



Global Methodist Church Conference

# Europe's Rivers & Castles

River Cruise on the Rhine, Main, and Moselle Rivers

October 28 - November 5, 2025



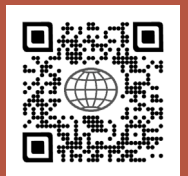
Guest Speaker:  
Bishop Michael Lowry



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## OPTIONAL PRE-TOUR



### Prague

October 25 - 29, 2025  
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#### OCTOBER 25 - DEPART THE USA

Board your overnight flight to Prague.

#### OCTOBER 26 - ARRIVE PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC

Arrive in Prague and check into your hotel.

#### OCTOBER 27 - PRAGUE

Discover fairytale Prague via a city tour or a hike. Both will reveal why Prague is considered one of Europe's most attractive and vibrant cities, with a historic city center that's recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. (B)

#### OCTOBER 28 - PRAGUE

Beer has a long and illustrious history in the Czech Republic, so join a tasting and discover some of the very best beer in the world. (B)

#### OCTOBER 29 - PRAGUE - EMBARKATION

Depart Prague and drive through the pastoral German countryside for a city tour of Nuremberg's fabulous Gothic churches and impressive city walls. Later in the day, board your luxurious ship. (B,D)

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Guests taking an extension may be on a different flight than their group and/or traveling companion.*

# ITINERARY

#### OCTOBER 28 - DEPART THE USA

Board your overnight flight to Nuremberg.

#### OCTOBER 29 - NUREMBERG - EMBARKATION

Board the ship in Nuremberg for your Europe's Rivers & Castles cruise. (D)

#### OCTOBER 30 - BAMBERG

Bamberg has been referred to as "Franconian Rome" as, like Rome, it was built on seven hills—but in Bamberg, a church graces each one. Bamberg's medieval and Baroque architecture has withstood the test of time and, as such, became a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Join a guided walking tour of this medieval gem where you'll see its cathedral, Old Town Hall and elegant old mansions, and afterward, indulge in the town's famous smoked beer, Rauchbier. Alternatively, enjoy a bike tour through Bamberg and follow your knowledgeable guide along the river to the enchanting winemaking town of Eltmann. (B,L,D)

#### OCTOBER 31 - WÜRZBURG

Go on a full-day excursion to Rothenburg, Germany's best-preserved walled town located on the Romantic Road. For those not going to Rothenburg, enjoy a city tour of Würzburg, bursting with Baroque splendor. Or visit Würzburg's Baroque Residenz Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that features an opulent interior, including a grand fresco by Tiepolo. As an alternative to the walking tour and the palace visit, the more active guest may choose to venture high above the town for a hike to Würzburg Castle, which dominates the city. (B,L,D)

#### NOVEMBER 1 - WETHEIM

Wertheim's old town center still features half-timbered houses and the Gothic architecture of the Stiftskirche, its oldest Protestant church. You may either join a guided walking tour through the historic city center or learn the art of pretzel making with a visit to a local bakery. For those seeking a more active adventure, take a scenic bike ride through the Main River Valley or hike high above the town for a visit to the castle, one of the most picturesque ruins in Germany. (B,L,D)

#### NOVEMBER 2 - RÜDESHEIM - RHINE GORGE - LAHNSTEIN

Arrive in Rudesheim, where you can visit Siegfried's Mechanical Instrument Cabinet, or take a ride over the vineyards of Rudesheim in a gondola to the Niederwald Monument, and then afterward be treated to a wine tasting. You may also hike through a Rudesheim vineyard. Another choice today is to take a guided bike tour along the Rhine Valley, riding between the Rheingau hills and the Rhine River. Later in the day, set sail towards Lahnstein through the Rhine River Gorge, famous for its beautiful and imposing castles. Cap the day off with a visit to Lahneck Castle. (B,L,D)

#### NOVEMBER 3 - COCHEM

Wake up in fairytale Cochem and visit Reichsburg Castle, followed by a walking tour. For an active alternative, set out on a panoramic hike leading to Reichsburg Castle. Or, embark on a bicycle tour from Cochem along the beautiful riverbanks of the Moselle to Beilstein and back. Along the way, enjoy the sights and sounds of the historic town center, picturesque gabled houses, and beautifully preserved landscapes. (B,L,D)

#### NOVEMBER 4 - TRIER

Enjoy a scenic cruise along the Moselle to Trier, Germany's oldest city, renowned for its rich ancient Roman past, and referred to as the "Rome of the North" or "Second Rome" as it has impressive Roman relics and nine UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Join a guided tour of the city, including the old Roman amphitheater, Roman Baths and Basilica of Constantine. Alternatively, go in search of the secrets of the Porta Nigra gate dating back to 180 AD, on a tour that takes you back to a time when Rome ruled the world from the Emperor's seat in Trier. You also have the choice of a bike tour through the historic city center and along the Moselle River or hike high above Trier to Petrisberg. (B,L,D)

#### NOVEMBER 5 - LUXEMBOURG - DISEMBARKATION

Bid au revoir to Luxembourg as you prepare for your journey home. (B)



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Guest Speaker:  
**Bishop Emeritus Mike Lowry**

Mike Lowry joined the Global Methodist Church upon its inception as Bishop Emeritus. He also serves at United Theological Seminary as an adjunct professor in the Doctor of Ministry program and as a member of the Board of Trustees.

Previously, he served as Resident Bishop of the Central Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church. He has provided leadership on a variety of institutional boards and pastored local churches in Texas. He co-authored *Multiplying Methodism: A Bold Witness of Wesleyan Faith at the Dawn of the Global Methodist Church* and has contributed numerous articles and chapters for various books. Mike, and organizations he led, has received awards/recognition from many groups, including Perkins School of Theology and Habitat for Humanity.

Mike and his wife, Jolynn, live in West Virginia and have 2 married children and 4 grandchildren.

## OPTIONAL POST-TOUR



### Paris

November 5 - 8, 2025  
Starting at \$1,485\*

#### NOVEMBER 5 - DISEMBARKATION – PARIS, FRANCE

Disembark in Luxembourg. En route to Paris, you will stop at the American Cemetery and Memorial, the final resting place of General George Patton. Later, you will enjoy a walking tour through Luxembourg before boarding a TGV high-speed train to Paris, where you will check into your hotel. (B)

#### NOVEMBER 6 - PARIS

Enjoy a tour of Paris, taking in all its iconic sites, including the Eiffel Tower, the Arc de Triomphe, the Champs-Élysées and Place de la Concorde. You'll pass the magnificent Opéra Garnier, the legendary Louvre and, on the Left Bank, the Sorbonne University and the Panthéon. (B)

#### NOVEMBER 7 - PARIS

Enjoy a visit to Montmartre, long known as the city's premier artist's enclave. During the mid to late 1800s, artists also began calling Montmartre home. Pissarro and Jongkind were two of the first to live there. For easy access to Montmartre, you'll hop aboard the funicular railroad that ascends the hill. Montmartre's most recognizable landmark is the Basilica du Sacré-Coeur, constructed from 1876 to 1912. The white dome of this Roman Catholic basilica sits at the highest point in the city. After your visit to Montmartre, you'll be taken on an illumination tour, discovering why Paris is renowned as the "City of Light." (B)

#### NOVEMBER 8 - RETURN TO THE USA

Bid au revoir to Paris as you prepare for your journey home.

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**PROGRAM CONDITIONS**

**INCLUDED IN PRICE:**

Deluxe cruise accommodations (based on double occupancy) • Most shore excursions • All meals on ship, meal beverages, and other meals as indicated • Administrative Fee • Cruise Tax (\$231)

**NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:**

• International Airfare and overseas transfers (Sold Separately) • Fuel Surcharges • Pre-Cruise and/or Post-Cruise Extension and optional sightseeing as listed in the brochure • Visa(s) • Onboard Gratuities (These will appear automatically on your onboard statement, and are the guest's responsibility to pay on board the ship) • Any additional services or fees not included above • Optional Travel Protection Plan (see premium schedule) • Miscellaneous fees such as passports, laundry, excess baggage, and other items of personal nature • \$100 Document fee for Non-US and Non-Canadian residents • Required Vaccinations • Required medical testing before, during, and/or after travel

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**PAYMENT SCHEDULE:**

Payment	Amount	Due Date
<b>Initial Deposit</b>	<b>\$250</b>	Due at the time of registration
<b>Second Deposit</b>	<b>\$250</b>	Due 10/28/24.
<b>Third Deposit</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	Due on 03/02/25.
<b>Final Payment</b>	05/31/25. If paid after the due date, a late payment fee of \$100 will be assessed.	
<b>Travel Protection Amount</b>	The Travel Protection Plan premium will be due no later than 05/30/25 to be in full effect. Travel protection premiums must be paid in addition to your deposits and in advance of the final payment for coverage to be in effect.	
<b>Cabin Availability</b>	After 10/28/24 or once we have sold out of our allotment of cabins we can no longer guarantee cabin pricing. Cabins purchased after this date will be subject to availability and may require a supplemental charge.	

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**PASSPORT INFORMATION & CHECK IN PROCESS:**

Passport information must be submitted to our office no later than 05/30/25. Failure to provide your passport information to our office by this date may result in change fees or denial of travel. Discrepancies in information

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**FLIGHT TIMES AND SEATING:**

All flights are subject to change by the airlines without advance notice. EOT is not responsible for such changes or delays and does not reimburse expenses resulting from such delays. If you are making your own flight arrangements to the departure city, we recommend you purchase a ticket that can be exchanged without large penalties. There is no advance seat selection for groups on most airlines. Early check-in is necessary to secure seats with travel companions and those with special needs. Due to security measures taken at airports, it is advisable to arrive at the airport three hours prior to departure time. Seating is solely under the control of the airlines.

**ADDITIONAL AIRLINE FEES:**

You will likely incur additional airline checked baggage fees that are not included in the price of the tour. These fees vary by airline and are at the airline's discretion on each segment of the flight itinerary. Additionally, you may incur optional fees (food, excess baggage, overweight baggage, items of personal nature, etc.) as well. For more information, visit [eo.travel/travel-info/airline-fees](http://eo.travel/travel-info/airline-fees).

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