13-Day Reformation Tour Itinerary
September 20 – October 2, 2027

Monday, September 20 — Departure

Charlotte Douglas International Airport → Berlin Depart Charlotte in the evening on an overnight transatlantic flight to Berlin.

Tuesday, September 21 — Arrive Berlin → Wittenberg

- **~10 AM - Morning arrival** at Berlin Brandenburg Airport.
- Lutherstadt Wittenberg, the city where the Reformation ignited.

Wednesday, September 22 — Full Day in Wittenberg

- Walk by **Melanchthon House**, **Market Square, Cranach Houses** and **Thesis Door**
- Visit **Town Church** and **Castle Church**
- **Luther House Museum**

Thursday, September 23 — Wittenberg → Erfurt

- **Augustinian Monastery** — where Luther lived as a monk and was ordained a priest
- **Erfurt Cathedral** (Dom St. Marien) — where Luther was ordained
- **St. Severus Church** — neighboring the cathedral on the Domplatz
- Walk the medieval **Krämerbrücke** (Merchants' Bridge)

Friday, September 24 — Erfurt → Buchenwald → Eisenach → Würzburg

- **Buchenwald Memorial**: A sobering morning visit to the former concentration camp, now a powerful memorial and museum.
- **Wartburg Castle in Eisenach**

Saturday, September 25 — Würzburg → Rothenburg ob der Tauber

- **Morning tour of Würzburg**: Walk the Residenz Palace (a UNESCO World Heritage Site), the Marktplatz, and the Alte Mainbrücke (Old Main Bridge)
- Drive to **Rothenburg ob der Tauber**, one of Germany's best-preserved medieval walled cities. Free afternoon and evening to explore.
- **Tour with the Night Watchman or the Night Watchman's Wife** Accompany one of the Rothenburg night watchmen on his entertaining and informative tour through dark alleys and dimly lit squares and enjoy the special atmosphere of the city at night.

Sunday, September 26 — Rothenburg → Heidelberg

- **Heidelberg Castle** (Schloss Heidelberg)
- Worship at **Church of the Holy Spirit** (Heiliggeistkirche)
- **Heidelberg University** — the oldest university in Germany, deeply connected to Reformation thought
- Walk the **Philosophers' Walk** (Philosophenweg) for panoramic views of the old town

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Monday, September 27 — Heidelberg → Worms → Strasbourg

- Visit the site of the **Diet of Worms** (1521), where Luther famously declared *"Here I stand, I can do no other."*
- **Luther Monument** (Lutherdenkmal)
- **Cathedral of St. Peter**
- Drive to **Strasbourg, France**

Tuesday, September 28 — Full Day in Strasbourg

Full day exploring Strasbourg's profound Reformation heritage:

- **Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Strasbourg**:
- **Temple Saint-Thomas**
- Walk through the **Petite France** district and along the canals.
- **Musée de l'Œuvre Notre-Dame**

Wednesday, September 29 — Strasbourg → Zürich

- Drive to **Zürich, Switzerland**.
- **Grossmünster**: Zwingli's church and the birthplace of the Swiss Reformation.
- **Fraumünster**: famous for its luminous stained glass windows by **Marc Chagall** (1970)
- Wander the **Limmatquai** waterfront and stroll through the charming **Altstadt** (Old Town)

Thursday, September 30 — Zürich → Geneva

Morning drive to **Geneva**, the city Calvin transformed into the "Protestant Rome."

- **Cathédrale Saint-Pierre**: Calvin's home church for 23 years.
- **Calvin Auditorium**: The lecture hall where Calvin trained Reformation leaders from across Europe — John Knox among them

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Friday, October 1 — Final Day in Geneva

- **International Museum of the Reformation**
- **Reformation Wall**
- Optional visit to the **United Nations** or **CERN** visitor center or simply stroll the lakefront
- **Farewell dinner** – Dinner out with the group

Saturday, October 2 — Fly Home

Transfer to Geneva International Airport for return flight to Charlotte Douglas connecting in London Heathrow on American Airlines.
