

Dear Traveler,

Since 1994, **Puppentour™** has been the leader in escorted group tours of Europe for collectors, hobbyists, researchers, and conservators of dolls, toys, and miniatures.

Puppentour™ is an American company, privately owned and operated by the husband and wife team of Josh and Mary Lytle.

Our mission is simple – to provide your group with a safe, fun, and intimate experience of Europe through vintage dolls and toys.

Our extensive knowledge of our European tour destinations – including Germany, France, Austria, Switzerland, Czech Republic, and United Kingdom – and our commitment to high-quality service and personalized attention, ensure that your time and money are well-spent.

Our clients return to us year after year, because they know our tours are meticulously planned and flawlessly managed.

A professional Tour Manager escorts every one of our tours. You will never have to wait in line for a ticket, wonder if a bus is going to show up on time, worry about your hotel accommodations, or find your way through Europe all by yourself. We manage everything for you – and more.

All you have to do is get a group of at least 10 people together. Decide on one of our regular itineraries or tell us when and where you wish to travel, and your special interests, and we'll design a tour to fit the specific needs and expectations of your group. Then enjoy your free trip! Yes – free trip! For every 10 paid passengers you sign up, you receive one passage free! Details are explained inside this brochure.

We look forward to hosting your special group in Europe!

Bon Voyage! Gute Reise!
Josh & Mary Lytle

Sample Puppentour™ Itinerary

The Best of Germany

16 days

Coburg (5 nights) · Waltershausen (1 night)
**· Meißen (3 nights) · Rothenburg odT (3 nights) ·
Füssen (2 nights)**

Day 1	Flight to Frankfurt
Day 2	Hessisches Puppenmuseum
Day 3	Puppenfestival Flea Market Deutsches Spielzeugmuseum
Day 4	Schildkröt Puppenmuseum, Factory Tour, and Salesroom Richard Mahr GmbH Factory Tour and Salesroom
Day 5	Puppenfestival Doll & Teddy Bear Show Peter Packert, Puppendoktor Historisches Weihnachtsmuseum Die Alte Weihnachtsfabrik
Day 6	Ino Schaller Papier Mâché Factory Salesroom Museum der Deutschen Spielzeugindustrie Coburger Puppenmuseum
Day 7	Historic Doll Factories Tour of Waltershausen Waltershäuser Puppenmanufaktur Tour
Day 8	Schloß Tenneberg Heimatmuseum Schloßmuseum Arnstadt – “Mon Plaisir”
Day 9	Staatliche Porzellan Manufaktur (KPM) Tour Meißener Porzellan Museum Day 10 Nutcracker Factory Tour Erzgebirgisches Spielzeugmuseum Shopping in Seiffen
Day 11	Shopping in Nürnberg
Day 12	Puppen- und Spielzeugmuseum Garden Flea Market Shopping in Rothenburg odT Deutsches Weihnachtsmuseum
Day 13	Spielzeugmuseum der Stadt Nürnberg Germanisches Nationalmuseum Dolls’ Houses
Day 14	Margarete Steiff Museum and Factory Outlet Käthe Kruse Puppenfabrik Tour and Salesroom
Day 15	Hohenschwangau & Neuschwanstein Castles “Auf Wiedersehen” Dinner Banquet
Day 16	Transfer to FJS Airport (München) Flight home

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The Doll Tour Leaders



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ORGANIZE A GROUP AND TRAVEL FREE!

We provide escorted tours for special interest groups of 10 to 20 people organized by a Group Leader – an enterprising individual with a friendly personality, dedication, and a desire to travel. A Group Leader promotes our unique **Puppetour™** to potential travelers and is rewarded for his/her success with a **free trip!** Planning a doll club event? This is a perfect opportunity to organize a group and earn a free trip for yourself.

WHAT IS MY RESPONSIBILITY AS A GROUP LEADER?

Your responsibility as a Group Leader is to organize a group of at least 10 people (*20 maximum*) to go on a **Puppetour™** and collect their registration information for us. That's it!

HOW MANY FREE TRIPS CAN I EARN?

You earn 1 free trip (*land only, twin share*) for every 10 paid passengers, up to a maximum of 2 free trips. Use your free trips for yourself and a friend or spouse, sell them as a fund-raiser for your doll club, or use them to reduce the average per person price of the **Puppetour™**.

IF I USE A FREE TRIP FOR MYSELF, WILL ANYONE KNOW I AM TRAVELING FOR FREE?

No, not unless you yourself share that information with your group. The terms of your arrangement with us are strictly confidential.

HOW DO I ORGANIZE A GROUP?

Contact clubs and organizations with special interests in dolls, dolls' houses, miniatures, teddy bears, and toys. Start with your own doll club! Contact friends and acquaintances who are collectors, makers, costumers, artists, dealers, restorers, and conservators of dolls, toys, and miniatures.

Don't restrict yourself to people who live in your area. Tell everyone you know – old, young, friends, acquaintances, passing strangers – that you are organizing a group. Send information to all your e-mail buddies and ask them to pass the information on to any of their friends they think might be interested.

You never know when the friend of a friend of a friend might be interested in going on a **Puppetour™**.

Express your enthusiasm and excitement. Energy creates energy – people will pick up on your excitement and pass it on.

Follow-up is absolutely essential, the secret to your success. Make a list of everyone you talk to who seems interested and follow up with them.

I HAVE A GROUP – WHAT NEXT?

Now that you have a group of at least 10 people, schedule a group meeting. If you like, have a potluck dinner and make it a social event! As the Group Leader, you need to discuss the following details with your group:

- The itinerary – where do you want to go? Select one of the itineraries on our web site at www.puppetour.com or tell us where you want to go and we will develop a custom tour for you.
- How long do you want your **Puppetour™** to last?
- When do you want to travel? Keep in mind that the inclusion of events like the Puppenfestival or the Christmas Markets will dictate when you travel.
- What type of accommodation is the group interested in? Budget, tourist class, first class, or luxury hotels?
- How many people are interested? Do you expect to have more people than have come for this first meeting?

• What is your budget?

• Does the group require air transportation, and if so, from where?

• Is everyone a US citizen?

• Does anyone prefer to travel as a single?

After you have discussed the basics with your group and made your decisions, it is time to call us. We will be asking you all the questions that we have listed above.

We then go to work to develop a tour package proposal for your group that will include tour specifications, itinerary, price, and payment terms, and send it to you. If necessary, we will supply you with informational flyers to distribute at your next meeting.

At that next meeting you will distribute registration forms to those individuals who want to go on the **Puppetour**. This form will ask for name, address, phone number(s), emergency contact and phone number, accommodation preference, flight seating and meal preferences (*if air is included*), dietary restrictions, and selection or not of optional travel insurance.

WHAT SUPPORT CAN I EXPECT?

In addition to counseling you, the Group Leader, in the selection or development of the right itinerary at the right price for your group, we will prepare custom flyers and sign up sheets, and work with you in promoting the trip.

We handle everything else – all group bookings, passenger invoicing and payment collection, document checking and delivery, and conduct of the **Puppetour** itself.

WHAT DO PUPPETOUR GROUP PACKAGES INCLUDE?

- Ground transportation and transfers
- Hotel accommodation (*twin share*) and portage
- Buffet breakfast daily
- Dinner banquet on last night
- Admission to museums, factories, and shows
- Tickets to special events
- Sightseeing tours
- Professional Tour Manager
- Custom **Puppetour** guidebook
- **Puppetour** souvenir tote bag

Group airfare is optionally available, as are single supplements, additional meals, guide services, travel insurance, and any other special requirements of your group.

**WHEN YOUR GROUP IS READY TO TRAVEL,
CONTACT MARY AT**

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