



REFORMATION HISTORY STUDY TOUR WITH MORLING COLLEGE

7TH - 23RD
JANUARY 2025

ESCORTED BY
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17
DAYS

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\$12,460*

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\$12,820*

AUDIT (NON-STUDENTS)

per person (twin share)

\$10,340*

OPTIONAL SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT:

AUD\$1,350

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ESCORTED

*Subject to change. Conditions apply. Price is based on minimum of 20 participants.

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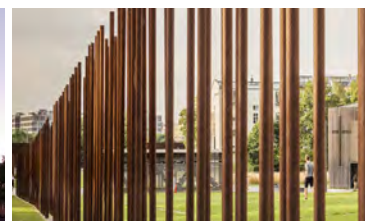
Morling College is excited to offer the opportunity to travel to Europe on a Reformation History Study Tour. This is a wonderful opportunity to immerse yourself in the history of Christianity in Europe. We'll travel to places in Italy, Germany, Switzerland and France and see the churches, castles and towns where key moments in the Reformation took place, including Wittenberg, Strasbourg and Geneva. We'll also visit destinations including Rome and Assisi to broaden and deepen our understanding of the history of the patristic and medieval periods, placing the Reformation events in their larger historical context. The tour will be accompanied by Dr Nicole Starling, a lecturer in Christianity in History at Morling College and is open to students and interested non-students. All are welcome!

PRICE INCLUSIONS:

- Return economy class afares to/from Sydney with Emirates Airlines into Rome and out of Geneva.
- One way economy class airfare from Rome - Berlin
- All airport & departure taxes.
- Porterage, tips & gratuities throughout
- 14 nights hotel accommodation in shared twin rooms (3 star hotels)
- Breakfast and Dinner Daily, all meals at hotels unless otherwise specified
- Transport by deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- All local guiding and entrance fees as per the itinerary
- Whisperer Headsets
- Tour Manager (from Berlin onwards)

PRICE EXCLUDES:

- Drinks with meals
- Personal payments
- The services that are not mentioned in "Inclusions"
- Lunches
- Travel insurance



NEXT STEPS

1. Register your interest and obtain a booking form from Morling College, Olive Tree Travel or by [CLICKING HERE](#)
2. To secure your place on the tour, a deposit of AUD\$500 per person is required by 31st May 2024
3. The final balance payment will be due by mid October.



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DAY 1 TUESDAY 7 JAN**DEPART AUSTRALIA**

Depart Australia this evening on your Emirates flight to Dubai. On arrival, transfer to your connecting flight bound for Rome.

DAY 2 WEDNESDAY 8 JAN**ARRIVE ROME**

Arrive at Rome International Airport, where a local assistant will meet the group and help with the transfer to the hotel. In the afternoon they will have visit to the Excavations at Basilica St. Clemente and the Catacombs of Callixtus. In the evening walk to a local restaurant for a welcome dinner. Overnight in Rome.

DAY 3 THURSDAY 9 JAN**ROME**

After breakfast, meet your local guide and enjoy a full day guided tour. Experience the Vatican Museums to see one of the most magnificent art collections in the world and continue after lunch at the Rome of emperors, citizens, charioteers and gladiators on an afternoon tour of the Colosseum and Roman Forum. Start with a visit to the Vatican Museum, housing the most important art collection in the world along 4 miles (7 kilometers) of galleries in more than 1,400 rooms. See statues, tapestries and historical maps, including Michelangelo's ceiling in the Sistine Chapel and masterpieces by Botticelli, Ghirlandaio, Pinturicchio and Perugino. In the afternoon, start at the Colosseum, once able to seat up to 50,000 spectators. Begun in 72 A.D., the arena was finished 8 years later, providing the scene for wild entertainments between man and beast. Continue to the Arch of Constantine and Arch of Titus, and walk the Via Sacra from the Colosseum past some of the most important sites of the Roman Forum to Capitoline Hill. Explore the center of political life in Ancient Rome.

DAY 4 FRIDAY 10 JAN**ROME - ASSISI**

After breakfast, transfer to Assisi. After arrival, meet your local guide and enjoy a half day guided tour. Explore the birthplace of St. Francis and learn more about one of Italy's most famous patron saints. Explore the oldest part of the city to admire Roman ruins that have been perfectly integrated into medieval houses, and are still lived in by locals. Go to Assisi Cathedral, dedicated to Rufinus of Assisi, and see the ancient stratifications of the church where Francis was baptized. Then, go to the Basilica of Saint Francis, the sumptuously decorated 13th-century double church built in his honor. Take an interactive and immersive guided tour of the church and the life of St. Francis, founder of the Franciscan religious order, which will be anything but dry and dusty.

DAY 5 SATURDAY 11 JAN**ASSISI - ROME – BERLIN FLIGHT**

After breakfast, transfer to Rome Airport or your afternoon flight to Berlin. Arrival transfer to the hotel. Overnight in Berlin.

DAY 6 SUNDAY 12 JAN**BERLIN**

After breakfast, meet your local guide and enjoy a full day guided tour. See historic Berlin on a walking tour through the city's most significant places. Take an informative, thought-provoking journey that brings the history of Berlin alive. Cover all of Berlin's main sights, from the Berlin Wall to the site of Hitler's bunker. Visit the Brandenburg Gate, Checkpoint Charlie, Berlin Cathedral, Palace Square, and much more. In the afternoon you will enjoy a visit to Pergamon Museum

DAY 7 MONDAY 13 JAN**WITTENBERG - LEIPZIG**

After breakfast, transfer to Wittenberg. Located close to the train station, in the market square, you will first visit the Old Town Hall located in the heart of the Historic Old Town. Here, you will find numerous food and wine and shopping options along the way. As you continue, you will visit the Stadtkirche (Town Church), a church where Martin Luther and Johannes Bugenhagen preached. It is said to date back to the year 1187 and was originally a wooden church. It is listed as a UNESCO World heritage site. Next, you will have a chance to see the tombs inside the Castle Church (Reformation Memorial Church) which is also a UNESCO World heritage site. The construction of this Church was completed in the early 16th century. Here, you will see late Gothic style architecture by the architect Conrad Pflüger and also works of other artists. Continue on to Cranach Hoefe where you will see the works of Lucas Cranach the Elder. Here, you will see the printing press and painting school in Cranach House and the Cranach Courtyard. Finally, you will visit the Lutherhaus, a writer's house museum dedicated to Martin Luther, an important figure in Protestant reformation. You will also have the chance to visit a 16th century old University building. After the tour, proceed to Leipzig.

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DAY 8 TUESDAY 14 JAN

LEIPZIG

After breakfast, meet your local guide and enjoy a half-day guided tour. Explore the famous sights of Leipzig's city center. See the Augustus Square with the opera house, the famous Gewandhaus concert hall and the Nikolai Church, which was at the center of events around German Reunification in 1989. Walk through the modern Specks Hof arcade to the Naschmarkt Square and the Old Exchange. Directly opposite is the Mädler arcade and a bit further you will find the historic restaurant Auerbachs Keller. See the Old Town Hall at the market square, one of the most beautiful renaissance buildings in Germany. Continue your tour and visit the tavern Barthels Hof. Enjoy the atmosphere on the most well-known street in Leipzig - the so-called Barfußgässchen - which is characterized by a variety of restaurants and pubs. The last highlight of this tour is the St. Thomas Church, home to the globally renowned St. Thomas Choir of Leipzig. Your afternoon will be free at leisure.

DAY 9 WEDNESDAY 15 JAN

LEIPZIG - EISLEBEN – EISENACH - ERFURT

After breakfast, transfer to Eisleben. Enjoy a half day guided tour. You will see: Martin Luther's home, Luther's Death House, St. Peter and St Paul Church, St. Andrew's Church You will learn about: History of the city , The life and work of Martin Luther, Exhibition Luther's Last Path, The history of the Reformation. You will begin at Luther's Birthplace, which has been a museum since 1693 and one of the oldest UNESCO World Heritage sites of the world. This is home to the permanent exhibition "Where I come from – Martin Luther and Eisleben". Here the guide will tell you about Martin Luther's beginnings with views of original artifacts like Luther's original baptismal font from 1518. Let us continue to Luther's Death House, another UNESCO site and a late-Gothic reconstruction of the original house. It houses today a museum dedicated to Martin Luther and the Reformation. The exhibition called "Luther's Last Path" has over 100 authentic exhibits, including historic furniture, documents, signatures, and even the original cloth that covered Luther's coffin. Next you will move on to the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul where the great reformer was baptized on November 11, 1483. The font where he was baptized still exists but a newer "Luther Font" was made in his honor inside the redecorated gothic interior of the church, serving the purpose of reflection upon one's faith. For the end of our tour, you will get a chance to admire the two spires of St. Andrew's Church. The building itself is mentioned in chronicles in the 12th century and was Martin Luther's final stage, a pulpit from where he gave his last four sermons, with eleven narrow steps. This pulpit is still in use for large religious ceremonies. After the tour, continue to Eisenach where you will enjoy a tour of Wartburg Castle. After the visit, proceed to Erfurt for overnight.

DAY 10 THURSDAY 16 JAN

ERFURT - MAINZ

After breakfast, meet your local guide and enjoy a half day guided tour. Step into the past on this guided walking tour of the 1,270-year-old city of Erfurt's Old Town. Pass through the old quarter and pass by the Merchants' Bridge, the 19th-century Town Hall, the University District, and townhouses that are steeped in tradition. Start with a visit of the Denkmal Eulenspiegel sculpture. Admire the outside of the Cathedral of St. Mary with its 500-year-old "Gloriosa" bell, which is famous throughout the world for the beauty of its tone. Follow your guide down streets lined with wealthy patrician townhouses, half-timbered buildings, and a great many churches, which together make it a veritable picture-book of German history. After the tour, transfer to Mainz for overnight.

DAY 11 FRIDAY 17 JAN

MAINZ – WORMS – MAULBRONN - STRASBOURG

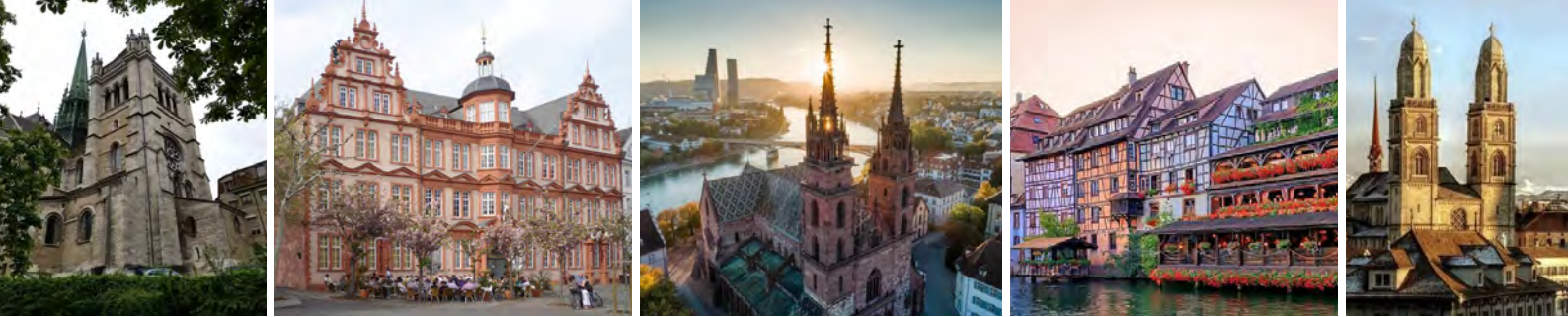
After breakfast, enjoy a half day guided tour in Mainz. Discover the rich history of Mainz, located at the confluence of the rivers Rhine and Main. Dive into the cultural heritage of this Roman-founded city with a long-standing wine-production tradition. Follow your guide through its old streets to gaze at ancient landmarks. Stop at the Gutenberg Museum to see the facade of what was once the Palace of the Holy Roman Emperor. Head over to Gutenbergplatz and admire the great hall of the Mainz State Theatre, as well as the fountain with over 200 figurines and allegories. At Kirschgarten Square, find some medieval houses and many charming taverns from back in the day. Immerse yourself in the vibrant atmosphere of Market Square and gaze at St Martin's Cathedral, with 6 towers that rise above the square and make up the unique Mainz skyline. After the tour, proceed to Maubronn Monastery where you will have some free time to visit it. After that proceed to Strasbourg for overnight.

DAY 12 SATURDAY 18 JAN

STRASBOURG

After breakfast, meet your local guide and enjoy a half day guided tour. Walk with your local guide down the Grande Ile, stroll through the downtown, and take photos as you go. Learn about Strasbourg's fascinating history from your guide, and get tips at the end for the best places to eat and drink. Begin your tour in the Grande Île, an old quarter that exemplifies medieval cities. Marvel at the Romanesque and Rayonnant Gothic architecture of the Strasbourg Cathedral, and take photos in front of the UNESCO World Heritage Site. Listen to stories about the many legends surrounding this monument. Proceed to the Place Kléber, the largest square in the city. See the statue of

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French revolutionary Jean-Baptiste Kléber, who the square is named after, and learn about the general's military and architectural past. Then stroll along small, intimate streets and learn more about Strasbourg's history. Discover the Tonneliers district with its many bars and restaurants and get to see how the locals live. Take plenty of photos along the way, and have your guide give you tips on taking the most "instagrammable" images. Finally, get advice from your guide on the best places to eat in the city. The afternoon will be free at leisure.

DAY 13 SUNDAY 19 JAN

STRASBOURG – BASEL - ZURICH

After breakfast, transfer to Basel. Meet your local guide and enjoy a half day guided tour. Basel is situated in the heart of Europe, on both sides of the Rhine River. The city is the center of the idyllic border triangle of France, Germany, and Switzerland, nestled between the Swiss Jura, Germany's Black Forest and the Vosges in Alsace. Describing Basel in one word is not easy. Sometimes known as the cultural capital of Switzerland or as a university city, Basel boasts a wealth of cultural, historical, leisure, and enjoyment experiences. After the tour, transfer to Zurich.

DAY 14 MONDAY 20 JAN

ZURICH - GENEVA

After breakfast, enjoy a half day guided tour in Zurich. Embark on a walking tour of Zurich and gain a greater insight into the history and culture of the city. Explore the city with your local guide, who will provide expert knowledge and insider tips about the city. Stroll along the lakeshore of the city and stop at local landmarks along the way. See the harbor, Quaibrücke, Bellevue Square, and more points of interest along the way. Throughout the tour, hear interesting facts and anecdotes about the city, such as why a lion is considered a symbol of the city. Learn about the importance of dance in Zurich's culture. Also, enjoy plenty of photo opportunities throughout the tour. After the tour, transfer to Geneva for overnight.

DAY 15 TUESDAY 21 JAN

GENEVA

After breakfast, meet your local guide and enjoy a full day guided tour. The route takes visitors past the Museum of the Reformation, St. Peter's Cathedral, Calvin's Auditorium, the Reformation Monument and Calvin College.

DAY 16 WEDNESDAY 22 JAN

DEPART FOR HOME

After breakfast, enjoy a leisurely morning and some time for last minute shopping. Transfer to Geneva International Airport for your Emirates flight to Dubai this afternoon. On arrival, transfer to your connecting flight back to Sydney.

DAY 17 THURSDAY 23 JAN

ARRIVE HOME

Arrive back to Australia this evening with wonderful memories of your trip.

HOTELS (or similar):

8-10 January	Rome	Emaus Hotel	2 nights
10-11 January	Assisi	Ora Leonori Hotel	1 night
11-13 January	Berlin	Novotel Mitte	2 nights
13-15 January	Leipzig	Vienna House Hotel	2 nights
15-16 January	Erfurt	Mercure Hotel	1 night
16-17 January	Mainz	H2 hotel	1 night
17-19 January	Strasbourg	Ibis Centre Historique	2 nights
19-20 January	Zurich	H+ Hotel	1 night
20-22 January	Geneva	Ibis Centre Nation	2 nights

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