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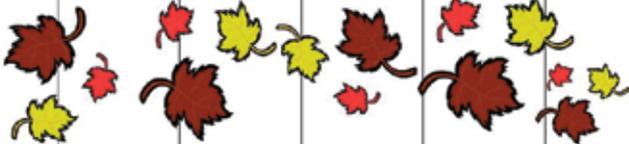
Stuttgart USO Magazine



Relaxing for Mom. History for Dad.  
Fun for the kids....and  
Christmas Markets for Everyone!

**NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2012**

## November 2012

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*Dear Travelers,*

With winter here and the holiday season around the corner, we have supplied you with plenty of options to keep you busy. From days just for mom, historical trips for dad, Europa-Park Winter Wonderland for the kids.....and plenty of Christmas markets for everyone.... You are sure to find a few trips to join us on!

If you are new to the Christmas market experience be sure to check out some of the more traditional markets, like Bad Wimpfen and Nürnberg. If you've been here a few years and are looking for something just a little different, Bernkastel-Kues and Rüdesheim are great choices! All of the markets have their own personality; you will truly experience something different at each and every one.

We at USO Stuttgart would like to wish you and your family a safe and joyous Holiday Season.

May your New Year bring Health and Happiness,  
(...and lots of travels)

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## November Events

- Thanks for Thanksgiving Meal Program. The USO and other community organizations will work with USAG units to provide meals to military families who are in need of our support during the holidays!
- 22 Nov: Thanksgiving Day Meal @ the USO. Open at 1200; meal at 1400. We will provide a home-cooked Thanksgiving feast to anyone in the community who needs a Home Away From Home for the holiday!



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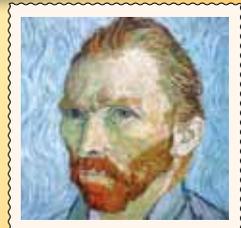
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## Steppin' Out Tour Program

### Saturday, 17 November: Amsterdam Express

- Enjoy a drink at a traditional Dutch pub, visit some amazing museums, walk through the famous Red Light District ... the choices are endless!
- Exclusively for Single & Unaccompanied service members E-7 & below
- \$40 or €40 refundable deposit required
- See page **12** for details
- Contact Programs/Volunteer Coordinator:  
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# Conversational German Language Classes



Cost: €100  
Book: €20  
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15 October- 15 November Five-Week Courses

Class	Days	Hours	Post	Instructor
1A Beginner	T/TH	09:00-11:30	Panzer	Vetter
2A Beginner	T/TH	18:00-20:30	Kelly	Siuda
3A Beginner	M/W	18:00-20:30	Patch	Hoffman

Class	Days	Hours	Post	Instructor
4B Continue	M/W	09:00-11:30	Patch	Hoffman
5B Continue	T/TH	09:00-1:30	Panzer	Layer
6B Continue	M/W	18:00-20:30	Kelly	Siuda
7B Continue	T/TH	18:00-20:30	Patch	Layer

Class	Days	Hours	Post	Instructor
8E Advanced	M/W	09:00-11:30	Panzer	Vetter

\* There is a NO REFUND POLICY for language classes

\*\*NO CHILDREN under the age of 14 and Parent MUST accompany under 18

\*\*\* Schedule subject to change

# November Tours

## 03 November, Saturday-----Louvre Paris, France Express

You've been asking...so we are making it happen again!! We are going to spend the entire day inside the warm, beautiful and fascinating Louvre Museum. We all know that the museum is huge—it was the former palace of French kings—and it will take some time to get oriented. The museum consists of 4 floors containing 10 collections. The new information plans are splendid with recommendations of which famous works reside where. If you're a real fan of the crossing of fact and fiction, there is even a Da Vinci Code route!



Check out [http://www.louvre.fr/llv/activite/liste\\_parcours.jsp](http://www.louvre.fr/llv/activite/liste_parcours.jsp) and develop your plan! The museum also houses a coat/bag check, bookstore, boutiques, and places to eat. Everything you need under one roof! Tour includes transportation, entrance and USO Escort. **Valid Tourist Passports Required.**

**Departs: 00:30 (Fr.) USO Parking Lot Returns: 02:00 (Su.) Cost: €115**

## 09 November, Friday-----Weekend in Lyon, France with USORMA

We have teamed up with USO Rhein Main to offer you a weekend trip to Lyon, France. This beautiful Renaissance town is rich with history that covers the ages, if you are a history lover you are in the right place. To experience the true essence of Lyon, you must EAT!! There are more restaurants per Gothic and Renaissance square meter of the old town than anywhere else on earth. Optional tours are available. Contact the USO Rhein Main for more information. Tour includes transportation, 2 nights at Campanile Lyon Centre Berges du Rhone, city bus tour, and USO Escort.



**Valid Tourist Passports Required.**

**Departs: 01:00 USO Parking Lot Returns: 20:00 (Nov 12)**

**Cost: Adult €207 Cost: Child (6-12) €193 Child (<6) €100**

**Single Supplement: €51 Optional tours: € Cost range from €19 to €30**

## CHILD PRICING

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21 – 25 November	London 3 o'nights	€ 449
22 – 24 November	Paris 2 o'nights	€ 279
<i>Christmas</i>		
23 – 28 December	Christmas in Rome 5 o'nights	€ 619
<i>New Years 2012 / 2013</i>		
29 December – 1 January	London 2 o'nights	€ 419
30 December – 1 January	Paris 2 o'nights (3 star Hotel)	€ 299
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## 10 November, Saturday-----Karlový Vary, CZ--Cheb Asian Dragon Market

Let the Christmas shopping begin! A great shopping day to have under your belt before the APO shipping deadlines creep up on you. Karlový Vary, known for its wonderful spas, is also a must



stop for shopping. Karlový Vary will have crystal aplenty and the Dragon Market promises great bargains for anyone on your list. Make sure you pack your list, a good marker for labeling your purchases...and maybe a pillow for the trip home! Tour includes transportation and USO Escort. **Valid Tourist Passports Required.**

Departs: 02:30 USO Parking Lot Returns: 23:00 Cost: €100

## 10 November, Saturday—Evelin’s Wellness Paradise @ the USO!

Holiday fever is just around the corner...so why not make a promise to take some time for yourself...or treat mom...before the craziness begins??? All the shopping, all the cooking, all the baking.....sounds like a day for relaxing is just what is needed to get in the mood!!! This treatment package includes a 90-minute “Face, Shoulder, & Décolleté treatment with bonus: relaxing foot massage” designed to sooth the skin and energize the spirit! Please wear comfortable loose clothing, bring a large towel and an extra pair of socks. Book early, registrations end 26 October, FIRM. \*100% CANCELLATION FEE AFTER 26 October.



Treatment costs (€89) paid directly to Evelin or by credit card payment at the USO, up to 24 hours before event. All prices are without tax.

Where: USO Lounge When: 14:30-16:30 or 17:00-19:00 Cost: €35

## 11 November, Sunday-----Veteran’s Day Meuse Argonne American Cemetery

Be present for a special Veteran’s Day commemoration at the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery where the largest number of American military members were laid to rest in Europe. Most of those buried here lost their lives during the Meuse-Argonne offensive of World War I. Not to break tradition, we will walk to the town of Romagne for the Mayor’s presentation and stay for the reception that follows. A quick stop at the Mont Faucon Memorial, Butte de Vauquois, and a dinner stop in Verdun, we are making sure your Veteran’s Day will be one for the books.



Tour includes transportation, guide services, lunch, entry fees and USO Escort. **Valid Tourist Passport Required.**

Departs: 04:00 USO Parking Lot Returns: 24:00 Cost: Adult: €105 Child: €65

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## 17 November, Saturday----Amsterdam Express

The trip that never gets old an express tour to Amsterdam! So much to do and see, this town has hidden gems everywhere!!! Head over to the Anne Frank House, visit the Rembrandtplein where traditional Dutch pubs have Dutch music playing non-stop, and why not see the Van Gogh Museum? The options are endless....it is your day! Develop your own plan to make the day a success! [www.amsterdam.info](http://www.amsterdam.info) Tour includes transportation, city orientation and USO Escort. **Valid Tourist Passports Required.**



**Departs: 00:30 USO Parking Lot Returns: 03:00(Su)  
Cost: Adult: €89 Child: €50**

## 18 November, Sunday----Day in the Black Forest w/ Christina

Something just a little different....for the new season....We are still going to meet up with Christina, but this time she has something special in store for us!! We will go 'behind the scenes' at a local clock maker and watch as he carves parts for his famous clocks. We will stop by the biggest clock in Triberg, with a special cuckoo just for us!! House of a Thousand Clocks will then welcome us with a special VIP shopping and a small glass of wine or shnapps...you will then have plenty of time for shopping and eating before meeting back up for a special Black Forest Cake demonstration. Learn how to make the ever so tempting cake....then try a generous portion with coffee or hot chocolate for the kids!!



**Departs: 07:30 USO Parking Lot Returns: 20:00 Cost: Adult: €95 Child: €56**

## 24 November, Saturday----Bernkastel-Kues Christmas Market

The first of many markets we are taking you to this season!!!! This is sure to bring about the Christmas cheer! The historical half-timbered houses, romantic corners and narrow streets are the background for the most unique Christmas market atmosphere you will experience this year!! The town is adorned with over 40 stalls, Moselle-style nativity scene, a musical clock and even a nutcracker castle. There will be of course, plenty for the children to see and do while the adults have a chance to try several varieties of Glühwein. Tour includes transportation and USO Escort.



**Departs: 08:00 USO Parking Lot Returns: 21:00 Cost: €85**



**Listen for USO Stuttgart tours  
& activities on Monday, 08:30  
Tuesday, 15:00 and Thursday, 07:30!**

## 25 November, Sunday-----Europa-Park Winter Wonderland

Many exciting rides and special winter activities are waiting for the whole family. Whether it is a thrilling ride on the roller coaster Euro-Mir, or a leisurely ride with the kids in the Sleigh Ride Snowflake – winter at Europa-Park leaves nothing to be desired! Lots of other activities await you.... Snow Tubes, Children's Skibobs or try out the large Ice-Skating Rink. Rides not your thing? Those who would like to spend their day at a more leisurely pace can stroll across the festively decorated Winter & Christmas Market. Don't forget you're invited to the Enchanted Forest for a journey through the world of the Grimm Brothers' fairy tales. Tour includes transportation, entrance and USO Escort. **NO EARLY BIRD**

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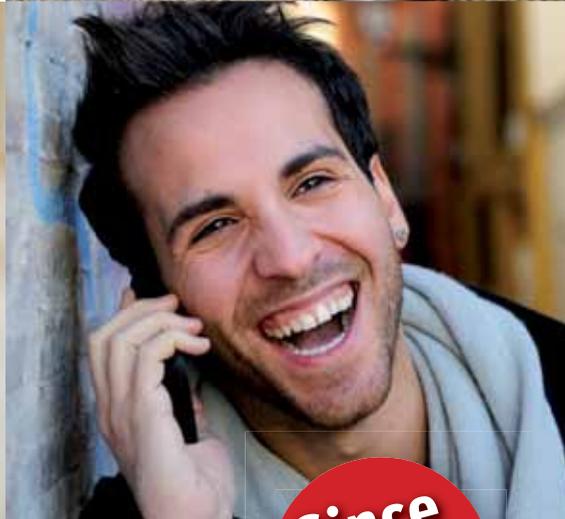
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# December Tours



## 01 December, Saturday-----Prague, CZ Christmas Market Express

Not been to Prague yet???? There is no better time to experience this city than during Christmas time!! The market consists of brightly decorated wooden huts selling traditional Czech products. Lots of local specialty foods and no market is complete without a vast amount of warm drinks to choose from!! Outdoor Christmas shopping is so much nicer with a cup of hot wine (svařené víno or svařák) in your hand!! Tour includes transportation, city guide, and USO Escort. **Valid Tourist Passport Required.**



**Depart: 01:00 USO Parking Lot Return: 02:00 (Su) Cost: Adult: €95  
Child: €55**

## 02 December, Sunday---Bad Wimpfen Christmas Market

An English speaking guide in an historical costume will greet us and guide us through this exchanting village. We will stroll through the old part of Bad Wimpfen, with old stories about Christmas tradition and customs! We will then visit an experienced herbalist in the romantic fairytale tower, enjoy a fine liquor (kids will be provided juice) and learn about ancient herbalism---you'll have plenty of time to have a lunch and enjoy the Christmas market after our tour.....you will even take home on of the popular Christmas mugs on us!!! Tour includes transportation and USO Escort.



**Depart: 08:00 USO Parking Lot Return: 18:00  
Cost: Adult: €80 Child: €42**

## 05 December, Wednesday-----Tübingen 2012 ChocolART Festival

Specially priced for the mom's to get away for the day! What can be better than a day away.....indulging in everything chocolate!!! The Old Town open-air market is transformed for all the chocolate lovers around the world. Lots of taste-testing, chocolate making, you can even opt for a massage with chocolate! With one of the most impressive towns this close to Stuttgart, you are sure to enjoy your get-away! Tour includes transportation and USO escort. **NO EARLY BIRD**



**Depart: 09:00 USO Parking Lot Returns: 16:00 Cost: Adult: € 40 Child: €25**

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## December Events

- USO Stuttgart bus trip to the Stuttgart Weihnachtsmarkt, Date & Time TBD.
- 11 Dec: Photos with Santa, USO Center, 1000-1300. Come join Santa in the Center! Children can get their photo with Santa, read along during story time at 1100, then enjoy a snack during craft time in the USO kitchen!
- 14 Dec: Single Service Member Christmas Dinner, USO Center, begins at 1800. All single and unaccompanied military personnel are invited to join us for a home-cooked holiday meal and gifts for all!
- 19 Dec: Operation Cookie Drop Deadline, ends 1800. Community members are welcome to donate baked goods or other goodies that will be delivered to Ponds guards, service members, and civilian workers who work on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Delivery date is 21 December.
- 20 Dec: Night of Music – starring Sir Waldo's Funk Circus & special guest Harriet Lewis Family, LKA Longhorn. This is a FREE holiday concert for the community, combining rock, jazz, R&B and more by these two talented groups! Times & Details TBD.
- 25 Dec: Christmas Day Meal @ the USO. Open at 1200; meal at 1400. We will provide a home-cooked Christmas feast to anyone in the community who needs a Home Away From Home for the holiday!

## 08 December, Saturday-----Christmas in Dresden

Dresden, known as the Florence of the North and located in the former East, offers a special character and flair you will not find at any other market. Enjoy the sophisticated splendor of this famous city. The jaw-dropping details of the holiday decorations, nutcrackers, lighted displays, and nativity scenes will offer you an amazing view. You can't miss the great Christmas Pyramid, towering a stunning 14.62 meters over the market...it even gained its place in the Guinness World Records in 1999. Tour includes transportation and USO Escort. NO EARLY BIRD



Departs: 04:00 USO Parking Lot Returns: 23:00 Cost: Adult: €95 Child: €55

## 09 December, Sunday-----Rüdesheim am Rhein Market

Every year Rüdesheim is transformed into a cultural mix of Christmas customs from all over the world. More than 120 vendors from 12 different nations offer their goods, specialties, and customs in one of the finest market atmospheres. An absolute must do at the Rüdesheim Christmas market? Try some deliciously made Rüdesheim Coffee, which is exclusively made with locally distilled Asbach Uralt Brandy, whipped cream, traditionally served in an authentic Rüdesheim coffee set. Tour includes transportation and USO Escort.



Departs: 07:00 USO Parking Lot Return: 20:00 Cost: Adult: €70

## 11 December, Tuesday-----Nürnberg Market with City Tour

With our favorite guide, Jason Eiler to escort you through the old town of Nürnberg you can't have a bad time!! He will share the town's unique history and orient you to the multiple Christkindl market locations....you will then be ready for the rest of your day. Following your city tour, you will be free to taste the finger-sized sausages made famous when the city was under curfew. You'll have plenty of time to get in some Christmas shopping around the huge, world famous market! Tour includes transportation, city guide, and USO Escort.



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## 15 December, Saturday----Bastogne 2012 Walk

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**Depart: 02:00 USO Parking Lot Return: 24:00 Cost: Adult: €125 Child: €80**

## 16 December, Sunday----Colmar, France Christmas Market

Need a reason to visit the Colmar Christmas Market? Who needs a reason??? We can think of a few if you really need it...It’s authenticity and respect of tradition, the hospitality of Colmarians, the spectacular settings and lights, FIVE Christmas markets all in the same historic city....Petite Venise for children, Place des Dominicains, Place de l’Ancienne Douane, Place Jeame d’Arc and inside the Koifus, the old customs house.... This truly is an experience for anyone new to the Christmas market scene. Tour includes transportation and USO Escort.



**Depart: 07:00 USO Parking Lot Returns: 19:00 Cost: Adult: €70**

## 20 December, Thursday----Rothenburg o.d. Tauber

For an enchanting atmosphere Rothenburg o.d. Tauber is by far the best you can get. The market is called the “Reiterlesmarkt” and dates back to the 15th century. Lots of hand made items can be found here: scarves, hats, mittens, leather works, pottery....you can also find some of the best white wine glühwein in Germany....not into glühwein? That’s ok....as there is plenty of steamy hot chocolate with mounds of whipped cream waiting for you. Don’t be afraid to walk the original medieval walls (if weather permits), catch the mid-day city tour, or tour one of the museums with your free time. One thing is a must, and that is to catch a “Schneeball” during your visit! You will not be disappointed! Tour includes transportation and USO Escort.



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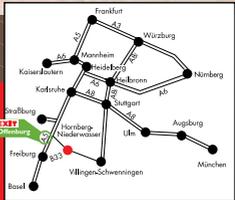


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Depart: 09:00 USO Parking Lot Returns: 18:00 Cost: Adult: €65

## 29 December, Saturday-----Strasbourg, France Market

One of the nicest things about Christmas in Europe is the way some cities acknowledge the 12 Days of Christmas beginning on December 25th and ending January 6th at Epiphany. Only a few select places keep their markets open through the holiday. Strasbourg is one of those cities! If you are looking for something to do before 2013 knocks on the door....or just aren't ready to give up the Christmas spirit yet...come with us and enjoy the charm and ambiance of Strasbourg. Tour includes transportation, city tour, and USO Escort. Valid Tourist Passport Required.



Depart: 07:00 USO Parking Lot Return: 20:00 Cost: €60



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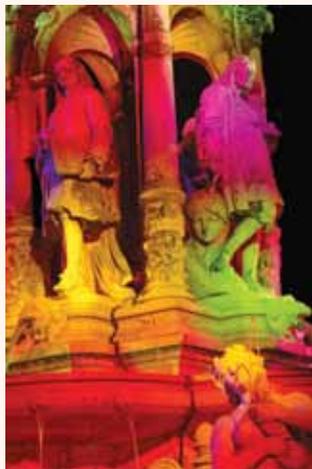
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- An adult must accompany children under 18 years old on USO tours.
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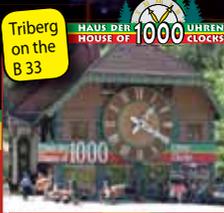
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# Single Service Member Christmas Dinner

Friday, 14 December, begins at 1800 

**Who:** All Single & Unaccompanied Military Personnel

**What:** USO Stuttgart will treat our men & women in uniform to a home-cooked, holiday meal. After filling your bellies, stick around for our gift game – gifts for all!

**Desserts:** Community members, please feel free to provide desserts for our holiday meal. We would greatly appreciate the support!

**Transportation:** Buddy up, carpool or if you live on another post, let us know and we can take you home in our USO van!

*Happy Holidays!*

*Thank you for your service!!*



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## German Kitchen with Frau Arnold

Saturday, 17 November

Advent Cakes 10:00-14:00

Christmas Cookies

Thursday, 29 November Session 1 08:00-16:00

Saturday 1, December Session 1 08:00-16:00

Thursday, 6 December Session 2 08:00-16:00

Saturday, 8 December Session 2 08:00-16:00

*All class will have lunch served.*

(Session 1 is one type of cookies, Session 2 is different types of cookies)

10:00-14:00, USO Kitchen



\*COOKING TOGETHER MEANS CLEANING UP TOGETHER!

# USO MONTHLY LUNCH!



**USO Monthly Lunches  
will not take place in  
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Lunches will resume in  
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## **IMPORTANT WEATHER ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Inclement weather may cancel tours! Now that winter is in full swing, the USO would like to remind customers that when the Garrison designates that road conditions are RED, all USO tours will be cancelled. (This does not apply to over-nights, Interra Reisen or My Paris Tours). Please check the Garrison website, tune in to AFN radio, or call the Stuttgart Garrison Weather Hotline at **0711 729 2474** for the latest road conditions.**



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For information about Monthly and Upcoming  
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• [www.uso.org/stuttgart](http://www.uso.org/stuttgart)
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# TRAVEL TIPS

## Comfort Tips

- Carry small change for toilets
- Dress in layers, even in summer
- Carry an umbrella or rain slicker
- Wear comfortable shoes – ALL trips involve extensive walking
  - Pack a snack
- REMEMBER: CARRY ON ITEMS MUST FIT BENEATH YOUR SEAT

## Travel Basics!!

- Passengers MUST disembark bus at rest stops
- Carry what you need with you-buses are not accessible throughout the day
- Check last line of tour write-up for inclusions— have a plan for your free time

## Winter Tips

- Check the weather and dress accordingly  
Remember Gloves, Scarves, and Hats
- Stay Hydrated! Even in the winter time..  
fluids are essential



## December 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <i>Prague, CZ Market Express</i>
2 <i>Bad Wimpfen Market</i>	3	4	5 <i>Tübingen Chocolate Fest</i>	6	7	8 <i>Christmas in Dresden</i>
9 <i>Rüdesheim am Rhein Market</i>	10	11 <i>Nürnberg Market w/ Jason Eiler</i>	12	13	14	15 <i>Bastogne 2012 Walk</i>
16 <i>Colmar, France Christmas Market</i>	17	18	19	20 <i>Rothenburg o.d Tauber</i>	21	22 <i>Konstanz Christmas Market</i>
23	24	25 	26	27	28	29 <i>Strasbourg, France Market</i>
30	31					

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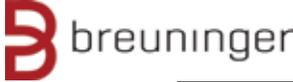
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