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CH-637: THE SWISS REFORMATION COURSE ITINERARY

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Description: This course will take you through Switzerland and parts of France to explore the unique aspects of the Swiss Reformation, including the development of Calvinism, the rise of Radical Reformers, the persecution of Anabaptists, and Geneva's significance to Protestant reform around the world. Students will gain insight into important Swiss reformers, Calvinist and Reformed theology, and the social, cultural, and political landscape that influenced and shaped the Swiss Reformation, giving it its distinct and far reaching form. Visits to numerous churches and museums will allow students to see one-of-a-kind artifacts of the Reformation, and travel throughout the region will provide important geographical insight and an eyewitness glimpse into the history of the Protestant Church.

Itinerary:

DAY 1: Tue. May 12, Boston to Zurich, Switzerland

- [Arrive Zurich Airport](#)
- Train to [Kappel Monastery](#)
- Dinner and accommodations at Kappel Monastery

DAY 2: Wed. May 13, Kappel; *Bullinger, Zwingli, and the Swiss Reformation*

- **Kappel Monastery and grounds** (including battle field where Zwingli died fighting for the Reformation and Zwingli's grave)
- **Lecture by Kappel scholar (to be arranged by Markus Sahli, director), *The Swiss Confederation: Politics and Religion at the time of the Reformation***
- Course Reading Discussion
- Meals and accommodations at Kappel Monastery

DAY 3: Thurs. May 14, Zurich; *Zwingli and the Anabaptists*

- [The Grossmünster Church](#), the starting point of the Swiss-German Reformation started by Ulrich Zwingli and Heinrich Bullinger
- **Neustadtgasse**, the home of Felix Manz and the first adult baptism
- **Neumark Strasse**, home of Conrad Grebel

- **Niederdorfstrasse**, on which Georg Blaurock was flogged and banished
- **[The banks of the Limmat River](#)** where Mantz and other Anabaptists were drowned at the hands of a reforming church.
- **[Archives and lecture at the Central Library](#)**; viewing of Zwingli's pamphlets and the Zurich Bible
- **Evening Lecture: *Humanism and the Late Middle Ages***
- Breakfast, dinner, and accommodations at Kappel Monastery

DAY 4: Fri. May 15, Basel; [Humanism and the Reformation](#)

- **[Basel Münster Cathedral and Tomb of Erasmus](#)**,
- **Church Archives, private viewing and discussion of Erasmus' works, including New Testament manuscripts**
- **[Basel Paper Mill Museum](#)**
- **[Museum of History](#)**
- Breakfast, dinner, and accommodations at Kappel Monastery

DAY 5: Sat. May 16, Appenzell District; [Zwingli and Luther: Disputes of Doctrine](#)

- Train from Kappel to [St. Gallen](#)
- **[Vadian Monument](#)**
- **Church of St. Laurence**
- **Lecture: (Swiss expert, TBD) on German/Swiss exchange during the Reformation and the Reformation in St. Gallen and Appenzell region**
- **[Abbey of St. Gall](#)**,
- **[Abbey Library](#)**
- **[Appenzell Railway to Appenzell, the "quintessential Swiss villa"](#)**
- Breakfast, dinner, and accommodations at Kappel Monastery

DAY 6: Sun. May 17, Kappel and Zurich

- **[Worship at Fraumünster Reformed Church](#)**, Zurich's Old Town, 10 a.m.,
- Breakfast, dinner, and accommodations at Kappel Monastery

DAY 7: Mon. May 18, Zurich to Geneva

- Breakfast at Kappel Monastery
- Travel by train to [John Knox International Reformed Center](#)
- **Lecture: *Calvin: Scholar, Refugee, and Pastor***
- Dinner and accommodations at John Knox International Reformed Center

DAY 8: Tues. May 19, [Geneva: Calvin and Farel: The Genevan Reformation](#)

- **Tour of Geneva's Old Town**

- [Geneva Cathedral](#)
- [Calvin's Auditoire](#)
- **Lecture: Dr. Isabelle Graeselle, Pastor and Professor of Practical Theology, former Director, Musée International de la Réforme, *Genevan Reform***
- Course Reading Discussion
- Breakfast, dinner, and accommodations at John Knox Center

DAY 9: Wed. May 20, Geneva

- [Musée International de la Réforme](#)
- **Lecture: *Calvin and His Theology***
- Course Reading Discussion
- Breakfast, dinner, and accommodations at John Knox Center

DAY 10: Thurs. May 21, Annecy, France; *Papal Schism and the Counter-Reformation*

- [Charter Bus to Annecy](#)
- **Musée-Chateau d'Annecy; Haute-Savoie**
- [Palais de l'Isle](#)
- **Lake Annecy**
- **Evening lecture: *The Huguenots***
- Breakfast, dinner, and accommodations at John Knox Center

DAY 11: Friday, May 22: Geneva

- [Ecumenical Centre, World Council of Churches \(WCC\)](#)
- **Free time in Geneva**
- **Lecture: *The Confessional Era and Education***
- Breakfast, dinner, and accommodations at John Knox Center

“The WCC brings together churches, denominations and church fellowships in more than 110 countries and territories throughout the world, representing over 500 million Christians and including most of the world's Orthodox churches, scores of Anglican, Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist and Reformed churches, as well as many United and Independent churches. While the bulk of the WCC's founding churches were European and North American, today most member churches are in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Latin America, the Middle East and the Pacific. There are now 348 member churches.

For its member churches, the WCC is a unique space: one in which they can reflect, speak, act, worship and work together, challenge and support each other, share and debate with each other. As members of this fellowship, WCC member churches:

- are called to the goal of visible unity in one faith and one eucharistic fellowship;
- promote their common witness in work for mission and evangelism;

- engage in Christian service by serving human need, breaking down barriers between people, seeking justice and peace, and upholding the integrity of creation; and
- foster renewal in unity, worship, mission and service.”

DAY 12: Saturday, May 23: Lausanne; Theodore de Beze: Reformation and the Academy

- [Train to Geneva; ferry to Lausanne](#)
- **St. François Church**
- **Disputation Window**, where Calvin abandoned anonymity in 1536 to engage in free public discussion to answer questions and demonstrate the intellectual and theological superiority of the new doctrine
- **Old Academy, for the education of priests in Reformed theology**
- Breakfast, dinner, and accommodations at John Knox Center

DAY 13: Sunday, May 24: Geneva to Neuchâtel

- Breakfast at John Knox Center
- [Train to Neuchâtel](#)
- [Neuchâtel English Church](#) – Worship and visit with Gordon-Conwell Alumni
- Dinner and accommodations at Les Lilas and [Apartemento Louis de Marval](#) (apartment housing)

DAY 14: Monday, May 25: Neuchâtel; Guillome Farel and the Reformation

- [Collegiate Church, Rue de la Collégiale, Maison de la Prévôté, Fontaine du Banneret](#) (William Farel)
- [Temple du Bas](#) (Huguenots)
- Pierre de Vingle Printing House
- Hôtel DuPeyrou (Pierre-Alexandre DuPeyrou)
- Tour des Prisons; Château de Neuchâtel (Swiss Heritage Sites)
- **Lecture: *The Ministry of Guillome Farel and the Intentions of Iconoclasm***
- Breakfast, dinner and accommodations in Neuchâtel

DAY 15: Tuesday, May 26: Bern; Iconoclasm and Art

- Train to [Bern](#)
- **Bernese Münster Cathedral, Hostienmühle** depicting the “grounded” Christ in communion according to Reformation theology, and **Pulpit** where Zwingli preached
- **Choral Court**, site where church discipline questions were addressed
- **Town Hall**, where secular authorities blessed the Reformation movement during the Bern Disputation

- Breakfast, dinner and accommodations in [Neuchâtel](#)

DAY 15-16: Wednesday-Thursday, May 27-28: L'Abri

- Breakfast in Neuchâtel; travel to L'Abri
- Lunch, dinner, and accommodations at L'Abri
- Day participation in L'Abri fellowship and activities
- 9:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., L'Abri Sponsored Lecture, Dr. Hitter Brown
- **Lecture: *Music and the Swiss Reformation***
- Dinner and accommodations at [L'Abri Fellowship](#)

“The French term L'Abri is translated "the shelter" in English. It is difficult to force L'Abri into a rigid category or come up with a precise description. It could be said to be an international study center and a residential community, while also being much more.

One of the helpful dimensions of life at L'Abri is the integration of study and discussion with practical community work. This contributes to seeing the Christian life in a more holistic manner, rather than compartmentalized. The study portion of the day is spent in Farel House, where we have the L'Abri books and tapes, as well as other useful books, articles and papers covering a broad range of subjects. It is essential that you view study times as a significant part of your day. The other part of the day is spent working at whatever needs to be done to keep the community going. This involves anything from gardening to shoveling snow to cleaning and cooking, including learning to bake fresh bread. All are expected to take part in both aspects of community life.”

DAY 17: Friday, May 29, L'Abri to Kappel

- Breakfast at L'Abri
- **Train to Kappel Monastery**
- Dinner and accommodations at Kappel Monastery

DAY 18: Sat. May 30, [Kappel and Zurich](#)

- Course Reading Discussion
- **Swiss National Museum**
- Free afternoon and fondue dinner in [Zurich](#)
- Breakfast, dinner, and accommodations at Kappel Monastery

DAY 19: Sun. May 31, Kappel and Zurich

- **Worship at Fraumünster Reformed Church, Zurich's Old Town, 10 a.m.**
- **Fellowship with Zurich friends and Gordon-Conwell Alumni**
- Breakfast, dinner and accommodations at Kappel Monastery

DAY 20: Mon. June 1, Zurich to Boston

- Breakfast at Kappel Monastery
- Train to Zurich Airport
- Flight home