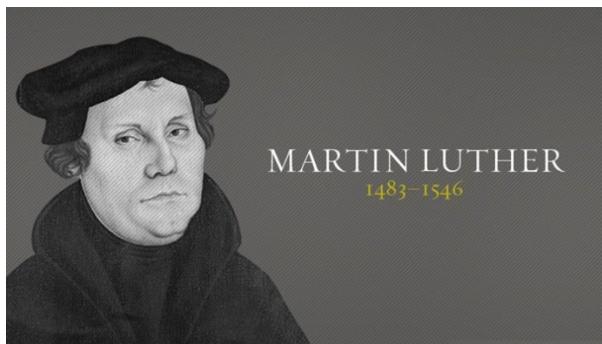




*Martin Luther and the Reformation with  
Christmas markets in Germany*

*December 3<sup>rd</sup> - December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024*



*A unique journey presented and led by  
Dr. Gregg Quiggle & Dr. Michael McDuffee*

*Christmas Markets are one of the great cultural treasures of Germany. For centuries Germans have transformed their city squares into colourful festive centers where they gather to enjoy special food and crafts celebrating Advent.*

*Follow us from urban christmas markets like in Berlin to small cities like Wittenberg, where Martin Luther lived and worked. In Nuremberg enjoy Germany's most famous and largest market, but also tour places of the huge Nazi party rallies. In Regensburg see where Calvin met Catholic Cardinals and where Oscar Schindler of "Schindler's List" lived.*

*Enjoy our unique combination of Christmas Markets, History of the Reformation and places of the "Third Reich".*

### *Your hosts*

**Dr. Gregg Quiggle** was the D.L. Moody Professor of Historical Theology at Moody Bible Institute for over 35 years. He has taught courses on the Reformations in Europe and has led over 25 study tours in Europe.

**Dr. Michael McDuffee** is an emeritus Professor at Moody Bible Institute and expert in Modern European History and has taught numerous courses on the Holocaust, Political Theology and Ecumenism.



#### *Day 1                      December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024                      Berlin*

Arrival of the group at the new Berlin Airport. Depending on your flight arrival time enjoy a visit of one of Berlin's romantic christmas markets.

At 6.00 pm we invite you to a welcome meeting followed by an included welcome dinner at a typical German Brauhaus.

Overnight Berlin. (D)

#### *Day 2                      December 04<sup>th</sup>, 2024                      Berlin*

In the morning we show you the highlights of Germany's old and new political capital- Berlin. Drive by Parliament „Reichstag“, the “German White House”, stop at Holocaust Memorial & Brandenburg Gate. Here in the center opportunity for an individual lunch break. In the afternoon learn about the ways of propaganda of the NAZI Party when we stop at the square where the books were burnt. Later visit the “Berlin Wall Museum” – see last pieces of the wall, original watchtowers and an inside exhibition of the once divided Germany.

In the afternoon and evening go out on your own and enjoy the unique atmosphere of several Berlin Christmas Markets (B)





Day 3      December 05<sup>th</sup>, 2024      Berlin-Wittenberg



Leave Berlin and have a 2 hour drive to Wittenberg, hometown of Martin Luther.

Visit the monastery „Augusteum“ where Luther first lived as a monk and later with his wife Katharina von Bora and his children. Visit the two churches that were important in his life – the Town

Church and the Castle Church, where he nailed the 95 theses to the door. You will also visit the House of Melanchthon, the most important co-worker of Martin Luther and the famous oak tree where Martin Luther burnt the papal letter. Afternoon free for you own activities.

Overnight in Wittenberg. (B)

Day 4      December 06<sup>th</sup>, 2024      Wartburg & Eisenach



Travel through the hills of Thuringia, a former state of East-Germany, when Germany was devided. Arrive at the little town of Eisenach, where Luther went to school for 3 years. Take an interesting tour of the famous BACH MUSEUM, dedicated to the composer Johann Sebastian Bach. Spend some time to walk the cobblestone streets and visit the christmas market for lunch on your own.



In the afternoon we offer a highlight – we drive you up to the famous Wartburg Castle, towering on a cliff amidst miles of woods. Here Martin Luther lived for 10 months and translated the bible into German language, which gave an enormous impact on religious life.



Overnight in Erfurt. (B,)



*Day 5      December 07<sup>th</sup>, 2024      Erfurt - Nuernberg*



A local expert will take you on a guided visit of St. Augustine Monastery in Erfurt, where Martin Luther lived as a monk for 7 years.



Onwards to Nürnberg. We stop at “Zeppelin Field” – a unique place to show you how the Nazi propaganda worked during the large Nazi party rallies held here between 1933 – 1938. See also the place where the Nazi trials were held in the famous court room 600.



A visit of the documentation Center gives you more inside information about the Nazi period in Nürnberg and Germany.



After dark visit the historic center with Germany's most famous Christmas Market. Feast on Bratwurst, Schnitzel, gingerbread etc. and enjoy the unique christmas market atmosphere.

Overnight in Nürnberg. (B)

*Day 6      December 08<sup>th</sup>, 2024      Daytour to Rothenburg*



Today visit one of the most popular Advent markets in Germany, which presents everything about christmas in 54 stalls in a breathtaking historic town with cobblestone streets and medieval houses. Enjoy brass groups play on the stage at the Green Market. You could hike around town on top of the historic city wall and look down on one of the best kept medieval places in Germany. In late afternoon return to Nürnberg.

Overnight in Nürnberg. (B)



*Day 7      December 09<sup>th</sup>, 2024      Regensburg*



We visit a remarkable city by the River Danube. See where Calvin met with Catholic Cardinals to debate the true Christian faith, tour the huge cathedral and marvel at the Rocco opulence of the “Old Chapel”.



We will also see where Oskar Schindler of “Schindler’s list” lived.

Overnight in Regensburg. (B)

*Day 8      December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024      Regensburg*



A full day at leisure – walk by the River Danube, have a good German Bratwurst at a small stand that has served food since the 12<sup>th</sup> century. Enjoy a stunning christmas market at the Castle of Thurn & Taxis and visit the castle individually. Overnight in Regensburg. (B)

Day 9      December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024      Munich



Continue to Munich for a short city orientation followed by a walking tour “Munich – birthplace of the Third Reich”. See the place where Hitler’s “Putsch” failed and other places related to the rise of Hitler and his party.



At noon free time for lunch on your own, visit the Central Christmas Market at Marienplatz and do some last-minute shopping.

Late afternoon arrive at Dachau, the first concentration camp the Nazis erected. Go on an inside visit of the camp in your own pace with an audioguide.

In the evening at your hotel – on time for a Special Bavarian Christmas Farewell Buffet Dinner.  
Overnight in Munich. (B,D)

Day 10      December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024      Munich Departure home



After breakfast transfer to Munich Airport to fly home.



**Included features:**

- 9 days coach tour from Berlin to Munich
- Services of 2 tour directors throughout the tour, Dr. Gregg Quiggle & Dr. Michael McDuffee
- Guided tour of downtown Berlin
- Visit Brandenburg Gate
- Visit Topographie of Terror
- Visit Stauffenberg Memorial
- Visit Holocaust Memorial
- Visit Augustineum Luthers Home in Wittenberg
- Visit Melancthon House in Wittenberg
- Visit Stadtkirche in Wittenberg
- Visit Schlosskirche in Wittenberg
- Visit Luthers Oak in Wittenberg
- Visit Wartburg Castle with local guide
- Visit the town of Eisenach
- Visit the Bach House in Eisenach
- Visit of Augustinian Monastery in Erfurt with local guide
- Walking tour of Nuremberg
- Visit Zeppelin Field outside of Nuremberg
- Visit parts of Documentation Center Nuernberg
- Visit center and sights of Regensburg
- Third Reich Walking Tour of Munich
- Road & Bridge tolls in Germany
- Parking fees for the bus at hotels and sights
- On board sales of mineral water
- 9 nights at 4\*\*\*\* hotels in Germany
- All rooms with bath/and or shower en suite
- 1 travel book per traveller
- 9 buffet breakfasts
- 1 welcome dinner including during briefing Berlin
- 1 Christmas Farewell Dinner Munich
- Entrance fees to all museums and sites visited

Tour price	USD 3.498.00
Single room surcharge	USD 690.00