

Worship & Ministry in Germany & Austria

Steps of Luther & The Sound of Music Tour

July 8 – 16, 2025

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DAY 1 - TUE, JULY 8, 2025: DEPARTURE USA

Depart the U.S. on your overnight flight bound for Germany (airfare is not included). Meals and beverages are served in flight.

DAY 2 - WED, JULY 9, 2025: FRANKFURT / MAINZ / FRANKFURT

Meet your bus and guide at the Frankfurt airport. Depart for **Mainz** to explore the historic city along the scenic Rhine River. Lunch with payment on your own. Afternoon includes a visit to the **Gutenberg Museum**, with focus on Johannes Gutenberg who invented printing with movable metal type more than 550 years ago. The heart of the permanent exhibition features two copies of the world-famous Gutenberg Bible. Welcome Dinner included at the hotel and overnight in Frankfurt.

DAY 3 - THU, JULY 10, 2025: FRANKFURT / EISENACH / ERFURT

Germany is home to many USA and NATO military bases. We will partner with a local church for a morning ministry project and a concert for the military personnel at the Wiesbaden Army Airfield (pending approval). Lunch on your own. Board bus with stop in Eisenach, birthplace of Johann Sebastian Bach. Visit **Wartburg Castle**, a UNESCO site where Martin Luther lived in disguise as "Knight George" and where he translated the New Testament of the Bible into German in just 10 weeks. Continue to Erfurt for dinner on your own and overnight.

DAY 4 - FRI, JULY 11, 2025: ERFURT / RODING

Erfurt is the land of Martin Luther, where he was a student and a monk. Enjoy a panoramic city bus tour led by a local guide featuring sites including the **Cathedral of St Mary**, the **University of Erfurt** (founded in 1379 and where Luther was a student 1501-1505), the **Augustinian Monastery** (where Luther was a monk), and the medieval **Kramerbrücke Bridge**, lined with half-timbered homes on both sides. Lunch with payment on your own. Celebrate the German heritage of hymns with several singing opportunities, featuring "A Mighty Fortress," "Now Thank We All Our God," and "O Sacred Head Now Wounded." Dinner with payment on your own en route to **Roding**. Overnight in Roding.

DAY 5 - SAT, JULY 12, 2025: RODING

This is a day of community, ministry, and music. We will partner with local church and ministry organizations in Roding and Cham for service projects and worship concerts within their communities. The mission is to provide helping hands and a life-changing message of love and hope. Lunch and dinner with payment on your own. Overnight in Roding.



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DAY 6 - SUN, JULY 13, 2025: RODING / REGENSBURG / MUNICH

After breakfast, depart for Munich. On the way, stop in Regensburg to view the famous 12th century **Stone Bridge** and **Regensburg Cathedral**. Continue to Munich to enjoy the old-world charm of **Marienplatz Square**. Lunch on your own at one of the many cafes or the famous **Hofbrauhaus**. In the afternoon, we will partner with a local church for ministry and an evening worship concert. Dinner with payment on your own. Overnight in Munich.



DAY 7 - MON, JULY 14, 2025: MUNICH / SCHWANGAU / SALZBURG

Begin the journey to Austria and stop in Schwangau with a highlight visit at **Neuschwanstein Castle**, the inspiration for Disneyland's Sleeping Beauty Castle. Continue the travel to Salzburg. Lunch with payment on your own. This evening features an unforgettable **Mozart Dinner Concert** in the Baroque Hall of the St. Peter Monastery. Overnight in Salzburg.



DAY 8 - TUE, JULY 15, 2025: SALZBURG

Free time this morning through lunchtime to explore Salzburg on your own. Consider visiting the **Mozart Birthplace and Museum** or take in the noon organ recital at **Salzburg Cathedral**. Fans of *The Sound of Music* can see some iconic filming locations located in and around the city center and learn about the true story of the Trapp family. A particularly unique experience would be to visit the **Mirabell Gardens**, the site of "Do-Re-Mi" where Maria and the children sang and danced around the Pegasus fountain and other locations in the movie. Afternoon visit to the **Salt Mine Berchtesgaden**, and **Stille Nacht Kapelle**, the site where "Silent Night" was written and first performed. We will include a special moment to sing "Silent Night" here. The final evening includes a memorable Farewell Dinner, with devotional moments, reflection, and music. Overnight in Salzburg.



DAY 9 - WED, JULY 16, 2025: SALZBURG / USA

Transfer to the airport for a return flight to the USA (airfare is not included). There will be one group transfer to the airport at a predetermined time.

Order of events may vary and are subject to change.

Per Person Rates:

Double Occupancy Land Only = \$2995

Single Occupancy Land Only = \$3875

