Swiss Anabaptist Heritage Tour
Switzerland

Featuring Sites of Wenger, Martin, & Other Swiss Mennonite Surnames

Tour Hosts: Jay V. Wenger & Darvin L. Martin

July 9–17, 2014
Wednesday, July 9  Philadelphia/Zurich
Leave in the afternoon for an overnight flight from Philadelphia to Zurich, Switzerland. (Meals in flight)

Thursday, July 10  Schaffhausen
Upon arrival in Switzerland drive to the picturesque town of Schaffhausen regarded as one of the most attractive towns in Switzerland. Located along the Rhine River, it is noted for its wonderful renaissance and classical buildings. Visit the Rhinefall (Rhine Falls), described as the most powerful in Europe and referred to as the Niagara Falls of Europe. A short distance from Schaffhausen is the village of Schleitheim to visit the Schleitheim Museum which has a room dedicated to the Anabaptist movement and a view of an original copy of the 1527 Schleitheim Conference of Faith. On the return to Schaffhausen, hike (time permitting) the Taufersteig (Anabaptist Path) to view the memorial stone placed there in 2004. The path was one way our ancestors left Switzerland on their way to the German Kraichgau region. Dinner and overnight accommodations are in Schaffhausen. (D)

Friday, July 11  Zurich
This morning, drive to Zurich, Switzerland’s largest city. A guided walking tour of the city includes the Grossmunster, the Wasserkirche and the Zwingli Statue, the Conrad Grebel House, the Felix Manz and Hans Landis Memorial plaque and other sites as time permits. Travel to the Zurich Oberland region to Baretwil for lunch at the Reformed Church. Visit the nearby Anabaptist Cave. On the route to Luzerne, travel through Hirzel where Hans Landis lived. As time permits, visit other villages of ancestral interest to our tour group. Overnight accommodations are in Luzerne, with dinner on your own. (B, L)

Saturday, July 12  Lucerne / Wengen
Today begins with a guided walking tour of Lucerne featuring the famous Chapel Bridge, the Lion Monument and other popular sites. In the afternoon, travel to Wengen, one of the most fashionable mountain resorts in the Bernese Oberland region. Wengen is said to have the best skiing in all of Europe. Dazzled by the Jungfrau with a view along the Lauterbrunnen rift, Wengen is reached only by cog railroad, which is boarded at Lauterbrunnen. Wengen will be home for two nights. (B, D)

Sunday, July 13  Wengen
Today is a free day in Wengen and the Swiss Alps. Options available are hiking, visiting the Jungfrau, Schilthorn and other sites of scenic interest. A Vesper Service on the hillside in Wengen is planned, weather permitting. (B, D)

Monday, July 14  Bernese Oberland Region
Leave Wengen for Lauterbrunnen via cog railroad and drive through the Bernese Oberland region visiting Blumenstein, Thierachern, Amsoldingen and other areas of interest to the A, B, & G lines of Wengers. Visit the Thun Castle Historical Museum where Anabaptists were incarcerated including Melchoir Brenneman. Dinner and overnight accommodations are in Thun. (B, D)

Tuesday, July 15  Emmental Region
Today tour the Emmental region visiting heritage sites of the C line of the Wengers and Martin families at Eggiwil and Rothenbach. At Langnau, visit the oldest Mennonite Church in the world. Near Rothenbach, visit Wurzbrunnen Kirche, and later in the day the Anabaptist hiding place, Tauferversteck (Hinter Hutten) at Fankhaus. Drive to Bern, the capital of the Swiss Federation, for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

Wednesday, July 16  Bern / Affoltern
Begin the day with a guided walking tour of the city of Bern, featuring its historical and Anabaptist sites; a highlight of this tour is a visit to the Bern bear pits. Travel to the village of Affoltern for lunch (on your own) at the Affoltern Show Dairy. It is here where one may purchase cheese and also see it being made. Visit the nearby village of Trachsewald and the Trachsewald Castle. It was here, according to tradition,
that Christian Martin (father of David Martin, 1727 immigrant) was held prisoner. Travel to Zurich for a farewell dinner and overnight. (B, D)

**Thursday, July 17**

Board the return flight from Zurich to Philadelphia. (B, meals in flight)

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**Your Tour Hosts:**

**Jay V. Wenger** has served as President of the Wenger Family Association for 32 years and has co-hosted 5 of the last 6 Wenger family tours to Europe with the late Samuel E. Wenger. Jay has led groups on tours throughout the USA and Canada. Jay is a 5-way descendent of Christian Wenger and has one line of descent from Hans Wenger. Jay currently serves on the boards of the Pennsylvania German Society and the Wenger Meetinghouse Preservation Association. Semi-retired as a Scheduler for a family-related business, Glick's Water Service, Jay has found time to author, *Ancestry & Descendants of David S. Wenger & Susanna K. Horst*, his great grandparents and their 3800 descendants.

**Darvin L. Martin** has 15 lines of descent from Christian Wenger and 10 lines from Christian Martin, from whom he received his name. Darvin has authored the book, *Martin, A Mennonite Family Tree*, serves as chairman for the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society’s Family History Conference and has become an authority on DNA research as it pertains to our Anabaptist surnames. Darvin is employed as the Mid-Atlantic sales manager for Sotax Corporation, a pharmaceutical instrumentation company based in Basel, Switzerland. Since 2005, Darvin has made numerous trips to Switzerland and led a 10-day family tour of Switzerland in 2011.

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**Tour Price:** $4895 (per person based on double occupancy)

**Single Supplement:** $370

**Optional Group Travel Insurance:** $309

**Tour price includes:**
- English speaking guide throughout tour
- Round trip Air transportation
- 7-Nights lodging
- 14 meals: 7 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 6 dinners
- Transportation in modern climate controlled motor coach
- Admission to all features described in itinerary
- Porterage at airports (in Europe) and hotels
- Tips, taxes, and gratuities

**Tour price does not include:**
- Domestic flights to international departure airport
- Ground transportation to airport for international departure
- Cost of any features not described in itinerary
- Most lunches and gratuities for lunches not included
- Items of a personal nature

*(Tour price reflects air rates, taxes, and US-Euro exchange rates in effect as of February 2013. Tour member will be responsible for any increase or change prior to departure date.)*

**Hotels:**
- Schaffhausen: Hotel Kronenhof
- Lucerne: Ibis Styles Luzern City
- Wengen: Hotel Falken
- Thun: Hotel Holiday Thun
- Bern: Hotel Sorell Ador
- Zurich: Hotel Adler

Lodging is based on two persons sharing twin-bedded room with private bath in moderate First Class Hotels.
Tour Features and Conditions
Please read all Tour Features and Conditions carefully. Payment of tour deposit constitutes acceptance of these conditions.

**Air Transportation:** Air transportation is restricted to the services of any IATA carrier, in economy class based on non-refundable fare. Travelers are responsible to provide their names as they appear in their passport. Ticketing will be made 30-45 days prior to departure, after which there will be a charge for name corrections. Tour price includes current airline taxes and fuel surcharges, which are subject to change until ticketed. Tour participants are responsible for any increase in airline taxes or fuel surcharges imposed by the airline.

**Seat Assignments:** Group seats are available approximately 30 days prior to departure and are assigned at the airline’s discretion. Please advise your travel consultant of any special seating needs due to health or mobility.

**Accommodations:** Based on two or more persons sharing a room in accommodations listed in itinerary, or similar. Single rooms are subject to availability at an additional charge. If a passenger cannot supply a roommate, the passenger is responsible for the additional charge.

**Meals:** In-flight meals and snacks are served according to airline policy. Two meals will be provided daily.

**Transfers and Baggage:** Transfers between airports and hotels upon arrival and departure are included in the tour price, including handling of one medium-sized suitcase per person, not exceeding 62 dimensional inches (length plus width plus height) or weighing more than a maximum of 50 pounds. Due to limited luggage storage space on motor coaches, it is important that each person bring only ONE piece of checked baggage. In addition, a flight bag or overnight case may be taken, which must be handled by the passenger at all times. Baggage allowance is subject to change according to airline policy.

**Sightseeing and Entrance Fees:** Are included as indicated in itinerary, using private motor coach or other conveyance, with local guides where necessary.

**Tips and Taxes:** Service charges and taxes on accommodations, and tips to guides, drivers, and hotel staff are included. Tips for personal services are not included.

**Not Included:** Lunches and lunch tips, beverages with dinner, passport fee, travel protection insurance, checked baggage fees, and expenses of a purely personal nature are not included. Transportation from your home to departure city and return is not included.

**Deposit and Payment:** Reservations can be secured with a deposit payment of $500 per person. You will be invoiced for final payment, which is due 60 days prior to departure.

**MTS Cancellation Conditions:** The cancellation conditions outlined below apply to all cancellations and are per person. Should circumstances require that the passenger cancel, written notice of cancellation must be received by MTS TRAVEL a minimum of 100 days prior to departure to secure any refund of deposit funds.

- 100 days or more prior to departure – $100 service fee applies
- 99-60 days prior to departure – Full deposit ($500) plus any unrecoverable fees
- Less than 60 days – No refund

Cancellation policies apply when cancellation occurs for any reason.

We strongly recommend travel insurance to help protect your investment.

**Protect Your Investment:** MTS TRAVEL strongly recommends purchasing this primary insurance coverage. If you purchase the protection plan within 21 days of your deposit, any restriction on pre-existing conditions is waived. If protection plan is purchased after 21 days, all coverage is subject to exclusion of pre-existing conditions. Certain conditions, exclusions and limitations apply as set out in the Evidence of Coverage and Confirmation of Coverage, which you will receive upon receipt of deposit. You will have ten days to review coverage and cancel your policy.

Following is a brief description of coverage:

- This protection plan will cover you for cancellation fees if you need to cancel because of death, injury or illness to you, your traveling companion or your immediate family member.
- Medical Evacuation: $250,000
- Medical Expenses: $25,000
- Baggage loss/delay: $1,500/ $250
- Passport, Visa & Health Requirements: A valid passport is required. If you do not have a passport, you should apply for one immediately. Information on obtaining or renewing a U.S. passport can be found at www.travel.state.gov/passport. If you now have a passport, please verify that it is valid until February 17, 2015. Non-U.S. Citizens are responsible to fulfill entry requirements for countries to be visited by contacting the appropriate consulates. No inoculations are required, but please check with your physician for his recommendation.

**Rates & Fares Information:** Rates are based on a minimum of 35 persons traveling together. Fewer tour participants will result in a price increase. The quoted tour price is based on the current rate of exchange. Fluctuation in the foreign exchange rate can result in price increase.

**Deviations:** Any individual making a change in travel arrangements apart from this group program will be charged a service fee of $100 per person, plus any additional air or land costs incurred. If you choose to make your own travel arrangements (not through MTS TRAVEL), we are not responsible for any charges or cancellation fees you may incur at any time.

**Tour Operator Itinerary Changes:** The itinerary as outlined is an indication of sequence and sites to be included in the tour program. However, the tour operator reserves the right to alter or change the itinerary and/or the sites included should it be deemed necessary due to local conditions, time restrictions, or other circumstances.

**Traveler Safety:** In the ever-changing world situation, MTS TRAVEL recommends personal monitoring of news about your destination. For the latest country information from the U.S. Dept. of State, please visit www.mtstravel.com and click “U.S. State Department Travel Warnings” in the middle of our home page.

**Disabilities:** Guests with disabilities or dietary restrictions should inquire in advance about whether their needs can be accommodated.

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Prices and schedules appearing in this brochure are based on current schedules and tariff rates and are subject to change without notice. The tour operator reserves the right to modify the itinerary when deemed necessary or caused by changes in air or other schedules. The airlines and/or other transportation companies concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not aboard their plane or conveyance. The passage contract in use by the airlines concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and purchaser of tours and/or the passengers.

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Electronic Registration is available at: http://events.SignUp4.com/swisswenger

Please complete and mail this form with your deposit of $500 per person (make checks payable MTS TRAVEL) to MTS TRAVEL, 116 Lake Street, Ephrata, PA 17522, or complete the credit card payment information below.

(Please Print)
Name 1 (as it appears on passport): ____________________________________________
Name 2 (as it appears on passport): ____________________________________________
Nickname for name badge: ____________________________________________
Nickname for name badge: ____________________________________________
Address: ____________________________________________
City, State, Zip: ____________________________________________
Phone: (evening) __________________________ (days) __________________________ Cell: __________________________
E-mail: ____________________________________________
E-mail: ____________________________________________
Birthdate: ____________________________________________
Birthdate: ____________________________________________

Passport Copies: Please provide a clear copy of the photo page of your passport.

Room Type: 
☐ Twin (two single beds)
☐ Double (one double bed) Rooming With: ____________________________________________
☐ Single

Travel Protection Insurance–Check One:
☐ I/we wish to be covered by cancellation insurance. Include $309 per person (non-refundable) with your deposit check.
☐ I/we do NOT wish to be covered by the cancellation insurance.

Credit Card Information: (Please provide billing address if different from that listed above.)

Please Charge: 
☐ My Deposit of $__________ + $__________ Travel Insurance = $__________ Total Charge
☐ Mastercard ☐ Visa ☐ Discover ☐ American Express

Name as it appears on card (printed): ____________________________________________
Card Number: __________________________ Exp. Date: __________________________
Signature: __________________________ Security Code: __________________________

I have read the Tour Features and Conditions for this tour and agree to the terms listed therein.

Signature: ____________________________________________