

2018 BUSMVA AFTER REUNION BUS TOUR UPDATE 2/28/2018

We have planned an exciting bus tour through Germany, Poland, Slovakia, and Austria. The option to extend the tour to Budapest, Hungary has been canceled due to a lack of interest.

Our Schedule:

Day 1, Sunday, August 12, 2018 (Berlin – Wrocław 350 km)

This morning we will leave Berlin with a stop at Goerlitz. Germany's easternmost city, Goerlitz -- along with Frankfurt an der Oder -- is one of the last European towns that has remained divided ever since the end of World War II. At the Potsdam Conference, the leaders of the United States, Britain, France, and the Soviet Union made the Neisse and Oder rivers the border between Poland and the Soviet occupation zone of Germany. Goerlitz's eastern half was awarded to Poland and was given its historic Polish name, Zgorzelec.



We will stay at the Mercure Centrum Hotel located in a tourism, commercial and business center of the city. Wrocław attractions, such as Raclawice Panorama, the Old Market, Ostrow Tumski (Cathedral Island) and the shopping mall are within walking distance from the hotel.

We will have dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 2. Monday, August 13, 2018 (Wrocław)

After breakfast we will start with our city sightseeing tour of Wrocław, followed by leisure time. We will see the historical Market Square, the Cathedral (Cathedral of St. John the Baptist), the gothic city hall, the Centennial Hall (a UNESCO World Heritage Site), and other highlights of this cultural town.

In the evening we will have our dinner at a local restaurant and stay another night at the Mercure Centrum Hotel.

Day 3. Tuesday, August 14, 2018 (Wrocław – Oswiecim – Krakow 202 / 68 km)

This morning after breakfast we leave Wrocław for a 3.5 hour guided visit of the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial. We will spend about 90 minutes at the Auschwitz site

and the same amount of time for Auschwitz II-Birkenau. The entrance fee for the guide is included in the BUSMVA After-Reunion tour.

Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial is a solemn place where care should be taken to respect those who suffered here. The Museum has adopted rules of behavior that can be found at:



http://www.auschwitz.org/gfx/auschwitz/userfiles/public/visit/9_en.pdf

<http://auschwitz.org/en/visiting/>

We will arrive in the late afternoon in Krakow at the beautiful Hotel Polski Pod Bialim Orlem located in the Old Town part of the city.

After Check-In we will have dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 4. Wednesday August 15, 2018 (Krakow)

In the morning we will go on our sightseeing tour. Many visitors say Krakow is the nicest city in Poland. Tradition and charm brings every year many people to the former capitol city of Poland, which was once a Residence town of the Polish Kings. On our 3 hour walking city sightseeing tour will show you the highlights, The Wawel Hill, The Royal Cathedral (also called Wawel Cathedral), Old town, Jagiellonian University district, Planty Park, St. Mary's Basilica, leftovers of fortifications and the Main Market Square with little medieval streets around.



Krakow has over 1000 years of history and is also named "Florence of Poland".

Afternoon free for your leisure – enjoy the old town of Krakow on your own or with friends. We will stay another night at the Hotel Polski Pod Bialim Orlem and have

dinner at a typical restaurant in Krakow.

Day 5. Thursday August 16, 2018 (Krakow – Low/High Tatra Mountains 170 km)

This morning we leave Krakow to go to the Tatra Mountains that form a natural border between Slovakia and Poland. They are the highest mountain range in the Carpathian

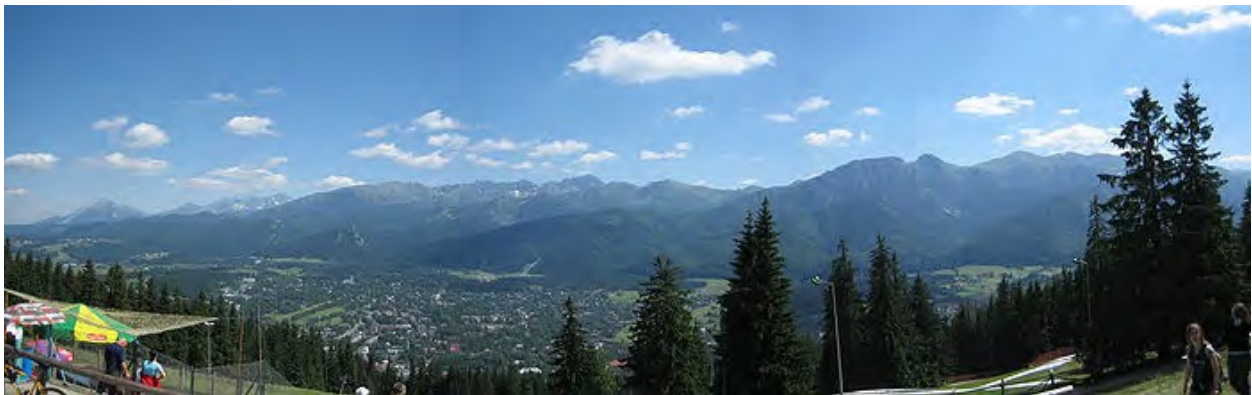


Mountains. Some people call this area the little ALPS. Here waits for you very scenic mountain site that has been designated a biosphere reserve by UNESCO.

We travel to Zakopane where in March 1940, representatives of the Soviet NKVD and the Nazi Gestapo met for one week in Zakopane's Villa Tadeusz, to coordinate the pacification of resistance in Poland.

Throughout World War II, Zakopane served as an underground staging point between Poland and Hungary.

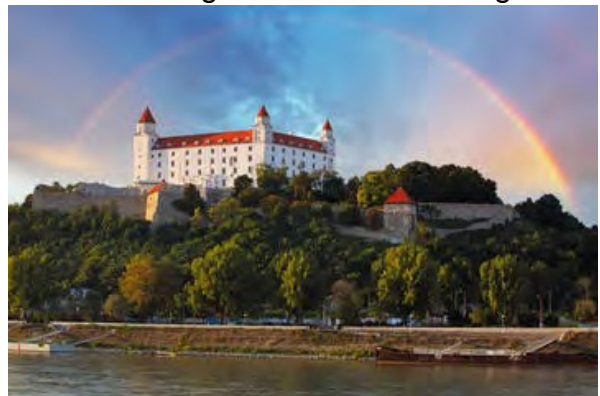
At the resort town of Zakopane we leave Poland and drive in the Slovakia High Tatra Mountain area. There we will travel on the second largest mountain in the Carpathian Mountain Range called "the Lomnitzer Spitze (2634 m). This night we will stay at the Grand Hotel Jasna where we will have dinner.



Day 6, Friday August 17, 2018 (Low/High Tatra Mountain Area – Banska Bystrica (131 km), Nitra (254 km), Bratislava 350 km)

After breakfast we leave the Tatra Mountain Area and touring in Slovakia traveling through Banska Bystrica and Nitra before we arrive in the afternoon in Bratislava where we will have a guided sightseeing tour. We will see on this guided tour the old town, the historic Michalska Gate, the beautiful Primatial Palace, St. Martins's Cathedral, the old City Hall, the Bratislava Castle and more.

We will check-In to the Devin Hotel and then have dinner.



Day 7. Saturday August 18, 2018 (Bratislava – Vienna, 66 km)

In the morning we start after breakfast with our bus along the Danube River via Fischamend to Vienna. Here we will have a guided City Sightseeing Tour. This tour will give you an overall impression of the most significant sights of Vienna. Along the Ringstrasse you will see numerous of magnificent buildings, such as the State Opera House, the Museum of Fine Arts, the Natural History Museum, the cultural district, the Museums Quartier, the former Habsburg winter residence, the Hofburg, the Parliament, the City Hall, the Burgtheater, the Schönbrunn Palace and more.

The afternoon is free for leisure time or shopping.

This evening we will stay at the Kremslehner Regina Hotel where we will have our by Goodbye-Dinner.

Day 8. Sunday August 19, 2018

After breakfast we leave Vienna and transfer to the airport. From here we leave for the U.S.A., or other destinations.

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE 8-DAY AFTER REUNION TOUR

- Friendly experienced driver
- Transportation “deluxe motor coach” including Bus parking fees, motorway fees, entrance fees for busses at Wroclaw and Krakow
- English speaking tour director
- Accommodations with private shower and toilet in 4-star hotels, portorage service for 1 piece of luggage* per person, [Additional luggage is at client’s expense.]
- 2 overnights in Wroclaw at Mercure Centrum Hotel****, Aug 12-14, 2018
- 2 overnights in Krakow at Hotel Polski Pod Byalim Orlem****, Aug 14-16, 2018
- 1 overnight in Tatra Mountain Area at Grand Hotel Jasna****, Aug 16-17, 2018
- 1 overnight in Bratislava at Devin Hotel****, Aug 17-18, 2018
- 1 overnight in Vienna at Kremslehner Regina Hotel****, Aug 18-19, 2018
- Daily breakfast at hotel
- Guided 2 hour walking City Tour in Wroclaw including entrance fee for Centennial Hall
- 3,5 hour guided Visit of Concentration Camps of World War II Oswiecim and Birkenau including entrance fee
- Guided 3 hour walking City Tour in Krakow included entrance fees Royal Cathedral and St. Mary’s Church (from 30 up to 55 people 2 guides included)
- Guided City Tour in Bratislava

Guided City Tour in Vienna

- Dinner at typical restaurants in Wroclaw on Aug 12 and 13
 - Dinner at typical restaurants in Krakow on Aug 14 and 15
 - Dinner at Grand Hotel in Jasna on Aug 16
 - Dinner at Devin Hotel in Bratislava on Aug 17
 - Dinner at hotel in Vienna on August 18
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- **Table water is included with the dinner. The cost of other drinks are the responsibility of the client.**

NOTE: * *Luggage will be transported in the storage area beneath the passenger compartment. No luggage will be allowed in the passenger compartment. Luggage must have a maximum weight of 50 pounds (23 kg) per bag and a maximum exterior linear dimension of 62 inches (158 cm).*

Carry-on-bags are limited to only one personal item, such as a shoulder bag, backpack, laptop bag or other small item, with the maximum dimensions of 9 inches x 10 inches x 17 inches (22 cm x 25 cm x 43 cm).

Prices in €(Euro) per person for the Tour

BERLIN TO VIENNA

Persons	Double	Single
20	1.730 €	1.983 €
25	1.583 €	1.836 €
30	1.484 €	1.737 €
35	1.414 €	1.667 €
40	1.361 €	1.614 €
45	1.320 €	1.573 €

EXTENDED STAY IN VIENNA

Some members have asked about extending their stay in Vienna at the end of the tour. LAGRAFF can make arrangements for members to stay additional nights at the Kremslehner Regina Hotel, the same hotel for the tour. Per person extended stay rates through LAGRAFF including breakfast are: € 66 for double occupancy and € 99 for single occupancy.

Costs for the Tours

The exchange rate of the Dollar for Euros is constantly changing; therefore, the tour company has quoted the price of the tour in Euros, as shown in the Table on page 5.

Some of the tour cost are fixed and are shared equally among all of those on the tour. Since we don't know the number of persons who will go on the tour, the cost per person for the tour will be based on the number who register and pay the initial deposit of 400 € by March 19, 2018.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Initial Reservation Deposit	– March 19	400 €
Second Deposit	– April 19	20% of total cost
Final Payment	– May 31	Balance of unpaid cost

A final tour cost will be published for those going on the tour after the number who register by February 19 has been determined.

Transfer of Funds

The tour company requires payments to be made in Euros. Because we don't know the exchange rate on the day your funds are transferred, payments for the tour are to be made in U. S. Dollars based on the dollar value for the required Euros. You should have your bank send the payments in US Dollars to BB&T. The first payment is a minimum of 400 €. Your Bank will calculate the amount of US Dollars needed for the payment. Your Bank should send the domestic wire transfer of US Dollars using the following information:

The **bank transit number is: 031204710.**

The **checking account number for the deposit is 1310000980830.**

The **account name is Berlin US Military Veterans Association.**

The **mailing address** for the account is:

19 Emerson Drive

Cinnaminson, NJ 08077-4059

Optional Expenses

- Any Additional Driver Gratuity (Optional)
- Entrance fees that are not listed in the program
- Personal expenses

**BUSMVA 2018 AFTER REUNION BUS TOUR
REGISTRATION FORM**

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	STREET ADDRESS	CITY	STATE

ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	EMAIL ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER

I/WE UNDERSTAND THAT DUE TO CERTAIN FIXED COSTS THE COST PER PERSON WILL VARY DEPENDING ON THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE AFTER REUNION TOUR. SEE THE TABLE BELOW.

I/WE UNDERSTAND THE FINAL COST FOR THE TRIP WILL BE SET ON MARCH 20, 2018 BASED ON THE MARCH 19 REGISTRATIONS. RATES WILL BE SET BASED ON THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE.

FEE PER PERSON FOR BASIC TOUR

BERLIN TO VIENNA

Persons	Double	Single
20	1.730 €	1.983 €
25	1.583 €	1.836 €
30	1.484 €	1.737 €
35	1.414 €	1.667 €
40	1.361 €	1.614 €
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I/WE UNDERSTAND THE TOUR RATES ARE SET IN EUROS AND PAYMENTS ARE TO BE PAID IN US DOLLARS BASED ON THE CURRENCY CONVERSION RATIO ON THE DAY OF THE TRANSACTION.

PAYMENTS ARE TO BE MADE TO: **BERLIN US MILITARY VETERANS ASSOCIATION**

The Association's Bank is **BB&T**

The bank transit number is: **031204710**.

The checking account number for the deposit is **1310000980830**.

The memo purpose line on the wire transfer should read **BUSMVA BUS TOUR**.

The account address is: 19 EMERSON DRIVE,
CINNAMINSON, NJ 08077.

I/WE ARE KEENLY INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATION IN THE AFTER REUNION BUS TOUR AS DEMONSTRATED BY OUR INITIAL PAYMENT OF 400 € EACH.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

I/WE AGREE TO MAKE PAYMENTS AS FOLLOWS:

Initial Reservation Deposit	– March 19	400 €
Second Deposit	– April 19	20% of total cost
Final Payment	– May 31	Balance of unpaid cost

Cancellation charges:

After May 1, 2018 Non-refundable Administrative Fee 50 € PLUS THE FOLLOWING CHARGES:

May 2 – June 5	20 % per person
June 6 – July 26	45 % per person
July 27 – August 8	75 % per person
After August 8	NO REFUND

Remember - all cancellation notices must be in writing to RICHARD DIETRICH!

THIS REGISTRATION IS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

I/WE THE UNDERSIGNED DO HEREBY AGREE TO THE ABOVE PROVISIONS OF THIS AGREEMENT.

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE

TRAVEL INSURANCE MAY BE PURCHASED THROUGH LAGRAFF REISEN BUSINESS TRAVEL. INSURANCE INFORMATION WILL BE SENT TO YOU UPON REQUEST.

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