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PX Shopping Center, Wiesbaden  
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Civ. (0611) 731-301 or (0611) 4080-106  
Fax (0611) 731-301  
*usorma.hbpx@uso.org*

## Wiesbaden Army Air Field USO

Welcome Center, Building 1023W  
Tue - Fri 0830-1630  
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*usorma.waaf@uso.org*

## Frankfurt International Airport

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Bldg. 3850 (next door to Post Office)  
Mon - Fri 1000 - 1700 hrs Sat 1000 - 1400 hrs  
Sun & Holidays: Closed  
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# Volunteer Recognition

USO Volunteers all over the world play a big role in supporting the U.S. Soldier. Volunteers are the key-players in maintaining a sense of community for the families of soldiers, especially when troops continue to deploy down range. The work of USO volunteers is appreciated and acknowledged through out the military community and the USO cannot succeed without the dedication and support of USO volunteers.

**The USO would like to invite you to make a difference in your community and become a USO volunteer.**

**Our dedicated and loyal volunteers for 2011 include:**

Amanda Anderson

Jesus Basail

Katherine Bishop

Lynn Bracher

Patrick Brennan

Christine Jerrentrup-Buender

Jennifer Kloster Burgess

Raymond Burnett

Alannah Bushart

Heath Callithen

Sheila Carey

Shena Cousins

Ingrid Derwis

Kelly Eckl

Stefan Eckl

Helmut Esser

Erika Feaser

Ashley Grassl

Nicky Grulich

Karin Haladik

Randy Hamilton

Kathy Hansen

Dakota Hendrix

Susan Hurley

Tiffanie Journey

Konstantin Konakov

Clarise Leier

Oliver Licht

Mark Ludington

Frank McKain

Kevin McKedy

Ashley Mills

Laura Molina

Teresa Nauman

Chris Nordvall

Mark Paczkowski

Robert Pantano

Mary Pollock

Kathy Schaefer

Joyce Schloesser

Andrew Schumacher

Essie Smith

Rashaun Smith

Tena Smith

Aiden Springer

Jackson Springer

Terilyn Stephens

Amanda Taylor

Ashley Wiser

Wiesbaden Elders

Martina Zimmerman

## Pick up points for bus tours

- WIPX – Wiesbaden (Hainerberg) PX at shuttle bus stop just outside the PX vehicle gate.
- WAAF – Wiesbaden Army Airfield public bus stop just outside the main gate.
- MA - Mannheim Friendship Circle.
- HD - Heidelberg Park and Ride outside Patrick Henry Commissary Gate.

*Note: Some tours require longer travel time than others. Please keep this in mind when traveling with small children.*

# TOURS AND CLASS POLICY

## Reservations & Payments

All tours and classes must be personally booked by DOD (or other US federal agency) ID card holders at any USO Rhein Main Area center. Full payment must be made by cash, check or credit card at the time of booking. A \$25.00 service charge will apply for returned checks.

## Cancellations by USO

The USO reserves the right to cancel any scheduled tour or class and will issue credit card or check refunds (NOT CASH). Refund checks may be picked-up 14 days after cancellation at point of sign up. If a customer does not claim a refund within 12 weeks of the cancelled activity, USO Rhein Main Area will treat the refund as a donation.

## Cancellations by CUSTOMER

- Cancellation of class or tour requested by customer eight (8) days or earlier than the class or tour: customer received 90% refund of payment.
- Cancellation of a class or tour requested by customer less than eight (8) days prior to the class or tour: total forfeiture of payment.

## Cancellations due to TDY, PCS or emergencies

- Cancellation of booked class or tour requested prior to the scheduled activity due to PCS, TDY, medical emergency, or Red Cross Message Emergency message (or comparable notification): full (100%) refund.
- Cancellation of a class due to OCS/TDY which conflicts with concerned booked class, medical emergency, or Red Cross Message Emergency message (or comparable notification) after the class starts: refund prorated based on number of classes attended (e.g. if customer participated in 1 out of 10 classes prior to refund, customer receives 90% refund).
- Customer MUST provide documented proof of PCS, TDY, medical emergency, or Red Cross Message Emergency message (or comparable notification) for USO to process a refund.

Overnight Tour Cancellations (USO/Customer): Cancellation policies for overnight tours vary from the information provided. Details given upon sign up. Stop by USO for more information.

**Pick up points for bus tours:** USO bases type of transportation on the number of booked passengers. Smallest vehicle used is a fourteen-passenger (14) bus. USO transportation will not wait on latecomers, WIPX-Wiesbaden (Hainerberg) PX at shuttle bus stop just outside the PX vehicle gate. WAAF-Wiesbaden Army Airfield public bus stop just outside the main gate. HD-Park and Ride outside Patrick Henry (PHV) Commissary Gate

## Late bus

Traffic and unforeseen circumstances may delay pick up. Customers agree when booking to wait up to 1 hour on the bus. If a late bus arrives within 1 hour of the scheduled departure, USO will regard passengers who fail to wait as no-shows and they will not receive a refund.

## Crossing International Borders

Without proper travel documents, you risk the chance of being left at the border when leaving from or returning to Germany. When travelling outside Germany, a US tourist or EC passport is required, plus SOFA card, if applicable. Travel documents are your responsibility. The USO is not liable for any inconvenience incurred by passengers who do not have proper documentation.

## Travel Policy

Pets, smoking, and drinking are prohibited on all USO bus tours. The USO is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged articles. Drunken, unruly, or abusive passengers will be dismissed from USO tours without refund and are responsible for their own return transportation. Passengers are responsible for arriving at meeting points specified by the USO guide. If passengers fail to report to the meeting points on time, the tour will depart without them, in which case the passengers are responsible for their own return (or connecting) transportation. When road conditions are "Red", tours are automatically cancelled, excluding the Interra-Reisen and My Paris tours.

## Children

All passengers, including children and infants, must have a seat booked on the tour. Children/youth under the age of 18 may not book or board a tour without a parent or guardian. Parents or guardians of children requiring child seats/restraints under German law must bring such seats/restraints for the tour. USO or the servicing bus company will not provide child seats/restraints. Failure to have proper seats/restraints will result in a denial of the tour without a refund. See USO for more details.

# Classes & Programs

September, October, November

## USO Classes

Please note there are no classes on U.S. holidays. You are welcome to bring drinks and snacks to class at the USO Wiesbaden Cottage. Sign up for classes at any Rhein Main Area USO location to ensure a spot. USO Rhein Main Area accepts Visa and MasterCard at Hainerberg PX, WAAF, and Heidelberg USO centers.

## American Sign Language (ASL) –Level 1

USO Wiesbaden Cottage – Classroom 2

Have you ever seen people using their hands to communicate in the language of the Deaf and wondered “How do they do that”? Have you ever wanted to learn sign language? Well, now you can learn this beautiful and expressive visual language right here in Wiesbaden. This beginner course will teach you the structure and vocabulary of ASL by an instructor who has worked with the Deaf and taught ASL at University level. This is a fun course for individuals or for family members to take together. Ages 10-99.

Mondays Oct 3 – Dec 12 1800 – 2030 \$125

\*ASL will not meet on Oct. 10.

## Bootcamp for Women

# BOOTCAMP

USO Wiesbaden Cottage – Lower Level

This boot camp is designed for women of all ages and fitness levels. Each individual will be challenged to their maximum level. The sessions will be held outside rain or shine so come prepared for the weather. Measurements and Test Assessments will be taken on the 1st and last day of camp to show you the results of this highly effective program. The sessions will consist of Cardio, Body Weight Exercises, Boxing, and more. You will be required to bring your own set of 5lb weights and a jump rope. Sign up early, only a limited number of spaces available! This will be the last bootcamp of 2011!

Mondays & Wednesdays Sept. 07-Oct.10 0900-1000 \$50  
Mondays & Wednesdays Sept. 07-Oct.10 1100-1200 \$50

## Ballroom Dancing Lessons

USO Wiesbaden Cottage – Lower Level

Learn the basics of few of the most popular, graceful and elegant American Style dances: Foxtrot, Waltz, Rumba, Swing and others. This class introduces you to the wonderful world of Ballroom dancing.

Beginners:

Tuesdays Sept. 06 – Nov. 08 1900 – 1950 \$56 per person  
Thursdays Oct. 06 – Dec. 08 1800 – 1850 \$56 per person  
Tuesdays Nov. 08 – Dec. 27 1900 – 1950 \$56 per person



**Bronze: (Ballroom Dancing for Beginners or equivalent experience is required.)**

Continuity, Timing, Lead and Follow skills are the core of this course.

Tuesdays	Sept. 06 – Oct. 11	1700 - 1750	\$56 per person
Tuesdays	Oct. 18 – Dec. 13*	1800 - 1850	\$56 per person

\*No class on November 8.

## Tango Dance Lessons

USO Wiesbaden Cottage – Lower Level

No other dance captures the drama, strength and romance like tango. This class starts with basic steps and develops footwork and graceful movements that make this earthy and dramatic artistic expression as exciting to practice as it is to watch.

Wednesdays	Sept. 07 – Oct. 26	2000 - 2050	\$56 per person
Wednesdays	Oct. 19 – Dec. 07	1800 - 1850	\$56 per person
Wednesdays	Nov. 09 – Dec. 28	2000 - 2050	\$56 per person

## Swing Dance Lessons

USO Wiesbaden Cottage – Lower Level

Since the time of the Big Bands, every generation has rediscovered the fun of Swing. Without any doubt, it is one of the most popular dances and one of the most contagious. You will learn the basic steps and develop new skills.

Thursdays	Sept. 01 – Oct. 20	1900 - 1950	\$56 per person
Thursdays	Nov. 3 – Dec. 22	1900 - 1950	\$56 per person

## Salsa Dance!

USO Wiesbaden Cottage – Lower Level

Learn how to move at the rhythm of this hot and spicy dance! This class will teach you the step by step process that will help beat your dancing fear, trim your body, and give you the confidence to get out there and dance the night away. No partner required.

Fridays	Sept. 09 – Nov. 11	1900-1950	\$56 per person
Wednesdays	Oct. 26 – Dec. 14	1900 - 1950	\$56 per person
Fridays	Nov. 18 – Jan. 06	1900 - 1950	\$56 per person

## Individualized Dance Lessons

USO Wiesbaden Cottage – Lower Level

Contact any Wiesbaden USO to schedule your own private dance lessons in Ballroom, Salsa, or Latin dance styles! Our excellent and qualified instructor will work with you to improve your dancing skills at your own pace. Time and Date of classes set by the students, instructor, and USO.

4 Sessions      \$140 per couple/ \$100 individual



## Cooking Workshops

Location: Shaneil's Kitchen: Bahnhofstrasse 63, 65185 Wiesbaden  
(In Elevator: Press 4)

Parking: Free parking across the street at the park and in front of the building.

Try our one day cooking workshops and learn how to add delicious treats to your menu. Our Trained Chef will teach how to prepare and cook the items and then sit down and enjoy them with your group as well as take home the leftovers! Workshop fees include all ingredients.



### September Cooking Workshops \$25 per workshop

Thursday, Sept. 1	19:00 – 21:00	Black Forest Cake
Friday, Sept. 16	19:00 – 21:00	Sautéed Chicken Breast with Garlic Mushroom Sauce
Thursday, Sept. 22	19:00 – 21:00	Homemade Fettuccini Alfredo
Saturday, Sept. 24	13:00 – 15:00	Homemade Apple Strudel
Thursday, Sept. 29	18:00 – 21:00	Homemade Apple Strudel

## COOKING WORKSHOPS

### October Cooking Workshops \$25 per workshop

Thursday, Oct. 6th	19:00 – 21:00	Pumpkin and Raspberry Cheesecake
Thursday, Oct. 13th	19:00 – 21:00	Chicken Cordon Bleu
Thursday, Oct. 20th	19:00 – 21:00	Traditional Apple Pie

### November Cooking Workshops

Thursday, Nov. 3rd	19:00 – 21:00	Ratatouille	\$25
Thursday, Nov. 17th	19:00 – 20:30	Basics, Brown Sauces	\$15
Friday, Nov. 18th	19:00 – 20:30	Basics, White Sauces	\$15

## Portrait Photography

USO Wiesbaden Cottage – Classroom 2

A good photographic portrait is a combination of lighting, composition, posing, your own vision, and technical excellence. In this course, we'll look at these elements and provide opportunities for you to make photographic portraits with your own cameras in everyday settings and at home without the need of expensive equipment. You will also have the opportunity of playing with studio lights in our own installations with your own guest-model. An exploration of the fundamental principles, techniques and application of camera-based image making is covered in this workshop.



Fridays	Sept. 02 – Sept. 23	1600 – 1800	\$75
Fridays	Oct. 7 – Nov. 04*	1600 – 1800	\$75
*No class on October 14.			
Fridays	Nov. 11 – Dec. 02	1600 – 1800	\$75



**Learn Something New! Have Fun!  
Take a Class With The USO!**

## Thanks to a Special Volunteer!

We would like you to meet one of our most dedicated volunteers. Ashley Grassl has been volunteering for the Heidelberg USO since March 2011. She has dedicated many volunteer hours to supporting our troops and the USO Mission. Although Ashley has only been in the Heidelberg Community for a short time, she has already averaged 47 hours per month volunteering at the USO! Ashley has volunteered on numerous occasions to man the Heidelberg USO Center while staff members are out on vacation as well as serving out in the community. During her first month of volunteering at the USO, Ashley mastered the procedures for opening and closing the Center on her own, researching information for customers, and helping with questions about the community. The USO would like to thank Ashley Grassl for her dedicated service!



### Become a USO Volunteer

Whether helping a soldier with a connecting flight, distributing a Care Package, serving snacks with a smile, or “welcoming home” troops from deployment, volunteers are vital to the success of the USO’s mission. Contact Sue Pantano now and find out how you can get involved! Email: [spantano@uso.org](mailto:spantano@uso.org)

### Become a USO Instructor

Do you have a skill that you would like to share with the community? The USO is always looking for experienced teachers. Whether your talent is Language, Yoga, Arts & Crafts, Photography or something else, contact USO Operations Manager now and become a USO instructor! Email: [usorma.programs@uso.org](mailto:usorma.programs@uso.org)

Do you have a military or community event? We may be able to help with services, support or volunteers. Please contact the USO Operations Manager at 0611.7120.2880 or email [usorma.programs@uso.org](mailto:usorma.programs@uso.org) for information.

### Kinderhimmel (Children’s Heaven) USO Wiesbaden Cottage – Lower Level

Come out and play on Tuesday mornings at the USO. Bring your little ones, meet friendly local moms and dads, and have a lot fun! Sign up is not required and toddlers through preschool age are welcome for playtime, songs in English and German, crafts and other activities.

Every Tuesday 1030 – 1200 Free Community Program

### La Leche League USO Wiesbaden Cottage – Lower Level

La Leche League has been helping mothers to breastfeed their babies through mother-to-mother support for over 50 years (and in the Wiesbaden community for over 35 years). Come to the USO Cottage and join this informative program. Meeting topics include “The Advantages of Breastfeeding”, “Getting started”, “Avoiding and overcoming difficulties”, and “Nutrition and weaning”. Babies are always welcome. Please invite your pregnant friends, too. No sign-up is required.

4th Friday of Every Month 1015 – 1215 Free Community Program  
Contact: Carol 06257 / 942 869

## Beginners Spanish

USO Wiesbaden Cottage – Classroom 2

This is a beginning course in Spanish which emphasizes oral communication in a variety of topics at a basic level. It covers only that grammar and structure absolutely necessary for speaking. The course is intended for students with no previous or very basic knowledge of the Spanish language.

Mondays and Wednesdays	Sept. 26 – Nov. 02	1600 - 1730	\$125
Mondays and Wednesdays	Nov. 07 – Dec. 07	1600 - 1730	\$125

## German Language Classes

Are you looking for an inexpensive and effective way to learn German? Our instructors can teach you the basics and more advanced elements of their specialized language. Courses are successive, not parallel. Students without previous knowledge of the German language should finish one class before taking the next course in the series. Should you want to take a higher level course based on previous German non USO classes, please contact the instructor for the appropriate level. No children under the age of 15.



### Level 1

Tuesdays & Thursdays	Sept. 27 – Nov. 3	9:15 – 11:45	Payne*	\$125
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\*Frau Payne will not have classes on October 4.

Wednesdays	Sept. 28 – Dec. 7	1830 - 2100	Bauer*	\$125
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\*Frau Bauer will not have classes on November 23.

### Level 2

Mondays	Aug 29 – Nov. 7	1830 - 2100	Zimmermann*	\$125
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\*Frau Zimmermann will not have class on September 5.

### Level 3

Thursdays	Sept. 29 – Dec. 8	1830 - 2100	Bauer*	\$125
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\*Frau Bauer will not have classes on November 24.

Mondays	Nov. 14 – Jan. 23	1830 - 2100	Zimmermann*	\$125
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\*Frau Zimmermann will not have class on December 26.

### Level 7 (Book 3)

Tuesdays	Sept. 27 – Nov. 29	1830 – 2100	Bauer	\$125
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## Living in Germany: Things you might need to know...

USO Wiesbaden Cottage – Classroom 2

Make the best of your time in Germany and become familiar and comfortable with its culture! Our instructor, Robert Emmerth, is a native German and will explain everything you need to know about living in Germany. He covers topics such as using the train system, shopping, eating & drinking on the town, and German customs. Other topics covered include US – German relations and the financial and political systems in Germany. Don't miss this unique opportunity to broaden your horizons! Come sign-up today!

Tuesdays	Oct. 18 – Nov. 22	1830 – 2000	\$20
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## German Wine Tasting Class

USO Wiesbaden Cottage

Join us for a fun, informal and informative “journey” through Germany’s wine regions. In our class, we will explore the main grape varieties grown in Germany and their characteristics. Demystify the German wine label and taste a variety of wines from local wineries. Become confident in selecting and serving German wines. Price includes all wine tasting and reference material! Don’t miss out on this informative class! Zum Wohl!



Thursday	Sept. 1	1830 – 2030	\$25
Thursday	Sept. 15	1830 – 2030	\$25
Friday	Oct. 21	1830 – 2030	\$25
Friday	Nov. 18	1830 – 2030	\$25

## “How do I?” Free Programs

Ever wonder “How do I use the bus in Wiesbaden?” or “Where can I have a nice outing with my family that doesn’t cost much or is free?” or even, “Can I get that here in Germany?” We have developed some free programs that hope to answer these questions and more! Our willing volunteers have created some special programs for you! We hope that you will sign up and make your experience in Germany a memory of a lifetime!

**Sunday, Sept. 05 Wiesbaden’s Downtown 11:00 FREE (Signup required)**

\*Meeting Point: Louisen Forum – main doors of mall (front in pedestrian zone)

Note: Bring Euros for your food and drinks!

**Thursday, Oct. 06 Shopping at REAL\* 10:00 FREE (Signup required)**

\*Meeting Point: McDonalds at REAL (entrance)

Note: Bring Euros or Bank Cards with you should you find something you need.

**Tuesday, Nov. 29 Public Transportation in Wiesbaden 10:00 FREE (Signup required)**

\*Meeting Point: Lilien Carre’-Starbucks (outside)

Note: Bring 10-15 €, should participants wish to use the public transportation on this day.

## USO Heidelberg Classes

### Ballet

Location: Campbell Fitness Center \$35/month

Thursdays Ages 3-5 1500-1600 Ages 6-8 1600-1700

For more information, contact Ballet Instructor, Tamara Gibson at 06221-834-216 or USO HD.



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**Distance Patrick Henry Village: 3 km**

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14 function rooms • Car park

**Distance Benjamin Franklin Village: 5 km**

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187 rooms • Wireless LAN • Satellite/Pay-TV • Mini bar  
Non-smoking rooms • Restaurant • Bar • Bike rentals  
Wellness area with sauna, solarium, and fitness room  
14 function rooms • 170 free parking spaces

**Distance Benjamin Franklin Village: 9 km**

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AND RESERVATION: T. 00800 0115 0116 | [www.nh-hotels.com](http://www.nh-hotels.com)

## Wiesbaden Walking Tour

Meets at the Wiesbaden Main Train Station Information Booth.

Spend the day learning about the beautiful Spa City of Wiesbaden! After the market place tour and lunch, we will take a trip to the top of Nero's Hill and enjoy the Russian Church, as well as the wonderful panoramic view. The trip on 26 November also includes the Wiesbaden Christmas Market. You may want to consider bringing a snack as lunch time can vary. Please bring Euros for purchases and meals.

Saturday September 24	0845-1630	\$19
Saturday October 29	0845-1630	\$19
Saturday November 26	0845-1630	\$19



## Mainz Walking Tour

Meets at the Wiesbaden Main Train Station Information Booth.

Spend the day walking through the historic city of Mainz. We will visit the world famous Gutenberg Museum, the magnificent 1000 year old cathedral, and other churches of historic and artistic interest. You may want to consider bringing a snack as lunch time can vary. Please bring Euros for purchases and meals.

Saturday September 17	0845-1730	\$19
Saturday October 22	0845-1730	\$19
Saturday November 19	0845-1730	\$19



## Frankfurt Walking Tour

Meets at the Wiesbaden Main Train Station Information Booth.

Our tour departs from the Wiesbaden main train station en route to the Alte Oper (Opera House); to the Börse (Stock Exchange); and then the Zeil (pedestrian zone), where you get a view of the city landmarks from the top of the Gallerie, before breaking for lunch and shopping. We then go to the Römerplatz and the Cathedral. On 10 September we will go to the Frankfurt Zoo and on 12 November we visit the Jewish Museum. You may want to consider bringing a snack as lunch time can vary. Please bring Euros for purchases and meals.

Saturday	September 10	0900-1800	Adult: \$39/Child (6-17): \$34, <6 free
Saturday	November 12	0900-1800	Adult: \$39/Child (6-15): \$34, <6 free



## Rüdesheim Walking Tour

Meets at the Wiesbaden Main Train Station Information Booth.

We'll take the train to Assmannshausen. From there we'll take the chair lift to the view point overlooking the Rhein. Then we'll take an easy one-mile stroll to the Germania Monument and Eagle's Standpoint. Next we'll take the cable car to downtown Rüdesheim. Once there, we'll enjoy lunch and a stroll through one of the Rheingau's most charming towns. You will have the opportunity to visit museums of your choosing: (not included) wine museum, musical instrument museum or a museum of medieval torture. You may want to consider bringing a snack as lunch time can vary. Please bring Euro for purchases and meals. Strollers not recommended; contact Tours Office for more info.



Saturday September 10	0915-1730	\$29 adult/ \$10.00 child < 6
Saturday October 15	0915-1730	\$29 adult/ \$10.00 child < 6



# Tours:

September, October, November

## Normandy: D-Day and Operation OVERLORD

Thurs. 1 September 2011

DEPARTS: WIPX: 1830; WAAF: 1845; HD 2000

RETURNS: APPROX. HD: 0030; WAAF/WIPX: 0130 (Tues. 6 September)

Adult: \$749.00, Child (< 12): \$699.00, Single Supplement: \$100.00



The Allied invasion of France in Normandy on June 6, 1944 led to the liberation of France and the end of the Nazi regime less than one year later. On this exciting and action packed military history tour you will experience the drama and tension of the Allied buildup and the massive deployment across the English Channel which led to the landing of 5 American and British Divisions on the beaches of Normandy. Over the course of this tour, our



group will visit the historic sites of Omaha and Utah Beaches, Ste Mère Eglise, Pegasus Bridge, Arromanches, Pointe du Hoc, Avranches, and Mortain, and of course the American Cemeteries at Colleville sur Mer and St. James. Our tour also includes the famous Bayeux Tapestry and the abbey of Mont Ste. Michel. Our tour guide is Mr. Kevin McKedy, who taught military history at West Point and served as a historian for U.S. Army, Europe. The cost of the trip will include three (3) nights in a hotel, two (2) dinners and five (5) other meals, and entry fees for four (4) museums. Space is limited, so sign up today! **Passport required for U.S. citizens plus SOFA card if applicable.**

## Rothenburg o. d. Tauber, Imperial City Festival

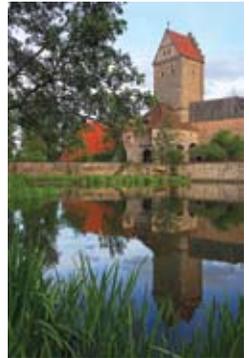
Sat. 3 September 2011

DEPARTS: WIPX: 0545, WAAF: 0600, HD: 0715

RETURNS: APPROX. HD: 1930; WIPX/WAAF: 2030

Adult: \$69.00 Child: \$49.00 (< 12 yrs)

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## London Express New Tour! Fri. 9 September 2011

DEPARTS: HD: 2000, WAAF: 2115, WIPX: 2130

RETURNS: Early to mid-morning on Sunday, depending on channel crossing method.

Adult: \$229.00, Child (<12): \$189.00

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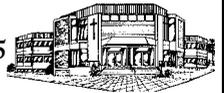
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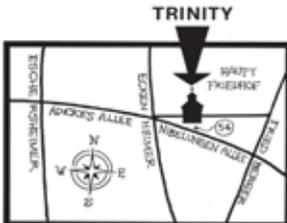
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## Bad Durkheim Wurstmarkt

Sat. 10 September 2011

DEPARTS WI: WIPX: 1000, WAAF: 1015 RETURNS: APPROX. 2130

DEPARTS HD: 1100 RETURNS: APPROX. 2100

Adult: \$59.00 Child: \$49.00 (< 12 yrs)

Join us for the biggest Weinfest on earth! Originating in 1417 as an annual market for regional farm products, the Wurstmarkt is now dominated by the vintners of neighboring Rheinland-Pfalz. A 1,700,000-liter wine keg housing a restaurant symbolizes the dimensions of this popular Weinfest. Relax in a fest tent and test the produce of the surrounding vineyards or roam the massive fairgrounds and enjoy the vibrant atmosphere of a harvest festival. Modern day carnival attractions provide for family fun and the local gastronomy offers simple to sophisticated dining, including, of course, Bratwurst! Don't miss this great fest right next door in Rheinland-Pfalz.



## Rhein Aflame: Oberwesel New! Sat. 10 September 2011

DEPARTS: HD: 1530, WAAF: 1645, WIPX: 1700

RETURNS: APPROX. WIPX/WAAF: 0045, HD: 0145 (Sun.)

Cost: \$109.00

Join the USO on a Rössler Linie ship as we enjoy the spectacular views of the Rhein River valley. After cruising up to the Loreley and enjoying a delicious, light German-style cold dinner (rolls, bread, cheeses, sausages, etc.), we join the parade of boats to see the spectacular fireworks displays. Tonight's special display is in Oberwesel, a quaint little town on the left side of the Rhein that is famous for its annual wine market. So come along and enjoy a relaxing evening on the river with the USO. Don't forget to bring Euros for drinks! Outside food and drinks are not allowed aboard the vessel. For your own safety, we reserve the right to check bags brought aboard.



## Covered Wagon Vineyard & Wine Tasting Tour

Sun. 11 September 2011

STARTS: 1300, ENDS: APROX. 1600

Adult: \$59.00, Child (<16): \$29.00

Enjoy the beautiful views in the hilly vineyards around Eltville on a unique wine tasting tour. This 2.5 hour tour in a covered wagon (pulled by a tractor due to the steep hills) provides you an opportunity to learn about local viniculture, and to sample the wines as you enjoy a view of the Rhine River valley stretching from Frankfurt to Bingen. German-style picnic snacks such as rolls, cheeses and sausage are also provided. Children will get water and juice to drink, instead of wine. Note: Transportation not included. Map to meeting point in Eltville (approx. 20 minutes drive from Wiesbaden) provided upon signing up. Please be at the meeting point in Eltville before 1300.





## Oktoberfest 2011, Munich! Sat. 17 & 24 September 2011

DEPARTS WI: WIPX: 0445, WAAF: 0500. RETURNS: APPROX. 0400 (Sun.)

DEPARTS HD: 0445. RETURNS: APPROX. 0400 (Sun.)

Adult: \$109.00, Child (< 12): \$79.00

The first Oktoberfest was held in the year 1810 in honor of Bavarian Crown Prince Ludwig's marriage to Princess Therese of Sachsen-Hildburghausen. The festivities began on October 12, 1810 and ended on October 17th with a horse race. In the following years the celebrations were repeated and later the festival was prolonged and moved to September. In September the warmer nights allowed visitors to enjoy the outdoor gardens, the atmosphere of the beer tents, or stroll over the Wiesen (meadows). Historically, the last Oktoberfest weekend was in October and this tradition continues into present times. Enough history, join your USO for a day of unforgettable fun. Bring Euros for meals and purchases.



## Brugge Express Sat. 17 September 2011

DEPARTS: HD: 0000, WAAF: 0115, WIPX: 0130

RETURNS: APPROX. WIPX/WAAF: 0300, HD 0400 (Sun.)

Adults: \$ 109.00, Child (4-11): \$ 89.00, Child (< 3): \$59.00

Come with the USO as we travel to Brugge. We start with a tour of this famous city, near the Atlantic coast. Brugge is known for its art, canals, medieval architecture, and of course, its world-famous chocolate! After the tour you will have free time to eat lunch, shop, and see the sights. Perhaps you will choose to visit one of the many art museums, or one of their more unusual sites—such as the chocolate or the French fry museums—or take a cruise on the canals (not included). Or you can just enjoy a relaxing afternoon exploring the city. Wear comfortable walking shoes, bring Euros for your purchases and don't forget your camera! Passport required for U.S. citizens plus SOFA card if applicable.



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Learn about D-Day and Operation OVERLORD on this 3 overnight tour with historian Kevin McKedy.

### 7 October: Tuscany

Visit Florence, Pistoia, and Pisa with the USO in this exciting 2-overnight tour in a 4-Star hotel!



## France's Alsace Region Pottery Shopping Tour

Sat. 24 September 2011

DEPARTS: WIPX 0545, WAAF 0600; HD: 0715  
 RETURNS: APPROX. HD: 1900, WAAF/WIPX: 2000  
 Adult: \$69.00, Child (< 12): \$49.00

Join the USO on a French shopping adventure! We arrive mid-morning in the country town of Betschdorf. Our friendly potter will demonstrate the process of creating the beautiful traditional blue and gray colored pottery typical of this town. We will then make our way to Haguenau, where you'll find the modern Cora shopping center with a vast selection of French foods and wine, as well as international commodities. In the afternoon we proceed to the town of Soufflenheim, home to about 20 traditional Alsatian ceramics workshops offering a range of antique to contemporary forms and patterns. Board our tour and stock up on some practical and decorative items for friends and family! Passport required for U.S. citizens plus SOFA card if applicable.



## Medieval Festival at Ronneburg

Sat. 24 September 2011

DEPARTS: HD: 0845, WAAF: 1000, WIPX: 1015  
 RETURNS: APPROX. WIPX/WAAF: 1900; HD: 2000  
 Adult: \$69.00, Child (5-14): \$59.00, Child (< 4): \$49.00

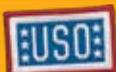
Join the USO at Ronneburg Castle for their fall Medieval Festival! You can shop in the historic market, try some delicious Medieval food and drink, and marvel at all the people in their traditional clothing. There are various entertainments, including musicians, singers, and demonstrations of various middle-ages skills. Wear comfortable shoes, bring Euros for food, drinks and purchases and don't forget your camera!



## Riesling Route with Eric the Red Sun. 25 September 2011

DEPARTS: HD: 1015, WAAF: 1130, WIPX: 1145  
 RETURNS: APPROX. WIPX/WAAF: 2100, HD: 2200  
 Adult: \$69.00 Child: \$49.00 (< 12)

For over 40 years "Eric the Red" has been entertaining Americans in Germany, including JFK Sr. Today Eric takes you through his homeland, the vineyards of the Rheingau wine region. Following our arrival in Eltville and a welcome toast, we will continue our journey along the "Romantic Riesling Route" while Eric explains the historical sights. We will visit one of the oldest wine-growing estates in the Rheingau and their 800-year old wine cellar. While enjoying a home-cooked meal, created by Eric himself, he will host a jovial, informative wine tasting. You may purchase at house prices any wines that appeal to your discriminating taste. So, remember to bring Euros for your purchases! Wear comfortable shoes and don't forget your camera.



**Don't Forget To Bring  
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## Rhein River Cruise

Sun. 25 September 2011

DEPARTS: HD: 0700, WAAF: 0830, WIPX: 0845.

RETURNS: APPROX. WIPX/WAAF: 2100; HD: 2200

Adult: \$99.00, Child: (5-12) \$89.00, Child ( ≤4 w/o meal) \$29.00

Join the USO as we cruise a world-renown section of the Rhein. We begin our trip with a cruise to the famous Loreley. You will see all of the castles and beautiful scenery in this United Nations World Heritage stretch of the Rhein, while you enjoy lunch (drinks extra). Once we reach the Loreley, we cruise back to Rheinstein Castle for a tour of this medieval cliff-side fortification. Then, we sail back across the Rhein for a shopping visit to Rudesheim. There are museums worth a visit as well (not included). At the end of the day, we board the ship again to Assmannshausen to relax at the end of a busy day. Customers will want to bring Euros for drinks, snacks, and purchases.

## Amsterdam Express & DeSimonehoeve Cheese Factory

Sat. 1 October 2011

DEPARTS: HD: 0000, WAAF: 0115, WIPX: 0130

RETURNS: APPROX: WIPX/WAAF: 0130, HD: 0230 (Sun.)

Adult: \$119.00, Child (4 -12): \$109.00, Child ( ≤ 3): \$69.00

Amsterdam is a place everyone has to see at least once-- and many people return time after time! Our day begins with breakfast (included) and shopping at the DeSimonehoeve Cheese Factory just outside the city. Then in Amsterdam we have a two hour "appetizer" tour which will highlight all the city's must-see sights. At midday, you're set free to explore the city on your own. There are many places to consider: the Rijksmuseum, the Van Gogh Museum, the Anne Frank House, Madame Tussauds' Wax Museum, the Dam Square, or spend some time trying out some great Dutch food! Many locations, such as the Anne Frank House require reservations, so make sure you go on-line to make yours in advance! Don't forget to wear comfortable clothes, walking shoes and to bring Euros. Passport required plus SOFA card and other border crossing documents, as applicable.



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Saturday	17 September	Approx. 0700-1700	\$139.00
Saturday	08 October	Approx. 0700-1700	\$139.00
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Saturday	03 December	Approx. 0700-1700	\$139.00

## Military History Tour: The Meuse-Argonne Campaign

Sat. 1 October 2011

DEPARTS: WIPX: 0415, WAAF: 0430, HD: 0545

RETURNS: APPROX: HD: 2300, WAAF/WIPX: 0015 (Sun.)

Adult: \$99.00, Child (< 12): \$79.00

Join the USO on this exciting tour and learn about Sergeant York, the “Lost Battalion”, Colonel George S. Patton, Captain Harry S. Truman, General “Black Jack” Pershing and more! We start our tour on the ground where the American Expeditionary Force (AEF) matured as an army - the battlefields of the Meuse River and the Argonne Forest. We will see the terrain where George Patton’s tanks fought, Harry Truman’s Battery D provided fire support, and SGT York became legend. On the positions of the “Lost Battalion”, we will discuss the heroism of this epic stand. We will gain an appreciation for the difficulties which America faced in forming, deploying, training, and equipping the AEF and discuss General Pershing’s problems as he dealt with French and British political and military leaders. We will visit the Memorial at Montfaucon and the Pennsylvania Memorial at Varennes and honor the brave warriors of the AEF at the American cemetery at Romagne-sous-Montfaucon. Our tour guide is Mr. Kevin McKedy, who taught military history at West Point and who served as a historian for U.S. Army, Europe. PLEASE NOTE: Bringing your own lunch recommended, as facilities in this area are very limited. Passport required plus SOFA card and other border crossing documents, as applicable.



## Family Fun at Louisen Park

Sat. 1 October 2011

DEPARTS: 1000 HEIDELBERG MAIN TRAIN STATION

RETURNS: APPROX. 1600

Adult: \$25.00, Child (6-14): \$15.00, Child (< 6): FREE

Pick up point only in Heidelberg

Join the USO as we travel by train to Louisen Park for a day of family fun! The beautiful park has more than just extensive gardens, including the famous Chinese Garden. Here you can also find a variety of animals (farm, aquarium, butterfly house and more); mini-golf (not included); various play areas; and different events throughout the year. So hop on board and enjoy the day with family, friends—and the USO! Bring Euros for meals, purchases and optional activities.



## Rhein Castles Tour New Itinerary!

Sun. 2 October 2011

DEPARTS: HD: 0815, WAAF: 0930, WIPX: 0945

RETURNS: WIPX/WAAF 1830, HD: 1930

Adult: \$79.00, Child (4-11): \$69.00, Child (<3): \$39.00

Join the USO on a new tour of the castles of the middle Rhein valley. Our first stop is the Rheinfels Castle, where you will be guided by a medieval bard on your tour of this 13th century castle and its underground passages (flashlight not provided). After a break for lunch (not included), we travel to Koblenz, to cross the river. We then go to Lahneck Castle, where you will learn about how people lived in the middle ages and the mystery of the “Vanished Girl.” Bring comfortable walking shoes, Euros for meals and purchases, and your camera. Please Note: Bring your own flashlight for the underground tour in Rheinfels Castle.





## Taste of Tuscany Overnight Tour! Friday, 7 October 2011

DEPARTS: WIPX: 0100, WAAF: 0115, HD: 0230

RETURNS: APPROX. MID-MORNING ON MON. 10 OCT. 2011

Adult: \$549.00, Child (7-12): \$399.00, Child (< 6): \$199.00, Single Supplement: \$169.00

Join the USO as we visit beautiful Tuscany! We travel to Italy on the 7th, arriving at our hotel in Florence in mid -to late afternoon. After checking into our 4-star hotel, you can explore the area around the hotel or just relax until dinner (drinks not included). On the 8th, our 3-hour city tour covers many of the most popular and important sites in Florence, such as the Cathedral, the Baptistery, the Uffizi, the Bargello, and the Accademia. After the tour, you will have free time to explore the city on your own. In the morning of the 9th, we will travel to Pistoia, a small city known for terrific examples of medieval architecture, including the Cathedral of San Zeno, with its bell tower and the 14th century Gothic Baptistery of San Giovanni in Corte. The buildings around the adjacent marketplace, with their heavy shutters and stone benches, are still in medieval style. Following a tour of Pistoia and lunch (not included), we travel to Pisa to visit the famous Leaning Tower and the other buildings of the Campo dei Miracoli (Field of Miracles). These remarkable Tuscan buildings combine Moorish, Gothic and Romanesque architectural features. Included in cost: 2 nights in a 4-star hotel; one (1) dinner; two (2) breakfasts; tours of Florence, Pistoia and Campo dei Miracoli. **Passport required plus SOFA card and other border crossing documents, as applicable.**



## Black Forest Cake Tour New Tour! Sat. 15 October 2011

DEPARTS: WIPX: 0600, WAAF: 0615, HD: 0730

RETURNS: APPROX. HD: 1830, WAAF/WIPX: 1930

Adult: \$99.00, Child (< 12): \$69.00

Join the USO for a new tour of the Black Forest along the Schwarzwald Hochstrasse (Black Forest High Road). Our first stop takes us to the Allerheiligen (All Saints) Waterfall and the monastery ruins, whose church was destroyed by a lightning strike. We then continue on to the “Mummelsee”, a beautiful, glacier-carved lake with many legends and mysteries surrounding it. To top off the day—and take care of the appetite you’ve worked up with all the walking and sight-seeing—our third stop takes us to the famous Hohenrode Gasthaus in Sasbachwalden, where you can order a slice of the world’s largest Black Forest Cake or another treat for your taste buds and tummy. Tour includes transportation and one (1) piece of cake plus one (1) non alcoholic drink of your choice. Bring Euros for meals and purchases, wear comfortable clothes and walking shoes—and don’t forget your camera!



**Remember ...** Passengers are responsible for having valid passports, visas and border crossing documents when a tour crosses a country border.



## Paris Express (Heidelberg) Sat. 15 October 2011

DEPARTS: HD: 0030 RETURNS: APPROX. 0100 (Sun.).

Adults: \$119.00, Child (4-12): \$99.00, Child ( $\leq$  3): \$69.00

All pick ups in Heidelberg Community.

Join the USO in Paris and see the City of Lights for yourself. Tour price includes round-trip transportation, a guided city tour by bus and enough free time for your own shopping and exploration. You may want to take an optional Seine River cruise or go to the heights of the Eiffel Tower (fees not included) in the afternoon. Don't miss seeing the world famous Arc d'Triomphe, Notre Dame Cathedral, the Louvre Museum, the Latin Quarter, the world famous Paris Opera, Champs-Elysées, and much more. Many attractions in Paris are best reserved in advance. Check online or with your local USO for more information. Don't forget to bring Euros for optional activities, meals, and purchases.

Passport required plus SOFA card and other border crossing documents, as applicable.



## Polish Pottery Express New & Improved Itinerary!

Fri. 21 October 2011

DEPARTS: HD: 2000, WAAF: 2100, WIPX: 2115

RETURNS: APPROX WIPX: 0230, WAAF: 0145,

HD 0245 (Sun.) Cost: \$209.00 (for 2 seats)

Come and join the USO on its new and improved Polish Pottery Express! This tour is for shoppers who are interested in Polish pottery, wicker, and more. We start our day with a stop at Kalich & Ceramika to whet your appetite; then move on to breakfast at the Blue Beetroot Hotel (included). Following breakfast, we proceed on the rest of our shopping adventures! Our stops include: Andy's, the pottery shop strip between Artystyczna and Zaklady (including Cer-Far and a Wiza outlet), Henrys, 3 Sisters, and more. We will also stop at Manufaktura, where you can take an optional factory tour depending on availability (€1.50, not included). Bring dollars and Euros for your purchases and meals. Most ceramic stores also accept credit cards. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a pillow, blanket, snacks and water. Please Note: Do not bring plastic bins as they make it difficult to stack boxes in the bus storage area. Cardboard boxes are available at most stores upon request or you can bring your own. Passport required plus SOFA card and other border crossing documents, if applicable.



## St. Goar by Train Sat. 22 October 2011

DEPARTS: 0830 WIESBADEN MAIN TRAIN STATION INFORMATION COUNTER

RETURNS: APPROX. 2000

Cost: \$49.00, Child (<6): FREE. All pick up points in Wiesbaden Community.

Join the USO as we board the train and travel through the beautiful Rhein Valley to the quaint town of St. Goar. After arriving in St. Goar, we will have some time to browse the shops or get a bite to eat before boarding the Burg Express which will take us to the beautiful castle ruins of Burg Rheinfels for a guided tour (included). The castle, which was started in 1245, was partially destroyed by French Revolutionary Army troops in 1797. After our tour, we will descend once again into St. Goar where we will enjoy wine tasting at Stefan's Wine and Christmas Paradise. You will have plenty of time to browse and shop in this quaint Rhein River town before our return train trip to Wiesbaden. Don't forget Euros and your camera and climb on board!

## Ladenburg by Train: From Roman Ruins to the First Cars

Sat. 22 October 2011

DEPARTS: 1100 HEIDELBERG MAIN TRAIN STATION

RETURNS: APPROX. 1730

Adult: \$25.00, Child (7-14): \$15.00, Child (< 6): Free

Pick up only in Heidelberg.

Join the USO on a walking tour of the Ladenburg altstadt (old town) and learn about the rich history of this town. We walk to the market square to see the old signs and inscriptions of the houses there; go into St Gallus church and if it's open, into the protestant church; see the Roman ruins and the bishops' palace; walk to the very first garage in the world; see the witches' tower and walk through the Martin's Gate back into the old town. A visit to either the History Museum or the Classic Car Museum is included. Museum choice will depend on customer interest and opening hours of the museums. There is free time following the tour for lunch and shopping.



## Rhein River Cruise Sun. 23 October 2011

DEPARTS: HD: 0715, WAAF: 0830, WIPX: 0845

RETURNS: APPROX. WIPX/WAAF: 2100; HD: 2200

Adult: \$99.00, Child (5-12): \$89.00, Child (≤4 w/o meal) \$29.00

Join the USO as we cruise a world-renown section of the Rhein. We begin our trip with a cruise to the famous Loreley. You will see all of the castles and beautiful scenery in this United Nations World Heritage stretch of the Rhein, while you enjoy lunch (drinks extra). Once we reach the Loreley, we cruise back to Rheinstein Castle for a tour of this medieval cliff-side fortification. Then, we sail back across the Rhein for a shopping visit to Rudesheim. There are museums worth a visit as well (not included). At the end of the day, we board the ship again to Assmannshausen to relax at the end of a busy day. Customers will want to bring Euros for drinks, snacks, and purchases.

## Riesling Route with Eric the Red Sun. 23 October 2011

DEPARTS: HD: 1015, WAAF: 1130, WIPX: 1145

RETURNS: APPROX. WIPX/WAAF: 2100, MA/HD: 2200

Adult: \$69.00 Child (< 12): \$59.00

For over 40 years "Eric the Red" has been entertaining Americans in Germany, including JFK Sr. Today Eric takes you through his homeland, the vineyards of the Rheingau wine region. Following our arrival in Eltville and a welcome toast, we will continue our journey along the "Romantic Riesling Route" while Eric explains the historical sights. We will visit one of the oldest wine-growing estates in the Rheingau and their 800-year old wine cellar. While enjoying a home-cooked meal, created by Eric himself, he will host a jovial, informative wine tasting. You may purchase at house prices any wines that appeal to your discriminating taste. So, remember to bring Euros for your purchases! Wear comfortable shoes and don't forget your camera.





## Neuschwanstein & Hohenschwangau Castles, Füssen

Sat. 29 October 2011

DEPARTS: WIPX: 0230, WAAF: 0245, HD: 0400  
RETURNS: APPROX. HD: 0100, WAAF/WIPX: 0200 (Sun.)  
Adult: \$119.00, Child (4- 18): \$109.00, Child (≤ 3): \$59.00

Travel with us to King Ludwig II's magnificent castle, which inspired Walt Disney to create his fairy-tale Kingdom. This towering palace and the surrounding mountains present opportunities for many unforgettable photographs. Most impressive is the Festsaal, also known as the "Hall of Heroes and Knights", which spans the entire width of the castle and is decorated with neo-gothic ornaments and a diorama of silver stars. The castle contains many fascinating chambers. We will also visit neighboring Hohenschwangau castle, where Ludwig spent his childhood. Bring Euros for meals and purchases, your camera for some awesome photos, and comfortable shoes for the uphill walk to the castle entrance.



## Trier by Train Sat. 29 October 2011

DEPARTS WI: MEET 0800 AT WIESBADEN MAIN TRAIN STATION  
RETURN: APPROX 2200  
Cost: \$49.00, Child (< 6): FREE Pick up point only in Wiesbaden.

Trier, located on the Mosel River, is older than Germany itself. Founded by the Romans 2,000 years ago, it served as the capital of the Western Roman Empire. We start our day with a city tour beginning in front of the impressive Porta Nigra (a massive and well preserved Roman city gate), and see the highlights of Trier that span 2000 years of history! Then you will have plenty of time to explore the wonders of Trier. So wear comfortable shoes, bring some Euros, don't forget your camera and board the train with the USO once again!



## Weimar & Buchenwald Concentration Camp

Sat. 5 November 2011

DEPARTS: HD: 0330, WAAF: 0445, WIPX: 0500  
RETURNS APPROX. WIPX/WAAF: 2230, HD: 2330  
Adults: \$89.00, Child (< 12): \$69.00

The city of Weimar, in the German state of Thuringia, dates from 899 A.D. and is the home of remarkable artists such as composer Johann Sebastian Bach and poets Goethe and Schiller. This city has many beautiful and historic sights, including the Jakobskirche, the Herderkirche, the Kirms-Krakov house, and the Goethe-Schiller memorial, just to name a few. We start our tour a few kilometers outside town with a visit to the infamous Buchenwald Concentration Camp, where approximately 56,000 of a total inmate population of 250,000 died between July 1937 and April 1945. At midday we're in downtown Weimar. After a break for lunch, we take a tour of the city. The remainder of the afternoon is free for optional sight-seeing and shopping. This tour into former East Germany provides rare insight into both bright and dismal chapters of German history.



## Ancient Fortresses: Römer Welt & Marksburg

Saturday 5 November 2011

DEPARTS: HD: 0630, WAAF: 0745, WIPX: 0800  
 RETURNS APPROX. WIPX/WAAF: 1800, HD: 1930  
 Adults: \$89.00, Child (< 12): \$69.00

Join the USO as we learn about the “military communities” of the past. Our first stop is the Roman World (RömerWelt) Museum, where you can learn about the lives of the Roman soldiers along the border between the Roman Empire and “Free Germany” during the 1st and 2nd Centuries AD. Following a stop for lunch (not included), we continue on to Marksburg, the best-preserved castle on the middle Rhein. This amazingly beautiful castle was never conquered—or even damaged—until the US shelled it at the end of WWII. Following a guided tour at Marksburg, we return to our modern-day fortresses. Bring Euros for meals and purchases –and don’t forget your camera! Please Note: Marksburg is not stroller friendly: be prepared to carry or assist young children on the stairs.



## Berlin Express Fri. 11 November 2011

DEPARTS: HD: 0045, WAAF: 0200, WIPX: 0215.  
 RETURNS APPROX. WIPX/WAAF: 0200, HD: 0300  
 Adults: \$129.00 Child (4-12): \$109.00, Child (<3): \$79.00

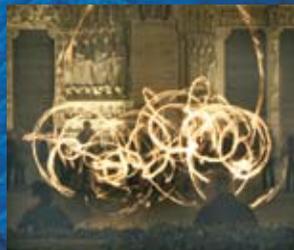
Travel with the USO to the fascinating city of Berlin, the capital of Germany and a city rich in history and culture. Our day in Berlin starts with a city tour that emphasizes the historical highlights, gives opportunities for photo-ops and concludes at the famous “Checkpoint Charlie”. Some of the tour highlights include Pariser Platz, Brandenburg Gate, Hitler’s Bunker and the new Holocaust Memorial. In the afternoon, you will have ample opportunity to shop, visit museums and experience the culture of Berlin on your own. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes, bring your camera and Euros for shopping!



## Paris Express (Wiesbaden) New Itinerary! Sat. 12 November 2011

DEPARTS: WIPX: 0030, WAAF: 0045  
 RETURNS: APPROX 0100 (Sun.)  
 Adults: \$119.00, Child (4-12): \$99.00, Child (< 3): \$69.00

Join us in Paris and see the City of Lights for yourself. Tour price includes round-trip transportation, a guided city tour by bus and enough free time for your own shopping and exploration. You may want to take an optional Seine River cruise or go to the heights of the Eiffel Tower (fees not included) in the afternoon. Don’t miss seeing the world famous Arc d’Triomphe, Notre Dame Cathedral, the Louvre Museum, the Latin Quarter, the world famous Paris Opera, Champs-Élysées and much more. Many attractions in Paris are best reserved in advance. Check online or with your local USO for more information. Don’t forget to bring Euros for optional activities, meals, and purchases. Passport required plus SOFA card and other border crossing documents, if applicable.



## Riesling Route with Eric the Red

Sun. 13 November 2011

DEPARTS: HD: 1015, WAAF: 1130, WIPX: 1145  
RETURNS: APPROX. WIPX/WAAF: 2100, HD: 2200  
Adult: \$69.00 Child (< 12): \$59.00

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## Heidelberg Walking Tour Sat. 19 November 2011

DEPARTS: MEET 0900 AT HEIDELBERG MAIN TRAIN STATION  
RETURNS: APPROX. 1400  
Cost: \$15.00, Child (< 6): FREE

All pick up points in Heidelberg Community.

New to the Heidelberg area or just curious about the city? Join the USO as we take a walking tour through the Heidelberg altstadt (old town). Starting at the Karlstor, which marks the beginning of the altstadt, we visit the old bridge with its fantastic view of the castle; the market square with its beautiful city hall; and the Heilgeist Kirche that contains the grave of the founder of Heidelberg Castle and University. If time allows, we then visit the witches’ tower and the fortification walls of the Neckar. Following the tour is free time for lunch and shopping.



## Luxembourg

Sat. 19 November 2011

DEPARTS: HD: 0345, WAAF 0500, WIPX 0515  
RETURNS: APPROX. WIPX/WAAF: 2130, HD: 2300  
Adult: \$79.00, Child (< 12): \$59.00

Join us as we visit one of Europe’s most historical capital cities. Luxembourg rests on the banks of the Petrusse and Alzette rivers and consists of a lower and upper town, separated by a winding valley. Modern viaducts and graceful bridges link the hills encircling the valley, giving this showcase city remarkable and distinctive scenery. We start our tour with a morning visit to the German Military Cemetery, the American War Memorial Cemetery and grave of Gen. George Patton outside of Luxembourg. After a lunch break, your tour of the city (included) will take you to the Cathedral of Our Lady and other landmarks of the city. Your experience in the Duchy of Luxembourg will give you a feel for its unique blend of German, French and Flemish culture. Don’t forget to bring Euros for meals and purchases. Passport required plus SOFA card and other border crossing documents, as applicable.



## Black Forest Thanksgiving

Thu. 24 November 2011

DEPARTS: WIPX: 0600, WAAF: 0615, HD: 0730

RETURNS: APPROX. HD: 2145, WAAF/WIPX: 2300

Adult: \$119.00, Child (6-11): \$99.00, Child (< 5): \$49.00

Looking for something different to do this Thanksgiving? Board our Thanksgiving Day tour for a demonstration of Black Forest handicrafts and a Thanksgiving feast prepared by Chef Josef of the Hotel Lilie in Triberg. Come and enjoy Thanksgiving Day “Black Forest” style with a great meal with all the trimmings! En route to Triberg we visit the glass works “Dorotheenhütte” in Wolfach for a demonstration of traditional glass-blowing. You’ll have time in Triberg for cuckoo clock or other souvenir shopping and a visit to the Triberger Wasserfälle, Germany’s highest waterfall. Tour price includes glass-blowing demonstration and Thanksgiving dinner (drinks extra).

## Valkenburg Cave Christmas Market Friday, 25 November 2011

DEPARTS: HD: 0400, WAAF: 0515, WIPX: 0530

RETURNS: APPROX. WIPX/WAAF: 2300, HD: 0030 (Sun.)

Adult: \$99.00, Child (5 -12): \$79.00 , Child (≤ 4): \$59.00

Under the Castle of Valkenburg is a maze of passages over a thousand years old. Once used as an escape route, they enabled the knights and their warriors to secretly vanish from the castle, and attack the enemy from behind. During the German occupation in World War II, the cave served as a 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 items, and watch demonstrations of Old Dutch handicrafts. Bring Euros for meals and purchases—and don’t forget your camera! Passport required plus SOFA card and other border crossing documents, if applicable.



## Wartburg Castle & Medieval Christmas Market

Sat. 26 November 2011

DEPARTS: HD: 0400, WAAF: 0515, WIPX: 0530

RETURNS: APPROX. WIPX/WAAF: 2200; HD: 2300

Adult: \$99.00, Child (6-15): \$89.00, Child (< 5): \$59.00

Join the USO at Wartburg Castle in beautiful Eisenach! We start our day with a tour of this beautiful, UNESCO World-heritage site, famous for its architecture and for being the refuge of Martin Luther after his excommunication from the Catholic Church in 1521. It was in this castle where in only 10 months Martin Luther translated the entire New Testament from Greek into German. Following the tour we visit the beautiful Medieval Christmas Market, where you can find hand made items and demonstrations of skills such as glassblowing, stone-cutting, and candle making. You can also spend some time shopping and exploring in Eisenach. Bring Euros for meals and purchases—and don’t forget your camera!



## Bad Wimpfen Christmas Market

Sat. 26 November 2011

DEPARTS: MEET 1100 AT HEIDELBERG MAIN TRAIN STATION

RETURNS: APPROX. 1930

Cost: \$19.00, Child (< 6): FREE

Pick up only in Heidelberg.

Join the USO as we travel by train to the beautiful “fairy-tale” town of Bad Wimpfen for its famous Christmas Market! Bad Wimpfen has a rich past, as it was an independent, imperial town where the Holy Emperor used to stay when he was in the area. Parts of his fortress are left: one of them, the red tower, is a museum now; the blue tower is the highest building in the town and is still occupied by one of the last “guardians of a tower” in Germany. Your knowledgeable guide, Christine, will take you on tour of the town to share its rich history before free time for shopping at the Christmas Market. Wear warm clothes, comfortable walking shoes, bring Euros for your purchases, and don’t forget your camera!



## Rhein River Cruise & Rudesheim Christmas Market

Sun. 27 November 2011

DEPARTS: HD: 0715, WAAF: 0830, WIPX: 0845.

RETURNS: APPROX. WIPX/WAAF: 1830; HD: 1930

Adult: \$79.00, Child (5-12): \$59.00, Child ( $\leq 4$  w/o meal) \$29.00

Join the USO as we cruise a world-renown section of the Rhein. We begin our trip with a cruise to the famous Loreley. You will see all of the castles and beautiful scenery in this United Nations World Heritage stretch of the Rhein, while you enjoy lunch (drinks extra). Once we reach the Loreley, we cruise back to Rudesheim to explore the Christmas Market. There are also museums and shops you may want to visit or take the gondola-style cable car ride up to the Niederwalddenkmal—more commonly known as Germania—a memorial built in the late 1800’s to commemorate the foundation of the German Empire after the end of the Franco-Prussian War. From here you get a beautiful overview of Rudesheim and the Rhein Valley. Customers will want to bring Euros for drinks, snacks, and purchases.



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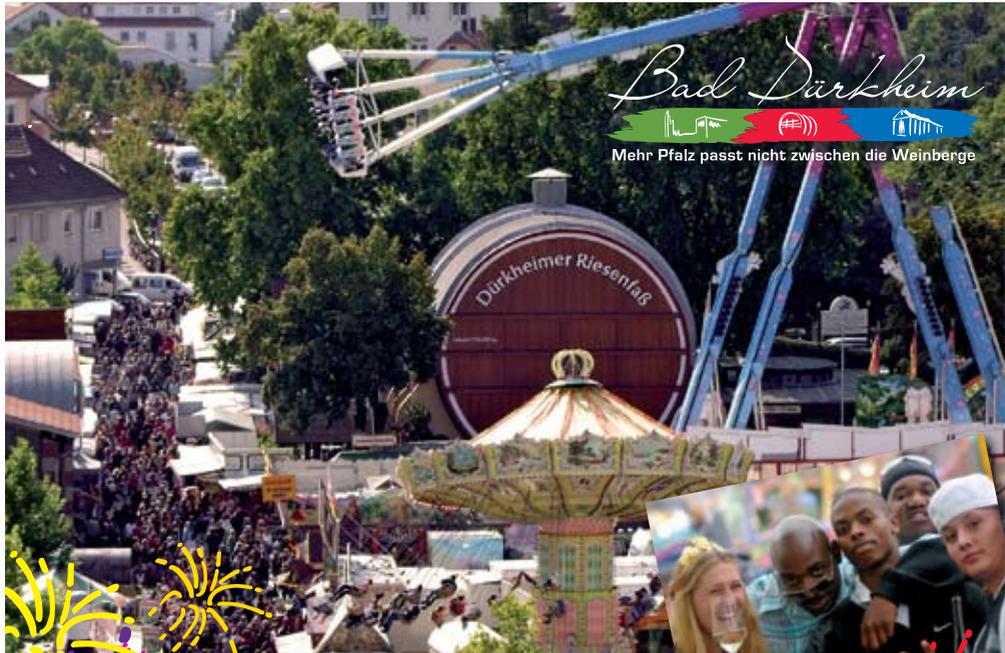
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