



We have been privileged to work with Bernadine Mast and others to prepare this tour to visit Europe where our ancestors once lived, and we invite you to consider joining Bernadine, Neil Ann, and us in visiting Germany, Switzerland, and France, in June 2010!

Friday, July 16, 2010

Leave the Philadelphia airport bound for Frankfurt, Germany. Park your vehicle at Masthof, Morgantown, Pa., where a chartered bus will take us to and from the airport. (We also hope to offer the option to fly out of Detroit, Michigan.)

Saturday, July 17, 2010

After flying all night, we will arrive at Frankfurt in the morning and stop to see the Gutenberg Museum at Mainz before traveling along the Rhine river to St. Goar to sleep in a castle along the Rhine River, but first we will participate in a tour of the old part of the castle including some old ruins.

Sunday, July 18, 2010

A morning worship service overlooking the Rhine River will precede a morning walk down to the town of St. Goar where we board a boat to cruise up the Rhine River to Bingen—past



Ride past the same castles our ancestors rode past on the Rhine River—although our boat will be quite different than boats used years ago!



Swiss cowbells on the cows are a picture-taking treat.

the same castles that were there when our ancestors rode down the Rhine River. Following an afternoon ride, we will arrive at Strasbourg, France, to sleep overnight. An evening walk to downtown to see the 15th-century cathedral will enthrall us before dinner.

Monday, July 19, 2010

A morning walk through the colorful section of Petite France will be within walking distance of our hotel—a delightful place to do some shopping. Boarding our bus, we will drive to Ste. Marie-aux-mines, the legendary Markirch of Anabaptist history. Jacob Ammann lived in this area and had many supporters here at the time the Amish division began in 1693. A late afternoon drive will take us through the mountains down to Ribeauvillé, a glorious medieval village on the fabled Wine Road of Alsace, and a great place to do some shopping! Neil Ann's Ulrich and Eymann ancestors lived in Ribeauvillé.

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Today, we continue south through the French towns of Colmar, Isenheim, Jungholtz, and Burgfelden, as we observe different architecture and farmland . . . and enjoy tasting some special French dishes!

Wednesday, July 21, 2010

Today is a day that will be unique for all of us since very few bus trips visit Mulhouse, Belfort, Audincourt, and Montbéliard! Recent new research has opened some new opportunities for us to enjoy!



At the end of the valley where Ste. Marie-aux-mines is located—site of many Amish homes in the late 1600s when Jakob Ammann lived here.



We will climb to the top of the Trachselwald Castle tower to see where Anabaptists were imprisoned in the 1500s.

Thursday, July 22, 2010

More exploration in the Montbéliard region including meeting Mennonites who live in this region.

Friday, July 23, 2010

Say good-bye to France this morning as we enter Switzerland; stop at Winterkraut where the Hostellers lived before coming to America; and then enjoy a walking tour of the city of Bern to see the famous Clock Tower, bear pits from which Bern received its name, and an elegant cathedral. After lunch, we will stop at a Swiss cheese-making business operated by a Mennonite family, and then walk up to the Trachselwald Castle built in 1200 A.D. As we climb the prison tower of this castle, we will be reminded of the Anabaptists (Brechtbill, Hess, Mosimann, Leichty, Sommers) who were imprisoned here in the 1500s.

Saturday, July 24, 2010

This morning we will visit the Hans Haslibacher House, a Swiss cowbell factory, a Swiss cookie factory where we can sample all kinds of varieties, we will walk in the town of Trub



This Swiss cheese plant is owned and operated by a Mennonite family.



Regula Fankhauser explaining the Tauferversteck at Hinter Hutten.

(home of Hershey, Habecker, Swartzentruber, Troyer, and Zook families), visit the *Täuferversteck*—a hiding place for Anabaptists—where we will enjoy lunch with the Fankhauser family, walk the streets of Signau and visit the Reformed Church, and stop at the oldest, continuous Mennonite church in the world at Langnau. The cemetery across the road reveals names like Amstutz, Gerber, Hirschy, Lehman, and Litweiler.

Sunday, July 25, 2010

We will join the members of the Guggisberg Reformed Church for a morning worship service. Guggisberg was the site of many Lancaster County families before coming to America. The afternoon drive will take us through Thun to see the castle where other Anabaptists were imprisoned, Steffisberg where the Joder/Yoder family lived before emigrating to America. Erlenbach and Fruitigen are also notable stopping points before we arrive in Lauterbrunnen for overnight lodging.

Monday, July 26, 2010

Those who have chosen to go on the optional trip to the Jungfrau (costs about \$160 per person) this morning will rise early to take the train up high into the Alps to see more of God’s breathtaking country! There will be other options for the group to consider if we don’t take the Jungfrau excursion: go by rail



The Thun castle where Anabaptists were chained in the prison towers.



A trip to the Jungfrau if it is clear weather is something that is priceless!



Reformed Church at Signau where the Zauggs (Zooks) worshipped before becoming Anabaptists



Einsiedeln will show us the contrasts in religious practices.



Worshipping in the Swiss Anabaptist Cave.

partway and down the other side of the mountain to Grindelwald where the Jungfrau group will join us in the afternoon, or else ride the bus to Grindelwald. From Grindelwald, we will drive to Brienz for a cheese fondue dinner along the lake.

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

We drive north to Luzerne—the first city in the Swiss Confederacy—where the famous wooden chapel bridge, dating to 1333, will welcome us with its painted gables. This is also a delightful old city to relax, walk through the city streets to see the unique paintings on buildings, and of course do more shopping. Then, back on our bus after lunch to drive to Einsiedeln, site of a monastery founded in 934 in a beautiful area of Canton Schwyz. We will sleep near Zurich tonight.

Wednesday, July 28, 2010

Since Zurich, Switzerland, was the birthplace of Anabaptism in 1525, our morning will feature a picturesque walking tour of the old city of Zurich led by Reformed Pastor Peter Dettwiler. Our first stop is the Fraumünster Cathedral to see the five famous stained glass windows by Marc Chagall, and then the Grossmünster Cathedral and its massive bronze cast doors



Landis memorial plaque along the Limmat River in Zurich showing the site where Felix Manz was drowned. The Grossmünster is in the distance.

depicting the Reformation story, and see the memorial stone along the Limmat River—site where Anabaptist Felix Manz was drowned in 1527. As we walk the same cobblestone streets our Anabaptist ancestors walked, this journey becomes a spiritual journey. After lunch, we will drive to the Täuferhöhle and walk up to what has been called the “Anabaptist Cave”—an experience most tour participants do not want to miss. We ponder the freedom we can experience today to worship unmolested in stark comparison to how the Anabaptists hiked to this cave at night in the dark and worshipped secretly.

Thursday, July 29, 2010

This morning, we will say good-bye to Switzerland, as we enter Austria and arrive at Innsbruck for a delightful walking tour and free time to explore and do more shopping.

Friday, July 30, 2010

Today is the day we have been waiting for ten years—to attend the Passion Play. This year, the Passion Play is given differently from all previous years as we eat a luncheon at a local Oberammergau restaurant and then settle down for the afternoon session of the Passion Play before breaking for dinner and then returning for the last half of the Play. The quaint village of Oberammergau is world famous for its spectacular Passion Play, performed by the locals just once a decade.

Saturday, July 31, 2010

As we leave Austria and enter Germany, we head for the Concentration Camp at Dachau for another informative part of our more recent history. Then, it is a somber ride to the Black Forest region of Germany—cuckoo clock country at Triberg!

Sunday, August 1, 2010

A walk to a beautiful waterfall will serve as our morning worship site this morning before driving north to the city of Worms where we can tour the famed Worms Cathedral before our evening Good-bye Banquet.

Monday, August 2, 2010

Fly home.



Flower boxes abound in Germany!



— TOUR FEATURES AND CONDITIONS —

TOUR PRICE: We are sorry that it is too early for us to receive and offer prices from hotels and the airlines, plus the fluctuation of the dollar with the EURO does not allow us to share a price at this time. By the fall of 2009, we will know a price. In the meantime, we invite you to send your name and address (and e-mail address, if available) so that your name can be placed on our reservation list.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Tour price will include USA departure tax.

MEALS: Continental breakfast each morning and dinner each evening is provided. Lunch is on your own although suggestions will be given.

BAGGAGE: Motorcoach capacity limits tour participants to one large suitcase per person plus a carry-on bag, so only one large suitcase plus “under-seat” baggage, **please**. The airlines permit baggage with a combined length, width, and height of 106 inches provided no bag exceeds 62 inches, plus “underseat” baggage with total dimensions of 45 inches, and cannot weigh more than 50 pounds.

SIGHTSEEING AND ENTRANCE FEES: A coach driver driving a private deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach with additional local guides where necessary. Entrance fees are included to all places mentioned in this itinerary.

TIPS AND TAXES: Applicable taxes and service charges for program features are included. All tips to hotel staff for included services and meals and to bus driver are included.

NOT INCLUDED: Passport fee, travel insurance if your situation deems necessary, meals at noontime, beverages with included dinners, personal expenses, and transportation to and from your home to the airport.

DEPOSIT AND PAYMENTS: A deposit of \$500.00 per person is requested to hold space on the tour. The remainder will be due before or on December 1, 2009, as space permits. Reservations will be accepted after December 1, 2009, although the cost of the airline ticket *may* need to be increased pending availability.

CANCELLATION CONDITIONS: Full refund granted if cancellation is received by December 1, 2009. Cancellation after December 1, 2009, will result in a full refund less airline ticket.

A valid passport is required. If you do not have a passport, you should apply for one immediately, available at your local courthouse. If you have a passport, please verify that it is valid until at least December 31, 2010. No visa is required.

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Please reserve space for _____ person(s) on the 2010 EUROPEAN HERITAGE TOUR. Check should be payable to “Mennonite Family History.”

Enclosed is my deposit check of \$ _____.
(\$500.00 per person)

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