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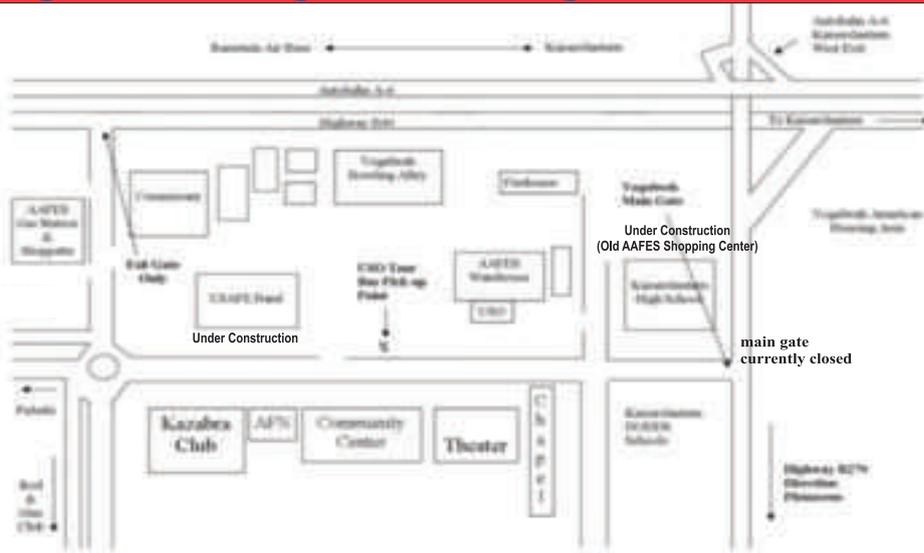
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## USO Tour Pickup Point Vogelweh Bowling Center Parking Lot



According to the Kaiserslautern Garrison Misconduct Officer, the USAREUR policy and regulation states that the legal drinking age within USAREUR is 18. Since the USO falls under USAREUR, we will apply this policy regardless of German law on all of our USO tours and orientations.

## USO tour reminders— Don't leave home without knowing these

At the USO, we're proud of what we do, especially when it comes to the quality of our tours. We want you to have a positive experience every time you take a tour with us. To help, when taking a USO tour, please remember the following hints.

Bring your USO receipt and travel documents. Without proper travel documents, you risk the chance of being left at the border when leaving or returning to Germany. When traveling outside Germany, we recommend having a U.S. (blue) or EC passport. Travel documents are your responsibility. In some countries, like the Czech Republic, Switzerland, and Poland, passports are required.

Current security precautions might mean delays in some cases and make it that much more important to have proper identification on you at all times.

Make sure you have enough local and foreign currency for souvenirs, eating, and so on. We try to ensure that you know what is and what is not included in the tour price. Also remember that outdoor vendors at flea markets and fests normally do not take credit cards, and ATMs are not always readily available here.

Wear comfortable walking shoes and dress for the weather. Many USO tours involve some walking, especially those with a castle tour (most castles were built on hills).

Some tours involve late lunch breaks. Therefore, it's a good idea to have snacks and drinks with you.

If it's a shopping tour within Germany, bring VAT forms to increase your savings. Since some tours go to more than one store, it's a good idea to bring a couple of VAT forms. You can save up to 19% value added tax at many places.

Small children do not do very well on long trips, so consider their comfort. Also, some of our tours have aggressive itineraries—covering several sites in a short time span or requiring a lot of walking—and may not be suitable for small children or elderly visitors due to the terrain or nature of the tour (i.e., military history tours have long segments of explanation that require adult concentration). Be selective of your tours so that they are suitable to all participants.

Ensure that you fully understand the conditions and any special requirements of the tour when you sign up. Review the USO tour policy on page 6.

## Kaiserslautern USO Tour Guides

These folks are the backbone of the USO's tours program. They represent some of the best tour guides in the business, and their training, dedication, eagerness, and professionalism add to the quality that continues to make USO tours the best.

**Robert Allen (Military History)**  
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## Kaiserslautern USO Tour Notes—

According to the U.S. State Department, you may use your no-fee passport only when traveling overseas while performing official duties. For personal travel, you must use a regular-fee tourist passport. You may have both a valid tourist passport and a valid no-fee tourist passport at the same time. For more information on passports and travel, visit [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov).

All Kaiserslautern USO tours have an approximate time of return indicated on the tour description. This time is approximate and refers to arrival time back in the Kaiserslautern area. We try to estimate this time within one hour either way.

According to German law, all passengers, regardless of size or age, must have a seat on a bus. Seatbelts are not required in older buses that do not already have them. However, most buses being built today have seatbelts installed and customers must wear them. If a bus is pulled over and checked by the German police, you will be fined if you are not wearing your seatbelt.

Customers who have small children requiring car seats are reminded that car seat standards and specifications might differ between the U.S. and Germany. If you plan to travel a lot, we recommend you buy a car seat that conforms to German standards.



Haven't found that special souvenir yet? What about something for that new family member? Then check out what the USO offers.

Kaiserslautern USO centers at Landstuhl, Ramstein, and Vogelweh sell all sorts of books, maps, postcards, clothing, and assorted souvenirs.

Books and maps of Trier, Rudesheim, the Mosel and Rhine rivers, Munich, Heidelberg, Rothenburg, the Black Forest, and more can make your touring more informative and meaningful.

Kaiserslautern USO gift certificates are also available at local USO centers. Gift certificates can be bought for any amount and can be used on all Kaiserslautern USO tours.

*Just a few of the things you can find at the USO*

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 Let's Cook CD 3 - \$12  
 Let's Cook CD 1, 2, 3 Pack - \$30

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Kaiserslautern USO centers offer membership to the German Automobile Club, ADAC. The ADAC, known as the "Yellow Angels" because of its yellow service vehicles that roam German roads helping motorists in need, offers many services to its members. Some of these services include roadside assistance, travel planning, travel health insurance, legal expense insurance, a monthly magazine (in German), and much more. ADAC membership is a must if you plan to drive on German roads. ADAC offers various types of memberships that are available at Kaiserslautern USO centers. Stop by any of the USO centers for more information and to pick up an ADAC package.

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- KMC USO German Cooking and Baking*
- USO Warrior Center*

*We want to ensure that your USO tour experiences are the best possible. To do so, we have established some policies (without being too bureaucratic, we hope) that let us do our job more efficiently and effectively. Please refer to this policy if you have administrative questions about our tours. Have a great time!*

**RESERVATIONS:** All tours must be personally booked by SOFA-supported ID card holders at any USO office; telephone reservations are not accepted. Persons under 18 years old may only participate in tours when accompanied by their adult sponsor (mother, father, or legal guardian).

**PAYMENT:** All tour prices are in U.S. dollars unless otherwise noted in the tour description and must be paid in full when signing up. Cash, money orders, credit cards, and cashier or traveler checks can be accepted. Personal checks will not be accepted.

**USO OBLIGATIONS:** All tours and orientations will follow the program in the *Kabel* as closely as possible. However, the USO is not responsible for strikes, mechanical problems, inclement weather, or circumstances associated with a vendor.

**PICKUP POINTS:** Currently, Kaiserslautern USO has only one designated pickup point. That is at the parking lot in front of the Vogelweh Bowling Center (see page 4 for map). USO buses will depart the pickup point promptly at the time indicated.

**LATE BUS:** Although we make every effort to be at the pickup point at the designated time, circumstances may delay the bus. If the bus is late, passengers must remain at the pickup point for one hour past the scheduled pickup time or be counted as no-shows if the bus arrives within that hour.

**SEATING:** Bus seating is generally on a first come first served basis. The USO tour guide may realign seating in order to accommodate large family groups, handicapped people, or other special circumstances. Once a seat has been taken or assigned, it remains yours for the duration of the tour unless arrangements are made with the USO tour guide. **SMOKING IS PROHIBITED ON ALL USO BUS TOURS.**

**BAGGAGE:** Large items such as packs, coolers, or strollers that cannot be stowed in the overhead rack or under the seat must be placed in the baggage compartment. Large items must not be placed in the aisle or block emergency exits.

**USO TOUR GUIDES:** The USO tour guide is the official representative of the USO and is solely responsible for the conduct of the tour. The tour guide is the final authority on all matters relating to the tour. Any complaints or disputes may be brought to the attention of the Tours Manager after completion of the tour.

**CHILDREN DISCOUNTS:** According to German bus passenger safety requirements and German law, all passengers, regardless of size or age, must have a seat on a bus; infants cannot ride free on their parent's lap. Infants are required to have their own seat on our bus tours and use an approved "safety" car seat. The car seat is the responsibility of the tour patron. Car seats will not be provided by the USO or the bus company. The price of all bus seats for children (infants through the age of 11) is the children's price noted in each tour description. If there is no children's price noted in the tour description, the normal tour price "per seat" is as stated. All children (infants to 11 years) must pay a minimum of \$25 on USO train tours, unless otherwise indicated.

**BOOK EARLY:** Weekend tours without sufficient participants are cancelled at close of business on the Wednesday preceding the tour. We encourage you to book as soon as possible to help avoid tour cancellations.

**TIPPING:** Tipping is at the discretion of the customer. In Europe, it is customary to tip the bus driver on longer bus tours and local guides who conduct, for example, city and castle tours. However, the USO covers the tips for local or castle guides on our regular tours.

**CROSSING INTERNATIONAL BORDERS:** Passengers are responsible for having passports or valid border crossing documents and an adequate supply of the local currency when a tour crosses into another country. If a passenger does not have the proper documentation, it may be necessary to leave that passenger at the border. The USO cannot be held liable for any inconveniences incurred if passengers don't have the proper documentation.

**TOUR REFUND POLICY:** Customers requesting cancellations must do so by noon, three working days in advance of the tour date and will receive a refund less a cancellation fee of 10% of the tour price. All refunds will be issued by check or credit card only (credit card only at USO center where used). Absolutely no cash will be given. If a cancellation involves non-refundable expenses prepaid by the USO, the customer will receive a partial refund only. Tour cancellations made by the USO will result in full refunds. Refunds that are paid by check require a minimum of 7 to 10 working days for processing. Refunds are not possible for cancellations made less than three working days in advance of a tour or for no-shows. **Note: Paris Fast Train tickets cannot be refunded after the cancellation date.**

**REFUND POLICY FOR OVERNIGHT TOURS:** Customer-requested cancellations made up to noon two weeks (14 working days) prior to tour date will receive a refund, less a cancellation fee of 10% of the full tour price. Cancellations made up to one week (7 working days) prior will receive a 50% refund. Cancellations made between seven and three days prior to tour date will receive a 25% refund. All refunds will be issued by check or credit card only. Absolutely no cash will be given. Refunds are not possible for cancellations made within three days of tour date or for no-shows. Tour cancellations made by the USO will result in a full refund. Customer-requested cancellations involving non-refundable expenses prepaid by the USO will result in a partial refund. **Note: Credit memos are no longer issued effective January 1, 2012.**

**CANCELLATIONS:** The USO reserves the right to cancel any tour until 4 p.m. of the last workday before the tour. We make every effort to contact passengers by telephone. When a tour is cancelled (by the customer or by the USO), customers have seven days to initiate the refund process whether in the form of a credit card refund or check request.

**DB TRAIN SPECIALS:** Kaiserslautern USO acts only as an agent for the German Railway for these trips. USO does not provide a tour guide or escort and is not responsible for any mishaps that take place during the trip. Payments must be made in advance and tickets must be picked up one day before the trip at the booking office. No refunds. No exceptions.

**PERSONAL PROPERTY AND PETS:** The USO is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged articles. Pets are prohibited on all USO tours.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELLATIONS:** If road conditions are red in Vogelweh, USO-conducted tours will be cancelled. The USO will try to call customers in advance, but we cannot predict the weather. If you awaken on the morning of your tour and the roads are condition red, please do not attempt to drive to the pick-up point. On the next workday, visit or call the nearest USO center for a credit memo or refund check. Tune in to AFN Radio or call 480-COLD or 06371-47-2653 for the latest road conditions. Remember that road conditions are reported by both the USAG Kaiserslautern and Ramstein AB. Ramstein AB lists the Vogelweh Military Complex separately and that is the report we use at the USO. The Ramstein AB website is <http://newpreview.afnews.af.mil/ramstein/weatherinfo.asp>. When road conditions are in question, we will post updates on our Kaiserslautern USO Facebook Page.

## FEBRUARY

**Amsterdam City Tour**  
Saturday, February 2

**Bern, Switzerland, City Tour**  
Saturday, February 2

**Brugge, Belgium**  
Saturday, February 2

**Learn to Ride the German Train—  
DB Orientation & Trip to Heidelberg**  
Saturday, February 2

**Paris Dinner, City Tour, & Evening Cruise**  
Saturday, February 2

**Learn to Ride the German Train—  
DB Orientation & Trip to Wissembourg**  
Tuesday, February 5

**Carnevale in Venice  
Sightseeing in Florence**  
Thursday-Sunday, February 7-10

**Brussels, Belgium, City Tour**  
Saturday, February 9

**Cuijk Flea Market, Holland**  
Saturday, February 9

**Innsbruck, Austria  
City Tour & Crystal Shopping**  
Saturday, February 9

**Lucerne, Switzerland, City Tour**  
Saturday, February 9

**An Evening at the Theater—  
Frankfurt Theater presents Sweet  
Charity**  
Sunday, February 10

**Rose Monday Fasching Parade in Mainz**  
Monday, February 11

**Fasching in Schramberg, Black Forest  
Fool's Boat Race & Rose Monday Parade**  
Monday, February 11

**German Cooking Class  
Special Vegetarian Class**  
Thursday, February 14

**Luxembourg City, Mettlach, & the  
American Military Cemetery**  
Saturday, February 16

**Military Heritage Tour—  
Wewelsburg Castle (Himmler's SS Castle) &  
the Cult and Terror Center of the SS**  
Saturday, February 16

**Mosel Dinner & Wine Tasting**  
Saturday, February 16

**Munich City Tour  
Dachau Concentration Camp**  
Saturday, February 16

**Strasbourg, France**  
Saturday, February 16

**Paris Dinner, City Tour, & Evening Cruise**  
Sunday, February 17

**Learn to Ride the German Train—  
DB Orientation & Trip to Speyer City &  
Visit Sea Life, Technical Museum, or  
IMAX Movie**  
Monday, February 18

**Paris Fast Train**  
Monday, February 18

**German Cooking Class  
Special Vegetarian Class**  
Tuesday, February 19

**German II Course Starts  
(Continuation of German I)  
Evening Class**  
Starts Wednesday, February 20

**Bavarian Fairy Tale Castles**  
Saturday, February 23

**Black Forest Cuckoo Clock Shopping  
& Museum**  
Saturday, February 23

**Learn to Ride the German Train—  
DB Orientation & Trip to Trier**  
Saturday, February 23

**Cologne City Tour**  
Saturday, February 23

**Bruchsal Palace & Maulbronn Monastery  
Easter Egg Market in the Monastery**  
Saturday, February 23

**Military Heritage Tour—  
Verdun**  
Saturday, February 23

**German Cooking Class**  
Tuesday, February 26

**German Cooking Class**  
Thursday, February 28

## MARCH

**Amsterdam City Tour**  
Saturday, March 2

**Bern, Switzerland, City Tour**  
Saturday, March 2

**Brugge, Belgium**  
Saturday, March 2

**Learn to Ride the German Train—  
DB Orientation & Trip to Frankfurt am  
Main Easter Market in the Monastery**  
Saturday, March 2

**Cologne City Tour**  
Saturday, March 2

**Paris Dinner, City Tour, & Evening Cruise**  
Saturday, March 2

**Learn to Ride the German Train—  
DB Orientation & Trip to Wissembourg**  
Tuesday, March 5

**Brussels, Belgium, City Tour**  
Saturday, March 9

**Cochem Castle & Medieval Dinner**  
Saturday, March 9

**Eisenach in Thüringen  
Wartburg Castle & Bach House  
Sommergewinn Spring Festival & Parade**  
Saturday, March 9

**Innsbruck, Austria  
City Tour & Crystal Shopping**  
Saturday, March 9

**Metz City Tour**  
Saturday, March 9

**Michelstadt in the Odenwald  
International Easter Egg Exhibit,  
Counts' Castle in Erbach, & German  
Ivory Museum**  
Saturday, March 9

**Rothenburg Medieval City**  
Saturday, March 9

**Learn to Ride the German Train—  
DB Orientation & Trip to Trier Shopping  
Sunday & Easter Market**  
Sunday, March 10

**German Baking Class  
Easter Specialties**  
Tuesday, March 12

**German Baking Class  
Easter Specialties - Evening Class**  
Thursday, March 14

**Poland Shopping & Sightseeing  
One Overnight - Boleslawiec, Poland**  
Friday-Monday, March 15-18

**Paris Fast Train**  
Friday, March 15

**A Day in the Black Forest**  
Saturday, March 16

**Learn to Ride the German Train—  
DB Orientation & Trip to St. Wendel's  
Easter Market**  
Saturday, March 16

**Military Heritage Tour—  
Bastogne & The Battle of the Bulge**  
Saturday, March 16

**Mosel Dinner & Wine Tasting**  
Saturday, March 16

**Munich City Tour  
Dachau Concentration Camp**  
Saturday, March 16

**Strasbourg, France**  
Saturday, March 16

**Paris Dinner, City Tour, & Evening Cruise**  
Sunday, March 17

**Learn to Ride the German Train—  
DB Orientation & Trip to Speyer City &  
Visit Sea Life, Technical Museum, or  
IMAX Movie**  
Monday, March 18

**German Cooking Class**  
Tuesday, March 19

**Bavarian Fairy Tale Castles**  
Saturday, March 23

**Learn to Ride the German Train—  
DB Orientation & Trip to Mannheim  
Luisenpark & International Easter Egg  
Exhibit**  
Saturday, March 23

**Luxembourg City, Mettlach, & the  
American Military Cemetery**  
Saturday, March 23

**Military Heritage Tour—  
Maginot Line, German West Wall (Bad  
Bergzabern), Dragon's Teeth, Hatten  
Observatory, Fort Schoenenbourg**  
Saturday, March 23

**Trier Medieval Market**  
Saturday, March 23

**German Cooking Class**  
Thursday, March 28

**Lucerne, Switzerland, City Tour**  
Saturday, March 30

**Military Heritage Tour—  
"A Bridge too Far" Operation Market  
Garden**  
Saturday, March 30

**Paris Dinner, City Tour, & Evening Cruise**  
Saturday, March 30

**Swiss Border Tour**  
Saturday, March 30

## Upcoming USO Overnight Tours

To help in your planning, here is a list of USO overnight tours through June. Details are posted on our website, [www.uso.org/kaiserslautern](http://www.uso.org/kaiserslautern), and on our Facebook page, Kaiserslautern USO, and in the *Kaiserslautern Kabel*. Signups are being taken now for these tours.

**Carnivale in Venice** Two Overnights, February 7-10

**Poland Shopping** One Overnight, March 15-18

**Provence** Three Overnights, April 4-9

**Holland Tulips** One Overnight, April 20-21

**Normandy, France**, Three Overnights, May 23-27

**The Sound of Music** Two Overnights, June 14-16

## F E B R U A R Y

### Amsterdam City Tour Saturday, February 2

Explore exciting, beautiful Holland with the USO. We arrive in the Netherlands early morning for breakfast (included). After breakfast, we'll visit a wooden-shoe maker and cheese farm where you can see how shoes and cheese are made. You can also sample and buy some of the cheese products, as well as shoes and other souvenirs. We'll then have a short orientation of downtown Amsterdam. From the Dam Square, you'll be able to visit Anne Frank's House, the famous Red Light District, the Royal Palace, or some of the many other downtown sights, museums, and shops. After the city orientation, you'll have a whole day to spend in this fascinating town. Those wishing to visit the Anne Frank House can reserve tickets in advance at <http://www.annefrank.org/content.asp?PID=754&LID=2>. When ordering tickets, indicate the 1-3 p.m. time slot. We recommend U.S. (blue), EC, or Canadian passports. Travel documents are the responsibility of the customer. Please bring euro. Dinner stop will be in Holland (not included). Tour price includes transportation, breakfast, shoe maker and cheese farm, city orientation, and a USO tour guide.

**Transportation:** German bus  
**Depart:** Vogelweh Bowling Center 0130  
**Return:** Approximately 0100 (SUN)  
**Cost:** \$99 Adults, \$89 Children

### Bern, Switzerland Saturday, February 2

Come with the USO to Bern, the romantic capital of Switzerland. A beautiful city with its famous bear pit, clock tower, fountains, and quaint specialty shops, Bern is an unspoiled jewel of medieval architecture. During a guided tour through Bern's old town, you'll see the bear pit, cathedral, Houses of Parliament, prison tower, and famous Zytglocken clock tower. You'll have time to shop for Swiss chocolate, cheeses, watches, and other souvenirs on the six-kilometer long arched shopping promenade, the largest in Europe. From Bern, we travel to the Emmental to visit a Swiss cheese factory in Affoltern where you can buy cheese and other Swiss specialties. U.S. (blue), EC, or Canadian passports are required. Travel documents are the responsibility of the customer. Please bring Swiss franc for meals and souvenirs. Tour price includes transportation, city tour, and USO tour guide.

**Transportation:** German bus  
**Depart:** Vogelweh Bowling Center 0400  
**Return:** Approximately 2300  
**Cost:** \$79 Adults, \$69 Children

### Brugge, Belgium Saturday, February 2

Time has long stood still in medieval Brugge, a romantic city that went to sleep in the Middle Ages, leaving a perfectly preserved gem that is today among the loveliest places in Europe. On our journey from Germany through Belgium, we'll make a short breakfast stop (not included). After arriving in Brugge, we will tour the city, stroll through the lively markets, and have an opportunity for lunch at one of the many restaurants and cafes. Don't pass up this opportunity to visit a marvel-

ous city that is often overlooked. We'll make a dinner stop (not included) en route home. We recommend U.S. (blue), EC, or Canadian passports. Travel documents are the responsibility of the customer. Tour price includes transportation, city tour, and USO tour guide. **This tour includes a long bus ride, strenuous walking on cobblestone streets, is not stroller friendly, therefore it is not recommended for children under 6.**

**Transportation:** German bus  
**Depart:** Vogelweh Bowling Center 0400  
**Return:** Approximately midnight  
**Cost:** \$79 Adults, \$75 Children

### Learn to Ride the German Train— DB Orientation and Trip to Heidelberg Saturday, February 2

Learn all about how the German train system works on this USO train orientation and tour. Tour the Kaiserslautern train station, receive a briefing on the train system, and take a trip to the beautiful and romantic city of Heidelberg and return. You'll be accompanied by a USO escort, but you can gain first hand experience purchasing tickets and riding the trains. Learn about the many specials the German Train (DB) offers, for example: weekend tickets, family tickets, city specials, and much more. In Heidelberg, we'll begin with a city tour through the old section of town and see the historic buildings and market areas. Then we'll ride and walk to the castle with its splendid gardens and wine cellar, which claims to have the largest wine cask in the world. After a castle tour, we'll break for lunch (not included) and free time before catching our train back home. **Note: The walk and tram ride to the castle are not stroller friendly.** Tour price includes transportation, German train orientation, city and castle tour, and a USO tour guide.

**Transportation:** German rail  
**Depart:** Meet at Kaiserslautern HBF main lobby 0700  
**Return:** Approximately 1830  
**Cost:** \$49 Adults, \$39 Children

### Paris Dinner, City Tour, and Evening Boat Cruise Saturday, February 2

*Bonjour!* Join us on this express trip to Paris—a city of history, sights, and *Oui*, excitement! See such major tourist attractions as the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral, the Arch of Triumph, and much more as we spend the day sightseeing with time for shopping. We arrive mid-day and start out with a city tour where you'll see those famous tourist attractions. After some free time, we go for a unique dining experience; we'll head over to the Latin Quarter in the evening for an authentic five-course meal served in a historic atmosphere. You'll also marvel at the *City of Lights* on an evening boat cruise on the Seine River. Be sure to bring your camera because we make photo stops whenever we can. Please bring euro for personal expenses, i.e., shopping and lunch. We recommend U.S. (blue), EC, or Canadian passports. Travel documents are the responsibility of the customer. **Please, no children under eight years old.** Tour price includes transportation, city tour, dinner, boat ride, and a USO tour guide.

**Transportation:** German bus  
**Depart:** Vogelweh Bowling Center 0400  
**Return:** Approximately 0430 (SUN)  
**Cost:** \$139

### Learn to Ride the German Train— DB Orientation and Trip to Wissembourg, France Tuesday, February 5

Learn everything you always wanted to know about German trains but were afraid to ask on our hands-on train orientation. Tour the Kaiserslautern train station, receive an overview briefing on the train system, buy your own ticket, and take a trip to the French town of Wissembourg and return. You'll be accompanied by a USO escort, but you will do the work and gain firsthand experience purchasing tickets and riding the trains. Learn about the many specialties the German Rail (DB) offers, for example: weekend tickets, family tickets, city specials and more. On this orientation tour, we'll travel by train to the Alsatian town of Wissembourg in France. Although just across the German-French border, this town has a distinct French flair. See the half-timbered medieval houses perched along the Lauter River. We'll see the Church of St. Peter and Paul, the church of the former abbey, which is the second largest gothic church in the Alsace region (second only to Strasbourg). Try a Flammkuchen or some of the other local specialties before we return to Kaiserslautern. We recommend U.S. (blue), EC, or Canadian passports. Travel documents are the responsibility of the customer. Tour price includes train transportation, train orientation, and a USO tour guide.

**Transportation:** German train  
**Depart:** Meet at Kaiserslautern HBF main lobby 0800  
**Return:** Approximately 1700  
**Cost:** \$29 Adults, \$25 Children



Wissembourg, France

## Carnevale in Venice Sightseeing in Florence Thursday-Sunday, February 7-10

### SPECIAL

It's Carnevale Weekend in Venice! Your Kaiserslautern USO invites you to participate in this festive celebration and see beautiful Northern Italy. Come and see Venice at its best, during the season of Carnevale. We'll depart from Vogelweh early Thursday morning for our daytime travel to Italy. After traveling through Switzerland and across northern Italy in the daylight, we'll arrive at our hotel for an evening check in. After a good night's sleep and breakfast at our hotel, we'll continue on to Venice, where you will have a guided tour through this famous city, seeing the canals, bridges, and the imaginative, elaborate costumes of the Carnevale. Venice is totally without cars—they have never been permitted inside the city—so we'll take a boat ride to St. Mark's Square. There, we'll meet our local guide who will show us the impressive and historic sights of Venice: St. Mark's Cathedral, the Ducal Palace, the Bell Tower, St. Mark's Square, the Bridge of Sighs, and much more. There will be ample time for touring on your own, souvenir shopping, and dinner in Venice before returning to our hotel. On Saturday morning, we'll proceed to Florence, the cradle of the Renaissance, one of the most prolific periods of arts and culture. We'll have another local city guide who will show you some of the breathtaking buildings and works of art such as the Duomo and the Baptistery, and the Basilica of Santa Croce with the tombs of Michelangelo, Macchiavelli, and Galileo. On the Piazza di Signoria, you'll see a replica of Michelangelo's David where it had originally been located. During your free time, you may admire the real David inside the Academia, or visit the Uffizi Galleries, with its wealth of treasures by Botticelli, Leonardo da Vinci, Fra Angelico, and others. If you prefer shopping, Florence is full of gold shops, leather goods, and large open-air markets that offer straw goods, embroidery, silver, and more souvenirs. We'll depart Florence Saturday evening for our return trip home, and we will arrive back in the Kaiserslautern area on Sunday morning. Bring euro for food and shopping. Many shops accept major credit cards. Passports are required for US citizens and military members. It is the responsibility of non-US citizens to take care of visa requirements. Tour price includes transportation, two overnights in a medium category comfort hotel, boat transportation in Venice, local city guides in Venice and Florence, entrance to Santa Croce, and a USO tour guide. (NOTE: This tour does not include a stop in Nove for ceramics shopping.)

**Transportation:** German bus  
**Depart:** Vogelweh Bowling Center 0400 (THU)  
**Return:** Approximately 0830 (SUN)  
**Cost:** \$369 per person (based on double occupancy)  
**Single Supplement:** \$120

## Brussels, Belgium, City Tour Saturday, February 9

Brussels—one of Europe's capitals and an international city with flair. A city bustling with activity, beautiful shops, and a myriad of museums. That's the Brussels you'll see as we start our day with a city tour, during which you'll see the beautiful main square, La Grand'Place, the famous statue Manneken-Pis, and much more. Next, you'll have plenty of free time to have lunch (try a famous Belgian waffle for dessert), shop, explore the sights, or visit one of Brussels' many museums, which includes an auto museum, a military

museum, and several art and history museums. Be sure to bring euro for lunch and shopping. We recommend U.S. (blue), EC, or Canadian passports. Travel documents are the responsibility of the customer. Comfortable shoes are recommended for our walk through the cobblestone streets. Tour price includes transportation, city tour, and a USO tour guide. **Due to strenuous walking on cobblestone streets in crowded areas, this tour is not recommended for children under 6.**

**Transportation:** German bus  
**Depart:** Vogelweh Bowling Center 0400  
**Return:** Approximately midnight  
**Cost:** \$69 Adults, \$59 Children

## Cuijk Flea Market, Holland Saturday, February 9

Cuijk is the site of the Netherlands' largest antique and flea market, held every Saturday in an exhibition center outside town. About the size of four football fields, the center's four halls are fully covered and heated and are packed with antique furniture, used paintings, clothing, household goods, crafts, antique reproductions, furniture from old barns, and more junk and treasures than you could ever imagine. With more than 1500 stalls and a huge food court, Cuijk has always been an insider's flea market, the flea market hardcore market goers attend. Bring euro and a bag to carry your purchases. Credit cards are not accepted by most sellers. Tour price includes transportation, entrance, and tour guide.

**Transportation:** German bus  
**Depart:** Vogelweh Bowling Center 0500  
**Return:** Approximately 2230  
**Cost:** \$59 Adults, \$49 Children

## Innsbruck, Austria City Tour and Crystal Shopping Saturday, February 9

Join the USO on a trip to Innsbruck, Austria, the capital of Tyrol. Innsbruck is one of the most beautiful towns of its size anywhere in the world, owing much of its fame and charm to its unique setting. To the north, the steep sheer sides of the Alps rise like a shimmering blue and white wall, literally from the edge of the city, an impressive backdrop for the green domes and red roofs of the Baroque town tucked beneath. Enroute, we'll stop for breakfast (not included), and shortly before arriving in Innsbruck, you'll have a chance to visit a Swarovski crystal museum and factory outlet where you can buy crystal jewelry and figurines. On arrival in Innsbruck, we'll visit the old town, which remains as it was 400 years ago, and see such sites as the Golden Roof, Stadtturm, the ornately decorated Rococo Hebling House, St. Jacobs Cathedral, Hofburg Imperial Palace, Imperial Church, the tomb of Maximilian I, Triumphal Arch, and Anna Column. Bring euro for shopping and lunch. We recommend U.S. (blue), EC, or Canadian passports. Travel documents are the responsibility of the customer. Tour price includes transportation, entrance to the Swarovski Museum, city tour, and USO tour guide.

**Transportation:** German bus  
**Depart:** Vogelweh Bowling Center 0100  
**Return:** Approximately midnight  
**Cost:** \$99 Adults, \$89 Children

## Lucerne, Switzerland, City Tour Saturday, February 9

Imagine sitting along the shores of a crystal clear lake, drinking coffee, with the snow-capped mountains in the background. This is the atmosphere of Lucerne, one of Switzerland's most beautiful cities. Come with us and enjoy the mountain air, great shopping, and Swiss hospitality. On the way to Switzerland, we'll stop for breakfast (not included). In beautiful Lucerne, we'll have a walking tour where we'll see such famous landmarks as the covered Mill Bridge. On a clear day, you can see the breathtaking Swiss Alps mountain range. You will have time to shop, sightsee, relax, and enjoy lunch (not included). Please bring your U.S. (blue), Canadian, or EC passports (they are mandatory). Also bring Swiss francs for shopping and lunch. Tour price includes transportation, city tour, boat ride, and a USO tour guide.

**Transportation:** German bus  
**Depart:** Vogelweh Bowling Center 0400  
**Return:** Approximately 2330  
**Cost:** \$89 Adults, \$79 Children

## An Evening at the Theater— Frankfurt Theater presents *Sweet Charity* Sunday, February 10

### SPECIAL

Join the USO as we take you to Frankfurt for the English Theater's production of *Sweet Charity*, one of the all-time classics of modern musical theater. This year's musical will put our neighborhood—the red light-district—centre stage. Meet the ever-optimistic Charity, a hostess at a dance club, who wants to leave the world of raunchy, bump-and-grind nightclubs and start a more “respectable” life. She sings, dances, laughs, and cries her way through one misadventure after the next, searching for love. Written by Neil Simon and based upon Federico Fellini's Oscar-winning masterpiece *Nights of Cabiria*, *Sweet Charity* is packed with famous tunes and high-energy dance numbers that will make you glad you decided to “spend a little time” with Charity and her crazy, frenetic friends. We will arrive in Frankfurt before the performance in time for you to enjoy dinner (not included) at one of the many restaurants located near the theater. After the performance, we will depart for home. Tour price includes transportation, tickets to the play, and a USO escort.

**Transportation:** German bus  
**Depart:** Vogelweh Bowling Center 1300  
**Return:** Approximately 2230  
**Cost:** \$89

## Rose Monday in Mainz Fasching Parade Monday, February 11

### SPECIAL

Grab your Fasching hat and let's go to Mainz for the famous Rosenmontag Parade. Although Fasching (Mardi Gras or carnival) officially begins in November, it reaches its climax during the “drei tolle Tage,” the three crazy days before Ash

Wednesday. Fasching is a time of celebration and fun for Germans from all walks of life. Rich and poor alike join in the fool's play and parades where you'll see scores of decorated floats, groups wearing colorful costumes and wild masks, hundreds of horses, and 60 or 70 bands. Tour price includes transportation and a USO tour guide.

**Transportation:** German bus  
**Depart:** Vogelweh Bowling Center 0730  
**Return:** Approximately 2000  
**Cost:** \$49 Adults, \$39 Children

## Fasching in Schramberg, Black Forest Fool's Boat Race and Rose Monday Parade Monday, February 11

**SPECIAL**

Join us for a unique Rose Monday celebration in the Black Forest town of Schramberg. During the crazy days of Fasching, this quaint little town turns into a frenzy, with its frolicking citizens decked out in traditional Germanic costumes. On Rose Monday, the town will hold a Fasching parade and an exciting *Narrenbootsfahrt* (fool's boat race) for which Schramberg is known. The boat race is held in the stream that runs through the city center. It's possible that you could see a space ship sailing down the stream complete with little green men. During Fasching, everything is possible, so be prepared. Tour price includes transportation, parade tickets, and a USO tour guide.

**Transportation:** German bus  
**Depart:** Vogelweh Bowling Center 0700  
**Return:** Approximately 2200  
**Cost:** \$49 Adults, \$45 Children



## German Cooking Class Special Vegetarian Class Thursday, February 14

Do you enjoy German food? Would you like to learn how to prepare typical German cuisine? This special class will help you beat the winter blues with vitamin-charged vegetarian recipes. In a three-hour session, we'll teach you how to prepare various vegetarian dishes to include a casserole and a salad. We'll taste the dishes, so bring your appetite. **Please bring utensils and enough small containers to eat out of (one for each dish)** and to take home any leftovers. USO will supply all the ingredients. We usually don't repeat recipes for two years, so even if you've been before, we're always trying something new. Menus are planned in advance and can be viewed on the Facebook group, KMC USO German Cooking and Baking. Participation is limited so sign up now for this USO class. This class is for adults only; please, no children under 12. This class is demonstration only, not hands on. Bring your camera if you would like to take pictures of the wonderful vegetarian specialties. Recipes will be the same as the February 19 morning class.

**Time:** 1800-2100  
**Place:** Kapaun Chapel Annex, Bldg. 2782 Kapaun  
**Cost:** \$25

## Luxembourg, Mettlach, and the American Cemetery Saturday, February 16

We'll begin this tour with a stop at the U.S. Military Cemetery where General Patton is buried. Luxembourg City, the capital of the Grand Duchy by the same name, is a modern, dynamic metropolis that retains its historic old town charm of yesteryear. In the center, there is a natural ravine, in its rocks were fortifications for defense that served as bomb shelter in World War II. For this ravine, Luxembourg has been adopted into the UNESCO World Heritage Program. We'll have a windshield tour along the outer edge of town and then walk through the inner city. There will be free time for your own exploration, shopping, or to try one of the delicious pastries in the tea-rooms of Luxembourg, before we depart for Mettlach. Mettlach is an idyllic small town near the loop of the Saar River. Surrounded by lush forests, it's a spa and health center but is better known as a shoppers' paradise. The production and administrative center of the Villeroy & Boch Company is at Mettlach and their enormous factory outlet is heaven for lovers of elegant tableware: There is an ample selection of the entire china, glass, and table ware production. There are also gift items and decorations. The small town is dotted with a variety of stores and outlets, such as a special V&B Christmas Shop, Rosenthal, a Land's End store, Bassetti, Silit (a company making high quality cooking pots), and more. The USO tour guide will point out all stores. Take good walking shoes along, Mettlach is uphill and we have cobblestones in Mettlach and Luxembourg. Children are welcomed, but this tour is not stroller friendly. Bring euro for food and personal expenses, and a VAT form for V&B outlet purchases. Please note, not all outlets accept VAT forms. Tour price includes transportation, Luxembourg city tour, Mettlach city orientation, and a USO tour guide.

**Transportation:** German bus  
**Depart:** Vogelweh Bowling Center 0700  
**Return:** Approximately 2100  
**Cost:** \$69 Adults, \$59 Children

## Military Heritage Tour— Wewelsburg Castle (Himmler's SS Castle) and the Cult and Terror Center of the SS Saturday, February 16

Join the USO for a tour to Wewelsburg Castle which Himmler intended to turn into an SS training post as well as a meeting place for the SS elite. The concentration camp here was a holding area for local people prior to being transported to the Buchenwald concentration camp. We'll see a film about Wewelsburg and the SS on the way to the castle. You'll have time to visit the main portion of the castle which has been rebuilt to look like it did during the SS occupation. After lunch (not included) at the Landgasthaus Ottens Hof, a meeting place for the SS, we'll visit the "parade ground" of the Niederhagen concentration camp and see the memorial. You'll then be guided through the *Documentation: Wewelsburg 1933-1945 Cult and Terror Center of the SS*. During the tour, you'll be provided with detailed information about the SS and about its presence in Wewelsburg. We will also visit the North Tower of Wewelsburg Castle where Himmler began the renovations that would turn it into an SS haven. If time permits, we will visit a small SS cemetery which is not widely known or advertised. This is a fairly new museum because the people of Wewelsburg have tried desperately to hide their past. This tour is not stroller friendly because of the number of spiral staircases involved. Bring euro for souvenirs and lunch. We recommend U.S. (blue), EC, or Canadian passports. Travel documents are the responsibility of the customer. Tour price includes transportation, entrance fees, and USO military history tour guide.

**Transportation:** German bus  
**Depart:** Vogelweh 0600  
**Return:** Approximately 2130  
**Cost:** \$79

## Mosel Dinner and Wine Tasting Bernkastel-Kues City Orientation Saturday, February 16

Join us on this popular tour that starts in the picturesque village of Bernkastel-Kues. Here you'll discover medieval half-timbered houses surrounded by vineyards and dominated by the mighty 13th century castle Landshut. After our city orientation, you'll have time for shopping, exploring, and a light snack. But don't eat too much because early in the afternoon, we'll take you to a family-owned *Weingut* where you'll be served a traditional German meal and given a tour of the vineyards. The vintner will tell you all about the production and characteristics of his wine and entertain you with some fascinating local folklore, as we taste 13 of his wines (including an Eiswein or Beerenauslese—some of his best!). Also, the vintner accepts VAT forms, dollars, euro, and credit cards for the purchase of wine. Tour price includes transportation, city orientation, dinner, wine tasting, and a USO tour guide.

**Transportation:** German bus  
**Depart:** Vogelweh Bowling Center 0800  
**Return:** Approximately 1930  
**Cost:** \$69 Adults, \$59 Children

## Munich City Tour Dachau Concentration Camp Saturday, February 16

Nestled in natural Bavarian settings, Munich is Deutschland at its picture-perfect best! Munich is Germany's third largest city and is the heart of German technology; but at the same time, its traditional local costumes, music, dance, food, and festivals make Munich the stuff of guidebook cliché. On our tour of the old-city, we'll see the beautiful Residenz, Marienhof, Frauenkirche, Michaelskirche, Palace of Justice, the Viktualian Market, and more. Then you'll have free time to enjoy the city on your own, and maybe, have lunch (not included) at the world-famous Hofbrauhaus. Perhaps you'll want to do a bit of shopping or browse about the lovely city on your own. We'll end the day with a more sobering visit to the first Nazi concentration camp in Dachau. The camp stands today as a memorial to the horrors endured during World War II. **This tour is not recommended for young children because of the graphic nature involved with the Dachau portion of the trip and because of the ambitious tour through Munich.** Bring euro for meals, and wear comfortable shoes. Tour price includes transportation, Munich city tour, entrance to Dachau, and USO tour guide.

**Transportation:** German bus  
**Depart:** Vogelweh Bowling Center 0300  
**Return:** Approximately 2300  
**Cost:** \$79

## Strasbourg, France, City Tour Saturday, February 16

Curious about the French Alsace region, the region Louis XIV called "the beautiful garden"? Then you'll want to take this USO tour to Strasbourg, the capital of Alsace. We'll begin our day with a city tour, including the beautiful Gothic cathedral that took about 400 years to build, and the famous La Petite France section of the charming old city with its 16th and 17th century timbered houses lining the Ill River. After the city tour, you'll have free time to try one of the regional dishes, Flammekuche, at one of the quaint restaurants (not included), explore on your own, or shop in the large department stores and numerous shops. Don't forget to bring euro for shopping and lunch. We recommend U.S. (blue), EC, or Canadian passports. Travel documents are the responsibility of the customer. Tour price includes transportation, city tour, cathedral tour, and USO tour guide.

**Transportation:** German bus  
**Depart:** Vogelweh Bowling Center 0630  
**Return:** Approximately 2100  
**Cost:** \$59 Adults, \$49 Children

## Paris Dinner, City Tour, and Evening Boat Cruise Sunday, February 17

*Bonjour!* Join us on this express trip to Paris—a city of history, sights, and *Oui*, excitement! See such major tourist attractions as the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral, the Arch of Triumph, and much more as we spend the day sightseeing with time for shopping. We arrive mid-day and start out with a city

tour where you'll see those famous tourist attractions. After some free time, we go for a unique dining experience; we'll head over to the Latin Quarter in the evening for an authentic five-course meal served in a historic atmosphere. You'll also marvel at the *City of Lights* on an evening boat cruise on the Seine River. Be sure to bring your camera because we make photo stops whenever we can. Please bring euro for personal expenses, i.e., shopping and lunch. We recommend U.S. (blue), EC, or Canadian passports. Travel documents are the responsibility of the customer. **Please, no children under eight years old.** Tour price includes transportation, city tour, dinner, boat ride, and a USO tour guide.

**Transportation:** German bus  
**Depart:** Vogelweh Bowling Center 0400  
**Return:** Approximately 0430 (MON)  
**Cost:** \$139

## Learn to Ride the German Trains— DB Orientation and Trip to Speyer and Visit Sea Life, the Technical Museum, or IMAX Movie Monday, February 18

Come with the USO on this great family outing and learn all about German trains. Tour the Kaiserslautern train station, receive an overview briefing on the rail system, and take a trip to the city of Speyer and return. Learn about the many specials the DB offers, for example: weekend tickets, family tickets, city specials, and more. Speyer is a historic yet dynamic city near the German Wine Road, and its history spans more than 2000 years. Speyer's beautiful Salian cathedral is one of Germany's outstanding landmarks. Almost 1,000 years old, the impressive cathedral is the final resting place of eight German emperors and kings. You'll have time for lunch and some shopping before we return via train to Kaiserslautern. There will be sufficient time to visit one of the museums or IMAX movies that is included in the tour price. The Sea Life Aquarium Museum features the life of water animals in simulated natural habitats—rivers, lakes, and oceans. If you chose to visit the Speyer Technical Museum, you can see more than 3,000 exhibits that include 70 aircraft, 20 locomotives, 50 vintage cars, and 40 fire engines. You can climb the stairs to enter a Boeing 747 and slide down the 54 meter tube slide! If you are an IMAX movie fan, you can watch one of the movies (in German). Bring euro for shopping and lunch. Group size is limited so sign up early. Also, traveling with large baby strollers on German trains is not easy, especially if train transfers are involved. Price includes train tickets, one museum (Sea Life or Technical Museum) or IMAX entrance, and a USO escort.

**Transportation:** German train  
**Depart:** Meet at Kaiserslautern HBF main lobby 0800  
**Return:** Approximately 1730  
**Cost:** \$35 Adults, \$29 Children

## A Day in Paris— Travel to Paris in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes Monday, February 18

How would you like to go to Paris for the day? Do you have a "Need for Speed"? Don't like the five-hour bus ride, or tolls and high gas prices? We can't beam you

there, but we can do the next best thing. Zooming from Kaiserslautern to Paris in 2 hours and 28 minutes, we'll travel at **speeds of up to 320 km (200 miles) per hour**. Join us for this unique experience. Spend the day in Paris, shopping, sightseeing, visiting a museum, or just hanging out watching people. Sound like a dream? If traveling on the autobahn isn't fast enough for you, perhaps this train will be. It's not only fast, but comfortable and energy efficient too. You'll travel by train, with a USO tour guide, and upon arriving in Paris, our expert guide will direct you to some of the highlights of the city via public transportation, or if you choose you can plan your own agenda. Of course, we can't see it all in nine hours, so make sure you set your priorities in advance. Space is limited, group size is small, so don't hesitate and sign up now. Travel lightly, backpacks are recommended, as lockers are not always available. We don't have a tour bus at our disposal so be prepared to walk and ride the Metro to our destinations. This tour is not stroller-friendly due to the stairs in the Metro and cobblestone streets. Not recommended for small children. We recommend U.S. (blue), EC, or Canadian passports. Travel documents are the responsibility of the customer. Tour price includes round trip train transportation, tickets for public transportation within Paris, and a USO tour guide. Please note train tickets are nonrefundable beyond the USO cancellation date.

**Transportation:** High Speed Train  
**Depart:** Meet at Kaiserslautern HBF main lobby 0645  
**Return:** Approximately 2135  
**Cost:** \$199

## German Cooking Class Special Vegetarian Class Tuesday, February 19

Do you enjoy German food? Would you like to learn how to prepare typical German cuisine? This special class will help you beat the winter blues with vitamin-charged vegetarian recipes. In a three-hour session, we'll teach you how to prepare various vegetarian dishes to include a casserole and a salad. We'll taste the dishes, so bring your appetite. **Please bring utensils and enough small containers to eat out of (one for each dish)** and to take home any leftovers. USO will supply all the ingredients. We usually don't repeat recipes for two years, so even if you've been before, we're always trying something new. Menus are planned in advance and can be viewed on the Facebook group, KMC USO German Cooking and Baking. Participation is limited so sign up now for this USO class. This class is for adults only; please, no children under 12. This class is demonstration only, not hands on. Bring your camera if you would like to take pictures of the wonderful vegetarian specialties. Recipes will be the same as the February 14 evening class.

**Time:** 0900-1200  
**Place:** Vogelweh Chapel kitchen  
**Cost:** \$25

## German II Course (Continuation of German I) Evening Class Starts Wednesday, February 20

Are you new to Germany and want to communicate with the local folks and get along when you are out and about? Then let the USO help you with the continuation of our special basic German course. This part two of our German for beginners course teaches the basics of German language in an easy way, by studying grammar, vocabulary, and having a lot of conversation. Class meets Monday and Wednesday evenings for four weeks. Class is geared toward adult students; please no children under 11. Sign up now; class size is limited.

**Dates:** FEB 20, 25, 27, MAR 4, 6, 11, 13, 18

**Times:** 1830-2030

**Place:** Landstuhl Education Center bldg. 3701, room 203

**Cost:** \$55 for students who have textbook, \$65 for students who need textbook

## Bavarian Fairy Tale Castles— Hohenschwangau and Neuschwanstein Saturday, February 23

On this express tour, we'll pursue the traces of Ludwig II of Bavaria, the 19th century "Fairy Tale King" who built the lavish castles that are among the greatest tourist attractions in Germany. After a breakfast stop (not included), we will tour Hohenschwangau where Ludwig spent several years of his childhood and where the ornate wall frescoes of Germanic legends stimulated his romantic dreams and his love for the Alps. He used the dramatic backdrop of this mountainous scenery for the castles Neuschwanstein and Linderhof. In the afternoon, we visit Neuschwanstein, King Ludwig's magnificent and most famous castle built in the style of a medieval Camelot and became the model for Walt Disney's Cinderella castle. There will be free time for lunch (not included) and some souvenir shopping. We'll stop on our way home for dinner (not included). **Because of strenuous walking and an ambitious itinerary, this tour is not stroller-friendly.** Tour price includes transportation, entrance fees to both castles, uphill transportation to Neuschwanstein, and a USO tour guide.

**Transportation:** German bus  
**Depart:** Vogelweh Bowling Center, 0300  
**Return:** Approximately 2330  
**Cost:** \$105 Adults, \$95 Children

## Black Forest Cuckoo Clock Shopping and Museum Saturday, February 23

Join us on a visit to one of the most beautiful areas in Germany—the Black Forest. On the way to Triberg, we'll stop at two clock shops, one with a wide selection of grandfather clocks. Upon arriving in Triberg, you'll have time for more shopping and lunch. If weather permits and it's opened, you can also visit Germany's highest waterfall in Triberg. Later in the afternoon, we'll visit the local Triberg museum, one of the nicest museums in the Black Forest. Here, you can learn the history and story behind German clocks,

as well as see some ultra-modern time measuring instruments, and other Black Forest traditions and customs. The museum offers one of the best time measuring collections in Europe. If you are planning to buy a clock, please don't forget to bring VAT forms and check out the back inside and outside cover of this *Kabel*. Tour price includes transportation, museum entrance, and a USO tour guide.

**Transportation:** German bus  
**Depart:** Vogelweh Bowling Center 0700  
**Return:** Approximately 2030  
**Cost:** \$59 Adults, \$49 Children

## Learn to Ride the German Train— DB Orientation and Trip to Trier Saturday, February 23

Learn all about how the German train system works on this USO train orientation and tour. Tour the Kaiserslautern train station, receive a briefing on the train system, and take a trip to the historical city of Trier and return. You'll be accompanied by a USO escort, but you can gain first hand experience purchasing tickets and riding the trains. Learn about the many specials the German Train (DB) offers, such as weekend tickets, family tickets, city specials, and much more. Trier boasts a fantastic collection of Roman excavations. You will see sights such as the Porta Nigra and the Roman Baths. Along with the Roman ruins, you will also see the medieval relics in the popular pedestrian walkway area. After the city tour, you'll have plenty of free time for lunch or exploring the area on your own before we board our late afternoon train back to Kaiserslautern. Please do not bring large strollers; they are difficult to get on and off the train. Be sure to bring your cameras and euro for lunch and personal expenses. Price includes train transportation, train orientation, city tour, and USO tour guide.

**Transportation:** German train  
**Depart:** Meet at the Kaiserslautern HBF at 0800  
**Return:** Approximately 1900  
**Cost:** \$35 Adults, \$29 Children

## Cologne City Tour Saturday, February 23

With a history of almost 2000 years, Cologne (Köln) is the one of the largest and oldest metropolitan cities of Germany. You will be awestruck by the majestic cathedral, one of the largest in Europe and the most important landmark of Cologne. The physical appearance of modern Cologne belies its ancient heritage. Allied bombing during World War II destroyed some 90 percent of the town; therefore, much of what you see was rebuilt in the 1950s and 1960s. Our expert guide will give you a tour of the city and relate to you the history and sights of Cologne's storied past dating back to the first century B.C. when the Romans founded Colonia Agrippensis. After our city tour, you'll have free time to stroll through the picturesque old town, take a walk along the Rhine River, or try a Kölsch (a light beer only made in Cologne). Don't forget that Cologne has fantastic shopping. The two classical shopping streets known by all Cologne visitors are the Hohe Strasse and the Schildergasse, Germany's first shopping streets only for pedestrians and completely without traffic. The many shops and two shopping malls offer clothing, shoes and jewelry,

and much more. Whatever you do, expect to spend an unforgettable day full of exciting impressions. Bring euro for meals and purchases. Tour price includes transportation, city tour, and a USO tour guide.

**Transportation:** German bus  
**Depart:** Vogelweh Bowling Center 0630  
**Return:** Approximately 2200  
**Cost:** \$59 Adults, \$49 Children

## Bruchsal Palace and Maulbronn Monastery Easter Egg Market in the Monastery Saturday, February 23



Schloß Bruchsal, built in 1719 as a residence for the Prince Bishop of Speyer, is one of the finest pieces of Baroque architecture in the area.

Come along to marvel at the beautiful exterior and then hold on to your hats for the extravagant and luxurious interior. The Bruchsal Palace is not as large, but it is certainly as beautiful as the Prince Bishop's Residence in Würzburg, which was also designed by the famous baroque architect Balthasar Neumann. One wing of the palace is dedicated to one of the world's largest mechanical musical instrument collections. After free time for lunch and shopping in the town of Bruchsal, we'll drive to Maulbronn Monastery. More than 850 years old and founded by Cistercian monks, the Maulbronn Monastery is considered the best preserved and most complete medieval monastery north of the Alps. As one of the sites listed on UNESCO's World Heritage List, the Romanesque-Gothic architectural style helped spread the Gothic influence in northern Europe. This weekend, 50 selected Easter egg artists will present their wares within the monastery complex. Tour price includes transportation, palace and monastery tour, entrance to the Easter egg exhibit, and USO tour guide.

**Transportation:** German bus  
**Depart:** Vogelweh Bowling Center 0730  
**Return:** Approximately 2000  
**Cost:** \$69 Adults, \$59 Children

## Military Heritage Tour— Verdun Saturday, February 23

Join us on our visit to the historic World War I battlefield of Verdun. For 300 days and nights, opposing sides fired some 60 million rounds of artillery shells at each other in what would become the longest and most costly battle of this tragic war with an estimated 700,000 casualties. All this occurred in an area of roughly 10 square kilometers. We begin the tour at the command post of Lt Col Driant at the foot of the Meuse hills. We will visit the burial site of Lt Col Driant and the memorial marking the site where he fell while rendering first aid to one of his men. The area is still much as the Germans saw it when they opened their assault on February 21, 1916. We go from here to the Trench of Bayonets to see where several French soldiers from the 137th IR were buried in their trench with only their bayonets visible above the ground to mark their location. Following a lunch stop at a restaurant in the battlefield area (not included), we will tour the destroyed town of Fleury which changed hands some 16 times during the war. The only structure on the site is the memorial church. The town still has a mayor

and zip code. Next we head to Fort de Vaux, where the French and Germans fought hand to hand for six days within the fort's walls before it finally fell to the Germans. Here you will see a plaque dedicated to a carrier pigeon. Our next stop is the Fleurry Memorial a museum dedicated to the battle. Next we travel to the Ossuary, where the remains of more than 140,000 unknown soldiers now rest below the structure. Finally, we'll visit Fort Douaumont, the strongest fort, which fell to a single soldier without a fight. Please wear comfortable walking shoes and a jacket, as the interiors of the forts can be fairly cool. Also bring euro for lunch and shopping. We recommend U.S. (blue), EC, or Canadian passports. Travel documents are the responsibility of the customer. Handouts will not be provided for the tour. A slideshow will be presented in the place of the handouts. Please visit [www.bobs-tours.com](http://www.bobs-tours.com) to print any documents you would like to bring with you or to download the slideshow if you would like to follow along on your portable device. Tour price includes transportation; entrance to Fort Douaumont, Fort de Vaux, and the Fleurry Museum and an experienced USO military history tour guide.

**Transportation:** German bus  
**Depart:** Vogelweh Bowling Center 0700  
**Return:** Approximately 2130  
**Cost:** \$79

## German Cooking Class Tuesday, February 26

Do you enjoy German food? Would you like to learn how to prepare typical German cuisine? Then sign up for this USO class. We'll teach you how in a three-hour session, where we'll prepare an appetizer, a main dish, a side dish, and a dessert. We'll taste the dishes, so bring your appetite. **Please bring utensils and enough small containers to eat out of (one for each dish)** and to take home any leftovers. USO will supply all the ingredients. We usually don't repeat recipes for two years, so even if you've been before, we're always trying something new. Menus are planned in advance and can be viewed on the Facebook group, KMC USO German Cooking and Baking. Please note that class is not hands-on; it's demonstration only, unless otherwise indicated. Participation is limited so sign up now for this USO class. This class is for adults only; please, no children under 12. Recipes will be the same as the February 28 evening class.

**Time:** 0900-1200  
**Place:** Vogelweh Chapel kitchen  
**Cost:** \$25

## German Cooking Class Thursday, February 28

Do you enjoy German food? Would you like to learn how to prepare typical German cuisine? Then sign up for this USO class. We'll teach you how in a three-hour session, where we'll prepare an appetizer, a main dish, a side dish, and a dessert. We'll taste the dishes, so bring your appetite. **Please bring utensils and enough small containers to eat out of (one for each dish)** and to take home any leftovers. USO will supply all the ingredients. We usually don't repeat recipes for two years, so even if you've been before, we're always trying something new. Menus are planned in advance and can be viewed on the Facebook group, KMC USO German Cooking and Baking. Participation is limited

so sign up now for this USO class. This class is for adults only; please, no children under 12. Classes are demonstration only, not hands on, unless otherwise indicated. Bring your camera if you would like to take pictures of the wonderful specialties. Recipes will be the same as the February 26 morning class.

**Time:** 1800-2100  
**Place:** Kapaun Chapel Annex, Bldg. 2782 Kapaun  
**Cost:** \$25

## MARCH

### Amsterdam City Tour Saturday, March 2

Explore exciting, beautiful Holland with the USO. We arrive in the Netherlands early morning for breakfast (included). After breakfast, we'll visit a wooden-shoe maker and cheese farm where you can see how shoes and cheese are made. You can also sample and buy some of the cheese products, as well as shoes and other souvenirs. We'll then have a short orientation of downtown Amsterdam. From the Dam Square, you'll be able to visit Anne Frank's House, the famous Red Light District, the Royal Palace, or some of the many other downtown sights, museums, and shops. After the city orientation, you'll have a whole day to spend in this fascinating town. Those wishing to visit the Anne Frank House can reserve tickets in advance at <http://www.annefrank.org/content.asp?PID=754&LID=2>. When ordering tickets, indicate the 1-3 p.m. time slot. We recommend U.S. (blue), EC, or Canadian passports. Travel documents are the responsibility of the customer. Please bring euro. Dinner stop will be in Holland (not included). Tour price includes transportation, breakfast, shoe maker and cheese farm, city orientation, and a USO tour guide.

**Transportation:** German bus  
**Depart:** Vogelweh Bowling Center 0130  
**Return:** Approximately 0100 (SUN)  
**Cost:** \$99 Adults, \$89 Children

### Bern, Switzerland Saturday, March 2

Come with the USO to Bern, the romantic capital of Switzerland. A beautiful city with its famous bear pit, clock tower, fountains, and quaint specialty shops, Bern is an unspoiled jewel of medieval architecture. During a guided tour through Bern's old town, you'll see the bear pit, cathedral, Houses of Parliament, prison tower, and famous Zytglocken clock tower. You'll have time to shop for Swiss chocolate, cheeses, watches, and other souvenirs on the six-kilometer long arched shopping promenade, the largest in Europe. We will also visit the famous Swiss Emmentaler Cheese Factory, where the history of Emmentaler Swiss Cheese begins. Here, you can see how the cheese is made and buy cheese and other Swiss specialties. U.S. (blue), EC, or Canadian passports are required. Travel documents are the responsibility of the customer. Please bring Swiss franc for meals and souvenirs. Tour price includes transportation, city tour, and USO tour guide.

**Transportation:** German bus  
**Depart:** Vogelweh Bowling Center 0400  
**Return:** Approximately 2300  
**Cost:** \$79 Adults, \$69 Children

### Brugge, Belgium Saturday, March 2

Time has long stood still in medieval Brugge, a romantic city that went to sleep in the Middle Ages, leaving a perfectly preserved gem that is today among the loveliest places in Europe. On our journey from Germany through Belgium, we'll make a short breakfast stop (not included). After arriving in Brugge, we will tour the city, stroll through the lively markets, and have an opportunity for lunch at one of the many restaurants and cafes. Don't pass up this opportunity to visit a marvelous city that is often overlooked. We'll make a dinner stop (not included) en route home. We recommend U.S. (blue), EC, or Canadian passports. Travel documents are the responsibility of the customer. Tour price includes transportation, city tour, and USO tour guide. **This tour includes a long bus ride, strenuous walking on cobblestone streets, is not stroller friendly, therefore it is not recommended for children under 6.**

**Transportation:** German bus  
**Depart:** Vogelweh Bowling Center 0400  
**Return:** Approximately midnight  
**Cost:** \$79 Adults, \$75 Children

### Learn to Ride the German Train— DB Orientation and Trip to Frankfurt am Main Easter Market in the Monastery Saturday, March 2



Learn everything you always wanted to know about German trains but were afraid to ask on our hands-on train orientation. Tour the Kaiserslautern train station, receive an overview briefing on the train system, buy your own ticket, and take a trip to the cosmopolitan city of Frankfurt am Main. You'll be accompanied by a USO escort, but you will do the work and gain firsthand experience purchasing tickets and riding the trains. Learn about the many specials the German Rail (DB) offers, for example: weekend tickets, family tickets, city specials and more. On this orientation tour, we'll travel by train to the fascinating city of Frankfurt am Main. We all know Frankfurt from our trips to the airport, but the city center has so much more to experience. On our city tour you will see architectural feats dating from Roman, medieval, and modern times. Frankfurt's impressive postwar U.S.-style skyline has given the city its nickname "Mainhattan". Frankfurt has just about anything a big city would offer—shopping, museums, restaurants, and more. This weekend, there will be a special Easter Egg Market in the former Dominican monastery. There will be free time for shopping on the famous "Zeil," or shopping mile, or to have lunch in the "Fressgasse." You can try one of the local specialties—Apfelwein (apple wine) or Grüne Soße (green sauce) with potatoes. Come with us on this new tour and you will want to go back again and again. Tour involves lots walking. Please do not bring large strollers, as the tour involves train travel and transfers. Tour price includes train transportation, train orientation, Frankfurt city tour, entrance to the Easter market, and a USO tour guide.

**Transportation:** German train  
**Depart:** Meet at Kaiserslautern HBF main lobby 0730  
**Return:** Approximately 1930  
**Cost:** \$35 Adults, \$29 Children

## Cologne City Tour Saturday, March 2

With a history of almost 2000 years, Cologne (Köln) is the one of the largest and oldest metropolitan cities of Germany. You will be awestruck by the majestic cathedral, one of the largest in Europe and the most important landmark of Cologne. The physical appearance of modern Cologne belies its ancient heritage. Allied bombing during World War II destroyed some 90 percent of the town; therefore, much of what you see was rebuilt in the 1950s and 1960s. Our expert guide will give you a tour of the city and relate to you the history and sights of Cologne's storied past dating back to the first century B.C. when the Romans founded Colonia Agrippensis. After our city tour, you'll have free time to stroll through the picturesque old town, take a walk along the Rhine River, or try a Kölsch (a light beer only made in Cologne). Don't forget that Cologne has fantastic shopping. The two classical shopping streets known by all Cologne visitors are the Hohe Strasse and the Schildergasse, Germany's first shopping streets only for pedestrians and completely without traffic. The many shops and two shopping malls offer clothing, shoes and jewelry, and much more. Whatever you do, expect to spend an unforgettable day full of exciting impressions. Bring euro for meals and purchases. Tour price includes transportation, city tour, and a USO tour guide.

**Transportation:** German bus  
**Depart:** Vogelweh Bowling Center 0630  
**Return:** Approximately 2200  
**Cost:** \$59 Adults, \$49 Children

## Paris Dinner, City Tour, and Evening Boat Cruise Saturday, March 2

*Bonjour!* Join us on this express trip to Paris—a city of history, sights, and *Oui*, excitement! See such major tourist attractions as the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral, the Arch of Triumph, and much more as we spend the day sightseeing with time for shopping. We arrive mid-day and start out with a city tour where you'll see those famous tourist attractions. After some free time, we go for a unique dining experience; we'll head over to the Latin Quarter in the evening for an authentic five-course meal served in a historic atmosphere. You'll also marvel at the *City of Lights* on an evening boat cruise on the Seine River. Be sure to bring your camera because we make photo stops whenever we can. Please bring euro for personal expenses, i.e., shopping and lunch. We recommend U.S. (blue), EC, or Canadian passports. Travel documents are the responsibility of the customer. **Please, no children under eight years old.** Tour price includes transportation, city tour, dinner, boat ride, and a USO tour guide.

**Transportation:** German bus  
**Depart:** Vogelweh Bowling Center 0400  
**Return:** Approximately 0430 (SUN)  
**Cost:** \$139

## Learn to Ride the German Train— DB Orientation and Trip to Wissembourg, France Tuesday, March 5

Learn everything you always wanted to know about German trains but were afraid to ask on our hands-on train orientation. Tour the Kaiserslautern train station, receive an overview briefing on the train system, buy your own ticket, and take a trip to the French town of Wissembourg and return. You'll be accompanied by a USO escort, but you will do the work and gain firsthand experience purchasing tickets and riding the trains. Learn about the many specials the German Rail (DB) offers, for example: weekend tickets, family tickets, city specials, and more. On this orientation tour, we'll travel by train to the Alsatian town of Wissembourg in France. Although just across the German-French border, this town has a distinct French flair. See the half-timbered medieval houses perched along the Lauter River. We'll see the Church of St. Peter and Paul, the church of the former abbey, which is the second largest Gothic church in the Alsace region (second only to Strasbourg). Try a Flammkuchen or some of the other local specialties before we return to Kaiserslautern. We recommend U.S. (blue), EC, or Canadian passports. Travel documents are the responsibility of the customer. Tour price includes train transportation, train orientation, and a USO tour guide.

**Transportation:** German train  
**Depart:** Meet at Kaiserslautern HBF main lobby 0800  
**Return:** Approximately 1700  
**Cost:** \$29 Adults, \$25 Children

## Brussels, Belgium, City Tour Saturday, March 9

Brussels—one of Europe's capitals and an international city with flair. A city bustling with activity, beautiful shops, and a myriad of museums. That's the Brussels you'll see as we start our day with a city tour, during which you'll see the beautiful main square, La Grand'Place, the famous statue Manneken-Pis, and much more. Next, you'll have plenty of free time to have lunch (try a famous Belgian waffle for dessert), shop, explore the sights, or visit one of Brussels' many museums, which includes an auto museum, a military museum, and several art and history museums. Be sure to bring euro for lunch and shopping. We recommend U.S. (blue), EC, or Canadian passports. Travel documents are the responsibility of the customer. Comfortable shoes are recommended for our walk through the cobblestone streets. Tour price includes transportation, city tour, and a USO tour guide. **Due to strenuous walking on cobblestone streets in crowded areas, this tour is not recommended for children under 6.**

**Transportation:** German bus  
**Depart:** Vogelweh Bowling Center 0400  
**Return:** Approximately midnight  
**Cost:** \$69 Adults, \$59 Children

## Cochem Castle and Medieval Dinner Saturday, March 9

Step back into the age of royal courts and experience how feudal lords, ladies, and knights feasted. The USO will take you to a medieval banquet where you'll be entertained by minstrels while you eat. Prior to the

eatery, we'll have a guided tour through the 1000-year-old Reichsburg (imperial castle) of Cochem situated on an imposing hilltop with a commanding view over the Mosel River. After the guided tour, you'll take part in an authentic medieval feast. The Lord of the Manor will welcome you with a goblet of Mosel wine and explain the medieval customs and table manners for the feast. Servants and maids in period costumes serve you lavishly and pass you water to wash your hands so that you can eat with your fingers. Bread and lard make the rounds while a hot and spicy soup is steaming in the cookery pot. Huge drumsticks are served for the main course. Jesters in medieval outfits provide entertainment and authentic music. Old "torture instruments" are displayed, and the evening climaxes with the traditional knighting ceremony. Even though you may have traveled all over the world and eaten in the most basic or most exclusive restaurants, this kind of feasting will be an experience you'll never forget. It is simply an adventure that must be experienced. Go on a journey back to the Middle Ages when the Lord of the Manor declared to his servants and maids: Let the banquet begin! The walk up to the castle is steep, so wear comfortable walking shoes. Be sure to bring euro for drinks and souvenirs. Tour price includes transportation, castle tour, dinner with two drinks, and USO tour guide. **This dinner tour is not recommended for children under 11.**

**Transportation:** German bus  
**Depart:** Vogelweh Bowling Center 1030  
**Return:** Approximately 0030 (SUN)  
**Cost:** \$99

## Eisenach in Thüringen Wartburg Castle and Bach House Sommergewinn Spring Festival and Parade Saturday, March 9

**SPECIAL** Follow in the footsteps of Martin Luther, Johann Sebastian Bach, and St. Elizabeth of Thüringen on this special USO tour to the city of Eisenach in the former East German State of Thüringen. This weekend, Eisenach will celebrate one of the largest traditional spring festivals of Germany, the Sommergewinn. The festivities center around the victory of summer, personified as Frau Sunna, and her victory over winter. An afternoon parade through the town will celebrate the coming of spring. We'll start the day with breakfast before heading to Eisenach. The city, birthplace of Johann Sebastian Bach, is dominated by the mighty Wartburg castle. The Wartburg, a UNESCO world heritage site since 1999, invites its visitors to step back in time and trace more than 900 years of German history and culture. As we visit the magnificently preserved castle, we'll hear of courtly life in the Middle Ages, the life and works of St. Elizabeth of Thüringen, and Martin Luther's sojourn at the Wartburg, during which he translated the New Testament into German. We'll see the chamber where Martin Luther, Father of the Protestant Reformation, lived and worked from May 1521 till March 1522, disguised as Junker Jörg. Wartburg was also the venue for the Sängerkrieg, a medieval "Battle of the Bards," which inspired Richard Wagner's opera *Tannhäuser*. Its walls are adorned with romantic frescoes of the mid-19th century, and Bavaria's King Ludwig II was so impressed with the Wartburg's grand hall, he had a copy of it built in Neuschwanstein. A museum within the castle has an impressive collection of medieval art, much of which relates to the Reforma-

tion. On our guided town walk, we'll see other Luther and Elizabeth landmarks and the neighborhood where the musical Bach family lived. We'll have free time for lunch, shopping, taking part in the festivities, and exploring before we have a late afternoon visit to the Bach Haus where we'll hear a sampling of his works on original instruments of Bach's time. Tour price includes breakfast, entrance to the Wartburg Castle, entrance to the Bach Haus, entrance to the parade area, guided town walk, and USO tour guide.

**Transportation:** German bus  
**Depart:** Vogelweh Bowling Center 0400  
**Return:** Approximately 2300  
**Cost:** \$89 Adults, \$79 Children

## Innsbruck, Austria City Tour and Crystal Shopping Saturday, March 9

Join the USO on a trip to Innsbruck, Austria, the capital of Tyrol. Innsbruck is one of the most beautiful towns of its size anywhere in the world, owing much of its fame and charm to its unique setting. To the north, the steep sheer sides of the Alps rise like a shimmering blue and white wall, literally from the edge of the city, an impressive backdrop for the green domes and red roofs of the Baroque town tucked beneath. Enroute, we'll stop for breakfast (not included), and shortly before arriving in Innsbruck, you'll have a chance to visit a Swarovski crystal museum and factory outlet where you can buy crystal jewelry and figurines. On arrival in Innsbruck, we'll visit the old town, which remains as it was 400 years ago, and see such sites as the Golden Roof, Stadtturm, the ornately decorated Rococo Hebling House, St. Jacobs Cathedral, Hofburg Imperial Palace, Imperial Church, the tomb of Maximilian I, Triumphal Arch, and Anna Column. Bring euro for shopping and lunch. We recommend U.S. (blue), EC, or Canadian passports. Travel documents are the responsibility of the customer. Tour price includes transportation, entrance to the Swarovski Museum, city tour, and USO tour guide.

**Transportation:** German bus  
**Depart:** Vogelweh Bowling Center 0100  
**Return:** Approximately midnight  
**Cost:** \$99 Adults, \$89 Children

## Metz City Tour Saturday, March 9

Come discover this beautiful French city with its cathedral famous for its stained glass windows, the oldest church in France, remnants of its former protective wall and more. We'll begin our day with a downtown city tour. After the city tour, you'll have plenty of free time to have lunch (try the region's most famous dish, quiche Lorraine), see the sights or visit the Art & History Museum with its rich collections, or go shopping at the large St. Jacques Mall or in the quaint pedestrian zone. Bring euro for shopping and lunch. We recommend U.S. (blue), EC, or Canadian passports. Travel documents are the responsibility of the customer. Tour price includes transportation, city tour, and USO tour guide.

**Transportation:** German bus  
**Depart:** Vogelweh Bowling Center 0700  
**Return:** Approximately 1900  
**Cost:** \$69 Adults, \$59 Children

## Michelstadt in the Odenwald International Easter Egg Exhibit, Counts' Castle in Erbach, and German Ivory Museum Saturday, March 9

**SPECIAL** Looking for something very special to do? Join us on our visit to the annual International Easter Egg market and exhibition in Michelstadt in the Odenwald. Approximately 50 participants from all over Germany and Europe will come together to show off their egg art. You can even buy what you see. The picturesque town of Michelstadt was founded in the 7th Century and has a town wall dating to the 1400s. The Odenwald Museum and Toy Museum, which harbors a collection of traditional furnishings, toys and more, will be the backdrop for the egg exhibit. We'll also visit the nearby town of Erbach for a tour of the Castle of the Counts of Erbach where an amazing collection of armor and weapons is on display. The Counts of Erbach were great hunters and brought the ivory carving trade to the area. During the castle tour, you will see their eclectic and impressive collections. Appropriately, the German Ivory Museum is also located in Erbach. We will make a stop to visit the museum where you will see some of the most magnificent works in ivory. There will be free time for shopping, lunch, and exploring the quaint walled town of Michelstadt before we return to Kaiserslautern. Tour price includes transportation; guided tour of Erbach Castle, entrance to the Easter egg exhibition, and German Ivory Museum, and USO tour guide.

**Transportation:** German bus  
**Depart:** Vogelweh Bowling Center 0730  
**Return:** Approximately 2000  
**Cost:** \$69 Adults, \$59 Children

## Rothenburg Medieval City Saturday, March 9

Come with us to visit the "Gem from the Middle Ages." Rothenburg is one of the best preserved medieval cities in Germany. The old city walls are still standing and you can actually walk around part of the city on the city wall's walkway. There are wonderful museums like the Kriminalmuseum, where medieval torture instruments are displayed. See the Käthe Wohlfahrt Christmas Village with one of the world's largest selections of German Christmas decorations. There is also a doll and toy museum, and the city museum that was once a Dominican Priory. You can climb the old town tower in the original part of the city hall for a magnificent view over the city. You will have time to have lunch (not included) and explore on your own. Tour price includes transportation, city tour, entrance to St. James Church, and a USO tour guide.

**Transportation:** German bus  
**Depart:** Vogelweh Bowling Center 0700  
**Return:** Approximately 2200  
**Cost:** \$69 Adults, \$59 Children

## Learn to Ride the German Train— DB Orientation and Trip to Trier Shopping Sunday and Easter Market Sunday, March 10

Learn all about how the German train system works on this USO train orientation and tour. Tour the Kaiserslautern train station, receive a briefing on the train system, and take a trip to the historical city of Trier and return. You'll be accompanied by a USO escort, but you can gain first-hand experience purchasing tickets and riding the trains. Learn about the many specials the German Train (DB) offers, for example: weekend tickets, family tickets, city specials, and much more. Trier boasts a fantastic collection of Roman excavations. You will see sights such as the Porta Nigra and the Roman Baths. Along with the Roman ruins, you will also see the medieval relics in the popular pedestrian walkway area. After the city tour, you'll have plenty of free time for lunch or exploring the area on your own before we board our late afternoon train back to Kaiserslautern. This weekend, Trier's stores will be open on Sunday and the city will be decked out for Easter with its spring décor. Please do not bring large strollers; they are difficult to get on and off the train. Be sure to bring your cameras and euro for lunch and personal expenses. Price includes train tickets, train orientation, city tour, and USO tour guide.

**Transportation:** German train  
**Depart:** Meet at the Kaiserslautern HBF at 0800  
**Return:** Approximately 1900  
**Cost:** \$35 Adults, \$29 Children

## German Baking Class Easter Specialties Tuesday, March 12

Ever wondered how those beautiful German cakes are made? Well, now is your chance to learn. This class we will feature traditional Easter baked goods. During a three-hour session, we'll teach you how to prepare, bake, and enjoy a variety of German baked goods (usually 3 per class). We'll taste what we create, so **please bring eating utensils, and enough small containers (one for each dish)** to eat out of and to take home any leftovers, a coffee cup, and, of course, your appetite. The USO will supply all the ingredients. We usually don't repeat recipes for two years, so even if you've been before, we're always trying something new. Menus are planned in advance and can be viewed on the Facebook group, KMC USO German Cooking and Baking. Participation is limited so sign up now for this USO class. Please note that class is not hands-on; it's demonstration only. This class is for adults only; please, no children under 12. Recipes will be the same as the March 14 evening class.

**Time:** 0900-1200  
**Place:** Vogelweh Chapel kitchen  
**Cost:** \$25



## German Baking Class Easter Specialties Evening Class at Kapaun Thursday, March 14

Ever wondered how those beautiful German cakes are made? Well, now is your chance to learn. During a three-hour evening session, we'll teach you how to prepare, bake, and enjoy a variety of German baked goods (usually 3 per class). This class will feature traditional Easter baked goods. We'll taste what we create, so **please bring eating utensils, and enough small containers (one for each dish)** to eat out of and to take home any leftovers, a coffee cup, and, of course, your appetite. The USO will supply all the ingredients. We usually don't repeat recipes for two years, so even if you've been before, we're always trying something new. Menus are planned in advance and can be viewed on the Facebook group, KMC USO German Cooking and Baking. Participation is limited so sign up now for this USO class. This class is for adults only; please, no children under 12. Classes are demonstration only, not hands on, unless otherwise indicated. Bring your camera if you would like to take pictures of the wonderful specialties! Recipes will be the same as the March 12 morning class.

**Time:** 1800-2100

**Place:** Kapaun Chapel Annex, Bldg. 2782

**Cost:** \$25

## Poland Shopping and Sightseeing One Overnight Boleslawiec, Poland Friday-Monday, March 15-18



Satisfy both your urge to shop for pottery and see some of the sights on this exciting trip to Boleslawiec, Poland, with the USO. Saturday is dedicated to shopping: we start out at Kalich and Keramika then have breakfast at the Blue Beetroot Hotel before continuing on with more shopping adventures. In the late afternoon, we return to the Blue Beetroot to check into our rooms, rest and have dinner. In the evening, you can enjoy a foot massage, facial massage, pedicure or manicure (not included) at very reasonable rates to help you relax at the end of a busy day. Following breakfast on Sunday, we move on to the sight seeing portion of our adventure. After a short tour of the Boleslawiec town center, we will visit the nearby Grodziec Castle where we have a guided tour and a bag lunch (drinks extra) before returning to Germany. Bring dollars and euro for your purchases, beauty treatments, and meals. Most ceramic stores also accept credit cards. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a pillow, blanket, snacks, and water. **Note:** Rooms are on a first come/availability basis. No single rooms are available. Unless you sign up to specifically share with another customer, roommates will be assigned by the tours office. Storage space is limited, so keep luggage small enough to fit with you on the bus. Most stores have cardboard boxes available



on request or you can bring a larger suitcase or a moving box for your purchases. **Passport required plus SOFA card and other border crossing documents, as applicable.** Cost includes two seats per person on the bus, shared hotel room, two breakfasts, one dinner, one lunch, local guide, guided tour of the castle and castle entry fees, and a USO tour guide.

**Transportation:** German bus

**Depart:** Vogelweh Bowling Center 1945 (FRI).

Pickups will also be made in Wiesbaden

**Return:** Approximately 0130 (MON)

**Cost:** \$359; quad room, \$339 per person (guaranteed two seats)

## A Day in Paris— Travel to Paris in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes Friday, March 15

How would you like to go to Paris for the day? Do you have a "Need for Speed"? Don't like the five-hour bus ride, or tolls and high gas prices? We can't beam you there, but we can do the next best thing. Zooming from Kaiserslautern to Paris in 2 hours and 28 minutes, we'll travel at **speeds of up to 320 km (200 miles) per hour.** Join us for this unique experience. Spend the day in Paris, shopping, sightseeing, visiting a museum, or just hanging out watching people. Sound like a dream? If traveling on the autobahn isn't fast enough for you, perhaps this train will be. It's not only fast, but comfortable and energy efficient too. You'll travel by train, with a USO tour guide, and upon arriving in Paris, our expert guide will direct you to some of the highlights of the city via public transportation, or if you choose you can plan your own agenda. Of course, we can't see it all in nine hours, so make sure you set your priorities in advance. Space is limited, group size is small, so don't hesitate and sign up now. Travel lightly, backpacks are recommended, as lockers are not always available. We don't have a tour bus at our disposal so be prepared to walk and ride the Metro to our destinations. This tour is not stroller-friendly due to the stairs in the Metro and cobblestone streets. Not recommended for small children. We recommend U.S. (blue), EC, or Canadian passports. Travel documents are the responsibility of the customer. Tour price includes round trip train transportation, tickets for public transportation within Paris, and a USO tour guide. Please note train tickets are nonrefundable beyond the USO cancellation date.

**Transportation:** High Speed Train

**Depart:** Meet at Kaiserslautern HBF main lobby 0645

**Return:** Approximately 2135

**Cost:** \$199

## A Day in the Black Forest— Beekeeper, Woodcarver, Farm Estate, and Cuckoo Clock Shopping Saturday, March 16

Join us on a visit to one of the most beautiful areas in Germany—the Black Forest. On the way to the Triberg area, we'll meet Christina—our tour guide for the day—who will show us some of the real beauty of the Black Forest. We'll visit a beekeeper who will show and explain his craft and let us try his honey and honey schnapps. We'll continue to a woodcarver's workshop and learn about the trade that has made the

Black Forest so famous. Next, we'll visit the 300-year-old farm estate Reinertonishof where the owner Frau Duffner will serve a traditional Black Forest lunch with cold cuts, cheese, and bread—all made on the farm. After lunch, we'll have a schnapps tasting of homemade schnapps (children can have ice cream). Children can also take pony rides (not included) on the farm. In the afternoon, we'll have some free time in Triberg where you can shop, explore the town, or visit Germany's tallest waterfall. If you plan to buy a clock, please don't forget to bring VAT forms. Since we have multiple stops, you might bring a couple of VAT forms. Also, the beekeeper does not take credit cards, so bring euro. Tour price includes transportation, local tour guide, beekeeper, woodcarver, lunch at the farm with one non-alcoholic drink, schnapps tasting, and a USO tour guide.

**Transportation:** German bus

**Depart:** Vogelweh Bowling Center 0600

**Return:** Approximately 2200

**Cost:** \$89 Adults, \$79 Children

## Learn to Ride the German Trains— DB Orientation and Trip to St. Wendel's Easter Market Saturday, March 16



Learn all about the German train system on this USO train orientation and tour. Tour the Kaiserslautern train station, receive a briefing on the train system, and take a trip to St. Wendel, a charming town nearby in the state of Saarland. You'll be accompanied by a USO escort, but you can gain firsthand experience purchasing tickets and riding the trains. Learn about the many specials the German Rail (DB) offers, for example: Weekend tickets, family tickets, city specials, and more. St. Wendel's old town has been meticulously restored and despite its relatively small size (population 26,500) it is the venue for some of the most interesting events in the area. This weekend, the town will be hosting its annual Easter Market. The town will be decked out in its finest for Easter. The main fountain on the palace square will be decorated with a crown of 2000 hand painted eggs. Over 80 booths and vendors will offer Easter wares from traditional spring décor to artistically decorated eggs. A special addition to this trip will be a guided town walk by a local expert. Please do not bring large strollers on this trip, as they are difficult to get on and off the train. Price includes train transportation, city tour, and USO tour guide.

**Transportation:** German train

**Depart:** Meet at Kaiserslautern HBF main lobby 0800

**Return:** Approximately 1700

**Cost:** \$29 Adults, \$25 Children

## Military Heritage Tour— Bastogne and the Battle of the Bulge The Band of Brothers Saturday, March 16

Stand in the footsteps of some of America's greatest heroes on our most popular military history tour. The Battle of the Bulge was the largest and costliest American battle of World War II, with 619,000 soldiers employed to counter the German's surprise winter offensive, resulting in a staggering 89,000 U.S. casualties. The American defense of the critical

town of Bastogne was a highlight of the eventual Allied victory and was due in large part to the courage and sacrifice of the “Screaming Eagles” of the 101st Airborne Division and the men of “Easy” Company, 2d Battalion, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, who were chronicled in the popular HBO miniseries, “Band of Brothers.” Our military history tour will start with a visit to the American Cemetery in Luxembourg, where 5,076 US soldiers are interred, including two Medal of Honor recipients, two soldiers from the “Band of Brothers,” and General George S. Patton, whose 3d Army ultimately relieved the besieged “Battered Bastards of Bastogne.” Time permitting, we’ll also visit the adjacent German cemetery. Next, we travel to the Luxembourg town of Diekirch to visit the National Museum of Military History, home to an outstanding collection of World War II artifacts. We then travel to picturesque Clervaux, Luxembourg, for lunch and sightseeing at the “Luxembourg Alamo.” Next, we travel to Bastogne and the Mardasson Memorial, which honors the American sacrifice in the Ardennes, followed by a visit to the “Easy” Company Memorial and the still-visible foxholes of Major Dick Winters and the “Band of Brothers.” We then travel to an active Belgian Army base to tour the actual command post of Brigadier General Anthony McAuliffe, who issued the infamous reply, “NUTS,” to the German commander’s request for Bastogne’s surrender. Finally, we finish the tour in Bastogne’s popular McAuliffe Square for dinner and sightseeing. This tour usually sells out, so please sign up early, wear comfortable walking shoes, and bring euro for meals (not included) and souvenirs. We recommend US (blue), EC, or Canadian passports. Travel documents are the responsibility of the customer. Tour price includes transportation, entrance fees, and USO military history tour guide.

**Transportation:** German bus  
**Depart:** Vogelweh Bowling Center 0700  
**Return:** Approximately 2230  
**Cost:** \$69

## Mosel Dinner and Wine Tasting Bernkastel-Kues City Orientation Saturday, March 16

Join us on this popular tour that starts in the picturesque village of Bernkastel-Kues. Here you’ll discover medieval half-timbered houses surrounded by vineyards and dominated by the mighty 13th century castle Landshut. After our city orientation, you’ll have time for shopping, exploring, and a light snack. But don’t eat too much because early in the afternoon, we’ll take you to a family-owned *Weingut* where you’ll be served a traditional German meal and given a tour of the vineyards. The vintner will tell you all about the production and characteristics of his wine and entertain you with some fascinating local folklore, as we taste 13 of his wines (including an Eiswein or Beerenauslese—some of his best!). Also, the vintner accepts VAT forms, dollars, euro, and credit cards for the purchase of wine. Tour price includes transportation, city orientation, dinner, wine tasting, and a USO tour guide.

**Transportation:** German bus  
**Depart:** Vogelweh Bowling Center 0800  
**Return:** Approximately 1930  
**Cost:** \$69 Adults, \$59 Children

## Munich City Tour Dachau Concentration Camp Saturday, March 16

Nestled in natural Bavarian settings, Munich is Deutschland at its picture-perfect best! Munich is Germany’s third largest city and is the heart of German technology; but at the same time, its traditional local costumes, music, dance, food, and festivals make Munich the stuff of guidebook cliché. On our tour of the old-city, we’ll see the beautiful Residenz, Marienhof, Frauenkirche, Michaelskirche, Palace of Justice, the Viktualian Market, and more. Then you’ll have free time to enjoy the city on your own, and maybe, have lunch (not included) at the world-famous Hofbräuhaus. Perhaps you’ll want to do a bit of shopping or browse about the lovely city on your own. We’ll end the day with a more sobering visit to the first Nazi concentration camp in Dachau. The camp stands today as a memorial to the horrors endured during World War II. **This tour is not recommended for young children because of the graphic nature involved with the Dachau portion of the trip and because of the ambitious tour through Munich.** Bring euro for meals, and wear comfortable shoes. Tour price includes transportation, Munich city tour, entrance to Dachau, and USO tour guide.

**Transportation:** German bus  
**Depart:** Vogelweh Bowling Center 0300  
**Return:** Approximately 2300  
**Cost:** \$79

## Strasbourg, France, City Tour Saturday, March 16

Curious about the French Alsace region, the region Louis XIV called “the beautiful garden”? Then you’ll want to take this USO tour to Strasbourg, the capital of Alsace. We’ll begin our day with a city tour, including a visit to the beautiful Gothic cathedral that took about 400 years to build, and the famous La Petite France section of the charming old city with its 16th and 17th century timbered houses lining the Ill River. After the city tour, you’ll have free time to try one of the regional dishes, Flammkuchen, at one of the quaint restaurants (not included), explore on your own, or shop in the large department stores and numerous shops. Don’t forget to bring euro for shopping and lunch. We recommend U.S. (blue), EC, or Canadian passports. Travel documents are the responsibility of the customer. Tour price includes transportation, city tour, cathedral visit, and USO tour guide.

**Transportation:** German bus  
**Depart:** Vogelweh Bowling Center 0630  
**Return:** Approximately 2100  
**Cost:** \$59 Adults, \$49 Children

## Paris Dinner, City Tour, and Evening Boat Cruise Sunday, March 17

*Bonjour!* Join us on this express trip to Paris—a city of history, sights, and *Oui*, excitement! See such major tourist attractions as the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral, the Arch of Triumph, and much more as we spend the day sightseeing with time for shopping. We arrive mid-day and start out with a city tour where you’ll see those famous tourist attractions.

After some free time, we go for a unique dining experience; we’ll head over to the Latin Quarter in the evening for an authentic five-course meal served in a historic atmosphere. You’ll also marvel at the *City of Lights* on an evening boat cruise on the Seine River. Be sure to bring your camera because we make photo stops whenever we can. Please bring euro for personal expenses, i.e., shopping and lunch. We recommend U.S. (blue), EC, or Canadian passports. Travel documents are the responsibility of the customer. **Please, no children under eight years old.** Tour price includes transportation, city tour, dinner, boat ride, and a USO tour guide.

**Transportation:** German bus  
**Depart:** Vogelweh Bowling Center 0400  
**Return:** Approximately 0430 (MON)  
**Cost:** \$139

## Learn to Ride the German Trains— DB Orientation and Trip to Speyer and Visit Sea Life, the Technical Museum, or IMAX Movie Monday, March 18

Come with the USO on this great family outing and learn all about German trains. Tour the Kaiserslautern train station, receive an overview briefing on the rail system, and take a trip to the city of Speyer and return. Learn about the many specials the DB offers, for example: weekend tickets, family tickets, city specials, and more. Speyer is a historic yet dynamic city near the German Wine Road, and its history spans more than 2000 years. Speyer’s beautiful Salian cathedral is one of Germany’s outstanding landmarks. Almost 1,000 years old, the impressive cathedral is the final resting place of eight German emperors and kings. You’ll have time for lunch and some shopping before we return via train to Kaiserslautern. There will be sufficient time to visit one of the museums or IMAX movies that is included in the tour price. The Sea Life Aquarium Museum features the life of water animals in simulated natural habitats—rivers, lakes, and oceans. If you chose to visit the Speyer Technical Museum, you can see more than 3,000 exhibits that include 70 aircraft, 20 locomotives, 50 vintage cars, and 40 fire engines. You can climb the stairs to enter a Boeing 747 and slide down the 54 meter tube slide! If you are an IMAX movie fan, you can watch one of the movies (in German). Bring euro for shopping and lunch. Group size is limited so sign up early. Also, traveling with large baby strollers on German trains is not easy, especially if train transfers are involved. Price includes train tickets, one museum (Sea Life or Technical Museum) or IMAX entrance, and a USO escort.

**Transportation:** German train  
**Depart:** Meet at Kaiserslautern HBF main lobby 0800  
**Return:** Approximately 1730  
**Cost:** \$35 Adults, \$29 Children

## German Cooking Class Tuesday, March 19

do you enjoy German food? Would you like to learn how to prepare typical German cuisine? Then sign up for this USO class. We’ll teach you how in a three-hour session, where we’ll prepare an appetizer, a main dish, a side dish, and a dessert. We’ll taste the dishes,

so bring your appetite. **Please bring utensils and enough small containers to eat out of (one for each dish)** and to take home any leftovers. USO will supply all the ingredients. We usually don't repeat recipes for two years, so even if you've been before, we're always trying something new. Menus are planned in advance and can be viewed on the Facebook group, KMC USO German Cooking and Baking. Participation is limited so sign up now for this USO class. This class is for adults only; please, no children under 12.

**Time:** 0900-1200

**Place:** Vogelweh Chapel kitchen

**Cost:** \$25

## Bavarian Fairy Tale Castles— Hohenschwangau and Neuschwanstein Saturday, March 23

On this express tour, we'll pursue the traces of Ludwig II of Bavaria, the 19th century "Fairy Tale King" who built the lavish castles that are among the greatest tourist attractions in Germany. After a breakfast stop (not included), we will tour Hohenschwangau where Ludwig spent several years of his childhood and where the ornate wall frescoes of Germanic legends stimulated his romantic dreams and his love for the Alps. He used the dramatic backdrop of this mountainous scenery for the castles Neuschwanstein and Linderhof. In the afternoon, we visit Neuschwanstein, King Ludwig's magnificent and most famous castle built in the style of a medieval Camelot and became the model for Walt Disney's Cinderella castle. There will be free time for lunch (not included) and some souvenir shopping. We'll stop on our way home for dinner (not included). **Because of strenuous walking and an ambitious itinerary, this tour is not stroller-friendly.** Tour price includes transportation, entrance fees to both castles, uphill transportation to Neuschwanstein, and a USO tour guide.

**Transportation:** German bus

**Depart:** Vogelweh Bowling Center, 0300

**Return:** Approximately 2330

**Cost:** \$105 Adults, \$95 Children

## Learn to Ride the German Trains— DB Orientation and Trip to Mannheim Luisenpark International Easter Egg Exhibit Saturday, March 23

**SPECIAL**

Learn all about how the German train system works on this USO train orientation and tour. Tour the Kaiserslautern train station, receive

a briefing on the train system, buy your own ticket, and take a trip to the city of Mannheim and return. You'll be accompanied by a USO escort, but you can gain first hand experience purchasing tickets and riding the trains. Learn about the many specials the German Rail (DB) offers, for example, weekend tickets, family tickets, city specials, and much more. Mannheim is a city with a cosmopolitan flair. This special tour will take us to one of Mannheim's main attractions—the Luisenpark. The Botanical Gardens feature several indoor exhibits with tropical landscapes, exotic plants, reptiles, and other animals. The park boasts a Chinese Garden and Tea House, several outdoor playgrounds and the "gondoletta" boat ride add to the pleasure of young

and old. This weekend there will be a special Easter Egg exhibit featuring almost 50 artisans displaying and selling their wares. Group size is limited, so sign up early. (Note: this tour includes transportation by bus within the city of Mannheim.) Bring euro for lunch and souvenirs. Tour price includes train tickets, entrance to the egg exhibit and park, and a USO tour escort.

**Transportation:** German rail

**Depart:** Meet at Kaiserslautern HBF main lobby 0830

**Return:** Approximately 1700

**Cost:** \$35 Adults, \$29 Children

## Luxembourg, Mettlach, and the American Cemetery Saturday, March 23

We'll begin this tour with a stop at the U.S. Military Cemetery where General Patton is buried. Luxembourg City, the capital of the Grand Duchy by the same name, is a modern, dynamic metropolis that retains its historic old town charm of yesteryear. In the center, there is a natural ravine, in its rocks were fortifications for defense that served as bomb shelter in World War II. For this ravine, Luxembourg has been adopted into the UNESCO World Heritage Program. We'll have a windshield tour along the outer edge of town and then walk through the inner city. There will be free time for your own exploration, shopping, or to try one of the delicious pastries in the tea-rooms of Luxembourg, before we depart for Mettlach. Mettlach is an idyllic small town near the loop of the Saar River. Surrounded by lush forests, it's a spa and health center but is better known as a shoppers' paradise. The production and administrative center of the Villeroy & Boch Company is at Mettlach and their enormous factory outlet is heaven for lovers of elegant tableware. There is an ample selection of the entire china, glass, and table ware production. There are also gift items and decorations. The small town is dotted with a variety of stores and outlets, such as a special V&B Christmas Shop, Rosenthal, a Land's End store, Bassetti, Silit (a company making high quality cooking pots), and more. The USO tour guide will point out all stores. Take good walking shoes along. Mettlach is uphill and we have cobblestones in Mettlach and Luxembourg. Children are welcomed, but this tour is not stroller friendly. Bring euro for food and personal expenses, and a VAT form for V&B outlet purchases. Please note, not all outlets accept VAT forms. Tour price includes transportation, Luxembourg city tour, Mettlach city orientation, and a USO tour guide.

**Transportation:** German bus

**Depart:** Vogelweh Bowling Center 0700

**Return:** Approximately 2100

**Cost:** \$69 Adults, \$59 Children

## Military Heritage Tour— Maginot Line, German West Wall (Bad Bergzabern), Dragon's Teeth, Hatten Observatory, Fort Schoenenbourg Saturday, March 23

Join the USO for our tour to the German West Wall fortification in Bad Bergzabern, the Dragon's Teeth of the Palatinate, the Maginot Line Observatory post at Hatten, and Fort Schoenenbourg. The West Wall was the German response to the building of the Maginot Line. The West Wall was comprised of Dragon's Teeth, tank obstacles, wetlands, and fortresses similar

to the fortresses built by the French but smaller in scale. It went from the Swiss border to the border of Holland. See one of the best-kept fortresses of the West Wall in Bad Bergzabern. We'll start the day by traveling to the Dragon's Teeth near the French border, then we'll visit the West Wall and the Museum bunker museum. After lunch (not included), we'll visit the French observatory at Hatten, a well-kept fortress of the Maginot Line. There are also many other interesting displays at the outside museum. We then travel to Schoenenbourg to visit one of the largest forts on the Maginot Line. The Maginot Line, named for the French Minister of War and World War I veteran Andre Maginot, was a line of primary defense designed and built to protect the French frontier. This line, a series of heavily armed fortifications, was of little use to the French after the beginning of hostilities during World War II. The Germans bypassed most of the fortresses. Wear comfortable walking shoes and a warm jacket for touring the forts. Bring euro to pay for lunch. We recommend U.S. (blue), EC, or Canadian passports. Travel documents are the responsibility of the customer. We will not stop for breakfast or dinner, so please plan accordingly. Handouts will not be provided for this tour. Please visit [www.bobs-tours.com](http://www.bobs-tours.com) to download any documents you would like to bring with you. The handouts are provided in several formats for use on various devices. Tour price includes transportation, entrance fees, and USO military history tour guide.

**Transportation:** German bus

**Depart:** Vogelweh Bowling Center 0730

**Return:** Approximately 2000

**Cost:** \$69

## Trier Medieval Market Saturday, March 23

**SPECIAL**

This weekend, Trier celebrates its annual Medieval Market. Trier, Germany's oldest city, boasts a fantastic collection of 2000-year-old Roman ruins such as the Amphitheatre, Porta Nigra (Black Gate—the only completely intact Roman city gate), and Roman Baths, as well as a number of medieval relics. But this weekend will belong to the Middle Ages. Walk back in time among varied costumed craftsmen who offer their wares. You will also find jugglers, magicians, minstrels, fire-eaters, and wandering musicians to entertain you and plenty of medieval and local specialties to sample. You'll have plenty of time to explore the market. Be sure to bring your cameras and euro for lunch and personal expenses. Price includes transportation, city tour, entrance to the market, and USO tour guide.

**Transportation:** German bus

**Depart:** Vogelweh Bowling Center 0800

**Return:** Approximately 1900

**Cost:** \$59 Adults, \$49 Children

## German Cooking Class Thursday, March 28

Do you enjoy German food? Would you like to learn how to prepare typical German cuisine? Then sign up for this USO class. We'll teach you how in a three-hour session, where we'll prepare an appetizer, a main dish, a side dish, and a dessert. We'll taste the dishes, so bring your appetite. **Please bring utensils and**

enough small containers to eat out of (one for each dish) and to take home any leftovers. USO will supply all the ingredients. We usually don't repeat recipes for two years, so even if you've been before, we're always trying something new. Menus are planned in advance and can be viewed on the Facebook group, KMC USO German Cooking and Baking. Participation is limited so sign up now for this USO class. This class is for adults only; please, no children under 12. Classes are demonstration only, not hands on, unless otherwise indicated. Bring your camera if you would like to take pictures of the wonderful specialties.

**Time:** 1800-2100

**Place:** Kapaun Chapel Annex, Bldg. 2782 Kapaun

**Cost:** \$25

## Lucerne, Switzerland, City Tour Saturday, March 30

Imagine sitting along the shores of a crystal clear lake, drinking coffee, with the snow-capped mountains in the background. This is the atmosphere of Lucerne, one of Switzerland's most beautiful cities. Come with us and enjoy the mountain air, great shopping, and Swiss hospitality. On the way to Switzerland, we'll stop for breakfast (not included). In beautiful Lucerne, we'll have a walking tour where we'll see such famous landmarks as the covered Mill Bridge. On a clear day, you can see the breathtaking Swiss Alps mountain range. You will have time to shop, sightsee, relax, and enjoy lunch (not included). Please bring your U.S. (blue), Canadian, or EC passports (they are mandatory). Also bring Swiss francs for shopping and lunch. Tour price includes transportation, city tour, boat ride, and a USO tour guide.

**Transportation:** German bus

**Depart:** Vogelweh Bowling Center 0400

**Return:** Approximately 2330

**Cost:** \$89 Adults, \$79 Children

## Military Heritage Tour— “A Bridge too Far” Operation Market Garden Saturday, March 30

In September 1944, Field Marshal Montgomery devised a plan to seize a bridgehead across the Rhine and attack the industrial heartland of Germany. This plan, code named Operation Market-Garden, could enable the Allies to end the war by Christmas. Due to faulty planning and bad generalship, this battle turned out to be Germany's last major victory in the west instead. Join us as we travel to Holland and follow the route of the British XXX Corps up “Hell's Highway” to Arnhem, the “Bridge too Far.” We'll start at the Wings of Freedom Museum in Best, which has five separate buildings of aircraft and vehicle displays. Next, we drive past the drop zones for the 101st Airborne Division as we proceed to Groesbeek through Veghel (the drop zone for the 501st). The area of high ground around Groesbeek was important not only because of its strategic location in respect to the battle but also because of how close it is to Germany. We will visit the 82nd Airborne Museum while we are here. Next, we cross the “Rainbow Bridge” in Nijmegen on our way to Arnhem. As we cross the bridge in Nijmegen, we drive past the area that was known

as “The Island.” We go from here to the 1st British Airborne Museum in Oosterbeek, which is located in the house used by Field Marshal Walter Model during the battle. After our visit to the museum, we'll visit the small Commonwealth Cemetery in Oosterbeek. Finally we end our day at the John Frostburg Bridge: the “Bridge Too Far.” Here you will have time go get pictures and walk along the bridge. We do not have time to stop for lunch, so please bring a lunch with you. Bring euro for dinner and souvenirs. Remember to bring your passport. We recommend U.S. (blue), EC, or Canadian passports. Travel documents are the responsibility of the customer. This tour is not recommended for children under 11 due to distance involved and the amount of time on the bus. Handouts will not be provided for this tour. Please visit www.bobs-tours.com to download any documents you would like to bring with you. There will be a slideshow on the bus instead of the handouts. Tour price includes transportation, museum entrance fees, and a USO military history tour guide.

**Transportation:** German bus

**Depart:** Vogelweh Bowling Center 0430

**Return:** Approximately 2300

**Cost:** \$79

## Paris Dinner, City Tour, and Evening Boat Cruise Saturday, March 30

*Bonjour!* Join us on this express trip to Paris—a city of history, sights, and *Oui*, excitement! See such major tourist attractions as the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral, the Arch of Triumph, and much more as we spend the day sightseeing with time for shopping. We arrive mid-day and start out with a city tour where you'll see those famous tourist attractions. After some free time, we go for a unique dining experience; we'll head over to the Latin Quarter in the evening for an authentic five-course meal served in a historic atmosphere. You'll also marvel at the *City of Lights* on an evening boat cruise on the Seine River. Be sure to bring your camera because we make photo stops whenever we can. Please bring euro for personal expenses, i.e., shopping and lunch. We recommend U.S. (blue), EC, or Canadian passports. Travel documents are the responsibility of the customer. **Please, no children under eight years old.** Tour price includes transportation, city tour, dinner, boat ride, and a USO tour guide.

**Transportation:** German bus

**Depart:** Vogelweh Bowling Center 0400

**Return:** Approximately 0430 (SUN)

**Cost:** \$139

## Swiss Border Tour— Island of Mainau, Stein am Rhein, Schaffhausen Waterfalls Saturday, March 30

This tour is fun for all: On this tour, we see gorgeous flowers, stately trees, a glassy lake, a charming medieval town, and a thundering waterfall. After a very good breakfast (included), we begin our tour with a visit of the flower island of Mainau. The island is on Lake Constance bordering on Germany, Austria, and Switzerland. This picturesque island boasts Germany's largest butterfly house, tropical and semi-tropical vegetation, such as bananas, palm trees, bamboo, citrus fruits, and a luxuriant profusion of flowers. We continue our journey by crossing the border into Switzerland where we visit Stein am Rhein. This small city, now a magnet for tourists, was once an important Roman river harbor and during the Middle Ages enjoyed great privileges as the seat of an influential monastery. We will stroll through the center of Stein am Rhein and you can admire (and photograph) the colorful facades painted to show stories and legends of a great past. We then travel along the Rhine River to Schaffhausen which is the location of the most powerful waterfalls in Europe. Above the fall, the river is more than 500 feet wide. Rounding a deep curve, it narrows around rocks before taking a 70-foot plunge into a river basin. At the waterfalls, we take a small boat and go to the middle of the waterfall where you can climb a rock for a view and pictures. On our return trip, we stop for dinner (not included). Be sure you bring a camera and euro for personal expenses. In Switzerland, euro are generally accepted. **Please bring your US (blue), Canadian, or EC passports—they are mandatory.** Tour price includes transportation, breakfast, Mainau entrance, boat ride, and a USO tour guide.

**Transportation:** German bus

**Depart:** Vogelweh Bowling Center 0500

**Return:** Approximately 2330

**Cost:** \$99 Adults, \$89 Children



Germany's most powerful waterfall—the Rheinfall in Schaffhausen

# LRMC Staff Appreciation Day

On January 25, the USO partnered with Wounded Warrior Project (WWP) and the Red Cross to host the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center (LRMC) Staff Appreciation Day at Heaton Auditorium. The event consisted of a traditional German lunch buffet feeding more than 1270 hospital staff members. The Willy Pete Band entertained the staff and volunteers throughout the event with breaks for returning wounded warriors Joeseph Danes and Burness Britt to address the staff. They both spoke about their time at Landstuhl hospital after receiving injuries down-range in Iraq and Afghanistan and the wonderful care they received by the staff. After being fed lunch, hospital staff members were given “thank you bags” consisting of t-shirts, notepads, lanyards, and first aid kits before leaving the auditorium. It was great way to say thank you to the hospital staff members for all they do.

Photos by Brenda Popovitz





The USO would like to thank Volvo Car Corporation and Volvo dealerships for their continued support of the USO in Europe. In addition to receiving local support from Volvo dealerships for USO community events and center operations, USO executives and center directors receive Volvo fleet vehicles to support the execution of our many programs. Konrad Braun (left), USO Kaiserslautern Area Director receives keys from Ken Henderson, Capitol Motors General Manager.



On January 10, Chelsea James presented her lovely artwork to the customers at the Ramstein Passenger Terminal USO to “make them happy.”

AIC Luis Martinez and AIC Justin Eckelbarger of Ramstein 721 Aerial Port Squadron receive handmade custom travel pillows donated by Creative Hearts and Hands, an organization established in 2001 by Fellowship Presbyterian Church, Greensboro, NC, and surrounding communities. Since 2001, the organization has made and donated 23,790 pillows and other hand made items to troops and patients around the world.





Customers on the recent USO Strasbourg Christmas Market tour received a surprise from USO's Santa. They were refunded the price of the tour. Everyone who went on the tour got their money back. Each year, the USO secretly selects a tour that will be free to the customers. This is just one more way that the USO says thank you to all who support our programs, the troops, and the community.

Earl Milligan, LRM USO Center Manager, presents the LRM USO-sponsored New Year's Baby Gift Basket to CPT Bethany Gardner, Clinical Nurse OIC, LRM Mother Baby Unit. The gift basket was presented by the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center (LRMC) to the parents of the first baby born at LRM in 2013. Some of the basket contents are authentic items from Iceland such as a baby winter coat, a hat, scarf and mittens set, and stuffed toy animals. Other contents are baby Pampers, children DVDs, children DVD learning set, baby bottles, baby drinking cup, pacifiers, booties, baby cap, and baby spoons set. Several of the items were donated by the center manager's spouse who also prepared the gift basket.



What do you do with relatives visiting from the states? If you're USO Volunteer Coordinator Nicole Vogel, you take them to the USO Warrior Center and put them to work. On Christmas day, Nicole and her friends and family served a Christmas brunch to wounded warriors at the center. They served eggs, bacon, hash browns, pancakes, muffins, and assorted drinks. Pictured from L-R are: Hallie Ribelin, Melissa O'Reilly, Jeff Vogel, Nicole Vogel, Austin Ribelin, Cathy Vogel, Karl Vogel, and Brian O'Reilly.

# USO Volunteer of the Month

## *Sara Harrison*

Sara Harrison began volunteering at CASF USO the summer of 2010 and has enjoyed her time volunteering here ever since. Anyone who meets Sara, originally from Parker, Colorado, would agree that she is one of the most caring, thoughtful, and delightful individuals they have ever met. Sara loves volunteering at the CASF USO and is dedicated to the mission of lifting the spirits of our troops. When asked why she enjoys volunteering at CASF USO, Sara simply said that she loves giving back to those that have given so much. Sara volunteers regularly on Tuesday and Friday mornings, and the CASF USO staff always look forward to seeing her name appear on the volunteer schedule. During her shifts as a Patient Representative at the CASF USO, Sara assists with breakfasts, restocking snacks, preparing pillows and blankets for litter patients, packing lunches, cleaning the USO lounge after the wounded warriors have left, and engaging in conversation with troops as they await their departure to return to the United States. Sara does this all with a constant smile on her face. Sara and her husband also donated a Christmas tree to help bring holiday cheer to the patients during their time away from their loved ones. When Sara is not volunteering at the CASF USO, she enjoys running, knitting, traveling throughout Europe, and spending time her family. Thank you Sara for your continued support and dedication at the CASF USO.



## Thanks to great volunteers

### CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

[www.usovolunteer.org](http://www.usovolunteer.org)

The USO Warrior Center at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center is seeking volunteers to assist with its daily mission of providing a “Home Away from Home” to injured, wounded, and ill service members that are receiving medical care. Volunteers will support patrons with services and programs and will assist with administrative as well as housekeeping duties. Hands-on training will be provided on your first day. Various shifts are available throughout the day between 9:30 a.m.-11 p.m. The center is open 10 a.m.-11 p.m. on weekdays and 1-11 p.m. on weekends. If you are looking for a rewarding way to make a difference in your community, sign up today. Please create a volunteer profile at [www.usovolunteer.org](http://www.usovolunteer.org). Afterward, you will be contacted by our Volunteer Coordinator, Nicole Vogel. If you have any questions, please send an e-mail to [nvogel@uso.org](mailto:nvogel@uso.org).

# CASF happenings



USO volunteers, Marsha and Brent, assisted with serving a meal during a USO-sponsored dinner at the CASF USO.



On January 11, the Wounded Warrior Project hosted a farewell breakfast for 26 Wounded Warriors and deployed CASF staff.

The CASF USO is embedded within a medical facility on Ramstein AB. The mission of the CASF USO is to provide a "home away from home" for wounded service members who are staged within the facility as they transit back to the United States for further medical treatment. The CASF USO is open 24/7 for our wounded warriors and also serves as a welcomed respite spot for the CASF medical staff and personnel.

American Red Cross volunteers hosted a dinner for CASF staff and wounded warriors on January 14.



## CASF USO celebrates the holidays





# WC happenings

The USO Warrior Center is located at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center. Its mission is to enhance the quality of life of the wounded warriors and provide a "Home Away From Home" during their stay at the medical transient and to provide a place for the hospital staff to relax and decompress. The USO Warrior Center is open 365 days a year.



On January 22, the KMC Eagles Hockey Team hosted a dinner at the Warrior Center.



On January 2, the Wohltmann Family provided a wonderful dinner of tacos, salsa, and cake to more than 50 wounded warriors.



The USO Warrior Center celebrated Martin Luther King Day with dinner and movies.



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## MIXED BAG

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### FLEA MARKETS

**Bad Dürkheim**—Every Saturday on the Saline grounds.

**Baumholder**—Second Saturday of the month outside at the Weiherplatz by the lake.

**Cuijk**—Every Saturday indoor halls This is the Netherlands largest flea market.

**Homburg**—First Saturday of month, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., except in December, outdoors downtown.

**Frankfurt**—Every Saturday outdoors along Main River in Sachsenhausen across from Römerplatz.

**Kaiserslautern**—Every Saturday in the Pfalzcenter parking lot near Kleber Kaserne. Every Saturday in the Opel Parking Lot on the Opel Ring near Vogelweh.

**Kirn**—Open-air market downtown every first Monday of the month, specializing in clothes, fabrics, home and kitchen ware.

**Kusel**—Every third Thursday of the month on the Marktplatz downtown.

**Ludwigshafen-Oggersheim**—Every Saturday, noon-4 p.m. at Garten Dehner.

**Metz (Marché aux Puces)**—FEB 9 and 23 indoors in the *Parc des Expositions*, a large exposition hall, from 6 a.m. to noon; money exchange booth; free parking.

**Ramstein**—Every Friday and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Flohmarkthalle on Flurstr. 4.

**Speyer**—Every Wednesday and Friday from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at the DB Gelände on Burgstrasse.

**Strasbourg**—Every Saturday outdoors near the cathedral.

**Tongeren**—Every Sunday indoors and outdoors from 6 a.m. till 1 p.m.

### Concerts of the City of Kaiserslautern

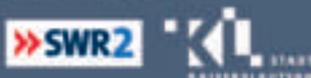


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The information listed here is provided by the Rheinland-Pfalz Tourist Office and other city and district administrative offices. The USO cannot be held responsible for the accuracy of this information. It's always best to call ahead to find out if an event is still scheduled for the date indicated.

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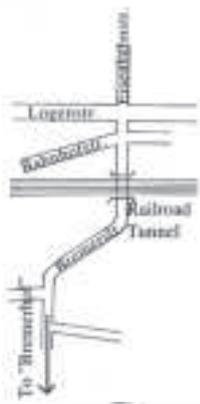


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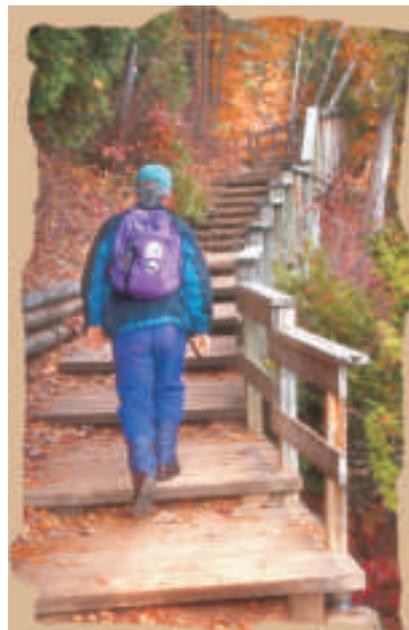


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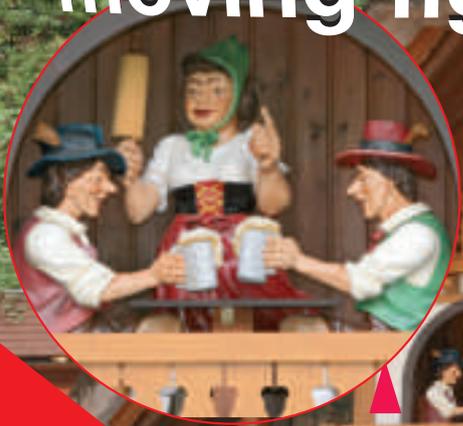
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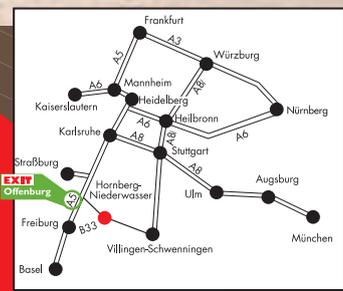
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