

Proposed Itinerary (subject to change)

Saturday, September 15

Departure from Minneapolis.

Sunday, September 16

We arrive in the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg, the second-largest city in Germany and the second-largest port city in all of Europe. After a delightful cruise through the historic harbor area, we'll visit St. Michael's Church, whose 433-foot-tall, copper-covered, baroque spire has graced Hamburg's skyline for well over 350 years. There we'll hear about the visits to north Germany made by a teenager by the name of Johann Sebastian Bach. Fast forwarding from classical to rock music, we'll take a look at the Star-Club where the first album of a fledgling group named the Beatles was recorded. The day will conclude with a private dinner reception at the mansion of RC past governor Dr. Gerd Imeyer, Honorary General Consul of Bulgaria.

Monday, September 17

We'll receive a warm, personal welcome to the state of Schleswig-Holstein at the home of Wolfgang Börnsen (a member of the German Federal Parliament) and his wife Jenny and enjoy a cruise (optional) on the Baltic Sea. We'll also travel to the port city of Kiel, the capital of Schleswig-Holstein, where we'll be the guests of the president of the state parliament at a champagne reception and lunch. While in Kiel, you may choose to tour the North German Broadcasting (NDR) studios and/or enjoy shopping at the *Sophienhof* and *Kleiner Herzog* where you'll find a variety of boutiques, shops, cafés, and fresh-goods markets. After sightseeing around the lakes at Plön Castle (about thirty miles south of Kiel), we'll enjoy dinner at this historic landmark.

Tuesday, September 18

"Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall!" During our sojourn to the former East Germany, we'll learn about the historic collapse of the Berlin Wall and the transition from communism to democracy and capitalism. We'll visit the village of Glaisin (home to Germany's best-known novel on emigration, *Jörnjakob Swehn Travels to America*) where we'll attend a huge village party with live music and dancing and meet the citizens who turned Glaisin into one of the most beautiful towns in all of Germany following the fall of wall.

Wednesday, September 19

After arriving in Lübeck, we'll be welcomed by city president Peter Sünnewold and feted at a Marzipan and *Rotspon* (red wine) reception at one of Germany's most quaint and charming medieval venues, the *Audienzsaal* in the city hall. A city tour will give us a comprehensive look at this important Baltic seaport and commercial center in the days of the Hanseatic League. Two of the highlights of this tour will be our visits to the immense 750-year-old *Marienkirche* and the *Jakobkirche*, home of the famous 17th century Stellwagen organ. Throughout our visit, Rotarians Dr. Stephan Schreiber and Dr. Helmuth Pfeifer, Possehl Foundation, will organize receptions and private parties on our behalf. The day will come to an enjoyable end with our dinner at the famous *Schiffergesellschaft* restaurant which is considered the oldest pub in the world (dating to 1573).

Thursday, September 20

We travel from the east coast and the Baltic Sea to the west coast of Schleswig-Holstein and the North Sea with its spectacular low and high tides. We'll visit four cities, being spoiled in all of them by local politicians, VIP's, and Rotarians:

- St. Peter Ording, the first German spa resort;
- Friedrichstadt, known as "Little Amsterdam" because of its elaborate Dutch canal and dike system;
- Husum, a picturesque resort and harbor town and the home of famed 19th-century novelist Theodor Storm; and
- Seebüll, home to a gallery of works by Expressionist painter Emil Nolde, renowned for his passionate use of color.

Lunch will be on our own, while dinner will be enjoyed in Heide, the new partner city of Northfield, Minnesota.

Friday, September 21

We'll spend Friday in the historic port city of Flensburg located near the German-Danish border. The day's events will include a tour of a local brewery, a reception in the city hall, a tour of the historic downtown area, a harbor walk, and a visit to the Naval Academy where World War II ended after Hitler committed suicide. At day's end, we'll attend a garden party at the home of renowned

