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Please Note:
Wiesbaden Army Airfield (WAAF)
is now Clay Kaserne

Volunteer Recognition

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 2013 include:

Alannah Bushart

Amanda McIntyre

Amber Casey-Collins

Chuck Andrean

Mert Bagci

Jean Bivens

Patrick Brennan

Karen Brown

Alannah Bushart

Christine Jerrentrup-Buender

Ronald Cleary

Helmut Esser

Kaya David

Wolfgang Ettengruber

Erika Feaser

Ilsa Gabriel

Olga Garza Lora

Paul Grandacarpio

Nicky Grulich

Karin Haladik

Catherine Hatch

Kelsey Helms

Kelley Henry

Ryan Hunter

Josh Grassl

Tiffanie Journey

Anja Klaukien

Kristina Merrick

Oliver Licht

Amber Likins

Marcos Lora

Mark Ludington

Matt Usher

Teresa Nauman

Perry Molden

Randy Hamilton

Ron Bushart

Kathy Schaefer

Cindy Stevens

Shanthadurga

Vijayakumar

Heike Woelfl

Kecia Zullo



In Memory of Joe Schmeltz

The USO Rhein Main Area and all of USO Europe recently lost a valued team member: Joe Schmeltz passed away on October 4, 2012.

Joe joined the USO in 1993 after serving 20 years in the Army, when he retired as a Sergeant First Class. He was the face of the USO for many, running the Mobile Canteen at USO events throughout Germany, until June 2012 when he transferred to the Rhein Main Area to work at the Hainerberg PX Store. He is survived by his wife, Gloria, and son, Chris. Joe, we will miss you.



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. If a customer has requested a credit towards a future activity instead of a refund, it must be applied within 2 weeks of the cancelled activity, or the credit will automatically be processed as a refund and the refund procedures will then apply.

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 (excluding Overnight Tours).
- 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 for customer(s) named in the documentation.
- Cancellation of a class due to PCS/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 Emergency Message (or comparable notification) for USO to process a refund. All refunds are subject to the approval of the Tours Manager or Program Manager, as appropriate.

Overnight Tour Cancellations (USO/Customer): Cancellation policies for overnight tours are different from the other tours. Details are given upon sign up. See 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 outside the PX vehicle gate.

CLAY- Clay Kaserne public bus stop, 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.

Early Sign-Up Discounts

Unless otherwise noted in the tour write up, the Early Sign-Up Discount for USO tours (other than Overnight Tours) is 10% when signing up 15 days or more in advance. The Early Sign-Up Discount for Overnight Tours is 5% when signing up 4 weeks or more in advance.

Other Travel Policies

Pets, smoking, and drinking alcohol (on the bus) 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

January, February, March

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 the Hainerberg PX and Clay Kaserne USO centers.

HIP HOP (New Class!)

USO Wiesbaden Cottage – Lower Level

Come learn how to express yourself through your own movement and beat! This Hip Hop class provides a structured method of learning various Hip Hop dance movements in a fun-filled and vibrant class environment. This class is mostly fast paced, but also includes slow motion, pop lock, and breaking-way techniques. Note that the younger age groups will be split into two groups.



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| Mondays | Ages: 7-12 | Jan. 7-Feb. 18* | 1900-2000 | \$65 |
| Tuesdays | Ages: 13-16 | Jan. 8-Feb. 12 | 1900-2000 | \$65 |
| Fridays | Ages: 17 & Up | Jan. 11- Feb.15 | 2000-2130 | \$65 |
| Mondays | Ages: 7-12 | Feb. 25-Apr. 1 | 1900-2000 | \$65 |
| Tuesdays | Ages: 13-16 | Feb. 19-Mar. 26 | 1900-2000 | \$65 |
| Fridays | Ages: 17 & Up | Feb. 22-Apr. 5* | 2000-2130 | \$65 |

*No Class on Jan. 21

*No Class on Mar. 29

Nutrition and Fitness Made Simple (New Class!)

USO Wiesbaden Cottage – Lower Level

A practical and informative class on simple basic nutrition tips, healthy eating ideas, plus bodyweight training that can be done at home without any or very little equipment. Functional fitness guidelines for the complete beginner to the avid fitness buff. Come along and pick the brains of a Certified Personal Trainer and Corrective Exercise Specialist.



Wednesdays Feb. 20- Mar. 27 1800-1900 \$40

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www.uso.org/rheinmain

CLASSES & PROGRAMS

Zumbatomic

USO Wiesbaden Cottage – Lower Level

Zumbatomic classes introduce children to Latin rhythms and movements through dance and fitness. While listening and dancing to music, the children won't realize they're strengthening their coordination and enjoying a fitness activity.

Tuesdays Ages: 4-8 Feb. 5 – Mar. 12 1530-1615 \$30



Mixed Martial Art: Self Defense

USO Wiesbaden Cottage – Lower Level

This Mixed Martial Arts class is a blend of several styles of martial arts utilizing the most efficient methods against an attacker with minimal effort by the defender. Not physically demanding; you don't have to be in great physical shape to use these simple but effective techniques. This course is ongoing so the participant can learn as much as they wish.

Men and women welcome. Ages 16 and older

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| Thursdays | Jan. 3 – Jan. 31* | 1915-2045 | \$60 |
| Thursdays | Feb. 7 – Feb. 28 | 1915-2045 | \$60 |
| Thursdays | Mar. 7 – Mar. 28 | 1915-2045 | \$60 |

* Jan- one day free!!!



Art for Children

 USO Wiesbaden Cottage – Lower Level

Picasso said "Every child is an artist." In this class, children will gain an appreciation for art history and the elements of design, while creating their own masterpiece each week. Mediums include painting, drawing, sculpture, and more.

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| Wednesdays | Ages: 6-13 | Jan. 2 – Jan. 30 | 1530-1630 | \$40 |
| Wednesdays | Ages: 6-13 | Feb. 6-Mar. 13 | 1530-1630 | \$45 |

Toddler Activity Bag Swap

USO Wiesbaden Cottage – Classroom 1 & Lower Level

Toddler Bags are crafted activities to keep your curious toddler busy while in the car, at a restaurant or at home rather than watching TV. This classroom time allows you to create 10 toddler activity bags while getting to know other mothers! Please bring your own scissors, 10 ziploc bags, one paper bag, and a picture you would like turned into a puzzle. All other supplies will be provided. You can bring your toddlers with you. We will have a babysitter on location to watch them while you work on the toddler bag. Interested, but cannot attend? Please contact Abba for instructions on how to be a part of the Activity Bag Swap at abbadelker@gmail.com.

*Optional cost for onsite childcare \$4/child per hour payable to the instructor day of the class

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| Monday | January 14 | 0900-1200 | \$20 |
| Monday | February 11 | 0900-1200 | \$20 |
| Thursday | March 21 | 0900-1200 | \$20 |

Sign, Say & Play[®]

USO Wiesbaden Cottage – Lower Level

A series of six theme-based classes designed for parents and babies to attend together. Using the Baby Signs Program[®], infants and toddlers can learn to use simple signs to communicate what they need, what they see and even how they feel. Classes include fun activities and parent education topics to stimulate growth in your baby's motor, cognitive, language, literacy, social and emotional development. Parent Kit included. For children ages 6 months to 2 years.



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| Tuesdays | Jan. 8 – Feb. 19* | 1000-1045 | \$70 |
| Tuesdays | Feb. 26 --Apr. 2 | 1000-1045 | \$70 |
| *No class on Feb. 5 | | | |

Card Making Class

USO Wiesbaden Cottage – Classroom 1

Come join us to create five greeting cards using rubber stamps and embellishments. Each card will have an envelope that you can coordinate and decorate to go along with your handmade card. The cards will vary in style, size, technique and difficulty, so each one is something fun and new. Beginners and experienced stampers are always welcome; there is something here for everyone! All supplies are included.



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| Sunday | Birthday | Jan. 13 | 1600-1900 | \$20 |
| Sunday | St. Patrick's & Easter | Feb. 24 | 1600-1900 | \$20 |

Scrapbooking Class

USO Wiesbaden Cottage – Classroom 1

Join us and begin creating scrapbook pages to hold all your treasured memories. We will be creating six pages of three different layouts using rubber stamps, paper layering, and embellishments. Each month the pages will vary in style, technique and difficulty, so each month is something fresh, fun and new. Beginners and experienced scrapbookers are welcome – there is always something to share and learn. All supplies are included.



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| Sunday | Jan. 27 | 1600-1900 | \$20 |
| Sunday | Feb. 10 | 1600-1900 | \$20 |
| Sunday | Mar. 10 | 1600-1900 | \$20 |



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

Ballroom Dancing For Beginners

USO Wiesbaden Cottage – Lower Level

Dancing with the Stars? Why not! Learn the basics of a 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. You will glide effortlessly around the dancing floor as soon as possible and obtain all the healthy and psychological benefits associated with dancing.



Beginners:

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| Tuesdays | Jan. 8 – Feb. 26 | 1700 – 1750 | \$65 per person |
| Fridays | Feb. 8 – Mar. 22 | 1800 – 1850 | \$65 per person |
| Tuesdays | Mar. 5 – Apr. 23 | 1700 – 1750 | \$65 per person |

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

Develop your skills and impress others on the dancing floor. Learn how to have your natural poise and grace displayed. Increase and develop the connection and togetherness with your partner.

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| Tuesdays | Jan. 8 – Feb. 26 | 1800 - 1850 | \$65 per person |
| Thursdays | Feb. 7 – Mar. 28 | 1800 - 1850 | \$65 per person |
| Tuesdays | Mar. 5 – Apr. 23 | 1800 - 1850 | \$65 per person |

Swing Dance Lessons

USO Wiesbaden Cottage – Lower Level

Perhaps the most uniquely American of all dances, the Swing brings forth a buoyant carefree movement enriched with Rhythmically high energy that has the same benefits of high impact aerobic exercise and helps you escape from daily stress. Without a 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.

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| Thursdays | Feb. 7 - Mar. 28 | 1700 - 1750 | \$65 per person |
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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.

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| Fridays | Jan. 4 – Feb. 22 | 1900 - 1950 | \$65 per person |
| Fridays | Mar. 1 – Apr. 26* | 1900 - 1950 | \$65 per person |

*No Class on Mar. 29

Individualized Dance Lessons

USO Wiesbaden Cottage – Lower Level

Contact any Wiesbaden USO to schedule your own personalized 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. Lessons are scheduled on room availability.

4 Sessions \$140 per couple/ \$100 individual
 *Time and date of classes set by the student, instructor, and the USO



Portrait Photography

USO Wiesbaden Cottage – Lower Level

In this class, you will learn how to use your camera to take beautiful pictures 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.



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| Fridays | Jan. 4 – Jan. 25 | 1600 - 1800 | \$75 |
| Fridays | Feb. 1 – Feb. 22 | 1600 - 1800 | \$75 |
| Fridays | Mar. 1 – Mar. 22 | 1600 - 1800 | \$75 |

German Language Class for Children-Beginner

USO Wiesbaden Cottage – Classroom 1

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!



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| Mondays | Ages: 8-13 | Mar. 11 – Apr. 15 | 1730 - 1830 | \$50 |
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*No Class on Feb. 12



Advertise in The Eine Brücke

Give your business the exposure it needs!

For information and advertising rates please contact
 the USO at: (0611) 7120-2880



German Language Classes for Adults

USO Wiesbaden Cottage – Classroom 1

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.



Level 1

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| Tuesdays & Thursdays | Jan. 22-Feb.26* | 0930 – 1130 | Payne | \$100 |
| *No Class on Feb. 12 | | | | |

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| Wednesdays | Jan. 16 - Mar. 20 | 1000-1200 | Goebel | \$100 |
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| Wednesdays | Jan. 16 - Mar. 20 | 1830-2030 | Goebel | \$100 |
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| Thursdays | Jan. 17- Mar. 28 | 1700 – 1900 | Payne | \$100 |
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*No Class on Feb. 7

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| Tuesdays & Thursdays | Jan. 22- Feb. 26* | 0930-1130 | Payne | \$100 |
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*No Class on Feb. 12

Level 2

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| Mondays | Jan. 7 - Mar. 25* | 1830-2030 | Goebel | \$100 |
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*No Class on Jan. 21 or Feb. 18

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| Thursdays | Jan. 17 - Mar. 21* | 1200-1415 | Payne | \$100 |
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*No Class on Feb. 7

Level 3

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| Tuesdays | Jan. 15 - Mar. 19 | 1830-2030 | Zimmermann | \$100 |
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USO Heidelberg Classes

Ballet

Patton Barracks Building 135-Community Conference Center \$35/month

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| Thursdays | Ages 3-5 | 1500-1600 | Ages 6-8 | 1600-1700 |
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For more information, contact Ballet Instructor, Tamara Gibson at 06221-834-216 or USO HD.



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 . To sign up as a volunteer, go to www.usovolunteer.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 instructors. Whether your talent is Language, Yoga, Arts & Crafts, Dance or something else, contact the Area Operations Manager now and become a USO instructor!

We are looking for people to instruct adults and children. Send an email to: 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 0611-7120-2880 or email usorma.programs@uso.org for information.

Free Programs

We are offering free programs and classes! Our willing volunteers have created these just for you. We hope that you will sign up and make your experience in Germany a memory of a lifetime!

Holistic Self Care- FREE (Signup required!!!)

USO Wiesbaden Cottage- Lower Level

Interested in learning how to heal you in a natural, holistic way? Subjects vary month to month. Learn about different meditation techniques, essential oils and herbs, crystals, sound therapy, intuitive development and more. Come with an open mind, wear comfortable clothes, bring water and a snack, pen and paper. Beginners welcome!

Ages 19 & up - no small children please

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| Wednesday | January 16 | 1900-2100 |
| Wednesday | February 20 | 1900-2100 |
| Wednesday | March 20 | 1900-2100 |

Kinderhimmel (Children’s Heaven)

USO Wiesbaden Cottage – Lower Level

Come to our playgroup on Thursday mornings at the USO. Meet local moms while the kids enjoy open play. Sign up is not required and Infants through Preschool age are welcome for playtime and crafts.

Every Thursday 1030 – 1200 Free Community Program



Stay at Home Dad’s (New Program!) USO Wiesbaden Cottage – Lower Level

If you are a stay-at-home Dad within USAG Wiesbaden community and would like to meet other Dad’s like you, come to our new playgroup on Wednesday mornings at the USO. Sign up is not required. Infants through preschool age are welcome for playtime activities. For more information, contact Eric Harsch at eric.r.harsch@gmail.com

Every Wednesday 1030 – 1200 Free Community Program

Thanks to a Special Volunteer!

Kevin McKedy has been a volunteer with the USO providing planning and leadership for Military History and other tours. Kevin volunteers his time to plan such popular tours as Bastogne: Battle of the Bulge and Normandy--often driving the tour route himself in advance to make sure there are no delays or closures that might inconvenience the customers. The former West Point instructor and USAREUR Historian researches and prepares presentation materials to help bring the tour guests into the moment of the battle. His dedication and volunteerism is greatly appreciated by the USO and the customers on the tours he leads. Thanks Kevin!



A BIG USO THANK YOU!

A big USO Thank You to all those who supported our "Thanks for Thanksgiving" food baskets. Our goal was to give out 50 baskets. However, the generous contributions from the community and organizations enabled us to provide baskets to 74 families in the Wiesbaden Garrison Community! A special thanks goes to the Wiesbaden Commissary for providing the logistical support and employees who helped hand out the baskets. Among the many community members and organizations that supported this program, we would like to thank the following:

**Bob Gilpatrick
Smith Family
Judy Spencer
Mayda Velez
Betsy Walls
485th Intelligence Squadron
Community Bank
U.S. Army Audit Agency
US Army Corps of Engineers
Wiesbaden Community
Wiesbaden Community Spouses Club
Wiesbaden Volleyball Team**



Tours:

January, February, March



Sea Life Aquarium & Speyer

Sat. 12 January 2013

DEPARTS: WIPX: 0845, CLAY: 0900

RETURNS: APPROX. CLAY/WIPX: 2000

Adults: \$59.00, Child (3-14): \$49.00, Child (< 3): \$29.00

Pick up in Wiesbaden only.

Join the USO as we travel to the beautiful city of Speyer! One of the oldest cities in Germany, Speyer has a rich history, beautiful architecture and many museums. We start the day at the Sea Life Aquarium where 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 their lunch! Then you can grab your lunch at the café which overlooks the Rhein River. In the afternoon, we continue on in to the Altstadt of Speyer for a guided city tour where you will see such sites as the Cathedral and the medieval gate tower (Altpörtel) followed by free time to shop and explore on your own. Bring Euros for meals and purchases—and your camera. Space is limited, so sign up soon!

Speyer by Train

Sat. 12 January 2013

DEPARTS: 1130 HEIDELBERG MAIN TRAIN STATION

RETURNS: APPROX. 1830

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

Pick up in Heidelberg only.

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



Thai - Massage - Praxis



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Bismarckring 2 | 65183 Wiesbaden

Phone 0611 - 341 79 94

www.thai-massage-praxis.de



Wallberg Winter Fun MLK Weekend Overnight!

Sat. 19 January 2013

DEPARTS: WIPX: 0045, CLAY: 0100, HD: 0215

RETURNS: APPROX. HD: 1530, CLAY/WIPX: 1700 (Mon.)

Adult Double Occupancy: \$399.00, Adult Triple Occupancy: \$359.00,

Child (6-11): \$219.00, Child (<6): \$109.00, Single Supplement: \$109.00



Join the USO as we return to Rottach-Egern for two days in the snow and two nights in a 5-Star hotel! We start our day at our hotel, Bachmair am See with a warm breakfast. Here you will also have a chance to check your bags at the desk (room check-in is after 1500) and get ready for your snow-filled adventures! We will have a shuttle running to the Wallberg, Germany's longest natural-sledding run (not recommended for children under 10) and to the Oedberg Ski Slope in Gmund, just around the corner of the Tegernsee from our hotel. The slopes at Odeberg are family friendly, with children's areas and sledding. You can also rent all the ski equipment you might need and even get ski and snow board lessons! For a more challenging slope, you can check out the Sonnenbichel Ski Slope in Bad Weisse; however, you will need your own equipment for this one. Tired of playing the snow? Enjoy the pool and fitness center at the hotel, explore Rottach-Egern or take the public bus that circles the lake to other charming towns that are just waiting for you to explore them! Cost includes transportation, 2 nights in a 5-Star hotel, and 3 breakfasts. Bring Euros for meals and purchases—and don't forget your camera! Please Note: One (1) extra bed per room. All child prices are based on sharing the room with 2 adults at the Double Occupancy price. If a child under 6 requires their own bed, they will need to pay the higher child price. Due to limited storage space, please do not bring your own sled. Wallberg has sleds to rent for €5 and at Oedberg the tube rental is included with the cost of your day-pass or point-ticket for the lift.



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Aschaffenburg by Train **New! Sat. 19 January 2013**

DEPARTS HD: MEETS 0700 AT HEIDELBERG MAIN TRAIN STATION

DEPARTS WI: MEETS 0715 AT WIESBADEN MAIN TRAIN STATION

RETURNS: APPROX. 1930

Adults: \$49.00, Child (6-17): \$ 39.00, Child (<6): FREE

Join the USO as we board the train for a visit to the beautiful city of Aschaffenburg! Straddling the Main River, the city belonged to the Archbishop of Mainz for over 800 years before its secularization in 1802. Heavily damaged during WWII, many of the buildings have since been completely restored. We start our day with a tour of Schloss Johannisburg, one of the most important buildings from the German Renaissance period, followed by a tour of the charming Altstadt. After the guided tours, you will have free time for lunch, shopping or exploring one of the art museums. Wear comfortable walking shoes and warm clothes—and don't forget to bring Euros for meals and purchases.



Cars: Mercedes-Benz and Porsche Museums

Sat. 26 January 2013

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

RETURNS: APPROX. HD: 2030, CLAY/WIPX: 2130

Adult: \$79.00, Child (<14): \$59.00

If cars are your thing, then this is the perfect tour for you! Join the USO as we travel to two famous car museums in Stuttgart: Mercedes-Benz & Porsche. We start our day at the Mercedes-Benz Museum where you will learn about the 120 year partnership between Gottlieb Daimler and Karl Benz which resulted in one of the world's most respected automobile brands. Your journey through time begins on the top floor 130 feet up and follows a chronological order downward through five levels of automotive and German history. Following lunch, we continue our car adventures at the nearby Porsche Museum. Here, in addition to world-famous, iconic vehicles such as the 356, 550, 911, and 917, you will see exhibits which include some of the outstanding technical achievements of Professor Ferdinand Porsche from the early 20th century. Cost includes transportation, entry fees and an audio guide at the Porsche Museum. Bring Euros for meals and purchases.



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Paris Express Wiesbaden Sat. 26 January 2013

DEPARTS: WIPX: 0030, CLAY: 0045

RETURNS: APPROX 0100 (Sun.)

Adults: \$119.00, Child (5-12): \$99.00, Child (< 5): \$69.00

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



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Wiesbaden Magic History Walking Tour

Sat. 26 January 2013

DEPARTS: MEETS 1600 AT WIESBADEN MARKTPLATZ – MARKTSTRASSE 6 (GPS)

Cost: \$15.00, Child (<6): FREE

The Magical History tour is a 1.5 hour walking tour of downtown Wiesbaden with magic performed at different stops along the route. You will visit the well known historical locations including the Market Square church, the Kurhaus and Casino, the Kochbrunnen and the Roman Wall. You will also learn the basic streets and landmarks downtown and about local restaurants and pubs from our guide, Brett Howard. The tour ends at an English speaking pub in town where guest receive a complimentary drink. Meet at the fountain behind the Church in the Marktplatz. For private groups, different dates or more information please go to www.magichistorytour.com or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/MagicHistoryTour>.



Brugge Express Sat. 2 February 2013

DEPARTS: HD: 0130, CLAY: 0245, WIPX: 0300

RETURNS: APPROX. WIPX/CLAY: 0100, HD 0200 (Sun.)

Adults: \$ 109.00, Child (<12): \$ 89.00

Come with the USO as we travel to Brugge, known for its art, canals, medieval architecture, and of course, its world-famous chocolate! We start with a tour of this famous city, after the tour you will have free time to eat lunch, shop, and see the sights. Perhaps you will choose to visit one of the many art museums, or one of their more unusual sites—such as the chocolate or the French fry museums—or take a ride on a horse-drawn carriage through the town (not included). As a special treat, this weekend Brugge hosts its annual beer festival with over 200 different Belgian beers! There are lots of food stalls specializing in items made from beer as well as the chocolate Brugge is famous for! Dress warmly, wear comfortable walking shoes, bring Euros for meals and purchases---and don't forget your camera! **Passport required plus SOFA card and other border crossing documents, as applicable.**



Frankfurt Walking Tour Sat. 2 February 2013

DEPARTS: 0900 WIESBADEN MAIN TRAIN STATION

RETURNS: APPROX 1800

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

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. After the break for lunch, we will visit the Jewish Museum. Please bring Euros for purchases and meals. You may want to consider bringing a snack as lunch time can vary.



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Heidelberg, Wine & Chocolate by Train

Sat. 9 February 2013

DEPARTS WI: MEETS 0615 WIESBADEN MAIN TRAIN STATION
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 RETURNS: APPROX. HD: 1800, WI: 2030
 COST--FROM WI: \$99.00, FROM HD: \$89.00



Join the USO on an exciting visit to Heidelberg! Famous for its location nestled on the banks of the wine-growing region of the Neckar River, its University and gorgeous Castle—our visit to Heidelberg starts with a tour of this beautiful city. We visit a lesser-known part of Heidelberg (Handschuhsheim) where you will see beautiful medieval frescos and the little hidden castle of Tiefberg. We will then stroll down the main street of Heidelberg to learn about its architecture and history. After a break for lunch, shopping and exploring we have a Wine & Chocolate Tasting! Sample five fine chocolates (from Austria, Italy and Germany) with five excellent Baden-Württemberg wines selected to perfectly match the flavor of each chocolate. A chocolate specialist and sommelier (wine specialist) will expertly guide you through this special experience. You will learn a lot of interesting things that are worth knowing about both delicacies. Price includes train fare, city tour and the wine & chocolate tasting. Bring Euros for meals and purchases—and don't forget your camera!



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Cologne Express: Carnival Season Sat. 9 February 2013

DEPARTS: HD: 0600, CLAY: 0715, WIPX: 0730

RETURNS: APPROX. WIPX/CLAY: 2030, HD: 2130

Adult: \$79.00, Child (< 12): \$59.00

Hellau! Come with the USO to Cologne during the Carnival season. Today you can get a feel for Carnival, without all the crowds of Rosen Montag! This ancient Roman outpost on the Rhein is now Germany's 4th largest city and one of the most important commercial centers in Germany. Straddling both sides of the Rhein River, Cologne (or Köln) is known for its architecture as well as its famous Fasching Parade. We start our day with a guided walking tour of Cologne's altstadt to get an insight into the 2000 year old history of the metropolis. A great many sights are concentrated within one square kilometer of the Cathedral and the Town Hall. In the narrow, cobblestone alleys of the Old Town and on the busy squares, you will get a feeling for life in the cathedral city; yesterday and today. After the guided tour, you will be free to explore on your own. You may want to visit the Cathedral or one of many museums, such as the Chocolate Museum (fees not included), or go shopping! Be sure to wear comfortable shoes and remember to bring Euros and your camera.



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

RETURNS: APPROX. WIPX/CLAY: 0300, HD: 0430 (Mon.)

Adult: \$299.00, Child (6-14): \$199.00, Child (<6): \$119, Single Supplement: \$89.00

Come with the USO and discover the delights of Tropical Islands, Europe's largest tropical holiday resort. Spend two days and one night warm and snug in a beautiful indoor Paradise—in the middle of Winter! Stroll along the sandy beach by the Tropical Sea or join an expedition through the Tropical Rainforest—you will find many things to keep you both relaxed and entertained. In the family-friendly Tropical World, you will find pools, water slides, games, rides, restaurants, shopping, shows and more. You can also visit the Sauna & Spa Area (not included) for a relaxing massage, a sit in the steam bath or sauna, or even a beauty treatment. Cost includes 2 days in Tropical World, 1 overnight in the Tropical Islands Hotel, 1 breakfast and transportation. Bring Euros for meals and purchases—and don't forget your swimsuit! Please Note: Child prices are applicable only when sharing a room with two adults; otherwise the adult price applies.



Auerbach Castle Knights' Banquet Sat. 16 February 2013

Starts: 1900, Ends: Approx. 2200

Adult: \$89.00, Child (5-15): \$49.00; Child (< 5): Free *

Experience a special evening out and enjoy a feast at the medieval Auerbach Castle. Spend three hours savoring a six-course meal and unlimited beverages. During the dinner, you will enjoy the revelry of medieval times and animated period music and entertainment by the herald. This will certainly be an evening to remember! The castle is

located an easy drive away, just off the A5 between Darmstadt and Heidelberg. *Children under 5 are free, but must be counted for seating purposes. Notes: The early sign up discount cannot be used on this event. Transportation is not included. Please be seated by 1845.



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Innsbruck, Austria & Swarovski Crystal World

Sat. 23 February 2013

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

RETURNS: APPROX. HD: 2345, CLAY/WIPX: 0100 (Sun.)

Adults: \$119.00, Child (6-14): \$109.00, Child (< 6): \$89.00



Join the USO on a trip to Innsbruck, Austria--the capitol of the Tyrol. Innsbruck is one of the most beautiful towns of its size anywhere in the world, owing much of its fame and charm to its unique setting in the Alps. To the north, the steep Alps rise like a shimmering blue and green wall, creating an impressive backdrop for the green domes and red roofs of the Baroque town tucked beneath. We start our day in the town with a tour of the old town, which remains almost unchanged from the way it looked over 400 years ago and see such sights as the Stadtturm, Hebling house, St. Jacobs Cathedral, Hofburg Imperial Palace and more! Following the tour, you will have free time for shopping and exploring, before we leave Innsbruck for the nearby Swarovski Crystal World. This museum showcases Swarovski crystal and other media, including sound and video in a variety of stunning art displays such as the Crystal Dome and the Crystal Theater. You will also find the world's biggest Swarovski crystal store here—where you are sure to find the perfect gift for your loved one—or yourself! Wear comfortable walking shoes, bring Euros for meals and purchases—and don't forget your camera!

Paris Express Heidelberg

Sat. 23 February 2013

DEPARTS: HD: 0045 RETURNS: APPROX 0100 (Sun.)

Adults: \$119.00, Child (5-12): \$99.00, Child (< 5): \$69.00

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



Wiesbaden Magic History Walking Tour Sat. 23 February 2013

DEPARTS: MEETS 1600 AT WIESBADEN MARKTPLATZ – MARKTSTRASSE 6 (GPS)

Cost: \$15.00, Child (<6): FREE

The Magical History tour is a 1.5 hour walking tour of downtown Wiesbaden with magic performed at different stops along the route. You will visit the well known historical locations including the Market Square church, the Kurhaus and Casino, the Kochbrunnen and the Roman Wall. You will also learn the basic streets and landmarks downtown and about local restaurants and pubs from our guide, Brett Howard. The tour ends at an English speaking pub in town where guest receive a complimentary drink. Meet at the fountain behind the Church in the Marktplatz. For private groups, different dates or more information please go to www.magichistorytour.com or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/MagicHistoryTour>.

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Riesling Route

Sun. 24 February 2013

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

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

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

Join the USO for a special for a special 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 our local guide 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, the guide 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. Not recommended for young children. Please Note: If Eric the Red is not available for this month's Riesling Route, it will be hosted by the owner of the vineyard, Helmut Rappenecken.

Luxembourg

Sat. 2 March 2013

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

RETURNS: APPROX. WIPX/CLAY: 2130, HD: 2300

Adult: \$89.00, Child (< 12): \$69.00

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 day with a stop for a buffet breakfast (included) then continue on with a visit to the German Military Cemetery, the American War Memorial Cemetery and grave of Gen. George Patton outside of Luxembourg. We arrive in Luxembourg and take a tour of the city



which will take you to the Cathedral of Our Lady, outside the Ducal Palace, and to other landmarks. Following the tour, you will have free time for lunch, shopping and exploring on your own. 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.



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

Berlin Express

Sat. 2 March 2013

DEPARTS: HD: 0045, CLAY: 0200, WIPX: 0215.

RETURNS APPROX. WIPX/CLAY: 0200, HD: 0300 (Sun)

Adults: \$119.00 Child (5-11): \$99.00, Child (<5): \$79.00

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



Amsterdam Express

Sat. 9 March 2013

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

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

Adult: \$119.00, Child (5-12): \$99.00, Child (< 5): \$89.00

Amsterdam is a place everyone has to see at least once-- and many people return time after time! Our day begins with breakfast (included), along with demonstrations of cheese and wooden shoe making and shopping at the DeSimonehoeve Cheese Factory. Then in Amsterdam we have a combination bus and walking tour

which will highlight all the city's must-see sights. At midday, you're set free to explore the city on your own. There are many places to consider: the Rijksmuseum, the Van Gogh Museum, the Anne Frank House, Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum, the Dam Square, or spend some time trying out some great Dutch food! Many locations, such as the Anne Frank House require reservations, so make sure you go on-line to make yours in advance! Don't forget to wear comfortable clothes, walking shoes and to bring Euros for meals and purchases. **Passport required plus SOFA card and other border crossing documents, as applicable.**



Black Forest: Triberg

Sat. 9 March 2013

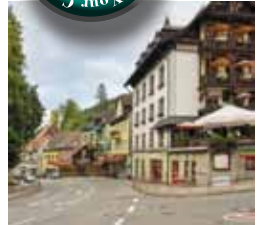
DEPARTS: WIPX: 0615, CLAY: 0630, HD: 0745

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

Adult: \$79.00, Child (< 12): \$59.00

Our tour today combines a perfect balance of shopping and sightseeing as we visit the Black Forest. En route to Triberg we visit the glass works "Dorotheenhütte" in Wolfach for a demonstration of traditional glass-blowing. In the early afternoon, you will want to visit Germany's highest waterfall and maybe visit to the Black Forest Museum (not included) or have lunch and shop. There will be opportunities to shop at the House of 1,000 Clocks and the House of Black Forest Clocks.

These cuckoo clock retailers present an amazing variety of clocks and indigenous souvenirs. You will also find shops with outdoor clothing and equipment, traditional drindles (dresses), local products, and more! Don't forget your camera; Triberg is a photographer's delight. Bring Euros for purchases and meals. VAT forms are accepted.





Poland: Pottery & Sight Seeing Overnight!

Fri. 15 March 2013

DEPARTS: CLAY: 2100, WIPX: 2115

RETURNS: APPROX. CLAY/WIPX: 0000

Double Room: \$359.00 per person, Quad Room: \$339.00 per person

Please see note for important information regarding rooms!



Satisfy both your urge to shop for pottery and see some of the sights on this exciting trip to Bowleslawiec, Poland with the USO. Saturday is dedicated to shopping: we start out at Kalich and Keramika then have breakfast at the Blue Beetroot Hotel before continuing on with more shopping adventures. In the late afternoon we return to the Blue Beetroot to check into our rooms, rest and have dinner. In the evening, you can enjoy a foot massage, facial massage, pedicure or manicure (not included) at very reasonable rates to help you relax at the end of a busy day. Following breakfast, on Sunday we move on to the sight seeing portion of our adventure. After a short tour of the Boleslawiec town center, we will visit the nearby Grodziec Castle where we have a guided tour and a bag lunch (drinks extra) before returning to Germany. Bring dollars and Euros for your purchases, beauty treatments, and meals. Most ceramic stores also accept credit cards. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a pillow, blanket, snacks and water. Cost includes: 2 seats per person on the bus, shared hotel room, 2 breakfasts, 1 dinner, 1 lunch, local guide, guided tour of the castle and castle entry fees.



Note: Rooms are on a first come/availability basis. No single rooms are available. Unless you sign up to specifically share with another customer, roommates will be assigned by the tours office. Storage space is limited, so keep luggage small enough to fit with you on the bus. Most stores have cardboard boxes available on request or you can bring a larger suitcase or a moving box for your purchases. **Passport required plus SOFA card and other border crossing documents, as applicable.**

St. Wendel Easter Market Sat. 16 March 2013

DEPARTS: WIPX: 0800, CLAY: 0815, HD: 0930

RETURNS: APPROX. HD: 1745, CLAY/WIPX: 1845

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

Join the USO on a visit to the charming town of St Wendel (Sankt Wendel) in the Saarland region of Germany, right on the border with France. Named after St. Wendolin of Trier, the winding streets and many medieval buildings give the altstadt a unique French-German flavor. This weekend they hold their Easter Market—complete with booths selling a variety of spring goods, Easter decorations, hand-crafts, pots, artwork—and of course Easter Eggs! Family-friendly attractions include a petting zoo, a giant Easter Egg, street performers and musicians, and some hands-on opportunities with spring-themed crafts. Bring Euros for meals and purchases—and don't forget your camera!



Nuremburg Easter Market & City Tour Sat. 16 March 2013

DEPARTS: WIPX: 0600, CLAY: 0615, HD: 0730
 RETURNS: APPROX. HD: 2200, CLAY/WIPX: 2300
 Adult: \$69.00, Child (<12): \$59.00

Join us on a visit to historic Nuremburg (Nürnberg) and see some impressive sights. We start with a guided tour of the city, in a combination of bus and walking tour that shows you the highlights of Nuremburg including the Altstadt and the former Nazi Parade Grounds. The end the walking tour brings us to today's highlight: the large Easter Market held every year on the Main Market Square in Nürnberg. This "Häferlesmarkt" (Pot Market) is the first major market of spring and boasts a long tradition. Here you will find wooden, enamel and household goods, pottery, textiles, sweets, books and everyday articles. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring Euros for purchases and don't forget your camera!



Mainz Walking Tour Sun. 17 March 2013

DEPARTS: MEETS 0900 AT WIESBADEN MAIN TRAIN STATION
 RETURNS: Approx. 1730
 COST: \$19.00, Children (< 6): FREE

Come with the USO and 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 sites of historic and artistic interest, including a view of the Cathedral from the Citadel. Please bring Euros for purchases and meals



St. Patrick's Day Parade in Munich Sun. 17 March 2013

DEPARTS: WIPX: 0215, CLAY: 0230, HD: 0345
 RETURNS: APPROX. HD: 2230, CLAY/WIPX: 2345
 Adult: \$89.00, Child (<12): \$69.00

Join the USO as we travel to Munich for their annual St. Patrick's Day Parade! The idea for the parade was born in 2005 when some of the members of Munich's Irish community came up with the idea of celebrating their heritage in their new hometown. The first parade was held on March 12, 2006 and has been going strong ever since. With dancers, bands, pipers, marchers and more—this is not an event to be missed, even if you're not Irish! We start our morning in Munich with a city tour to help you learn about this fascinating city before the start of the parade. Following the parade, you will have free time for the after-party, to grab lunch, and explore a little on your own before we return home. Bring Euros for meals and purchases, wear comfortable walking shoes—and a bit of the Green!



London Express

Fri. 22 March 2013

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

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

Adult: \$199.00, Child (<12): \$189.00

Join the USO on this “must visit” destination! We take the bus to Calais, where we will take the train through the “chunnel” or the ferry, (depending on availability) then continue on to London, where we start the day with a city tour. On our city tour you will see many of the famous sights: the Tower of London, Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey, the Globe Theater, and St. Paul’s Cathedral. You will also have time to explore the city on your own—maybe a short stop by the world-famous Herrod’s or a stroll through Hyde Park. Wear your walking shoes and bring your camera. Bring British Pounds for your meals and purchases. Passport required plus SOFA card and other border crossing documents, as applicable.



Frankfurt Walking Tour & Frankfurter Dippemess

Sat. 23 March 2013

DEPARTS: 1000 WIESBADEN MAIN TRAIN STATION

RETURNS: APPROX. 2100

Adult: \$29.00, Child (6-15): \$19.00; Child (< 6): FREE

Our tour departs from the Wiesbaden Hauptbahnhof (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. After the break for lunch, we will visit the Frankfurter Dippemess—the Frankfurt Spring Festival. Here you can enjoy a fun, carnival atmosphere with rides, games, food, entertainment and more! Please bring Euros for purchases and meals.



Trier Easter Market by Train

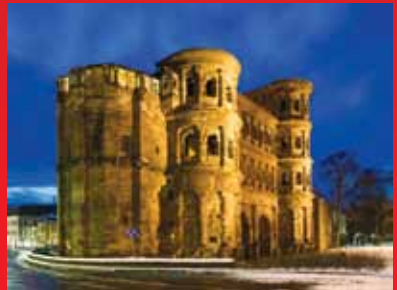
Sat. 23 March 2013

DEPARTS WI: MEET 0800 AT WIESBADEN MAIN TRAIN STATION

RETURN: APPROX 2200

Cost: \$49.00, Child (< 6): FREE

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



Riesling Route

Sun. 24 March 2013

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

Join the USO for a special for a special 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 our local guide 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, the guide 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. Not recommended for young children. Please Note: If Eric the Red is not available for this month's Riesling Route, it will be hosted by the owner of the vineyard, Helmut Rappenecken.



Colmar Easter Market

Sat. 30 March 2013

DEPARTS: WIPX: 0500, CLAY: 0515, HD: 0630
 RETURNS: APPROX. HD: 2130, CLAY/WIPX: 2230
 Adults: \$69.00, Child (<12): \$59

Colmar is the insider tip for anyone seeking the unique charm of Alsace. A small city with a meticulously preserved city center of half-timbered houses, Colmar transports the visitor into Renaissance Europe. We start day with a guided tour, where you can learn about the history of this charming town. Following the tour, you will have free time to explore Colmar's Easter Market—the Marches de Paques, which brings you the finest in hand-crafted gifts, decorative, and household articles before we return to Germany.



Wiesbaden Magic History Walking Tour

Sat. 30 March 2013

DEPARTS: MEETS 1600 AT WIESBADEN MARKTPLATZ – MARKTSTRASSE 6 (GPS)
 Cost: \$15.00, Child (<6): FREE

The Magical History tour is a 1.5 hour walking tour of downtown Wiesbaden with magic performed at different stops along the route. You will visit the well known historical locations including the Market Square church, the Kurhaus and Casino, the Kochbrunnen and the Roman Wall. You will also learn the basic streets and landmarks downtown and about local restaurants and pubs from our guide, Brett Howard. The tour ends at an English speaking pub in town where guest receive a complimentary drink. Meet at the fountain behind the Church in the Marktplatz. For private groups, different dates or more information please go to www.magichistorytour.com or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/MagicHistoryTour>.

Rhein River Cruise: Easter Sun. 31 March 2013

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

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

Adult: \$79.00, Child (5-11): \$59.00, Child (<5 w/o meal) \$39.00

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, where you can explore this charming town. There are 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.

Spring Break Special: The Italian Riviera of Flowers

Tues.-Sun. 9-14 April 2013

DEPARTS: WIPX: 0000, CLAY: 0015, HD: 0130

RETURNS: Approx. HD: 2300 (Sat), CLAY/WIPX: 0015 (Sun.)

Adult: \$559.00, Child (2-11): \$499.00, Child (<2): \$219.00, Single Supplement: \$100.00

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 of 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 Dolceacqua, 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.**

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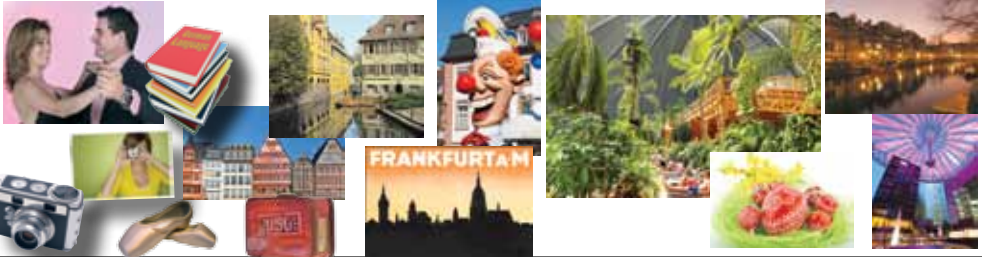


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- WIPX – Wiesbaden (Hainerberg) PX at shuttle bus stop just outside the PX vehicle gate.
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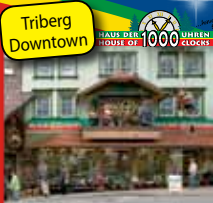
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