



MST Reformation

Study Tour 2017

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Celebrating 500 years of the Reformation



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500 YEARS OF REFORMATION



Melbourne School of Theology



As the church marks the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in 2017, Melbourne School of Theology is delighted to offer its students and alumni the opportunity to join us for an inspiring 15-day tour of Europe.

Visit the **Castle Church in Wittenberg**, where Luther nailed his 95 Theses that sparked the Reformation. Explore the **Wartburg Castle**, where he translated the Bible, and **Worms**, the city of his famous refusal to recant. Other highlights of this tour include **Strasbourg**, **Konstanz** (Constance) and **Zurich**, where we trace the steps of important Reformers such as Martin Bucer, John Calvin, Jan Hus, and Ulrich Zwingli.



A special feature of this tour is our clear commitment to transformational learning. While we will read, study and discuss, we also intend to immerse ourselves in the European Christian heritage more deeply by enjoying fellowship with local believers and learning how the Protestant faith has shaped them in the past and present. Of course, we will also get a first-hand

impression of the rich European culture, including the local culinary delights such as German apple-strudel, French macaroons and Swiss chocolate.



Our tour guide **Dr Michael Bräutigam**, originally from Germany, now serves as MST's lecturer in Theology and Church History.

Course Credits and Auditing

This tour is open to both students and friends of MST. Students may take the tour for credit towards an ACT course. The tour comprises two parts, and parts one and two are compulsory for those who are enrolled for course credit. Others are welcome to participate in the preparatory meeting. *Fee-Help is available to cover some costs.*

Part 1: Preparatory Meeting

We will meet on Friday evening, **28 October 2016**, to clarify practical questions regarding the tour (visas, travel arrangements etc.). All participants are warmly encouraged to attend this meeting.

Students who take the course for credit will also meet on **Saturday 29 October 2016**, to discuss the study material and questions about assessments.

Part 2: Study Tour

Dates: **Saturday 14 to Monday 30 January 2017**

Lecturer: Dr Michael Bräutigam

Itinerary*

Saturday 14 January

We'll depart Melbourne tonight on our flight to **Berlin**, with a stop-over, arriving in the German capital on Sunday evening, 15 January.

Sunday 15 January

On arrival at Berlin we transfer to our city-center accommodation for check-in then dinner in a typical German restaurant.

*Subject to change.

Monday 16 January

Whilst we are in Germany's vibrant capital we should make the most of it, so enjoy a day of sightseeing in **Berlin** (or relax in your room, sleeping off your jet-lag). Visit the Brandenburg Gate, the Berlin Wall Memorial, or one of Berlin's many museums.

Tuesday 17 January

We leave **Berlin** and make our way to **Wittenberg**, Luther's home for 30-plus years and birthplace of the Reformation. Enjoy a guided walking tour including the Reformation Museum, Luther House, St. Mary's Church, where he preached, and the Castle Church, where he nailed his 95 Theses. Also visit Martin Luther's tomb. We stay for the following two nights in Wittenberg.

Wednesday 18 January

Travel from Wittenberg to **Eisleben**. Visit two UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the house in which Luther was born and the home of his last residence. Then, visit St. Andrew's Church, where he preached his last sermon, followed by a visit to the St. Peter & Paul Church, where he was baptised. We will then drive to nearby **Mansfeld**, where Luther's family moved shortly after his birth and where he went to school.

Thursday 19 January

Travel from **Wittenberg to Weimar**, a city with a rich cultural heritage and which Luther often visited. During his visits, Luther preached several times at the City Church of St. Peter & Paul. We will visit the Weimar Altarpiece by Lucas Cranach the Younger (1555), one of the most significant portrayals of Luther's teachings. Moving on to **Erfurt**, we visit the Evangelical Monastery



of St Augustine's, where Luther lived as an Augustinian monk from July 1505 until autumn 1511. Stay overnight in the monastery.

Friday 20 January

From **Erfurt** we travel to nearby **Eisenach** for a visit to **Wartburg Castle**, where Luther translated the Bible.



We will also visit the Luther and Johann Sebastian Bach memorials as well as the Luther house, where he lived during high school.

Saturday 21 January

We leave **Erfurt**, going west to **Mainz**, where we visit the Gutenberg Museum, dedicated to Johannes Gutenberg, inventor of the printing press. We will see some original copies of the Bible before we continue to our private accommodation in beautiful **Simmern/Hunsrück** (dinner in Simmern). We will spend the following three nights with Christian families in Simmern. This will be an excellent opportunity to get to know German Christians and to discuss the lasting impact of the Reformation on today's believers.

Sunday 22 January

Today will be a day of rest. Visit an evangelical church service in one of the oldest free evangelical churches in Germany, the FeG Simmern. Enjoy lunch with local Christians at the church, followed by an afternoon walk through the **Soonwald**. "Kaffee & Kuchen" (coffee & cake) to refuel afterwards.

Monday 23 January

Visit Germany's oldest city, **Trier**, founded by the Romans over 2000 years ago. Karl Marx was born here, as was bishop Ambrose of Milan (and our tour guide Michael). Enjoy a guided tour through Trier with its famous Roman city gate, the Porta Nigra, and emperor Constantine's basilica. A special focus will be on Caspar Olevianus, a significant German Reformed theologian during the Protestant Reformation. Along with Zacharius Ursinus he was said to have co-authored the 1563 Heidelberg Catechism. We will enjoy dinner in one of the historic Trier restaurants with local Christians and then head back to Simmern for overnight stay.

Tuesday 24 January

We say farewell to our hosts and leave **Simmern**, making our first stop 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 Reformation Monument. Crossing the French border, we go on to **Strasbourg**, the capital of the Alsace region. A noteworthy site is the Gothic Cathedral. Visit churches where John Calvin and Martin Bucer preached. End your day with an overnight stay in Strasbourg and try some of the magnificent local dishes in an Alsatian restaurant.

Wednesday 25 January

We leave Strasbourg and make our way south to **Colmar** to visit the famous Isenheim altar piece by Matthias Grünewald. Colmar is a beautiful little city and worth a visit. On to **Freiburg**. For some time, Luther's opponent Desiderius Erasmus stayed in Freiburg and we visit the house where he lived. Our day ends in **Konstanz**, near the Swiss border, where we stay overnight.

Thursday 26 January

Konstanz, situated on **Lake Constance**, became a Protestant city during the Reformation in the 1520s. Wander around to view the old city walls or enjoy a lake cruise on Lake Constance. The Council of Constance condemned the early Czech Reformer John Hus in 1415 and he was eventually executed. Visit the Hussenstein and the Jan-Hus-Memorial. Meet local Christians for dinner; overnight in Konstanz.

Friday 27 January

We leave **Konstanz** and make our way south. On the way to **Zurich**, visit the Zwingli-House in **Wildhaus**, where Ulrich Zwingli, the leader of the Reformation in Switzerland, was born in 1484. In Zurich, we enjoy a walk through the Old Town and visit Grossmünster Church, the mother church of the Reformation in Switzerland under Zwingli. Also see the Helferei where Zwingli lived. Then, visit Fraumünster Church, for Marc Chagall's beautiful stained-glass windows. Overnight in Zurich.

Saturday 28 January

Your tour ends after breakfast this morning. Transfer to **Zurich** airport for our flight home. Arrive in Melbourne on **Monday 30 January**.

Costs

Reformation Study Tour: \$4,500*

Students who take this course for credit: add \$1,200 tuition fee (Fee-Help available).

Costs include

- All flights and taxes
- 10 nights twin-share hotel accommodation (single-room available at extra cost). Breakfast included.
- 3 nights accommodation with Christian families
- Entrance fees to all sites in the program
- Transport for all tours and transfers in the program
- English-speaking guided tours (where applicable)
- Deluxe air-conditioned bus with toilet, fridge and sleeper-seats
- Tips for guides and drivers

Additional costs (not included)

- Compulsory travel insurance and visa (if applicable)
- Meals not listed in itinerary
- Drinks
- Personal costs: laundry, internet, etc.

Interested?

To secure your place on this tour, *please request an application form* and return it with a \$600 deposit to Melbourne School of Theology by **May 31, 2016**. Upon approval of your application, the deposit will become non-refundable. **Final payment of all costs must be made by October 14th 2016**. If you have any queries, please email Iona Kroussoratsky (ikroussoratsky@mst.edu.au) or call her on (03) 9881 7800.

*Subject to change (depending on exchange rate of the Australian Dollar and based on a minimum of 25 participants).

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