EUROPE ‘05
With STEVE COOPER

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EUROPE IN MAY/JUNE 2005

Come travel with us next May and June as we head for Germany, France, Austria, Prague, Budapest, Switzerland, and Italy on two different trips. We’ll travel by plane, train, and boat as we explore some of Europe’s most incredible sights.

This is not a cattle-call tour where you’re prodded onto a bus at 7am every morning. It is a small (12 travelers maximum) private tour for college students, faculty/staff, and their friends or family. We’ll spend 2 or 3 days in each city we visit.

Trip 1—Central Europe

We’ll make our first stop at Charles deGaulle Airport in Paris, France and check into our 2-star hotel. We’ll begin immediately hitting the highlights of the most romantic city in Europe. We’ll visit the Eiffel Tower, Sacre Coeur, Pere Lachaise Cemetary, the Louvre, the Musee d’Orsay, and track down some of the haunts of Hemingway, Copland, and Stravinsky.

We’ll train to Montreux, Switzerland, the most beautiful small city on the “Swiss Riviera”. There are miles of manicured lakeside walks, snow on the surrounding mountains, walking trails through ancient vineyards, and some of the best cafes and shopping on the whole trip.

Train through the Alps and boat across the bay to Venice, Italy, the “sinking” Italian city that is one of the most photographed and painted cities in all the world.

Finally, we’ll take the train to Rome for our last two nights in this most amazing ancient capital of early Christian Europe. We’ll introduce you to some of the Western world’s greatest artistic treasures in the Vatican Museums, the Sistine Chapel, St. Peter’s Basilica, and in the other historic buildings of this city. We’ll also find time to spend some late nights in the famed Roman piazzi, watching street performers, sipping wine, reliving the fun we’ve had, and planning your next trip to Europe.
**Trip 2—Northern Europe**

This adventure begins in Zurich and leads us to Lucerne, one of the beautiful lake towns of scenic Switzerland. We’ll spend a couple of days relaxing on the lake and walking historic trails through the area.

Salzburg and Vienna, Austria are waiting for us to explore their ancient streets and to meet the ghosts of Mozart, Beethoven, and maybe echoes of Julie Andrews???

Prague and Budapest are a short train ride to the east, but they’re many exotic years away from our Western heritage. We’ll tap into some of the magic of these two mysterious and beautiful former-iron-curtain cities.

There is a possibility that this trip will be extended to include Brugges, Belgium or Amsterdam in the Netherlands.

**Cost**

The price of $2750 for Trip 1 (Central Europe) and $2850 for Trip 2 (Northern Europe, per person, includes the cost of airfare from Northwest Arkansas, all ground transportation between cities, 11 nights (Trip 1) or 12 nights (Trip 2) in 2-star hotels (double occupancy; add $500 for single occupancy), breakfast each day, local travel taxes and fees, and the services of an experienced guide who has learned many ways to mis-translate our way into some real adventures.

Additional cost to travelers: passport, all meals except for breakfast, trains/taxis to museums/attractions and entrance fees, insurance, and shopping/souvenir money.

(FYI: Passport info--  [http://travel.state.gov/passport_services.html](http://travel.state.gov/passport_services.html))

**Deposit to Hold Your Place**

A deposit of $200 per person will hold your place on the trip. This trip is planned for a maximum of 12 travelers, so don’t delay. The deposit is refundable up until Nov. 15, 2004, at which time a second payment of $1000 is due. The final installment is due Feb. 1, 2005.

Note: This is not a hand-holding tour for children. Each day I’ll prepare (with the advice of the group) a list of a few places to visit. No one is “required” to follow that agenda, but everyone is invited to go with me. If you’d prefer to be alone, you are welcome to explore the cities on your own or with a friend from the group. This trip is designed with lots of walking involved (sometimes with baggage!). Plan your shoes and packing accordingly.
To Sign Up

To register for Europe '05, complete the form shown below and mail it with your $200 check (payable to STEVE COOPER), to Steve Cooper, PO Box 1096, Rogers, AR 72757.

TERMS & CONDITIONS: My responsibility as tour operator is limited. I’m acting only in the capacity of agent for the participants in all matters pertaining to accommodations, sightseeing, and transportation whether by railroad, motorboat motorcar, steamship or plane, and as such I shall not be liable for any personal injury, death, damage, loss, accident, delay, or irregularity which may be occasioned whether by reason of any defect in any vehicle, or through the acts or default of any company or person engaged in conveying the participants, or in carrying out the arrangements of the tour. I can accept no responsibility for strike, war, quarantine, or other causes. Additional expenses, if incurred under any of these circumstances, will be borne by the tour participant. The right is reserved to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the tour or to cancel or alter the tour as required. If improvements in itinerary can be made, or unforeseen conditions beyond my control make changes necessary, I reserve the right to slightly alter itineraries without penalty. In the event cancellation of the tour is compelled by circumstances beyond my control, including insufficient number of participants, my liability shall be limited to a full refund of all payments received from the participants. No refund or allowance will be made for absence during tour, or for activities missed, even for causes beyond the control of the participant. Baggage and personal injury are at owner’s risk entirely. The issuance or acceptance of vouchers or tickets shall be considered consent of the above conditions. The airlines concerned and their affiliates and agents are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board the aircrafts. The passenger ticket in use by said airlines, when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of these tickets and/or the passenger. All services are subject to the laws of the country in which these services are rendered.

I have read the information above and understand the terms and conditions, including the cancellation policy. SIGN ME UP! I WANT TO GO! I’m submitting my $200 deposit (checks payable to STEVE COOPER) and agree to pay the remainder by the dates specified above.

Please Print Name    Signature

Address

Phone    E-mail

Age at Time of Tour    What you’d most like to see in Europe

Food allergies or dietary restrictions?