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*On this classic Anabaptist heritage tour, visit significant sites that will bring to life the stories of Menno Simons, Jacob Hutter, Pilgram Marpeck, Dirk Willems, Jakob Amman, and other important Anabaptist leaders. See the historic Dutch village of Zaanse Schans, take a cable car up Stockhorn mountain, reflect in a cave where Anabaptists worshipped in secret, and stay in the homes of hospitable locals in Berlikum. Explore art and culture in the Netherlands, Germany, France, Switzerland, and Austria. Experienced tour leader and former Hesston College Professor John Sharp will guide you on this journey of discovery and fellowship.*

## Itinerary

### **Tues., August 17 Zaanse Schans / Asperen**

Arrive in Amsterdam. Meet your fellow travellers at the hotel. Visit Zaanse Schans, a historic village with traditional Dutch houses, working windmills, and artisans crafting wooden shoes and cheese. Visit Asperen to hear the story of Dirk Willems.

### **Wednesday, August 18 Amsterdam**

Following an early breakfast, tour the impressive Aalsmeer flower auction where 20 million flowers from around the world are traded daily! Browse the Rijksmuseum, known for its collection of Dutch Golden Age works, to see pieces by world-renowned artists like Rembrandt, Vermeer, and Jan Steen. Be sure to see the museum's collection of Mennonite works too! Then climb aboard a river boat for a leisurely tour of Amsterdam's canals.

### **Thursday, August 19 Friesland**

Cross the 22-mile Afsluitdijk to Friesland to learn about the Menno Simons story. Visit the hidden church at Pingjum, and the Menno Simons monument at Witmarsum—the village where he was born. Visit Leeuwarden. Tonight, you will be hosted in homes by Mennonites in Berlikum.

### **Friday, August 20 Münster**

Say goodbye to your new friends at Berlikum, then travel to Münster, Germany. Take a walking tour to

gain insight into the darker times of Anabaptist history. Hear about the violent uprising during the Münster Rebellion. Visit the city museum to see the room of the Anabaptist uprising. See the cages still hanging from St. Lamberti Church, where the bodies of Anabaptist leaders were displayed.

### **Sat., Aug. 21 Köln (Cologne) / Rhine / Worms**

In Köln, visit the twin-towered Gothic cathedral. Drive to the historic town of Boppard. Relax and enjoy the scenery on a Rhine River cruise from Boppard to Oberwesel. Visit the Luther Monument in Worms to learn more about the Reformation.

### **Sunday, August 22 Bammental / Sinsheim**

Worship with the Bammental congregation. Later, step into the cellar at Steinsfurt where 53 Anabaptists worshipping in secret were arrested. Climb the Steinsberg Tower for a panoramic view of farms and villages. See other local sites related to Anabaptist history as time allows.

### **Monday, August 23 Alsace / Strasbourg**

Drive through the Alsace region where Jakob Amman lived to hear more of the Amish story. Have lunch in the quaint town of Riquewihr, known for its half-timbered houses. Travel to Strasbourg where Pilgram Marpeck was a leader of the local Anabaptists to learn more of his story. Then spend

the remainder of the afternoon exploring Strasbourg on your own or relaxing in a local café.

### **Tues. & Wed., August 24 & 25 Emmental**

During two days in the Emmental region, there's so much to see! Learn of local history at the Langnau cultural museum. Tour the Erlenbach church where Jakob Amman was baptized. Take a cable car up Stockhorn mountain for fabulous panoramic scenic views. Visit Trachselwald Castle, once used to imprison Anabaptists. See the historic Reformed church at Würzbrunnen which has many Anabaptist stories. At a cemetery and Reformed church in Steffisburg, learn about connections with Amish.

### **Thursday & Friday, August 26 & 27 Zürich**

Zürich and its surrounding area are central to the story. Over two days in this region, become familiar with the earliest days of Anabaptism. Take a wagon ride up the Anabaptist climb near Schleithem where the first Anabaptist confession was written in 1527. Reflect at a unique monument placed in 2004 as an act of repentance and reconciliation from former persecutors. Spend time in the old city of Zürich for a walking tour of sites related to the birth of Anabaptism in 1525. Reflect at a former secret worship site, the Anabaptist Cave at Bäretswil. Visit other relevant sites as time allows.

### **Fare per person:**

CAD: Double Occupancy \$5,975; Single Supplement \$613

USD: Double Occupancy \$4,742; Single Supplement \$486

### **Fare includes**

- Hotel accommodations
- Coach transportation within the tour
- Group arrival/departure transfers
- All breakfasts and dinners
- Expert tour leader & local guides
- All entrance fees included in itinerary
- Gratuities for drivers, guides, and group meals

### **Fare excludes**

- International airfare
- Airport transfers if separate from group
- Lunches and drinks with meals
- Schengen Area visa waiver (ETIAS)
- Travel medical (out-of-country emergency) and cancellation/interruption insurance

### **Saturday, August 28 Innsbruck**

Learn about the Jacob Hutter Anabaptist story in Innsbruck, Austria. Enjoy apple strudel on the famous Maria Theresien Strasse. Visit Hutter Park to see a memorial to Anabaptist martyrs. Tonight, attend an optional Tyrolean folk show to experience authentic local music, dancing, and more.

### **Sunday, August 29 Rattenberg**

Travel to Rattenberg to hear about Pilgram Marpeck, the "Menno Simons of the South", who left his home to escape arrest as an Anabaptist. See Marpeck's house, now a lead crystal blowing facility, and marvel at this beautiful, historic artform. Later, spend a sobering but meaningful time at Dachau, one of the notorious concentration camps of World War II, to remember the atrocities committed. Travel to Munich for the night.

### **Monday, August 30 Augsburg**

On a tour of Augsburg, learn about the strong Anabaptist presence in this city in the earliest days of Anabaptism, and about the Martyrs' Synod which worked to form a common foundation of beliefs.

### **Tuesday, August 31**

Depart for home from Munich with new insights and connection into your Anabaptist heritage.

Travel medical (out-of-country emergency) and cancellation/interruption insurance are not mandatory but are highly recommended.

### **Payments**

Rates shown are in effect 10/19. Though every effort is made to maintain established prices, TM reserves the right to adjust prices should it become necessary. The price is guaranteed when paid in full. We accept cheque and credit card payments. Credit card payments are charged a 3% fee.

Important note: Costs could increase if you sign up less than 90 days before a tour begins

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