

LUTHER AND THE GERMANS

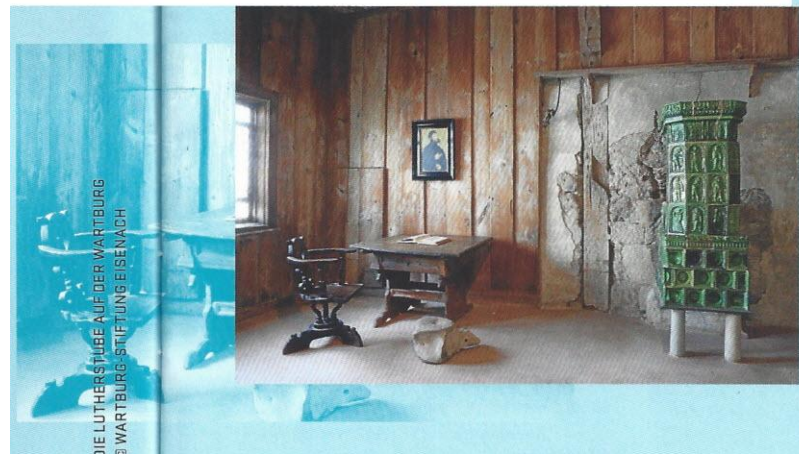
HOW EVERY ERA CREATED
ITS OWN PICTURE OF LUTHER

A WARTBURG FOUNDATION EXHIBITION
AT WARTBURG CASTLE, EISENACH

MAY 4 TO
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With 350,000 visitors annually, Wartburg Castle in Eisenach is the most frequented Luther site in the world. Its thick walls protected reformer Martin Luther for just under a year after his heresy hearings at the Diet of Worms (1521). Ostracized and excommunicated, it was here that he began translating the New Testament into German. In doing so, he laid foundation for a standardized written German language. For centuries, the Lutherstube (Luther Room) - the reformer's authentic living and working quarters at the castle - has attracted countless pilgrims from around the world.

With this in mind, what better venue than Wartburg Castle for the National Special Exhibition "Luther and the Germans"? The presentation sheds light on reformer Martin Luther as a nationally symbolic personality in Germany and figure for projection,



showing how every era has formed its own unique picture of Luther. Relevant and incisive Reformation topics will be introduced in the context of 500 years of German history, creating a bridge between Luther's point of view and the present.

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To do this, the exhibition explores three major themes: While the first part examines Luther site Wartburg as a locus of memory within Germany, the second points out the cultural and intellectual consequences of Luther's Protestant doctrine. The third part of the exhibition explores the ways in which the Reformation has been exploited as a political tool. The presentation includes around 300 impressive exhibits - paintings, printed works, sculptures, graphics, illustrations, and other everyday objects - all from the Wartburg Foundation collection or on loan from other German and international institutions. Finally, Wartburg Castle and its history-drenched interior becomes an important exhibit

in its own right, with your exhibition tour concluding in the famous Luther Room, an atmospheric highlight of any visit.

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On request we can additionally offer a visit in J.S.Bach's "birth-house" and Bach Museum Eisenach !

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