

# Companion Synod Trip to Hungary & Eastern Europe - May 12-24, 2017

**Celebrate the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation by exploring Lutheran connections in Eastern Europe.**

*With Rev. Dr. Kit Kleinhans, McCoy Family Distinguished Chair of Lutheran Heritage and Mission, Wartburg College*

## Arrangements by Christian Tours Europe

In Germany, visit Flossenbürg, where Dietrich Bonhoeffer was executed, and Herrnhut, home of the Moravian Brethren and the "Daily Texts." Visit Prague, in

the Czech Republic, sometimes considered the birthplace of the Reformation, where Jan Hus was an active reformer 100 years before Martin Luther. Continue on to Slovakia and Hungary, where we will meet with Lutherans who continue the work of reformation in the aftermath of decades under communism.

You will be joining a Wartburg College May Term course — "Reformation Then and Now" — midway through its travels. If you are interested in visiting the Luther sites, too, you are welcome

to sign up for the entire trip, April 30 – May 24, at an additional cost. Please contact Dr. Kleinhans at [kathryn.kleinhans@wartburg.edu](mailto:kathryn.kleinhans@wartburg.edu) or 319-352-8283 for details.

This shorter opportunity focused on Eastern Europe is being made available for those whose schedule is more limited. It is of special interest to those wishing to become more involved in the ELCA Northeastern Iowa Synod's companion relationship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hungary.

## ITINERARY

### Day 1: May 12, Friday: Bon Voyage!

Depart the US for an overnight flight to Nuremberg, Germany.

### Day 2: May 13, Saturday: Arrival

Arrive in Nuremberg and transfer to hotel.

### Day 3: May 14, Sunday: Flossenbürg

Guided tour of the concentration camp where Dietrich Bonhoeffer was imprisoned and killed. Afterward, drive through beautiful Saxon countryside and the Ore Mountains to Herrnhut. BD

### Day 4: May 15, Monday: Herrnhut

Explore the town of hymn writer Nicolaus von Zinzendorf, center of the Moravian settlement and home of the Daily Texts, Bible readings used devotionally worldwide since the early 18th century. Visit the congregational building, local history museum and the factory, where the Moravian stars are made, hear a presentation on "The Daily Texts: Scripture in Christian Spirituality." BLD

### Day 5: May 16, Tuesday: Dresden

Visit the Frauenkirche, the Lutheran Church of Our Lady, rebuilt from ruins after the fire-bombing of Dresden by Allied Forces during WWII. Continue on to Prague. BD

### Day 6: May 17, Wednesday: Prague

Visit Bethlehem Chapel, where Jan Hus served as preacher; Our Lady Before the Tyn Church, the leading church of the Hussite movement for the 200 years following Hus' execution; the Jewish Quarter established in the 12th century; and St. Vitus Cathedral. BD

### Day 7: May 18, Thursday: Bratislava

Leave the Czech Republic this morning, crossing into Slovakia. Tour the capital city, Bratislava, and meet with the ELCA missionaries serving the Bratislava International Church. (Check out [bratislavainternationalchurch.org](http://bratislavainternationalchurch.org) for an introduction to this ministry.) BD

### Day 8: May 19, Friday: Sarospatak

Leave Slovakia this morning and travel further east into rural Hungary. Our destination today is Sarospatak, which has been inhabited since ancient times. In the middle ages it was an important place due to its proximity to an important trade route leading to Poland. Its castle is traditionally identified as the birthplace of Saint Elisabeth. The reformation began spreading into Hungary from this area. The first Protestant College, one of the most important colleges of Hungary at the time, was founded in Sarospatak in 1531. BD

### Day 9, May 20, Saturday: Nyiregyhaza

Visit different Roma projects such as a village and garden in Görögzsallas and diaconal ministries in Nyiregyhaza. In the evening, enjoy a wine tasting and traditional Hungarian food in the Tokaj area. BLD

### Day 10: May 21, Sunday: Nyiregyhaza

Join a local congregation for Sunday worship, followed by a conversation with Pastor Erzsébet Molnár, director of the Lutheran Roma College. In the afternoon, depart for Budapest. BLD

### Day 11: May 22, Monday: Budapest

Guided tour of the city. Meet with Lutheran Bishop Tamas Fabiny and members of the Budapest Student congregation. BD

### Day 12: May 23, Tuesday: Budapest

Additional activities with church leaders, including YAGMs supported by the Northeastern Iowa Synod. BD

### Day 13: May 24, Wednesday: Farewell

Return flight from Budapest airport. B

*Code: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  
Itinerary subject to change.*

The Northeastern Iowa Synod and Wartburg College invite you to join a memorable trip to Eastern Europe and our Companion Synod in Hungary May 12-24, 2017

Leading the trip:

The Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kleinhans of Wartburg College

The Rev. Mark Anderson, assistant to the Bishop, Northeastern Iowa Synod



# MORE INFORMATION

## INCLUDED:

- Thoroughly experienced multilingual tour director where necessary.
- Transportation in a European-styled motorcoach with climate control, reclining seats, restroom, sink, refrigerator and coffee machine. Maximum 44 seats.
- Accommodation, double occupancy.
- All taxes, parking, border and road fees.
- Guided city tours in Prague, Budapest, and Sarospatak.
- Entrance fees to churches, castles, and museums included in the itinerary.
- 23 meals: 11 buffet breakfasts, 2 lunches, and 10 dinners
- All necessary tips such as bellman, maid, doormen, dining room tips for meals specified in the itinerary and the customary gratuity to drivers and guides are included.
- Information folder for all participants, including town and country brochures, information on Czech Republic, Slovakia, and Hungary, including the respective Lutheran Churches and a detailed timed itinerary upon arrival.

## NOT INCLUDED:

- Airfare, expenses for passports, visas, beverages except at breakfast, telephone calls, laundry or items of a personal nature, baggage or other insurance and meals other than those included in the itinerary.

**Participants should be able to climb stairs (sometimes many) without assistance and to walk at a modest pace for a mile at a time.**

## DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS:

I understand the per person cost covers land transportation, double occupancy accommodation, with supplement for single occupancy, and all attractions cited in the program. The tour cost includes only the land arrangements. Air service must be arranged and paid for separately.

## RATES:

Land arrangements only.  
Double occupancy: \$3,250  
Single room supplement: \$700

## ACCOMMODATIONS:

- Nuremberg, tbd (1 night)
- Herrnhut, Moravian Retreat Center (2 nights)

- Prague, nh Hotel (2 nights)
- Bratislava, Park Inn Danube (1 night)
- Nyiregyhaza, Hotel Bessenyei (2 nights)
- Budapest, Danubius Grand Hotel Margitsziget (3 nights)

**Initial deposit of \$500 per person is due with this reservation. Balance of \$2,750 is due by Feb. 1, 2017.**

## CANCELLATION:

Regardless of reasons, cancellations incur costs. Some fees are paid well before the trip itself, and a smaller group size may affect the price for other travelers. To offset these costs, the following policies apply (in fairness to others, we cannot make exceptions):

- Cancellations must be received in writing to Dr. Kleinhans, 100 Wartburg Blvd, Waverly, Iowa, 50677.
- If you cancel your reservation before Feb. 15, 2017, you will be refunded all funds paid except for the non-refundable deposit of US \$500. If you cancel your reservation between February 16 and March 15, 2017, you will be refunded 60% of funds paid. If you cancel your reservation between March 16 and April 15, 2017, you will be refunded 40% of funds paid. No refund for cancellation made after April 15, 2017.

**It is recommended that participants purchase trip insurance to cover health, loss of baggage, and trip cancellation or interruption. Pre-existing conditions are typically covered when trip insurance is purchased at the time you make your reservation.**

## TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS:

For U.S. citizens, a valid passport is all that is required.

## LEGAL NOTICE:

Christian Tours Europe, Lutherstadt Wittenberg, Germany, acts only as an agent for all suppliers of service offered on this tour and does so upon the express condition and agreement that it shall not be liable for any injury, loss, damage, accident, delay, irregularity, or expense arising from strikes, war, weather, quarantines, sickness, government restrictions or regulations, from any act or omission of any individual, firm or corporation furnishing transportation, sightseeing, hotel accommodations, or any service in connection with such travel plan, or from any other cause whatsoever in connection there with. The above conditions also cover Dr. Kleinhans and Wartburg College. Christian Tours Europe ("CTE") tour reserves the exclusive right to change tour itineraries, hotels, and other tour components whenever it is deemed necessary. Itineraries are as accurate as possible but are subject to change due to traffic, weather, mechanical and any other conditions that prevent CTE from operating under normal conditions. CTE cannot accept liability in the case of any passenger being denied boarding by any airline carrier due to carrier's over-booking of a flight, nor does it accept liability in the case of a cancelled or delayed flight. It shall be the passenger's responsibility solely to provide the means to join a missed tour that is already in progress. In the event that any dispute arises in which any party has a right to assert a claim, the exclusive jurisdiction for that claim shall be in a court of competent jurisdiction located in Lutherstadt Wittenberg, Germany. The tour is operated exclusively under German law.

*For further information, please contact Dr. Kleinhans : Tel : 319-352-8283 E-mail : Kathryn.kleinhans@wartburg.edu.*

# RESERVATIONS

## HUNGARY AND EASTERN EUROPE TRIP MAY 12 - 24, 2017 WARTBURG COLLEGE & NORTHEASTERN IOWA SYNOD

Name (legal passport name, please): \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Accommodations desired (circle one): Double Bed Twin Beds Triple Single

Specify roommate(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I request assistance in securing a roommate.

\_\_\_\_ If a roommate is not found by March 1, 2017, I will pay the single room supplement —

\_\_\_\_ Single room throughout the tour for an additional cost of US \$700 per person.

I/We have dietary restrictions. (circle): Yes No

If yes, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

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## DEPOSIT

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ spaces for me/us.

\$500 deposit per person is enclosed. Please make checks payable to: Northeastern Iowa Synod.

**Mail payment with reservation form to:**  
Companion Synod Trip  
Northeastern Iowa Synod  
PO Box 804  
Waverly, IA 50677