GERMANY

Director Preview Tour In the Footsteps of Martin Luther Celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

July 14 - 21, 2016











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About the Preview Tour



Join Music Celebrations International and Faith Journeys for an incredible Preview Tour of Germany! In advance of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in 2017, we'll be visiting sites so important to the life of Martin Luther and his historic movement. You'll walk away from this tour with a greater understanding of this country's rich musical, historical, and religious history. There is no better opportunity to become familiar with the highlights of a German concert or pilgrimage tour than this experience. In addition, this will be an unparalleled opportunity for choir directors to visit locations pertinent to the Luther 2017 Choral Festival and return home with a wealth of knowledge about the event before their choir's participation.

### Highlights include:

- Cruising the River Spree in the middle of Berlin taking in sights such as the Berlin Wall, the Neues Museum
- Exploring Wittenberg, where Luther lived and nailed his "95 Theses" to the doors of Schlosskirche
- Visiting Erfurt where Luther lived as an Augustinian Monk
- Seeing Wartburg Castle, where Luther translated the Bible into German



# Germany Preview Tour

Berlin / Juterborg / Wittenberg / Leipzig / Eisleben / Erfurt / Eisenach / Frankfurt

## Thursday, July 14, 2016

• Depart from USA gateways via scheduled air service Berlin, Germany

# Friday, July 15

(D)

- Arrive in Berlin
- Meet your MCI Tour Manager, who will assist the group to awaiting chartered motorcoach for a transfer into Berlin
- Take a panoramic introductory tour of Berlin's highlights and a Spree River Cruise (explore Berlin's magnificent architectural treasures and experience the city's amazing transformation by boat on a one-hour cruise on the River Spree) en route
- Mid-afternoon hotel check-in
- Evening dinner and overnight

## Saturday, July 16

(B,D)

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Enjoy a guided sightseeing tour of Berlin, including the Unter Den Linden Strasse, Brandenburg Gate, "the Wall," Checkpoint Charlie Museum and a visit to the Neues Museum. The Neues Museum houses the archaeological collections of the Egyptian Museum and Papyrus Collection, the Museum of Pre- and Early History, as well as works from the Collection of Classical Antiquities
- Afternoon venue visits
- Balance of the day at leisure
- Evening dinner and overnight

#### Sunday, July 17

(B,D)

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfer to Wittenberg stopping in Juterbog en route
- Upon arrival in Juterbog, visit the Nikolai Church
- Transfer to Wittenberg
- Take a guided tour of Wittenberg including the Luther House and Museum, Schlosskirche and Stadtkirche
- Visit the Wittenberg Center to review the lectures that can be arranged at the Center along with information about other Luther related activities available to visiting Lutheran groups
- Transfer to Leipzig
- · Evening dinner and overnight

#### Monday, July 18

(B,D)

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Take a guided tour of Leipzig including entrance to St. Thomas
   Church (famous because Bach was the organist and choirmaster here,
   and it is the
- home of the St. Thomas Boys Choir, one of the most famous in the world).
- Afternoon venue visits
- · Evening dinner and overnight

# Tuesday, July 19

(B,D)

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Visit the Bach Museum. The reconstructed Bose House stands in the shadow of the Thomaskirche. It was once the home of the Bach

- family and now contains the largest Bach archives in Germany, as well as many mementos of the composer
- Transfer to Eisleben where we visit the Luther House and Museum, St. Andrews Church and St. Peter and Paul church
- Continue to Erfurt
- Evening dinner and overnight

#### Wednesday, July 20

(B,D)

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Enjoy a guided visit to the Augustiner Monastery and the Cathedral
- Transfer to Eisenach
- Take a guided tour including St. George's Church and a visit to the Luther House
- · Lunch, on own
- Walk (15 minutes uphill) to the Wartburg Castle for a guided tour
- · Continue to Frankfurt for dinner and overnight

#### Thursday, July 21

**(B)** 

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfer to Frankfurt's International Airport for return flight







Name of Participant:		
Name of Ensemble/Church:		
Home Address:		
City, State, Zip:		
Mobile Phone: Email:		
A clear copy of my passport is included with this registration Passport Expiration Date:		
Nearest Major International Gateway Airport:		
Date of Birth:		
TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE GERMANY PREVIEW TOUR, A \$1,500 GROUP TOUR DEPOSIT MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN JUNE 1, 2016		
<ul> <li>THE GERMANY DIRECTOR PREVIEW TOUR INCLUDES ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:</li> <li>Round-trip airfare from your nearest international gateway airport. Participants are responsible for travel arrangements to and from this airport.</li> <li>Six nights single occupancy hotel accomodations</li> <li>Daily breakfasts and dinners.</li> <li>All organized sightseeing activities as listed in the tour itinerary.</li> <li>Local transportation by deluxe motorcoach.</li> </ul>		

Eligible participants are limited to an organization's music/artistic director, executive director, president, pastor or similar.

Additional participants are subject to Music Celebrations International management review, and must pay the full cost of the Preview Tour, valued at \$3,500. Additional participant costs do not apply toward an organization's tour costs.

# COMPLETE THIS REGISTRATION FORM AND MAIL IT WITH YOUR NON-REFUNDABLE \$1,500 TOUR DEPOSIT PAYABLE TO:

Music Celebrations International or Faith Journeys

1440 South Priest Drive, Suite 102 Tempe, Arizona 85281-6954

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