GERMANY-AUSTRIA 2024: MARTIN LUTHER TO WWII AND BEYOND

June 17-26, 2024

With Dr. Volker Henning & Local Guides

PLUS: Optional Extension to Salzburg/Sound of Music Castle June 26-28, 2024

Mon., June 17	Fly from home airport to Berlin, Germany.
Tues., June 18	Arrive in Berlin. Transfer to Berlin hotel. Opening dinner and overnight in Berlin.
Wed., June 19	Depart for Berlin sites: Checkpoint Charlie/Berlin Wall, Reichstag/Cupola Dome, city center, Brandenburg Gate, Alexanderplatz, "Unter den Linen" Blvd, Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, Berlin Cathedral, Hof- and Domkirche/Hohenzollern dynasty. Dinner and overnight in Berlin.
Thurs, June 20	Depart for Wittenberg. (En route, visit Glieneck "Bridge of Spies.") Tour All Saints Church/Schlosskirche (where Luther posted his 95 Theses), and St. Mary's Church (where Luther preached). Open lunch in Market Square. Visit Luther House, the monastery where Luther lived as a monk, as well as the Melanchthon House. Dinner and overnight in Wittenberg.
Fri., June 21	Depart for Eisenach's Wartburg Castle, where Luther translated the New Testament into German. Open lunch and continue to Erfurt, spiritual home of Luther. Lodging provided at Erfurt Augustinian Monastery where Luther lived for six years. Vespers at Erfurt Augustinian Monastery. Dinner and overnight in Erfurt.
Sabbath, June 22	Sabbath worship at Erfurt Augustinian Monastery and provided vegetarian lunch. Afternoon tour of Monastery, St. Mary's Cathedral, and the Church of St. Severus. Dinner and overnight in Erfurt.
Sun., June 23	Depart for Nuremberg. Visit documentation center and Nazi rally grounds where Hitler spoke. Dinner and overnight in Nuremberg.
Mon., June 24	Depart for Dachau Concentration Camp outside Munich. Continue to Bavaria. Dinner and overnight in Bavaria.
Tues. June 25	Breakfast and relaxing morning in Fussen. Visit to Neuschwantstein Castle. Take a run or two on the Alpine Slide. Dinner and overnight in Bavaria.

Optional Extension to Salzburg/Sound of Music Castle

[Travelers not continuing onto Salzburg extension will be transferred June 26 to the Munich airport by 1:00 p.m. or the Salzburg airport by 5:00 p.m.]

Wed., June 26 Depart Bavaria for Eagle's Nest at Kehlstein Summit where Nazi leadership

decisions were made. Continue onto Salzburg, Austria, and the beautiful Schloss Leopoldskron "Sound of Music" castle and lake. (Suite upgrades at the castle are available on a first-come basis. See below.) **Evening dinner party and overnight**

at the Schloss Leopoldskron in Salzburg.

Thurs., June 27 Enjoy leisurely breakfast and morning at the Schloss. Walk into Salzburg. Take

delightful Fraulein Maria's Bicycle Tour or bus tour of Sound of Music sights. Free time in Salzburg to visit Mozart's birthplace, Marionnette Theatre, or shop. Open dinner in Salzburg. **Overnight at the Schloss Leopoldskron in Salzburg.**

Fri., June 28 Breakfast and transfer to Salzburg or Munich airport.

The "Sound of Music" Hotel (June 26 and 27). https://www.schloss-leopoldskron.com/en.html

The Schloss Leopoldskron is an elite hotel whose castle building, lake, and grounds appeared in "The Sound of Music." Our tour package includes a standard double room (or single room) in the Meierhof building adjacent to the Schloss castle building. Breakfast is served in the Schloss, and all guests have access all day to the Schloss building and grounds. Optional room upgrades within the Meierhof or Schloss are available on a first-come basis by emailing tabghatours@gmail.com when you sign up for the Germany/Austria tour.

Schloss "Sound of Music" Hotel Upgrade Options (upgrade pricing may increase slightly for 2024)

- (1) Max Reinhardt Massive Suite with lake view, +500 Euro/night upgrade
- (4) Schloss Two-Room Superior Suite with lake view, +310 Euro/night upgrade
- (1) Schloss One-Room Standard Suite with lake view, +235 Euro/night upgrade
- (6) Schloss Two-Room Standard Suite with Hohensalzburg Fortress/park view, +235
- (4) Meierhof Premium Room, 320 sf, with lake view, +65
- (7) Meierhof Superior Double Room, 260 sf, with fortress/courtyard/Schloss view, +40
- (3) Meierhof Sound of Music Room, 160 sf, with lake view, +30
- (5) Meierhof Standard Double, 160 sf, with fortress/courtyard/Schloss view (included)
- (2) Meierhof Classic Single, 130 sf, with courtyard/fortress view (included)

TOUR OPTIONS

GERMANY TOUR (June 17-26, 2024). Shared Room 2585 Euro; Single Room 2985 Euro. (Early arrival days at hotel available for 100 Euro in shared room and 150 Euro in single room.)

SALZBURG/SOUND OF MUSIC CASTLE (June 26-28, 2024). Shared room 625 Euro; Single Room 775.

COMBINED TOUR (June 16-28, 2024). Shared room: 3210 Euro; Single room 3760 Euro.

Tour Package includes: first-class hotels, sightseeing and admission, motorcoach transportation, all gratuities, two meals/day. (Not included: one meal/day; airport transfers.)

Trip Insurance: Trip Insurance is included through Adventist Risk Management. The insurance covers post-departure emergencies, including hospitalization and lost luggage, and also up to \$1000 for trip cancellation for medical reasons. (Increased cancellation coverage is also available.) Insurance is purchased at final payment four months prior to the trip and does not cover the initial \$250 deposit.

FLIGHT: Est. \$1000-\$1500 roundtrip. Your multi-city itinerary will be (1) Home Airport-Berlin and (2) Salzburg (or Munich)-Home Airport. <u>Airfares will come available August 2022, and flight guidance will be provided at that time.</u>

SPECIAL FOCUS AND PRESENTER: The focus of our Germany/Austria 500 tour will be Martin Luther and the Protestant Reformation, the events of World War II, and beyond. Our main presenter will Dr. Volker Henning, native of Germany and longtime Adventist professor and administrator, as well as local step-on guides.

SIGN-UP AND TIMELINE: This tour will be filled on a first-come basis. To hold space on this tour, email your name(s) to tabghatours@gmail.com. Within 10 days, please pay your nonrefundable deposit of \$250/person at tabghatours.com via debit/credit card. (No fee is added for debit cards; a 3% fee is added for credit cards.) Your deposit will be deducted from your final tour payment due Feb. 1, 2023.

Summer 2022: Initial sign-up via email on first-come basis. \$250/person deposit check due within 10 days.

Feb. 1, 2024: Final payment due.

June 17, 2024: Depart for Berlin.