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This European heritage tour traces the Anabaptist/Mennonite story through Germany, Austria, Switzerland, France, and the Netherlands. Visits to significant sites will bring to life the stories of many Reformation and Anabaptist leaders. Other tour highlights include: an afternoon cruise on the Rhine River, a visit to the Rijksmuseum, reflecting in caves where Anabaptists worshipped in secret, visiting Trachselwald Castle, riding a cable-car up a mountain, and visiting the Weierhof, a semi-communal Mennonite village. Experienced tour storyteller Ayold Fanoy will share insights as you travel in these beautiful countries that were so important to our Anabaptist ancestors. This tour can be paired with once-in-ten years Oberammergau Passion Play tickets & 2-night hotel stay, June 1-3, 2022.

Itinerary

Thursday, May 19 Amsterdam/ Haarlem

Arrive at the Amsterdam airport, and transfer to the hotel to meet your fellow travellers over dinner.

Friday, May 20 Amsterdam/ Haarlem

In the morning, you can choose to catch some extra sleep or take an optional excursion to tour the impressive Aalsmeer flower auction where 20 million flowers from around the world are traded daily. The main tour begins with a guided city tour of Amsterdam. Visit the Singel Mennonite Church. Browse the Rijksmuseum, known for its collection of Dutch Golden Age works, to see pieces by world-renowned artists including 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.

Saturday, May 21 Berlikum

Take a guided walking tour of Haarlem, a charming medieval city just outside of Amsterdam. Visit the Mennonite church in Haarlem, then tour the Corrie ten Boom Museum to learn about one woman's courageous efforts to help Jewish people escape the Holocaust. Learn about the Menno Simons story with stops at the hidden church at Pingjum, and the Menno Simons monument at Witmarsum – the village where he was born. Then transfer to Berlikum where you

may have the opportunity to stay in the home of a local family.

Sunday, May 22 Asperen

Worship with the congregation in Berlikum. Visit Zaanse Schans, a historic Dutch village with traditional houses, working windmills, and artisans crafting wooden shoes and cheese. Visit Asperen to hear the story of Dirk Willems.

Monday, May 23 Weierhof

In Cologne, Germany, visit the twin-towered Gothic cathedral. Explore the city during free time. Drive to the historic town of Boppard. Relax and enjoy the scenery on a Rhine River cruise from Boppard to Oberwesel.

Tuesday, May 24 Mont Sainte Odile

In the Palatinate region, visit the semi-communal Mennonite village of Weierhof. Then take a tour of the village, including its impressive Mennonite archives. Say farewell and travel to the Struthof Concentration Camp. The memorials and displays will remind you of the atrocities committed during the Second World War.

Wednesday, May 25 Mont Sainte Odile

Drive through the Alsace region of France, where Jakob Amman lived, to hear the Amish origin story. Stop in Strasbourg for a walk featuring Mennonite

history, including learning about Pilgram Marpeck. Have lunch in the quaint historic town of Riquewihr. Transfer to Colmar and have a ride on their tourist train. You also have the option to visit the Unterlinden Museum to learn about medieval and early Renaissance art.

Thursday, May 26 Emmental

Visit a cheese factory and enjoy some of their cheeses over lunch. See Bellelay Abbey, where some residents converted during the Protestant Reformation. At the archives in Jeanguisboden, you will see the old Frochauer Bible, the Martyrs Mirror, song books, and family trees with Anabaptist names. Then visit another secret meeting place—the Anabaptist Bridge.

Friday, May 27 Emmental

Begin the day with a walking tour of Bern, where in 1711 a group of Anabaptists were expelled on three boats on the Rhine. Enjoy some free time in Bern. At a cemetery and Reformed church in Steffisburg, learn about connections with the Amish. Visit the Yoder house.

Saturday, May 28 Emmental

Spend today appreciating the unparalleled beauty of the Swiss Alps. Take a cog rail train or a cable car to the top of a mountain where you will see amazing panoramic views of the surroundings.

Fare per person:

CAD: Double Occupancy \$5,809
Single Supplement \$630

USD: Double Occupancy \$4,648
Single Supplement \$504

Fare includes

- Hotel accommodations
- Coach transportation within the tour
- All entrance fees included in itinerary
- Canal ride, river cruise and walking tours
- All breakfasts, most dinners, 2 lunches
- Expert local tour leader
- Gratuities for drivers, guides, and group meals

Fare excludes

- International airfare and associated fees
- Airport Transfers
- Most lunches, 1 dinner, Beverages with meals
- Schengen Region Visa (ETIAS)
- Any additional expenses not mentioned
- Travel medical (out-of-country emergency) and cancellation/interruption insurance

Sunday, May 29 Emmental

Worship at the Langnau Mennonite Church, the oldest in the world, and look for familiar names in its cemetery. Stop at the Kambly Cookie factory in Trubsachen. Visit a Swiss homestead in Hinterhütten with a hidden room to hide Anabaptists from persecutors. Then reflect at another secret Anabaptist cave, the Yoder Cave.

Monday, May 30 Near Schleithem

In the Emmental, visit sites including Trachselwald Castle, once used to imprison Anabaptists. Hear the story of Hans Haslibacher and visit the farm where his descendants still live. Stop at the Affoltern cheese factory. Take a brief hike up the Anabaptist climb near Schleithem where the first Anabaptist confession was written in 1527. Learn more at the Schleithem Museum.

Tuesday, May 31 Bregenz

See the Zürich Grossmünster, important in Reformation history. Tour Zürich's city centre for sites related to the Anabaptism's birth. End the day at the picturesque Rhine Falls, Europe's largest waterfall.

Wednesday, June 1

Visit magnificent Neuschwanstein Castle. Say farewell to fellow travellers as you head home or continue to Oberammergau for the Passion Play.

Insurance

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

Payments

Rates shown are in effect (August 2020). 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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