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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
Johnny Arriaga
Kathryn Arthur
Jesus Basail
Katherine Bishop
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Lynn Bracher
Patrick Brennan
Raymond Burnett
Alannah Bushart
Heath Callithen
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Roslyn Davis
Ingrid Derwis
Kelly Eckl
Helmut Esser
Wolfgang Ettengruber
Erika Feaser
Ema Gondkovska
Ashley Grassl
Nicky Grulich
Karin Haladik
Randy Hamilton
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Oliver Hehr
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Christine Jerrentrup-Buender
Sheila Jones
Tiffany Journey
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Konstantin Konakov
Clarise Leier
Oliver Licht
Mark Ludington
Colleen Lynch-Janes
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Ashley Mills
Lynette Mills
Laura Molina
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Kathy Schaefer
Joyce Schloesser
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Essie Smith
Rashaun Smith
Aiden Springer
Jackson Springer
Terilyn Stephens
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Amanda Taylor
Ashley Wiser
Heike Woelfl
Martina Zimmermann

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

November, December, January

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, Cottage and WAAF USO centers.

Cupcake Decorating Basics (New Class!)

USO Wiesbaden Cottage – Classroom 1

If you already know how to bake cupcakes and have always wanted to make them look as beautiful as those made by professionals, this is the course for you. Spend two hours with Ewa Macinski from “Das Cupcake” learning how to decorate cupcakes. In this course you will:

- choose the colors you want to work with from the provided color palette
- learn to pipe frosting using various techniques with popular piping nozzles
- use professional tools to create flowers and other pretty details for your cupcakes
- learn how to work with fondant and flower paste. By the end of the 2 hour session, you will have 6 delicious cupcakes beautifully decorated by you to take home to family and friends! Workshop fees include all ingredients and working materials. Just bring an apron!



November Classes	\$20 per class		
Saturday	Nov. 19	10:00-12:00	
Saturday	Nov. 19	14:00-16:00	
December Classes	\$20 per class		
Saturday	Dec. 10	10:00-12:00	
Saturday	Dec. 10	14:00-16:00	
January Classes	\$20 per class		
Sunday	Jan. 15	10:00-12:00	
Sunday	Jan. 15	14:00-16:00	

German Language Class for Children (New Class!)

USO Wiesbaden Cottage – Lower Level

A childhood in Germany is a wonderful experience! Are you looking for a way for your child to be more comfortable around local German children? Give your child the chance to understand and speak German. The USO is offering a beginner class which is designed to be a fun and effective way for children Kindergarten-5th grade to learn a new language. We will teach basic words and sentences that will help them get around in their new surroundings and make some new friends. Sign up and give your children the opportunity to broaden their horizon!!! You will be amazed at how fast the young ones will learn and be able to teach you!



Saturdays Jan. 7 – Jan. 28 1000-1045 \$40 per child

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	Nov. 8 – Dec. 27	1900 – 1950	\$65 per person
Fridays	Dec. 2 – Jan. 20	1800 – 1850	\$65 per person
Tuesdays	Jan. 3 – Feb. 21	1900 – 1950	\$65 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	Dec. 20 – Feb. 07	1800-1850	\$65 per person
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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	Nov. 9 – Dec. 28	2000 - 2050	\$65 per person
Wednesdays	Dec. 14 –Feb.1	1800 - 1850	\$65 per person
Wednesdays	Jan. 4-Feb. 22	2000 - 2050	\$65 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	Nov.3-Dec. 22	1900 - 1950	\$65 per person
Thursdays	Jan. 5 - Feb. 23	1900 - 1950	\$65 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	Nov. 18 – Jan. 6	1900-1950	\$65 per person
Wednesdays	Dec. 21 - Feb. 8	1900 - 1950	\$65 per person
Fridays	Jan. 13 – Mar. 2	1900 - 1950	\$65 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.



COOKING WORKSHOPS

November Cooking Workshops

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

December Cooking Workshops \$25 per workshop

Monday, December 5th	19:00 – 21:00	Apple Strudel	
Friday, December 16th	19:00 – 21:00	Holiday Appetizers	

January Cooking Workshops \$25 per workshop

Wednesday, January 11th	19:00 – 21:00	Chicken Fettuccine Alfredo	
Wednesday, January 18th	19:00 – 21:00	Black Forest Cake	

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	Nov. 11 – Dec. 02	1600 – 1800	\$75
Fridays	Jan. 6 – Jan. 27	1600-1800	\$75

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	Nov. 07 – Dec. 07	1600 - 1730	\$125
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**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. Alannah Bushart has been volunteering with USO Heidelberg since March 2011. She has put in nearly 200 hours of service in support of our troops and the USO mission. Alannah has mastered many of the daily procedures required to run the center. She has become a tremendous contributor to the USO by helping newcomer families on local information and supporting local events and activities... all with a smile on her face. In addition to her devoted volunteer service, she bakes great cookies, too! The USO would like to thank Alannah Bushart 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 Marcus Perry now and find out how you can get involved!
Email: mperry@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 Sue Pantano now and become a USO instructor!
Email: 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 Sue Pantano at 0611.7120.2880 or email 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



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	Jan. 26-Mar.1	0915 – 1145	Payne*	\$125
*Frau Payne will not have class on February 21.				
Mondays	Feb. 6 – Apr. 9	1830 -2030	Zimmerman	\$100
Level 2 Tuesdays & Thursdays	Jan. 26-Mar. 1	215-1445	Payne*	\$125
*Frau Payne will not have class on February 21.				
Wednesdays	Jan. 11-Mar. 14	1830 – 2030	Zimmerman	\$100
Level 3				
Mondays	Nov. 21 – Jan. 30	1830 - 2030	Zimmermann*	\$100
*Frau Zimmermann will not have class on December 26.				

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 varietals 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!



Friday	Nov. 18	1830 – 2030	\$25
Friday	Dec. 9	1830 – 2030	\$25
Friday	Jan. 20	1830 – 2030	\$25

USO Heidelberg Classes

Ballet

Patton Barracks Building 135-Community Conference 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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Beginners' Dance (New Class)

Patton Barracks Building 135-Community Conference Center

An artistic, athletic, and entertaining class introducing the art of dance! We will concentrate on the style, technical skills, and have fun while doing it! Wear athletic clothes, socks, and Jazz/Ballet shoes or shoes with little traction. Age: 15+ No experience required. For additional information, contact instructor Ali Clark: alidawnclark@gmail.com

Contemporary Dance

Thursdays Dec. 1 – Dec. 22 1700-1830 \$40 per person

Jazz Dance

Thursdays Jan. 5- Jan. 26, 1700-1830 \$40 per person

“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 signup and make your experience in Germany a memory of a lifetime!

Public Transportation in Wiesbaden 1100-1300

FREE (Signup required) *Meeting Point: Lilien Carre'-Starbucks (outside)

Our volunteer will show you how to use the automated ticket machines at the train station. You will purchase a “pre-paid” bus ticket and take a short ride. Then we return to Wiesbaden on the Train. Note: Bring 10-15 €, to use the public transportation on this day.

Sunday, Nov. 6, Thursday, Dec 1, Sunday, Jan 8

Shopping at REAL* 1000-1100

FREE (Signup required) *Meeting Point: Äppelalle Center, McDonalds (inside the mall)

Join us for a tour of a store that can be compared to Walmart. Not sure what the german name is for the product you are looking for or where it is located? Interested in the self checkout? Our volunteer will walk you around the store and answer all of your questions!

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

Thursday, Dec. 15

It's That Time Again ...

Santa Photos

Have Your Family's Photo Taken With Santa!

Date: December 10 and December 17

Time: 11:00 am - 14:00 pm

Location: Hainerberg PX Food Court

Free Community Program Sponsored by



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NH HIRSCHBERG/HEIDELBERG

114 rooms • Wireless LAN • Satellite TV • Mini bar
Wellness area with sauna, solarium, and fitness room
7 function rooms • Non-smoking rooms • Bar
Conservatory restaurant • Garden with barbecue area
and sport options • Car park in front of the hotel

Distance Benjamin Franklin Village: 13 km

Brandenburger Str. 30 • 69493 Hirschberg • T. 06201 502 0



NH HEIDELBERG

174 rooms • Satellite/Pay TV • Wireless LAN • Mini bar
Rooms for the disabled • Wellness area with sauna,
steam bath, solarium, and fitness room • Bar
Restaurant • 2 private dining rooms • 16 function rooms
Non-smoking rooms • Underground car park

Distance Patrick Henry Village: 3 km

Bergheimer Str. 91 • 69115 Heidelberg • T. 06221 1327 0

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NH MANNHEIM/VIERNHEIM

121 rooms • Wireless LAN • Cable/Pay-TV • Mini bar
Rooms for the disabled • Non-smoking rooms
Restaurant "Avantgarde" • Bar "Triangle"
Wellness area with sauna and solarium
14 function rooms • Car park

Distance Benjamin Franklin Village: 5 km

Bürgermeister-Neff- Str. 30 • 68519 Viernheim • T. 06204 609 0



NH WEINHEIM

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

Breslauer Str. 53 • 69469 Weinheim • T. 06201 103 0



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OVERNIGHT TOURS

Wallberg Winter Fun New Overnight Tour!

Sat. 21 January 2012

DEPARTS: WIPX: 0000, WAAF: 0015, HD: 0130, STUTTGART: 0300

RETURNS: APPROX. STUTTGART: 1330, HD: 1630, WAAF/WIPX: 1800 (Sun. 22 January)

Adult: \$239.00, Single Supplement: \$49.00

Child (12-18): \$139.00*, Child (7-11): \$109.00*, Child (< 6): \$69.00*

Join the Rhein Main USO as we travel with the Stuttgart USO to Rottach-Egern on the Tegernsee for a day of family fun on Wallberg Mountain, home to the longest natural sled run (6.5 km) in Germany! Located in southern Bavaria between Munich and the border with Austria, this charming winter wonderland provides many opportunities for relaxation as well as outdoor fun. Our day starts at the base of the mountain, where you can rent your sled and purchase your tickets for the gondola (not included). The ride in the gondola up the side of Wallberg gives you a view of the beautiful Tegernsee. If you don't feel like sledding, or need a break, you can warm up at the Panorama Restaurant, with its spectacular view of the Bavarian Alps or you can take public transportation (not included) to explore Rottach-Egern or another town around the Tegernsee.



After our day on the mountain, we move on to our 5-star hotel in Rottach-Egern. Here you can use their indoor pool, hot tub, and sauna facilities to warm up after all that sledding. Other hotel amenities include restaurants, a fitness center, a beauty spa, and a night club. You can also explore the nearby main street which is walking distance from the hotel. The next day we have a late check out and then return home. Cost includes transportation and hotel with breakfast. Sled rental (€5 + deposit) and gondola tickets are extra. Bring Euros for meals, sled rental, gondola rides and purchases. Due to space constraints, you cannot bring your own sled. * Please Note: Children 6 and under must share bed with parent or bring own travel cot. Prices for children 7-18 are for an extra bed in the room with parents; if not sharing the room, they will be charged the adult price. If child under 6 needs a bed, then they will be charged the 7-11 year old price. Limit one extra bed per room.

Lyon, France Overnight Tour!

Fri. 17 February 2012

DEPARTS: WIPX: 2130, WAAF: 2145, HD: 2300

RETURNS: APPROX. HD: 2230, WAAF/WIPX: 2330

(Mon. 20 February 2012)

Adults: \$339.00, Child (6-11): \$239.00,

Child (< 5): \$139.00, Single Supplement: \$79.00

Join the USO on a trip to Lyon, France and learn about the ancient Romans, the Middle Ages, and the Renaissance in France—all in one weekend! Lyon is France's third largest city and known as being the country's best place for good food. This beautiful city's Renaissance city center is a world-famous UNESCO World Heritage site and there are lots of things to do and see here. We travel to France overnight, and arrive on Saturday morning for a 3 hour bus tour to give you an overview of this beautiful city. Free time is included for you to explore Lyon on your own. On Sunday, we visit the nearby city of Vienne and the St. Romain en Gal Roman Museum. On Monday morning, we stop at the Medieval city of Cremieu before returning to Germany. Bring Euros for purchases, meals, and optional activities. Please Note: Child prices valid only with existing double occupancy of room; otherwise must pay regular price. Passport required plus SOFA card and other border crossing documents, if applicable.



Contact The Rhein Main Area USO
For More Information



Tours:

November, December, January



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-Krakow 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 guided 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: RömerWelt & Marksburg

Sat. 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 travel to ancient times to 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

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DEPARTS: 0900 WIESBADEN MAIN TRAIN STATION

RETURNS: APPROX 1800

COST: \$39.00, Child (6-17): \$34.00, Child (<6): FREE

No pick up in Heidelberg.

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 Galerie, before breaking for lunch and shopping. We then go to the Römerplatz and the Cathedral. You may want to consider bringing a snack as lunch time can vary. On this visit to Frankfurt, we will go to the Jewish Museum. Please bring Euros for purchases and meals.



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RETURNS: APPROX 0100 (Sun.)

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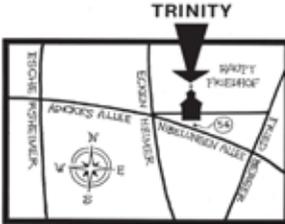
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Heidelberg Walking Tour

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 Heiliggeist 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.



Mainz Walking Tour Sat. 19 November 2011

DEPARTS: 0845 WIESBADEN MAIN TRAIN STATION

RETURNS: APPROX 1730.

COST: \$19.00, CHILD (<6): FREE

No pick up in Heidelberg.

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.





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? Come and enjoy Thanksgiving Day “Black Forest” style with a great meal with all the trimmings! 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. 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

Fri., 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.



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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!



Wiesbaden Christmas Market & Walking Tour

Sat. 26 November 2011

DEPARTS: 0845 WIESBADEN MAIN TRAIN STATION

RETURNS: APPROX 1600.

COST: \$19.00, CHILD (<6): FREE

No pick up in Heidelberg.

Join the USO for a seasonal variation to this classic tour. Follow our guide through the Saturday morning bustle of downtown Wiesbaden as she unravels the marvelous history of our host city. Conclude your informative day with a hot Glühwein at the Sternschnuppenmarkt (Christmas market) and get started on holiday shopping.



Rhein River Cruise & Rudesheim Christmas Market

Sun. 27 November 2011

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

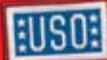
RETURNS: APPROX. WIPX/WAAF: 1830; HD: 1930

Adult: \$79.00, Child (5-12): \$59.00, Child (≤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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Bastogne: Battle of the Bulge

Sat. 3 December 2011

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

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

Adults: \$69.00, Child (< 12): \$49.00

The Battle of the Bulge (16 December 1944-28 January 1945) was the largest battle in American history. It was also Hitler's great gamble as he believed this huge German offensive could divide the Allies and win the war in the West. Instead, the German Army was defeated during this Ardennes Counteroffensive and the Allies fought on to Berlin and victory. During this one day tour we will learn about the German operational plan and its execution and the American defense and subsequent counteroffensive which destroyed German offensive capabilities in the west. We will focus on the heroic defense of Bastogne by the 101st Airborne Division against the German attacks, and the raising of that siege by General Patton's Third Army, which broke through to Bastogne and linked up with the 101st Airborne. Our first stop will be the American Cemetery in Luxemburg, where General Patton is buried. Other stops include the Mardasson Memorial, the initial defensive lines of the U.S. 9th and 10th Armored Divisions, the area occupied and fought for by Easy Company, 2d Battalion, 506th Airborne (of Band of Brothers fame), and the German Cemetery at Recogne. Leading this tour will be Mr. Kevin McKedy, who taught military history at West Point and also served as a historian for U.S. Army, Europe. Bring Euros for meals and purchases. Please note: The Bastogne Historical Center (museum) is closed until 2013 for renovations.



Discover Hidden Heidelberg & Christmas Market

Sat. 3 December 2011

DEPARTS: MEET 0900 AT HEIDELBERG MAIN TRAIN STATION

RETURNS: APPROX. 1700

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

Pick up only in Heidelberg.

Visit some of the lesser known sights in the Heidelberg area with the USO. Our tour by train starts in Leutershausen, where we visit the pilgrimage church containing a statue of a Black Madonna, said to bring about miracles. We then backtrack to Schriesheim, where we walk through the old city and visit the co-op wine store. The third stop is Handschuhsheim, where we visit St. Vitus, the oldest church in Heidelberg, which contains some beautiful 15th century frescoes. We then walk to the "hidden castle" of Heidelberg, the Tiefberg and learn about its mysterious history. Also at the Tiefberg, you will have time to enjoy the charming Christmas Market! Bring Euros for meals and purchases, and don't forget your camera!





Cologne Christmas Markets

Sat. 3 December 2011

DEPARTS: HD: 0700, WAAF: 0815, WIPX: 0830
 RETURNS: APPROX. WIPX/WAAF: 2100, HD: 2200
 Adult: \$69.00, Child (<12): \$49.00

The city of Cologne offers seven Christmas markets in total. Among them are four big Christmas markets - at the Cologne Cathedral, on the Alter Markt, on the Neumarkt and on the Rudolfplatz. Here you will find a fairy-tale world of Christmas booths, vendors and lights, dominated by the majestic Köln Cathedral (Dom). Besides the four big Christmas markets there is also a Medieval Christmas Market outside the Chocolate Museum and a Floating Christmas Market on board MS Wappen von Mainz (KD Riverboats) alongside the old quarter. Our tour today focuses on the various Christmas Markets on give you plenty of time to experience as many of them as you can! Wear comfortable shoes and bring Euros for snacks, souvenirs and Christmas gifts.



Mainz Christmas Market & Walking Tour

Sat. 3 December 2011

DEPARTS: MEET 0845 HRS AT THE WIESBADEN MAIN TRAIN STATION
 RETURNS: APPROX 1800
 COST: \$29.00, Child (<6): \$9.00
 Pick up only in Wiesbaden

Cross the Rhein and visit the capital city of Rheinland-Pfalz in the Christmas season! Mainz has been an upbeat urban center since Roman days. Our walking tour with Mainz specialist, Jean, combines a historical trail through Mainz with the traditional Christmas Market spread across the market square before the medieval Mainzer Dom (cathedral). Join USO for a holiday visit to our sister city across the river!



Riesling Route: Rheingauer Christmas Wine Tasting

Sun. 4 December 2011

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

For over 40 years "Eric the Red" has been entertaining Americans in Germany, including JFK Sr. Today Eric takes you through his homeland, for a special Christmas Wine Tasting in 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.





Christmas in France: Colmar & Strasbourg

Sat. 10 December 2011

DEPARTS: WIPX: 0700, WAAF: 0715, HD: 0830
 RETURNS: APPROX. HD: 2100, WAAF/WIPX: 2200
 Adult: \$69.00, Child (< 12): \$49.00

Join the USO as we visit two French Christmas Markets. We start our day in Colmar, a small Alsace city with a meticulously preserved city center of half-timbered houses, Colmar transports the visitor into the heyday of Renaissance Europe. Today, Colmar bristles with a Christmas market offering the finest in hand-crafted gifts, decorative, and household articles. In the afternoon, we move on to Strasbourg, one of the most highly visited tourist cities in France and home to France's oldest Christmas Market. Every year since 1570, Strasbourg has hosted its Christmas market, the famous "Christkindelsmärik". The magic really begins in the late afternoon as evening falls. The windows sparkle with their Christmas lights, the facades are brought to life by the decorations and the streets are filled with the delicious aromas of spices and cinnamon. Bring your walking shoes, Euros for meals and purchases—and your camera to capture the French Christmas beauty!



Frankfurt Christmas Market & Walking Tour

Sat. 10 December 2011

DEPARTS: MEET 0915 AT THE WIESBADEN MAIN TRAIN STATION
 RETURNS: APPROX. 1900
 Cost: \$39.00, Child (<6): FREE Pick up only in Wiesbaden

Visit the modern day sights and districts that have made Frankfurt Germany's financial metropolis since the 19th century, and conclude your visit at the sprawling Christmas market on the Römer, the medieval town hall square. Our tour guide, Patrick, leads you along a historical path illustrating both bright and dismal chapters of Frankfurt's past and present - and then sets you loose for holiday shopping in the big city!



Speyer Christmas Market by Train

Sat. 10 December 2011

DEPARTS: 1000 HEIDELBERG MAIN TRAIN STATION
 RETURNS: APPROX. 1630
 Cost: \$25.00, Child (< 6): FREE
 All pick ups in Heidelberg Community.

Come with the USO as we take the train to Speyer. We start our tour at the medieval gate tower, the Altpörtel, then walk through the altstadt, and learn about the history of this old imperial town. Sights include the cathedral, the gardens, and the Jewish mikwe (the ritual bath) which is the oldest in Germany. Free time to shop at the Christmas Market and other stores is included in the schedule. Wear your walking shoes, bring Euros for lunch and purchases and don't forget your camera!



Rothenburg o. d. Tauber, Christmas Market

Sun. 11 December 2011

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

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

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

Join the USO as we travel to Rothenburg's its annual Reiterlesmarkt (Christmas market). Rothenburg is one of Germany's most attractive medieval towns. Its ancient walls and towers offer a charming picture postcard panorama. We start our day with a guided walking tour of this marvelous city. On your free time you will have the opportunity explore the town and the Christmas market. A walk along the top of the city wall is a great experience and the town itself provides many opportunities for wonderful dining, sightseeing, shopping, photography and exploring. Bring Euros for meals and purchases.



Nürnberg Christmas Market

Sun. 11 December 2011

DEPARTS: WIPX: 0630, WAAF: 0645, HD: 0800

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

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

Join us on a visit to medieval and historic Nürnberg and see some impressive sights. The highlight today is the Christmas market, the oldest of its kind in Germany. Soak up the special sounds and scents of this holiday marketplace in this world renown Christmas market. And of course, don't leave Nürnberg without trying some Nürnberger Bratwürstle or "Lebkuchen" (ginger bread) for which Nürnberg is famous.

Karlsruhe Christmas Market by Train Sat. 17 December 2011

DEPARTS: MEET 0930 AT HEIDELBERG MAIN TRAIN STATION

RETURNS: APPROX. 1930

Cost: \$17.00, Children (< 6): FREE

All pick up points in Heidelberg Community.

Join USO Heidelberg as we visit beautiful Karlsruhe. We start our tour in the city center, where we see Germany's only pyramid! Other sightseeing in the area includes the city church, the round church of St. Stephan and the location of the city museum and the national history museum. We visit the area around the Karlsruhe Castle and learn about the botanical gardens. Following the city tour, there is free time for people to eat, shop at the Christmas Market and perhaps visit one of Karlsruhe's many museums or the zoo.



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Ludwigsburg Baroque Christmas Market New!

Sat. 17 December 2011

DEPARTS: WIPX: 0730, WAAF: 0745, HD: 0900

RETURNS: APPROX. HD: 2030;

WIPX/WAAF: 2200 Adult: \$59.00, Child(<12): \$39.00

Join the USO as we travel to Ludwigsburg for its beautiful Baroque Christmas Market. The baroque market square, surrounded by arcades and festively decorated stands has a distinctively warm golden glow during its glorious Christmas Market. You can stroll along the spacious passages from booth to booth and enjoy a festive atmosphere and an amazing variety of impressions. It's not for nothing that the Ludwigsburg Christmas Market is regarded as one of the most beautiful of its kind. Ludwigsburg during the Christmas season is more than just a visit: the Christmas Market and the nearby pedestrian area with its numerous shopping opportunities will make your Christmas shopping experience a time to remember. Bring Euros for meals and purchases—and don't forget your camera!



Black Forest/White Christmas Illumination Spectacle

Mon. 26. December 2011

DEPARTS: WIPX: 0600, WAAF: 0615 , HD: 0715

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

Adults: \$69.00, Child (< 12): \$49.00

This imaginative combination of winter landscape, traditional handicrafts, and spectacular pyrotechnic and illumination effects has thrilled thousands of holiday visitors since its debut in 2004. Our tour today starts with classical Black Forest cuckoo clock shopping, followed by a mid-afternoon journey into downtown Triberg



into downtown Triberg, alive with a festival of local artisans, international musicians, pyro-stunts, and holiday attractions for the whole family. At sundown the town powers up its 250,000 lights, arrayed to dazzle kids of all ages with unusual visual effects and colorful nighttime illumination of the surrounding mountains, including the Triberg Falls, Germany's highest waterfall. Wear warm clothing and bring Euros for meals and purchases.

Frankfurt Airport and City by Train Sat. 14 January 2012

DEPARTS WI: MEET 0900 AT THE WIESBADEN MAIN TRAIN STATION

DEPARTS HD: MEET 0800 AT THE HEIDELBERG MAIN TRAIN STATION

RETURNS: APPROX. 1900 Cost: \$59.00, Child (< 6): \$29.00

Join the USO for an exciting and unique tour of Frankfurt! We start our day with a behind-the-scenes tour of the Frankfurt International Airport--more commonly known as FRAPORT. Learn about the operations, history and planned future development of this world-class airport. If we are lucky, you will also get a glimpse of Lufthansa's A380 when we go by its maintenance base. Following the tour of FRAPORT, we continue on into Frankfurt, where your guide will show you some of the highlights of this beautiful city, including the Cathedral and the Römerplatz. You will also have a chance to do a little exploring and shopping on your free time. Bring Euros for your purchases and meals, and don't forget your camera! Participation is limited--so sign up today!



Wallberg Winter Fun New Overnight Tour!

Sat. 21 January 2012

DEPARTS: WIPX: 0000, WAAF: 0015, HD: 0130, STUTTGART: 0300

RETURNS: APPROX. STUTTGART: 1330, HD: 1630, WAAF/WIPX: 1800

(Sun. 22 January)

Adult: \$239.00, Single Supplement: \$49.00

Child (12-18): \$139.00*, Child (7-11): \$109.00*, Child (< 6): \$69.00*

Join the Rhein Main USO as we travel with the Stuttgart USO to Rottach-Egern on the Tegernsee for a day of family fun on Wallberg Mountain, home to the longest natural sled run (6.5 km) in Germany! Located in southern Bavaria between Munich and the border with Austria, this charming winter wonderland provides many opportunities for relaxation as well as outdoor fun. Our day starts at the base of the mountain, where you can rent your sled and purchase your tickets for the gondola (not included). The



ride in the gondola up the side of Wallberg gives you a view of the beautiful Tegernsee. If you don't feel like sledding, or need a break, you can warm up at the Panorama Restaurant, with its spectacular view of the Bavarian Alps or you can take public transportation (not included) to explore Rottach-Egern or another town around the Tegernsee. After our day on the mountain, we move on to our 5-star hotel in Rottach-Egern. Here you can use their indoor pool, hot tub, and sauna facilities to warm up after all that sledding. Other hotel amenities include restaurants, a fitness center, a beauty spa, and a night club. You can also explore the nearby main street which is walking distance from the hotel. The next day we have a late check out and then return home. Cost includes transportation and hotel with breakfast. Sled rental (€5 + deposit) and gondola tickets are extra. Bring Euros for meals, sled rental, gondola rides and purchases. Due to space constraints, you cannot bring your own sled. *Please Note: Children 6 and under must share bed with parent or bring own travel cot. Prices for children 7-18 are for an extra bed in the room with parents; if not sharing the room, they will be charged the adult price. If child under 6 needs own bed, then they will be charged the 7-11 year old price. Limit one extra bed per room.

Heidelberg Walking Tour Sat. 21 January 2012

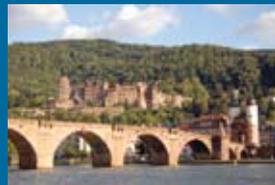
DEPARTS: MEET 0900 AT HEIDELBERG MAIN TRAIN STATION

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



Heilggeist 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.

Ehrenburg Palace, Coburg Sat. 28 January 2012

DEPARTS: HD: 0415, WAAF: 0530, WIPX: 0545
 RETURNS: APPROX. WIPX/WAAF: 2200, HD: 2300
 Adult: \$89.00, Child (< 6-18): \$79.00, Child (< 5): \$49.00



Join the USO as we travel to Bavaria to visit the beautiful Ehrenburg Palace in Coburg. We start our day with a guided tour of this sumptuous palace, former home of the Coburg-Saxe Ducal family; including Albert who married England's Queen Victoria. Here you will see many gorgeous tapestries and other works of art, as well as Germany's first flushing toilet. Following the castle tour, you are free to explore Coburg on your own. Maybe you will visit the museums of the Veste Fortress, do a little shopping, or just find a quiet café where you can relax. Bring Euros for meals and purchases—and don't forget your camera!



Sea Life Aquarium, Speyer Sat. 28 January 2012

DEPARTS: WIPX: 0800, WAAF: 0815, HD: 0930
 RETURNS: APPROX. HD: 1600, WAAF/WIPX: 1700
 Adults: \$59.00, Child (3-14): \$49.00, Child (< 3): \$15.00

Spend the day under the sea and out of the cold with the USO at the Sea Life Aquarium in Speyer. You will see a wide variety of sea creatures; salt and fresh water fish; have a chance to get hands-on with sea stars, anemones and crabs; and if we're lucky, you may even get to see the sharks get fed!

Relax at the end of your undersea adventure with lunch in the restaurant with views overlooking the Rhein River. Cost includes transportation and entry fee to the aquarium. Bring Euros for meals and purchases and don't forget your camera!



Ladenburg by Train: From Roman Ruins to the First Cars Sat. 28 January 2012

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.



Riesling Route Sun. 29 January 2012

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

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

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

For over 40 years "Eric the Red" has been entertaining Americans in Germany, including JFK Sr. Today Eric takes you through his homeland, for a special Christmas Wine Tasting in 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.



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Barbara Anne Bauer
July 1, 1939 – October 13, 2011

With great sadness the USO Rhein Main Area says goodbye to German Language Teacher Barbara A. Bauer. Barbara was born in New York and came to Germany in 1960 to study in Mainz, where she met her husband Oscar. After graduating university with a MA in German Language and Literature, Barbara started her career in 1985 teaching in the German education system.

Barbara began teaching German for the USO in 1994. Her devotion, knowledge of the German language and compassionate personality caused students to re-enroll for subsequent courses time and time again. Barbara's efforts helped USO Patrons connect and integrate in Germany and enhanced their experience while stationed overseas. The USO Rhein Main Area joins her husband Oscar R. Bauer of Wiesbaden, daughter Barbara C. Bauer of Portland, Maine and son Richard A. Bauer of Königstein, in celebrating an extraordinary teacher, wife, mother and friend.



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