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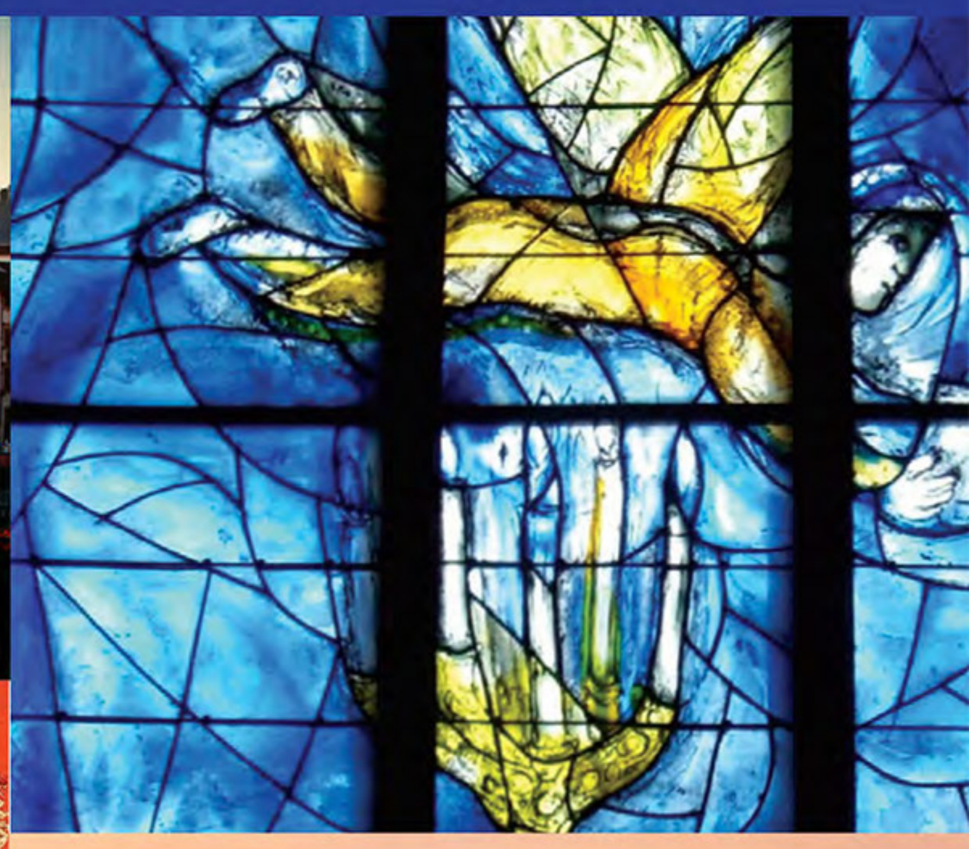
ECUMENICAL CENTRE
FOR ART AND SPIRITUALITY

May 10–30, 2017

Reformanda 2017 Tour

Sacred Arts Today, Catholic & Protestant

FRANCE – GERMANY – SWITZERLAND – ITALY



PARIS, FRANCE

FOUR NIGHTS – MAY 11–15

- Participate in the Arts & Ecumenism Symposium at L'Institut Catholique.
- Tour key city sites, including Notre Dame and Montmartre.
- Attend a concert by Gloriæ Dei Cantores in one of the city's beautiful churches.
- Visit some recent church interiors (e.g., Botta's Cathedral at Evry).
- Celebrate at an opening banquet, and several other included meals.

MAINZ ON THE RHINE RIVER IN GERMANY

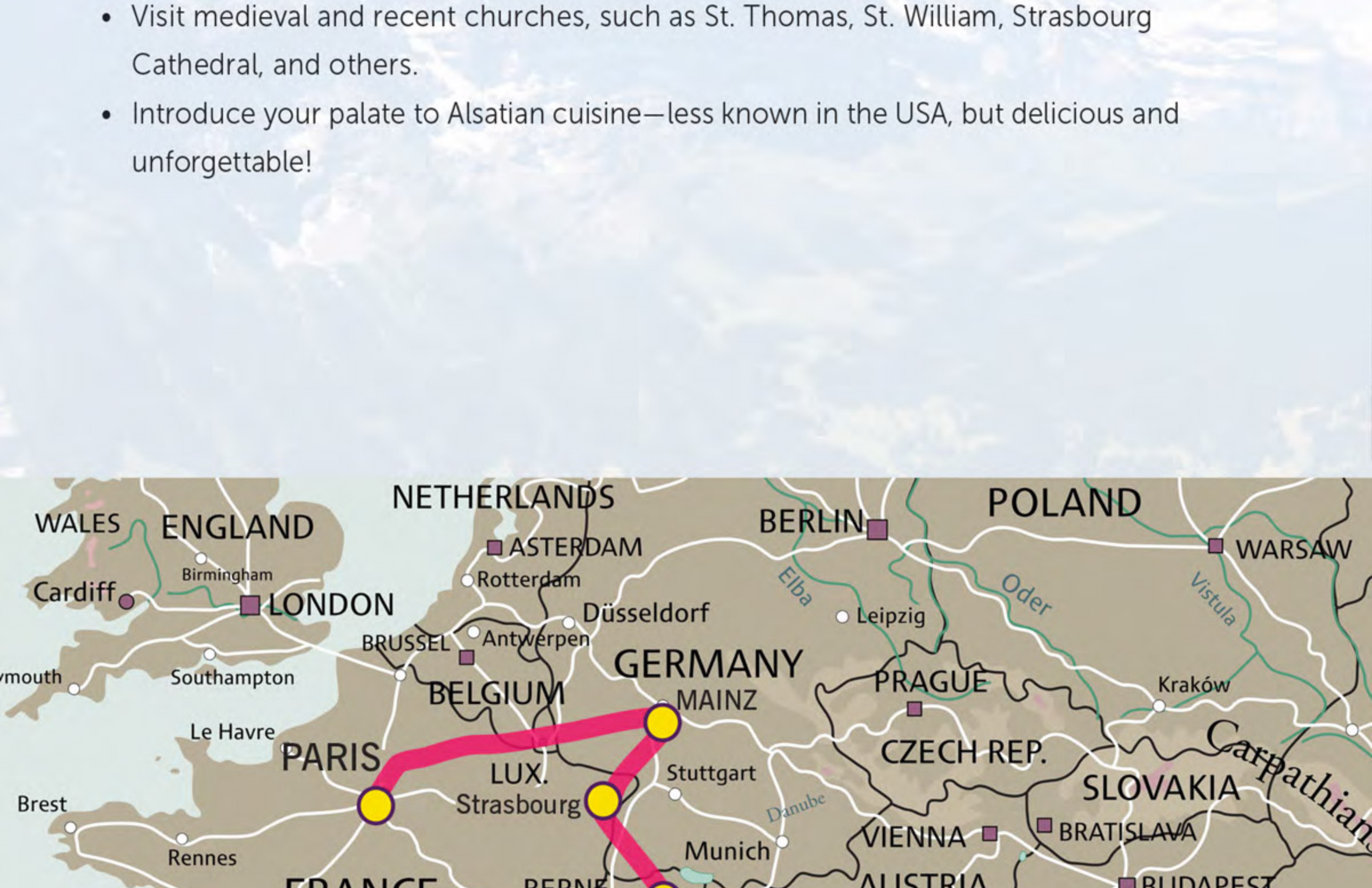
THREE NIGHTS – MAY 15–18

- See the great medieval cathedral, the Gutenberg Museum, and a parish church filled with Chagall windows.
- Visit the Diet of Worms site and see modern mosaics depicting the Reformation.
- Tour several new churches and discuss their sacred art with the actual artists and with those who set up the commissions.

STRASBOURG
ON THE RHINE RIVER IN FRANCE

FOUR NIGHTS – MAY 18–22

- Be inspired by part two of the Arts & Ecumenism Symposium at the University of Strasbourg, hosted by the Protestant Theology Faculty. Experience all that the University's Sacred Art Center (which is integral in the rebirth of the sacred arts in the Reformed milieu) has to offer.
- Hear Gloriæ Dei Cantores perform in an evening concert in one of the historic churches of the city.
- Enjoy an exhibition of sacred art.
- Experience Colmar and the renovated Unterlinden Museum.
- Visit medieval and recent churches, such as St. Thomas, St. William, Strasbourg Cathedral, and others.
- Introduce your palate to Alsatian cuisine—less known in the USA, but delicious and unforgettable!



TICINO, SWITZERLAND

THREE NIGHTS – MAY 22–25

- Visit Zurich, and see Zwingli's church, and stained glass by Marc Chagall.
- After so many urban centers, cleanse the palate with the less-frequented villages of the Ticino region of Switzerland.
- Experience preserved Romanesque gems in Giornico, Biasca and Rovio, in this unique Italian-speaking canton.
- Take part in the wealth of activity in sacred arts in this area, including a visit (by cable car) to Botta's mountain top chapel on Monte Tamaro.
- Marvel at the contrast of palm trees and snow-crowned Alps that line the lakes by our hotel.

FLORENCE, ITALY

FIVE NIGHTS – MAY 25–30

- En route to Florence, enjoy lunch and some early-Christian art—including Queen Theodelinda's (the famous Lombard queen credited with healing schisms and building churches, among other things!) treasures—in historic Monza.
- Arrive in Florence for the third Arts & Ecumenism Symposium weekend, which includes presentations, a concert by Gloriæ Dei Cantores, and an art exhibition.
- Visit new and Renaissance sites in Florence, including new church art in the city and in nearby Panzano-in-Chianti, the recently expanded Opera del Duomo Museum, and the Duomo itself, along with the renowned collection of Fra Angelico frescoes at San Marco.
- Enjoy a beautiful closing banquet, and other lovely Tuscan meals.
- Discover the sacred art treasures of Florence with Monsignor Timothy Verdon and his staff, who will assure a never-to-be-forgotten welcome to the city, even for those who have "seen it all."
- Visit the city of Barga, and Via Sacra, home of the Mount Tabor Ecumenical Centre. Barga, a unique hill town in Tuscany, is well known for its sacred art, spanning several eras.
- Celebrate Ascension Sunday—observing the premier day for the celebration of God's power, a reign where beauty shall be the companion of justice and peace.

Come Join Us!

For the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, experience how the Protestant and the Catholic reformations still flower in art and architecture. Join a stimulating exploration of ideas with world-renowned experts on religious art. The Lutheran World Federation and the Vatican (Pope Francis) are encouraging all Christians to celebrate together the posting of 95 theses on the door by Martin Luther. We can lament together the pain of division amongst our ancestors, yet we celebrate the birthing of arts on both sides of the divide, and the ecumenism that we have all seen in our lifetimes. Discoveries, living history, joyous worship, and shared experiences will bathe us in the light of lived reform.

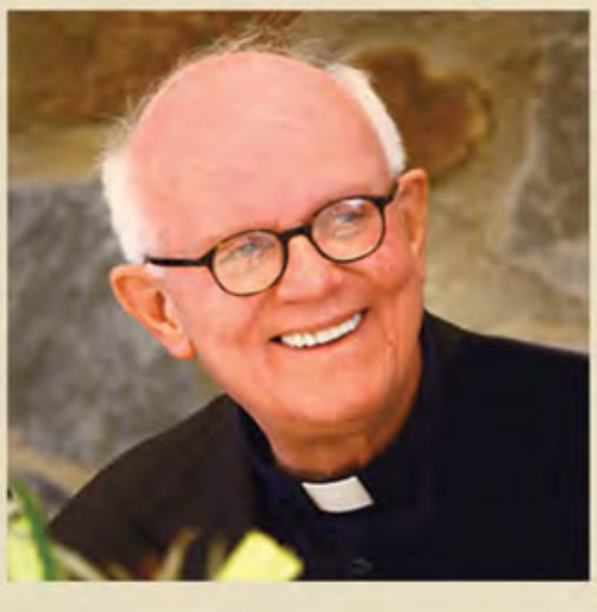
See and hear how Catholic and Protestant churches have been and are commissioning artists. Trace the evidence of creativity from the 20th century works by giants such as Botta and Chagall, to today's works by artists whose installations we will visit and whose names you will come to remember, such as Kammerer, Kanaga, Rossi, Rupnik, and Wilpers

Symposium

"The Arts and Ecumenism – Theology and the Risk of Artistic Creation"

- Weekend meetings in Paris, Strasbourg and Florence, organized by Msgr Timothy Verdon and hosted by *L'Institut Catholique de Paris*, the Protestant Faculty of Theology of the *University of Strasbourg*, and the *Archdiocese of Florence*, with lectures by Dr. William Dyrness (Fuller Theological Seminary), Professor Jérôme Cottin, Fr. Denis Hétier, and Dr. Denis Villepelet, to name a few.

- Concerts by Gloriæ Dei Cantores will immerse us in music of reformations then and now. Gloriæ Dei Cantores, an internationally acclaimed choir from the Community of Jesus in Orleans, MA, directed by Richard K. Pugsley, is dedicated to preserving and authentically interpreting sacred choral music from the eleventh to the twenty-first centuries. Founded in 1988, Gloriæ Dei Cantores has touched the hearts of audiences in twenty-four countries in Europe, Asia, and North America. www.gdcchoir.org



- Msgr. Timothy Verdon, prolific author and renowned art historian (PhD Yale University), is the Director of the Centre for Ecumenism of the Archdiocese of Florence and of the Florence Cathedral Foundation Museum. In addition, he is the Academic Director of the Mount Tabor Centre, located in Barga, Italy.

Tour Options **(Full 3 weeks/or 2 week options)**

Tour A: Full Tour, May 10-30 (21 days) $6,850

Tour B: Paris-Zurich, May 10-23 (14 days) $5,250

Tour C: Strasbourg-Florence, May 17-30 (14 days) $5,250

- Package includes airfare from Boston; see registration form for details
- Ground tour only also available; see registration form for options

What's Included *(visit mounttabor.it for details)*

- Meals: breakfast and a main meal are included each day
- The tour begins and ends at Logan Airport, Boston
- First-class hotels, in double-occupancy (single supplement available)
- Luxury, air-conditioned coach transportation
- Admission to all sites listed; Expert guides who know both the sites and the group; Taxes, Service charges
- Meetings for devotion, reflection, discussion
- Materials for reading before the trip; optional meetings by internet or in person

Tour Director

G. Thomas Ryan was the liturgical and sacred arts consultant for the Church of the Transfiguration, Orleans, and former director of the Center for Pastoral Liturgy at the Catholic University of America. Tom has a unique ability to lead tours focused on the interrelationship of ecclesial life, art and liturgy.

The Mount Tabor Ecumenical Centre for Art & Spirituality

founded by the Community of Jesus in Massachusetts, USA, facilitates ecumenical dialogue through educational symposia, visual and performing arts, spiritual retreats, and exhibitions of contemporary sacred art. Bridging international, cultural and ecclesial divides, the Mount Tabor Centre provides opportunities for reflection and discussion about faith and creativity, contemplation and communion, liturgy and beauty, as the Spirit inspires the contemporary voices of today's artists, musicians and authors deeply rooted in Christian tradition.

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