



MilSpec Tours

and the

Brian LaViolette Scholarship Foundation

Present



PILSEN LIBERATION FESTIVAL TOUR

April 30 (Arrive Frankfurt) - May 9 (Depart Prague)

Revised and Updated January 27, 2012

Come and be part of a very special and historically significant tour. Come with MilSpec Tours and join General Patton's grandson, George Patton Waters and the Brian LaViolette Scholarship Foundation (www.briansjourney.com/soh/pilsen) in the beautiful, historic city of Pilsen in the Czech Republic. Enjoy Pilsen's spectacular three day Liberation Festival, the greatest and most famous of its kind in Europe.

Pilsen loves Americans, especially Veterans, their families and friends. Pilsen's greatest hero is General Patton who with his Third Army liberated Pilsen and western Czechoslovakia from Nazi domination in May 1945. Pilsen loves Americans for winning the Cold War in 1989 and giving the Czechs freedom and democracy after years of Communist domination. All this is crystallized in Pilsen's three day Liberation Festival to which we are invited as guests of honor, especially our Veterans of Third Army and their families. Experience the warmth and gratitude in Pilsen's welcome to us.

As part of the Pilsen Liberation Festival, the first General George S. Patton Scholarship of Honor will be awarded to a Pilsen student embarking on a military or community service career. It will be ceremonially awarded by General Patton's grandson George Patton Waters and WWII Veteran Marion Kirkham in honor of his brother Virgil Kirkham, killed near Pilsen on April 30, 1945, the last recorded American USAAF pilot killed in Europe during WWII. This annual scholarship is endowed by the Brian LaViolette Scholarship Foundation, of which George Patton Waters is a Board member. Our whole group is involved. MilSpec Tours will donate \$100 on behalf of every member of our group to the endowment fund. Your name will be recorded in the official list of donors to the General George S. Patton Scholarship of Honor.



But there is more to experience on our tour which begins in Frankfurt and finishes in Prague. During the tour we see the huge Merkers saltmines where the Third Reich's treasures were hidden, Nuremberg with its Nazi Rallies area and War Crimes Trials Palace of Justice, Flossenbuerg concentration camp where many VIP prisoners were held and executed, and the beautiful, historic Czech capital, Prague.

After this tour, there is a separate optional extension tour from Prague to Salzburg and Hitler's Third Reich mountain HQ around Berchtesgaden, Obersalzberg and the Eagle's Nest. From there we tour Dachau concentration camp and Munich.

PRICE: **\$2,745** per person sharing a twin or double room. Single room \$524. Price is based upon 30 or more participants.

Tour price includes a \$100.00 tax-deductible donation to the Brian LaViolette Scholarship Foundation, an IRS certified 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization.

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Monday - April 30: Arrive Frankfurt

Each person makes their own flight arrangements to arrive in Frankfurt by April 30th. Our Airport Hotel is easily accessible from Frankfurt Airport. It's just a short train ride from Frankfurt Airport to Frankfurt city center for individual sightseeing.

Tuesday - May 1: Frankfurt / Bad Salzungen

Our Tour Director, Patrick Hinchy, meets us. Patrick is multi-lingual and one of the most experienced veterans tour directors in Europe. He takes us by coach from our Frankfurt Airport hotel to the huge Merkers saltmines where Nazi gold, treasures and artworks were stored. The 90th US Infantry Division of General Patton's Third Army liberated them. A special tour in mining vehicles and a snack lunch deep underground. Welcome Dinner with wine in the nearby traditional German spa town Bad Salzungen. (B, D)



General George S. Patton



BRIAN LAVIOLETTE SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

Wednesday - May 2: Bad Salzungen / Nuremberg

Morning drive to Nuremberg. Afternoon Nuremberg city sightseeing including the Nazi Rallies Area and Nuremberg War Crimes Trials Courthouse. Also free time in city center. (B, D)

Thursday - May 3: Nuremberg / Pilsen

Morning drive to visit the terrible Flossenbuerg Concentration Camp where many VIP prisoners were held and executed. It was also liberated by 90th US ID. Then we continue to Pilsen in the Czech Republic. (B, D)

Friday, May 4 Through Sunday, May 6th

PILSEN LIBERATION FESTIVAL

We are guests of honor at the Pilsen Liberation Festival. This great, three day Festival of celebration and partying is unique in Europe because it thanks and celebrates the Americans not only for liberation in World War II, but also for liberation from Communist dictatorship through victory in the Cold War. The Pilsen Liberation Festival has become famous throughout the world. (B, L or D)

Monday - May 7: Pilsen / Prague

Cross-country drive experiencing the typical Czech countryside to Lidice, martyred village after Heydrich's assassination in 1942. Then to the beautiful historic Czech capital, Prague. (B)



Tuesday - May 8: Prague

Morning Prague city sightseeing. Afternoon free time in city center and then a magnificent VE Day Reception with the anticipated participation of the US Ambassador. (B, R)

Wednesday - May 9: Prague / USA (B) *or Post-Tour Extension*

B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner R = Reception



George Patton Waters greets cheering spectators during the most recent Pilsen Liberation Festival

Post-Tour Extension to Salzburg, Eagle's Nest, Dachau and Munich

May 9-12, 2012

PRICE: \$1,099 per person. Single room \$209. Price is based upon 25 or more participants.

Wednesday - May 9; Prague / Salzburg

After taking those flying home to Prague Airport, we drive cross-country through the southwest of the Czech Republic to the great River Danube. We cross it and continue to beautiful "Sound of Music" Salzburg in Austria. (B, D)

Thursday - May 10: Salzburg

Morning in depth excursion into the Alps to Berchtesgaden, Obersalzberg and the Eagle's Nest. Mid afternoon return to Salzburg for city sightseeing, shopping and leisure time. Free evening in central Salzburg. (B)

Friday - May 11: Salzburg / Munich

Morning drive to Dachau concentration camp which we visit in depth. Then to Munich for a panoramic city sightseeing followed by free time in the city center. Farewell Dinner Bavarian style. (B, D)

Saturday - May 12: Munich / USA (B)

Transfer from our hotel to the Munich Airport for your flight home.



2012 PILSEN LIBERATION FESTIVAL TOUR

April 30 - May 9, 2012
Reservation Application

\$2,745 per person

(double occupancy - single room additional)

Please make ____ reservation(s) on the 2012 Pilsen Liberation Festival Tour.

Enclosed is \$ ____ representing \$400.00 per person deposit.

(Please make checks payable to "MilSpec Tours")

Tour Option (√ one)

- 2012 Pilsen Liberation Festival Tour (\$2,745 per person double occupancy*)
- Extension to Salzburg, Eagle's Nest, Dachau & Munich (\$1,099 per person (double occupancy*))

* Single rooms are an additional \$524 for the main tour and \$209 for the Extension.

Payment Option (√ one)

- Option A: I would like to Pay in full. Payment enclosed.
- Option B: I am paying a deposit only and will pay in full 90 days before departure.

Insurance Option (√ one)

- I accept the travel insurance for the Pilsen Tour at \$200 per person (\$235 if electing a single room)
 - I accept the travel insurance for the Pilsen Tour & Extension at \$270 per person (\$305 if electing a single room)
- Please add the per person cost of your insurance to you deposit when submitting this registration form.
- I will obtain my own insurance.



Tour Participants (please print your names as they appear on your passports)

Name: _____ Male Female Date of Birth: _____

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Street: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip: ____

Please furnish us with both your street address and post office box address to avoid delays in shipment of documents to you by Federal Express.

Your home phone: (____) _____ Work Phone: (____) _____

Any diet/health problems? _____

Please print the name and phone number of a person not traveling with you who is to be notified in the event of an emergency.

Name: _____ Relationship _____ Phone #(____) _____

Special requests/places to visit: _____

- I desire: 2-in-a-room. Single Room Pilsen Tour \$524 Single room Salzburg Extension \$209
- Willing to share, 2-in-a-room basis. Roommate (if known) _____

To charge your deposit to a major credit card, please complete the following:

- Discover Card
- Visa
- Mastercard
- American Express

Name on Card: _____

Tour #12-512

Credit Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: ____/____/____ Billing Zip Code: _____

I agree to the terms and conditions as outlined in this tour brochure.

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

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Your MilSpec Tour Includes. . .

*First-class and selected hotels with private bath, 2-in-a-room basis. Single room additional cost. *Breakfast daily plus table d'hôte lunches and dinners in accordance with the custom of each country and as noted in the itinerary. *Mini-van or motorcoach transportation as required by the itinerary. *Sightseeing as specified with English-speaking guide & appropriate admission fees. *Tips & taxes on all prepaid services. *Professional Escort while on tour. *

Tour Prices Do Not Include: TransAtlantic air, passports, any applicable visa fees, excess baggage charges, optional sightseeing, meals other than those shown in the itineraries, items not on table d'hôte menus, laundry, liquor, mineral water, beverages with lunch & dinner, customary gratuities to Tour Directors, Coach Drivers & local guides & any other expenses of a personal nature.

Tour Prices are based on a minimum of 30 tour participants and on tariffs and rates (currency & exchange) known at the time of printing; prices are subject to adjustment without notice in event of changes to such rates prior to departure. Tour price includes a \$100.00 donation to the Brian LaViolette Scholarship Foundation.

Hotels: Unless otherwise stated, all tour prices are based on two persons sharing a twin/double room. Applicable single supplements are indicated for those wishing single room accommodations. Single rooms are limited in quantity and are sometimes not of the same size or quality as twin/double rooms. Single room reservations will be accepted with the understanding that we cannot guarantee single rooms will be available on all parts of your tour. We do not recommend triple rooms as they tend to be very crowded; in most cases, triple rooms are a twin room to which a cot has been added. There is no reduction in tour cost for triple rooms.

Deposits and Final Payments: A deposit of \$400 per person is required to effect reservations. This deposit forms part of your final payment which is due when billed but not later than 90 days prior to departure. Acceptance on tour is subject to verification of payment in full to MilSpec Tours.

Baggage: No responsibility is incurred by MilSpec for loss or damage to baggage or any of the passengers belongings. It is recommended that all passengers purchase baggage insurance.

Passports and Visas: A valid passport is required for all tour participants. Visas are not required for this tour program.

Smoking: Please kindly note that for the safety and well-being of the group, smoking is not permitted on the motorcoach at any time.

Cancellations for unforeseen and valid reasons in advance of departure are entitled to a full refund less actual expenses incurred and a \$75.00 per person service charge, if written notice is received not later than 120 days prior to departure. If cancellation occurs less than 120 days prior to departure, deposits will be refunded less a \$150 per person cancellation charge; less than 60 days prior to departure date, deposits will be refunded, less a \$250 per person cancellation charge plus any penalties assessed to MilSpec Tours by hotels, transportation companies, airlines and other purveyors of services. Cancellation 30 days or less from date of departure will not be refunded. Trip cancellation and interruption insurance is available and strongly recommended on all tours.

Revisions and Refunds: All changes must be confirmed in writing. A handling fee of \$75.00 per transaction will be charged for any alteration or revision made to a tour reservation. All claims for refunds must be made within 60 days after termination of the tour and must be accompanied by a statement from the Tour Director, certifying exactly the services not taken. No refund can be made for unused transportation where group tickets or vehicles are involved. No refund can be made for services not

taken unless the services omitted cover 72 consecutive hours or more.

Tour Participants: In order to insure the smooth operation of all tours, and to ensure congenial tour groups, MilSpec Tours reserves the right to accept or reject any person as a tour participant and to expel from the tour any person for any reason including anyone whose conduct is deemed incompatible with the interest of the tour group. Any handicapped participant who requires special assistance must be accompanied by a qualified helper who assumes total responsibility for the handicapped participant's well-being. MilSpec Tours reserves the right to exclude from the tour any handicapped participant whose physical condition impairs customary operation of the tour. Should a wheelchair or other special equipment, care, maintenance or services be required at any time, all arrangements shall be made and all costs and obligations will be borne by the tour member. All tour members must be able to make their own way on/off the motorcoach. Well-behaved children over 10 years of age are welcome on any MilSpec Tours tour under the same conditions as noted above.

Responsibility: MilSpec Tours and/or its agents act only in the capacity of agent for carriers, hotels, bus operators, and other suppliers of services and shall not be held responsible for any injury or for any loss or damage caused by accidents or events beyond their control, or by any action or negligence of attendants or third parties who are not in their employ and on their payroll. The tour operator and/or its agents can accept no responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air, sea or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine, or other causes. All such losses will have to be borne by the passenger, as tour rates provide for arrangements only for the time stated. The right is reserved to substitute hotels specified for others of similar category. The right is reserved to make minor adjustments in the itinerary. Prices are based upon current tariffs and are subject to adjustment in the event of change. The right is reserved to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the tour. No refund will be made for any unused portion of the tour unless arrangements are made prior to departure. The issuance and acceptance of vouchers or tickets shall be deemed to be consent to the above conditions. In addition, transportation companies concerned shall

not be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time that passengers are not on board their carriers. The passenger contract in use by the carriers concerned, when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the transportation companies and the purchaser of the tour and/or passengers. The itineraries shown are planned at the time of issue of this flyer, but are subject to revision should circumstances make it necessary. Such revisions will be shown on the individual traveling itinerary you receive before departure.

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Travel Insurance

Take advantage of our valuable insurance protection. For \$200 or 235 you can enjoy the security of the following coverage:

Schedule of Coverages

• Trip Cancellation & Interruption	Up to Tour Cost
• Travel Delay (\$100 maximum per day)	\$500
• Baggage and Travel Documents	\$1,000
• Baggage Delay	\$100
• Medical Expense	\$25,000
• Emergency Medical Transportation	\$100,000
• Accidental Death & Dismemberment	\$25,000

This is a brief summary of the insurance plan offered. For a full description of the benefits, exclusions & conditions, an insurance brochure is available. Or, call Travel Guard International at 1-888-826-1300.