

Sacred Story Journeys Presents



Stories of The Reformation Germany, France & Switzerland *Led by Dennis Dewey*



Your Sacred Story Journey Includes

- Roundtrip airfare from NYC
- Excellent Hotel Accommodations
- Breakfast and Dinner Daily
- Professionally Guided Site-seeing
- Deluxe Motor Coach Transportation
- Transfers and Entrance Fees
- Inspirational Worship/Discussion
- Experienced Travel Host/Storyteller
- The Stories Told in Their Settings
- A Unique Pilgrimage Community



A Sample Itinerary for a “Stories of the Reformation” Sacred Story Journey With Storyteller, Dennis Dewey

Day 1: Overnight Flight to Berlin, Germany

Day 2: Arrival in Berlin, Wittenberg.

Willkommen in Deutschland! Our Berlin orientation tour includes the famous Brandenburg Gate, the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, the Cathedral, the Reichstag building and the lively boulevards. This city has undergone momentous change since reunification. We then go back to the time of Luther as we arrive in Lutherstadt-Wittenberg, the birthplace of the Reformation. We enjoy a welcome dinner in Wittenberg, where we are based for two nights.

Day 3: Wittenberg.

After breakfast, enjoy a walking tour of Wittenberg. At the Schlosskirche (Castle Church) we see where Martin Luther nailed his famous 95 Theses. The original doors were destroyed in the Seven Years War and the bronze reproduction doors are cast with Luther's texts of the 95 Theses. Inside the church, we see Martin Luther's and Phillip Melancthon's graves. Luther's home (Lutherhalle) is now a magnificent museum. Martin Luther initially lived here with other Augustinian monks, then later with his wife Katharina von Bora and their six children. The museum contains some of Luther's own personal library, rare manuscripts, early Bibles, and some of the very pamphlets that Luther had printed up that stoked the fires of the Reformation. The tour also includes Stadtkirche St. Marien (St. Mary's Church) where Luther preached and where his children were baptized. The church has a magnificent altar painted by Lucas Cranach in a Reformation theme.

Day 4: Erfurt

Today we travel to Erfurt, where Luther spent many years as a monk. Our walking tour includes Cathedral Hill where we visit St. Mary's Cathedral and St. Severin's Church. We will also tour Luther's Augustinian Monastery.



Day 5: Eisenach, Rudesheim

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. This is where Luther translated the New Testament into German in just 11 weeks! In the town of Eisenach, we see the splendid Martin Luther Statue in town and St. George's Church. Martin Luther was a school boy in Eisenach and also sang in the choir. In 1521 he preached on his journey to and from the Imperial parliament in Worms (The Diet of Worms). We enjoy a relaxed group meal this evening in Rudesheim, on the banks of the Rhine. This beautiful town dates back to before the Roman era.

Day 6: Black Forest, Constance, Zurich

This morning, we pass through the Black Forest region of Germany to Switzerland. At Lake Constance, we get our cameras out for the Schaffhausen Waterfalls, where the mighty Rhine River roars at Europe's highest waterfall. From there, we will travel to Constance to learn the story of Czech Reformer John Hus. The Council of Constance met in the Cathedral in 1415, and sentenced Hus to death for his so-called heresy. We see the Hussenstein, the stone which marks the very spot where Hus was burned at the stake. Continuing on to Zurich, we learn more about Zwingli on a tour of the key Reformation sites in Zurich. We tour Zwingli's church, the Grossmünster, and see the Zwingli Statue. We have a stroll through the historic Auld Stadt (old city) and enjoy the Swiss heritage. We also see the Helferei (where Zwingli lived). We tour the Guild Hall and Museum, which has some interesting displays and art from the Swiss Reformation. We view the Fraumünster, Zurich's famous Catholic Cathedral, which houses many beautiful Chagall windows. We stay overnight in Zurich.

Day 7: Lucerne, Geneva

This morning we visit the charming Swiss town of Lucerne, beginning with a brief walking tour to view the City Walls and famous covered wooden bridges. The Kapellbrücke (Chapel Bridge) is a symbol of Lucerne and a much photographed site. It originally dates back to the 14th century. Close by is the Spreuerbrücke (Spreuer Bridge), dating from 1408. We view the ornate patrician houses along the cobbled streets. In the afternoon we take a leisurely drive through spectacular scenery to Geneva, where we will visit the Reformation Museum, before settling into our hotel in Geneva for the final two nights.

Day 8: Geneva

It was here in Geneva that John Calvin and John Knox brought Christ's teachings to eager listeners. Our full-day tour starts at the waterfront, famous for its Flower Clock and English Gardens, and continues to the old town area, where we tour Cathedrale St. Pierre (St. Peter's Cathedral). This is where John Calvin preached, winning thousands to the Lord. It's only 157 steps up to the top of the North Tower, where the view is worth the effort. 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 the inspired theologian himself taught. John Knox also taught here for three years. Next we go to the impressive Reformation Monument. Four statues of four Reformation leaders stand as sentinels. We dine at a local restaurant this evening for our farewell meal.

Day 9: Return

Transfer from the hotel to the airport for our morning flights.

Your “Stories of the Reformation” Host



Dennis Dewey has been a professional storyteller for over three decades. The former Executive Director of the Network of Biblical Storytellers, he has performed and taught at hundreds of churches, seminaries, colleges and festivals all over the world. An ordained minister of the Presbyterian Church (USA), he currently serves as Pastor of Stone Presbyterian Church in Clinton, New York. As a partner in Sacred Story Journeys, he has led many groups on storytelling trips to the Holy Land, Greece, Scotland and Spain. More than tours, they're “sacred story journeys,” pilgrimage experiences rooted in the spirituality of storytelling and in forming community through the shared experience of inspirational pilgrimage travel.

Listen to What Our Travelers Are Saying!

I have to say that my expectations for our trip were exceeded and it was something I shall remember for a lifetime. Perhaps at another time, I will be able to join you for another trip, but for now, I can sit back and be enveloped by my memories of the time we spent together and the wonders we saw in the midst of it all. Bless you for making that opportunity possible!

*Mary Lou,
Pittsburgh, PA*

The three Biblical Story Sacred Journeys we have been privileged to experience with you have been remarkable—each so different and unique, yet having a similar impact in profoundly deepening faith and understanding in fresh and new ways. You do have a very special ministry and are so very skilled in providing leadership. It is a privilege to travel with you and we are most appreciative. One has the feeling of being in the hands of one who knows the way.

*Charlie & Pennie
Windsor, CT*

The travel cobwebs are clearing and it is beginning to sink in that I did indeed have the great privilege of that beautiful trip. What wonderful memories I have to savor and treasure. The tour itself was so effectively designed, and the storytelling made it like no other travel experience I have ever had. Thank you so much for all you did to make this such an exceptional experience and especially for sharing your storytelling talents with us. It truly was a journey at so many levels and my heart was especially touched by what became a spiritual journey for me.

*Elaine
Denver, CO*

Sacred journey. Sacred moments. Time of community. Everlasting memories. Life-changing experiences. Encountering ways in which the Bible does indeed become the living Word. One could not ask for a more meaningful experience! Blessings for all!

*Rev. Jeri
Alexandria, VA*