



***Roads to Appalachia through Belgium and the Germanic Roots
of Western Germany & Northern Switzerland***

July 08 – 19, 2011

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In Summer 2011, the “Roads to Appalachia through Study-Travel Abroad” will travel to Belgium, Germany, and Switzerland in search of our region’s connections to these root areas. As part of the largest and earliest ethnic population in America, the Germans settled in eastern and northern “western” (West) Virginia by the early to mid 18th Century, primarily emigrating from the Rhineland-Palatinate region of western Germany. By the mid 19th Century, German Swiss settlements were being made throughout central West Virginia, with the Aargau Region of Switzerland populating the small West Virginia mountain village of Helvetia. Among the heavy wave of settlers into Central Appalachia during the early 20th Century’s Industrial Revolution, many glassworkers came from Belgian cities, such as Charleroi. Settling throughout West Virginia, these Europeans brought with them varied skills, traditions, customs, storytelling, and other folkloric elements that are still being perpetuated in parts of Central Appalachia.

A 2011 Spring Semester course, “Roads to Appalachia through Belgium and the Germanic roots of Western Germany and Northern Switzerland,” will be offered for those traveling to the European Countries during the Summer of 2011. Two local texts have been chosen to accent this course including Gerald Milnes’ Signs, Cures, and Witchery: German Appalachian Folklore, and David H. Sutton’s Helvetia: The History of a Swiss Village in the Mountains of West Virginia. This special “Study-Travel Abroad” program will be led and hosted by Dr. Judy Prozzillo Byers, Director, and Noel W. Tenney, Cultural Specialist, both of the Folklife Center.

ITINERARY

Day 1 – 08 Jul/Fri –Board your overnight transatlantic flight and connecting train from Washington-Dulles Airport.

Day 2 – 09 Jul/Sat –Arrival in Brussels, Belgium

Upon arrival in Brussels, you will be met and greeted by your professional English-speaking Tour Director. Next, we transfer to our hotel for check-in. Later this afternoon, enjoy a walking tour with a Local Guide of UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE site the GRAND PALACE, have a picture stop at Manneken Pis, and enjoy a walk to Upper Brussels for an inside visit of the ROYAL PALACE. This evening, enjoy a WELCOME DINNER at a local restaurant. Overnight Brussels. (D)



Day 3 – 10 Jul/Sun –Brussels-Charleroi-Excursion to Bruges.

This morning, depart Brussels for Charleroi, Pittsburgh’s sister city, and the area from which many of West Virginia’s Belgian glassblowers emigrated.. Visit of the MUSEE DU VERRE located inside the “Le bois du Cazier”, the Marcinelle coal mine and tragedy site, that on August 8, 1956 took the lives of 262 miners of 12 different nationalities. The museum addresses the legacy of glassblowers from this area as it is comprised two large departments; one concentrating on the history and production, while the other concentrates on the development of Belgian glass industry in particular. Exceptional examples are displayed as well. This afternoon we will visit the beautiful medieval canal city of Bruges. A CANAL CRUISE, weather permitting will give you a feel for this delightful town. Dinner tonight is on your own. Overnight Brussels. (B)

Day4–11Jul/Mon–Brussels-Bokrijk-Luxembourg

We depart Brussels this morning and head to Bokrijk to visit the FLEMISH OPEN AIR MUSEUM. Bokrijk is known for its old Flemish houses and farms and you will enjoy a guided tour and perhaps partake of a tasty Flemish dish. In the afternoon, continue on to Luxembourg. Upon arrival, an orientation drive of the capital city of Luxembourg with your Local Guide has been arranged. It will cover the city’s past and present, from fortifications and the Old Town, perched high atop sandstone outcrop with striking views on the Alzette and Pétrusse Gorges, to the modern administrative center of European Institutions. Stop for a guided visit of the turreted, GRAND DUCAL PALACE, the Royal Castle. Later this evening, enjoy dinner at the hotel. Overnight Luxembourg. (B, D)



Day 7–14Jul/Thu–Mainz-Gutach-Wurttemberg.

Early this morning, depart Mainz and make a stop in Gutach for the Black Forest open-air museum of SCHWARZWALDER FREILICHTMUSEUM. Enjoy a guided tour of the museum as well as time on your own to experience some of the daily craft demonstrations. Later this afternoon, board your motorcoach and continue to the Wurttemberg area where you will spend your overnight. Overnight Wurttemberg/Freiburg, Germany. (B)

Day 8–15Jul/Fri–Freiburg-Augsburg-St.Otilien--Munich.

This morning, stop in Augsburg with leisure time before lunch at a local restaurant. Afterwards, continue to St. Otilien and visit the SACRED HEART ARCHABBEY with a “grand tour”. Here, we will meet with Bruce Betler “Pater Otto”, the individual responsible for researching the Swiss-German ancestry from Windisch to West Virginia. Later, continue to Munich and check into our hotel. Afterwards we are off to visit the MARIENPLATZ, with time at leisure and dinner on your own. Overnight: Munich, Germany. (B,L)



Day 9 – 16 Jul/Sat - Munich- Hohenschwangau-Oberammergau -Munich

Travel through the Bavarian Alps to your highlight of the day; a visit to King Ludwig’s NEUSCHWANSTEIN CASTLE, placed on a rugged hill above the village of Hohenschwangau. Follow your Local Guide through this fairytale castle on its craggy outcrop high above a sparkling blue lake. Afterwards, continue to the quaint Bavarian village of Oberammergau, famous for the “Passion Play”, before returning to Munich for an overnight. (B)



Day 10 –17 Jul/Sun – Munich-Zurich, Switzerland.

Today, cross the Switzerland border and head for Zurich. Upon arrival, enjoy an orientation walk of Zurich’s OLD TOWN, Switzerland’s center of banking and commerce. Next, stop for a visit of an original CHOCOLATE FACTORY. The rest of the afternoon is free to explore the historic center and lakeside promenade. Dinner is at the hotel. Overnight Zurich, Switzerland. (B,D)

Day 11 –18 Jul/Mon – Zurich. Excursion to Ballenberg – Luzern - Windisch

Morning departure to Ballenberg for a visit to the SWISS OPEN-AIR MUSEUM. There are buildings and homes from all areas of Switzerland. The museum focuses on the history of rural, everyday life in general, and the history of women in particular. Afterwards, head to Luzern and enjoy a walking tour to admire Thorwalden’s LION MONUMENT and ornate patrician houses of the walled Old Town, then, cross the famous covered CHAPEL BRIDGE of the Jesuit church. There will be time in Luzern for lunch on your own. In the afternoon, travel to the village of Windisch, in the Canton of Aargau, and see the MONASTERY OF KÖNIGSFELDEN. It is well known for its eleven glass windows in the choir, which are among the most outstanding works of European glass painting of that era. Also take time to view the aqueduct and the

Day 5 – 12 Jul/Tue –Luxembourg- Germany: Oberalben, Kaiserslautern-Mainz.

This morning, cross the German border into Olberalben for a guided visit of the MUSEUM OF EMIGRATION. The museum commemorates the emigration of the Palatinate people to the Americas from the 17th to 20th Century. We continue the Palatine history with a visit to Kaiserslautern’s INSTITUTE FOR PALATINE HISTORY AND FOLKLIFE STUDIES. This facility serves as a point of contact for both scientists and individuals. This afternoon, we continue to Mainz for time on your own to explore the city and enjoy dinner. Overnight Mainz, Germany. (B)

Day 6 –13 Jul/Wed –Mainz. Excursion to Ludwigshafen.

Today we head for the Arbeitsgemeinde fur Pfalzich-Rheinische Familienkunde genealogy library in Ludwigshafen. Enjoy time to research or explore here on your own. Return to Mainz for some leisure time on your own before dinner together at the hotel. Overnight Mainz, Germany. (B,D)

amphitheatre, both dating back to the 1st century. Windisch is the area that our Swiss-German settlers of Helvetia, West Virginia originated. Return to Zurich for your FAREWELL DINNER at a local restaurant.
Overnight: Zurich, Switzerland (B,D)

Day 12 –19 Jul/Tue – Zurich – Homeward Bound

Late morning, transfer to the Zurich Airport for your homebound flight, which arrives back to Washington/Dulles in the late afternoon. (B)

HOTELS & OVERNIGHTS: Hotels subject to change and of similar quality until itinerary is finalized.
Brussels – 2 nts: July 09-11 – Novotel or similar **Munich** – 2 nts: July 15-16 – Hotel Novotel City
Luxembourg – 1 nt: July 11-12 – Mercure Grand **Zurich** – 2 nts: July 17-19 – Continental Zurich
Mainz – 2 nts: July 12-14 – Novotel Mainz
Wurtemberg –1 nt: July 14-15 – Freiburg Mercure



PAYMENT PLAN:

08 December 2010
\$450.00 per person deposit.

25 February 2011
2nd deposit: \$1819.50

27 April, 2011
Final Payment: \$1819.50

Due to commitments to tour operators and airlines, the payments are due on or before the deadlines above.

COST: \$4089.00 per person/double occupancy \$655.00 per single supplement.

STUDY ABROAD TRIP INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip economy air connecting flights from Washington/Dulles to Brussels & return from Zurich.
- Double occupancy with twin beds and bathroom in all hotels
- 10 Breakfasts
Dining plan: 5 dinners/1 lunch. Drinks included for Welcome dinner and Farewell dinner: wine (only for Adults over 21), soda, soft drinks, mineral water.
- Sightseeing as indicated in the daily program including entrance fees are in UPPER CASE
- Professional multilingual Tour director throughout
- National Travel Escort throughout
- Local guided tours where necessary.
- Wireless headset system for guided tours
- Private deluxe motor coach throughout the tour
- Roundtrip airport transfers from airport to hotel in Europe
- Tipping at hotels and restaurants for included dinners
- Hotel taxes and service charges

NOT INCLUDED:

- Travel insurance/trip protection
- Gratuities for driver, tour director & local guides
- Baggage fees that may be in place at time of trip. Overweight/oversize luggage fees.
- Personal items such as phone calls, mini-bar, dry cleaning or any services, meals, beverages not specifically mentioned above.
- Passports and or visas necessary for entry into countries on itinerary. (Note: Passports must be valid 6 months beyond intended stay.)



TRIP PROTECTION: Trip Cancellation & Interruption Insurance is priced according to age and cost of the trip as follows: for **\$4000.00 coverage:**

Age 30 & under: \$156.00	Age 31-55: \$227.00
Age 56 – 70 : \$268.00	Age 71-75: \$348.00

Includes: Trip Cancellation: 100% of trip, Trip Interruption: 150% of trip, Travel delay-daily: \$150.00, Missed Connection: \$1000.00, Baggage delay: \$400.00, Accident/Medical: \$60,000.00: Includes: 24 hour emergency, identity theft resolution svc., Concierge services, and much more. For maximum coverage, include premium with your deposit. **CSA** Travel Protection Insurance www.csatravelprotection.com

CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY:

Penalties for cancellation apply as follows: (must be received in writing by dates below.)

- From booking date until 120 days prior to departure:
Mar.10, 2011 - \$450.00 deposit will be forfeited per person.
- 20 Mar. 2011- 08 Apr. 2011 - 25% of total will be forfeited.
- 09 Apr. 2011 – 07 May 2011 - 50% of total will be forfeited.
- 08 May 2011 – 07 Jun. 2011 - 75% of total will be forfeited.
- 08 Jun. 2011 – 08 Jul. 2011 - 100% of total will be forfeited.

Responsibility:

National Travel, Gabor WV Folklife Center at FSU, and Fairmont State University, offer this tour only with the express and specific understanding that they themselves do not perform, or in any way assume liability for the performance of the individual components (transfers, flights, meals, tour, hotels, guides, buses, of this tour and act only to combine these components into a single unit for the convenience of the public. Neither the Gabor WV Folklife Center FSU (WV), Fairmont State University nor National Travel is responsible, therefore directly or indirectly, for any loss, accident or injury which may result from any act, omission, negligence or default of any company, individual or employee engaging in or responsible for performing or providing these component services. Additional expenses incurred as a result of a delay, change in schedule, illness, weather, strikes, or any other reasons beyond the control of the tour operators, shall be borne by the passenger. National Travel also reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure for any reason, including, but not limited to, tours based on a minimum number of participants. In such an event, a full refund to participant will represent full settlement.

Exception: in the occurrence of disorderly conduct and/or inappropriate behavior by any tour participant that interferes with the travel program or disturbs other travelers and staff, or otherwise puts other travelers in danger, the tour operator reserves the right to terminate any individual's tour and expel that or those individuals from the tour immediately. Every individual will be responsible for his/her travel arrangements and expenses departing from the travel program. There will be no tour refund due to disorderly conduct and/ or inappropriate behavior. The operator reserves the right to determine the seriousness of every case after careful evaluation and feedback from tour participants, tour director and staff before taking action.

Air transportation will be on Air France, or other IATA carrier. Land arrangements in Europe have been made by Travel Design in conjunction with select Tour Operators in Europe. Via Paolo Paruta n.3 Piano S1 interno 1 00179 Rome Italy Tel: + 39 3476683611.

Note: Prices subject to currency fluctuation and fuel surcharges until final payment is made.

This itinerary is subject to change in order to accommodate and enhance the sights visited and the order of visits may be changed as this Study-Travel Abroad trip is developed.

Please note: Guests who have a health or physical condition requiring special and particular care are asked to travel with a companion who can and will take responsibility of their care. Guests who may need special prescriptions are asked to carry enough prescription medication with them as well as the name of their doctor and the medicine taken for particular medical conditions on the doctor's letterhead along with the doctor's telephone and emergency number. Please read carefully the schedule of daily activities and recognize and accept any risks thereof and the conditions set forth therein, including the refund policy. The villages, towns and cities we will travel to will have uneven pavement and many times cobblestones & steep stairways, thus walking will sometimes be difficult. Our itinerary will require much walking and sometimes at an active pace, so please evaluate your overall stamina and ability to participate in such a trip.

Please contact The Gabor WV Folklife Center at: 304 367-4403 or 304 367-4286 (ext. for Judy Byers) for further information. Email: jbyers@fairmontstate.edu.



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Name: (as it appears on Passport) _____
 Last First Middle Name
Passport Number: _____ **Date of Expiration:** _____
 Valid 6 months beyond stay
Place of Issue: _____ **Date of Issue:** _____ **Nationality:** _____
Date of Birth: _____ **Place of Birth (State):** _____ **Frequent Flyer #:** _____
 Sky team Member
Phone: (Home) _____ (Cell) _____ (Work) _____ **EMAIL:** _____
Home Address: _____

Traveling Companion
Name: (as it appears on Passport) _____
 Last First Middle Name
Passport Number: _____ **Date of Expiration:** _____
 (Note: Passports must be valid 6 months beyond intended stay in Europe)
Place of Issue: _____ **Date of Issue:** _____ **Nationality:** _____
Date of Birth: _____ **Place of Birth (State):** _____ **Frequent Flyer #:** _____
 Sky team Member
Phone: (Home) _____ (Cell) _____ (Work) _____ **EMAIL:** _____
Home Address: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ **Relationship:** _____ **Telephone: (day)** _____
Address: _____ **Telephone: (night)** _____

Physical or dietary restrictions, allergies: (Please be specific) _____
Please fax or mail a legible "picture" page of your passport to our National Travel office before final payment.

TRIP PROTECTION:
Trip Cancellation & Interruption
 Insurance is priced according to age and cost of trip as follows: for **\$4,000 coverage**

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Includes:
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 Trip Interruption: 150% of trip
 Travel Delay-daily: \$150.00
 Missed Connection: \$1000.00
 Baggage delay: \$ 400.00
 Accident/Medical: \$60000.00

Includes:
 24 hour emergency Identify-Theft Resolution svc.
 Concierge Services
 Pre-Existing Conditions*
CSA Travel Protection
 *pre-existing conditions may have a 180 day exclusion

(Please read itinerary and understand obligation regarding trip participation, level of activity and difficulty of walking while on tour.)

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Yes: Please sign me/us up for insurance: _____ **Amount:** _____ **Cost:** _____
 Signature
No: Signature required: I decline insurance: _____
 Signature

I/We enclose: Check # _____ **in the amount of: \$** _____ **as deposit** (please include insurance premium for pre-existing coverage)
 (Make checks payable to National Travel & Mail to the address below)

Please select room type: _____ Double/Twin occupancy _____ Single Occupancy _____ non-smoking _____ smoking

PRICE & PAYMENT PLAN: \$4089.00 per person, double occupancy.
 _____ \$ 655.00 Single supplement.

Deposit due deadline:	\$ 450.00 per person by Dec. 08, 2010
2nd Deposit due:	\$1819.50 per person by Feb. 25, 2011
Final Payment due:	\$1819.50 per person by Apr. 27, 2011



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