

Germany and Austria Study Tour 2020

Minnesota State University Mankato
March 5 - 15, 2020



Berlin

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Course Description

This 11-day study tour to visit Vienna, Nuremberg and Berlin will be more than a tour of beautiful and famous places, but will help you develop a deeper understanding of the culture and art, political history and customs of both Germany and Austria. During the first half of the spring semester 2020, we will meet as a class to learn, discuss and prepare for the program followed by the study tour to Germany and Austria. **There are no prerequisites and no German language skills required.** Join us for this amazing opportunity!



Vienna



Nuremberg

About Your Professors

Dr. Nadja Krämer is a native of Germany and teaches German Studies at MSU including literature, language, art, history, and film of the German-speaking countries. She has travelled extensively and has led the study tour multiple times since she arrived at MSU in 2006.

Dr. Kevin Parsneau is a Political Science professor and teaches Democracy and Citizenship, Executive Process, American Politics and public policy. He has led the study tour, studied a semester in Vienna and is looking forward to returning.

Customized Program Itinerary

Thursday March 5, TWIN CITIES Departure. Afternoon departure on Delta Air Lines flight for Amsterdam (check bags through to Vienna).

Friday March 6 VIENNA Arrival. Arrive early morning into Amsterdam and proceed to connecting gate for departure on KLM Airlines flight Vienna. Arrive late morning into Vienna International Airport and transfer by private motorcoach, with local assistant, to the **HOTEL DONAUWALZER**. 72-hour public transportation pass provided. Afternoon free for independent exploration or program arrangements by faculty. **(B)**

Saturday March 7, VIENNA. Morning guided half day walking tour of the city, including the **Hofburg Imperial Apartments**, entrance provided. This evening a group dinner is provided at local restaurant. **(B,D)**

Sunday March 8, VIENNA. Free day for independent exploration or program arrangements by faculty directors. **(B)**

Monday March 9, VIENNA/NUREMBERG. Morning transfer by private motorcoach to Vienna Rail Station for departure on ICE train to ICE Nuremberg Hauptbahnhof, 2nd class ticket provided. Upon afternoon arrival in Nuremberg, walk to the hotel **INTERCITY NUREMBERG** for check-in. Free city ticket good for all public transportation within Nuremberg provided by hotel for duration of stay. Afternoon program arrangements by faculty director for informal walk of the Old City and **Imperial Castle**, entrance included. **(B-boxed)**

Tuesday March 10, NUREMBERG. Morning guided visit to the **Documentation Center Nazi Party Rally Grounds**. Afternoon free for independent exploration or program arrangements by faculty. **(B)**

Wednesday March 11, NUREMBERG/BERLIN. Walk to Nuremberg Hauptbahnhof for morning departure on ICE train for Berlin, 2nd class ticket provided. Arrive early afternoon to Berlin Hauptbahnhof (Tief) and make your way by public transportation to the **SORAT AMBASSADOR HOTEL** for check-in. Afternoon free for independent exploration or program arrangements by faculty. One 5-day transportation pass provided for zones A&B. **(B)**

Thursday March 12, BERLIN. Morning guided tour of the **Bundestag**. After time for lunch on one's own, proceed to **Bernauer Strasse Berlin Wall Memorial** for a guided tour. **(B)**

Friday March 13, BERLIN. Morning visit to the Refugio Sharehaus in the Neukölln district followed by a refugee-guided tour of the surrounding neighborhood. Afternoon free for independent exploration. **(B)**

Saturday March 14, BERLIN. Free day for independent or faculty-led exploration. Group dinner this evening at a local restaurant. **(B,D)**

Sunday March 15, BERLIN/TWIN CITIES. Morning transfer by private motorcoach, with local assistant, to Berlin Tegel International Airport for departure on a KLM Airlines flight for Amsterdam. Arrive Amsterdam

and proceed to connecting gate for departure on a KLM Airlines flight to Minneapolis-St. Paul. Evening arrival into Minneapolis-St. Paul for customs clearance. **(B)**

*(Included meals: B=Breakfast, D=Dinner)
Itinerary subject to change due to local scheduling.
Click on hotel name or other places in blue for link
to website for additional information.*

Course Options

Students have the option to take a topics course in the German program taught by Dr. Krämer or in the Political Science program taught by Dr. Parsneau. Students register for their focus course in the German or Political Science program.

Dr. Nadja Krämer

GER 443 Topics in German Studies: Austria & Germany Study Tour

The course prepares students to study abroad by looking at "the city" as a geographic, historical and cultural space in which urban experiences are reflected in art, film and architecture as well as culture and customs of Austria and Germany. We will discuss how historical and cultural memory is stored in the urban landscape, memorials and public spaces. Students learn how to "read" the cities and their meanings. **No prior course work in German is required.**

Dr. Kevin Parsneau

POLS 210, 410 or 510 Topics

Study Tour Austria and Germany: Experiences, Perspectives and Cultures. The course prepares students to study abroad by providing a broad discussion of German and Austrian history, political culture, government and contemporary politics with the goal of appreciating the historical and contemporary significance of the places they visit. **No prior course work in Political Science is required.**



Berlin

Financial Aid

The study tour is a required part of your course. Eligible students can use financial aid to cover the costs of the Germany and Austria Study Tour. See your professor for information on how to do this.

Passport and Travel Information

U.S. citizens need a passport valid at least six months beyond the tour return date. Passport applications are available at www.travel.state.gov. U.S. citizens do not require a visa. No vaccinations are required for U.S. citizens. Non-U.S. citizens are responsible for their own passport and visa requirements. Without proper documents entry can be denied at participant's expense. For international travel information including country specific background, travel alerts and travel warnings, refer to the website of the U.S. State Department: www.travel.state.gov.

Websites for additional travel and destination information about Germany and Austria: www.germany.travel/en and www.austria.info/us

For Information



Questions about the program may be directed to:

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For information about travel logistics, please contact



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Registration Information

The application process takes three steps that have to be completed by 25 November 2019.

First, fill out the online Terra Cotta application: https://mnsu.studioabroad.com/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgram&Program_ID=59813 through the Center of Study Abroad and Away. **Second**, in order to register for the Study Tour, give your deposit \$515 check made payable to Minnesota State University Mankato and this enrollment form to the Cashier, 128 Wigley Administration Building, MSU. Step one and two have to be completed by 25 November 2019.

Third, your professor will then enter permission for you to register for the course.

Do not send the \$515 deposit or the balance due later to Seminars International. The balance will be added to your tuition bill.

I wish to enroll for MSU Mankato Germany Austria Study Tour 2020. (See detailed cost information on the Statement of Conditions on page 4.)

Name(s) _____

Tech ID # _____

<https://carts.mnsu.edu/academics/world-languages-and-cultures/student-center/study-abroad/german/>

For which course do you want to register?

German Studies (Dr. Nadja Krämer)

GER 443 Topics in German Studies

Political Science (Dr. Kevin Parsneau)

POLS 201 Issues: Germany and Austria Study Tour

POLS 410 Topics: Germany and Austria Study Tour

POLS 510 Topics: Study Tour

I prefer a single room (The \$475 cost must be paid directly to Seminars International).

All those enrolling should contact Dr. Nadja Krämer or Dr. Kevin Parsneau for important information.

For Cashier's Use Only

\$515 deposit due for Germany Austria Study Tour 2020, Spring Semester 2020.

Please deposit to Prepay Code 95044

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Program Cost

\$3,208 - with shared accommodations
\$475 for single room supplement

Cost based on a minimum group size of 15-19. One less participant could impact program price.

Cost also based on exchange rates and tariffs in effect as of March 2019 subject to change in the event that there is a fluctuation of more than 4%

Statement of Conditions

Air transportation (included in program cost): Flights based on confirmed airfare by Delta and KLM Airlines, subject to restrictions and cancellation penalties by the airlines; current taxes and fuel surcharges of \$538 are included and subject to change until ticketed. **NOTE: Airfare is based on a negotiated group airfare. A minimum of 10 participants must travel on group flights.**

Surface travel/transfers: By private motorcoach as indicated in the itinerary; 1x4-day Berlin transportation pass for zones A&B; Nuremberg City Card transportation pass; 72-hour Vienna transportation pass; 2nd class train from Vienna/Nuremberg and Nuremberg/Berlin.

Accommodations and meals: Twin/Triple occupancy at accommodations as indicated or similar with continental buffet breakfast daily and 2 dinners (beverages excluded). Cost also listed to include single accommodation supplement.

Program arrangements: As indicated in the itinerary including entrance fees for guided touring where applicable; tour related gratuities (drivers, guide). **NOTE: Participants with special needs may incur surcharges for additional services. Handicap accessibility varies significantly from country to country.**

Payment schedule: **November 25, 2019 \$515** per person due with enrollment to Cashier, 128 Wigley Administration Building, Minnesota State University Mankato.

Cancellation and refund policy: Should cancellation occur prior to 90 days before departure, the initial deposit will be refunded less a \$100 fee per person. In addition to any airline penalties, the following specified costs are non-refundable: 89-60 days: full deposit; 59-46 days: 50% of program price; 45-15 days: recoverable costs only (possible forfeiture of entire program cost); **cancellations received 15 days or less from departure will receive no refund. Cancellations must be submitted in writing; the date such notification is received by Seminars International is the cancellation date. Trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended.** Subject to change based on confirmation of travel arrangements.

Exclusions: Items not listed above, including but not limited to meals other than those indicated; beverages except at breakfast; optional entertainment and excursions; any baggage charges; all personal items, such as telephone calls, laundry expenses, individual room service; trip cancellation insurance (information available through Seminars International); non-tour related gratuities; departure taxes; passport and visa fees. **Note: Most countries require passports to be valid**

up to six months after the scheduled return. Participants are responsible for ensuring that they meet passport and visa requirements of each country visited.

Deviations policy: Some participants may wish to extend their stay, or originate or deplane from different cities. Every effort will be made to assist program members who require deviations in air and/or land arrangements for a \$75 per person service charge, plus any additional charges levied by the airline. Once the deviation has been booked, any changes may incur additional costs. Please remember that you are purchasing a group program. Thus, any deviation from the program arrangements will require staff time that is not calculated in the program price. No refund can be granted to participants who wish to omit portions of the itinerary. **All deviation requests must be submitted in writing by December 20, 2019 to avoid any misunderstandings.**



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Pre-Departure - Our services include customized participant travel e-packets focusing on being prepared and responsible travelers.

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Program Evaluation - Upon return we invite the leaders to complete an evaluation to share feedback on how we may enhance your experience in the future.