

Puppentour 2010 features:

14 nights' hotel accommodation*

superior tourist class or better; all rooms with private toilet, and shower or bath; includes service and taxes; based on twin share; single room supplement available

Breakfast daily

and "Auf Wiedersehen" Dinner Banquet with wine, beer, or soft drinks on the last night of the tour

Ground transportation

by air-conditioned touring coach with professional driver, from Frankfurt arrival to Munich departure

19th Annual International PuppenFestival

including the flea market and paid admission to the international doll and teddy bear show, special exhibitions, trade shows, and more!

Admission to 12 museums

Hessisches Puppenmuseum, Museum of German Toy Industry, Deutsches Spielzeugmuseum, Coburger Puppenmuseum, Schloß Tenneberg Heimatmuseum, Schloß Arnstadt "Mon Plaisir" Exhibit, Meißener Porzellanmuseum, Erzgebirgisches Spielzeugmuseum, Puppen- und Spielzeugmuseum, Spielzeugmuseum Lydia Bayer, Germanisches Nationalmuseum, and the Steiff Museum

Ino Schaller Factory Outlet

Peter Packert, the Pupp doktor

Die Alte Weihnachtsfabrik

Inge-Glas® Factory Outlet

Richard Mahr GmbH (Marolin®) Factory Outlet

Guided Tour of Puppenstadt Waltershausen

historic factory buildings of well-known doll- and toymakers

Waltershäuser Puppenmanufaktur (WPM)

Staatliche Porzellanmanufaktur (formerly KPM)

hard-paste porcelain casting and painting demonstration

Hohenschwangau and Neuschwanstein Castles

including shuttle transportation as far as the Marienbrücke

Leisure time for shopping and sightseeing

in Meissen, Seiffen, Nürnberg, Rothenburg odT, and Füssen

Professional Tour Manager

and Tour Escort

Puppentour™ Souvenir Tote Bag

plus a customized tour guidebook and personal travel diary, city guide maps, and personalized luggage tags

*Hotels

Coburg	4 nights	Hotel Stadt Coburg
Waltershausen	2 nights	Hotel Waldhaus
Meissen	2 nights	Parkhotel Meissen
Seiffen	1 night	Hotel "Buntes Haus"
Rothenburg odT	3 nights	Hotel Glocke
Füssen	2 nights	Hotel zum Hechten (or similar)

**\$3,483 land only
tour price includes:**

14 nights' hotel

accommodation in superior tourist class hotels or better; all rooms with private toilet, and shower or bath; twin share; single room supplement available

Breakfast daily

plus Auf Wiedersehen Dinner Banquet

Ground transportation

by air-conditioned, touring coach with professional driver, from Frankfurt arrival to Munich departure

Also Included

hotel service charges and taxes; professional Tour Manager and Tour Escort; and highlights as described below



Reservations
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Passenger Min/Max: 8/15

Booking & Payment

Deadline: 10 February;
first-come, first-served

Land-Only

Tour Price: \$3,483 USD*

Single Room

Supplement: \$390 USD

* Tour price is per person,
based on two people sharing a
room with twin beds.

Tour Highlights

- 19th International Neustadt Puppenfestival ·
- 11 Doll & Toy Museums ·
- Historic Waltershausen Tour ·
- WPM Factory Tour ·
- SPM Factory Tour and Meißener Porzellanmuseum ·
- 3 Factory Outlets – Ino Schaller, Steiff, and Marolin ·
- Hohenschwangau and Neuschwanstein Castles ·
- Leisure time for shopping and sightseeing ·
- Auf Wiedersehen Banquet ·
- ... and More!



Puppentour™

The Doll Tour Leaders

International Puppenfestival Tour

11-26 May 2010



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Day 1 - May 11 (Tue) Depart USA

Depart Philadelphia for overnight flight to Frankfurt.

Day 2 - May 12 (Wed) Wilhelmsbad

Upon arrival in Frankfurt, visit the **Hessisches Puppenmuseum**. The theme of this museum? – children, by imitating grown-ups in play, learn to become adults. Every facet of daily life is portrayed through dolls, their clothing, and accessories, and a complement of doll-scale toys, in a lovely, arcaded building overlooking Wilhelmsbad Park. (*Hotel Stadt Coburg, Coburg, 4 nights*)

Day 3 - May 13 (Thu) Flea Market

The “high days” of the **19th Annual International Puppenfestival** kick off with a huge **flea market**, where one will find oodles of dolly treasure! On our way back to Coburg, visit **Die Alte Weihnachtsfabrik**, featuring Inge-Glas® Christmas ornaments, skillfully handcrafted with techniques that have been passed down the generations.

Day 4 - May 14 (Fri) Spielzeugstadt Sonneberg

The Sonneberg School of Industry’s collection of illustrative dolls and toys was the foundation of the **Deutsches Spielzeugmuseum**, the oldest toy museum in Germany. Its exhibits include an incredible array of salesmen’s sample boards, shoes, and wigs; Sonneberg dolls of wood, *papiermâché*, china, and bisque; and much more. Shop for fine *papiermâché* crèche and other figures in the factory outlet of **Richard Mahr GmbH (Marolin®)**. At the **Museum der Deutschen Spielzeugindustrie**, cases and floor exhibits feature the manufacturing processes of wood, wax, *papiermâché*, composition, bisque, and celluloid dolls, and plush toys. A special themed exhibit of exquisite artist-dolls coincides with the Puppenfestival, and special Puppenfestival exhibitors are located throughout the museum.

Day 5 - May 15 (Sat) Doll and Teddy Bear Show

The main event of the Puppenfestival is today’s **International Doll and Teddy Bear Show**. Various **trade shows** and **special exhibitions** are located throughout town. Be sure to visit **Peter Packert, the Pupp doktor**. Shop for delightful **Ino Schaller** *papiermâché* candy containers at factory outlet prices!

Day 6 - May 16 (Sun) Coburg & Schloß Tenneberg

More than 900 German dolls, an exquisite collection of half-dolls, and some rare French dolls, are exhibited with period doll furniture, clothing, and accessories in the Coburger Puppenmuseum. Fifty miniature rooms and doll-sized Dresden china will take your breath away! Deep in the Thüringer Wald, in a 12th-century hunting palace perched on a hill overlooking Waltershausen, is the Schloß Tenneberg Heimatmuseum. Among its other precious relics, the dolls, bodies, wigs, shoes, and stockings of

well-known Waltershausen factories are exhibited. Most exceptional are the original master books of the J.D. Kestner firm. (*Hotel Waldhaus, Waltershausen, 2 nights*)

Day 7 - May 17 (Mon) Puppenstadt Waltershausen

“Only the best is good enough” is the motto of **Waltershäuser Puppenmanufaktur GmbH**, successor to the Kämmer and Reinhardt firm founded in 1810. Tour the factory where the dolls of such artists as Gunzel and Himstedt are made. The neglect of a half-century of Soviet occupation has left standing many of the historic doll factory buildings in the area. Our **Waltershausen walking tour** takes us to more than a dozen within a ½-square-mile. (*coach driver’s day off*)

Day 8 - May 18 (Tue) “Mon Plaisir”

The **Schloßmuseum**, formerly the palace of Duchess Dorothea of Schwarzburg-Arnstadt, features the “Mon Plaisir” Exhibit of wax and wooden dolls in elaborate room settings, from the mid-1700s. It details virtually every aspect of town life in baroque Germany – in miniature. (*Parkhotel Meißen, Meißen, 2 nights*)

Day 9 - May 19 (Wed) Meißen

In the demonstration workshop of the **Staatliche Porzellan Manufaktur (formerly KPM)**, watch the three-centuries-old process of manufacturing white, hard-paste porcelain into the finest figurines and dinnerware in the world. There are more than 3,000 original Meißen pieces exhibited in the **Meißner Porzellanmuseum**. Spend your free time in Meißen shopping and sightseeing – the Albrechtsburg is especially interesting.

Day 10 - May 20 (Thu) Spielzeugdorf Seiffen

Near the German-Czech border, on the ridge of the central Erzgebirge, lies the little toy village of Seiffen where the **Erzgebirgisches Spielzeugmuseum** displays more than 3,000 colorful examples of cleverly lathe-turned, wooden folk art objects, including toys, Christmas ornaments, nutcrackers, chandeliers, and miniatures. Spend the rest of the day shopping for Noah’s Arks, and other classic toys and decorations. (*Hotel “Buntes Haus”, Seiffen, 1 night*)

Day 11 - May 21 (Fri) Nürnberg Shopping

Our stopover in Nürnberg provides an opportunity for shopping and sightseeing, at your leisure. We know a nice place to shop for antique dolls, dolls’ houses, and dolls’ accessories, and we’ll take you there. We arrive in Rothenburg odT just in time for the Meistertrunk Festival! (*Hotel Glocke, Rothenburg odT, 3 nights*)

Day 12 - May 22 (Sat) Rothenburg odT

More than 800 dolls produced by French and German makers over a span of 200 years are exhibited in the 15th-century house of the **Puppen- und Spielzeugmuseum**.

Dolls’ houses, doll kitchens, and doll shops are furnished with all the precious things that a complete dolly household requires. Puppet theaters, trains, tin toys, doll carriages, and thousands of charming accessories from the distant past are on display. The rest of the day is free to spend as you wish in this shoppers’ paradise. (*coach driver’s day off*)

Day 13 - May 23 (Sun) Nürnberg Museums

The **Spielzeugmuseum Lydia Bayer** holds the largest and most varied toy collection in the world. Changing exhibits feature doll antiquities, wax dolls, wood dolls, china dolls, bisque dolls, celluloid dolls, costume dolls, doll rooms, doll stores, tin toys, toy railroads, wood toys, children’s books, and more. Doll and toy exhibits spanning six centuries are concentrated in a special wing of the **Germanisches Nationalmuseum**, including the world-famous collection of extraordinary 17th- and 18th-century dolls’ houses.

Day 14 - May 24 (Mon) Steiff

More than 2,000 enchanting plush animals have a home in 2,400 square meters of exhibition space in the **Steiff Museum**, on the grounds of Margarete Steiff GmbH headquarters. Find the best prices for Steiff first- and second-quality products in the factory outlet store. (*Hotel zum Hechten, Füssen, 2 nights*)

Day 15 - May 25 (Tue) Bavarian Märchenschloßer

The original structure of **Schloß Hohenschwangau** dates to the 12th-century knights of Schwangau. When the knights faded away, the palace began to fade, too, helped along by the Napoleonic Wars. Maximilian II, Ludwig II’s father, saw the palace in 1832, purchased it, and had it completely restored. Ludwig spent all his childhood summers here, and then spared no expense indulging his fantasies with the construction of **Schloß Neuschwanstein**. Every inch is painted, carved, or decorated in some fashion. The major part of the interior paintings are scenes from his favorite Wagnerian operas, and the colors are bold and brassy. Enjoy the rest of our day in the picturesque village of Füssen, an alpine jewel at 880 meters above sea level. This evening, “show and tell” about your favorite Puppentour™ souvenir during our **Auf Wiedersehen Dinner Banquet**.

Day 16 - May 26 (Wed) München

Transfer to FJ Strauss International Airport for return flight to Philadelphia. Auf Wiedersehen!

Note about coach driver’s days off: For safety reasons, the EU has passed legislation that limits the number of hours a coach driver may work and mandates specific periods of rest. As a consequence, there are two days during our tour when we do not have use of our coach and driver. We have arranged our itinerary to minimize the impact of this mandate on our Puppentour™.