

**ANCIENT EGYPT IN EUROPE!**

**PARIS-AMSTERDAM-BERLIN**

**May 16-28, 2006**

**DRESDEN EXTENSION**

**May 28-31, 2006**

*Travel Arrangements\**

- Tuesday  
May 16** **GRAND RAPIDS Departure.** Assemble (3:15 p.m.) at the Northwest Airlines ticket counter at Grand Rapids Gerald R. Ford International Airport for departure (5:10 p.m.) on Northwest Airlines flight NW #1827 to Detroit; non-stop Airbus 319 service (check baggage through to Paris). Upon arrival (6:03 p.m.) at Detroit Wayne County Airport proceed to connecting departure (9:15 p.m.) on Northwest Airlines flight NW #50 to Paris; non-stop Airbus 330 service with meals served en route.
- Wednesday  
May 17** **PARIS Arrival.** Arrive (11.20) at Paris Charles de Gaulle International Airport and transfer by private motorcoach, with assistance, to the HOTEL OPERA CADET for check-in. Afternoon guided walking tour of the area around the hotel as arranged by group leaders. Evening (19.00) group welcome dinner at a local restaurant, within walking distance of the hotel. **(D)**
- Thursday  
May 18** **PARIS.** Make your own way to the Musee du Louvre, for a guided (11.00) tour, highlighting the Egyptian Collection. Evening (19.30) performance of Monteverdi's "L'Ofeo" at the Theatre de Chatelet, including private motorcoach transfers. **(B)**
- Friday  
May 19** **PARIS.** Free day for independent exploration and sightseeing. Perhaps take a cruise down the River Seine. **(B)**
- Saturday  
May 20** **PARIS/AMSTERDAM.** Morning (08.00) transfer by private motorcoach, with assistance, to Gare du Nord Rail Station for (09.55) departure on Thalys train #9421 for Brussels. Upon arrival (11:20) at Brussels Midi Station and proceed to connecting IC train #612 departure (12:37) to Amsterdam. Upon arrival (15.38) at Amsterdam Central Station, transfer by private motorcoach, with assistance, to the HOTEL NH CARANSA for check-in. Evening (19.00) group dinner at a local Indonesian restaurant for a reijstafel meal (within walking distance of the hotel). **(B,D)**
- Sunday  
May 21** **AMSTERDAM.** Morning (09.00) departure by private motorcoach for a full-day excursion to Leiden, including a guided walking tour of Leiden, followed by a visit to the Rijksmuseum Van Oudheden, which houses the National Museum of Antiquities and an excellent Egyptian collection. This evening we will enjoy cocktails in the home of Dutch artist, Cyril Lixenberg, in his historic Amsterdam canal house. **(B)**
- Monday  
May 22** **AMSTERDAM.** Make your own way to the Van Gogh Museum for a visit, followed by a visit to the Rijksmuseum. Evening (20.15) performance by The *Nederlands Philharmonisch Orkest* at the Concertgebouw (works by Beethoven and Schubert). **(B)**
- Tuesday  
May 23** **AMSTERDAM.** Morning (09.00) departure by private motorcoach for a full-day excursion, including a visit at Het Loo Palace, followed by a visit at the Kroller Mueller Museum and Sculpture Garden. **(B)**
- Wednesday  
May 24** **AMSTERDAM/BERLIN.** Morning (07.15) transfer by private motorcoach, with assistance, to Amsterdam Schiphol Airport, for departure (10.10) on KLM Royal Dutch Airlines flight KL #1823 for Berlin (operated by KLM Cityhopper); non-stop Fokker 100 service with continental breakfast served en route. Arrive (11.30) at Berlin Tegel Airport and transfer by private motorcoach, with assistance, to the HOTEL MARITIM BERLIN for check-in, with en route stop at the Reichstag rooftop restaurant for group lunch (13.00) and spectacular view of Berlin city. **(B,L)**
- Thursday  
May 25** **BERLIN.** Morning (09.00) departure by private motorcoach for a full-day guided tour of Berlin, with a panoramic tour in the morning, including sites such as Alexanderplatz, Unter den Linden, the State Opera House, Brandenburg Gate, Potsdam Square and more. The afternoon will be spent at Museum Island, including the Pergamon Museum, Insel Egyptian Museum and the Altes Museum, highlighting the bust of Nefertiti. Evening (20.00) performance of the *Berliner Philharmoniker* (works by Mendelssohn, Mozart and Bruckner), including private motorcoach transfers, if required. **(B)**

- Friday  
May 26** **BERLIN.** Morning (09.00) departure by private motorcoach for a full-day guided tour of Potsdam, including the Sanssouci Palace (guided in German), the Charlottenhof and Roman Baths and the Schloss Cecilienhof. **(B)**
- Saturday  
May 27** **BERLIN.** Free day for independent exploration. Evening (19.00) farewell dinner at a local restaurant. Private motorcoach transfers provided. **(B,D)**
- Sunday  
May 28** **BERLIN/GRAND RAPIDS.** Early morning (04.30) transfer by taxi to Berlin Tegel Airport for departure (6.10) on KLM Royal Dutch Airlines flight #1826 for Amsterdam; non-stop Fokker 100 service (check baggage through to Grand Rapids). Upon arrival (07.35) at Amsterdam Schiphol Airport, proceed to connecting to departure (10.10) on Northwest Airlines flight NW #67 for Detroit; non-stop Airbus 330 service with meals served en route. Upon arrival (12:50 p.m.) at Detroit Wayne County Airport, clear customs and proceed to connecting departure (3:27 p.m.) on Northwest Airlines flight NW #1785 for Grand Rapids; non-stop Airbus 319 service. Arrive (4:17 p.m.) at Grand Rapids Gerald R. Ford International. **(B)**
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- Sunday  
May 28** **BERLIN/DRESDEN.** Morning (08.30) transfer by private motorcoach, with assistance, to Berlin Zoo Rail Station for (09.42) departure on EC train #173 for Dresden. Upon arrival (11.53) at Dresden HBF Rail Station transfer by private motorcoach, with assistance, to the HOTEL MERCURE NEWA. Afternoon (14.00) departure by private motorcoach for a guided tour of the city, including a walking tour of the Altstadt (Old Town), visiting the Zwinger (main art gallery and porcelain collection) and viewing the Frauenkirche, Semper Opera House and the Royal Palace. Optional ballet in the evening (19.00) of "DON Quixote" at the Semper Opera House. **(B)**
- Monday  
May 29** **DRESDEN.** Morning (09.00) departure by private motorcoach for a guided tour of the city, including the Green Vault. Continue the tour including a visit to Neustadt, with baroque and art nouveau buildings, and the Elbe meadows and slopes with their many castles and gardens. Free afternoon for independent exploration or relaxation, perhaps do an inside visit of Frauenkirche **(B)**
- Tuesday  
May 30** **DRESDEN (MEISSEN).** Optional morning (09.00) departure by private motorcoach for a guided excursion to Meissen, for a visit of the Old Town and the famous Meissen porcelain factory. Return to Dresden for free time prior to farewell dinner (19.00) at a local restaurant, including private motorcoach transfers (if required). **(B,D)**
- Wednesday  
May 31** **DRESDEN/GRAND RAPIDS.** Early morning (07.00) transfer by private motorcoach to Berlin Tegel Airport for departure (12.15) on Northwest Airlines flight NW #8751 (operated by KLM Cityhopper) for Amsterdam; non-stop Fokker 100 service (check baggage through to Grand Rapids). Upon arrival (13.40) at Amsterdam Schiphol Airport, proceed to connecting to departure (15.40) Northwest Airlines flight NW #53 for Detroit; non-stop Airbus 330 service with meals served en route. Upon arrival (6:20 p.m.) at Detroit Wayne County Airport, clear customs and proceed to connecting departure (10:19 p.m.) on Northwest Airlines flight NW #323 for Grand Rapids; non-stop Airbus 320 service. Arrive (11:01 p.m.) at Grand Rapids Gerald R. Ford International. **(B)**

*Itinerary subject to change due to local scheduling.*

#### **FREQUENT FLYER INFORMATION**

- Northwest Airlines has mileage agreements with Alaska Airlines, America West Airlines, Continental Airlines, Delta Air Lines and Hawaiian Airlines. For additional information, refer to [www.nwa.com](http://www.nwa.com).
- Please present the appropriate mileage program identification upon check-in.
- Retain all boarding passes and air ticket receipts until the mileage credit appears on your statement.

#### **NOTES**

- Buffet breakfast is provided daily, one lunch and three dinners are included. Dresden extension includes buffet breakfast daily and one dinner. Meals not included on this itinerary are the responsibility of the participant.
- Twin-occupancy at 3-star hotels in Paris and Amsterdam and 4-star hotel in Berlin and Dresden. Surface travel by private deluxe motorcoach and standard class rail Paris / Amsterdam, including portage at hotels. Dresden Extension: By deluxe private minicoach, including portage at hotels; standard class rail Berlin / Dresden one way.
- All services listed in the itinerary are included in the tour cost, tickets for three cultural performances and gratuities.

- The 24-hour clock is used for travel outside of the United States. All times above 12.00 are in the afternoon or evening (simply subtract 12 hours from the time indicated, e.g., 12.00 is noon, 20.00 is 8:00 p.m.).
- Participants are advised to carry overnight bags as a safeguard against any flight or baggage claim delays.
- **Passports must be valid for at least six months after return date.**

**LIST OF ACCOMMODATIONS**

**MAY 17-19**

HOTEL OPERA CADET  
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**MAY 24-27**

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Germany  
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**DRESDEN EXTENSION**

**MAY 28-30**  
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Germany  
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