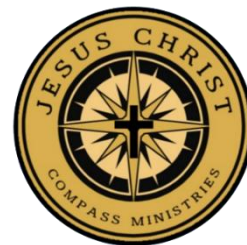


Reformation Tour of Europe and International Baptist Convention Men's Conference

January 5-20, 2026

Cost: \$3000

Cost includes: Flight from Knoxville, Transportation, Hotels, Men's Conference, some meals, travel insurance, and entrance fees



January 5 Monday– Departure

We depart early in the morning from Knoxville (TYS) to begin our Reformation Tour of Europe and attend the International Baptist Convention Men's Conference in Lenk, Switzerland.

January 6 Tuesday– Arrival in Germany & Wittenberg

Upon arrival in Berlin, Germany, we will take a leisurely drive through the former East German countryside to Wittenberg, where Martin Luther famously nailed his 95 Theses to the door of All Saints Church.

After checking into the hotel we will walk the streets where the Luther and other shared the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We explore the city as we prepare for a full day in Wittenburg tomorrow. As we explore, we will see such things as:

- The Martin Luther Monument in the Market Square
- The monument to Philipp Melanchthon, considered to be the “Second Reformer” and one of the authors of the Augsburg Confessions of 1530
- Market Square where Luther, Melanchthon, and Bugenhagen would share God's word.
- The Luther Oak where Luther took the Papal Bull he had received, warning him of his excommunication if he did not cease his “heretical teachings”, and burn the document on 10 December 1520
- The Bugenhagen House where Johannes Bugenhagen, considered the “Third Reformer” and personal advisor to Luther, lived. Bugenhagen also led the service of the marriage between Luther and his bride, Katharina, in 1525.

January 7 Wednesday– Wittenberg

Today is all about Luther and the early reformers in German as we visit:

- **All Saints Church (1511)** – Posted Luther's 95 Theses.
- **St. Andrew's Church (1503)** – Luther's final resting place on February 19, 1546.
- **University of Wittenberg (1502)** – Where Luther taught seminary.
- **Town and Parish Church of St. Mary's (1187)**– Site of the first evangelical service (1521).
- **Luther House (1504)** – Martin Luther's residence. Originally an Augustinian monastery, known at the time as the "Black Monastery", the name alluded to the color of the Augustinian monks' cowls. Martin Luther also lived here as a monk from 1508 and after the monastery was closed in 1532 became the residence of Luther.

We conclude the day with a traditional German dinner.

January 8 Thursday – Day Trip to Berlin

After a traditional German breakfast, we take the train to Berlin using the Berlin Big Bus Tour (hop on and off) to explore:

- **Checkpoint Charlie** – The famous Cold War crossing.
- **Brandenburg Gate**
- **The Jewish Holocaust Memorial**
- **Old Prussian St. Matthew Church (1880)** –Dietrich Bonhoeffer preached here before joining the Confessing Church in opposition to Nazi-controlled Christian Churches.

After dinner in Berlin with Pastor Taylor of Community Church - Berlin, we return to Wittenberg.

January 9 Friday – Eisenach & Wartburg Castle

We say goodbye to Wittenberg and drive to Eisenach to visit **Wartburg Castle (1067)**, where Martin Luther famously translated the Bible from Greek and Latin to German. This Bible still used today in German called "September Bible" New Testament (1522). He hid there under the pseudonym of Junker George.

January 10 Saturday – Wiesbaden

Arriving in **Wiesbaden**, the capital of Hessen, we explore the city and visit:

- **Marktkirche (Market Church)** is the main Protestant church in Wiesbaden. Here we will be treated to a concert played on the pipe organ.
- **Farmer's Market** – Enjoy some fresh food at the Market.
- **Jewish Memorial** – Erected and dedicated to the Jewish citizens killed in Wiesbaden during the Holocaust. The memorial is on the site of Wiesbaden's Jewish synagogue that was burned down by the Nazi Party. You will also find, throughout the city, gold block markers at the homes of Jews killed during the Holocaust.
- **Roman Ruins** dating back to the occupation of Roman in 6AD
- **The Kurhaus (Casino – meaning theater)** where novelist Dostojewski wrote his book "The Player" based on own gambling experience having lost all of fortunes.
- **The Hot Springs of Wiesbaden**
- **The Green Man** – A monument dedicated to the reunification of Germany in 1990.
- **Enjoy a brat and Glühwein** – The last booths of Weihnachtsmarkt (Christmas Market) are still up where you can enjoy a German brat and traditional Glühwein (warm wine) or Kinderpunsch, which is alcohol free.

After a day of exploring, we will join some local Germans for a unique dinner at the Schnitzel Queen. After checking into the hotel you are free to rest or explore the city at night.

January 11 Sunday – Worship at Immanuel Baptist Church- Wiesbaden

Sunday offers a special opportunity to worship at **Immanuel Baptist Church-Wiesbaden**, an international English-speaking congregation representing over 35 nations. After the service, we enjoy a meal with fellow believers. The rest of the day is free for you to explore and take in the sites.

January 12 Monday – Mainz

After a breakfast, we cross over the Rhine River to the city of Mainz to visit:

- **Gutenberg Museum** – See the famous Gutenberg Bible printed on a press. Here you will see the original Bible printed in the 16th Century.
- **Evangelische Christuskirche** – A Protestant church built between 1896 and 1903.

Upon returning to Wiesbaden, and time permitting, we will take the train up the Rhine River to the beautiful town of Rüdesheim. In January the city is quite but we will explore, walk through a park along the Rhine to the remains of a stone bridge destroyed during WWII by allied forces, and enjoy a coffee and Apfelstudel (apple strudel).

January 13 Tuesday – Worms, Germany & Strasbourg, France

Our first stop of the day is **Worms**, the site of the **Diet of Worms (1521)**, where Martin Luther continued to refuse to recant his views, leading to his conviction of Hearsay by Charles the V and sentence to death.

We will continue to **Strasbourg**, referred to as the “City of Hope” and “Refuge of the Righteous” by the Anabaptists. This is where **John Calvin** wrote his famous books on systematic theology and where **Martin Bucer**, another Reformation leader, helped bring in the Reformation. We will have an afternoon tour around the city center and visit:

- **Cathedral of Strasbourg (Cathedral of Our Lady of Strasbourg), (1439)**
- **St. Thomas’s Church (“Protestant Cathedral”), (1521)**
- **Saint-Pierre-le-Jeune Protestant Church, (1524)**

January Wednesday/Thursday 14 - 15 – Geneva, Switzerland

After a morning drive through the France countryside we arrive in Geneva, home of the Reformation. We will have a walking tour of Geneva including:

- **St. Pierre’s Cathedral, (1160)** – Site where John Calvin preached. We can see his chair and a restored section decorated as it would have been before Calvin
- **Reformation Wall** – where four statues of Reformation leaders stand as sentinels to truth and courage inspired by godly faith.

Day 2 - Head to the **Reformation Museum**. Explore the history of the Protestant Reformation from the 16th century to the present day. From Calvin to Luther's 95 theses to Dietrich Bonhoeffer's handwritten letters.

The remainder of the day is spend exploring the scenic old city (Altstadt) and ending the day with a Swiss dinner.

January 16 Friday – Arrival in Lenk & Men’s Conference

We travel through scenic Swiss Alps on beautiful mountain roads to the quaint town of **Lenk, Switzerland**, for the **International Baptist Convention Men’s Conference**. After checking in, the afternoon is free to explore the valley or the town. The evening includes dinner, the opening session of the conference, worship, and small group discussion.

January Saturday/Sunday 17-18 – International Baptist Convention (IBC) Men’s Conference

Each day includes (agenda will be provided by the IBC prior to the event:

- **Morning devotional**
- **Breakout sessions** tailored to spiritual growth
- **Afternoon free time** for reflection bonus breakout sessions, hiking, or skiing
- **Evening worship & keynote speaker** followed by small group discussions

January 19 Monday – Rhine Falls, Black Forest & Frankfurt

After breakfast and morning devotional, we bid farewell to the men of the conference and make our way to **Frankfurt, Germany**, where we check in at the airport hotel.

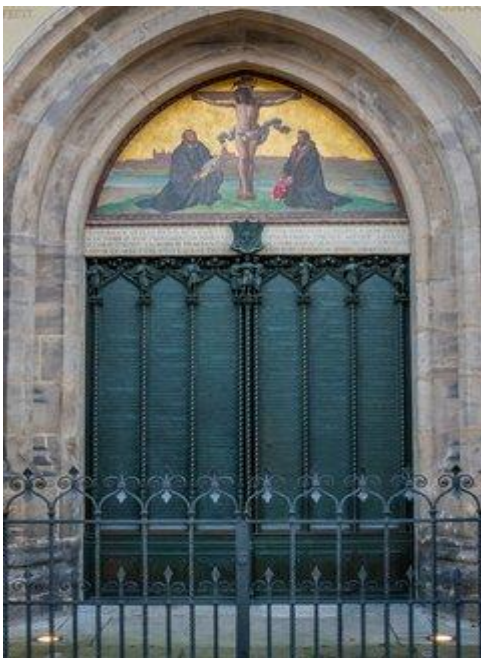
Along the way we visit **Rhine Falls**, the largest waterfalls in Europe.

Once back in Germany, we travel through the **Black Forest (Schwarzwald)**, stopping to see:

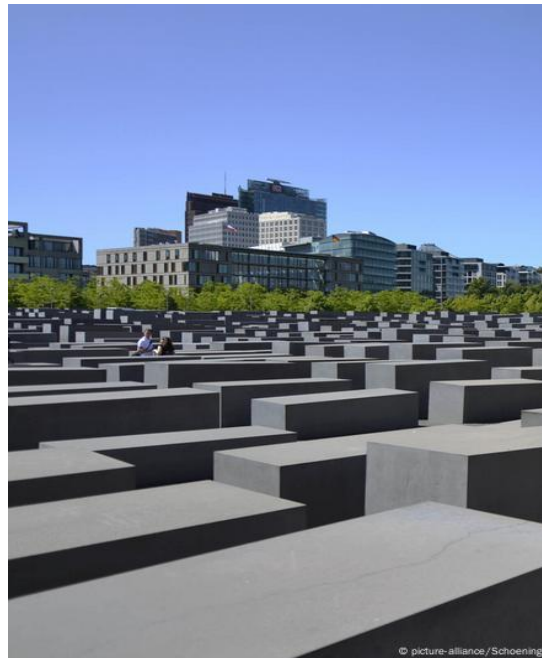
- **A life-size working Glockenspiel**
- **Handcrafted cuckoo clocks**

January 20 Tuesday – Departure/Arrival

Following our final European breakfast, we head to the airport for our flight home to **Knoxville**.



All Saints Church – Wittenberg
Door with 95 Theses



Holocaust Memorial – Berlin



Cathedral of Our Lady of
Strasbourg



Reformation Wall - Geneva



Gutenberg Museum – Mainz