

Tour "Christmas Markets in East Germany – Crafts, Art, Music, Nostalgia"  
Tour 1 – Travel Date: Nov 26 – Dec 05, 2010

**Terms and Conditions** – The German American Connection (TGAC)

**Price of the tour** is \$2,389 USD per person including: 8 nights double occupancy in selected 3–4 star hotels with breakfast buffet (double occupancy); Private van/bus and driver for selected sightseeing tours and transfers; Group tickets for public transportation for tour-related excursions; Personal bi-lingual tour escort 24/7; Activities according to tour itinerary: Guided sightseeing tours + Admission fees for tour related museums, exhibitions, sights and events according to the tour itinerary. 5 group dinners or group lunches; 1 coffee house visit. Itinerary and accommodation are subject to change. A Minimum of 4 participants is required for the group size of 4–6 persons and a minimum of 10 participants is required for the group size of 10–18 persons. The current preliminary USD price is based on a exchange rate 1 EUR = 1.40 USD and subject to change due to currency fluctuation. The final USD price will be calculated based on the currency exchange rate on August 20th, 2010 = the date TGAC sends out the invoices for the final payment.

**The price does not include:** airfare; single room supplements; food and drink not listed on the itinerary; items of a personal nature; telephone calls; excess or checked baggage charges; travel insurance; individual non tour related activities, shipping costs for purchased items, passport/visa fees, expenses of purely personal nature. Add \$450 single supplement.

**Deposit:** A refundable **deposit of USD \$800** per person is required to secure a booking and due by **August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010**. Reservations will be confirmed upon receipt of registration form and full deposit. If the initial reservations are made later than August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010, full payment is due.

**Final Payment:** Final and **full payment is due on September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010**. If payment is not received by due date, the reservation is subject to cancellation and forfeiture of deposit. Bookings are confirmed upon a receipt of full payment. All traveler's names and information are due at this time.

**Pricing and Final Payments:** TGAC reserves the right to re-calculate pricing and/or final payments due to exchange rates and fluctuations in the market between time of initial inquiry/deposit and time of final payment due date.

**Returned Checks:** A \$50 fee will be charged for all returned checks.

**Insurance:** The German American Connection recommends trip cancellation, emergency medical and personal theft insurance. While we make every effort to ensure proper baggage handling, TGAC cannot be held responsible for damage, loss, or theft of luggage or personal belongings.

**Refunds:** There will be no refunds for any unused portion of the tour.

**Cancellations** must be received in writing. Cancellation fees are per person and will be assessed by The German American Connection depending on the date of cancellation.

**Cancellation dates** tour "Christmas Markets in East Germany" (Travel date: Nov 26 – Dec 05, 2010)

*Cancellation before August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010 : A \$100 cancellation fee will be retained by TGAC.*

*Cancellation before September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010: 50 % of full tour price will be retained by TGAC.*

*Cancellation before October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010: 80 % of full tour price will be retained by TGAC.*

*Cancellation before November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010: 100 % of full tour price will be retained by TGAC.*

Cancellations can be covered by a travel insurance: General Trip Cancellation Policy (medical reasons, emergencies according the insurer's terms & conditions) or For Any Reason Trip Cancellation Policy. It is the traveler's responsibility to indicate travel insurance requests at the provided registration form. TGAC only provides information about plans and suggests certain travel insurance companies. It's the traveler's responsibility to purchase an appropriate travel insurance in time.

**Travel documents:** It is the responsibility of each tour participant to obtain and carry a valid passport and visa (if necessary). Passports must be valid for six (6) months beyond your return travel date.

**Photographs:** TGAC reserves all rights to publish in printed media and web (cultourinaria.com, thegermanamericanconnection.com) photographs and video taken during the tour. Participants in the tour agree to grant permission to TGAC to use photographs in which they may appear.

The German American Connection acts only as agent for the suppliers of travel conveyance, transport, accommodation, or other service, and has no responsibility in whole or in part for any delayed departure or arrival, missed carrier connections, loss, death, damage or injury to person or property, accident, mechanical defect, and failure or negligence of any nature howsoever caused in connection with any accommodation, transportation, or other services. The German American Connection cannot be held responsible for events beyond its control, such as (without limitation) acts of God, war (whether declared or undeclared), terrorist activities, strikes or government restrictions. We reserve the right to cancel the tour at any time until before the set travel date. In this event, a full refund will be made. We cannot however be held responsible for additional expenses incurred by participants in preparing for the trip. The German American Connection reserves the right to make changes in the itinerary, substituting similar or equivalent services, when necessary. The German American Connection reserves the right to decline or accept any person as a member of the tour without notice, and to cancel the participation of any client whose behavior is in the opinion of a representative of the company causing excessive distress, damage or annoyance to anyone or to anyone's property. The German American Connection's responsibility for the client will cease immediately and no compensation will be paid for any loss. In the unlikely event of any legal dispute, the courts of the State of Texas will have exclusive jurisdiction, the laws of the State of Texas will govern any dispute.

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