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A PROGRAM OF
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The Association of Former Students of
Texas A&M University presents

CLASSIC GERMANY

July 26-August 9, 2017

15 days for \$5,692 total price from Houston
(\$4,995 air & land inclusive plus \$697 airline taxes and fees)



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An Exclusive Small Group Tour for
Aggies & Friends of Texas A&M University



Howdy, Ags!

Join the Traveling Aggies on a special 15-day journey to Germany. Our small group will experience the best this country has to offer, from its famed Black Forest to its classic cities – Heidelberg, Munich, and Berlin.

Our tour begins in Frankfurt on a relaxing cruise through the Rhine River Valley. We discover the contemporary city of Heidelberg, then travel to the Black Forest. Next, experience the breathtaking Bavarian Alps, Neuschwanstein Castle, and the capital city of Munich. After spending some time in Dachau and the historic city of Nuremberg, travel on to Dresden, touring the beloved Semper Opera House and the historic Green Vault in Dresden Castle. Then we continue on to Meissen and Berlin, where we see Berlin’s Brandenburg Gate, and visit the Pergamon Museum and the Berlin Wall Memorial.

With space for only 24 guests on this exclusive Traveling Aggies departure, we expect this tour to fill quickly. Book today to secure your spot!

Gig ’em,

Jennifer Bohac

Jennifer Bohac ’87, Ph.D.
Director of Travel Programs

TRAVELING AGGIES RESERVATION FORM: CLASSIC GERMANY

Enclosed is my/our deposit for \$____(\$500 per person) for ____ people on **Classic Germany** departing **July 26, 2017**. I/We understand the final payment is due 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, VISA, or by personal check. Please make check payable to **Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.**, and mail check (along with completed reservation form) to: **The Association of Former Students, 505 George Bush Drive, College Station, Texas 77840-2918**. Or call the Traveling Aggies at **979-845-7514** or toll-free at **800-633-7514**. You may also fax your reservation form to **979-845-9263**.

Full Passport Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Gender _____

Badge Name _____ Class Yr. _____

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Ph. (____) _____ Bus Ph. (____) _____

Please book my/our air from _____ I/we request an air upgrade to _____

I will share a room with _____ I request a single room (limited availability)

Post-Tour Extension “Berlin – On Your Own”: Please sign me/us up

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for **Classic Germany, July 26-August 9, 2017**, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions.

Signature(s) _____ Date _____

Method of Payment Check American Express Discover MasterCard VISA

Account # _____ Security Code _____ Exp. Date _____

Name of Cardholder _____

Signature _____

Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure, and is payable by check or credit card.

Tour membership limited to 24 Traveling Aggies and friends

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Classic Germany: it's the legendary Rhine, the beauty of the Black Forest and Bavarian Alps, culturally rich Munich, international Berlin. It's history of note – and of notoriety. And we see it all on this alluring small group tour:



Avg. High (°F)	Jul	Aug
Black Forest	76	76
Munich	72	73
Berlin	73	73

Your Small Group Tour Highlights

Comprehensive yet well-paced journey through Germany ... Rhine River cruise ... Medieval Heidelberg ... Beautiful scenery of the Black Forest and Bavaria ... Neuschwanstein Castle ... Munich sightseeing ... Visit to Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial site and Nuremberg Trial Courthouse ... Historic Dresden ... Three-night stay in Berlin ... Visit to Potsdam

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. for Frankfurt		
2-3	Frankfurt	The Westin Grand Frankfurt	Deluxe
4-5	Waldkirch, Black Forest	Zum Storchen Waldkirch	Not Rated
6	Garmisch-Partenkirchen	Riessersee Hotel	Sup. First Class
7-8	Munich	Le Meridien Munich	Deluxe
9	Nuremberg	Le Meridien Grand Hotel Nürnberg	Sup. First Class
10-11	Dresden	Swissotel Dresden Am Schloss	Deluxe
12-14	Berlin	Kempinski Hotel Bristol Berlin	Sup. First Class
15	Depart Berlin for U.S.		

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference. Unrated hotels may be too small, too new, or too remote to be listed.

Day 1: Depart U.S. for Frankfurt, Germany

Day 2: Arrive Frankfurt We arrive in Germany's – and Europe's – financial center today and transfer to our hotel. As guests' arrival times may vary greatly, we have no group activities planned during the day. Early this evening we meet for a briefing about the journey ahead then enjoy a welcome dinner together. **D**

Day 3: Frankfurt/Rhine River Cruise One of the great rivers of Europe and Germany's historic highway of commerce and industry, the Rhine holds a special place in German tradition. We encounter this fabled waterway on a full-day excursion – including a relaxing cruise – through the Rhine River Valley, land of castles and kings, legends and lore. **B,L**

Day 4: Frankfurt/Heidelberg/Black Forest

With its riverside setting, medieval castle ruins, and narrow, winding streets that were spared wartime bombing, Heidelberg stands as perhaps the quintessential German city. We discover this romantic university town on a morning tour featuring Old Town; the university (c. 1386); Carl Theodor Old Bridge spanning the Neckar River; Heidelberg Castle; and lively Market Square, where we have free time for lunch on our own. Then we depart for the Black Forest (*Schwarzwald*), Germany's storied woodland whose pastoral beauty and natural spring waters have drawn visitors for centuries. **B,D**

Day 5: Black Forest/Freiburg/Triberg We discover the Black Forest today, traveling first to Freiburg, where we see the 13th-century Gothic cathedral, one of Germany's most beautiful; and the adjacent Augustinian cloister. Then we travel on to Triberg, birthplace of the cuckoo clock and where we visit the Schwarzwald-museum, a series of houses whose furnishings depict life here over the centuries. We return to our hotel for an evening at leisure, perhaps to explore this charming town as we wish. Dinner tonight is on our own. **B**

Day 6: Black Forest/Bavaria Leaving the Black Forest, we travel along the shores of Lake Konstanz through scenic Bavaria, home to the breathtaking

Cover Photo: On Day 4 we visit captivating Heidelberg, one of Germany's most popular destinations.



We see the fairy tale castle of Neuschwanstein in the Bavarian Alps on Day 7.

Bavarian Alps. Mid-afternoon we reach our hotel set amid the stunning Bavarian alpine scenery. **B,D**

Day 7: Bavaria/Neuschwanstein Castle/Munich Today we encounter the fairy tale castle of our collective imagination: Neuschwanstein, Ludwig II's 19th-century Romanesque Revival palace that was the inspiration for Walt Disney's *Sleeping Beauty* castle, with its fanciful turrets and towers, gables and balconies. Following our visit to the hilltop castle, we enjoy lunch together. Then we continue on to Munich, capital of Bavaria. **B,L**

Day 8: Munich A morning sightseeing tour of Germany's most prosperous and highly livable city includes the Baroque Nymphenburg Palace, former summer home of Bavarian royalty; the Glockenspiel carillon in Marienplatz, Munich's popular central square; and the royal avenue of Maximilianstrasse. Then the remainder of the day is free to explore as we wish. Tonight we dine together at a local restaurant. **B,D**

Day 9: Munich/Dachau/Nuremberg We travel just 10 miles outside Munich today to Dachau, site of Germany's first concentration camp and today a memorial to the 40,000-plus who perished there. After this somber encounter we continue on to Nuremberg, a historic city where Allied forces prosecuted Nazi leaders in military tribunals that became known as the Nuremberg Trials. Here we take a walking tour of this city known for its medieval architecture. **B,L,D**

Day 10: Nuremberg/Dresden This morning we visit several sites associated with the Nuremberg Trials, including the Palace of Justice complex where the momentous trials took place. After our tour here and free time for lunch, we travel on to Dresden. **B,D**

Day 11: Dresden Its historical center largely destroyed by Allied bombing during World War II, Dresden today is a rebuilt and reunified city. Among the attractions of the capital of Saxony seen on this morning's tour: the beautiful and beloved Semper Opera House; and the historic Green Vault in Dresden Castle, the "jewel box" of Europe housing an astounding array of treasures, including the crown jewels and the world's largest green diamond. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore as we wish. **B**

Day 12: Dresden/Meissen/Berlin Leaving Dresden, we stop in Meissen to visit the factory that produced the world's first high quality porcelain outside of the Far East. Opened in 1710, Meissen's Royal Porcelain Factory still creates the fine china that is on display in museums and homes around the world. We continue on to Berlin, where we enjoy dinner together. **B,D**

Post-Tour Extension

August 9-11, 2017

BERLIN – ON YOUR OWN

3 days/2 nights for \$295 total price

Single Supplement: \$195

Extend your stay in the German capital, vibrant center of arts, culture, history, and contemporary life.

Your Tour Price Includes

- 2 nights' accommodations at Kempinski Hotel Bristol Berlin (Superior First Class)
- 2 meals: 2 breakfast
- Transfer to airport

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- HERMANN HESSE

Day 13: Berlin Germany’s capital, its largest city, cultural center, and beating heart, Berlin is both provincial and international, historic and up-to-the-minute, sophisticated and friendly. We get our first taste on this morning’s tour featuring the Brandenburg Gate, the triumphal arch now a symbol of reunification; and Pergamon Museum housing treasures from the Turkish archaeological site. We visit the Berlin Wall Memorial, the remaining section of the partition that brutally divided the city – and the nation – from 1961 to 1989. Now a historical monument and tribute to victims, the memorial traces the history of the



Serene German countryside

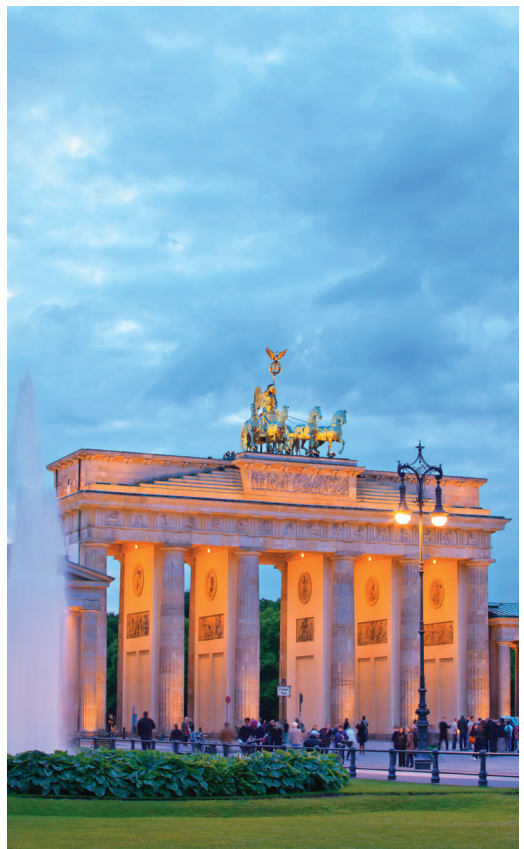
wall and German reunification. Here, too, is Checkpoint Charlie, symbol of a once-divided nation. The remainder of the day is free for independent exploration in this non-stop metropolis. Lunch and dinner are on our own, and Berlin boasts a lively – and cosmopolitan – culinary scene. **B**

Day 14: Berlin/Potsdam Today we visit nearby Potsdam, former capital of Prussia, site of the victorious Allies’ post-World War II conference, and home of Sanssouci, the former summer palace of Frederick the Great of Prussia. We tour the elaborate manse, considered the “German Versailles,” with its parks, lakes, and follies. Then we return to Berlin for an afternoon at leisure; tonight we gather for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. **B,D**

Day 15: Depart for the U.S. We transfer to the Berlin airport this morning for our return flights to the U.S. **B**

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities
- 13 nights’ accommodations in Deluxe, Superior First Class, and unrated hotels
- 24 meals: 13 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 8 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers



We see Berlin’s Brandenburg Gate on Day 13.

Tour Departs: July 26, 2017

Prices include international airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

Boston, New York, Philadelphia	\$5,292
Atlanta, Charlotte, Washington, DC	\$5,492
Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Miami, Orlando, Tampa	\$5,592
Dallas, Denver, Houston, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco, Seattle	\$5,692
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$4,195

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$697, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$1,195.

All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Airline upgrades on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: Business Class – \$3,995 per person; Premium Economy – \$895 per person (upgrades are subject to availability and pricing is subject to change). Upgrade costs are in addition to the costs above.

Please note: This trip involves considerable walking up hills or stairs, and on uneven or cobblestone streets. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy this tour to the fullest.

For more information and reservations, please call The Traveling Aggies at 979-845-7514 or toll-free at 800-633-7514

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a \$500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

Not Included in Tour Price

Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; optional sightseeing; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities \$10-\$15 per day, per traveler); and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes

If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon our receipt of your written notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **Cancel 95 days or more before departure: \$200 charge; Cancel 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price; Cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price; Cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; Cancel 29-0 days before departure: No refund.** If a guest makes any changes to their reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a \$100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. **No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure.**

Upon reservation you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.

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Responsibility

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Health and Medical Issues

We request that you be in good health to participate in this Odysseys Unlimited tour. There is a reasonable amount of walking, and **you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and boats on your own.** We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance: in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that our itineraries cannot accommodate wheelchairs. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, The Association of Former Students and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

Air Transportation – Important Information

Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown and contracts with those airlines the company feels provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. **Please note that seat assignments on your international flight are usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.** Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. **Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.**



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