

Reformation Study Tour 2024

14 Days through Germany,
France & Switzerland

*Visit the Castle Church
in Wittenberg,
where Luther nailed
his 95 Theses that
sparked the
Reformation.*



SATURDAY, 20TH JANUARY
TO SATURDAY, 3RD FEBRUARY 2024

Melbourne School of Theology is delighted to offer its students, alumni and friends the opportunity to join us for an inspiring 14-day tour of Europe.

Explore Wartburg castle, where Luther translated the New Testament. 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.

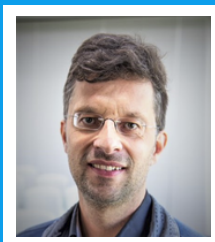
Of course, we will also get a first-hand impression of the rich European culture, and especially the local culinary delights such as German apple strudel, French macarons, and Swiss chocolate.

Our lecturer, Michael Bräutigam, originally from Germany, will lead this tour together with MST's Executive Principal, Tim Meyers.

Course Credits and Auditing

This tour is open to students to be enrolled as either Audit or Credit students, into the ACT unit CH202 - Christianity in History in Context (Levels 6, 7, & 8)

Michael Bräutigam & Tim Meyers (Tour Guides)



— Itinerary

Departure - 20th Jan

You will have booked your flights either privately or as part of our group booking with George from our travel partner, Planet Blue Travel. (Costs for flights are not included in this tour since our experience tells us that participants tend to prefer to plan their own connections and destinations either prior to or after our study tour – once you are in Europe, you want to make the most of it).

Day 1 21ST JAN

On arrival in Berlin, you will transfer to our city-center accommodation for check-in. Meet in the lobby at 3 pm for an afternoon walking tour of central Berlin led by Michael. Dinner in a typical German restaurant.

Day 2 22ND JAN

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.

Day 3 23RD JAN

We leave Berlin and make our way to Wittenberg, Luther's home for 30-plus years and the 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. Tonight we will enjoy a typical Luther Dinner.

Please note: This itinerary is subject to change, depending on weather and road conditions in wintry Europe.

Day 4 24TH JAN

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, we visit St. Andrew's Church, where he preached his last sermon, followed by a visit to 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. Dinner in a refurbished stable and return to Wittenberg.

Day 5 25TH JAN

Travel from Wittenberg to Erfurt. We visit the Evangelical Monastery of St Augustine's, where Luther lived as an Augustinian monk from July 1505 until autumn 1511. Overnight in the monastery (dinner included).

Day 6 26TH JAN

From Erfurt, we travel to nearby Eisenach for a visit to Wartburg Castle, where Luther translated the New Testament, and the Luther and Johann Sebastian Bach memorials as well as the Luther house, where he lived during grammar school. Then, visit ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, where he sang in the church's boy choir, and we return to Erfurt.



— Itinerary

Day 7

27TH JAN

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. We will spend the following two nights with Christian families in Simmern, an excellent opportunity to get to know German Christians and to discuss the lasting impact of the Reformation on today's believers. Dinner in a typical Hunsrück restaurant.

Day 8

28TH JAN

Today is Sunday, and we will participate in the local 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. Dinner with guest families.



Day 9

29TH JAN

We will all meet again as a group at the Free Evangelical Church in Simmern where we will board our bus again for Trier, Germany's oldest city, founded by the Romans over 2000 years ago. Karl Marx was born here, as was bishop Ambrose of Milan (and also a certain Michael Bräutigam). 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. Overnight in Trier.

Day 10

30TH JAN

From Trier, we cross 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. We stay for the night in Strasbourg and enjoy a typical Alsatian dinner.

Day 11

31ST JAN

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. We cross the border again back into Germany right through the Black Forest region (yes, there might be an opportunity for a black forest gâteau in the black forest!). Our day ends in Konstanz, near the Swiss border, where we stay overnight in a refurbished monastery, overlooking Lake Constance.

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Day 12

1ST FEB

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.

Day 13

2ND FEB

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. We also visit the Helferei, where Zwingli lived. We then visit the Fraumünster Church, admiring Marc Chagall's beautiful stained-glass windows. Overnight in Zurich (dinner included).

Day 14

3RD FEB

Your tour ends after breakfast this morning. Transfer to Zurich airport for your flight home or your ongoing connections to other destinations in Europe or abroad.



Costs^[1]

14 Days through Germany, France & Switzerland, fully escorted (excl. flights)

Audit students: **\$3,850**

Undergraduate: **\$7,090**
(CH202-612 / CH202-712)

\$3,240 Unit Fee (Upfront or FEE-HELP)
+ \$3,850 Tour Costs (Upfront only)

Graduate: **\$7,290**
(CH202-812)

\$3,440 Unit Fee (Upfront or FEE-HELP)
+ \$3,850 Tour Costs (Upfront only)

Optional Single Room: **+ \$500**

Flights

Flight costs are excluded. Feel free to book your own flight individually. Alternatively, we have secured a group booking with our partner organisation, PlanetBlueTravel.



Email George Fattal
(george@pbt.com.au)
to find out more and reserve your flight.

[1] The price is based on a minimum number of 25 paying participants. Conditions apply. Subject to change (e.g. major currency fluctuations).

ACT unit: CH202 Christianity in History in Context

The unit fees are approximate only and are subject to change (depending on the approved ACT fees for 2024 released in October/November 2023).

Costs

Costs include:

- Daily Breakfast and lunch packages
- 2 nights accommodation with Christian families
- Entrance fees to all sites in the program
- 11 nights twin-share hotel accommodation (single-room available at extra cost)
- 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

Costs exclude:

- Airfares and taxes
- Compulsory travel insurance
- Meals not listed in the itinerary
- Drinks
- Items of a personal nature: phone, laundry, internet etc.

If you have any queries, please email Lachlan Perry - lperry@mst.edu.au or call (03) 9881 7800.



Interested?

1. To secure your place on this tour, please request an application form from Lachlan Perry (email lperry@mst.edu.au) and return it with a \$500 deposit to Melbourne School of Theology by 31st August, 2023 (unless sold out prior). Upon approval of your application, the deposit will become non-refundable.
2. On 10 Sept 2023, a \$1000 instalment will be due.
3. Balance payment will be due on 15 November 2023.

Registered participants will meet with our tour guides on Friday evening, 24 November 2023, for a preparatory meeting at MST (ZOOM is available on request). We will clarify practical questions regarding the tour (visa, travel arrangements etc.). All participants are warmly encouraged to attend this meeting. Students who take the course for credit are required to take part in this meeting to discuss the study material and questions of assessment.