

## Kaiserslautern USO Tours, Classes, & Orientations

March 2013

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### **Amsterdam City Tour** **Saturday, March 2**

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

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

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### **Bern, Switzerland** **Saturday, March 2**

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

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

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**Brugge, Belgium**  
**Saturday, March 2**

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

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

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

Learn everything you always wanted to know about German trains but were afraid to ask on our hands-on train orientation. Tour the Kaiserslautern train station, receive an overview briefing on the train system, buy your own ticket, and take a trip to the cosmopolitan city of Frankfurt am Main. You'll be accompanied by a USO escort, but you will do the work and gain firsthand experience purchasing tickets and riding the trains. Learn about the many specials the German Rail (DB) offers, for example: weekend tickets, family tickets, city specials and more. On this orientation tour, we'll travel by train to the fascinating city of Frankfurt am Main. We all know Frankfurt from our trips to the airport, but the city center has so much more to experience. On our city tour you will see architectural feats dating from Roman, medieval, and modern times. Frankfurt's impressive postwar U.S.-style skyline has given the city its nickname "Mainhattan". Frankfurt has just about anything a big city would offer—shopping, museums, restaurants, and more. This weekend, there will

be a special Easter Egg Market in the former Dominican monastery. There will be free time for shopping on the famous “Zeil,” or shopping mile, or to have lunch in the “Fressgasse.” You can try one of the local specialties—Apfelwein (apple wine) or Grüne Soße (green sauce) with potatoes. Come with us on this new tour and you will want to go back again and again. Tour involves lots walking. Please do not bring large strollers, as the tour involves train travel and transfers. Tour price includes train transportation, train orientation, Frankfurt city tour, entrance to the Easter market, and a USO tour guide.

**Transportation:** German train

**Depart:** Meet at Kaiserslautern HBF main lobby 0730

**Return:** Approximately 1930

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

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### **Cologne City Tour** **Saturday, March 2**

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

**Transportation:** German bus

**Depart:** Vogelweh Bowling Center 0630

**Return:** Approximately 2200

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

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

*Bonjour!* Join us on this express trip to Paris—a city of history, sights, and *Oui*, excitement! See such major tourist attractions as the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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### **Cochem Castle and Medieval Dinner** **Saturday, March 9**

Step back into the age of royal courts and experience how feudal lords, ladies, and knights feasted. The USO will take you to a medieval banquet where you’ll be entertained by minstrels while you eat. Prior to the eatery, we’ll have a guided tour through the 1000-year-old Reichsburg (imperial castle) of Cochem situated on an imposing hilltop with a commanding view over the Mosel River. After the guided tour, you’ll take part in an authentic medieval feast. The Lord of the Manor will welcome you with a goblet of Mosel wine and explain the medieval customs and table manners for the feast. Servants and maids in period costumes serve you lavishly and pass you water to wash yours 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

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

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

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

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**Innsbruck, Austria**  
**City Tour and Crystal Shopping**

## **Saturday, March 9**

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

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

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## **Metz City Tour** **Saturday, March 9**

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

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

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

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

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

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**Rothenburg Medieval City**  
**Saturday, March 9**

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

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

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**Learn to Ride the German Train—**

**DB Orientation and Trip to Trier  
Shopping Sunday and Easter Market  
Sunday, March 10**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Time:** 1800-2100

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

**Cost:** \$25

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

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

tours office. Storage space is limited, so keep luggage small enough to fit with you on the bus. Most stores have cardboard boxes available on request or you can bring a larger suitcase or a moving box for your purchases. **Passport required plus SOFA card and other border crossing documents, as applicable.** Cost includes two seats per person on the bus, shared hotel room, two breakfasts, one dinner, one lunch, local guide, guided tour of the castle and castle entry fees, and a USO tour guide.

**Transportation:** German bus

**Depart:** Vogelweh Bowling Center 1945 (FRI). Pickups will also be made in Wiesbaden

**Return:** Approximately 0130 (MON)

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

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### **A Day in Paris—**

#### **Travel to Paris in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes**

**Friday, March 15**

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

**Transportation:** High Speed Train

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

**Return:** Approximately 2135

**Cost:** \$199

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### **A Day in the Black Forest—**

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**Beekeeper, Woodcarver, Farm Estate, and Cuckoo Clock Shopping**  
**Saturday, March 16**

Join us on a visit to one of the most beautiful areas in Germany—the Black Forest. On the way to the Triberg area, we'll meet Christina—our tour guide for the day—who will show us some of the real beauty of the Black Forest. We'll visit a beekeeper who will show and explain his craft and let us try his honey and honey schnapps. We'll continue to a woodcarver's workshop and learn about the trade that has made the Black Forest so famous. Next, we'll visit the 300-year-old farm estate Reinertonshof 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

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

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

**Transportation:** German train

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

**Return:** Approximately 1700

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

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**Military Heritage Tour—**

**Bastogne and the Battle of the Bulge**

**The Band of Brothers**

**Saturday, March 16**

Stand in the footsteps of some of America's greatest heroes on our most popular military history tour. The Battle of the Bulge was the largest and costliest American battle of World War II, with 619,000 soldiers employed to counter the German's surprise winter offensive, resulting in a staggering 89,000 U.S. casualties. The American defense of the critical town of Bastogne was a highlight of the eventual Allied victory and was due in large part to the courage and sacrifice of the "Screaming Eagles" of the 101st Airborne Division and the men of "Easy" Company, 2d Battalion, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, who were chronicled in the popular HBO miniseries, "Band of Brothers." Our military history tour will start with a visit to the American Cemetery in Luxembourg, where 5,076 US soldiers are interred, including two Medal of Honor recipients, two soldiers from the "Band of Brothers," and General George S. Patton, whose 3d Army ultimately relieved the besieged "Battered Bastards of Bastogne." Time permitting, we'll also visit the adjacent German cemetery. Next, we travel to the Luxembourg town of Diekirch to visit the National Museum of Military History, home to an outstanding collection of World War II artifacts. We then travel to picturesque Clervaux, Luxembourg, for lunch and sightseeing at the "Luxembourg Alamo." Next, we travel to Bastogne and the Mardasson Memorial, which honors the American sacrifice in the Ardennes, followed by a visit to the "Easy" Company Memorial and the still-visible foxholes of Major Dick Winters and the "Band of Brothers." We then travel to an active Belgian Army base to tour the actual command post of Brigadier General Anthony McAuliffe, who issued the infamous reply, "NUTS," to the German commander's request for Bastogne's surrender. Finally, we finish the tour in Bastogne's popular McAuliffe Square for dinner and sightseeing. This tour usually sells out, so please sign up early, wear comfortable walking shoes, and bring euro for meals (not included) and souvenirs. We recommend US (blue), EC, or Canadian passports. Travel documents are the responsibility of the customer. Tour price includes transportation, entrance fees, and USO military history tour guide.

**Transportation:** German bus

**Depart:** Vogelweh Bowling Center 0700

**Return:** Approximately 2230

**Cost:** \$69

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**Mosel Dinner and Wine Tasting**

## **Bernkastel-Kues City Orientation** **Saturday, March 16**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**Learn to Ride the German Trains—**

**DB Orientation and Trip to Speyer and Visit Sea Life, the Technical Museum, or IMAX Movie**  
**Monday, March 18**

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

**Transportation:** German train

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

**Return:** Approximately 1730

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

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**German Cooking Class**

**Tuesday, March 19**

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

**Time:** 0900-1200

**Place:** Vogelweh Chapel kitchen

**Cost:** \$25

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

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

**Transportation:** German bus

**Depart:** Vogelweh Bowling Center, 0300

**Return:** Approximately 2330

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

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

Learn all about how the German train system works on this USO train orientation and tour. Tour the Kaiserslautern train station, receive a briefing on the train system, buy your own ticket, and take a trip to the city of Mannheim and return. You'll be accompanied by a USO escort, but you can gain first hand experience purchasing tickets and riding the trains. Learn about the many specials the German Rail (DB) offers, for example, weekend tickets, family tickets, city specials, and much more. Mannheim is a city with a cosmopolitan flair. This special tour will take us to one of Mannheim's main attractions—the Luisenpark. The Botanical Gardens feature several indoor exhibits with tropical landscapes, exotic plants, reptiles, and other animals. The park boasts a Chinese Garden and Tea House, several outdoor playgrounds and the "gondoletta" boat ride add to the pleasure of young and old. This weekend there will be a special Easter Egg exhibit featuring almost 50 artisans displaying and selling their wares. Group size is limited, so sign up early. (Note: this

tour includes transportation by bus within the city of Mannheim.) Bring euro for lunch and souvenirs. Tour price includes train tickets, entrance to the egg exhibit and park, and a USO tour escort.

**Transportation:** German rail

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

**Return:** Approximately 1700

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

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### **Luxembourg, Mettlach, and the American Cemetery**

**Saturday, March 23**

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

**Transportation:** German bus

**Depart:** Vogelweh Bowling Center 0700

**Return:** Approximately 2100

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

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### **Military Heritage Tour—**

**Maginot Line, German West Wall (Bad Bergzabern), Dragon's Teeth, Hatten Observatory, Fort Schoenenbourg**

**Saturday, March 23**

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

**Transportation:** German bus

**Depart:** Vogelweh Bowling Center 0730

**Return:** Approximately 2000

**Cost:** \$69

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### **Trier Medieval Market**

**Saturday, March 23**

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

**Transportation:** German bus

**Depart:** Vogelweh Bowling Center 0800  
**Return:** Approximately 1900  
**Cost:** \$59 Adults, \$49 Children

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**German Cooking Class**  
**Thursday, March 28**

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

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

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

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

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

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**Military Heritage Tour—**  
**"A Bridge too Far" Operation Market-Garden**

## **Saturday, March 30**

In September 1944, Field Marshal Montgomery devised a plan to seize a bridgehead across the Rhine and attack the industrial heartland of Germany. This plan, code named Operation Market-Garden, could enable the Allies to end the war by Christmas. Due to faulty planning and bad generalship, this battle turned out to be Germany's last major victory in the west instead. Join us as we travel to Holland and follow the route of the British XXX Corps up "Hell's Highway" to Arnhem, the "Bridge too Far." We'll start at the Wings of Freedom Museum in Best, which has five separate buildings of aircraft and vehicle displays. Next, we drive past the drop zones for the 101st Airborne Division as we proceed to Groesbeek through Veghel (the drop zone for the 501st). The area of high ground around Groesbeek was important not only because of its strategic location in respect to the battle but also because of how close it is to Germany. We will visit the 82nd Airborne Museum while we are here. Next, we cross the "Rainbow Bridge" in Nijmegen on our way to Arnhem. As we cross the bridge in Nijmegen, we drive past the area that was known as "The Island." We go from here to the 1st British Airborne Museum in Oosterbeek, which is located in the house used by Field Marshal Walter Model during the battle. After our visit to the museum, we'll visit the small Commonwealth Cemetery in Oosterbeek. Finally we end our day at the John Frostburg Bridge: the "Bridge Too Far." Here you will have time go get pictures and walk along the bridge. We do not have time to stop for lunch, so please bring a lunch with you. Bring euro for dinner and souvenirs. Remember to bring your passport. We recommend U.S. (blue), EC, or Canadian passports. Travel documents are the responsibility of the customer. This tour is not recommended for children under 11 due to distance involved and the amount of time on the bus. Handouts will not be provided for this tour. Please visit [www.bobs-tours.com](http://www.bobs-tours.com) to download any documents you would like to bring with you. There will be a slideshow on the bus instead of the handouts. Tour price includes transportation, museum entrance fees, and a USO military history tour guide.

**Transportation:** German bus

**Depart:** Vogelweh Bowling Center 0430

**Return:** Approximately 2300

**Cost:** \$79

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## **Paris Dinner, City Tour, and Evening Boat Cruise**

### **Saturday, March 30**

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*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

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

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

**Transportation:** German bus  
**Depart:** Vogelweh Bowling Center 0500  
**Return:** Approximately 2330  
**Cost:** \$99 Adults, \$89 Children