

BENTHEIMERS INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY



BENTHEIM Heritage Tour

September 9 – 22, 2025

Hosted by the Bentheimers International Society





Explore the beauty of Norway, Sweden, and Germany on this unique tour. Discover stunning landscapes, vibrant cities, and rich cultural heritage. Connect with your genealogy and family ties in Germany, with opportunities for genealogical research and meetings with local family members. An unforgettable journey through history and culture awaits!

Tour Cost

\$6,599 per person with motorcoach from Holland and flights from Chicago O'Hare, based on double occupancy



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The tour is open first to current Bentheimer members, then to new 2024-25 BIS members, and then to the public.

Contact Mary Ann Knott with questions at 616-772-4433

Included in tour cost:

- **Roundtrip motorcoach transfers** from West Michigan to Chicago O'Hare
- **Air transportation** from Chicago to Bergen and returning from Amsterdam
- **Accommodations** for 12 nights in moderate first-class hotels.
- **Meals:** Breakfast daily and nine dinners.
- **European tour manager in Norway & Sweden, and a separate tour manager in Germany & the Netherlands.**
- **Sightseeing and admission fees** in accordance with the itinerary
- **Tipping and taxes** on all services, including tour personnel tips
- **Personal headsets** (whisper guides)

REGISTER ONLINE AT

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use booking code **090925KNOT**

or complete and return the printed registration form.

- ❶ Bergen, Norway
- ❷ Naeroyfjord, Norway
- ❸ Vasa, Stockholm, Sweden
- ❹ Berlin Wall Memorial, Berlin

Cover: Stockholm, Sweden



SEPTEMBER 2025

09, Tuesday Departure

Today's the day! Meet in Holland for motorcoach transportation to Chicago O'Hare airport for our transatlantic flights to Norway.

10, Wednesday Bergen

Welcome to Norway! We have just landed in Bergen. Following passport control and luggage collection, we meet our waiting motorcoach for our transfer to the city center. On arrival, we stretch our legs with some independent time to explore the city. You may choose to take a funicular railway to the top of Mount Floyen, where you'll find an incredible view of the city. We check in to the hotel and share a group dinner to celebrate the beginning of our tour. (D)

11, Thursday Voss, Gudvangen, Bergen

Following breakfast, we embark on our "Norway in a Nutshell" train tour. The historic cog-wheel train traverses through some of Norway's most stunning landscapes and mountains, including a UNESCO-protected fjord. We disembark in Voss where a bus takes us down the mountain to Gudvangen. Here we board a cruise for the Naeroyfjord, the narrowest fjord in Norway, as well as the Aurlandsfjord in Flåm. Following, we enjoy a cog-wheel train ride along the Flamsbana train route, which takes us from the shores of the fjord to Myrdal in the mountains. On arrival, we catch a train back to Bergen, enjoying mountain scenery en route. We share another group dinner this evening. (B, D)

12, Friday Bergen, Oslo

After breakfast, enjoy some last-minute souvenir shopping in Bergen before we catch a train to Oslo, traveling along Europe's highest railway for stunning views of the mountain scenery. The train passes through 180 tunnels and makes multiple stops – the highest at an altitude of 4,000 feet. On arrival in Oslo, the waiting motorcoach brings us to our hotel where we check in for a two-night stay and dinner. (B, D)

13, Saturday Oslo

Our day begins with a guided motorcoach tour of Norway's capital, including a stop to walk through the Vigeland Sculpture Park. We see sites like the Royal Palace, the Nobel Peace Center, the Cathedral, and the Opera House. Our tour ends on Bygdøy Island, where we tour the Norwegian Folk Museum. This open-air museum features exhibits detailing Norwegian culture from the 17th century to the present day. Enjoy views of the city and its fjords from the fortified walls around the castle. In the evening, we meet for a dinner cruise on the Oslofjord, enjoying views of the calm waters, green islands, and stunning cityscape. (B, D)

14, Sunday Karlstad

Today we drive east to Karlstad, Sweden, located on the coast of the country's largest lake, Vänern. On arrival, we enjoy a tour of the city center and discover some of the town's history on the open-air tourist train. Following, we check into our hotel and enjoy a group dinner. (B, D)

15, Monday Mariefred, Stockholm

Our journey through Sweden continues today as we depart for Stockholm. On the way, we stop to visit Gripsholm Castle, a picturesque Renaissance-era building that served as a home of the Royal family until the 18th century. We continue to Stockholm, a capital city built on a string of 14 islands where the fresh waters of Lake Malaren meet the salty Baltic Sea. We check in at the hotel and enjoy a group dinner. (B, D)

16, Tuesday Stockholm

Today we begin our exploration of Stockholm with a motorcoach tour of the city, featuring sights like the Kungliga Slottet Royal Palace, Storkyrkan Cathedral, and the Nobel Museum. Our tour concludes at the Vasamuseet, which was built to house the Vasa, a formidable warship that sank in 1628 and was salvaged and restored in 1961. Following, we head to the Swedish History Museum, where we enjoy a tour through Sweden's fascinating history. In the evening, we enjoy a group dinner. (B, D)

17, Wednesday Stockholm, Berlin

We depart Stockholm this morning and transfer to the airport for our flight to Berlin, Germany's capital. On arrival, we meet our waiting motorcoach and transfer to the city center. On arrival, we take a guided tour of the Berlin Wall Memorial and learn more about the history of the city's division from 1961-1989. We check into our hotel this afternoon and have some time for independent exploration before we meet for a group dinner. (B, D)

18, Thursday
Berlin

Today we learn more about Germany's capital as we follow a guided tour of Berlin's highlights. We drive along Unter den Linden Boulevard and see the iconic Brandenburg Gate and the Tiergarten Park. After becoming acquainted with the city, we plan to tour the historic Reichstag, Germany's parliament building with its striking glass dome. We continue to the German History Museum, which houses over one million objects detailing the country's history, for a tour. This evening, enjoy one of Berlin's many restaurant options for an independent dinner. (B)

19, Friday
Berlin, Nordhorn

We depart Berlin this morning and head to Nordhorn in the County of Bentheim. On the way, we visit the Hermannsdenkmal (Herman Memorial), a bronze and iron monument to the victory of German warrior Arminius over Roman troops in 9 AD. On arrival, we check into our hotel and enjoy a group dinner. (B, D)



20, Saturday
Nordhorn

We enjoy a morning at leisure in Nordhorn. You might visit the market and do some souvenir shopping in the town center. In the afternoon, you might spend time with your German family or friends. If you are uncertain of any family in the area, members of BIS are available to do a genealogical search for you before the tour. In the evening, we have a joint meeting with local German members of the Bentheimers International Society. (B)

21, Sunday
Nordhorn

Enjoy another free day today. You might choose to spend time with your German family and friends or continue exploring Nordhorn independently. If there are many participants without connections in the area, an excursion will be planned for this day. (B)

22, Monday
Return

Following breakfast, we depart for Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport for our return flights. On arrival in Chicago, we board the motorcoach for our transfer to Holland, Michigan. (B)

Tour Pace

MODERATE – Travelers considering this tour must be aware of existing challenges in Europe for those with mobility, balance, and respiratory issues. While picturesque landscapes and cultural experiences await, navigating cobblestone streets, uneven terrain and narrow pathways pose difficulties. **Passengers who require any mobility device, must be accompanied by a physically able companion who enables them to keep pace with walking tours on this trip.** Taxis or other transportation used to "catch up" to the group are at the passenger's expense. Activity levels vary from day-to-day. Sightseeing is often a brisk walk over one to two miles each day on uneven ground. Your safety and comfort are our top priorities. We are committed to ensuring an inclusive and enjoyable experience for all travelers.

- ❶ 15th Century Reformed Church, Nordhorn
- ❷ Hermannsdenkmal, Detmold



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The cost of your tour includes:

Airport transfers roundtrip from Holland to Chicago O'Hare will be provided by motorcoach.

Air transportation from Chicago to Bergen and from Amsterdam returning to Chicago with any regularly scheduled air carrier, based on a nonrefundable/nonchangeable fare, which requires a minimum of 10 passengers traveling round trip together. Intercontinental flight on September 17, 2025 from Stockholm to Berlin. The identity of the carrier, which may include the carrier's code-share partner, will be assigned and disclosed in your final documents. Tickets are issued 45 days prior to departure. All current airlines taxes, security fees and fuel surcharges are included. Note that these items cannot be guaranteed until tickets are issued.

Secure flight information. The requirement to collect date of birth, gender, and full name are federally mandated by the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) Secure Flight Program. While disclosure of this information is voluntary, if it is not provided, participants may be denied boarding. TSA's privacy policy, as well as additional details, can be found at tsa.gov using the keywords Secure Flight. Witte takes all reasonable steps to safeguard the privacy of all information collected from its clients.

Frequent flyer points are not guaranteed in connection with group airfares. Some airlines may limit group airfare credits to 25% to 50% of the frequent flyer points that apply to individuals while others do not offer any credits for group airfares.

During registration, you may select an option to be considered for a \$100 discount off your tour cost, in lieu of earning airline frequent flyer miles. *If available*, a Witte team member will contact you before final payment to let you know you've been selected!

Hazardous Materials. Federal law forbids the carriage of hazardous materials aboard aircraft in your luggage or on your person. A violation can result in five years' imprisonment and penalties of \$250,000 or more (49 U.S.C. 5124). Hazardous materials include explosives, compressed gases, flammable liquids and solids, oxidizers, poisons, corrosives and radioactive materials. For more information, examples and special exceptions, visit: <http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information/prohibited-items>.

Land transportation by deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach for transfers, excursions, and travel between cities. Transportation by train on September 11 and 12, 2025. Because motorcoach travel is restricted in many European cities, sightseeing is often done on foot or via public transportation.

Accommodations in moderate first-class to standard first-class hotels based on two people sharing a room with private facilities. When hotels in these categories are not available, top-quality superior tourist-class properties are selected. **The supplement for single accommodations is \$1037.** If you register alone but want a roommate, we will do our best to assign one. Shared accommodation bed configurations vary by destination. Separate twin beds cannot be guaranteed. If a single room must be assigned to any member of the group for any reason, even if it is at the last minute or while on tour, we will need to charge the single supplement. Changes in rooming arrangements requested by the participant 45 or fewer days prior to departure may result in additional charges.

Meals. Breakfast daily and dinners as indicated in the itinerary. Dinners do not include beverages.

Tour Personnel. A multi-lingual tour manager to accompany the group in Norway and Sweden. A separate tour manager for the time in Germany. The tour managers may be assisted by local guides at key sites.

Sightseeing and admission fees in accordance with the itinerary.

Tipping and taxes are included for all services, including the tip for the tour managers and motorcoach drivers.

The tour cost does not include passports, airline luggage fees if charged, portage of luggage, optional travel protection plan including luggage and trip cancellation coverage, optional excursions, independent meals, and any other items not mentioned as included.

Insecticide Disclosure. Some countries require that aircraft be treated with insecticides prior to flight or while occupied. For a list of the countries with insecticide requirements, go to <http://airconsumer.dot.gov/spray.htm>.

Optional travel protection. Witte recommends that you purchase a travel protection plan. For your convenience, Witte Travel offers a travel protection plan designed by Traveler Insurance Services. This travel protection can be purchased at any time prior to making the final payment for your tour. **To be eligible for the waiver of pre-existing medical condition exclusion, the protection plan must be purchased within 21 days from the time you make your initial trip deposit, provided you are medically fit to travel at the time of purchase. The pre-existing medical exclusion applies to you, your traveling companion(s), and traveling family member(s). For all traveling companions to benefit from the pre-existing condition waiver, each must enroll in travel protection within 21 days of initial deposit and meet qualifications for the pre-existing condition waiver.** The plan cost for the travel protection plan that applies to your tour will be noted in your brochure and on the registration form. It may be necessary to increase the trip cost insured on the travel protection plan if you purchase additional services and/or upgrade any arrangements. This could increase the plan cost of the travel protection plan. This travel protection plan is refundable during the 21-day (30 day for IN, NH, and UT residents) review period following the purchase of the plan; as long as you have not departed on your trip or plan to file a claim.

| Schedule of Coverages | Maximum Coverage Amount (up to the limits shown below) |
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| Trip Cancellation | 100% of Insured Trip Cost |
| Trip Interruption | 150% of Insured Trip Cost |
| Trip Interruption - Return Air Only** | \$750 |
| Travel Delay (6 hours) | \$750 (\$150/day) |
| Missed Connection Air & Cruise Only (3 hours) | \$750 |
| Baggage & Personal Effects | \$2,000 |
| Baggage Delay (12 hours) | \$250 |
| Sporting Equipment Delay (8 hours) | \$ 600 |
| Emergency Medical Expense*** | \$50,000 |
| Emergency Dental Expense*** | \$500 |
| Emergency Evacuation and Repatriation | \$250,000 |
| Accidental Death & Dismemberment | \$25,000 |

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| Exposure & Disappearance | \$25,000 |
| 24 Hour Travel Assistance* | Included |

*Travel Assistance Services are provided by the designated provider listed in the Policy.

**Trip Interruption and Trip Interruption - Return Air Only cannot be combined for residents of CT, IN, KS, MO, MT, VT, & WA.

***The following states have a \$50 deductible: CT, IN, KS, MO, MT, VT, WA

Maximum trip length allowed is 90 days. Coverage and rates may vary by state. Rates are subject to change. The product descriptions provided here are only brief summaries and may be changed without notice. The full coverage terms and details, including limitations and exclusions, are contained in the insurance policy. Prior to purchasing, you may view/download the Policy based on your state of residence at: <http://policy.travelersinsurance.com/3812A-0924>. Insurance coverage underwritten by individual member companies of Zurich in North America, including Zurich American Insurance Company (NAIC #16535, state of domicile: New York), 1299 Zurich Way, Schaumburg, IL 60196. WITTEFF

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Documentation: Passports, Visas, and Travel Consent for Minors. All U.S. citizens are required to have a valid passport book to travel internationally. If you already have a passport book, check its expiration date now since the countries visited on this tour require passports to be valid for at least six months beyond the traveler's intended return date. If your passport is due to expire earlier, you will need to obtain a new one. **If you do not have a passport book or need a new one, apply as soon as possible.** If you plan to visit other countries on your own, contact Witte for any special requirements. All non-U.S. citizens should contact Witte for their special requirements. We will check the requirements for non-U.S. citizens at the time they register and again approximately 45 days prior to departure. Witte is not responsible for any changes in requirements for non-U.S. citizens that occur after our final check.

When travelling domestically or internationally, the U.S. Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) advise that everyone carry at least two forms of acceptable identification in order to board a flight found <http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information/acceptable-ids>. Examples: DHS-designated enhanced driver's license, U.S. Passport, a foreign government passport. The name, date of birth and gender that appears on the identification card must exactly match the same data listed on airline ticket(s) and booking records

Minor children traveling internationally without both parents are strongly encouraged to carry a notarized note signed by both parents stating that they have permission to travel without one or both of them. It has become increasingly necessary to possess such a note, and will save time if questions arise departing from the U.S. or to exit a foreign country. In order to download a sample minor consent form go to: <https://www.us-passport-service-guide.com/minor-travel-consent-form.html>The sample form is a guide only. Parents who share custody of their children should carry copies of the legal custody documents. Important note: Parents are responsible to contact the embassy of the country or countries the minor child will be visiting to confirm all travel entry and exit requirements, which may include obtaining additional notarized documentation.

HEALTH DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS. You are responsible to make absolutely certain to have the proper immunizations and required documentation of such immunizations before travel. Witte shall not assume responsibility for the accuracy of health requirements or vaccination documentation prior to departure or upon landing at the final destination. See your health practitioner for advice. Prior to travel, required inoculations, if any, must be recorded by your health practitioner on a valid vaccination certificate, and you must carry for proof of inoculation where required. If you are concerned about taking any medications or receiving certain inoculations, and adequate timing of such inoculations relative to your travel booking, consult your health practitioner BEFORE booking. Check the U.S. State Department websites <http://travel.state.gov> for relevant information relating to travel to specific destinations, the USA Centers for Disease Control <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/list/> and the World Health Organization <http://www.who.int/en/> relating to health issues.

Luggage allowance. You may take one suitcase with a maximum size of 62 linear inches (height plus width plus depth) and weight of 50 lbs. You may also carry a purse, a camera and one piece of hand luggage with a maximum size of 45 linear inches and weight of 15 lbs. These size and weight restrictions conform to most airlines' requirements. Hand luggage does not fit in the overhead bins on the motorcoach. There may be room for it in the storage compartment under the coach or by an empty seat on board. If not, it will need to be placed on the floor in front of your feet.

Tour cost. The tour cost is based on a group of 41 passengers and current tariffs for air and land arrangements.

Please note that these travel arrangements are subject to possible price increases due to additional charges imposed by a supplier or government. You may be charged additional sums by Witte to offset increased fees, fuel surcharges, taxes, fluctuations in foreign exchange markets, and/or changes in group size. Before passing on an increase, Witte will use its best efforts to minimize the amount. If it is necessary to increase the tour cost, participants will be advised at final billing and provided with a summary of the contributing factors. Your signature on the registration form indicates consent to any post-purchase price increases.

Reservations and payments. To make reservations on this tour, complete the Registration Form and return it as indicated. Reservations cannot be accepted over the telephone. Payments are due as follows:

Deposit of \$600 per person with Registration Form.

Payment of \$2,500 per person by April 1, 2025.

Payment of \$2,500 per person by June 1, 2025.

Balance due on receipt of final invoice sent approximately 30 days prior to departure

If you are registering for the tour after one of the above payment dates, increase your deposit amount accordingly so your account will be up to date. Please note that checks returned due to insufficient funds are subject to a \$30 service fee.

Credit card payments. Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express credit cards are accepted for the deposit. The deposit charge is processed shortly after receipt of your registration form.

Cancellations and refunds. Witte must receive notice of cancellation in writing. Penalties are per person and will be based on the date of receipt, as follows:

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| More than 90 days before departure | \$300 |
| Between 90 and 46 days before departure | \$600 |
| Between 45 and 31 days before departure | \$2,000 |
| 30 or fewer days before departure | No refund |

The service fee noted under "Special Flight Arrangements" and the nonrefundable portion of any special arrangements, or any other non-refundable arrangements made on behalf of the canceling participant, are also added to the above penalties. Allow four to six weeks for processing of refunds. Note that payments made by check are refunded by check to the person or organization that made the payments, and payments charged to a credit card are credited back to the same credit card.

Membership/Passenger's Responsibility. You acknowledge Witte is responsible for a comfortable and respectful atmosphere that protects the health of all travelers, creating a positive tour experience. This

requires commitment from every individual on the tour to assume personal responsibility for protecting their own health and wellbeing, as well as the health and wellbeing of other travelers and tour personnel. You pledge to follow local and state laws as well as tour and sightseeing requirements related to any community health concern. If you refuse to comply with these rules of conduct, you understand that Witte Travel & Tours reserves the right to remove you from the trip and you are responsible for any associated expenses. Witte reserves the right to accept or reject any person as a member of the tour and to expel from the tour any participant whose conduct or condition is incompatible with the interest of the group.

Land-only participants. If you wish to make your own flight arrangements, contact Witte for the land-only cost at least 90 days prior to departure. Participants who make their own flight arrangements are strongly encouraged to coordinate their flight schedules with the group's flight schedule and to use the same airports. The group's airport transfers on the arrival and return days will be timed to the group's flight schedule. Land-only participants may need to arrange for their own airport transfers. Contact Witte for information and costs on options for private transfers. Witte cannot be responsible for any inconveniences to land-only participants resulting from changes in the group's flight schedule. Participants who change their status to land-only less than 90 days prior to departure may be subject to penalties imposed by the airlines.

Domestic flight connections. Note on your registration form if you would like to fly to and from the international departure city. You will be contacted with schedule options and costs. Witte must receive requests for connecting flights at least 45 days prior to departure.

Special flight arrangements. Note on your registration form if you would like to extend your stay and/or depart from and/or return to another city. The number of passengers who can deviate from the group's flight schedule is restricted. You will be contacted to let you know if the arrangements you requested are possible and to advise you of schedule options and costs. Upon confirmation of your special arrangements, a nonrefundable service fee of \$75 per person will be added to your account along with any additional air or land costs that may apply. In the event of cancellation, the service fee and any nonrefundable portion of special air or land arrangements made for you will be added to the penalties noted under "Cancellations and Refunds." Witte must receive requests for special flight arrangements at least 45 days prior to departure.

Special meal requests and food allergies. Note special meal requests and food allergies on your registration form. Witte cannot be responsible if special requests are not met but we will pass them on to the airlines, hotels and restaurants. If you have dietary restrictions or food allergies, be sure to carry your medications with you at all times. Also, discuss your special needs with your tour personnel and ask the wait staff about the foods you are served.

Mobility Concerns. Sightseeing on Witte tours almost always includes walking. Visits to historical places often mean climbing stairs and walking on uneven surfaces or cobblestones. The Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA") is only applicable within the U.S., and facilities for disabled individuals are limited outside its borders. A qualified and physically able companion must accompany travelers who need such assistance. Motorized scooters and wheelchairs are unsuitable for many trips. Transportation services, including many tour motor coaches, are not equipped with wheelchair ramps. Handicap accessibility is not always available. Witte tour personnel are not able to provide attendant services.

Consult your physician if you have any concerns about your ability to participate.

Time away from the tour. Advise Witte in writing at least 45 days before departure if you plan to spend some time away from the tour. Wherever possible, you will be credited for missed hotel nights.

Final tour documents—including itinerary, hotel list, passenger list, flight schedules with departure instructions, and luggage tags—are sent about 10 days prior to departure. Flight tickets are usually made available at the airport at check-in.

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Weather conditions, including but not limited to the presence or absence of snow, sunshine, and rainfall are not guaranteed to occur or not occur, and are outside of Witte's control. Volcanic eruptions, ash clouds, and wind may be characterized as an adverse weather condition or a natural disaster by suppliers and your travel insurance company, which is beyond the control of Witte.

Witte shall not assume any responsibility for any air and/or ground schedule changes.

Witte reserves the right to make alterations in the itinerary as it deems necessary.

Force Majeure. "Force Majeure" means, in relation to Witte, any circumstances beyond the reasonable control of Witte, (including, but without limitation, acts of God, explosion, tidal waves and flood, tempest, forceful wind, earthquakes, fire or accident, hostilities, war or threat of war declared or undeclared, acts or threats of terrorism, sabotage, insurrection, riots, strikes, civil disturbance, requisition, epidemic, sickness, quarantine, government intervention, invasion, act of foreign enemies, mobilization, embargo, weather conditions, defects in machinery and vehicles, delay, wildlife, contamination by radio-activity from any nuclear fuel or from any nuclear waste, or other untoward occurrences).

Witte shall not be deemed to be in breach of these terms and conditions or otherwise be liable to you, by reason of delay in performance, or by non-performance, of any of its obligations hereunder to the extent that any such delay or non-performance is due to any Force Majeure.

If Witte, and/or any of its travel suppliers, are affected by Force Majeure, they shall be entitled to, and may in their sole and absolute discretion, vary or cancel any itinerary or arrangement in relation to the trip. Payment of any refund by Witte to you as a result of the non-performance of any obligations due to Force Majeure shall remain in its sole and absolute discretion, although Witte shall use its reasonable efforts to reimburse you where possible. However, Witte shall be entitled to deduct from any refund recoverable the reasonable actual and potential costs to Witte of the Force Majeure and applicable cancellation fees.

Regarding civil unrest, once Witte has investigated the prevailing situation, as it deems fit, it shall remain in

Witte's sole and absolute discretion whether to proceed with the trip. You may in such circumstances cancel the trip subject to Witte's and each supplier's terms and conditions.

In case of insufficient participation, geopolitical, or natural cause, or other circumstances beyond its control to the extent travel services cannot be provided wholly or partially, Witte may cancel the tour. In such cases, Witte will use its best efforts to supply alternative services and accommodations, and no refunds will be granted provided that the alternatives are comparable to the original services and accommodations included in the tour cost. In the event of cancellation of the tour by Witte, its liability will be limited to a refund in full of all monies paid by the participants. If available, Witte will offer an alternative trip, which the participants may accept or reject.

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Passenger #1 PRINT CLEARLY

First name _____ Middle I do not have a middle name _____ Last _____ Preferred First Name _____
 M F X Birthdate mm ____ / dd ____ / yyyy _____ Citizenship: U.S. Other _____
Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____
E-mail _____ Known Traveler Number (if you have one) _____
 If available, I prefer a \$100 discount off tour cost, versus earning airline miles. See details in Terms.

Passport Status: Current I do not have a passport My passport has expired. I am renewing.

Passport Number _____ Issue Date _____ Expiration Date _____
(MM / DD / YY) (MM / DD / YY)

Dietary Needs:

Vegan Low Sodium Vegetarian Diabetic Gluten free Other _____

Food allergies: _____

Medical Conditions: _____ Mobility concerns: (walker, wheelchair, etc) _____

Passenger #2 PRINT CLEARLY

First name _____ Middle I do not have a middle name _____ Last _____ Preferred First Name _____
 M F X Birthdate mm ____ / dd ____ / yyyy _____ Citizenship: U.S. Other _____
Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____
E-mail _____ Known Traveler Number (if you have one) _____
 If available, I prefer a \$100 discount off tour cost, versus earning airline miles. See details in Terms.

Passport Status: Current I do not have a passport My passport has expired. I am renewing.

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Food allergies: _____

Medical Conditions: _____ Mobility concerns: (walker, wheelchair, etc) _____

Mailing Address

Street Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Emergency Contact - IMPORTANT someone NOT traveling with you.

Phone (____) _____

Accommodations

- Double occupancy. Roommate's name: _____
 Roommate not yet known Assistance needed finding a roommate I understand that if a roommate is not available, I will be responsible for the cost of single occupancy.
 Single occupancy (+ \$1,037 per person = \$7,636)

Airport Transfers:

- I/we would like the included roundtrip airport transfers on September 9 and September 22.
 I/we would like the included one-way airport transfers on September 9.
 I/we would like the included one-way airport transfers on September 22.
 I/we decline the included airport transfers.

Optional Travel Protection

Witte Travel recommends that you purchase a travel protection plan to help protect you and your trip investment.

The per person premium for this travel protection is \$545* for double occupancy and \$649.82* for single occupancy.

- I/we wish to purchase the travel protection at this time. Full payment of the plan cost is included with my deposit. I have read and understand the policy, which includes the full coverage term details, including exclusions and limitations.
 I/we wish to decline the travel protection at this time. I/we understand that travel protection can be purchased later, as long as it is done prior to making final payment on the tour.

*It may be necessary to increase the trip cost insured on the travel protection plan for participants who purchase additional services and/or upgrade their arrangements. This could increase the plan cost.

The full coverage terms and details, including limitations and exclusions, are contained in the insurance policy. To view/download the Policy based on your state of residence at: <http://policy.travelexinsurance.com/381ZA-0924>. Traveler Insurance Services, Inc CA Agency License #0D10209. Insurance coverage underwritten by individual member companies of Zurich in North America, including Zurich American Insurance Company (NAIC #16535, state of domicile: New York), 1299 Zurich Way, Schaumburg, IL 60196. WITEFF

Travel Protection Information:

- You can enroll in this plan when you register for the tour or at any time prior to making final payment on the tour.
- The pre-existing medical condition exclusion is waived if you purchase within 21 days of your initial trip payment, provided all insureds are medically able to travel. This exclusion applies to You and Traveling Companions as well as traveling Family Members.**
- This travel protection plan is refundable during the 21-day (30 day for IN, NH, & UT residents) review period following the purchase of the plan; as long as you have not departed on your trip or plan to file a claim.
- For more information and an outline of the included benefits, see "Optional travel protection" in the Terms and Conditions of your tour brochure.
- Any person who knowingly presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment of a loss or benefit or knowingly presents false information in an application for insurance is guilty of a crime and may be subject to fines and confinement in prison. Please visit www.travelexinsurance.com/company/fraud-warning to view the state specific fraud warnings or call 844.858.9910.

Special Arrangements

Upon confirmation of your special arrangements, a nonrefundable service fee of \$75 per person will be added to your account along with any additional air or land costs that may apply.

Domestic Flight Connections from _____ to _____.

Special Air Arrangements: To spend additional time abroad, I/we would like to depart on _____ and return on _____. To request special land arrangements (car rentals, hotels, rail, etc.), include a note and we'll contact you.

Signature

I/we have read, understand and accept the terms and conditions as outlined in the tour brochure. I/we acknowledge receipt of information about Witte's Travel Protection Plan as well as the Price Increase Rules.

1. _____ Date _____

2. _____ Date _____

Note – Payment reminders will be emailed to Passenger #1. If no email is provided, payment reminders will be sent by U.S. mail.

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or complete and return this paper form to:
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Grand Rapids, MI 49512

Enclose your deposit of \$600 per person. If you are purchasing Optional Travel Protection, add the full plan cost to your deposit.

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Name of Passenger(s):

1. _____

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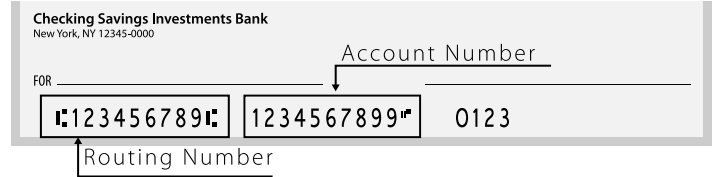
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Routing Number _____

Account Number _____

Name as it appears on bank account _____

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Credit Card Payment

Type of card: Visa MasterCard Discover American Express

Credit card number _____ Expiration date _____ Security code _____

Name as it appears on card _____

(Please Print)

Billing address of credit card (if other than on application):

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Billing phone _____ / _____

I hereby authorize Witte Travel & Tours to charge this bank account/credit card for the deposit and full travel-protection premium (if selected). Remaining payments may be made by either by going to bookings.wittetravel.com/login to pay via eCheck or credit card, by sending a check, or by calling 1/800-469-4883. For security reasons, we are unable to store your bank account/credit card information.

Cardholder's signature _____ Date _____

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Reservation ID _____

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

- Deposit of \$600 per person with Registration Form
- Payment of \$2,500 per person by April 1, 2025
- Payment of \$2,500 per person by June 1, 2025
- Balance due approximately 30 days prior to departure