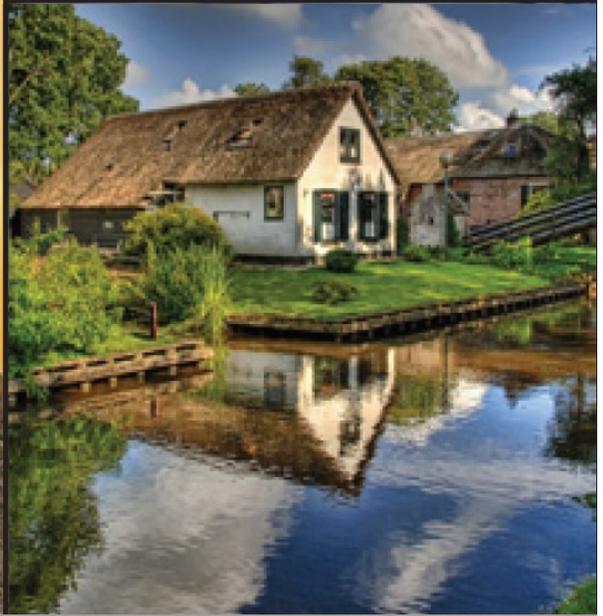


European Highlights Tour



GOLDENRULE
TRAVEL

June 13-25, 2022
Netherlands, Germany,
Switzerland

"We Go the Second Mile"

Day-by-Day Itinerary

June 13-25, 2022

-13 Days-

Day 1—Monday, June 13

Board our flights from the USA this afternoon, arriving in Amsterdam the next morning. There is a 6-hour time difference between the East Coast of the USA and Holland. We remain in the same time zone for our entire stay in Europe.



Netherlands

Day 2—Tuesday, June 14

Our flights arrive at various times throughout the day. After arrival and clearing immigration, we take the free shuttle bus to our airport hotel. This afternoon we board our deluxe motorcoach for a 30 minute ride to Zaanse Schans, a Dutch village complete with cheese makers, wooden shoe shops, other unique shops and old windmills. You will be able to take in a shoe making demonstration and actually go inside a working windmill. *Return to our airport hotel for dinner and overnight.*



Day 3—Wednesday, June 15

This morning, everyone should be in the hotel lobby at 6:30am ready to board the bus to drive a short distance to take in the world famous Flower Auction which opens at 7am. All aboard our deluxe motor-coach! We plan to be back on the bus at 8:15am, return to the hotel by 8:30am, enjoy the breakfast buffet, have our suitcases loaded in the bus and

ready to leave at 9:45am. Drive to Haarlem and visit the Corrie Ten Boom house and “The Hiding Place.” Stoop inside the original hiding place where Corrie's family hid Jews during WWII. After lunch, visit the center of Amsterdam where you will enjoy a one-hour cruise through the many canals of the city. Our route will take us past the Anne Frank House, the smallest house in Amsterdam, and other sights of interest along the way. On to Volendam, an old fishing village where we enjoy shopping, fish for dinner and overnight at the quaint Hotel Spaander, Volendam.



Day 4—Thursday, June 16

After breakfast, onto the bus with roll call to make sure we are all here before we head north and out of Amsterdam. Cross the 21 mile Northern Dike and see land that was reclaimed from the sea. As we drive through the countryside of Friesland, you will see canals in green hay fields, with cows, sheep, and horses grazing alongside steep-roofed Dutch cottages. Visit the town of Witmarsum, where Menno Simons grew up and began his ministry. In the village of Pingjum where Menno Simons first served as Catholic priest, we visit a hidden church, which to all appearances is just another house. From here it's on to Giethoorn, Holland widely known as the village without streets and roads, only sidewalks and canals. It was a place of refuge for fleeing Anabaptists, and there is still a Doopsgesinde Kerk, a Mennonite church here. During the severe persecution of the Dutch Mennonites, Giethoorn consisted of 50% Mennonite refugees. Options include relaxing and strolling along the flower-lined canals, or you may elect to rent a boat or bicycle for your own little ride on or alongside the canals. Dinner tonight is at the Hotel Pergola Restaurant. *Overnight Giethoorn*



Germany

Day 5—Friday, June 17

Leave the Netherlands, crossing the German border and on to Cologne. This 2,000-year-old city spanning the Rhine River in western Germany is the region's cultural hub. A landmark of High Gothic architecture set amid reconstructed old town, the twin-spired Cologne Cathedral is also known for its gilded medieval reliquary and sweeping river views. Its spires soar 516 feet into the sky and you will have the option of climbing 509 stone steps of the spiral staircase to a viewing platform 322 feet above the ground. The platform gives a scenic view over the Rhine. Enjoy lunch at Peters Brauhaus, an authentic German restaurant near the Dom where meals are large and variations on the typical pork and potato dishes of the region. Continue on via Coblenz, Germany to the Rhine village of Boppard where we board our ship for a three hour Rhine River cruise past castles, vineyards, and picturesque villages. We will cruise the section of the Rhine where it is at its most romantic and includes a look at the famous Loreley Rock. You can just sit back, relax and drink in the scenery. After dinner on the Rhine while sailing, we overnight in Bingen, Germany.



Day 6—Saturday, June 18

After breakfast, continue on to Rothenberg ob der Tauber, the most perfectly preserved medieval town in Germany. There is plenty to see and do here whether it's exploring the town walls, visiting City Hall, or shopping. This evening, subject to availability, we enjoy a guided tour of town by the Night Watchman of Rothenberg. Dinner in a local restaurant. Overnight Altes Brauhaus - This family-run bed and breakfast hotel in Rothenburg ob der Tauber is a 3-minute walk from the historic market square. It offers quiet rooms and traditional charm. The Hotel Altes Brauhaus was built in 1698. It has bright, spacious rooms and apartments with scenic views. Some rooms have a balcony.

<http://www.altesbrauhaus.com/en/>



Day 7—Sunday, June 19

Today we take in the Oberammergau Passion Play. Since 1634 the village of Oberammergau has portrayed Christ's life every decade. It was first performed following a vow taken by the people of Oberammergau during an outbreak of bubonic plague. In nearby Munich alone, almost 15,000 people died. The frightened population of Oberammergau prayed, vowing that the entire village would portray Christ's life and suffering every 10 years if God would spare them. The town was spared, and a tradition was born. The play is now performed at the beginning of each decade.

The production is done in German but an English translation is available. Though the cast is huge —1,700 parts — performers must be natives of Oberammergau, or have lived in the town for at least 10 years or be married to a native. Performers consider it an honor to participate and many leave their businesses to do so. Men start growing beards a year prior to look authentic. The play is performed in an open air amphitheater which incorporates the natural setting into a backdrop and provides seating for 4,780 visitors. The play depicts the story of Christ's Passion, beginning with the entry into Jerusalem and ending with the resurrection and transfiguration, a moving and spectacular experience. Each performance starts at 2:30 pm and ends approximately 10:30 pm, with a three-hour dinner break/ intermission from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. *Overnight in Bad Kohlgrub, Germany*



Switzerland Day 8—Monday, June 20



After breakfast we drive past Neuschwanstein, a dream castle which served as the pattern for Disney. We will not be going inside the Neuschwanstein Castle due to long lines but viewing it from the outside. If time permits, stop at Wieskirche, an ornate Rococo church set in a meadow among cattle and farms. Leaving Germany, we enter the beautiful land of Switzerland. Venture into the countryside and trek through meadows and woods

to visit the Tafernhöhle, a cave where Anabaptists met in secret to escape the persecution of the state churches. Overnight in Lucerne which has some interesting things to offer, including a perfectly preserved Medieval Wall and the Lion Monument, characterized by Mark Twain as altogether the saddest sculpture in Europe.

Day 9—Tuesday, June 21

We continue our journey deeper into the heart of Switzerland to Beatenberg, the idyllic village in the beautiful Bernese Oberland, 600 meters above Interlaken. The gorgeous view of Lake Thun and the famous Eiger, Monch and Jungfrau are incomparable! This afternoon, you are free to enjoy various Swiss options, including shopping in the town of Interlaken. Have you ever dreamed of paragliding in the Swiss Alps? For an extra \$150 and weather permitting, you will be able to jump in tandem with a co-pilot from near our hotel to the valley below. This evening, enjoy our special Swiss folklore dinner in Interlaken complete with yodeling and other traditional Swiss entertainment. Overnight in a Christian guesthouse on the side of the mountain.





Day 10—Wednesday, June 22

Today will be the highlight of the trip as we take a gondola up the heights of Mt. Schilthorn alongside the most spectacular Alps in Switzerland. Enroute relax at Murren, an Alpine village free of cars and other modern nuisances. You might want to enjoy a hot drink in the revolving restaurant atop Schilthorn's peak as you enjoy views of the Jungfrau.

We will then head into the Swiss hills of the Emmental Valley where many of our Mennonite ancestors originated. If the weather is clear, you will enjoy panoramic views of the

Alps tonight. We stay at a country inn, high in the steep hills of the Emmental. Cow bells in adjoining meadows will lull you to sleep tonight. *Hotel Luederenalp. (close to Langnau)*

Day 11—Thursday, June 23

After waking to sounds of cow bells in pastures, we visit the Haslebacher house where the last Emmental martyr lived. Climb winding stairs exploring Trachelwald castle where a number of unfortunate Anabaptists were often punished with life imprisonment. Visit the state of the art cheese factory, home of world famous Swiss Cheese. *Return back to Luederenalp for the night.*





Day 12 — Friday, June 24

Leaving these Swiss hills, we head in the direction of Zurich. Here in Zurich we will take a walking tour of Anabaptist sites of interest. Visit the Grossmunster Cathedral, the Conrad Grebel house, and the site of the drowning of Felix Manz in the Limmat River.

Overnight near Zurich airport.

Day 13 — Saturday, June 25

Bid farewell to the “old country” as we wing our way back from Zurich or Frankfurt, Germany to the USA.



Note: We will negotiate a group airfare in August 2021. Air prices are not yet available for our travel time period. In the event that air prices may be higher for the flights we need out of Zurich, we may give you the option of returning from Frankfurt, Germany and staying one additional day. The airfare savings may more than compensate for the extra dinner, hotel and breakfast. It would be an additional 5 hour drive from Zurich to Frankfurt and we would fly Sunday, June 26th. There would be an additional cost to the tour but we would only do so if you would come out ahead by saving on airfare.



Tour Guide—Marcus Yoder

We are pleased to have Marcus A. Yoder as our tour guide this year. Marcus is the Executive Director of the Amish and Mennonite Heritage Center and the Ohio Amish Library, and is active in preaching, teaching, and writing in the Mennonite Church. In 2010, Marcus graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor's Degree in history from Ohio State University and, in 2015, acquired a Master's Degree in the History of Christianity from Yale University.

Information and Conditions

- A passport valid until January 2023 is required.
- Every effort will be made to follow this itinerary as closely as possible. However, Golden Rule reserves the right to make any changes necessary to operate this tour.
- All prices are quoted in U.S. dollars and are based on currency exchange rates in effect July 2021.

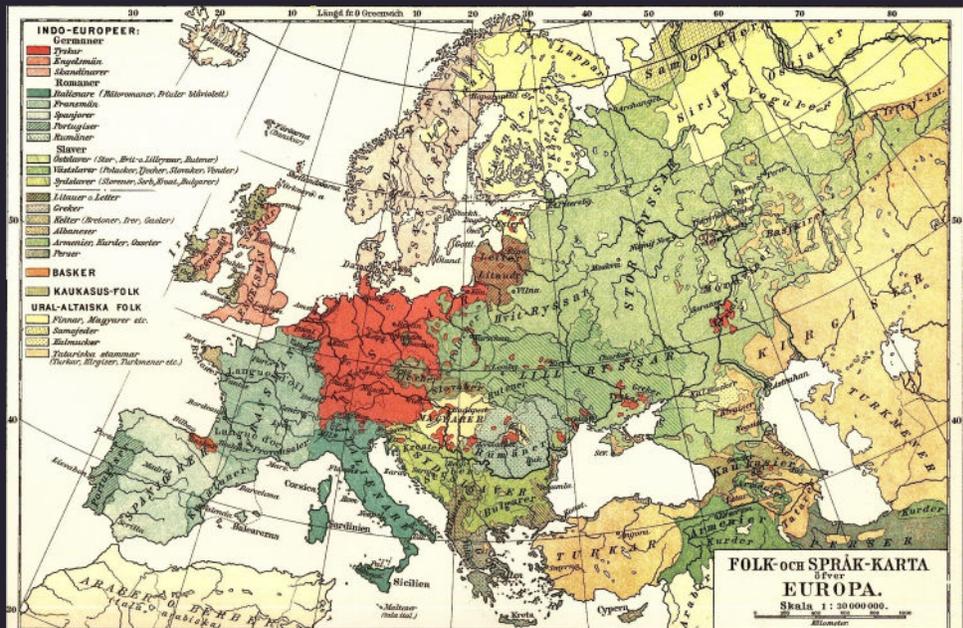
Price of \$3940 per person is based on Passion Play tickets with seating in TC2, does not include airfare, and is based on double-occupancy. Single occupancy is not available.

Price Includes:

- Airport transfers and transportation by private deluxe motor coach
- Accommodations based on double occupancy (two persons per room)
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Services of tour guide, Marcus Yoder
- Rhine River cruise
- All entrance fees as specified in itinerary
- Alpine cable car lift and train tickets in Switzerland
- Passion Play tickets

Price Does Not Include:

- Round-trip airfare from USA to Amsterdam, Holland, and return from Zurich, Switzerland or Frankfurt, Germany.
- Coach driver tips of \$3 per day
- Lunches



Payment and Cancellation Details

Last day to enroll is August 1, 2021 . In order to reserve a place on this tour, a \$750 non-refundable deposit per person needs to be paid with enrollment. Although this is non-refundable, we will allow you to assign your deposit amount to another person of your choice without a penalty up until February 1, 2022 when the remainder of the tour cost is due. You need to find a person to take it, however. We offer travel insurance and encourage you to use it. Call Caleb Newton at 620-717-7121 for details.

Additional penalties go into effect as follows:

- up to 180 days before the travel date 20%
- up to 141 days before the travel date 30%
- up to 91 days before the travel date 40%
- from 90 days to 1 day before the travel date 80%



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