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March-April 2013

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1 Day



March 2013



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Dear Travelers

Spring is here and we can not be more excited! Better weather is knocking at the door.....we are getting antsy and can not wait to get you started on your new adventures!!

In this Kiosk you will see “2 Places; 1 Day” tours specially designed to check multiple “boxes” on the same day. Valkenburg Caves in Holland with a stop in Liege, Belgium is our first “2 Places; 1 Day” tour! These tours are designed to be a bit more fast paced than our normal offerings....but seeing several check marks on your list will be well worth it!

We promised you a year of new and exciting things to do and we are keeping that promise. Browsing the Kiosk you will find a new express tour to Hamburg, a special Easter Lunch on the Rhine, and an historic tour of Ingolstadt with Jason Eiler. Exploring new places is always fun.....just a little more fun with the USO!

It is Spring...and with Spring... brings Spring Break!!!! Every kid loves having the week off! Every parent wonders what they'll do with their kids for that week! Don't worry we have you covered with two tours every kid will be happy to go on. “Monkey Mountain” and “Diggin’ for Dino’s” are options to help you make the most of your holiday. We even have a Disney Paris Express tour on the very first day of vacation!!

For the history buffs out there...we are packing our mud boots and headed back out to Belgium, this time for the 5th Annual Dead Man's Ridge Walk. This year we will walk the footsteps of the 193rd Glider Infantry Regiment. A new tour for us, after the experience we had in Bastogne, we couldn't let this one slip by.

~We look forward to exploring Europe with you~

Angie E.S Hawkins

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“Like all great travelers, I have seen more than I remember, and remember more than I have seen” - Benjamin Disraeli



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RESERVATIONS/BOOKINGS: Must be made in person; telephone reservations are NOT accepted. Persons under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Tours priced in Euros, unless otherwise noted in the description and must be paid in full when signing up. Types of payment accepted are Master Card, Visa, cash dollar/euro and personal check. There will be a \$25.00 service charge on returned checks.

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Volunteer Thank You!

USO Stuttgart would like to thank all of its volunteers for their outstanding service.

You gave more than **8,300 volunteer hours during 2012!**

Thank you for supporting our mission.



Upcoming Events

March Events:

- 1 March: Volunteer Banquet. Thank you, USO Volunteers, for your dedication and support!
- DATE: St. Patrick's Day Brunch, 1000-1300, USO Center. Join us for a traditional brunch, Irish style. Don't forget to wear green!
- 27 March: Monthly Lunch – Cajun/Creole. Serving 1100-1300 in the USO Center, while supplies last.

April Events:

- 24 April: Monthly Lunch – Quiches/Casseroles. Serving 1100-1300 in the USO Center, while supplies last.
- 26-27 April: Mobile Hot Dog Canteen. USO volunteers will serve hot dogs, chili dogs, chips, and drinks to the community 1100-1400 both days. 26 April at Kelley Commissary; 27 April at the Patch Springfest. See you there!



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**Friday, 26 April– Kelley Commissary
Saturday, 27 April– Patch Springfest**

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USO 21st Annual Golf Tournament

Saturday, 3 August, 2013

- Golf Club Hammetweil - Neckartenzlingen
- Tournament Registration opens in May!



USO MONTHLY LUNCH!

Join us for lunch with a different theme every month!

**Wednesday, 27 March:
Cajun/Greole**



**Wednesday, 24 April:
Quiches/Casseroles**



Last Wednesday of every month 1100-1300

While supplies last

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March Tours

02 March, Saturday---Valkenburg Caves & Liege, Belgium

We are starting the month off with a brand new adventure! We will travel to Holland to explore the Valkenburg Caves.....only we aren't going to make you walk.....we are going to BIKE through the caves! This unique program, created in Valkenburg, is the only cave bike program in Europe! Our guide will lead you through the system showing you the most beautiful places. The route is not difficult and the speed will be adapted to our group. This tour is suitable for the young and old! We aren't stopping there...this is the first of our "2 Places; 1 Day" tours!!!! Our next stop will be in Liege, Belgium --the birthplace of the Emperor Charlemagne. We suggest making the most of your free time in Liege...try some famous Belgium Chocolate, maybe you'll want to relax with a nice local Trapist, or keep up the adventure and try the traditional cuisine of Liege ~Boulets a la Liegeoise~ Tour price includes transportation, guided bike tour of the caves, and USO Escort. **TOURIST PASSPORTS REQUIRED.**



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German Kitchen with Frau Arnold

March 02—Festive Torts

March 23—Maultaschen

April 13—Casseroles

April 27—Tafel Spitz & Gaisburger Marsch

10:00-14:00, USO Kitchen



***COOKING TOGETHER MEANS CLEANING UP TOGETHER!**

INDIAN KITCHEN *With Jas*

20 March, Wednesday

Allo Palak, Raita, and Chapattis

17 April, Wednesday

Toor Dahl, Sabji, and traditional rice.

Jas herself is a vegetarian.....

Therefore all menus will follow this lifestyle.



See Pages 12 and 26 for all the details.

Polish Pottery Overnights



March kicks off our first trip of the year!!

See details on page 16

April is a whole new shopping experience in Poland.

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09 March, Saturday---Luxembourg and Trier Nightwatchman



We will begin our day with a tour through the American Cemetery where General Patton is buried along with 5,076 other brave Americans...it is said that General Patton's grave is dramatically unique and we will find out why with our guided tour. After our history lessons, we will head to the Capital City of Luxembourg!! Here you will have time to explore the city on your own. You can walk the historic Promenade, shop in the banking center of Europe, or just have a nice relaxing lunch. After our time in the city, we are going to head down the road to Trier....one of the UNESCO World Heritage Sites! We will be accompanying a Trier night watchman on his evening rounds; he will be furnished with a halberd, horn, and lantern as we walk through the streets and dark lanes of the city feeling as if we were back in 1830. This entertaining tour is rounded off with a glass of "viez," Trier's apple cider, and a small snack when you visit Trier's oldest restaurant, the tavern "Zur Glocke." Tour price includes transportation, guided cemetery tour, Trier night watchman tour, glass of viez with small snack, and USO Escort. **TOURIST PASSPORTS REQUIRED.**



Early Bird Discount Ends: 26 February 2013

Departs: 05:00 Returns: Midnight Cost: Adult €115 Child €55

10 March, Sunday--- Tongeren Antique Market

Are you looking for an old fashion mirror? Does your living room need that unique antique lighting? For more than 30 years, Tongeren, Belgium, has played host on Sunday mornings to more than 350 exhibitors and 40 antique shops at one of the largest antique and flea markets around! You are sure to find what you are looking for at this market! If you haven't shopped until you dropped, you may want to take some time and visit the town center—it is quite lovely this time of year! We're pulling a trailer behind the bus to allow for plenty of space for larger items—filled on first come; first serve basis!! Bring old blankets to protect your purchases during travel. **** Transport of purchases from bus to home is responsibility of customer**** Tour price includes transportation and USO Escort. **TOURIST PASSPORTS REQUIRED.**



No Early Bird Discount Available

Departs: 01:00 Returns: 21:00 Cost: All Seats: €96

16 March, Saturday---Milan, Italy Express

Milan is Italy's second largest city and a world center for banking and high fashion. Famous city landmarks include the Duomo (Milan Cathedral), the Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II shopping plaza and the La Scala Opera House. If you aren't going there for the landmarks, maybe you just want to shop for those famous Italian shoes or dresses!! Either way...we are supplying you with the local Hop On/Hop Off bus ticket! Many of you may want to see Leonardo da Vinci's 'The Last Supper', we highly suggest ordering your tickets online weeks before departure. It is Easter time and they are expecting larger crowds than usual. Try viator.com or tickitaly.com for tickets.



Tour price includes transportation, hop on/hop off bus tickets and USO Escort.
TOURIST PASSPORTS REQUIRED.

Early Bird Discount Ends: 05 March 2013

Departs: 03:00 Returns: 04:00 (sun) Cost: Adult: €126 Child: €79

17 March, Sunday—St. Patrick's Day Parade in Munich

Irish people all over the world celebrate March 17th, the name-day of their patron saint, with parades, festivities, music and dancing. The numerous members of Munich's Irish community hold a parade to join with their German friends to celebrate the Irish national holiday and the friendship between the two countries. It all started in 1996 with around 300 spectators....today it is the second largest St. Patrick's Day parade in Europe!! Being topped only by Dublin!! Can't make it to Dublin this year??? We've got you covered with the next best thing! Tour price includes transportation and USO Escort.



Early Bird Discount Ends: 06 March 2013

Departs: 07:30 Returns: 20:30 Cost: Adult: €70 Child: €35

20 March, Wednesday---Indian Kitchen with Jas

The classes in January and February were a huge success!!! Jas has graciously offered to help us learn the traditional way of Indian cooking. This session we will learn how to make Allo Palak, Raita, and Chapattis. Jas herself is a vegetarian..... Therefore all menus will follow this lifestyle.*Cooking together means cleaning together*



No Early Bird Discount Available

USO Kitchen 16:00-20:00 Cost: €25

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22 – 24 March	Berlin 1 o'night	€ 199

Spring Break

5 – 11 April	Spain, Lloret de Mar 5 o'nights	€ 499
6 – 11 April	Italian Dream 5 o'nights	€ 639
6 – 8 April	Paris 2 o'nights	€ 289
19 – 21 April	Tulip Time Holland 1 o'night	€ 279
26 – 28 April	Paris 1 o'night	€ 199



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22-23 March, Friday and Saturday—Polish Pottery Overnight at the Blue Beetroot

IT'S BACK! The first overnight pottery trip this year!! We leave early FRIDAY morning so that we can shop the best shops with little to no crowds!! We will arrive in Boleslawiec for 5 hours of the best pottery shopping we could find...some specialty shops opening especially for us~ we are then off to relax at the Blue Beetroot with a wonderful dinner. There you can opt for a pampering treatment to be paid directly to the Blue Beetroot. The next morning we wake up and start the shopping all over again!! You will also have an optional lunch/dinner on Saturday at the Centrum Piramida for €15. Tour price includes transportation, overnight stay in the Blue Beetroot, Dinner, Breakfast, and USO Escort. **TOURIST PASSPORTS REQUIRED.**

No Early Bird Discount Available

Departs: 01:00 Returns: 02:00 (sun) Cost: All Seats: €205

23 March, Saturday---Hamburg Express

Hamburg's city center, which lies between the Binnenalster, Alster and the Elbe, sets the pace for the rest of the city - economically, politically and socially. The magnificent boulevards lined with shops and the smaller shopping areas are nothing short of unique. Those in search of culture need look no further: The Kunsthalle, the opera and the

two main theatres the Thalia Theater and the Deutsches Schauspielhaus are here! The old town is also incorporated into this area, as the ruin of the Hammaburg, built in the 9th century reminds us. We will equip you with everything you need to take Hamburg by storm.... with a combined bus and boat sightseeing tour...you can't miss a thing!! Tickets work just like a normal hop on/hop off tour, except you have the option of taking a 1 hour harbor cruise! Hamburg thrives on its liberty and international flavor; the city is known as "The Gate to the World". You'll understand why once you are there! Take the day and experience a different part of Germany!! Tour price includes transportation, bus and boat sightseeing tickets, and USO Escort.



Early Bird Discount Ends: 12 March 2013

Departs: 00:30 Returns: 03:00(sun) Cost: Adult: €135 Child: €88



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24 March, Sunday— 5th Annual Dead Man's Ridge Walk

On the 16th of December 1944 German troops launched the Ardennes offensive. On the 4th of January 1945, the 17th Airborne Division launched the first attack towards Flamierge from Mande-Saint-Etienne and Houmont. The ridge near Flamierge was later re-named “Dead Man's Ridge” by the men of the division. The 17th Airborne freed many people within the Sainte-Ode and Bertogne area from Nazi occupation but not before the division lost more than 3,000 men. On the 24th of March 1945, the 17th Airborne Division jumped on Germany during Operation Varsity, the last allied airborne assault of the war in Europe. This year, we will walk in the footsteps of the 193rd Glider Infantry Regiment between Champs, Mande-Saint-Etienne and Rouette. If you accompanied us to Bastogne in December, you have been looking forward to this walk.....if you were not able to join us this is your chance to experience history in a completely different way! Need another reason to join us?? The non profit association organizing the walk is using all proceeds to help bring Melvin M. Lagoon (E/193rd GIR and E/194th GIR), a WWII 17th Airborne Division Veteran back to Europe as their honored guest. Tour includes transportation, breakfast, walk admission, a souvenir certificate, one drink on the walk, and USO Escort.



No Early Bird Discount Available

Departs: 02:30 Returns: Midnight

Cost: Adult: €95

Child: €70

27 March, Wednesday---Nürnberg Easter Market with Jason Eiler

Jason Eiler, our favorite historian, has graciously offered to take us around Nürnberg during the Easter season. Nürnberg is famous for so many different reasons: the Nürnberg trials, the nearest city the Holy Roman Empire had to a capital, and of course the world famous Christmas market. Jason will enlighten you at every turn....you will walk away with a new look on an old town. After your tour, we will give you plenty of time to experience the Ostermarkt (Easter Market). Each year, at Easter time, the large Easter Market is held on the Main Market Square, hosting roughly 80 stalls to shop from. Tour includes transportation, guided tour, and USO Escort.



Early Bird Discount Ends: 15 March 2013

Departs: 07:00 Returns: 19:00 Cost: Adult: €80 Child: €40

30 March, Saturday---Vienna Easter Market

Few cities in the world glide so effortlessly between the present and the past like Vienna. Visiting Vienna at any time of the year is a treat, but the Easter Markets put on in this Imperial city are out of this world!! We will do the driving, give you a city orientation, showing you all the different locations of the markets; then allow you plenty of time to visit them all. Without a doubt, you will come home loaded like the Easter Bunny himself! If pretty eggs aren't your thing, there are plenty of museums, cathedrals, crypts, and cafes to keep you entertained the whole day through. Tour includes transportation, city orientation, and USO Escort. **TOURIST PASSPORTS REQUIRED.**



Early Bird Discount Ends: 19 March 2013

Departs: 23:30 (fri) Returns: 01:30 (sun) Cost: Adult: €105 Child: €65

31 March, Sunday---Easter Lunch on the Rhine River

It's Easter Sunday, and what better way to spend time with family than on the Rhine River? We will depart on a special Easter lunch cruise from Assmannshausen, riding down the Rhine for approximately four hours. Chicken, fries, and vegetables will be served for lunch and is included in your trip cost. You will have the option of ordering specialty food and drinks from their menu at your cost. The cruise will end in Rudesheim, giving you extra time to spend in this quaint German town. You will be responsible for any drinks and extra food purchased aboard the boat. ****Ask about special pricing for children under 5 years old**** Tour includes transportation, admission aboard boat, lunch, and USO Escort.

Early Bird Discount Ends: 20 March 2013

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April Tours

05 April, Friday---Disney Paris Express

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Tour includes transportation and USO Escort. **TOURIST PASSPORT REQUIRED.**

Early Bird Discount Ends: 25 March 2013

***SPECIAL OFFER: EARLY BIRD AVAILABLE FOR CHILD SEATS, TOO!!**

Departs: 01:00 Returns: 03:00 (sat)

Cost: Adult €100

Child €80

06 April, Saturday---Prague, Czech Republic Express

See Prague, the unspoiled jewel in Europe's historic crown. Here, every stone is a piece of history!! Enjoy a guided tour pointing out not only the highlights, but also many of the unique hidden gems around every corner. Express trips allow plenty of time to wander the streets, discover Prague Castle (entrance not included), shop in Wenceslas square, stroll across Charles Bridge, or sit and have a coffee while enjoying the towering 14th Century Ty Church. You will have plenty of time in the afternoon for a leisurely lunch, shopping, or the castle.....It is up to you! This trip sells out fast....make sure you sign up early!! Tour price includes transportation, city tour, and USO Escort. **TOURIST PASSPORT REQUIRED**



Early Bird Discount Ends: 26 March 2013

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07 April, Sunday---Cochem Castle and a Medieval Feast

We will travel to Cochem for an experience only shared by a few. After a guided tour of the castle you will take part in an authentic medieval feast. The Lord of the Manor will welcome you with a goblet of Moselle wine and teach you the table manner and medieval customs to be used during this exciting adventure. Servants and maids in period costumes will lavishly serve you, even passing out water to wash your hands so that you may eat with your fingers. Bread and lard make the rounds while a hot and spicy soup is steaming in the cookery pot. Huge drum sticks are served for the main course. Jesters in medieval outfits provide entertainment and authentic music. Old "torture instruments" are displayed, and the evening climaxes with the traditional knighting ceremony. The feast comes to an end with cheese, grapes, nuts and biscuits and the servants will again bring you water to wash your hands after your "good fare and excellent wine". Even though you may have travelled all over the world and eaten in the most exclusive restaurants, this kind of feasting will be an experience you'll never forget. **One tumbler of wine is included, any other beverages are charged separately** Tour includes transportation, guided castle tour, the medieval feast, a tumbler of wine, and USO Escort.



No Early Bird Discount Available

Departs: 07:00 Returns: 20:00

Cost: Adult €125

Child €95

08 April, Monday---Affenberg Salem "Monkey Mountain"

Spring Break is here.....and we are able to help you keep the kids busy and you sane!! One of the most unique things for kids to do is walk amongst 200 free roaming Barbary Macaques. You will be able to discover this amazing species within a beautiful forest... you are even welcomed to feed the monkeys with special popcorn provided for free by the park!! It is a great experience to be in direct contact with these amazing monkeys!! Give the kids something fun to do...they might even learn a few things...but shhhhhh...don't tell them!!! Tour includes transportation, park entrance, and USO Escort.



No Early Bird Discount Available

Departs: 07:00

Returns: 20:00

Cost: Adult €50

Child €35



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

09-13 April, Tuesday-Saturday--- Italian Riviera with USORMA

Join the USO on the Italian Riviera over Spring Break 2013 for 4 nights in a 4-Star hotel located on Marine degli Aregai on the Mediterranean Sea in Santo Stefano al Mare. The Riviera of Flowers offers thousands of views and its imposing scenery: hills covered by olive groves with shining silver-like leaves; picturesque villages perched on the hills; old towns characterized by small houses and winding paths; as well as sea views of cliffs diving into the blue sea. After



checking into our hotel, you will have some free time to explore the old town of Santo Stefano, just a short walk away or take leisurely stroll along the beach. The next day we visit the Principality of Monaco. After touring the old town, we pay a visit to the famous Monte Carlo Casino where you can try your hand at the slots or enjoy a cup of coffee at the famous “Café de Paris”. On the second day in the Italian Riviera, we visit the romantic town of San Remo and the surrounding country-side to include Bordighera (the City of Palms) and the village of Dolceaqua, which was made famous in paintings by Claude Monet. On Friday we drive along the Cote d’Azur in France to explore the beautiful charms of Nice and Cannes. We return to Germany on Saturday, following breakfast---leaving you Sunday to recover before returning to work or school. Cost includes transportation, four (4) nights in the hotel, four (4) breakfasts, three (3) 4-course dinners, one (1) Gala Dinner, and three (3) day trips covering Monte Carlo, Monaco, San Remo, Nice, and Cannes. Bring Euros for meals and purchases—and don’t forget your camera! Please Note: Child rates valid only when sharing a room with 2 adults, otherwise the adult price applies; maximum 1 extra bed per room. Passport required plus SOFA card and other border crossing documents, as applicable.

Departs: 03:00 Returns: Apprx 21:30 (Sat) Cost: Adult €415 Child 2-11 €370
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10 April, Wednesday--- Diggin' for Dino's

No matter the age...everyone seems to love Dinosaurs! We have set up a special English tour through the Urwelt Museum, to let us in on all of their dinosaur secrets!! After our guided tour we will head across to the shale quarry for an actual fossil dig! This is a REAL site containing fossils and other exciting evidence of the days long gone....you even get to keep what you find!! Wear clothes that you can get dirty and don't forget your camera. Pack a lunch to have at the quarry and bring tools to dig with and a reusable bag for all of their treasures. Tour price includes transportation, guided tour, entrance to quarry, and USO Escort.



No Early Bird Discount Available

Departs: 08:30 Returns: 17:00 Cost: Adult €50 Child €35

13 April, Saturday---Day in the Alsace

Starting our day at the Haut-Koenigsbourg Castle... we will have a specialized guide to help us seek out its unusual features and gain more in-depth knowledge of the architecture and daily life in the Middle Ages. After our time in the castle, we are going to head over to Colmar, the last town in France to be freed after the Second World War. Here you will have a city orientation and plenty of time to explore the city on your own. Colmar's old town is the main attraction it is stunningly beautiful and well preserved. There is even a part of town named "Little Venice" that you must visit to understand why. While you are there make sure to keep an eye out for dates painted onto the side of buildings. You will discover many of them date back to the 1300's! Tour includes transportation, entrance and guided tour through the castle, city orientation, and USO Escort. **TOURIST PASSPORT REQUIRED.**



Early Bird Discount Ends: 02 April 2013

Departs: 07:00 Returns: 19:00 Cost: Adult €90 Child €50

14 April, Sunday—Day in the Black Forest with Christina

Christina is so very excited to offer this tour once again....It is spring after all and the bees are buzzing! What a wonderful way to experience the Black Forest! Get an insider's view of what the Schwarzwald has to offer. We'll visit a woodcarver, a beekeeper (honey, crèmes, and candies available for purchase), a 300-year-old farm estate for lunch and a schnapps tasting (ice cream for the kids!). You will have to time to visit the famous House of 1000 Clocks (Look for their ad in this Kiosk!!) and to sit and enjoy a piece of that famous Black Forest Cake!! All on a Sunday Get-Away! Tour includes transportation, special tour guide, lunch w/ 1 drink, and USO Escort.

Early Bird Discount Ends: 03 April 2013

Departs: 07:30 Returns: 20:00 Cost: Adult €95 Child €59

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17 April, Wednesday---Indian Kitchen with Jas

We just can't get enough of these new classes!!! Jas has graciously offered to help us learn the traditional way of Indian cooking. This session we will learn how to make Toor Dahl, Sabji, and traditional rice. Make sure you sign up fast....as these classes fill up quick!! Jas herself is a vegetarian.....Therefore all menus will follow this lifestyle.

***Cooking together means cleaning together* No Early Bird Discount Available**

USO Kitchen 16:00-20:00 Cost: €25

20 April, Saturday---Ljubljana, Slovenia Express

Join us for a trip to the capital city of Slovenia. Our own tour guide will walk us through the city, showing us both historical and architectural highlights along the way, pointing out the open-air market, shopping niches and great places to eat! Following our city tour, you will have plenty of time in the afternoon for a leisurely lunch, shopping, market visit, or ride up the funicular to the castle---it is up to you! Visit: www.visitljubljana.com and develop a plan! If time permits, we will even take a brief photo stop at the beautiful Lake Bled. Tour includes transportation, city tour, and USO Escort. **TOURIST PASSPORT REQUIRED**



Early Bird Discount Ends: 09 April 2013

Departs: 01:30 Returns: 03:00 (sun) Cost: Adult €108 Child €54

20-21 April, Saturday and Sunday—Polish Pottery, Natural Market and Antique Shopping Overnight at the Blue Beetroot



Well...it isn't exactly a 2 places 1 day tour....but we are going to say it is anyway... When else are you going to be able to go pottery shopping, visit the 2nd annual natural market, AND go antique shopping in POLAND?!?!? We leave early Saturday morning so that we can shop in the best shops, then off to visit the natural market! After a full day...we are off to relax at the Blue Beetroot with a wonderful dinner and maybe a pampering treatment, if you wish. (All pampering services to be paid directly to the Blue Beetroot) The next morning we wake up and start the shopping all over again!! We are going to head back to town for some more pottery shopping and since it is the 3rd Sunday of the month, we will have a chance to shop at the Antique Market. This is not something we do very often....turn this weekend into the ultimate "Girls Getaway"...you can't go wrong! There will be a lunch/dinner option Sunday for €15. Tour price includes transportation, overnight stay in the Blue Beetroot, Dinner, Breakfast, and USO Escort. **TOURIST PASSPORTS REQUIRED.**

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21 April, Sunday---Linderhof Royal Palace Park and Ettal Abbey

Great trip for a Sunday! Linderhof Palace, the only building King Ludwig II of Bavaria was able to complete is a must see while in Germany. Of course, Neuschwanstein is his most famous building but while it is still under construction, we are going to take the time to visit the grounds he actually lived upon. If you know any of King Ludwig II's history, you know that he built a Grotto in his backyard....and this is where it is located! We will have enough time for a guided tour of both the Palace and the Grotto, and to visit the many purchases upon his travels and brought back to these grounds. When we are finished being impressed by the Moorish Kiosk, Moroccan House, and the Hunding's Hut we are headed to the town of Ettal to visit the beautiful Abbey. The Abbey at Ettal was founded in 1330 by Emperor Ludwig IV of Bavaria, and was of the Benedictine order. Although Gothic in design, the buildings underwent slight remodeling in the 1700s, adding Baroque influenced architecture, and internally adding Baroque stuccos and wall paintings. It has just completed another renovation of the grounds and late April should be the perfect time to see these grounds in all their beauty. Tour includes transportation, guided tour of palace and grotto, and USO Escort.



No Early Bird Discount Available

Departs: 07:00

Returns: 20:00

Cost: All Seats €65

27 April, Saturday---Keukenhof Gardens and Zaanse Schans

The USO is taking you back to Holland for a most unique windmills and flowers experience! The tour begins at Zaanse Schaans Windmill Park. At one time there were more than a thousand windmills situated alongside the Zaan, six of which can now be found at the Zaanse Schans: two oil mills, a mustard mill, a paint mill and two saw mills. Shops selling textiles, pottery, cheese, mustard, clogs, postcards and many other items are situated in a variety of historic Zaanse warehouses and barns. We wouldn't dream of taking you to Holland and not stopping here! We then travel on to Lisse, home of the Keukenhof Gardens. The park is filled with blooming tulips, hyacinths, daffodils and other spring bulbs. At Keukenhof you can gain inspiration and relax in the beautiful surroundings! With more than 7 million flower bulbs planted over 32 hectares, different events and weekly changing flower shows, you can't possibly be disappointed. One of our most popular trips year after year...you will want to sign up fast! Tour price includes transportation, light breakfast, entrance to the gardens, and USO Escort. **TOURIST PASSPORT REQUIRED**



Early Bird Discount Ends: 16 April 2013

Departs: 00:30

Returns: 04:00 (sun) Cost: Adult €125 Child €82.50

27 April, Saturday--- Ingolstadt with Jason Eiler

Remember back in January when we said we were going to take you to new places this year? We have teamed up with Jason to help us explore this new destination. Originally a fortress city, Ingolstadt is enclosed by a medieval defensive wall, impressive to almost anyone who visits it. Ingolstadt, is the hometown of Audi and a setting in the novel Frankenstein by Mary Shelley, where the scientist Victor Frankenstein creates his monster. It has a beautiful cathedral, city fortifications, the largest flat ceiling fresco in the world, a pleasant old town and boasts three unusual museums: the Audi Museum and factory, the History of Medicine Museum (gets a little gruesome, but always interesting) and the Bavarian Army Museum in the Neues Schloss. With Jason by our side there is no way we can go wrong in this city on the Danube. Tour includes transportation, historical guide, and USO Escort.



Early Bird Discount Ends: 16 April 2013

Departs: 07:30 Returns: 20:30 Cost: Adult €80 Child €45

28 April, Sunday--- Staatlicher Hofkeller and the City of Würzburg

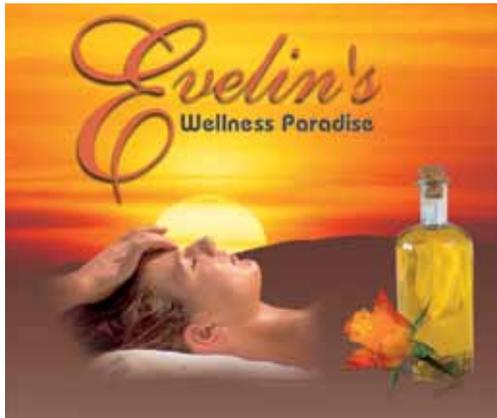
Beneath the baroque building of the Residence Palace are the expansive tunnels and cellars of the wines of the former prince bishops. Experience and enjoy the wines in one of the most beautiful wine cellars in the world. The Staatlicher Hofkeller dates back to 1128. We will enjoy a guided visit through the tunnels and cellars as they are illuminated by candlelight. After our tour we will be able to taste a glass of the famous Franconian Wine. We will set you off to experience the rest of your day on your own. With so many different places to see, we weren't sure which one you would prefer. The Residence Palace, Fortress Marienberg, Dom St. Kilian, Pilgrimage Church "Käppele"... there are just too many choices! This is the perfect place to spend a spring time Sunday in Germany. Children are more than welcome on the cellar tour; however they will not be provided a beverage after the completion of the tour. Tour price includes transportation, cellar tour, glass of wine, and USO Escort.



Early Bird Discount Ends: 17 April 2013

Departs: 08:00 Returns: 19:00 Cost: Adult €80 Child €40

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