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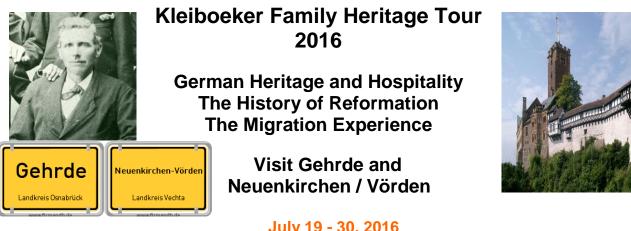
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July 19 - 30, 2016

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Day 01 Tue July 19 Bye Bye America. Flight to Germany

> Depart USA to arrive in Hamburg Germany the next day. Major hubs in Germany for airlines are Frankfurt, Munich, Hamburg as well as Düsseldorf. Many options for pre-trip travel and logistics for individuals include connecting flights from London, Paris or Amsterdam as well as many ICE Intercity Express Trains to Hamburg and to all major cities.

Day 02 Wed July 20 Hello Germany. Arrival at Hamburg Airport. Individual Activities.

Direct flights from the US arrive early morning, connecting flights usually come in around noon.

Individual transfers from the airport to your hotel. Hotel to be announced. Recommended: taxi to downtown Hamburg approx 25 Min, approx 25 Euro. S-Bahn service to Hamburg central station from the terminal is approx. 25 Min, approx Euro 2,50 per person.

Noon: Early check in at the hotel is planned but can not be guaranteed. Individual activities. Refresh, free time, relax. Individual sightseeing.

Recommended Option: Visit to Ballinstadt, Hamburgs Emigration Museum at 4:00 pm. Site of Fred Rusch departure from Germany in 1892 on ship Hansa to England and then Ship: City of Chicago from Liverpool to NYC-Ellis Island

Meet with Wolfgang and dinner at Ballinstadt Museum, possible outdoor seating. 18:00 Hotel at one of the following: Hotel Hafen near Landungsbrücken 4 star

Best Western Raphael Altona 3 star plus Mercure Hamburg Mitte 4 star)

Hotel 1 night Hamburg



Day 03 Thu July 21 Bremerhaven, Bremen: The Migration Experience and the Farewell

- 09:00 Depart for Bremerhaven via Altes Land (Germanys largest fruit growing area) via Bus, our primary transport for the entire trip
- 11:30 Bremerhaven German Emigration Museum (1,5 hrs) and following bus-tour: Sites of the Migration Experience Lunch break at "The Last Bar before New York", a blue collar place next to Lloyds Shipyard
- 16:00 Bremen. Böttcherstraße, the Old Town and historic starting point of Weser barges to Bremerhaven The Town Musicians.

Hotel. 1 night at Bremen (tbd: Ra

Ramada-Überseehotel Wachtstraße 4 star at Marketplace) Hotel Bremer Haus 3 star plus)



Day 4 Fri July 22 Gehrde, the Kleiboeker Family and Osnabrück Immigrants

- 09:00 Depart for Cloppenburg. Visit of Open Air Museum, explore life and living conditions in the Old days. Lunch at open fire place in historic farm house: traditional farmers stew.
- 13:30 Continue to the local inn Linnenschmidt at Venne, a former emigration agency.

Option: Osnabrück market place.



19:00 Dinner at Hotel. Option to meet with guests and locals, planning of next day's activities Hotel: 2 nights at Bramsche / Gehrde / Osnabrück (tbd.: Idingshof Bramsche 4 star)

Day 5 Sat July 23 Family History Excursions and Meeting

09:00 Continue family history excursions. Visit to Hella Kleyboecker at the historic farm in Hinnenamp / Voerden. Church Neuenkirchen / Vörden. Evidence of furniture manufacturing site at Gehrde?

Tuchmachermuseum Bramsche: History of linen making

Possible walking tour of Gehrde/Ruesfort, See house where Johann Kleiboeker was born!

18:00 Family reunion with locals at hotel. Meet Ulrike Mangold and Antje Kremer

Dinner at hotel. Socializing with friends and family, Presentations, Singing, having fun!

Day 6 Sun July 24 Bye Bye to the Kleiboeckers. Continue Tour.

- 10:00 Church service at ancestral church (Gehrde, Neuenkirchen / Vörden)
- 12:00 Bye bye to friends and family. Continue tour towards the Rhine river valley. Bye Bye to Wolfgang.

Option: Stopover at Osnabrück historic marketplace and townhall



17:00 Hotel 1 night Neuwied / Engers (The Prince Bishops of Trier former summer residence). Dinner tbd. Possible concert, depending on local Schloss Neuwied summer music schedule.

Day 7 Mon July 25 German Corner Koblenz and Rhine River Cruise

09:00 Depart for Koblenz German Corner, start cruise according to schedule.

Board ship at Koblenz or Boppard, see the most scenic portions with numerous castles Disembark according to schedule of the day at Rüdesheim. Allow 2-3 hours for walking around visiting shops and riding Sessel lift over Vineyards in the afternoon and hope for good weather. Evening Weinprobe with light snacks at either Schloss Johannisberg, Kloster Eberbach, or other Weingut

Hotel 2 nights Mainz , (tbd: Prefer hotel not next to Bahnhof, Ibis, or Hilton??

Day 8 Tue July 26 Mainz, the Gutenberg Workshop. Worms, Vine and Vinyards

Guided Tour to Mainz Sites: Dom, Gutenburg Museum, replica of Johannes von Gutenberg's workshop and some of his original bibles on display. St. Stephan's Church and its Chagall Stained Glass windows, Free time for farmers market between museum and cathedral and for shopping. Possible visits to Roman museums of Mainz.

Dinner with Lori's Foreign Exchange Family, (Rix's / Mama Guenthner) at Rix home

Hotel 2nd night at same place

Day 9 Wed July 27

Eisenach, the Wartburg and the Reformation

09:00 Depart for Eisenach

Visit Wartburg

Continue to Erfurt, see Augustiner Kloster, Krämeramtsbrücke

Dinner at hotel





Hotel: 1 night Erfurt (tbd.: Augustiner Kloster Guesthouse)

Day 10 Thu July 28 Leipzig and Lutherstadt Wittenberg

09:00 Depart for stopover at Leipzig.

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In Leipzig see Nikolai Kirche learn about German Reunification and the Leipzig demonstrations and events. See Thomas Kirche and learn about Joh. Sebastian Bach.

Continue to Lutherstadt Wittenberg to see Stadtkirche, Schloßkirche, Luther and Melanchton gravesites. Visit luther house and museum.



Hotel 1 night Lutherstadt Wittenberg Dinner at hotel (tbd: Best Western Stadtpalais 4 star)

Day 11 Fri July 29 Berlin

- 09:00 Continue sightseeing at Lutherstadt Wittenberg, then depart for Berlin
- noon Berlin, sightseeing as we drive into Berlin. Meet again with Wolfgang

Option: Visit to Frederic the Great's palace Sanssoucci and park in Potsdam

Sightseeing includes Brandenburg Gate, Holocaust Memorial, Reichstag (no inside visit), Berlin Wall Checkpoint Charlie and many sites along the way.

18:00 Farewell dinner at hotel, Hotel 1 night Berlin (tbd. Scandic Hotel 4 star - near KADEWE)







Day 12 Sat July 30

Bye Bye and Homebound Flights

Tour ends after breakfast and check out. With regard to individual departure logistics (extend stay, flights, trains etc) airport transfers are not included. Taxi to Tegel airport costs approx. 30 Euro (40 minutes; car hosts 3 to 4 people), IC and ICE trains to Frankfurt, Hamburg and all major cities leave every hour.



Arrival at US destination the same day or individual onward journey.

Extra nights at Berlin can be arranged. Approx Euro 60,- per person in double room incl. breakfast

Itinerary is subject to change especially with regard to local hosts and local programs in Gehrde.

Price per person	(group of 20 participants) (group of 25 participants) (group of 30 participants)	Euro	1.880, 1.720, 1.610,
Accommodation in	Accommodation in single room surplus		270,

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Included in the price

- Planning of carefully designed itinerary and program: routing, places, sites, local excursions and programs
- Planning of local activities, receptions, appointments, reunions, excursions etc.in Gehrde / Osnabrück area
- Hotel 10 nights, 3 star plus 4 star, two persons sharing a room, carefully selected by location, comfort, significance to program incl. full breakfast every morning
- 1 dinner per day (usually at hotel; 2 or 3 course, pick from chefs proposals) or according to days activities and arrangements incl. tips
- Full breakfast or breakfast buffet every morning
- Transportation in modern comfortable air-conditioned private tour bus approx 42 seats, professional driver, Hamburg hotel to Berlin hotel airport transfers not included.
- Expert tour directors Dr. Wolfgang Grams (Hamburg Osnabrück and Berlin), Dennis Kruse (Hamburg to Berlin), local guides at Leipzig and Lutherstadt Wittenberg.
- Package with donations to churches Gehrde/Neuenkirchen Vörden, Wittenberg, Leipzig and entrance fees: German Emigration Center Bremerhaven, Open Air Museum Cloppenburg, Tuchmacher Museum Bramsche, Gutenberg Museum Mainz, Wartburg Castle, Luther Home Wittenberg
- Rhine river cruise Boppard to Rüdesheim
- Maps, hand-outs, broschures on places visited
- Reprint of historic passport

Not included

- Airfares
- Drinks with dinners (coffee, juice etc. with breakfast of course included) and tips for drinks
- It is customary to tip e.g. waiters, waitresses, taxi drivers or other personal with small amounts or round up invoices for individual expenses
- Customary tips for tour directors or/and bus drivers are at your discretion

Itinerary is subject to change, pricing is estimated from experience and will be final with final program

Terms and Conditions (excerpt of general terms)

Airfares, flight logistics and other personal arrangements

Individual arrangement and not included

Consumer protection

All deposits and payments are secured with a consumer protection certificate issued by R&T ("German Sicherungsschein") as required by German law. This certificate protects payments should a tour operator fail to provide contracted services due to bankrupcy.

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Deposit of Euro 400,- per person is due with confirmation and invoice, Euro 50,-- of which are non-refundable in any case of cancellation. Should we have to cancel a tour the complete deposit is fully refundable.

Deadline for Reservations

To be decided. Last minute reservations are usually welcome but can not be guaranteed

Payment

Final payment can be made once invoice is sent but no later than 10 weeks prior to start of the tour. Deposits or payments that would allow benefits with regard to currency exchange rates can be made at any time.

Tour price

Tour price is subject to change according to the final itinerary and number of participants. A change in the number of participants will result in a new calculation.

Preferably payment can be wired in Euro to our account:

Name of Bank	Raiffeisenbank Oldenburg
Adress of bank:	Hauptstraße 74, D 26122 Oldenburg, Germany
Bankleitzahl (Bank Code in Germany)	280 60 228
Kontonummer (Account No)	90 322 100
SWIFT Code	GENODEF10L2
IBAN (International Bank Account Number)	DE 7928 0602 2800 9032 2100

For transfer please make sure that all transfer costs are covered by sender so that full amount is received on our account with no fees charged to recipient.

Payment can also be arranged by mailing a personal check in USD payable to Dr. Wolfgang Grams. For check payment fees will apply for every check. Fees will be explained and added to the amount in the invoice (usually USD 25,-- per check up to an amount of USD 5.000,-- and USD 50,-- - USD 100,-- for checks USD 5.000,-- to 15.000). Payments for multiple participants can be bundled in one or more checks.

Currency exchange rate

The tour price, deposits and all payments are calculated in EURO. For money wire in Euro the exchange rate to the USD is determined at the transfer. For check payments in USD (deposits or final payment) the rate to match the Euro is listed on the invoice. We will send out an invoice early and allow payment at any time then so you can determine the date of transaction and a hopefully favorable exchange rate.

Cancellations

We have always been generous in any case of cancellations but we reserve the right to charge fees in order to cover our expenses or fees required by airlines, bus- or cruise-companies, hotels, guides etc.

Cancellation fees (% of the tour-price) apply for cancellations received:

From confirmation to 60 days before beginning of tour: no fees except Euro 50,-- handling fee from deposit 59 - 21. days before beginning of tour: 30 %

20 - 11 days before beginning of tour:30 %20 - 11 days before beginning of tour:50 %10 - 5 days before beginning of tour:70 %4 - 1 days before beginning of tour:80 %No show100 %

Travel insurance

You can buy travel insurance (e.g. tour cancellation insurance) from a supplier in the US based on our confirmation/invoice.

Jurisdiction

Court of Jurisdiction is Oldenburg, Germany