

2014 NORTH PACIFIC UNION



GREAT CONTROVERSY TOUR



Arch of Titus, Rome

RETRACE THE ADVENTIST HERITAGE IN EUROPE FROM ITS ROOTS IN EARLY CHRISTIANITY, THROUGH THE DARK AGES, TO THE REFORMATION



Place of Huss' Death, Konstanz

Tour Summary

- **Tour Length:** 14 days
- **Tour Dates:** March 28 - April 10, 2014
- **Objective:** To see prophecies of Daniel and Revelation come alive!
- **Tour Hosts:** Dr. P. Gerard Damsteegt, Specialist in Adventist Studies and Church History, tour guide; Laurel Damsteegt, tour coordinator
- **Price:** \$2995
- **Single room Surcharge:** \$550
- **Costs Include:**
 - Hotels (double occupancy)
 - Two vegetarian meals per day
 - Entrance fees to museums and sites
 - Air-conditioned deluxe coach
 - Great Controversy Revisited* study guide
 - Use of audio receiver and earphones to help hear tour guide better
- **For more information contact Sue Patzer, North Pacific Union Conference:**
 - Call: 360-857-7031; Email: sue.patzer@nw.npuc.org



The Colosseum, Rome

What others say...

A Church Leader

• “Attending the Great Controversy Tour was a high point in my ministry. I am so thankful I went. The question I had to ask myself at the close of the trip was, ‘Could I stand fast and true like the reformers did?’ In the cave where 150 Waldensian believers were smoked to death, I recommitted myself to the Lord and to ministry. I’m so thankful for the opportunity to have attended this trip.”
John Loor, Jr., (NPUC) Executive Vice-President for Administration

PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE HAVE LOVED GOING ON THE GREAT CONTROVERSY TOUR.

A Busy Doctor

• “This tour was like a spiritual pilgrimage for me a highlight of everything I’ve ever done. I was very blessed in every way, and motivated to continue to study the Reformation and give presentations to both SDAs and non-SDAs. It is a tour for the serious student of church history. The more one studies ahead of time, the more you will be able to take advantage of the trip.” Ron Fleck, M.D., Washington.

A Young Person

“Wow! This was an amazing tour. I am surprised that more families with teens don’t do it. Perhaps they do and I just don’t know...but it really taught me about how our church began and also about what we, as the final generation will face. When we climbed the Casteluzzo it made me think about what I would have done. Would I have recanted, or kept my stand? Thank you so much for providing this tour! May God bless us as we near the end, and let us remain faithful.” (15 year old, from California)



Entrance to Cave, Waldensian Valleys

ITALY

EXPERIENCE BEGINNINGS IN ROME, THEN TRAVEL THROUGH TUSCANY TO THE HIDING PLACES OF THE PERSECUTED WALDENSES.

SWITZERLAND

SWITZERLAND PLAYED AN IMPORTANT PART IN THE REFORMATION. THE ZWINGLIANS AND ANABAPTISTS FOUND THEIR ROOTS IN ZURICH.



Martin Luther Statue, Speyer

GERMANY

MARTIN LUTHER’S REFORMATION SPREAD EVERYWHERE WITH THE NEW PRINTING PRESSES. WORMS WAS WHERE LUTHER MADE HIS STAND ON THE WORD OF GOD.



Tomb of Napoleon, Paris

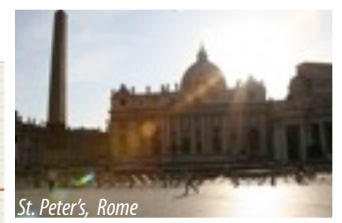
FRANCE

PARIS WAS THE SITE OF BOTH THE FRENCH REFORMATION AND REVOLUTION ENDING WITH NAPOLEON GIVING A DEADLY WOUND TO THE PAPACY IN 1798.

Tour Itinerary



Reformation Wall, Geneva



St. Peter's, Rome

Day 1 (Friday, March 28): Arrival in Rome

Arrival at Rome's Leonardo Da Vinci airport (FCO). Travel to hotel and shop/sightsee on own. Prepare for Sabbath. Welcome dinner at the hotel at 7:15 p.m.

Day 2 (Sabbath, March 29): Rome

Focus: The Early Christian Persecutions
Sabbath School and Worship.

Sabbath lunch at the hotel at 1:15 p.m.
Afternoon: The Martyr Trail. See sites connected to the first century martyrs: Basilica of St. Peter in Chains; Site of Nero's House, Basilica of San Clemente, and Circus Maximus.
Dinner at the hotel at 7:15 p.m.
Sundown Vespers

Day 3 (Sunday, March 30): Rome

Focus: Imperial Rome!

Morning: Visit Capitoline Hill, Mamertine Prison, Roman Forum, Arches of Titus and Constantine, and the Colosseum.
Free time: Lunch

Afternoon: Visit to Catacombs. Chapel of St. John in Oil, and Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Wall, burial site of Paul.
Dinner at the hotel at 7:15 p.m.

Day 4 (Monday, March 31): Rome

Focus: Constantine and Rise of the Roman Catholic Church.

Buffet Breakfast: 6:30. Departure: 7:15 a.m.
Morning: Visit the Vatican Museum and Basilica of St. Peter.

Free time: Lunch

Afternoon: Visit Palace of Corsini, St. John Lateran (the cathedral of the popes), St. John's Baptistery, the Scala Sancta (Pilate's Staircase) and Church of Jesus.
Dinner at the hotel at 7:15 p.m..

Day 5 (Tuesday, Apr 1): Siena and Ravenna

Focus: The Papal Captivity and the Inquisition.

Buffet Breakfast: 6:30. Departure: 7:15 a.m.
Morning: in Siena: Visit spot where Pope Pius VI was imprisoned in 1798, and an inquisition museum.

Lunch in Siena.

Afternoon: Drive to Ravenna. Visit Mausoleum of Theodoric, King of Ostrogoths—evidence for the last of the "three horns."

Dinner at hotel at 7:00 p.m.

Day 6 (Wednesday, Apr 2): Ravenna, Canossa, and Parma

Focus: The Beginning of the 1260 Years; and Height of the Papacy

Breakfast Buffet: 6:30. Departure: 7:15 a.m. Morning visit to Ravenna: Basilica of San Vitale with its famous mosaic of

Emperor Justinian, the Arian Baptistery—one of the oldest Christian baptisteries, Dante's Tomb, Neo-Orthodox Baptistery, Archbishop's Museum.

Free time: 11:00-12:30 p.m.: Lunch
Afternoon: Climb to Castle of Canossa where Pope Gregory VII revealed the supreme power of the papacy by humiliating Emperor Henry IV.
Dinner at the hotel in Parma at 7:15 p.m.

Day 7 (Thursday, Apr 3): Torre Pellice

Focus: The True Church Living Under the Papacy

Buffet Breakfast: 7:00 Departure: 7:45 a.m.
Morning: Drive to Torre Pellice and Bobbio Pellice in the Italian Alps.
Free time: 12:00-2:00 p.m. Lunch.
Hike the Valley of the Invincibles (weather permitting), or visit the Waldensian Museum.

Dinner at the hotel at 7:00 p.m.

Day 8 (Friday, Apr 4):

Focus: The Church of the Wilderness.

Buffet Breakfast: 7:00. Departure: 8:30 a.m.
Morning: Visit the SDA Church, College of Barbes at Pra del Torno.

Free time & lunch: 11:30-2:00 p.m.

Afternoon: Visit historic Waldensian monuments: Chanforan, Beckwith School, and the Cave Church.

Dinner at the hotel at 7:00 p.m.

Sundown vespers.

Day 9 (Sabbath, Apr 5): Sabbath in Waldensian Valleys

Focus: The Dawn of the Reformation.

Buffet Breakfast: 8:00.

Morning: Worship in a Waldensian Church, 10:00–12:00 a.m.

Lunch at the hotel at 1:15 p.m.

Afternoon: Free for personal time.

Options are available for resting, reflecting, walking, or studying the Bible or Great Controversy.

Dinner at the hotel at 7:00 p.m.

Sundown vespers.

Day 10 (Sunday, Apr 6): Geneva, Switzerland

Focus: Calvin and the French Reformation.

Buffet Breakfast: 6:30. Departure: 7:15 a.m. Enjoy a scenic drive through the Alps and a tunnel under Mont Blanc, Europe's highest mountain.

Free time & lunch: 11:30-1:00 p.m. in Chamonix, France, at the foot of Mont Blanc.

Afternoon: Drive to Geneva—the city of Calvin and the center of the French Reformation.

Visit to St. Pierre Cathedral, Reformation Museum, Calvin's House, and the Reformation Monument.
Dinner at hotel at 7:15 p.m.

Day 11 (Monday, Apr 7): Kappel, and Zurich, Switzerland and Konstanz, Germany

Focus: Zwingli, the Anabaptists, John Huss and Jerome of Prague

Buffet Breakfast: 6:30. Departure: 7:15 a.m.
Morning: Visit battlefield where Zwingli died. Visit Zwingli sites in Zurich.

Free time & lunch: 12:15-1:45 p.m.

Afternoon: Visit to Konstanz (Constance), Germany. A walk to visit places where John Huss and Jerome lodged, the church of their trial (Council of Constance), and the site where they were burned at the stake.

Dinner at hotel at 7:15 p.m.

Day 12 (Tuesday, Apr 8): Speyer and Worms, Germany

Focus: Luther and the German Reformation.

Buffet Breakfast: 6:30. Departure: 7:15 a.m.
Morning: Visit to Spires Memorial Church commemorating the name "Protestant."

Free time & lunch: 12:00-1:30 p.m.

Afternoon: Visit to Worms, The Luther room in the Museum, the Cathedral of St. Peter, the place Luther stood before the Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire, and the Reformation Monument

Awards dinner at hotel at 7:15 p.m.

Day 13 (Wednesday, Apr 9): Rheims and Paris, France

Focus: The French Reformation and the Role of France in Prophecy.

Buffet Breakfast: 6:30. Departure: 7:15 a.m.

Morning: Visit to Notre Dame in Rheims, where the baptism of Clovis, King of Franks ("the eldest son of the papacy") took place in 508 A.D.

Lunch on the way.

Afternoon: A drive through Paris to see sites of French Reformation and French Revolution—such as the place of guillotine at Place de la Concorde, the Champs-Élysées, the Arc de Triomphe.

Visit Napoleon's tomb, and Notre Dame, center of the cult of the Goddess of Reason, guillotine at Place de la Greve.

Free time & Dinner: 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Ascend Eiffel Tower.

Day 14 (Thursday, Apr 10):

Breakfast buffet and departure for Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG) by hotel shuttle (on own) for flight home. Wishing you a safe trip home.

Registration for Spring 2014 GC Tour

Please complete this form and send it with \$500 deposit (per person), passport copy and picture to:
Sue Patzer, North Pacific Union Conference, 5709 N 20th St., Ridgefield, WA 98642.

I. First Traveler Male Female

Name _____

E-mail _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Date of Birth _____ Birthplace _____

Passport Country & Number _____

Religious Affiliation _____

2. I prefer: Lacto-ovo vegetarian. Vegan

3. I prefer the tour study guide sent to me as (**choose one**):

as a workbook sent by mail, **OR** PDF for iPad

4. Emergency contact:

Name _____

Relation _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Email _____

Second Traveler (Spouse/Child) Male Female

Name _____

E-mail _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

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4. If not rooming with a family member I wish to room with _____

_____ Please match me up with another single going on the trip (if no other single is available, I understand I am subject to the single room surcharge of _____).

_____ I wish to have a room all to myself (single room surcharge of \$550 applicable)

5. I understand that I should arrive at the Leonardo da Vinci Airport in Rome (FCO) anytime on Friday, March 28, and depart from Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport, Paris, France (CDG) on Thursday, April 10, any time. I understand I am responsible for airport-hotel transportation fees. Welcome dinner at hotel is 7:15 p.m.

6. Here is a recent picture and a copy of the passport page with my picture for identification. (I understand I may also attach a digital pictures to an email and send it to sue.patzer@nw.npuc.org).

7. I am in excellent health. I understand that the Great Controversy Tour is a rigorous trip with considerable walking (up to 6 miles a day) with lots of standing while sightseeing. I also realize I will have to carry my own bags—sometimes up stairs (Those over 75 years of age or anyone suffering any chronic disease must have medical clearance).

8. I understand that I will be responsible for the care of the audio transmitter and earphone issued me. In case of damage or loss of the transmitter I understand that I will pay for repair, or \$120 for a replacement.

9. I have read the terms and conditions of the tour. Please enroll me now.

10. Signature First Traveler _____ Date _____

Second Traveler _____ Date _____

GC Tour Information and Conditions

Surface Transportation: All transportation as described in the itinerary will be via air conditioned deluxe motor coach designed for highway travel. Transportation to hotel in Rome is not included in the price and is "on your own."

No Smoking/Alcohol Policy: No smoking or use of alcoholic beverages is permitted on the coaches during daily touring.

Hotel: In general, three and four star hotels have been selected. The prices are based on double occupancy. For single occupancy there will be a surcharge.

Meals: A vegetarian buffet breakfast and vegetarian or vegan dinner are included in the tour price. On Sabbaths, lunch is included.

Tour Price Does Not Include: Airfare, airport pickup, passports, visas, or laundry. Drinks at meal time are not included. Each person must pay for all beverages, including bottled water.

Baggage: The bus has limited storage. Therefore each person is allowed a maximum of one suitcase with combined length, width and height of 62 inches (to not exceed 50 lbs). A hand bag and camera case are also allowed. If one plans to buy new luggage, consider getting luggage with wheels.

Deposit and Payment: The cost of the land tour is \$2995. Full payment is due January 2, 2014. To reserve a place on the tour, one needs to send a check or money-order of \$500. The tour price is subject to the exchange rate of the US dollar to the Euro. A significant decline of the value of the dollar may increase the tour price. However, there will be no price changes after full payment has been made. Checks/money orders should be made out to **NPUC, and sent to Sue Patzer, 5709 N 20th St., Ridgefield, WA 98642**

Extra Charge: Those who damage or lose the audio receiver or headset must accept the responsibility for repair or replacement of the parts in question. Each receiver costs \$120.

Agency Responsibility: Christian Heritage Media acts as a management agent for the Great Controversy Tour. Christian Heritage Media cannot be held responsible for personal injury, loss or theft of passenger's baggage, for any delay or cancellation due to war, terrorism, natural disasters, strikes, financial collapse, disruption of advertised schedules or

other causes beyond their control, or any change due to exchange rates.

Passports and Visas: Participants are responsible for securing their passports and visas. The countries to be visited are: Italy, Switzerland, Germany, and France. Persons with US Passports do not need special visas for these countries. Persons of other nationalities should check with their consulates/embassies and obtain their own visas as necessary and as soon as possible. Christian Heritage Media cannot be held responsible for those who fail to obtain proper travel documents. Christian Heritage Media cannot refund persons whose visas do not arrive in time for the tour.

Final Travel Documents: Travel documents, including a hotel list with addresses will be mailed to tour participants within the last two or three weeks prior to departure.

Itinerary Change: It is possible that the daily itinerary may be adapted by unforeseen circumstances. The tour hosts reserve the right to make itinerary adjustments deemed necessary for any reason.

Travel Insurance: This trip does include insurance while in Europe. However it does NOT include trip cancellation coverage. Please carefully read the cancellation policy below.

Cancellation: In the event that a tour participant who has paid cannot go on the tour because of unforeseen circumstances, the following will apply: All cancellations are subject to a \$50 administration fee, per person. Full payment is due on January 2. Cancellations **before** January 2 will receive a full refund, less administration costs. Cancellations **after** January 2 forfeit the deposit; 45-30 days before the tour 50% of tour price; 29-0 days 100% of the tour price. It is therefore strongly recommended to have travel cancellation insurance to protect in case of any emergencies or valid, necessary cancellations. 100% of cancellation fees may be covered by an optional travel insurance protection plan (such as TravelGuard) provided premium has been paid and reasons for cancellation are insurable. Cancellations must be submitted in writing and dated. Depending on whether airline tickets have been purchased or not cancellation fees are sometimes waived by Christian Heritage Media if a substitute can be found to take your place on the tour. If the trip is cancelled due to political circumstances a full or partial refund, less administrative costs, will be issued.



A GC Tour Group at the School of the Barbs

THE GREAT
CONTROVERSY COMES
ALIVE WHEN I REALIZE
WHAT PEOPLE HAVE
SUFFERED FOR US.



Notre Dame, Paris

FAITH BUILDING

“I especially appreciated the places visited with the fulfillment of Bible prophecy! The Bible ‘came alive’ and was very meaningful! It was educational, a step back in history and most interesting. It was nice to meet and associate with many wonderful people! Very well organized! I could highly recommend taking this tour!” Reatha Ekvall, retired, tour guide at Adventist Village in Battle Creek, Michigan, Florida.

GC Tours

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Important information
you requested!

