



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

July 08 – 20, 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 connecting flights from Washington-Dulles Airport.

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

Upon arrival in Brussels, claim your luggage and pass through customs where you will be 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 your WELCOME DINNER at a local restaurant. Overnight Brussels. (D)

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

Depart early this morning for the medieval canal city of Bruges. A CANAL CRUISE (weather permitting) will give you a feel for this delightful town. Afterwards, stop in Bokrijk for a guided tour of the FLEMISH OPEN AIR MUSEUM, known for its old Flemish houses and farms. Enjoy time here on your own to indulge in a traditional Flemish dish. Return to Brussels where you will have dinner at your hotel. Overnight Brussels, Belgium (B,D)

Note: If weather does not permit for Canal Cruise in Bruges, an alternative is to stop in Ghent for sightseeing of the CATHEDRAL.

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

This morning, depart Brussels for Luxembourg. En route stop in Charleroi, Pittsburgh’s sister city and the area where many of West Virginia’s Belgian glassblowers emigrated from, for a guided visit of the MUSEE DU VERRE, the Charleroi Glass Museum. The museum addresses the legacy of glassblowers from this area as it 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. Afterwards, continue onto Luxembourg. Upon arrival, enjoy an orientation drive of the capital city of Luxembourg with your Local Guide, which covers 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 5 – 12 Jul/Tue –Luxembourg- Oberalben, Germany- Mainz.

This morning, cross the German border into Oberalben 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. This afternoon, continue to Mainz for some time on your own before dinner is served at the hotel. Overnight Mainz, Germany.

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

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. Then, head for the Arbeitsgemeinde für Pflanzlich-Rheinische Familienkunde genealogy library in Ludwigshafen. Enjoy time to explore here on your own. Return to Mainz for dinner at the hotel. Overnight Mainz, Germany. (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–Wurttemberg-Augsburg-St.Otilien--Munich.

This morning, stop in Augsburghead. Afterwards, continue to St. Otilien and visit the SACRED HEART ARCHABBEY. Here you will meet with the individual responsible for researching the Swiss-German ancestry from Windisch to West Virginia. Later, continue to Munich and visit the MARIEN-PLATZ before dinner at the hotel. Overnight Munich, Germany. (B,D)



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

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 on to the quaint Bavarian village of Oberammergau. Enjoy your overnight here surrounded by the Bavarian Alps. (B)

Day 10 –17 Jul/Sun – Oberammergau-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 Luzern and Ballenberg.

Head to Luzern and enjoy a walking tour this morning, 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. Afterwards, enjoy your 1-hour CRUISE on Lake Lucerne. Board the motorboat for an enchanting and relaxing cruise on glassy Lake Luzern also known as the Vierwaldstattersee or "Lake of the Four Forest Cantons". Marvel at the spectacular mountain scenery and admire fjords, bays and rolling meadows, while enjoying your included lunch. See also the Rutli meadows, where the Swiss Confederation was founded in 1291. After lunch, continue 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. Tonight return to Zurich for dinner on your own. Overnight Zurich, Switzerland. . (B,L)

Day 12 –19 Jul/Tue – Zurich. Excursion to Windisch and Berne.

Travel to the village of Windisch in the Canton of Aargau and see the MONASTERY OF KÖNIGSFELDEN, which is well known for its eleven glass windows in the choir. They are among the most outstanding works of European glass painting of that era. Also take time to view the aqueduct and the amphitheatre, both dating back to the 1st century. Windisch is the area that our Swiss-German settlers of Helvetia, West Virginia originated. Afterwards, continue to the stately capital of Berne. Your guided walking tour features the beautifully preserved Old Town. Witness the hourly parade of painted figures at the Clock Tower and take pictures of ornate, flower-adorned fountains. Stop in for a visit of the PARLIAMENT BUILDING (subject to availability), as well as the BERN BEAR PARK. Later, return to Zurich for your FAREWELL DINNER at a local restaurant. Overnight Zurich Switzerland. (B,D)

Day 13 –20 Jul/Wed – Your homebound flight arrives the same day.

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 – 1 nt: July 15-16 – Holiday Inn Center**
Luxembourg - 1 nt: July 11-12 – Mercure Grand **Oberammergau: - 1 nt: July 16-17 – Beold Hotel**
Mainz – 2 nts: July 12-14 – Novotel Mainz **Zurich – 3 nts: July 17-20 – Continental Zurich**
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
- 11 Breakfasts
- Dining plan: 8 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. Prices in effect as of October, 2010.

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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TRIP APPLICATION

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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: _____

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:
 Trip Cancellation: \$4000.00
 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

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

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

Trip Cancellation protection insurance is with **CSA Travel Protection**. For full insurance brochure, see: www.csatravelprotection.com
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- 08 Jun. 2011 – 08Jul. 2011 - 100% of total will be forfeited.



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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