

Pre- and post-conference offers

For those of you who would like to spend some more days in Germany hanging out with old or new friends from Corpus Christi, we are preparing some great additional activities as well as possibilities for more spontaneous meet-ups with fellow attendees before and after the conference beside the official program. Make sure to take that in account when booking your flight.

These pre- and post-conference days are rather loosely organized, in a way that you can join in where and for as long as you like, or take a break if you wish. As you can see below, for some days we have planned a program, and for others we suppose that people could gather spontaneously if they like. For this, we plan to use a mobile communication platform (which one still needs to be defined, but probably something like WhatsApp or Telegram) to connect the crowd of Corpus Christi participants.

Despite the less rigid organization, we will still ask for your interest in those activities in the registration form for better planning. But you can still join later if you are not decided yet when registering. For some specific activities, there might be a separate binding registration later if required for organizational reasons.

If you want to stay for additional days, hotels must be booked privately and expenses for travel, food and entrance fees etc. must be covered by yourself. There will be some conference attendees staying in Wittenberg one more night, however this also must be booked privately.

For the further days before and after the conference, we suggest certain hotels below for you to book by yourself, to increase the chances that Corpus Christi people gather around the same places. Of course, you can still choose any other hotel you like.

Here is what we have planned in detail:

The weekend before the conference 20 – 21 July 2024: Berlin

Spontaneously organized sightseeing in Berlin (no program prepared in advance).

Divine service in SELK (Independent Evangelical-Lutheran Church / Selbständige Evangelisch-Lutherische Kirche) congregation Berlin-Mitte, Annenstraße 53, 10179 Berlin (<https://selk-mitte.de>) on 21 July 2024, afterwards lunch and get-together with the congregation

Friday 26 July 2024, afternoon: Wittenberg

More relaxed activity in Wittenberg to take a breath after all the input from the conference, still to be planned in detail. A great way to get to know people better before saying goodbye (in case you cannot join the following days).

Reformation sites tour Saturday 27 – Wednesday 31 July 2024: Visit Torgau, Erfurt, Eisenach and Schmalkalden

Starting on Saturday morning, we are organizing a 5-day sightseeing tour to important Reformation and Luther sites located in the central region of Germany (except for Wittenberg, where you have the chance for sightseeing already during the week of the conference). For travelling between the stations of the tour, we will mainly propose public transport routes and

maybe offer to organize cheaper group tickets for that later (separate registration). If you want to take a break at a certain point, feel free to do so and to join again if you like.

We plan to visit the following places:

27 July 2024 Torgau – The political center of Reformation

Transfer from Wittenberg to Torgau in the morning



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Schloss Hartenfels and Schlosskirche (castle church)

Alte Superintendentur (Origin of the Torgau articles, a prework for the Augsburg confession)

Stadtkirche (city church)

House where Katharina Luther died

Transfer from Torgau to Erfurt in the evening

28 – 29 July 2024 Erfurt – Luther in the Augustinian monastery and becoming a priest

Divine service in SELK congregation Erfurt, Christuskirche, Tettaustraße 3 – 4, 99094 Erfurt

(<http://selk-erfurt.de>) on 28 July 2024,

afterwards lunch and get-together with the congregation



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Augustinian monastery

Old University of Erfurt (Collegium Maius)

Old Town with Cathedral, St Severus' church and Krämerbrücke (Merchants' bridge)

30 July 2024 Eisenach and Wartburg – Luther translating the New Testament to German

Transfer from Erfurt to Eisenach in the morning



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Wartburg

Lutherhaus

Bachhaus

31 July 2024 Bad Liebenstein and Schmalkalden – The Smalcald Articles and the Schmalkaldic League

Day trip by bus / car from Eisenach to Bad Liebenstein and Schmalkalden

Bad Liebenstein

Memorial at the place of the pretended abduction of Luther to Wartburg



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Schmalkalden

Historical old town with places of the Conference of the Schmalkaldic League 1537

Possibly Divine service in the afternoon

Thursday to Sunday after the conference 01 – 04 Aug 2024: Optional stay in Leipzig and / or Berlin

For these days, we will not prepare a specific program beforehand.

But we can recommend you to visit Leipzig and Berlin in these days, if you still have energy. In both cities, Corpus Christi attendees are living who could spontaneously join you for a city tour or dinner / evening activities. You will also find SELK congregations offering a confessional-Lutheran divine service on Sunday there.

Leipzig offers especially sights related to Johann Sebastian Bach, probably the most famous Lutheran church music composer, and to the Peaceful Revolution of 1989.

And Berlin is fully packed with sights for a whole vacation on its own.

Proposed hotels

20 – 22 July 2024 Berlin

Motel One Berlin-Bellevue, Paulstraße 21, 10557 Berlin, single rooms from 83 EUR / night

B&B Hotel Berlin-Mitte, Albrechtstraße 25, 10117 Berlin, single rooms from 94 EUR / night

26 – 27 July 2024 Wittenberg

The same as for the conference (option in the registration form, see above).

27 – 30 July 2024 Erfurt

Prizotel Erfurt-City, Kurt-Schumacher-Straße 2, 99084 Erfurt, single rooms from 82 EUR / night

B&B Hotel Erfurt-Hbf, Juri-Gagarin-Ring 106, 99084 Erfurt, single rooms from 64 EUR / night

30 July – 01 Aug 2024 Eisenach

Göbel's Sophien Hotel, Sophienstraße 41, 99817 Eisenach, single rooms from 75 EUR / night

B&B Hotel Eisenach, Georgenstraße 28, 99817 Eisenach, single rooms from 68,50 EUR / night