



LAKELIGHT INSTITUTE REFORMATION TOUR

9 DAY TOUR OCTOBER 15 - 23 WITH OPTIONAL PRE-TOUR OCTOBER 13 - 15



You are invited to join **Pastor Mike Woodruff**, Christ Church, and the Lakelight team, on a 9-day tour exploring the life and teachings of Martin Luther and John Calvin. The optional pre-tour begins in Prague, with sites connected to Jan Hus and the pre-Reformation. The pre-tour also includes a visit to Dresden. The tour officially begins in Lutherstadt Wittenberg, where you will be based for two nights. In Erfurt, you will visit the Augustinian Monastery and attend a private service in the chapel. On the morning tour of Wartburg Castle, you'll see the room where Luther translated the New Testament. The journey continues to Basel, where Calvin wrote his Institutes of the Christian Religion. Our final stop is the Reformation city of Geneva. Please contact tour coordinator **Allison Waggoner** at (310) 779-7487 with any questions.

OPTIONAL PRE-TOUR

Key: IF = In Flight Meals, B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

Pre-tour Day 1: Tuesday, October 13, 2026: Depart

We will depart the USA on overnight transatlantic flights to Prague. Pre-tour nights are available through Reformation Tours. **(IF)**

Pre-tour Day 2: Wednesday, October 14, 2026: Arrival in Prague

When we arrive in Prague, we will transfer to our hotel to drop off our bags. In the afternoon, our walking tour will focus on Jan Hus, the leading personality of the Czech Reformation movement. We'll visit Bethlehem Chapel, where he preached, and see the Hus monument outside Týn Church. We will end the day with our welcome meal at the hotel. **(IF/D)**

Pre-tour Day 3: Thursday, October 15, 2026: Prague

This morning, we'll explore Prague Castle, a complex of palaces, courtyards, streets, and churches, including St. Vitus Cathedral, which took 600 years to complete. We will then take a stroll across Charles Bridge, past the famous statues, to the Old Town Square. We will finish by the Jan Hus Monument, built to commemorate the 500th anniversary of his martyrdom. The afternoon is at leisure, before a Czech folk evening with food, music, and dancing. **(B/D)**

Pre-tour Day 4: Friday, October 16, 2026: Dresden, Wittenberg

We will cross the border into Germany this morning and attend the noon service at the Frauenkirche, Germany's largest Protestant Church, in Dresden. It has now been fully restored after being damaged during WWII. J.S. Bach was the first to play on the Silberman organ when the church was originally built. During the service, we will hear the Kern organ, which was constructed in 2005 in Strasbourg, to replace the destroyed original organ. We will have an afternoon walking tour of Dresden, viewing magnificent palatial buildings around the Theaterplatz, the Zwinger Palace, Dresden Castle, Kreuzkirche, and the Brühl Terraces. We will dine in our hotel in Lutherstadt Wittenberg. **(B/D)**



TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1: Thursday, October 15, 2026: Depart

We will depart the USA on overnight transatlantic flights to Berlin. Pre-tour nights can be arranged in Berlin. **(IF)**

Day 2: Friday, October 16, 2026: Berlin, Wittenberg

We will have the option to be picked up in Central Berlin or at Berlin Airport for the transfer to Lutherstadt Wittenberg. We will have free time until the group dinner, where we will be joined by those on the pre-tour. **(IF/D)**



Day 3: Saturday, October 17, 2026: Wittenberg

It was here in 1517 in Lutherstadt Wittenberg that Martin Luther nailed his famous 95 Theses to the door of Castle Church (Schlosskirche). Although the original doors were destroyed in the Seven Years War, we can see Luther's texts cast in bronze on the new doors. We will see St. Mary's Church, where Luther regularly preached, and the Old Latin School next door. Luther's former home is now a Reformation Museum. The afternoon is free to explore the many museums in town. The Wittenberg English Ministry has an English language service in the evening, which we are invited to attend. **(B)**

Day 4: Sunday, October 18, 2026: Eisleben, Erfurt

This morning, we will drive to Eisleben, where Luther was born and died. It is sometimes referred to as his "Bethlehem and Jerusalem". We will visit both homes and St. Peter and St. Paul Church, where Luther was baptized. We'll then drive to Erfurt and tour the Augustinian Monastery, where Luther became a monk on July 17, 1505. We will be able to see his monastic quarters, including one cell furnished to look as it would have when he lived there. At the end of the tour, we will have a group time in the chapel. Our evening walk will include viewing St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Severin's Church, and the famous Merchant's Bridge. We will dine together this evening. **(B/D)**

Day 5: Monday, October 19, 2026: Eisenach, Mainz

In 1521, while fleeing from the wrath of the Pope, Luther took refuge in the Wartburg Castle after a fake kidnapping staged by his friend and protector, Frederick the Wise. We will tour the Wartburg and see where Luther finished translating the New Testament into German in just eleven weeks. Luther spent time in the nearby town of Eisenach as a schoolboy and sang in the choir of St. George's

Church, where the Bach family also worshiped. The afternoon will be free to explore the town of Eisenach, including the Bach House, the Luther House, and St. George's Church. In the afternoon, we will drive down to Mainz and dine in an authentic German restaurant. **(B/D)**

Day 6: Tuesday, October 20, 2026: Mainz, Worms, Basel

This morning, we will visit the Gutenberg Museum, where we will learn about the contributions of Johann Gutenberg, who developed movable type, a turning point in Bible distribution. We will also view Mainz Cathedral, dating back to 975. In the afternoon, we will see the site of the Worms Debates (Diet of Worms), where Luther refused Rome's demands to recant his writings. This "turning point" site is now a park, with a plaque commemorating the Diet of Worms and the Reformation Monument. We will then head south to Basel, home of Erasmus and Johannes Oecolampadius. **(B/D)**

Day 7: Wednesday, October 21, 2026: Basel, Geneva

It was here in Basel that Calvin published the first edition, in Latin, of his Institutes of the Christian Religion. We will join our local guide for a walking tour of Basel, including St. Martin's Church, the Marketplatz, Munster Church, and the Rathaus. We will stop for lunch at a traditional restaurant in the Jura Mountains of Switzerland, before a short walk to the Anabaptist Bridge (Täuferbrücke). The bridge is a historic site where 17th-century Anabaptists held secret meetings to escape persecution. We will continue to Geneva and dine in our hotel. **(B/L/D)**

Day 8: Thursday, October 22, 2026: Geneva

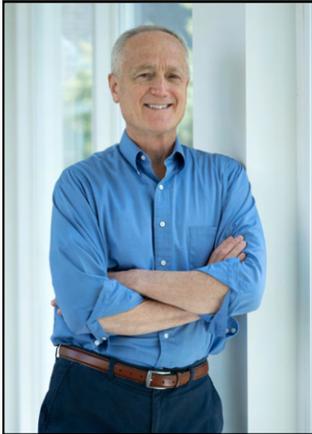
Geneva was described by John Knox as "the most perfect school of Christ since the days of the apostles. We will begin our final day of the tour at the impressive Reformation Monument. Five-meter statues of four Reformation leaders – Beza, Calvin, Farel, and Knox – stand as sentinels. Our tour will also include Cathedrale St. Pierre (St. Peter's Cathedral), where Calvin regularly taught. Under the Cathedral are the ruins of a Roman sanctuary, a 4th-century basilica, and a 6th-century church. Close by is the Auditoire de Calvin (Calvin's Academy, also known as the Protestant Lecture Hall), where Calvin and Knox both taught. We will then visit the Reformation Museum, which we can tour with the included audio guides. The afternoon will be at leisure before our farewell meal. **(B/D)**

Day 9: Friday, October 23, 2026: Return

We will transfer from the hotel to the airport for our flights. **(B)**



TOUR SPEAKER



Mike Woodruff

Senior Pastor and Lakelight Board Chairman

Mike Woodruff has served as the Senior Pastor at Christ Church since 2002. Prior to this he was a college pastor ('85-92), a management consultant ('92-99) and an associate pastor ('99-02). Mike has published more than 200 articles and written and edited ten books. He has degrees from DePauw University and Trinity International University. He is the chairman of the board for Lakelight Institute.

MAP & HOTELS

Prague, Czech Republic (3 nights)

Hotel Ambassador Zlata Husa

Wittenberg, Germany (2 nights)

Hotel Martas

Erfurt, Germany (1 night)

Dorint Hotel am Dom

Mainz, Germany (1 night)

Mainz Hilton

Basel, Switzerland (1 night)

Novotel Hotel

Geneva, Switzerland (2 nights)

Hilton Hotel



PRICING

The land price of this tour is based on a minimum number of 20 travelers. These rates are subject to change if there is a significant fluctuation in the exchange rate.

Land cost for main tour: Double \$4,938 / Single \$5,538

Land cost including optional Prague tour: Double \$5,618 / Single \$6,338

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Transportation: via deluxe air-conditioned coach
- Accommodations in 4-star hotels
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- Professional Tour Director throughout the tour
- Local step-on guides for city tours and major attractions
- Admission to all activities indicated in the itinerary
- All taxes and tips

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Round-trip air transportation and related taxes and fees
- Arrival and departure transfers, separate from group flights
- Meals and beverages not identified in the itinerary
- Items of a personal nature, such as passports and visas. Passports must be valid for 6 months beyond the return date.
- Passenger trip cancellation insurance
- Baggage handling (let us know if you need assistance)

SIGN UP: Please click the registration link at www.lakelight.com/events/reformation-pilgrimage.

FIRST DEPOSIT: A \$500 per-person, partially refundable deposit at the time of registration will secure your space.

FINAL PAYMENT: Due by June 30, 2026.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: We highly recommend insuring your tour. We recommend [Travelsafe](#) or [Allianz](#).

ROOMING and DIETARY REQUIREMENTS: All passenger details including, rooming preferences, dietary needs and any medical conditions are collected at registration, or via email.

CANCELLATIONS: All cancellations must be received in writing or by email by 5:00 p.m. Central Time on the last business day of the applicable period. The postmark date will determine the refund amount due. In addition to our cancellation costs, we may need to charge for any unrecoverable deposits to suppliers and any penalties imposed by airlines or ground suppliers. Airline tickets, once printed, are not refundable.

From time of deposit until June 30	\$100 per person
From July 1-September 12	\$350 plus any non-refundable deposits
After September 13	No refund