



Austria, Germany, Netherlands and Belgium Volleyball Friendship Tour!

May 19 – May 31, 2001

for

Southwest Missouri State

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DAILY ITINERARY

DAY 1 SATURDAY MAY 19 ST. LOUIS TO VIENNA

Depart today by private motor coach from Springfield to St. Louis airport. We depart St. Louis for Chicago where we will change plane and continue on our overnight Swissair transatlantic flight to Vienna, Austria. Enjoy the on-board meals and entertainment. (D – on flight)

Overnight Transatlantic flight

DAY 2 SUNDAY MAY 20 VIENNA

Welcome to Europe! Arrival in Vienna, Austria's capital and once the capital of a great empire in central Europe. Upon arrival, you will be met by your ASD Cultural Exchange Tour Manager who will transfer you to your centrally located hotel. Orientation sightseeing en route. Check in at your hotel. Balance of the day at leisure to relax and enjoy Vienna. (B/S – on flight)

Accommodation in Vienna: TBA (3-star Tourist Class)

DAY 3 MONDAY MAY 21 VIENNA

Welcome to Vienna! Morning Vienna Panorama sightseeing highlighting the old Imperial Vienna and the new modern Vienna. We will see the Gothic Stephansdom (Cathedral), the City Hall, the State Opera House, Hofburg Imperial Palace and Belvedere Palaces and Gardens. We will also visit and tour the famous Schoenbrunn Palace. Balance of the day is at leisure. Return transfer to the hotel. (B)

Accommodation in Vienna: TBA (3-star Tourist Class)

DAY 4 TUESDAY MAY 22 VIENNA

Morning at leisure to enjoy Vienna and perhaps visit either one of the famous Café Sacher or Café Demel, both who claims the original Vienna Sacher Cake as their creation. In the afternoon we depart to our host club for an afternoon/evening of volleyball matches against a local club, followed by an evening social get-together hosted by ASD Cultural Exchange and the host club. Return transfer to the hotel. Balance of the evening is free. (B, D)

Accommodation in Vienna: TBA (3-star Tourist Class)



DAY 5 WEDNESDAY MAY 23 VIENNA VIA SALZBURG TO MUNICH, GERMANY

Early morning departure from our hotel and we begin a scenic drive through the Austrian countryside to Salzburg, one of Europe's most beautiful historic cities and the birthplace of Mozart. We will enjoy a walking Panorama Sightseeing of beautiful Salzburg, where we will see some of the highlights of this city of castles, horse-drawn carriages and church towers including the Domplatz with Salzburg Cathedral and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's birthplace. After our Salzburg Panorama City Sightseeing, we will have free time for lunch on own, before we continue to the Bavarian Alps and Berchtesgarden, home of a sinister attraction – Hitler's Kehlsteinhaus, the dictator's infamous mountain-top retreat "Eagle's Nest", with stunning views and scenery. We then continue through scenic Bavarian countryside direct to Munich, Germany. Late afternoon arrival to Munich. Upon arrival to Munich we will visit our host club in Munich for an evening of friendly matches or practice. After our volleyball, we continue to our hotel for check-in and balance of the evening is free. (B)

Accommodation in Munich: TBA (3-star Tourist Class)

DAY 6 THURSDAY MAY 24 MUNICH SIGHTSEEING AND VOLLEYBALL

Welcome to Munich. Enjoy a morning Munich City Panorama Sightseeing Tour highlighting the neo-Gothic Town Hall, the twin onion-topped Frauenkirche, the famed Marienplatz, the Olympic Stadium, Nymphenburg Palace – the Versailles of Bavaria – and Theresienwiese, site of the famous Oktoberfest, and much more. Our sightseeing of Munich continues with a visit to the nearby-located Concentration Camp Memorial of the in-famous World War II concentration camp Dachau. After our visit to Dachau we continue direct to our host club in the Munich area. Late afternoon and early evening matches against local players followed by a social get-together hosted by ASD Cultural Exchange and the host club. Evening return transfer to the hotel. (B, D)

Accommodation in Munich: TBA (3-star Tourist Class)

DAY 7 FRIDAY MAY 25 MUNICH, BAVARIA EXCURSION

Morning training with our local host. Following our morning practice, we departure from our hotel and our day excursion in the Bavarian Alps, Germany's most charming countryside. We will drive to the charming mountain resort of Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany's foremost winter resort, where we will enjoy a short sightseeing and some free time. We then continue to Neuschwanstein Palace, the most famous and extravagant of the fantasy castles of King Ludwig II of Bavaria, in a breathtaking Alpine setting on a spur surrounded by lakes and mountains! Late afternoon return to Munich and our hotel. Evening free for dinner on own. (B)

Accommodation in Munich: TBA (3-star Tourist Class)

DAY 8 SATURDAY MAY 26 MUNICH TO EINDHOVEN, NETHERLANDS

Morning departure from Munich. Today we enjoy a scenic motorcoach drive through the countryside of Germany and the Netherlands on our way to Eindhoven, Netherlands. Late afternoon arrival to Eindhoven. Check-in at our hotel and balance of the day is at leisure. (B)

Accommodation in Eindhoven: TBA (3-star Tourist Class)

DAY 9 SUNDAY MAY 27 AMSTERDAM SIGHTSEEING AND VOLLEYBALL

Morning departure from Eindhoven for a drive direct to Amsterdam, the most famous city in the Netherlands (Holland). Amsterdam is dating from 1000 years ago when two fishermen landed on the banks of the Amstel and settled. The settlement became Astelledamme and grew to be a town in 1245 and eventually the prized city of many European monarchs and conquerors. Today it is a bustling city famous for its symmetrical rings of canals and the 1200 bridges lacing them together. We enjoy a morning Amsterdam City Panorama Sightseeing and a visit to the famous Anne Frank's House as well as a visit to



the Rembrandt Museum. We will also enjoy a boat trip on the Amsterdam canals. Late afternoon return transfer to Eindhoven and our evening friendship matches against local players followed by a social get-together hosted by ASD Cultural Exchange and the host club. Return transfer to our hotel. (B, D)

Accommodation in Eindhoven: TBA (3-star Tourist Class)

**DAY 10 MONDAY MAY 28 NETHERLANDS EXCURSION - TULIP FIELDS,
THE HAGUE AND DELFT - ZOERSEL, BELGIUM**

Enjoy a day of excursion and sightseeing in the Netherlands. Morning departure from Eindhoven for a drive to the famous Tulip Fields at Keukenhof by Lisse. We will enjoy a morning visit and see one of Holland's most famous tourist attractions, and as this is towards the end of the tulip season, if we are in luck we will see the spectacular fields in bloom! We will then continue to visit The Hague, which is the seat of the government. You will enjoy a Panorama Sightseeing tour of The Hague. We then continue to Delft, renowned for its blue-on-white Delft porcelain. We will visit the Delft factory and learn more about the china that dates back to the 16th century. After our visit to the Delft factory, we say farewell to the Netherlands and depart for Belgium and we continue direct to Zoersel and our host families. Enjoy home-stays with families in Belgium! (B)

Accommodation in Zoersel: Home Stay with Families

DAY 11 TUESDAY MAY 29 WATERLOO AND BRUSSELS EXCURSION

Enjoy an interesting day of sightseeing in Belgium! We will begin our day by visiting Waterloo and the battle of Waterloo grounds, where Napoleon's army was defeated. After Waterloo we continue to Brussels, the capital of Belgium, for our Brussels Panorama City sightseeing. We enjoy seeing the famous Grand Place, a magnificent square surrounded by ornate baroque guild houses. We will also see the statue of Manneken-Pis and the Atomium, a steel structure modeled on the atomic structure of iron. Free time in Brussels for lunch on own. After a day of interesting sightseeing in Belgium we return to Zoersel, with a short orientation sightseeing, and our host families. Evening practice and matches with our host club. Enjoy home-stays with your host-families in Belgium! (B)

Accommodation in Zoersel: Home Stay with Families

DAY 12 WEDNESDAY MAY 30 ANTWERP EXCURSION & VOLLEYBALL

Morning excursion and sightseeing in nearby Antwerp (15 minutes away), Belgium's second largest city. Antwerp's name is based on the legend of a roman soldier, Silvius Brabo, and a giant, Druon Antigon. The giant exacted a toll from boatmen on the river and cut off the hands of those who refused to pay, until Silvius confronted him and cut off the giant's own hand. Silvius then flung it – handwerpen (hand-throwing) in to the lovely River Scheldt. Antwerp was a very prosperous city for centuries and today is one of the fastest growing cities in Europe both economically and culturally. We start our day with a morning Antwerp Panorama City Sightseeing, including walking in Antwerp old town. We will then return to Zoersel and enjoy some free time with our hosts. Afternoon of practice or game against local club, followed by an evening farewell social get-together hosted by ASD Cultural Exchange and the host club. Return transfer to your host families. (B, D)

Accommodation in Zoersel: Home Stay with Families

DAY 13 THURSDAY MAY 31 ZOERSEL/BRUSSELS, RETURN TO USA

Today we bid farewell to Zoersel, Belgium and Europe. Transfer to Brussels airport and our return flight back to the USA, via Chicago. Upon arrival to St. Louis, transfer by private motor coach back to Springfield. (B and L/snack on flight)

Transatlantic flight
End of Tour



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TOUR PRICE, INCLUSIONS & BOOKING CONDITIONS

ASD Cultural Exchange Reference No.: EU1A01

TOUR PRICE: \$2,200.00 PER PERSON (BASED ON 22 PERSONS)

ASD CULTURAL EXCHANGE SPECIAL INCLUSIVE TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:

- Transatlantic air in economy class from St. Louis to Vienna, Austria, and return from Brussels, Belgium, on American Airlines/Swissair/Sabena via European and USA connecting gateways
 - US Departure Tax/Customs Fees: \$ 60 (est. - included, subject to change at any time)
- 11 Nights of Accommodations in double/twin rooms in Tourist Class (Three Star ***), Superior Tourist Class (Three Star Plus ***) or named hotels per itinerary - *or similar*, all with private bath & continental breakfast as follows:
 - Three nights accommodation in Vienna, Austria, at Hotel Ibis, *or similar*
 - Three nights accommodation in Munich, Germany, at Hotel Drei Lowen Residenz, *or similar*
 - Two nights accommodation in Eindhoven, Netherlands, at Hotel Novotel, *or similar*
 - Three nights accommodation in Zoersel, Belgium – home stays with families (by client direct)

MORE MEALS - ALWAYS!

- 21 Meals throughout the tour and in-flight - as follows:
- 12 Breakfasts:
 - Breakfast on flight from Chicago to Vienna
 - Daily breakfast, mixed Continental, Cold Buffet, Hot Buffet, dependent on the choice of each hotel (subject to change per each hotels service)
- 4 Lunch/Snack:
 - Snack on flight from St. Louis to Chicago
 - Lunch on flight from Brussels to Chicago
 - Snack on flight from Brussels to Chicago
 - Snack on flight from Chicago to St. Louis
- 5 Dinners:
 - Dinner on flight from Chicago to Vienna
 - Dinner/meal at one social get-together in Vienna area, Austria
 - Dinner/meal at one social get-together in Munich area, Germany
 - Dinner/meal at one social get-together in Eindhoven area, Netherlands
 - Dinner/meal at one social get-together in Zoersel, Belgium

(please note – Meal Codes: B = Breakfast; L = Lunch; S = Snack; D = Dinner)



MORE SIGHTSEEING AND TOURING - ALWAYS !

- Comprehensive sightseeing per itinerary and as follows:
 - Vienna Panorama City Sightseeing
 - See the Gothic Stephansdom in Vienna
 - See Hofburg Imperial palace in Vienna
 - See Belvedere Palace in Vienna
 - Visit famous Schoenbrunn Palace in Vienna – Schoenbrunn Highlights Tour
 - Scenic drive through Austrian countryside from Vienna to Salzburg
 - Visit Austria’s music city of Salzburg
 - Salzburg Panorama City Sightseeing
 - See the Domplatz in Salzburg
 - See Salzburg Cathedral
 - See Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart’s birthplace
 - Visit the in-famous Hitler’s Kehlsteinhaus - “Eagles Nest”
 - Enjoy a scenic drive through the countryside of the Bavarian Alps
 - Munich Panorama City Sightseeing
 - See Munich’s neo-Gothic Town Hall
 - See the twin onion-topped Frauenkirche in Munich
 - Visit to the Olympic Park in Munich
 - See Nymphenburg Palace in Munich
 - Visit the Concentration Camp Memorial at Dachau
 - Day excursion of the Bavarian Alps
 - See the mountain resort Garmisch-Partenkirchen
 - Visit to Neuschwanstein Palace
 - Scenic touring through the countryside of Germany
 - Orientation Panorama Sightseeing tour in Eindhoven
 - Amsterdam Panorama City Sightseeing
 - Visit Anne Frank’s Museum in Amsterdam
 - Visit the Rembrandt Museum in Amsterdam
 - Enjoy a one hour Canal Cruise in Amsterdam
 - Scenic touring through the countryside of Netherlands
 - Visit Keukenhof Tulip Fields in Netherlands
 - The Hague Panorama City Sightseeing
 - Visit the Delft Porcelain Factory in Netherlands
 - Scenic touring through the countryside of Belgium
 - Visit Waterloo Battle Field in Belgium
 - Visit the Panorama of the Battle
 - See the Lion Mount
 - Visit the Waterloo Visitor Center
 - Brussels Panorama City Sightseeing
 - See Manneken Pis in Brussels
 - See the Atomium in Brussels
 - See and visit Grand Place in Brussels
 - Antwerp Panorama City Sightseeing



MORE ENTRANCES TO FAMOUS SIGHTS - ALWAYS !

- Entrance Fees for included visits per itinerary:
 - Schoenbrunn Palace in Vienna
 - Kehlsteinhaus – “Eagles Nest”
 - Visit to the Olympic Park in Munich
 - Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial outside Munich
 - Neuschwanstein Palace
 - Anne Frank’s Museum in Amsterdam
 - Rembrandt’s Museum in Amsterdam
 - Waterloo Battlefield in Belgium
 - Waterloo Visitor Center in Belgium

MORE FRIENDLY SPORT EXCHANGES - ALWAYS !

- Friendly Sport Exchanges per itinerary:
 - 1 x Friendly Volleyball matches or practice in the Vienna area, Austria
 - 2 x Friendly Volleyball matches in the Munich area, Germany
 - 1 x Friendly Volleyball matches in the Eindhoven area, Netherlands
 - 2 x Friendly Volleyball matches or practice in Zoersel area, Belgium (by client direct)

MORE QUALITY SERVICES - ALWAYS !

- All transfers per itinerary
- All land transportation throughout tour, from arrival to Vienna and departure from Brussels, by private luxury motorcoach with air-conditioning, reclining seats and emergency washroom. (tipping of driver additional – recommended \$ 1-2 per day per passenger)
- Services of a professional English-speaking local ASD Cultural Exchange™ Tour Manager from arrival Day 2 in Vienna to departure Day 13 from Brussels, including accommodation and fees (tipping of tour manager additional – recommended \$ 3-4 per day per passenger)
- Baggage handling at all hotels (one piece per person) (not included at Vienna and Brussels airports)
- Local hotel taxes and service charges
- Airline taxes and US departure tax (included; subject to change at any time)
- Transfer by private motorcoach Springfield – St. Louis airport – Springfield at departure and return (excluding drivers tipping)
- Exclusive ASD Cultural Exchange™ Austria, Germany, Netherlands and Belgium Travel Information Kit with sports travel bag and T-shirt

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