

“1250 years ago in a small Friesian town called Dokkum, St Boniface was martyred for the faith. Born in Crediton, his one desire was to become a missionary and eventually in May 719 Pope Gregory commissioned him to spread the faith in what we now know as Germany. He proceeded to this work and is revered in Germany as its own apostle. Our pilgrimage will retrace some of his steps, visiting the areas he converted.”

Day one – Tuesday 10th July 2012

London - Frankfurt - Fulda

Morning scheduled flight by British Airways from Heathrow to Frankfurt. Transfer by road (approx 1h 30m) to Fulda where we check into our hotel for dinner and a two night stay.

Day two – Wednesday 11th July

Fulda

Fulda is the town best known for its links with Boniface. After breakfast we shall have a guided tour of the town which was renowned for its monastery founded in 744 by Boniface who did much to establish true religious life in this and other monasteries in Amöneberg and Fritzlar. After his martyrdom in Friesland his remains were taken to the Abbey of Fulda as he had requested. Mass will be celebrated. Dinner will be in our hotel.

Day three – Thursday 12th July

Fulda - Erfurt

Mass will be celebrated in one of the churches in Fulda, with the rest of the morning at leisure and lunch at choice. This afternoon, we travel by train to Erfurt (approx 1h 20m) where we check into our hotel for dinner and a two night stay.

Day four – Friday 13th July

Erfurt

The medieval town of Erfurt has connections with England, and the west country, since Wynfrith (later St Boniface), arrived here from England as a missionary in 742 and later became Bishop of the town. Nearly seven and a half centuries later, Martin Luther entered the University as a student of Philosophy, a department known for its radical leanings. In 1505, Luther entered the Augustine Monastery at Erfurt, and the town thereafter became his spiritual home, even after he left for Wittenberg in 1511. We have a whole day to explore the town, starting with a guided tour of the Augustiner Kloster, where we visit the 13th century church, and walk through the cloister to the monastery where Luther lived as a monk. We must also visit the 12th century

cathedral once the Augustinian Abbey Church, built on the site of a church founded by Boniface in the 8th century. Mass will be celebrated here, as it was by Pope Benedict on his visit in September 2011.

Day five – Saturday 14th July

Erfurt - Dresden

Mass will be celebrated this morning in Erfurt. After some time at leisure and lunch at choice, we depart by afternoon train (approx 2h 46m) to Dresden, where we check into our hotel for dinner and a three night stay.

Day six – Sunday 15th July

Dresden

Known as 'Florence of the Elbe', originally because of its wonderful art collections. Bombed to near-destruction during World War II, this beautiful city has now been lovingly restored to a great city of art and culture and a World Heritage Site. Our first visit will be to the Catholic Cathedral, the Hofkirche which is dedicated to the Holy Trinity, originally the last important baroque building in Dresden and, after its destruction in World War II rebuilt over a 40 year period. This afternoon we will have a guided tour of Dresden which will include a visit to the wonderful Old Masters Gallery, and the Frauenkirche, the protestant church. Dinner will be in our hotel this evening.

Day six – Monday 16th July

Dresden

Today, we take a boat trip on the Elbe to Pillnitz, which contains beautiful park and gardens which are part of a Summer Palace. We will be able to stroll through the gardens for almost two hours before returning by boat to Dresden. The rest of the day will be at leisure, with dinner in our hotel.

Day seven – Tuesday 17th July

Dresden - Berlin - London

Transfer by coach to Berlin Tegel Airport for our return British Airways flight to Heathrow.

PRICE = £898

Includes:

- Return scheduled flights: Heathrow - Frankfurt, Berlin - Heathrow
- 7-nights accommodation in shared twin-bedded rooms with private facilities in 3/4 star hotels in Fulda, Erfurt and Dresden.
- 7 breakfasts and 7 dinners.
- Daily Mass at different churches and sanctuaries.
- Transfers by coach: Frankfurt - Fulda. Dresden - Berlin.
- Train travel: Fulda - Erfurt, Dresden.
- Return boat trip: Dresden - Pillnitz.
- All touring as per the itinerary.
- The services of a Pax Travel Tour Escort throughout the pilgrimage
- ATOL and AITO 100% financial protection.

Extras:

- Travel insurance at £29.50 per person.
- Single room supplement at £147.00 per person for the 7 nights (Limited number of single rooms available).
- Lunches, drinks and souvenirs.
- Fuel Surcharges

Terms of Payment:

Deposit of £150.00 plus the insurance premium (if the cover we offer is required) per person on booking. Balance due by 10th May 2012.

The above price is guaranteed until 31st January 2012. After which date there may be a surcharge for flights.

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