**PROGRAM ITINERARY**

**October 4**
Depart USA for Munich, Germany

**October 5**
Arrive in Munich. Travel by private motor coach along the Romantic Road, a trade route in the Middle Ages, to Rothenburg on the Tauber. En route visit Nordlingen, one of three remaining walled medieval towns on the Romantic Road. In the afternoon visit the sights of medieval Rothenburg with a local guide, and then have free time to enjoy this beautiful walled town. Spend the night in Rothenburg.

**October 6**
Depart Rothenburg for a day-long excursion to the city of Nuremberg. Spend the morning touring the city with a local guide. In the afternoon, continue to explore this historic city. Points of interest for the day include the Palace of Justice (site of the Nuremberg Trials), Kaisersburg (a complex of castles), St. Lorenz Church, The Hauptmarkt, and the Church of St. Sebald. Return to Rothenburg in the evening.

**October 7**
In the morning, leave Rothenburg and travel back down the Romantic Road, stopping to visit Dinkelsbühl, the third walled medieval town. After lunch, travel to Dachau and visit the site of a WWII concentration camp. Continue to Murnau to check into the hotel.

**October 8**
Leave Murnau for an excursion to visit Neuschwanstein Castle, the most famous of King Ludwig's three palaces. In the afternoon, ride the gondola to the summit of the Tegelberg for a magnificent view of the countryside. Return to Murnau for the evening.

**October 9**
In the morning, leave Murnau for a visit to Linderhof Palace, the second and smallest palace of Ludwig II. In the afternoon go to Oberammergau to visit the town famous for presenting the Passion Play every 10 years since 1634. These performances fulfill a vow made by the townspeople to perform the Passion Play if God would spare their town from the ravages of the bubonic plague. Return to Murnau for the evening.

**October 10**
Leave Murnau and travel to Salzburg, Austria, noted for its beautiful baroque architecture, Mozart, and the Von Trapp family. In the morning, get to know Salzburg with the help of a local guide. In the afternoon continue our visit, enjoying the shops and sights of this historic city. Points of interest for the day will include visits to Mozart's birthplace, the beautiful Salzburg Cathedral, and the massive Hohensalzburg Fortress. In the late afternoon depart Salzburg for a short drive into the Alps to Berchtesgaden, our destination for the night.

**October 11**
In the morning visit the Obersalzberg, site of the former southern headquarters of the Third Reich. Tour the Documentation Center, WWII bunkers, and the Eagle's Nest. After absorbing the fantastic mountain views, leave the Alps for Munich. On the way, visit Herrenchiemsee, the third of Ludwig II's palaces located on an island in Lake Chiemsee. Continue to Munich for the night.

**October 12**
Enjoy a day in Munich, spending the morning touring the city with a local guide. Spend the afternoon exploring the shops and sights of the old city center. Points of interest for the day include visits to the Olympic Park Tower, Marienplatz and its historic churches and rathaus (city halls), Feldherrenhalle (site of Hitler's unsuccessful takeover or putsch of central Munich in 1923), and the Hofbrauhaus, Munich's most popular beer hall.

**October 13**
Depart Munich for the U.S.A.