Wittenberg

Drive to Wittenberg this morning. Check in at hotel before enjoying a guided city tour of Wittenberg. Experience the historic city centre of Wittenberg with the Schlosskirche (Castle Church) and its famous door where Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses in protest to the sale of indulgences. Stroll around the streets where Luther and his colleagues walked many years ago. Included is a visit to the Luther House, the Melanchthon House and the City Church St. Marien. The remainder of the day is at leisure. Tonight have dinner included at a local restaurant. Overnight at Wittenberg.

HOTEL: Best Western Stadtpalais, Wittenberg

MEALS: Breakfast & Dinner

SUNDAY JULY 2ND:

Wittenberg – Eisleben – Erfurt

Today we check out of our hotel and travel to Torgau. Upon arrival we enjoy a guided tour – “Martin Luther, Katharina von Bora and the Reformation in Torgau”. More than forty stays of the reformer Martin Luther in Torgau are documented. The foundation of the Augsburg Confession was developed here. We then continue to Eisleben and on arrival embark on a guided walking tour. Martin Luther is the most famous citizen of Eisleben (also called Lutherstadt Eisleben), a town founded more than a thousand years ago. He was born here on November 10, 1483 and died here on February 18, 1546. During the tour you will visit Luther’s birthplace and last residence, the Luther monument, the Church of St. Peter and Paul where Luther was baptised, as well as the Church of St. Andrew where Luther gave his last sermons. Also included will be St. Anné Church – one of the most beautiful Renaissance churches in Germany. Continue to Erfurt for overnight and dinner at our hotel.

HOTEL: Radisson Blu, Erfurt

MEALS: Breakfast & Dinner

MONDAY JULY 3RD:

Erfurt – Mainz

This morning we enjoy a walking tour of Erfurt with a local guide. This tour will introduce you to the city of flowers and horticulture, the city where Martin Luther lived and studied, and the location of a number of historical Jewish sites. Erfurt was Martin Luther’s spiritual home. A student at Erfurt’s famous university between 1501 and 1505, Luther first studied the “seven liberal arts”, then theology and, at his father’s wish, jurisprudence. But a dramatic personal incident brought about a radical change in Luther’s life: terrified by a dreadful storm close to the city, during which he was struck by lightning, he took monastic vows and entered the Augustinian Monastery on 17 July 1505. In April 1507, Martin Luther was ordained as priest in Erfurt Cathedral. On your route through the town you will see interesting places connected with Luther, such as the Luther monument, St. Michael’s Church and the student hostel which also date from this era. At the end of this tour there is an opportunity to visit the Augustinian Monastery. After the tour we will transfer to Wartburg Castle for a one hour visit. This UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Site stands atop a 200-meter high rock above the town of Eisenach. The Wartburg’s most famous resident was Martin Luther, who lived here in protective custody in 1521-1522 after refusing to retract his writings. It was here that he translated the New Testament from Greek into German. Continue to Mainz for our 2 night stay.

HOTEL: Hilton Hotel, Mainz

MEALS: Breakfast & Dinner



TUESDAY JULY 4TH:

Mainz

Begin the day with a relaxing river cruise past steep-sided vineyards, half-timbered taverns, the hilltop castles and the notorious Lorelei Rock. Alight at Rudesheim, where we then enjoy the awe-inspiring panoramic views over Rudesheim's old town, the vineyards and the shimmering waters of the Rhine from the mighty Niederwald Monument. In the afternoon we transfer to Worms. Martin Luther spent just ten days in Worms, but these ten days fundamentally changed the world. In 1521 he was summoned to the Imperial Diet where he was supposed to disassociate himself from what he had written. Luther asked for time to consider, and then decided not to compromise. He said that if he could not be confuted by the Holy Scriptures, which were his only point of reference, then he did not want to and could not recant "because to go against one's conscience is neither right nor safe". We take a guided tour following the footsteps of Luther during his stay for the Imperial Diet, including descriptions about the impact for the reformation movement (entrance fees not included). Later return to Mainz.

HOTEL: Hilton Hotel, Mainz

MEALS: Breakfast

WEDNESDAY JULY 5TH:

Nuremberg

We will start the day with a tour in Mainz, where we will take you to the Gutenberg Museum, home to the most famous Bible in the world. On a guided tour of the city, you'll see sites associated with Johannes Gutenberg - the place where he was born, the church where he was baptised, the house where he lived in his later years and his final resting place - as well as former printing houses and various monuments. We then travel to Nuremberg with a stop in Rothenburg to shop for Christmas ornaments. In the afternoon explore Nuremberg old town and visit the German National Museum. Overnight in Nuremberg.

HOTEL: Maritim Hotel, Nuremberg

MEALS: Breakfast & Dinner

THURSDAY JULY 6TH:

Nuremberg

This morning is set aside for free time to explore the old town of Nuremberg. In the afternoon we will visit the concentration camp Flossenbürg when the famous German theologian and pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer was imprisoned and martyred. Bonhoeffer's book *The Cost of Discipleship* is his most famous work, and in many ways foreshadowed the cost he ultimately paid as a result of his opposition to the Nazi regime. Return to Nuremberg.

HOTEL: Maritim Hotel, Nuremberg

MEALS: Breakfast

FRIDAY JULY 7TH:

Konstanz - Zurich

Today we drive from Nuremberg to Konstanz, where we see the Imperia, the city's most famous statue representing the Council of Constance which ended the Papal Schism of the 15th Century. We then visit the Jan Hus Museum, which has been for more than 200 years a place of reverence to the great Church reformer. Hus was a follower of John Wycliffe and a predecessor of Martin Luther. Continue on to Zurich for our 2 night stay.

HOTEL: Sheraton Hotel, Zurich

MEALS: Breakfast & Dinner

SATURDAY JULY 8TH:

Zurich

This morning we will enjoy a guided city tour of Zurich ending at the Landesmuseum with some free time to explore. It was in Zurich where the Reformed branch of the Reformation got its start under the leadership of Ulrich Zwingli beginning in 1520. We will tour the Grossmünster, the Helferei (where Zwingli lived) and see the Zwingli Statue. We then travel to Einsiedeln Monastery for evening prayer at 5:30 pm.

Return to Zurich for overnight.

HOTEL: Sheraton Hotel, Zurich

MEALS: Breakfast

SUNDAY JULY 9TH:

Zurich - Geneva

We depart to the village Bäretswil and walk to an Anabaptist cave. The Anabaptists pressed the Reformers for a separation of church and state, adult baptism, and freedom from taxation and military conscription. When this was refused they moved into the countryside where they worshipped in secret in caves. Afterwards we will drive from Geneva to Gruyere with picture postcard scenery along the way. Arrive in Geneva for our 2 night stay.

HOTEL: Sheraton Hotel, Zurich

MEALS: Breakfast

MONDAY JULY 10TH:

Geneva

This morning we will do a tour of Geneva's famous attractions. Geneva was the city where the famous reformer John Calvin was based. The tour includes seeing the Reformation Monument, St Peter's Church, Calvin's home and grave. The afternoon is free for further exploring or last minute shopping. Tonight we will have our Farewell Dinner at our hotel.

HOTEL: Warwick Hotel, Geneva

MEALS: Breakfast & Dinner

TUESDAY JULY 11TH:

Geneva - Australia

Our tour ends with a transfer to the Geneva airport.

MEALS: Breakfast



Tour Costs

Price is per person, based on a minimum of 25 passengers.

Tour only Twin share	\$5,695.00
Full package including earlybird airfare	\$7,999.00**
Single room supplement	\$1,058.00

**Earlybird airfare terms and conditions apply. See website for details.

Inclusions

- Return economy class airfares from Australia to Berlin and home from Geneva (full tour price)
- 12 nights hotel accommodation in first class hotels
- Sightseeing as outlined in the itinerary
- Meals as outlined in the itinerary
- Exclusive use of an air conditioned coach
- Airport transfers (for full tour package)
- Tipping to tour director, driver and local guides, service charges and local taxes
- Porterage of one piece of luggage in and out of hotels

Not included

- Travel insurance (speak to us for a 20% discount)
- Meals not mentioned, including lunches
- Personal expenses – internet, laundry, shopping
- Beverages
- Extensions before/after the tour



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