

LutherCountry:

## Experience life in the Middle Ages in Martin Luther's back yard

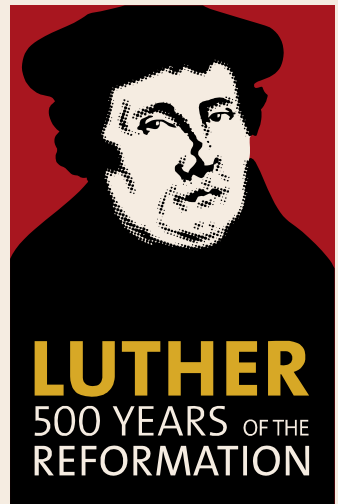
Want to travel back 500 years? In [Lutherstadt Wittenberg](#), stand in the middle of the enormous [Asisi Panorama](#), the circular painting depicting medieval street life. It looks so real, you can almost smell the food, hear the church bells and eavesdrop on gossip. Even shaking hands with Martin Luther and his friends seems a possibility!

But there are many more connections to the Great Reformer in the German federal states of Saxony-Anhalt and Thuringia, just south of Berlin, in LutherCountry. You can walk the same cobbled streets, enjoy the same food and see what his family life was like in intriguing museum displays.

In [Luther's parents' home](#) in [Mansfeld-Lutherstadt](#), for example, the exhibition ranges from the simple clothing of Luther's day to cooking pots and even children's toys. The town of [Mühlhausen](#) is best known for its beautiful half-timbered houses, but its [Peasants' War Museum](#) is worth a visit for its deeply-moving exhibition recalling the sacrifices Protestants made for their faith after the Reformation. That abrupt change in history also inspired great art. A close friend of Luther's was the artist Lucas Cranach the Elder. In both [Magdeburg's Cultural History Museum](#) and [Gotha's Friedenstein Castle](#), you can see powerful works that confirm his reputation as one of the foremost painters of his age.

Nowadays, we think nothing of driving or flying hundreds of miles to far-flung places. Travel was different in the Middle Ages. Although most people never left their community, a few journeyed great distances. Luther, for example, walked the 1,000 miles from Germany to Rome. The trip took months; he sheltered in monasteries along the way. To get a feel for that experience, stay at [St. Augustine's Monastery](#) in [Erfurt](#). Luther spent five years here as a monk; today's bedrooms may be plain, but they are definitely more comfortable! After his excommunication, Luther hid at [Wartburg Castle](#), where he translated the New Testament. Take the tour and then stay overnight in the castle's shadow at the atmospheric and luxurious Romantik Hotel auf der Wartburg.

In LutherCountry, there are many ways to feel links to the era of the Great Reformer. Perhaps the easiest is strolling around an authentic Christmas market, part of daily life for centuries and of course the [Reformation Day Festival](#) in Lutherstadt Wittenberg. Or join locals at traditional events, such as the annual [Onion Market](#) in [Weimar](#) and [Luther's Wedding](#) celebrations in [Lutherstadt Wittenberg](#), which re-enact the exchange of vows between Luther and Katharina von Bora in 1525.



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Then, there are meals. Luther loved [Thüringer Rostbratwurst](#) (grilled sausages) and beer (still brewed to centuries-old recipes). For a deeper sense of the past, sign up for themed dinners, sitting at communal tables, set with wooden platters, pottery cups, spoons, and knives (forks were the Devil's implements). Start with thick pea soup; continue with roast pork or chicken, dumplings and red cabbage. Among medieval restaurants are [Erfurt's Lutherkeller](#) (groups only) and [Lutherstadt Eisleben's Lutherschenke](#); hotels serving medieval feasts include Lutherstadt Wittenberg's Best Western Stadtpalais and Eisenach's Eisenacher Hof. Whichever you choose, you are ["eating like Luther!"](#)

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### How we can help

Whether you are looking for suggested driving routes in and around LutherCountry, looking for in-depth information on LutherCities, or need the perfect pictures, we'll be happy to help! Please visit the ["Press Area"](#) on our website to get free access to a range of useful resources, as well as our latest Press Kit. And if you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch!

#### For further information

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#### Visitor information and Where to Stay

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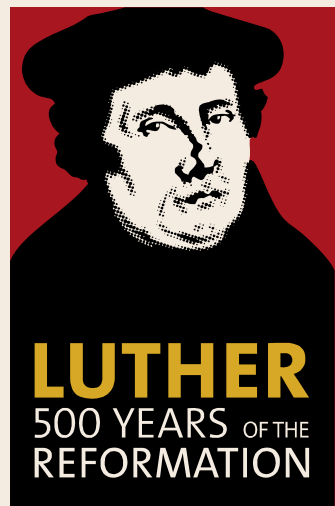
### About LutherCountry: Where you can walk in Luther's footsteps

Would you like to step inside the very room in which Martin Luther translated the New Testament into German, or admire the pulpits from which he preached and where pastors still preach today? Do you want to taste beer brewed the way Martin Luther liked it? Then come and visit **LutherCountry**, where you can explore Luther's old stomping grounds and much more!

**LutherCountry** is situated in the heart of Germany and has so much to offer, from fascinating churches and museums for the believers and history or culture fans among you, to beautiful landscapes that could be straight out of a children's picture book.

What do the places in **LutherCountry** all have in common? Centuries ago, they were the stage for Martin Luther's tumultuous life and thus played a special role in the Reformation, which changed the way people thought about so many aspects of daily life. Martin Luther's influence spread through Western Europe and, with European settlers, to the United States.

Although Luther lived five centuries ago, his presence is still tangible today. Grab your suitcase and come experience the unforgettable – **LutherCountry** is waiting to be discovered!



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