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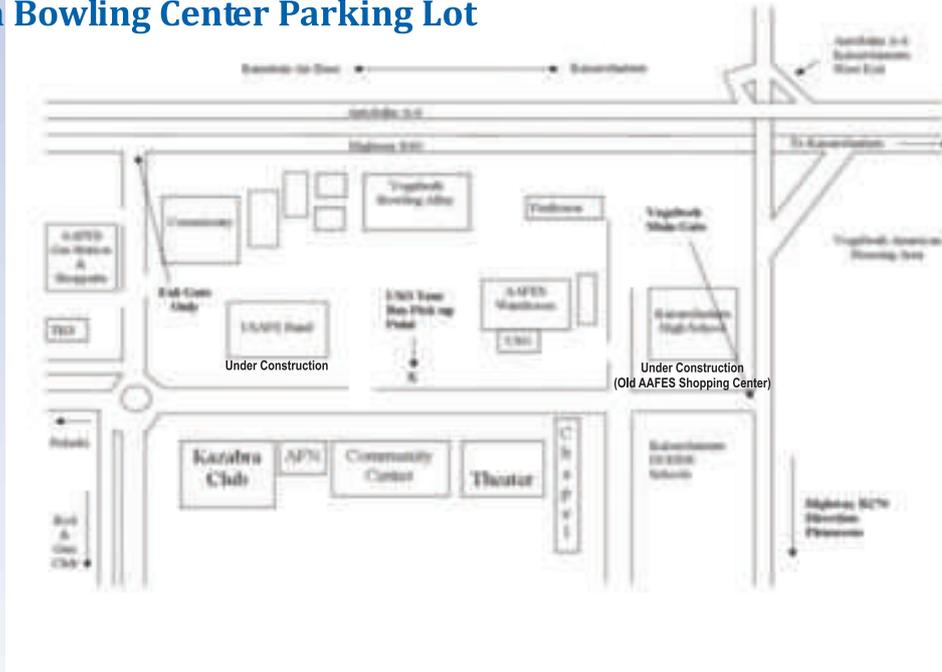
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USO Tour Pickup Point Vogelweh Bowling Center Parking Lot



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.

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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.

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

Restaurant Coupon Book - \$25
 Save money at local restaurants and spas.

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

Find your favorite USO cooking and baking class recipes on CD.

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Kaiserslautern USO offers ADAC auto club memberships

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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 Adults, \$45
 Children, \$40
- Holiday Park
 Adults & Children, \$30
 Children 85-100 cm tall, \$8
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 Adults & Children, \$35
 US Holiday Specials, \$30

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- 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.

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

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.

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.

INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELLATIONS: Inclement weather may cancel tours. 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.

OCTOBER

**Military History Tour—
Battle of Normandy
Three Overnights**
Thursday-Monday, October 4-8



**Sound of Music
Salzburg & Berchtesgaden
Two Overnights**
Friday-Sunday, October 5-7

**Learn to Ride the German Train—
DB Orientation & Evening in Neustadt
German Wine Harvest Festival**
Friday, October 5

Amsterdam City Tour
Saturday, October 6

Bavarian Fairy Tale Castles
Saturday, October 6

Bern, Switzerland, City Tour
Saturday, October 6

**Mosel Dinner & Wine Tasting
Bernkastel-Kues City Orientation**
Saturday, October 6

Paris Dinner, City Tour, & Evening Cruise
Saturday, October 6

**Chestnut Festival in Annweiler with
Trifels & Berwartstein Castles**
Sunday, October 7

**Learn to Ride the German Train—
DB Orientation & Trip to Speyer City &
Visit Sea Life, Technical Museum, or
IMAX Movie**
Monday, October 8

German Baking Class
Tuesday, October 9

German I Course Starts
Starts Wednesday, October 10

German Cooking Class
Thursday, October 11

**Learn to Ride the German Train—
DB Orientation & Trip to Heidelberg**
Saturday, October 13

A Day in the Black Forest
Saturday, October 13

**Military Heritage Tour—
Alsace-Moselle Memorial & Natzweiler-
Struthof Concentration Camp**
Saturday, October 13

**Saarbrücken City & Underground
Casemates, Traditional Meal & Beer
Tasting**
Saturday, October 13

Swiss Border Tour
Saturday, October 13

Ludwigsburg's Pumpkin Fest
Sunday, October 14

German Cooking Class
Tuesday, October 16

**Learn to Ride the German Train—
DB Orientation & Trip to Idar-Oberstein**
Wednesday, October 17

Brussels, Belgium, City Tour
Saturday, October 20

**Frankenstein Castle
Halloween Festival for Adults**
Saturday, October 20

Lucerne, Switzerland
Saturday, October 20

**Military Heritage Tour—
Bastogne & Battle of the Bulge**
Saturday, October 20

Munich City Tour & Dachau
Saturday, October 20

Paris Dinner, City Tour, & Evening Cruise
Saturday, October 20

Castles on the Mosel
Sunday, October 21

Rhine River Cruise
Sunday, October 21

**Learn to Ride the German Train—
DB Orientation & Trip to Wissembourg**
Tuesday, October 23

German Cooking Class
Tuesday, October 23

German Cooking Class
Thursday, October 25

Cochem Castle & Medieval Dinner
Saturday, October 27

**Learn to Ride the German Train—
DB Orientation & Trip to Trier**
Saturday, October 27

Innsbruck, Austria
Saturday, October 27

**Legoland Park, Germany
Halloween Festival**
Saturday, October 27

**Military Heritage Tour—
Nürnberg & the Third Reich**
Saturday, October 27

Strasbourg, France, City Tour
Saturday, October 27

**Frankenstein Castle
Halloween Festival
Family Day**
Sunday, October 28

German Cooking Class
Tuesday, October 30

NOVEMBER

Amsterdam City Tour
Saturday, November 3

Bern, Switzerland, City Tour
Saturday, November 3

**Frankenstein Castle
Halloween Festival for Adults**
Saturday, November 3

Cologne City Tour
Saturday, November 3

**Military Heritage Tour—
Wewelsburg Castle (Himmler's SS
Castle) & the Cult of Terror Center of
the SS**
Saturday, November 3

**Bernkastel Wine Fest & Fireworks
Mosel Diner & Wine Tasting**
Saturday, November 3

Paris Dinner, City Tour, & Evening Cruise
Saturday, November 3

**Learn to Ride the German Train—
DB Orientation & Trip to Trier**
Friday, November 9

Brussels, Belgium, City Tour
Saturday, November 10

**Learn to Ride the German Train—
DB Orientation & Trip to Heidelberg**
Saturday, November 10

**Luxembourg City, Auchan Mall, & the
American Military Cemetery**
Saturday, November 10

**Military Heritage Tour—
Veterans Day Special
Bastogne & Battle of the Bulge**
Saturday, November 10

**Munich City Tour
Dachau Concentration Camp**
Saturday, November 10

**Veterans Day Special—
Mainz & the Kupferberg Champagne
Cellars**
Sunday, November 11

**Learn to Ride the German Train—
DB Orientation & Trip to Speyer**
Monday, November 12

Paris Fast Train
Monday, November 12

German Baking Class
Tuesday, November 13

German II Course Starts
Starts Wednesday, November 14

**Black Forest Cuckoo Clock Shopping
& Museum**
Saturday, November 17

Brugge, Belgium
Saturday, November 17

Innsbruck, Austria
Saturday, November 17

Rothenburg Medieval City
Saturday, November 17

Strasbourg, France
Saturday, November 17

**An Evening at the Theater—
Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol"**
Sunday, November 18

German Cooking Class
Tuesday, November 20

**Thanksgiving Special—
Three Nights in London**
Wednesday-Monday, November 21-26

**Medieval Thanksgiving Dinner at
Cochem Castle**
Thursday, November 22

Valkenburg Caves Christmas Market
Friday, November 23

Bavarian Fairy Tale Castles
Saturday, November 24

Europa Park at Christmas
Saturday, November 24

Paris Dinner, City Tour, & Evening Cruise
Saturday, November 24

**Learn to Ride the German Train—
DB Orientation & Trip to Wissembourg**
Tuesday, November 27

German Baking Class
Tuesday, November 27

IMPORTANT REMINDER



Our busiest tour
season is about
to become VERY
busy. To secure
your seat, it's wise
to sign-up early!

OCTOBER

Military Heritage Tour— Battle of Normandy Three Overnights Thursday-Monday, October 4-8

Join us for a memorable three-overnight tour to the Normandy D-Day coast. We'll visit places that featured prominently in the historical accounts of the battle, and many of the museums and memorials dedicated to the valiant men and women of the Allied Expeditionary Force. We'll visit the landing beaches of Utah and Omaha, the American Cemetery at Colleville-sur-Mer, the Pointe du Hoc, Arrromanches Landing Operation Museum, the II Museum, and the Utah Veterans Memorial as well as other sites. We'll visit the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial for children 11 and under due to the long trip and the ambitious itinerary. We will not have time to stop for lunch so please bring a bag lunch for the first day. Tour price includes transportation, three overnights in the historic city of Caen, that took the British two months to capture, with breakfast, all entrance fees, and the services of an experienced USO military history tour guide.

Transportation: German bus
Depart: Vogelweh Bowling Center 2230 (THU)
Return: Approximately 2000 (MON)
Cost: \$589 (based on double occupancy)
Single Supplement: \$180 (Must be paid at time of booking and will be refunded if share basis is possible)

Sound of Music Salzburg and Berchtesgaden Two Overnights Friday-Sunday, October 5-7

Experience the magic and beauty of Salzburg and Berchtesgaden and surrounding Bavarian Alps. This season, our popular "Sound of Music" tour has been extended to two overnights. Since it was released in 1965, "Sound of Music" has been one of America's all-time favorite films. We'll visit the grounds of Hellbrunn Palace where the gazebo scene was filmed, view the Von Trapp movie home, stand at the lake where the Von Trapp children fell into the water, skip (if you are so inclined) up the pathway as Maria did, march down the aisle of Maria and Captain Von Trapp's wedding church at Mondsee, explore the grounds of Leopoldskron, and drive through the idyllic, beautiful Salzkammergut. After our "Sound of Music" tour, you can explore the sights, sounds, and culinary delights of Salzburg. In Mozart's hometown, you can visit his birth house, the house where he lived (now a museum of his life), and roam the charming streets and alleyways where he once did. Even without Mozart and "Sound of Music," Salzburg has much to offer in its beautiful plazas and churches, Baroque architecture, and Hohensalzburg Fortress—and, of course, shops, restaurants, and coffee houses. If you are interested, our guide can help you with evening concert tickets or dinner/Mozart music performance. After two overnights in a charming 4-star inn in the center of Salzburg, we'll travel the spectacular Rossfeld Panoramastrasse (weather permitting) to the resort town of Berchtesgaden, where a local guide will provide a tour of this beautiful village and environs. After our

guided tour, you'll have a little time to wander the grounds around Königsee. Our swan song will be a tour in the famous Berchtesgaden salt mines, a unique experience indeed. Please bring your U.S. (blue) or EC passports. They are mandatory. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Tour price includes transportation, two overnights in a 4-star hotel, breakfast, "Sound of Music" tour, guided tour in Berchtesgaden, tour in the salt mines, and a USO tour guide.

Transportation: German bus
Depart: Vogelweh Bowling Center 0100 (FRI)
Return: Approximately 2300 (SUN)
Cost: \$349 Adults, \$339 Children (based on double occupancy)
Single Supplement: \$120 (Must be paid at time of booking and will be refunded if share basis is possible)

Learn to Ride the German Trains— DB Orientation and Evening in Neustadt on the German Wine Road German Wine Harvest Festival and Wine Village Friday, October 5

SPECIAL Based on popular demand, we have found another charming destination for an evening train tour. Receive an overview briefing on the train system and take a trip to the city of Neustadt and return. You'll be accompanied by a USO escort, but you can gain first hand experience purchasing tickets and riding the trains. Come learn about the many specials the DB has to offer, for example: weekend tickets, family tickets, city specials, and much more. Neustadt is a quaint town on the German Wine Road and has a pedestrian zone conveniently located across from the train station. This week, Neustadt is celebrating its annual wine harvest festival and there will be a wine village—the Haiselscher—set up in the city. We'll have a guided tour of this famous wine town and plenty of time to have dinner in one of the many charming restaurants around the town square. You can try some of the local specialties and even some of the local wines (not included) before we return via train to Landstuhl. Price includes train tickets, city tour, and a USO escort. Bring euro for shopping and dinner. Group size is limited so sign up early!

Transportation: German rail
Depart: Meet at Kaiserslautern HBF main lobby 1530
Return: Approximately 2200
Cost: \$29

Amsterdam City Tour Saturday, October 6

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 advanced 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

Bavarian Fairy Tale Castles— Hohenschwangau and Neuschwanstein Saturday, October 6

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 0100 (SUN)
Cost: \$105 Adults, \$95 Children

Bern, Switzerland Saturday, October 6

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

Mosel Dinner and Wine Tasting Bernkastel-Kues City Orientation Saturday, October 6

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

Paris Dinner, City Tour, and Evening Boat Cruise Saturday, October 6

Bonjour! Join us on this express trip to Paris—a city of such history, sights, and *Oui*, such 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

Chestnut Festival in Annweiler with Trifels and Berwartstein Castles Sunday, October 7

SPECIAL

Come with the USO as we explore two exciting landmarks right in our own backyard—the Trifels Castle and Castle Berwartstein. In Annweiler, the charming town at the foot of the Trifels Castle, its citizens will be celebrating the chestnut. Locally harvested edible chestnuts are transformed into delicacies that you will be able to try: chestnut bread, chestnut soup, chestnut sausage, chestnut noodles, and honey, marmalade, and waffles with chestnut cream. There will

even be chestnut beer and liquor to try. Other seasonal specialties of the region will be available to savor as well. Don't miss the traditional new wine and onion cake. Of course, you will be able to purchase fall crafts and decorations. The castle Trifels was first mentioned in the year 1081, and was one of the imperial castles of Frederick Barbarossa, and once secured the imperial properties in the Palatinate Forest. Visible from afar, the castle was a mighty landmark of the imperial power. It was the scene of many of the finest festivities of the times. One of the most important individuals of the Middle Ages was held prisoner in the Trifels Castle for almost one year. King Richard the Lion Heart of England was held in captivity by the Holy Roman Emperor Henry VI, until a ransom was paid for his release. After the festivities in Annweiler, we'll visit the castle Berwartstein, another stronghold of the Hohenstaufen dynasty. We'll see the underground tunnels and can climb the highest tower. Come hear the exciting history of this castle, which was once occupied by robber knights. Some even think the castle ghost, *The White Lady*, still haunts the passageways. Join us on this special tour. The walk to Trifels castle is long. Tour price includes bus transportation, entrance to both castles, and a USO tour guide.

Transportation: German bus
Depart: Vogelweh Bowling Center 0800
Return: Approximately 1830
Cost: \$59 Adults, \$49 Children

Learn to Ride the German Trains— DB Orientation and Trip to Speyer and Visit Sea Life, the Technical Museum, or IMAX Movie Monday, October 8

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 Baking Class Tuesday, October 9

Ever wondered how those beautiful German cakes are made? Well, now is your chance to learn. 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.

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

German I Course Evening Class Starts Wednesday, October 10

Are you new to Germany and want to communicate with the local folks? Let the USO help you with a special basic German course. This course for beginners 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. Sign up now; class size is limited. This class is for adults only; please, no children under 11.

Dates: OCT 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29, 31, NOV 5
Times: 1830-2030
Place: Landstuhl Education Center bldg. 3701, room 203
Cost: \$65 with book, \$55 without book

German Cooking Class Special Hands-On Class Recipes with Pumpkin Thursday, October 11

It's pumpkin season! Do you enjoy German food? Would you like to learn how to prepare some traditional dishes prepared with pumpkin? Then sign up for this special USO class. This class will feature popular pumpkin recipes, such as pumpkin soup, a pumpkin casserole and more. We'll teach you how to do all of this in a three-hour session. 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. USO will supply all the ingredients. Please note that class is a hands-on class. Participation is limited so sign up now for this USO class. Bring your cameras and your appetite. This class is for adults only; please, no children under 12. This class will feature the same recipes as the October 16 morning class.

Time: 1800-2100
Place: Kapaun Chapel Annex
Cost: \$25

Learn to Ride the German Train— DB Orientation and Trip to Heidelberg Saturday, October 13

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 firsthand 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 walk up 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

A Day in the Black Forest— Beekeeper, Woodcarver, Farm Estate, and Cuckoo Clock Shopping Saturday, October 13

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

Military Heritage Tour— Mémorial de l'Alsace-Moselle and Natzweiler-Struthof Concentration Camp Saturday, October 13

Join us for this new tour to the Mémorial de l'Alsace-Moselle in Schirmeck, France and the Natzweiler Struthof Concentration Camp. We begin our tour in Schirmeck to visit the impressive memorial there. This memorial and museum tells the turbulent history of the region starting with the Franco/Prussian War of 1870-1871. An audio guide will lead you through each room of the museum pointing out important displays. There are copies of official documents to help present the information. The largest part of the museum is dedicated to World War II using displays and dioramas. This is a must see for anyone interested in the history of one of the most fought over areas in Europe and how changing between French and German control affected the people in this region. Next we travel to the Natzweiler-Struthof Concentration Camp which is located just across the valley. Four of the original buildings are left, as well as the guard towers around the perimeter of the camp. There is a memorial to those who were interned and those who died here on the hill above the camp. There is also a cemetery next to the memorial. This was the only Nazi run concentration camp in France. It was used almost exclusively for resistance members. The prisoners were known as deportees because they were shipped in from all over Europe. The room where both Nazi doctors and doctors from the nearby Strasburg University used to perform medical experiments on the inmates is still intact. You will also be able to visit the crematorium. There will be time to visit the gas chamber which is located just outside the camp. The opening hours change so you may have to walk to the gas chamber but it's only about 10 minutes from the camp. You will walk the route taken by the inmates as they went to their death. Many times, the inmates were told the day prior that they would die the next day. There is a lot of walking involved and a steep climb from the lower portion of the camp back to the entrance so please wear comfortable walking shoes. The operators of the Natzweiler-Struthof do not recommend this tour for anyone under 10 years old because of the graphic and disturbing nature of some of the films and exhibitions. Children and teenagers are required to be under direct supervision of an adult at all times. We will not be able

to stop for meals so plan accordingly. There is a small area at both stops with tables where you can sit down to eat. The seating area at the camp has vending machines with drinks and snacks. Please remember to bring euro for snacks (change) and souvenirs. Handouts will not be provided for this tour. Please go to www.bobs-tours.com to download any documents you would like to bring with you. A slideshow will be presented on the bus and there will be a copy in several formats for you to follow along on your portable device during the presentation. We recommend U.S. (blue), EC, or Canadian passports. Travel documents are the responsibility of the customer. Tour price includes transportation, museum fees, and a USO military tour guide.

Transportation: German bus
Depart: Vogelweh 0630
Return: Approximately 2200
Cost: \$89

Saarbrücken City and Underground Casemates Traditional Meal and Beer Tasting Saturday, October 13

Looking for something special to do this weekend without spending hours on the road? Come with us on this unique tour to Saarbrücken. We'll take you to the city of Saarbrücken, capital of the German State of Saarland, located on the Saar River. Being near the French border, Saarbrücken has a lot of French flair, evident in their cuisine, but moreover in their lifestyle. Fortunately, the German brew has prevailed, and you will have a chance to taste some of the local beer at the oldest family owned micro brewery in the Saarland. Saarbrücken's history spans more than 1,000 years, with it frequently changing hands between France and Germany over the last 200 years. Above ground, we'll see the beautiful baroque architecture of the palace and churches, but underground we can explore the medieval and renaissance fortifications and casemates of the city. Our local expert will provide in-depth information about Saarbrücken's past and present. The city's new mall, the Europa Gallery, and its wonderful pedestrian zone that includes major department stores and unique boutiques, as well as a Villeroy & Boch outlet store will offer something for shoppers. Not far from Saarbrücken are battlefields of Spichem, scene of bloody fighting during the Franco Prussian war of 1870-1871. We will visit a World War II memorial dedicated to the US Army who liberated Spichem in February 1945. Our guide will tell us about the Patton ties to the Saarland, as well as the many "American Traces" in the area. Since we will be in France for a portion of the day, passports are recommended. We'll make a brief stop at a French grocery store so you can take the opportunity to stock up on cheese, wine, and other French specialties. In Saarbrücken, you will have free time for exploring additional sites and museums, shopping, or relaxing along the river. Bring euro for shopping and snacks; lunch meal is included. Group size is limited so sign up early. Tour price includes bus transportation, entrance to the casemates and Saarland's Treasury, city tour with a local guide, traditional meal, sample of locally brewed beer (or alternate beverage), and a USO escort.

Transportation: German bus
Depart: Vogelweh Bowling Center 0830
Return: Approximately 2030
Cost: Adults \$69, Children \$59

Swiss Border Tour— Island of Mainau, Stein am Rhein, Schaffhausen Waterfalls Saturday, October 13

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

Ludwigsburg's Pumpkin Fest Sunday, October 14

SPECIAL If you have a soft spot for pumpkins, then the Pumpkin Exhibition (Kurbis Fest) at Ludwigsburg's Blühendes Barock Garden provides 500,000 of them. Believe it or not, there are more than 450 pumpkin varieties and you'll find them all here. The pumpkins form impressive displays, often depicting animals or other creations that are always a big hit with kids and adults. See pumpkin sculptures, pumpkin fountains, pumpkins big enough for Peter-Peter Pumpkin Eater's wife to live in. Enjoy strolling through the palace gardens with all the colors of autumn brightly displayed all around. Be sure to bring euro so you can try some pumpkin soup, pumpkin spaghetti, pumpkin wine, or any other variety of pumpkin delights for lunch. After strolling through the pumpkin exhibit, you may want to take the kids on a walk through the Fairy Tale Park. There are boat rides through the belly of Monstro the Whale where you can see Pinocchio as a puppet-boy. Perhaps you might want to take a train ride through the forest where Little Red Riding Hood met the Big Bad Wolf. You might even want to relax and watch fairy tale films presented in an open air theatre (all presented in German). Some rides cost a few euro, but most are included in the entrance fee. You may want to finish the day by making a pumpkin purchase, but remember

there are many varieties, sizes, and shapes to choose from, so plan your time accordingly. Tour price include transportation, entrance to the palace and garden, fest, and Fairy Tale Park, and a USO tour guide.

Transportation: German bus
Depart: Vogelweh Bowling Center 0830
Return: Approximately 2100
Cost: \$69 Adults, \$59 Children

German Cooking Class Special Hands-On Class Recipes with Pumpkin Tuesday, October 16

It's pumpkin season! Do you enjoy German food? Would you like to learn how to prepare some traditional dishes prepared with pumpkin? Then sign up for this special USO class. This class will feature popular pumpkin recipes, such as pumpkin soup, a pumpkin casserole, and more. We'll teach you how to do all of this in a three-hour session. 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. USO will supply all the ingredients. Please note that class is a hands-on class. Participation is limited so sign up now for this USO class. Bring your cameras and your appetite. This class is for adults only; please, no children under 12. This class will feature the same recipes as the 11 October evening class.

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

Learn to Ride the German Train— DB Orientation and Trip to Idar- Oberstein on the German Gem Road Wednesday, October 17

Learn about German trains with the USO on our train orientation. Tour the Kaiserslautern train station, receive an overview briefing on the train system, and take a trip to the town of Idar-Oberstein and return. You'll be accompanied by a USO escort, but you will do the work and 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 more. On this special day trip, we'll travel to the twin cities of Idar and Oberstein on the German Gem Road. In addition to its gem mines and jewelry artists, Idar-Oberstein is famous for its "Church in the Rocks" or Felsenkirche which was built into a massive rock over 165 feet above the ground. Come and hear the legend of the chapel. During your free time, you can shop in the town, have lunch, and visit one of the museums (not included). Bring euro for shopping, lunch, and museum visits. Tour price includes train transportation, train orientation, gem demonstration, and a USO tour guide.

Transportation: German train
Depart: Meet at Kaiserslautern HBF main lobby 0830
Return: Approximately 1730
Cost: \$35 Adults, \$29 Children

Brussels, Belgium, City Tour Saturday, October 20

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

Frankenstein Castle Halloween Festival for Adults Saturday, October 20

SPECIAL If you love to be frightened, then don't miss the annual Halloween festivities at Frankenstein Castle near Darmstadt. Of course, it really wouldn't be Halloween without a haunted castle. You'll be able to walk through the Frankenstein Castle and see all kinds of horrific monsters, vampires, werewolves, and ghosts. In each room of the castle ruins, there will be different scenes of the macabre. Be sure to bring a friend; after all, you never know what comes out after dark on Halloween. **This tour is not recommended for children.** Be sure to bring euro for food and drinks, and dress for the weather. Tour price includes transportation, haunted castle entrance, and a USO tour guide.

Transportation: German bus
Depart: Vogelweh Bowling Center 1630
Return: Approximately 0100 (SUN)
Cost: \$79

Lucerne, Switzerland, City Tour Saturday, October 20

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— Bastogne and the Battle of the Bulge The Band of Brothers Saturday, October 20

It was the Band of Brothers, the Screaming Eagles, and the incredible defense by thousands of cold, brave young men. It was the Battle for Bastogne. Our tour will take us to the area around and in the city of Bastogne. We'll see the actual battlefield sites and get briefings on the action and personalities involved. We start our tour at the American Cemetery in Luxembourg where General Patton is buried. We'll then visit the German cemetery in Sandweiler just down the road. From there, we'll travel to Diekirch to visit one of the most complete museums dedicated to the battle. Next, we travel to Clervaux where a regimental commander was almost captured. We'll stop here to see the GI Memorial and for lunch. You will have time to visit the small but interesting museum in the castle there (not included). After lunch (not included), we follow the attack route of the 5th Panzer Armee to Bastogne. You will be briefed on key aspects along the route. We'll visit the memorial dedicated to Easy Company, then will see the actual foxholes of E Company. On the way to Foy, we'll pass by the house where Shift Powers killed the sniper depicted in the mini-series. The attack route of Easy Company will be pointed out as well as the attack route of 3rd Battalion which came in from the Bastogne-Foy Road side of the town. Then we'll follow the attack into Foy and then on to Cobru and finally Noville. On the way, we'll stop at the memorial marking the location of the temporary American cemetery. Next, we'll visit the Mardasson Memorial dedicated to all the brave individuals who fought in the battle and we'll see the Landing Eagle Memorial dedicated to the men of the 101st Airborne. Finally, we'll visit the "Nuts Cave," Gen McAuliffe's command post, on Heinz Barracks. The drop zone for the "Filthy 13," dropped as pathfinders, will be pointed out as well as the landing zone where gliders brought much needed supplies into Bastogne. We'll end the day in Bastogne with free time to sightsee, shop, and for dinner. You will see McAuliffe Square and have an opportunity to see the memorial to General Patton and the plaque dedicated to the Belgian nurse Renee Lemarie. Please wear comfortable walking shoes and don't forget to bring euro for lunch, dinner, and souvenirs. Handouts will not be provided for the tour. The information is available at www.bobs-tours.com. Here you will find all the information that would be included in the handouts and more. Remember to print the cemetery diagrams showing the location of the Easy Company graves if you would like to visit the graves. We recommend U.S. (blue), EC, or Canadian passports. Travel documents are the responsibility of the customer. Tour price includes transportation, entry fees and the services of a USO military history tour guide.

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

Munich City Tour Dachau Concentration Camp Saturday, October 20

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

Paris Dinner, City Tour, and Evening Boat Cruise Saturday, October 20

Bonjour! Join us on this express trip to Paris—a city of such history, sights, and *Oui*, such 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

Castles on the Mosel— Burg Eltz, Cochem Castle, and Mosel Wine Tasting Sunday, October 21

If you love castles, then join us on our tour to two of the most impressive castles in Germany. Eltz is one of the few castles of its kind that was never destroyed in battle. We'll tour the interior, which houses an armory and treasury as well as lavishly furnished apartments with antique furniture and exquisitely painted paneling. Burg Eltz was founded in the 12th century by the noble family of Eltz, and is still in the possession of the Eltz family today. After our morning at Burg Eltz, we'll travel along the Mosel River and visit the medieval town of Cochem where there will be time for lunch (not included) and shopping before our afternoon visit of the Cochem Castle. The Reichsburg Cochem, or Imperial Castle, has a history spanning more than 1,000 years. From Cochem, we'll continue

our journey along the Mosel and the town of Briedel where we'll taste some of the fine Mosel wines at a family owned winery. Bread and cheese are provided with the wine. You'll have the opportunity to buy what you like. The vintner accepts euro and U.S. dollars, but not credit cards, VAT forms, or checks. Wear comfortable shoes for the walk to the castle (Cochem Castle walk is steep!), and bring euro for lunch and shopping. Tour price includes transportation, entrance to both castles, wine probe with souvenir glass (glass not included for children), and USO tour guide.

Transportation: German bus
Depart: Vogelweh Bowling Center 0700
Return: Approximately 2230
Cost: \$69 Adults, \$59 Children

Rhine River Cruise— Burg Rheinstein, Rhein Cruise, Lunch, Wine Tasting, and Rüdesheim am Rhein Shopping Sunday, October 21

Would you like to spend an enjoyable day along the Rhine River? Then come with the USO by bus to Burg Rheinstein, which was built in the 10th century, destroyed, and rebuilt many times. From there, you have a spectacular view of the Rhine valley. Then we will go to the picturesque little town of St. Goar where we will board a ship for a two-hour cruise on the most beautiful part of the Rhine. Our bus will pick us up at the town of Assmannshausen, known for red wine, and take us up the river where we will enjoy a German lunch followed by a wine tasting (included). Of course, you can purchase the wines you sample if you like. Before returning, we will visit Rüdesheim, a famous tourist spot on the Rhine River where you can shop, sightsee, or just enjoy the scenery. Be sure to bring euro for snacks, beverages during the lunch meal, and other purchases. The vintner does not accept dollars or credit cards. **There is steep uphill walking to the castle.** Tour price includes transportation, entrance to the castle, river cruise, lunch, wine tasting, and USO tour guide.

Transportation: German bus
Depart: Vogelweh Bowling Center 0730
Return: Approximately 2000
Cost: \$89 Adults, \$79 Children

Learn to Ride the German Train— DB Orientation and Trip to Wissembourg, France Tuesday, October 23

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

German Cooking Class Special Flammkuchen Class Tuesday, October 23

Do you enjoy German food? Would you like to learn how to prepare popular German cuisine? Then sign up for this USO class. In a three-hour session, we'll teach you how to prepare Flammkuchen. Originating in the Alsatian region of France, Flammkuchen has become very popular in Germany, and we have had many requests for a special Flammkuchen class. Please bring a cutting and paring knife. **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. 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. This class will feature the same recipes as the October 25 evening class.

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

German Cooking Class Special Flammkuchen Class Thursday, October 25

Do you enjoy German food? Would you like to learn how to prepare popular German cuisine? Then sign up for this USO class. In a three-hour session, we'll teach you how to prepare Flammkuchen. Originating in the Alsatian region of France, Flammkuchen has become very popular in Germany, and we have had many requests for a special Flammkuchen class. Please bring a cutting and paring knife. **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. 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. This class will feature the same recipes as the October 23 morning class.

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

Cochem Castle and Medieval Dinner Saturday, October 27

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

Learn to Ride the German Train— DB Orientation and Trip to Trier Saturday, October 27

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 firsthand 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. 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 transportation, city tour, and USO tour guide.

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

Innsbruck, Austria City Tour and Crystal Shopping Saturday, October 27

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

Legoland Park, Germany Saturday, October 27

SPECIAL Here's some creepy fun for the whole family: Halloween at Legoland. Put in your vampire fangs, apply some spooky makeup, and join us for this scare in the park adventure. In addition to the regular Legoland activities, the gruesomely decorated Halloween Land in the Land of the Knights will open its doors for some really spooky adventures. Visit the dark Scare House where you never know who or what is lurking behind the next corner. Or why don't you instead strike fear into the hearts of others. Tricks or treats are in store for little Halloween fans in the Trick-or-Treat house on the Burgbühne stage, and Tobi's horror show at the weekends will certainly give you the creeps. Tour price includes transportation, entrance fee, a meal voucher for lunch, and USO tour guide.

Transportation: German bus
Depart: Vogelweh Bowling Center 0630
Return: Approximately 2230
Cost: \$89 Adults, \$79 Children, \$25 Children under 3

Military Heritage Tour— Nürnberg and the Third Reich Saturday, October 27

Hitler and his paladins selected the old imperial city of Nürnberg to become the party center and the setting for their pageantry during the party rallies that were held every September from 1934 until 1938. These gatherings were pompous spectacles, theatrical demonstrations of every branch of the National Socialist Party hierarchy. They were held at a site of colossal dimensions planned and built by Hitler's personal friend and favorite architect Albert Speer. This tour takes you to the relics of the staged presentations and to a documentation center presenting an in-depth portrait of this period of German history. There is also some free time in the historic center of Nürnberg which has been rebuilt in the original style after having been largely destroyed in World War II, and you can admire the art works of acclaimed painters, sculptors, and bronze casters from the Middle Ages who embellished the former "Imperial City." Prior to our return drive, we'll see the court room where the Nürnberg Tribunal was held. There is a lot of walking so wear comfortable walking shoes and adequate clothing, and bring euro for lunch and personal expenses. Tour price includes transportation, entrance fees to the documentation center and the court house, and a USO military history guide. **Note: This tour includes a visit to Court House where the Nürnberg Tribunal was held.**

Transportation: German bus
Depart: Vogelweh Bowling Center 0600
Return: Approximately 2230
Cost: \$79

Strasbourg, France, City Tour Saturday, October 27

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

Frankenstein Castle Halloween Festival Family Day Sunday, October 28

SPECIAL If you love to be frightened, then don't miss the annual Halloween festivities at Frankenstein Castle near Darmstadt. Of course, it really wouldn't be Halloween without a haunted castle. You'll be able to walk through the Frankenstein Castle and see all kinds of horrific monsters, vampires, werewolves, and ghosts. In each room of the castle ruins, there will be different scenes of the macabre. Be sure to bring a friend; after all, you never know what comes out after dark on Halloween. This day is especially designed for spooky family fun. Please note, though, that children under 6 years old are not recommended due to the scary nature of this event. No strollers please. Be sure to bring euro for food and drinks, and dress for the weather. Tour price includes transportation, haunted castle entrance, and a USO tour guide.

Transportation: German bus
Depart: Vogelweh Bowling Center 1200
Return: Approximately 1900
Cost: \$69 Adults, \$59 Children

German Cooking Class Tuesday, October 30

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.

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

NOVEMBER

Amsterdam City Tour Saturday, November 3

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 advanced 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, November 3

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

Frankenstein Castle Halloween Festival for Adults Saturday, November 3

SPECIAL If you love to be frightened, then don't miss the annual Halloween festivities at Frankenstein Castle near Darmstadt. Of course, it really wouldn't be Halloween without a haunted castle. You'll be able to walk through the Frankenstein Castle and see all kinds of horrific monsters, vampires, werewolves, and ghosts. In each room of the castle ruins, there will be different scenes of the macabre. Be sure to bring a friend; after all, you never know what comes out after dark on Halloween. **This tour is not recommended for children.** Be sure to bring euro for food and drinks, and dress for the weather. Tour price includes transportation, haunted castle entrance, and a USO tour guide.

Transportation: German bus
Depart: Vogelweh Bowling Center 1630
Return: Approximately 0100 (SUN)
Cost: \$79

Cologne City Tour Saturday, November 3

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

Military Heritage Tour— Wewelsburg Castle (Himmler's SS Castle) and the Cult and Terror Center of the SS Saturday, November 3

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, November 3

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

Paris Dinner, City Tour, and Evening Boat Cruise Saturday, November 3

Bonjour! Join us on this express trip to Paris—a city of such history, sights, and *Oui*, such 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 Trier Friday, November 9

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

Brussels, Belgium, City Tour Saturday, November 10

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

Learn to Ride the German Train— DB Orientation and Trip to Heidelberg Saturday, November 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 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

Luxembourg City, Auchan Mall, and the American Military Cemetery Saturday, November 10

Luxembourg City, the capital of the Grand Duchy, will be delighted to welcome you! The “biggest little city” or the “smallest cosmopolitan city” presents itself at first glance as a dynamic, progressive, and modern city. Luxembourg is the banking center for Europe. Yet, Luxembourg has a lot more to offer than merely financial bastions. Being situated between the dominant countries in Europe, Luxembourg has been on the crossroads of power and trade, and was therefore for centuries the pawn of power play, overrun and ruled by foreign powers. Left are the relics and ruins of centuries of a power struggle which had all countries in Europe involved. In the center of Luxembourg there is a natural ravine, and in the casemates inside the rocks people sought shelter from cannon or gun fire, and even from bombing in the two world wars. Because of this natural phenomenon, Luxembourg has been called the “Gibraltar of the North” and has been adopted into the UNESCO World Heritage Program. We will start our Luxembourg tour with a visit to the U.S. Military Cemetery where General Patton is buried, followed by a city tour where we will have a short windshield tour, and then a walking tour. We will visit the ravine and the casemates, we will go inside the stunning cathedral, walk over Place Guillaume where the market is held, stop in front of the Ducal Palace and Parliament, march on to the Theater Square, and to the Place d’Armes. There will be free time for lunch, shopping, or a visit to one of the many museums. Before our return travel, we’ll stop at a Luxembourg Shopping Mall. Bring euro for food, souvenirs, or shopping. Wear adequate clothing and good walking shoes. Because of narrow streets and alleys and cobblestones, this tour is not stroller friendly. 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 2000
Cost: \$69 Adults, \$59 Children

Military Heritage Tour— Veterans Day Special Bastogne and the Battle of the Bulge The Band of Brothers Saturday, November 10

Join us for this special Veterans Day tour to Bastogne. Our tour takes us to the area around and in the city of Bastogne where thousands of brave men from the 101st Airborne, 10th Armored Division, and other units fought against all odds to hold the city. We’ll start at the American Cemetery in Luxembourg where General Patton is buried. During our visit, we’ll experience the special Veterans Day ceremonies commemorating the brave men who fought. We’ll then travel to Bastogne to the newly opened museum dedicated to the 101st Airborne, considered to be one of the best museums in Belgium. Next, we’ll visit the Nuts Cave, General McAuliffe’s command post, the site of the most famous reply to a surrender request in history—“Nuts!” The drop zone for the “Filthy 13” will be pointed out as well as the landing zone where gliders brought much needed supplies into Bastogne. Our tour continues with a visit to the Mardasson Memorial, dedicated to all the brave individuals who fought in the battle. Here you’ll see the Landing Eagle Memorial dedicated to

the men of the 101st Airborne. If both time and daylight permit, we’ll visit the Easy Company Memorial and foxholes. We’ll end the day in Bastogne with free time to sightsee, shop, and for dinner (not included). You’ll see Mc Auliffe Square and have an opportunity to visit the memorial dedicated to General Patton and the plaque dedicated to the Belgian nurse Renee Lemarie. Please bring something for lunch because our schedule does not permit time to stop. Also remember to wear comfortable walking shoes and don’t forget to bring euro for dinner and souvenirs. We recommend U.S. (blue), EC, or Canadian passports. Travel documents are the responsibility of the customer. Tour price includes transportation, entry fees, and an experienced USO military history tour guide.

Transportation: German bus
Depart: Vogelweh Bowling Center 0730
Return: Approximately 2230
Cost: \$69

Munich City Tour Dachau Concentration Camp Saturday, November 10

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

Veterans Day Special— Mainz and the Kupferberg Champagne Cellars Sunday, November 11

SPECIAL Mainz, the capital of the German state of Rhineland-Pfalz, is the home of Europe’s first printing press and the famous Gutenberg Bible, which was printed in the 15th century. Strategically located at the junction of the Rhine and Main rivers, Mainz was the headquarters of the Roman envoy for the upper German territories, and home to church and political leaders over the centuries. Our guided tour of the city will include such sites as the Cathedral, St. Stephen’s church with the unique Chagall stained glass windows, and the Gutenberg Museum, where an original Gutenberg Bible is on display. Also, the Fasching (Carnival) season officially begins on November 11 at

11:11 a.m. in Germany, and Mainz will be celebrating opening ceremonies. After free time for lunch (not included), shopping, and exploring this beautiful city, we’ll visit the world famous Kupferberg Sekt (Champagne) cellars. These are the deepest wine cellars in the world, originally built by the Romans in the first century A.D. A tasting of this excellent Champagne which has often been the top choice of Europe’s royal courts is also included. This is a great opportunity to pick up your champagne for the holiday season. Tour price includes transportation, city tour, museum entrance, Champagne tasting, and USO tour guide.

Transportation: German bus
Depart: Vogelweh Bowling Center 0700
Return: Approximately 2000
Cost: \$69

Learn to Ride the German Trains— DB Orientation and Trip to Speyer and Visit Sea Life, the Technical Museum, or IMAX Movie Monday, November 12

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, November 12

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 Baking Class Christmas Cookies Tuesday, November 13

Ever wondered how those wonderful German Christmas cookies are made? Well, now is your chance to learn. During a three-hour session, we'll teach you how to prepare a variety of popular German Christmas cookies. We'll taste what we create, but please bring small containers to take home any leftovers, a coffee cup, and your appetite. The USO will supply all the ingredients. Recipes are planned in advance and can be viewed on the Facebook group, KMC USO German Cooking and Baking. Bring your camera if you would like to take pictures of the wonderful specialties. Participation is limited so sign up now for this special USO class. This class is for adults only; please no children under 12.

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

German II Course Evening Class Starts Wednesday, November 14

This is the continuation of our German I course and is for those people who are already able to speak some German. We'll continue our lessons in grammar, vocabulary, and conversation. Classes meet Monday and Wednesday evenings for four weeks. The same textbook used for the USO German I class is also used for the German II course. Sign up now since class size is limited. This class is geared to adult students; please, no children under 11.

Dates: NOV 14, 19, 26, 28, DEC 3, 5, 10, 12 (No Class on Nov 21)
Times: 1830-2030
Place: Landstuhl Education Center bldg. 3701, room 203
Cost: \$55 without book, \$65 including book

Black Forest Cuckoo Clock Shopping and Museum Saturday, November 17

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

Brugge, Belgium Saturday, November 17

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

Innsbruck, Austria City Tour and Crystal Shopping Saturday, November 17

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

Rothenburg Medieval City Saturday, November 17

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

Strasbourg, France, City Tour Saturday, November 17

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

An Evening at the Theater— Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" Sunday, November 18

SPECIAL

Looking for a change from all those Christmas videos you've lined up for the season? Make a new Christmas memory with the USO and this special evening at the Saarbrücken Theater. We'll travel by deluxe motor coach to Saarbrücken for an English language performance of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," the renowned story of Scrooge who is pursued in his dreams by the spirits of Christmas Past, Christmas Present, and Christmas Future. He witnesses the touching Christmas celebration by his employee Bob Cratchit and Bob's family before the spirit of Christmas Future forces Scrooge to preview his own imminent death—an event which changes his whole outlook on life. We arrive prior to the show and have time to visit the central market square "St. Johanner Markt" that is decorated for Christmas. Numerous little huts selling all sorts of Christmas items, ranging from original Christmas decorations through tasty cakes and cookies to mulled wine, put you in a jovial mood. The winding streets and cozy pubs and restaurants clustering around the "St. Johanner Markt" will enhance the festive atmosphere and invite you to eat prior to the performance. Tour price includes transportation, tickets, and USO escort.

Transportation: German bus
Depart: Vogelweh Bowling Center 1600
Return: Approximately 2330
Cost: \$69 Adults, \$59 Children

German Cooking Class Holiday Menu Tuesday, November 20

Do you enjoy German food? Would you like to learn how to prepare a typical German Holiday menu? 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 appropriate to serve your holiday guests. 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, KMCUSO German Cooking and Baking. Bring your camera if you would like to take pictures of the wonderful specialties. 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

Thanksgiving Special— Three Nights in London Wednesday-Monday, November 21-26

Why not spend this Thanksgiving in London? Imagine, three nights in London. That's what you'll have on this special trip to England's capital—one of the world's most interesting and versatile cities. If you're a shopper, a theater goer, a museum enthusiast, history buff, or even a lover of all types of cuisine, London is for you. Included in this tour are three nights in a centrally-located, 5-star hotel featuring spacious rooms, swimming pool, spa, and

a complete gym. It's located within walking distance of the British Museum and the Covent Garden shopping and pub area, and is also convenient to an Underground "Tube" Station which means that all of the city is at your beck and call. The hotel offers an extensive continental breakfast buffet which is included in the price of the tour (other meals are not included). During our four days in the London area, we'll see such picture postcard sights as Tower Bridge, the Houses of Parliament with Big Ben, Westminster Abby, Buckingham Palace and changing of the Guard, Trafalgar Square, Piccadilly Circus, Hyde Park, the new London Eye, and all those places you learned about in history class. Our tour also includes admission to the Tower of London, St. Paul's Cathedral, and Windsor Castle. The great thing about having three full days and three nights in the city is the free time you'll have to pursue your own interests. You can take a boat ride along the Thames to Greenwich; visit Kensington Palace where Princess Diana lived or Henry VIII's Hampton Court; take in the British Museum, Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum and London Planetarium, or the Royal Botanic Gardens; if you're into walking, take the Jack the Ripper Walk or the Dickens' London Walk, or many other guided walks offered by several London companies; visit Churchill's Cabinet War Rooms, the London Zoo, or the original Hard Rock Café, or see plays at London's West End theaters (the equivalent of New York's Broadway) where you can often get half-price tickets at the TKTS "half-price" ticket booth the day of show. For those of you who love shopping, our hotel is located within walking distance of the famed Oxford Street shopping district. There's also the world famous Harrods Department Store and lots of weekend markets throughout the city featuring all kinds of antiques, jewelry, leather goods, china, and anything else you might be looking for. If great cuisine is your passion, you won't be disappointed in London. There's just about any type of food you can think of including England's famous "fish and chips," gourmet British cuisine (yes, there really is), Indian, French, you name it, they've got it. Really, this is a city with something for everyone. Please bring passport or travel papers, euro for meals en route and British pounds. U.S. (Blue), EC, or Canadian passports are required. Travel documents are the responsibility of the customer. Tour price includes bus transportation, three overnights in a 5-star hotel, three breakfasts, London city tour, admission to St Paul's Cathedral, the Tower of London and Windsor Castle, and two USO tour guides.

Transportation: German bus
Depart: Vogelweh Bowling Center 2100 (WED)
Return: Approximately 0400 (MON)
Cost: \$669 Adults, \$639 Children when sharing room with parent, per person (based on double occupancy). No optional tour expenses.
Single Supplement: \$200

Medieval Thanksgiving Dinner at Cochem Castle Thursday, November 22

SPECIAL

Have a Thanksgiving you'll never forget—partake in a medieval feast at Cochem Castle with the USO. 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 a water basin in which 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. 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 special dinner tour is not recommended for children under 6.**

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

Valkenburg Caves Christmas Market Friday, November 23

SPECIAL

This might be the Christmas market you will never forget. Under the Castle of Valkenburg near Maastricht in the Netherlands is the Velvet Cave, a labyrinth of passages more than a thousand years old and rediscovered in 1937. Once used as an escape route, the passages enabled the knights and their warriors to secretly vanish from the castle and attack the enemy from the back. During the German occupation and World War II, the cave served as shelter for Jewish people, locals, and American troops. Now, Christmas transforms this underground world with twinkling lights, magic illumination, and music. You can shop at stalls with quality Christmas gifts and watch demonstrations of Old Dutch handicrafts. Visit the garden in the heart of the cave to have a bite to eat and try the famous Glühwein and marvel at the chapel and its many impressive mural carvings, inscriptions, and sculptures. We recommend U.S. (blue), EC, or Canadian passports. Travel documents are the responsibility of the customer. Strollers are not recommended. Note: The cave stays a constant 12° Celsius (53.6° Fahrenheit) year-round. Tour price includes entrance to the market, and a USO tour guide.

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

Bavarian Fairy Tale Castles— Hohenschwangau and Neuschwanstein Saturday, November 24

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 0100 (SUN)
Cost: \$105 Adults, \$95 Children

Europa Park at Christmas Saturday, November 24

SPECIAL

Don't miss this chance to visit Europa Park, an amusement park located in Rust/Baden, as it kicks off the winter and Christmas season. White Christmas trees, sparkling lights, and a fanstastic winter show program herald the cold time of the year. Along with some of the regular attractions, you'll find special winter attractions such as the Children's Ski School and snow tubing. The park is divided into different sections representing different European cultures. There are Italian, French, Dutch, Spanish, Scandinavian, Greece, and Russian sections, and much more. The park's more than 30 restaurants all make this an excellent family tour. Bring euro for shopping and meals, and don't forget to wear comfortable walking shoes and bring your camera. Tour price includes transportation, entry fee, and USO tour guide.

Transportation: German bus
Depart: Vogelweh Bowling Center 0600
Return: Approximately 2200
Cost: \$89 Adults, \$69 Children ages 4-11, \$29 Children age 3 and under

Paris Dinner, City Tour, and Evening Boat Cruise Saturday, November 24

Bonjour! Join us on this express trip to Paris—a city of such history, sights, and *Oui*, such 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, November 27

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

German Baking Class Christmas Cookies Tuesday, November 27

Ever wondered how those wonderful German Christmas cookies are made? Well, now is your chance to learn. During a three-hour session, we'll teach you how to prepare a variety of popular German Christmas cookies. We'll taste what we create, but please bring small containers to take home any leftovers, a coffee cup, and your appetite. The USO will supply all the ingredients. Recipes are planned in advance and can be viewed on the Facebook group, KMC USO German Cooking and Baking. Bring your camera if you would like to take pictures of the wonderful specialties. Participation is limited so sign up now for this special USO class. This class is for adults only; please no children under 12.

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



USO Photo Contest

Congratulations to Tina E. Davis, winner of the September photo contest with this photo taken on a USO Paris tour. This will be our last Facebook photo contest; however, we will continue to post your photos and share them on our Facebook page. Email your photos as JPEG attachments to winfreeg.uso@t-online.de. Include your contact information and describe the photo. If we select your photo to be used in the *Kabel*, we will give you a \$50 USO Tour Voucher. This is not a contest. Photos will be used based on our needs and space.

We encourage you to send your favorite photos and share them with the community.

CASF happenings



Volunteers serve up breakfast to celebrate the Air Force's birthday.

Kisling Academy Class 2012-6 raised donations to purchase clothing items and toiletries for Wounded Warriors at the CASF USO as part of their legacy. Together, the graduating class donated more than \$1,000 worth of sweat pants, t-shirts, backpacks, and toiletries. On September 13, CASF USO Center Manager Jessica Macaras presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Kisling Academy Class 2012-6 for their generous donation. This donation will help the CASF USO accomplish its mission of support to wounded warriors as they transit to the United States for further medical treatment.



Pizza night at the CASF USO.



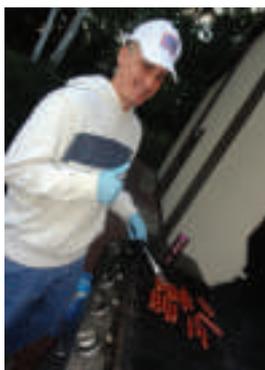
A friendly game of cards during Warrior Wednesday activities at the CASF USO.



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.



A secret admirer.



CASF USO's First Day of Fall Barbecue



CASF's Bravo Shift sponsors dinner at CASF USO.



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 September 13, the USO Warrior Center hosted a dinner sponsored by the OES TX Lone Star Chapter 60. The wounded warriors, hospital staff, and guests enjoyed chicken, fish, baked beans, mac and cheese, deviled eggs, and an assortment of cakes.



On September 17, the USO Warrior Center hosted a Pros vs. GI Joes X-box tournament with players from the Miami Marlins. The wounded warriors were excited to play "Call of Duty; Modern Warfare 3" against the baseball players. Throughout the entire contest, there was friendly trash-talking between everybody, where one wounded Marine even made a wager with one of the players, Bryan Petersen, of a uniform for a jersey to the winner. Petersen won the contest, but is going to give the Marine a jersey anyways and is going to invite him to a couple of games when the Marine gets home.



On September 4, the USO Warrior Center hosted a Labor Day barbecue sponsored by Wounded Warrior Project. The volunteers from WWP and the American Red Cross prepared hamburgers, hot dogs, grilled fish, baked beans, pasta salads, coleslaw and various desserts for lunch.



On September 18, the USO Warrior Center hosted a luncheon to celebrate the U.S. Air Force's 65th birthday. Wounded Warrior Project and American Red Cross volunteers served a wonderful Italian meal to the wounded warriors, hospital staff, and service members. Patients watched *Air Force One* while enjoying their meal. The youngest and oldest Air Force members cut the Air Force birthday cake.



On September 9, the USO Warrior Center hosted a Football Kick Off in conjunction with the 86th Security Forces Squadron. Volunteers served various types of pizza, wings, chips, dip, and cookies to Wounded Warriors and hospital staff.

Center Manager, USO Warrior Center Landstuhl Regional Medical Center

Description/Job Summary:

The Center Manager will manage all aspects of the day-to-day operations of the center to ensure first-class support of wounded / injured / ill service members at LRMCM.

Responsibilities/Duties

- Provide active leadership in procurement and growth of financial and other in-kind resources necessary for center operations.
- Recruit, supervise, train, develop, and recognize staff and volunteers.
- Oversee the successful planning, coordination, and execution of daily morale-enhancing programs within an established budget.
- Seek, develop, maintain, and improve relationships with the US military and with persons, organizations, and groups that support the center's many programs.
- Ensure that the center always remains clean, safe, welcoming, and well-maintained and that all assets are functional and up-to-date.
- Prepare, review, and deliver financial, operational, and statistical reports within established deadlines.
- Interact with patients and familiarize them with the center and its many offerings.

Required Qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree in business or related field.
- 3-5 years experience in a supervisory role. Ability to effectively manage, lead, motivate, mentor, and develop employees and volunteers.
- Exceptional interpersonal and customer service skills.
- Demonstrated initiative/self-motivation, attention to detail, and organizational and time management skills.
- Demonstrated proficiency in written and oral communications as well as knowledge of various software programs including but not limited to Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Outlook.
- Willingness and ability to regularly work non-standard hours (late evenings, holidays and weekends).
- Must be a strong advocate of the USO's mission to support active duty military and their families.
- Public speaking experience is preferred.
- Must be able to lift and carry items weighing up to 50 pounds.
- Must have USAREUR driver's license.

Details:

- This position is located on Landstuhl Regional Medical Center.
- Preference will be given to local candidates within commuting distance.
- Relocation assistance is not provided for this position.
- Resume and cover letter are required for full consideration.

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On September 25, Ramstein Community Bank North continued their monthly donation with a presentation of approximately \$50 of groceries to USO volunteer Thea Galenes. Representing the Community Bank for this donation are Felecia Escalante and Daniel Diaz.



VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT:

Warrior Center Information Specialist

Landstuhl Regional Medical Center

Description/Job Summary

To provide a comforting "Home Away from Home" to injured service members residing at the Medical Transient Detachment at LRMCM. Position is part-time, 25 hrs/ week. Qualified candidates must have a passion for serving our soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines.

Responsibilities/Duties

- Support the Manager in carrying out the day-to-day operations of the USO center
- Supervise and train several volunteers
- Plan, coordinate and execute patient morale programs
- Recruit, train, and develop volunteers
- Generate documents and reports utilizing MS Word and Excel

Required Qualifications

- Previous related experience to include customer service, patient care, and supervising volunteers
- Experience in military environment, knowledge of military community, and protocol preferred; ability to work with military leadership
- Strong communication skills required
- Ability to work on weekends, late evenings, and holidays

Details

• This position is located at the Warrior Center USO on LRMCM

• Preference will be given to local candidates within commuting distance to the location

• Relocation assistance is not provided for this position.

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USO Volunteers of the Month



Vanessa Frias

Vanessa Frias and her husband Andrew arrived in Germany in mid-July and within two weeks, she was volunteering at the USO Warrior Center. Two months later, Vanessa has put in more than 235 hours of volunteer time. She has helped with various computer related tasks, cleaning, gardening, cooking, and has done a great job keeping the pantry items organized. She's always looking for something to keep busy and make the wounded warriors as comfortable as possible. Vanessa's dedication to the Warrior Center is obvious, as she typically arrives to assist with opening duties and stays until late afternoon, five days a week.

Megan Reilly began volunteering at the CASF USO in March 2012 and has already logged in well over 270 hours. From handing out free calling cards, blankets, and quilts and providing beverages and food, to playing spades with our troops, Megan does it all. Whether she's volunteering on her days off or a few hours before she starts her night shift, Megan is passionate about the CASF USO mission and supporting the wounded warriors. Megan enjoys volunteering at the CASF USO because she likes to bring a smile to our traveling troops' faces. Megan has a one of a kind laugh that is so infectious; one cannot help but smile when they are in her presence. In addition to volunteering as a patient representative at the USO, Megan regularly assists the CASF staff with carrying litter patients on board the busses and the aircraft.



Megan Reilly

Thanks to great volunteers

JUNKING

Regular junking days are no longer observed in Kaiserslautern and Kusel counties. Now, people living in Kaiserslautern County must call and make an appointment to have bulk trash picked up. The number is 0631-7105-408 or email margritta.schmitt@kaiserslautern-kreis.de.

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Primasens County and Birkenfeld County (Baumholder) still hold regular junking days. You can find their complete schedule at their respective websites: Pirmasens, www.lksuedwestpfalz.de, and Birkenfeld, www.egb-bir.de.

FLEA MARKETS

Bad Dürkheim—Every Saturday on the Saline grounds.

Baumholder—Second Saturday of the month outside at the Weherplatz 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)—OCT 20 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.

Unkenbach—Every Saturday until end of October from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Bundesstr. 5 on the B-420 in Unkenbach.



FESTIVALS

THROUGH OCT 15—Neustadt German wine fest

OCT 3—Battenberg farmers market

OCT 3—Traffic-free day in the Eistal between Obrigheim and Eiswoog

OCT 3—St. Martin wine fest

OCT 3-7—Dierbach new wine fest and farmers market

OCT 5—Selection of the German Wine Queen in Neustadt

OCT 5-8—Offenbach-Hundheim wine fest

OCT 6—Bad Bergzabern pumpkin market

OCT 6-7—Annweiler fest

OCT 6-7—Gimmeldingen wine fest

OCT 6-7—Speyer wine fest

OCT 6-8—Rohrbach fest

OCT 6-8—Winnweiler Oktobermarkt with parade

OCT 7—Zellertal fest

OCT 12-15—Pleisweiler-Oberhofen wine fest

OCT 13-14—Edenkoben wine and chestnut market

OCT 13-15—Kirchheimbolanden Oktobermarkt

OCT 13-16—Freckenfeld village fest

OCT 14—Klingenmünster new wine fest

OCT 14—German wine parade in Neustadt

OCT 14—Schönau crafts market

OCT 18-21—Landau new wine fest

OCT 19-22—Bockenheim wine fest

OCT 19-22—Gleisz.-Gleishorbach new wine fest

OCT 19-29—Kaiserslautern Oktobermarkt

OCT 20-21—Heuchelheim local fest

OCT 20-21—Rockenhausen Oktobermarkt

OCT 20-22—Göllheim fall market

OCT 20-23—Herxheim/Landau local market

OCT 21—Hauenstein chestnut market

OCT 21—Lambrecht/Pfalz Gäsböck farmers market

OCT 26-28—Ramstein Oktoberfest and Wendelinus market

OCT 26-29—Kandel Oktobermarkt

OCT 26-NOV 4—Speyer fall fair

OCT 27—Finkenb.-Gersweiler fest

OCT 27-28—Kindenheim fest

OCT 27-28—Rockenhausen arts and crafts market

OCT 27-30—Haßloch hazelnut fest

OCT 27-NOV 4—Bad Bergzabern fall market

OCT 27-NOV 11—Haßloch culinary week

OCT 28—Otterberg carnival

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OCT 31—Steinbach fest in the Celtic Village

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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.

MIXED BAG



The ROSC Cooking Club recently prepared home-cooked meals for the USO Warrior Center. The club meets once a month and have themed meals at these meetings.



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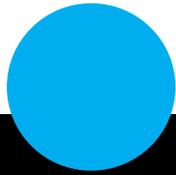
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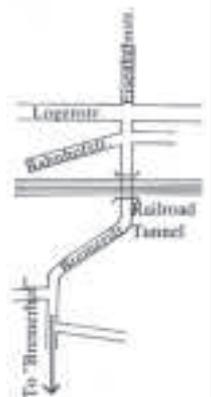
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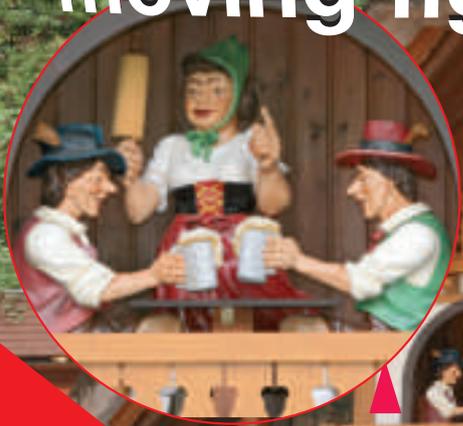
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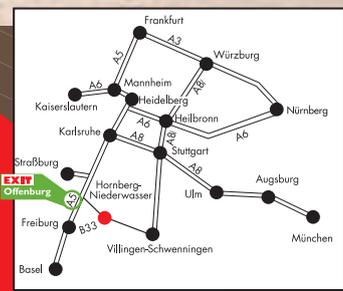
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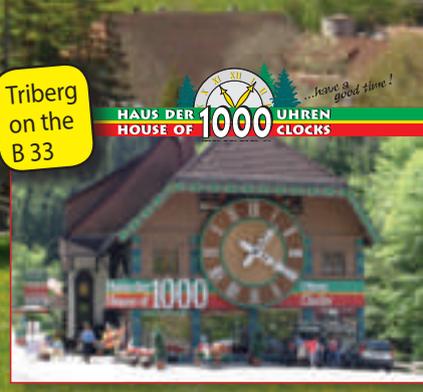
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