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DAY 1 ARRIVE IN BERLIN, GERMANY

Welcome to Berlin! At 6 pm, meet your Tour Director and traveling companions, then enjoy this evening's welcome dinner with wine at your hotel. (Dinner)

DAY 2 BERLIN–WITTENBERG

Sightseeing with a Local Guide in the once-divided metropolis includes the elegant Ku'damm, the restored Reichstag, Charlottenburg Castle, a picture stop at monumental Brandenburg Gate, the Holocaust Memorial, and the 21-foot Victory Column in the vast Tiergarten park. Visit the KAISER WILHELM MEMORIAL CHURCH with its bomb-damaged tower, drive along Unter den Linden boulevard, and pass the State Opera House and Checkpoint Charlie. In the afternoon, continue to Wittenberg, Martin Luther's home for 30-plus years and birthplace of the Reformation. (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 3 WITTENBERG–LEIPZIG

Enjoy a guided walking tour of LUTHER HOUSE and MUSEUM, where Martin Luther and his family lived. This well-preserved place of Reformation relics includes Luther's desk, his pulpit, and first editions of his books. See St. Mary's Church, a twin-towered gothic church where Luther preached the Reformation, got married (1525), and baptized his six children. Finally, see the door of the Castle Church where Luther posted his 95 Theses against the sale of indulgences—and launched the Reformation in 1517. A special visit has been included to the renaissance-style MELANCHTHON HOUSE, built in 1536 and today a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It belonged to Philipp Melanchthon, Luther's closest friend and most successful co-worker. Arrive in Leipzig and visit the THOMASKIRCHE, where J.S. Bach worked. It is the home of the St. Thomas Boys Choir and a place of musical creativity. Also visit the market square that today is a site for celebrations and festivals but that once was the scene of executions and political demonstrations. (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 4 LEIPZIG–EISLEBEN–ERFURT

Today, stop in Luther's birthplace, Eisleben, and visit LUTHER'S BIRTHPLACE museum, LUTHER'S DEATH HOUSE MUSEUM, St. Andrew's Church, and St. Peter & Paul Church. Later, drive to Erfurt, where the fine gothic and renaissance buildings evoke memories of the days of Dominican Master

Eckhart and Martin Luther, who spent his student days here before embarking on his journey to Wittenberg. Highlight of the day is a visit to the AUGUSTINIAN MONASTERY, where Luther lived as a monk, and the MERCHANTS' BRIDGE. (Breakfast)

DAY 5 ERFURT. EXCURSION TO EIDENACH

This morning, enjoy a guided visit to WARTBURG CASTLE, where Luther translated the Bible. Also see the Luther and Bach Memorials, visit NIKOLAI CHURCH, and see the Nikolai Gate, through which Luther passed whenever he entered or left Eisenach. Return to Erfurt. (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 6 ERFURT-COBURG-MAINZ

In Coburg, where Luther stayed in 1530 for the Imperial Diet of Augsburg, visit fascinating COBURG FORTRESS, one of the largest surviving medieval fortresses in Germany. (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 7 MAINZ. EXCURSION TO WORMS & THE RHINE VALLEY

In Worms, where the Imperial Council passed judgment on Luther in 1521, visit the CATHEDRAL where Luther presented his case, as well as TRINITY CHURCH and the famed REFORMATION MONUMENT. Later, enjoy a scenic RHINE CRUISE past castle-crested cliffs, terraced vineyards, and trim, half-timbered towns. Evening at leisure. (Breakfast)

DAY 8 MAINZ-ROTHENBURG-NUREMBERG

This morning, visit the GUTENBERG MUSEUM in Mainz, where original copies of the Bible can be seen. Next is the medieval walled town of Rothenburg. During your walking tour, visit ST. JACOB'S CHURCH with the renowned Blood Altar. Afterwards, there is time to shop for Christmas ornaments, for which this picturesque town is world famous. Continue to Nuremberg, the first town to accept the Reformation in 1525. (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 9 NUREMBERG-AUGSBURG-MUNICH

Your walking tour in Nuremberg features the famous ST. LORENZ LUTHERAN CHURCH. Continue to Augsburg, where your guided sightseeing reveals the city where Luther and his followers proclaimed their beliefs. Arrive in Munich. (Breakfast)

DAY 10 MUNICH

Sightseeing with a Local Guide of Germany's "Secret Capital" includes the Olympic Stadium, 1,000-foot-high Television Tower, MARIENPLATZ with the Old and the New Town Halls, and the gothic Frauenkirche. An optional excursion to Linderhof Castle and the Passion Play town of Oberammergau is available. Tonight, enjoy a farewell dinner with wine at your hotel. (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 11 MUNICH

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning. (Breakfast)