

BURT WOLF * PBS FUNDRAISING RIVER CRUISES 2010

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SPECIAL BURT WOLF EVENTS

Join television journalist, Burt Wolf who will be your on board host everyday as he cruises the rivers of Europe. Each cruise will have a series of special events, hosted by Burt and related to the places visited during the trips. Depending on the particular cruise they may include tastings of local foods, chocolates, cheeses, wine, beer, and distilled spirits. Burt will also give a series of talks covering subjects related to the different regions including European architecture and an introduction to wine.



DANUBE CRUISE - DEPARTURE 19 JUNE 2010 * RETURN 30 JUNE 2010 CRUISING THE CZECH REPUBLIC, GERMANY, AUSTRIA, SLOVAKIA, AND HUNGARY

The tour begins with three days of sightseeing in **Prague**, the 1,000-year-old capital of the Czech Republic. We'll visit some of the city's treasures – the Old Town's Astronomical Clock, Hradcany Castle - the largest castle in the world, Charles Bridge, St. Vitus Cathedral. Burt will tell you about his favorite places to eat, drink and shop.

Next day, we cross through Germany's Bohemian Forest and head to **Nuremberg** to board our ship. The following morning we have a guided tour of the city and visit the *Hauptmarkt* where Burt will guide you to his favorite gingerbread shop.

Regensburg is one of Germany's best preserved medieval cities. We also dock in **Passau**, walk its cobblestone streets and stop into St. Stephen's Cathedral which houses the largest church organ in Europe with over 17,000 pipes. We have the option for a full-day excursion to Salzburg or to the virtually untouched medieval town of Český Krumlov in Southern Bohemia.

Then to **Linz**, the Austrian birthplace of the Linzer Torte. The next morning, we sail through the beautiful Wachau region and taste the local wines. Then on to **Melk** to visit a Benedictine Abbey that is one of the most magnificent structures in Europe. That evening we arrive in **Vienna**. Next day, we'll have a guided tour of the city and have the option to join Burt at one of his favorite restaurants. We'll also stop for *Sachertorte* (chocolate cake filled with layers of apricot jam) and Viennese coffee. That evening there's the option of a Royal Waltz Concert in one of the city's great concert halls. We end our trip with a day of sightseeing in Eastern Europe's liveliest and most cosmopolitan cities - Budapest.

Tour/Cruise priced from \$3,899 to \$4,548 (plus airfare). For more information call: 1-888-666-7279

SEINE CRUISE - JULY 19 – 27, JULY 2010
Cruising Paris to Normandy in France



We board our ship, docked on the River Seine and begin our tour with two days of sightseeing in Paris. We'll take an orientation coach tour of some of the city's most-famous sights: Notre Dame Cathedral, Arc de Triomphe, Opéra, Champs Elyées, and the Eiffel Tower.

We depart Paris and sail on to the medieval town of Conflans. You'll have a choice of a guided excursion to Auvers-Sur-Oise, the town where Vincent Van Gogh lived and died, or a guided visit to Saint-Germain-En-Laye, which boasts a 14th-century château with views over the Seine Valley, and a town center with its roots in the 11th century.

Next morning, on to Vernon, where you will choose between a guided visit of Claude Monet's house and gardens at Giverny or a visit to Bizy Castle with its magnificent courtyard.

We continue on to Rouen, the capital of Upper Normandy, perhaps best-known as the home of Joan of Arc who lived here in the 1400's. We'll enjoy a guided walk through the medieval quarter and visit the city's Gothic cathedral, which was the subject of paintings by Claude Monet.

The next day, you will have a choice of a visit to the historic Normandy landing beaches - Omaha Beach, the Pointe du Hoc monument, and the American Cemetery or a "Taste of Normandy" tour with in-depth tastings of the local Specialities: Calvados apple cider and Camembert cheese.

After Rouen we sail to Les Andelys, home to the imposing Château Gaillard built by England's King Richard the Lionheart in 1196. Our trip ends back in Paris.

Tour/Cruise priced from \$3,299 to \$3,948 (plus airfare). For more info call: 1-888-666-7279

RHINE CRUISE - JULY 31 - AUG 8, 2010
Cruise Switzerland, France, Germany & Holland



We board our boat in Basel, Switzerland and sail to Strasbourg, the capital of the Alsace region. Noteworthy are the Gothic Cathedral, the La Petite France District, the Place Kleber, excellent food, wine and an unusual blend of French and Germanic culture.

We'll also dock in Heidelberg and visit its 700-year-old castle. We have the option to lunch in Burt's favorite student pub and have a private organ concert in the Church of the Holy Ghost which dates to 1398.

Next stop - Mainz, Germany's largest and most important wine market. We'll also visit Rudesheim, a perfect example of a Rhine Valley wine town.

We'll sail through the dramatic Rhine Gorge, which is one of the most beautiful sections of the river. We'll pass the legendary rock of the Lorelei. Then, on to the 2,000-year-old city of Coblenz, a major cultural center.

Next day - Cologne where we'll visit the cathedral, discover why light perfumes are called "Eau de Cologne," and party in Burt's favorite beer garden.

Our final port will be Amsterdam where we'll cruise the canals, visit the Rijksmuseum filled with the works of Rembrandt, Vermeer, and Frans Hals. Nearby is a museum dedicated to the works of Vincent Van Gogh. Burt has also arranged for a private tasting of Holland's cheeses and distilled spirits.

Tour/Cruise priced from \$3,189 to \$3,838 (plus airfare). For more info call: 1-888-666-7279

CRUISE FRANCE from **AUG 15 – 26, 2010**
Cruising France from NICE to PARIS



Our tour begins in the city of Nice on the French Riviera. We will take a guided tour of the Old Town and a motorcoach trip along the Côte d'Azur from Nice to Arles where we board our boat.

Arles is the capital of Provence and was once a major Roman settlement. We'll tour the Church of St. Trophime and visit the ancient Roman Amphitheater. Many paintings by Vincent Van Gogh was inspired by Arles.

Next, the fortified and picturesque Provence city of Avignon. During the 14th century it was the residence of the Pope. The wine of the region, Châteauneuf du Pape, is the basis for an optional tasting.

Then, Viviers, its Old Town is a blend of Roman, Christian and medieval influences. The following day we visit the twin cities of Tournon and Tain L'Hermitage situated in the vineyard country along the Rhône River.

Next, we cruise to the ancient city of Lyon, the nation's gastronomic capital. Burt will give us his guidance to his favorite restaurants.

We dock in Mâcon and take a walking tour of the Old Town including St. Vincent Cathedral founded during the 6th century. Then to Tournus and St. Philibert Church, one of the largest Romanesque monuments in France.

After breakfast, we drive north to Burgundy and the city of Beaune where we visit the Hôtel-Dieu. After lunch we drive past the forest of Fontainebleau.

In Paris we'll tour the city's highlights on a motor coach tour and Burt gives us his guidance to his favorite places to eat and drink.

Tour/Cruise priced from \$4,119 to \$4,768 (plus airfare). For more info call: 1-888-666-7279

RHINE CRUISE from **SEPT 11 – 19, 2010**
Cruise Holland, Germany & France



We start in Amsterdam where we'll cruise the canals, visit the Rijksmuseum filled with the works of Rembrandt, Vermeer, and Frans Hals, and walk down the street to a museum dedicated to the works of Vincent Van Gogh. Burt's also arranged for a private tasting of Holland's cheeses and distilled spirits.

Then Cologne where we'll visit the cathedral, discover why light perfumes are called "Eau de Cologne," and party in Burt's favorite beer garden.

Next the 2,000-year-old city of Coblenz, a major cultural center at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle Rivers. We'll sail through the dramatic Rhine Gorge, which is one of the most beautiful sections of the Rhine. We'll pass the legendary rock of the Lorelei. We'll visit Rudesheim, a perfect example of a Rhine Valley wine town.

We'll also dock in Heidelberg and visit the 700-year-old castle. We have the option to lunch with Burt in a traditional student pub and have a private organ concert in the Church of the Holy Ghost which dates to 1398.

Next Strasbourg, the capital of the Alsace region. Noteworthy are the Gothic Cathedral, the La Petite France District, the Place Kleber, excellent wine, food and an unusual blend of French and Germanic culture.

Our last port will be Breisach a medieval town that is the gateway to Germany's Black Forest region, an area of unrivaled natural beauty. The cruise officially ends the next day in Basel, Switzerland.

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