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500 YEARS IMPERIAL DIET



Luther

and the Reformation

in Worms

Martin Luther spent ten days in Worms. He had been excommunicated by Pope Leo X in January 1521. The normal procedure would have been for the Holy Roman Emperor Charles V to follow suit by pronouncing an imperial ban on Luther, declaring him an outlaw and prohibiting his writings. Yet several German princes, keen to gain greater autonomy, successfully persuaded the Emperor to give Luther a hearing at the Imperial Diet of Worms in April 1521, combined with a guarantee of safe conduct. On 18 April, at the Bishop's Palace, Luther refused to recant his writings on the grounds of conscience. A day later the Emperor did indeed grant him safe conduct, but announced that he would place him under an imperial ban. The Saxon Elector, Prince Frederick the Wise, then arranged fake highwaymen to attack Luther, abduct him and take him to Wartburg Castle near Eisenach.

Luther's refusal to recant while in Worms is regarded as a historic trigger in the development of the freedom of conscience.

In 2021 this event will be celebrating its 500th anniversary. Working with the German Protestant Church, the City of Worms is therefore planning a wide-ranging programme for the anniversary year.

On 16 April Luther's entry into Worms will be re-enacted, and on 17 April an exhibition will open at the Worms Museum in St. Andrew's Chapter, entitled Here I Stand – Conscience and Protest – Worms 1521 to 2021. This will be open to visitors until 31 October. In the night of 17 April, the Protestant Church of Hesse and Nassau together with the German Protestant Church as a whole will be re-enacting Luther's Thinking Space, i.e. his official period of reflection – an event that will also be held in other places throughout Germany.

In addition, from 16 July until 1 August the Nibelung Festival Theatre will be performing the première of a play entitled Luther. Throughout the year the Educational and Interactive Walkway Luther 1521 with its range of stopping points between Heylshof Park and Trinity Church will be open to visitors, and there will also be a Luther Trail with numerous information points. The Tourist Information Office will be offering guided tours as well as a programme of events with concerts and talks.

www.worms-luther.de



Guided tours

Themed tour

1521 - Luther in Worms

Regular public guided tours

For individuals and small groups up to 6 persons No booking required. Tours only in german language.

April-October, every 2nd Sunday of the month, 11 hrs Meeting point: St. Magnus' Church

Price per person: € 8.00 (free for children up to 14)

Guided tours for groups

Please book in writing, specifying when you would like to come

Up to 30 persons per guide: Price € 90.00 german language Price € 110.00 other languages

Subject to the GTCs of the Business Development Agency for the City of Worms (Wfg)

Tours in historic costumes

Please book in writing, specifying when you would like to come. Tours only in german language.

"Here I stand, I can do no other"

1 guide, 4 performers in historic costumes

This special guided tour provides an entertaining and informative re-enactment of Luther's stay in Worms during the Imperial Diet, bringing to life the events of 1521.

Illustrious personages of the time as well as ordinary people report on the "high politics" and circumstances of everyday life.

Price: € 270.00 (up to 30 persons)

"Little monk, it is an arduous path you are taking"

1 guide, 1 performers in historic costumes

Worms, April 1521 – enjoy the testimony of an eye witness who will whisk you away to the momentous events of the Imperial Diet. Feel the atmosphere and immerse yourself in the daily life of the city.

Price: € 140.00 (up to 30 persons)

Further details of prices and booking:

www.worms-erleben.de

Worms Tourism Department Neumarkt 14, 67547 Worms / +49 6241 853 7302 / touristinfo@worms.de



Worms Museum in St. Andrew's Chapter "Here I Stand – Conscience and Protest – 1521 to 2021"

State Exhibition

17 April to 31 October 2021

The state exhibition Here I Stand – Conscience and Protest – 1521 to 2021 will be held under the patronage of the Premier of Rhineland-Palatinate, Malu Dreyer. Celebrating the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's refusal to recant at the Diet of Worms, the exhibition will highlight the development of the freedom of conscience, with numerous examples ranging from its beginnings to the present day, while also asking critical questions.

The exhibition will primarily centre around Martin Luther's time in Worms and its historic impact. It will also consider the legendary aura that arose around this event at the time and which subsequently developed a life of its own, even to the present day. Part two of the exhibition will in fact be themed Freedom of Conscience, both with and without reference to Luther, looking at historical contexts over the last 500 years.

Sponsored by the State of Rhineland-Palatinate, the Federal German Government and the Protestant Church of Hesse and Nassau.

Opening times

Tuesdays to Sundays: 10:00 –18:00 hrs, public holidays: 10:00 –18:00 hrs, closed on Mondays (except Whit Monday). St. Magnus' Church is open on Sundays, 12:00 – 18:00 hrs.

Entrance

Adults €9.00 (concessions* €6.00)/children aged 12+ € 5.00

Family ticket (2 adults + at least 1 child 12+) €19.00

Pre-booked groups (10–25 adults, 1 group leader free) € 6.00 p.p.

School parties (10–25 persons, 1 group leader free) € 3.00 p.p.

 * Concessionary prices available for trainees, school and university students (over 18), young persons performing voluntary service, social welfare recipients with ID cards to prove entitlement and disabled persons (from 50%)

Information about parking for coaches on the reverse

Guided tours

Customised guided tours for groups upon request at any time

Guided tour adults (60 min., 25 pers.) € 75 + entrance fee
Guided tour pupils/young people (60 min., 25 pers.) € 50 + entrance fee
Public guided tours (at specific times) € 3 + entrance fee
Guided tours in languages other than German € 20 surcharge
Themed tours upon request

To book guided tours

Tourist Information Worms gaestefuehrung@worms.de / T (+49) 06241-853-7302

Exhibition Office

Worms Museum in St. Andrew's Chapter museum@worms.de / T (+49) 06241-853-4101 und 853-4102

www.worms2021.de

Proposed programmes for groups

Day trips include

- Exhibition entrance fee
- One-hour guided tour of the exhibition
- 90-minute guided tour of the city: 1521 Luther in Worms with own guide

Can be booked daily except Mondays for groups between 15 and 25 persons.

Price from € 12.90 p.p.

Package tour with one-night stay includes

- One overnight stay in the category chosen, incl. breakfast
- Exhibition entrance fee
- One-hour guided tour of the exhibition
- 90-minute guided tour of the city: 1521 Luther in Worms with own guide
- 1 bottle of Luther wine per room
- Travel guarantee

Available during the exhibition period, 17 April – 31 Oct. 2021 Groups between 10 and 50 persons.

Price per person in a double or single room:

	4* hotel	3* hotel	2* hotel or similar	
p. P. DR	€ 81.00	€ 61.00	€ 55.00	
p. P. SR	€ 114.00	€ 99.00	€ 82.00	

Additional activities may be booked upon request

(e.g. wine tasting sessions at the Worms Winery, lunch and dinner in a Worms restaurant, etc).

Information and bookings

Wfg mbH Geschäftsbereich Tourismus / Gruppen- und Pauschalreisen touristinfo@worms.de / T (+49) 06241-853-7303

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Exhibition location: Worms Museum in St. Andrew's Chapter





In front of the Imperial Cathedral Nibelung Festival 2021

Luther première

16 July to 1 Aug. 2021

The Nibelung Festival Theatre will be celebrating Luther's anniversary year with an exceptional play. In 2021 the focus will be not on the history of the Nibelungen, but on Martin Luther the reformer. The 2021 Nibelung Festival in Worms will be the central anchoring point for all celebrations, including, as always, a major theatrical performance. The Festival play for Martin Luther's anniversary was written by Lukas Bärfuss, winner of the Georg Büchner Prize, a prestigious German literature award.



Play written by award winner Lukas Bärfuss

The City of Worms has succeeded in engaging the outstanding Swiss author and playwright Lukas Bärfuss for the play Luther. In 2019 the German Academy for Language and Literature awarded Lukas Bärfuss the Georg Büchner Prize, thus recognising him as an outstanding German contemporary author and playwright.

A celebrity cast of famous film and stage actors

The Nibelung Festival is one of Germany's best-known open-air theatre festivals, overseen by the renowned film producer Nico Hofmann. Year on year, a cast of famous film and stage actors perform a play on the imposing open-air stage outside the Imperial Cathedral in Worms. Also, every summer countless visitors are attracted by the city's festival programme featuring celebrities taking part in concerts, readings and panel discussions. The programme takes place in the atmospherically illuminated Heylshofpark with its outstanding ambience – one of the most beautiful open-air foyers in Germany.

www.nibelungenfestspiele.de



Trinity Church in Worms
Luther's Moment – 500th anniversary of the "Diet of Worms"

Multimedia re-enactment

on 17 April 2021 at 11 pm

Luther's famous words – "Here I stand, I can do no other" – are part of world history, and his refusal to distance himself from his Reformation writings was one of the great moments for mankind.

The secret of Luther's boldness is explored through a grand multimedia re-enactment in the market square in Worms:



"What kind of Luther moments does the world need today?"

On 17 April 2021, at 11 pm, Trinity Church in Worms will turn into Germany's biggest screen, with gran-diose imagery, captivating music and celebrity live actors whisking the audience off to the year 1521 with its historic events. The audience will face the following question: "What kind of Luther moments does the world need today?"

In fact, this major event will not be confined to Worms, as the celebration will be broadcast live throughout Germany. In addition, churches and schools will be provided with extensive material, suggestions for events and supplementary planning ideas – a wide range of resources encouraging audiences to take a stand and to rediscover the virtues of moral steadfastness and stamina. In addition, the German Protestant Church will be supporting the anniversary of the Imperial Diet with several other events: Luther's Entry into Worms, a state exhibition, church services and a varied cultural programme.

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Coach parking

Short-term parking spaces for coaches in Hagenstrasse (30 minutes) Long-term parking spaces for coaches on Barbarossaplatz

We recommend

Combined Reformation tours around south-west Germany





