

ARTS & CULTURE **IN GERMANY**

College of Arts and Letters

ALUMNI TRIP



July 9-17,
2013



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Friends and Alumni of the College of Arts and Letters,

Join Dean Karin Wurst and faculty from the College of Arts and Letters on an arts and culture tour of Germany. In honor of the 40th anniversary of the Arts and Letters' Mayen, Germany study abroad program, the College is organizing a 9-day trip to explore the history, culture and art of this vibrant European country. A hub of business, culture and technological innovation, Germany is known for its composers, philosophers and poets as well as its castles, cuisine and festivals. Arts and Letters faculty leading this trip are German natives and experts in German literary and cultural history and German language.

Running from July 9 - 17, 2013 the trip includes an official German welcome in Mayen, a cruise on the Rhine River and visits to Heidelberg, Munich, Dresden and Berlin. Stops include city tours, visits to historic castles and museums, and the famous Meissen porcelain factory, among others. All breakfasts, dinners, accommodations, local transportation and admission fees are included. Access to a pre-trip online German language and culture crash course is also part of the package. Estimated costs are \$2,000 per person depending upon double or single occupancy. (Air fare is not included.)

Due to limited capacity on this trip, we encourage those potentially interested to contact Bridget Paff in the College of Arts and Letters Development and Alumni Relations Office via email at paff@msu.edu or call 517-353-4725. Registration deadline is March 15, 2013.

TENTATIVE INTINERARY

Tuesday, July 9, 2013

- Arrival at Frankfurt airport
- Assistant will meet the group members in the arrival hall at Frankfurt airport and accompany them to the waiting bus
- Group transfer to Mayen
- 3 Star Hotel Standard Room in Mayen
- Dinner at hotel

Wednesday, July 10, 2013

- Breakfast at hotel
- Reception at the Old Town Hall in Mayen
- Lunch buffet
- Terra Vulkania and Eifel Museum
- 3 Star Hotel Standard Room in Mayen
- Dinner in Mayen
- Optional: Burgfestspiele on Genoveva Castle (Comedian harmonists 2 – Now or Never)

Thursday, July 11, 2013

- Breakfast at hotel
- Bus transfer to Rhine-River cruise stop
- Admission: Cruise the Rhine-River, one-way
- Bus transfer to Heidelberg
- Admission: Heidelberg Castle and Courtyard
- 3 Star Hotel Standard Room in Heidelberg
- Dinner at hotel

Friday, July 12, 2013

- Breakfast at hotel
- Bus transfer to Munich
- 4 Star Hotel Standard Room in Munich
- City tour Munich
- Dinner in Munich

TENTATIVE INTINERARY

Saturday, July 13, 2013

- Breakfast at hotel
- Day-trip to Füssen and Neuschwanstein and Hohenschwangau Castles
- Admission: Neuschwanstein Castle
- Admission: Hohenschwangau Castle
- 4 Star Hotel Standard Room in Munich
- Dinner in Munich

Sunday, July 14, 2013

- Breakfast at hotel
- Bus transfer to Dresden
- 4 Star Hotel Standard Room in Dresden
- City tour Dresden
- Admission: Zwinger Museum
- Dinner in Dresden

Monday, July 15, 2013

- Breakfast at hotel
- Visit Frauenkirche
- Bus transfer to Meissen
- Admission: Meissen Porcelain Museum and Demonstration Workshop
- Bus transfer to Berlin
- 4 Star Hotel Standard Room in Berlin
- Dinner at hotel

Tuesday, July 16, 2013

- Breakfast at hotel
- City tour Berlin
- Admission: Checkpoint Charlie and Berlin Wall Museum
- Optional afternoon program
- 4 Star Hotel Standard Room in Berlin
- Dinner in Berlin

Wednesday, July 17, 2013

- Breakfast at hotel
- Bus transfer to Berlin airport

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

What's Included:

- Access to pre-trip online German language and culture crash course
- Private bus with reclining seats, air-conditioning, restroom, VCR/DVD, kitchenette
- Tour assistant for the duration of the trip
- 8 nights' accommodations
- Breakfast daily in hotels (except arrival day)
- 8 dinners
- Transportation and admission tickets as listed in the itinerary

All rates quoted for services are in US Dollars and are inclusive of all applicable taxes at the rates in force at the time of confirmation (unless otherwise specified).

What's not included:

- Flight
- Hotel portorage
- Tips for drivers, guides, hotel, restaurant and other services
- Supplements or optional tours listed (if applicable)
- Visa, passport and entry/exit fees
- Travel insurance
- Taxes

Land cost per adult:

Approximately \$2,000.00 per person depending upon double or single occupancy (flight not included)



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-Jessica Hagen, 2008 Mayen study abroad participant

**RESERVE YOUR SPOT FOR THE EXCITING GERMANY
ALUMNI TRIP TODAY!**

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Development & Alumni Relations
Attn: Germany Alumni Trip
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East Lansing, MI 48824-1044
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ESTIMATED TOTAL PRICE*
\$2,000
*Does not include Airfare or taxes

Email: paff@msu.edu
Website: <http://mayen.cal.msu.edu>

Please make ___ reservations for the person(s) below:

(1) Name as it appears on passport:

Title	First Name	Full Middle Name	Last Name
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Gender: male female Date of birth: _____ Citizenship: _____ MSU ALUMNI: Yes__ No__

Passport #: _____ Passport/Place of Issue: _____
(If passport information is not available at time of booking, please submit information before tour departure.)

(2) Name as it appears on passport:

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Mailing address: (WHERE ALL FINAL DOCUMENTS ARE SENT)

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP code: _____

☎ Day-time() _____ ☎ Cell () _____ e-mail: _____

Emergency contact/Name: _____

Payment Due Dates & Terms*:

- March 15, 2013 = \$500 per person (initial deposit, reserves spot)
- April 15, 2013 = \$750 per person
- May 15, 2013 = Final Payment Due

I am paying by check. Enclosed is my deposit of \$ _____ (minimum of \$500 per person) to secure my/our reservation. Make checks payable to: "Michigan State University", Memo Line: "Germany Alumni Trip"

Charge my initial deposit of \$ _____ (minimum of \$500 per person) to Mastercard Visa American Express

Card #: _____ Exp. Date: ____/____ Security Code: _____ 3 digit (4 digit AMEX)

Account name: _____ Cardholder signature: _____
(Payment indicates that I have read and agree to all terms and conditions.)

* Reservations are to be paid in full by May 15, 2013. Reservations received after this date are subject to availability and must be accompanied by payment in full. There is a \$100 non-refundable fee for all reservations made. Receipts and confirmation will be provided with each payment.

Terms and Conditions - EXCLUSIONS: These prices do not include passport and, if applicable, visa fees (Depending on your nationality, you may require visas in addition to a passport to enter certain countries. You must contact appropriate consulates for details on how to obtain on your own.); airport and government taxes; tipping of tour guide and driver; beverages with meals unless indicated otherwise; laundry; personal insurance; room service; telephone charges; all items of a personal nature; postage; airport transfers when a participant deviates from scheduled flights or travel dates; private transportation; and all items not specifically stated in the itinerary.

CANCELLATION POLICY: All cancellations must be received by MSU CAL Development & Alumni Relations Department in writing. All cancellations for any reason whatsoever will be subject to a \$300 per person cancellation fee. Date of receipt will determine penalties assessed. In addition to \$300, cancellation between 60-31 days of departure will result forfeiture of 25% of tour cost; between 30-16 days 40%. Cancellation within 16 days of departure or a "no-show" at the time of departure will result in forfeiture of the entire cost of the trip. AIRFARES are highly restrictive, NON-REFUNDABLE, NON-ENDORSABLE and NON-TRANSFERABLE once ticketed. Cancellation of airfare reservations is subject to restrictions, regulations and additional penalties of the airlines used. Reservation changes also subject to penalties. Medical health and accident insurance is compulsory.

AIRPORT TRANSFERS & BAGGAGE As airline delays are beyond the control of MSU, additional expenses, if incurred, will be borne by the tour participant. (Save receipts for possible reimbursement by airline.) MSU is not responsible if an airline cancels, reschedules, or delays a flight for any reason. If you miss your departure flight, it is your responsibility to work with the airline on which you are ticketed to reach your destination. MSU is not responsible for any additional expenses you may incur prior to joining your trip. MSU is not responsible for and will not provide any refund for portions of trips missed due to canceled, rescheduled, or delayed flights. Baggage and personal injury are at owner's risk entirely. The issuance or acceptance of vouchers or tickets shall be considered consent of the above conditions.

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