

## DAY ONE – GERMANY ROCKTOBERFEST TOUR

### Frankfurt & Leipzig



I was on my way to  
play in a festival  
throughout Germany  
called Rocktoberfest. Playing my guitar and singing  
songs at different gigs throughout Germany, learning  
about their rich musical culture. The cool air of  
Indian Summer "Altweibersommer" hit me as I walked  
off the plane to get my bags. I had to hurry through  
customs, as my first gig in Frankfurt am Main was only  
an hour away. Frankfurt gets its name from the Franks  
who inhabited the area initially, thus "Frank" and  
"Furt" which is German for "river crossing", so this  
town is how the Franks crossed the river Main back in  
old world Germany.

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*I hurried to the underground transportation system,*



*the light rail system, called  
the S-Bahn & U-Bahn, to get  
to the center of the city.*

*Frankfurt is the financial  
and transportation center of*



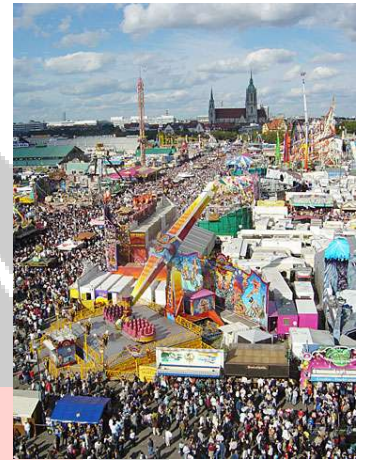
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Germany and with Oktoberfest happening, the streets and beer gardens were full of festive Germans singing and dancing on the tables. Yeah, they



dance on tables here; almost everywhere I turned festivity filled the air. Wow this place rocks. I got on the railway and



headed to the famous old opera house (Alte Oper) to play my first festival event, skyscrapers were all around, as Frankfurt is one of four European cities with skyscrapers.

The gig a beer garden, already packed and the smell



was outside, in the tables with people of Weiner

Schnitzel and Strudel waffled around in the breezy

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river Main's cold air. Many people had huge glasses called Beer Stein's, the servers carrying ten of these huge glasses at a time, with beer spilling over everywhere; it looked like the country was in a river of beer through the streets. This was a rockin' crowd, I was ready to rock, boy these German's love to party and dance, and they really loved hearing my songs. At the end of the show all the students from around the world, who won a trip to Rocktoberfest joined to play German folk songs, including my favorite, the Oompah or Umpapa.



Afterward we all grabbed some

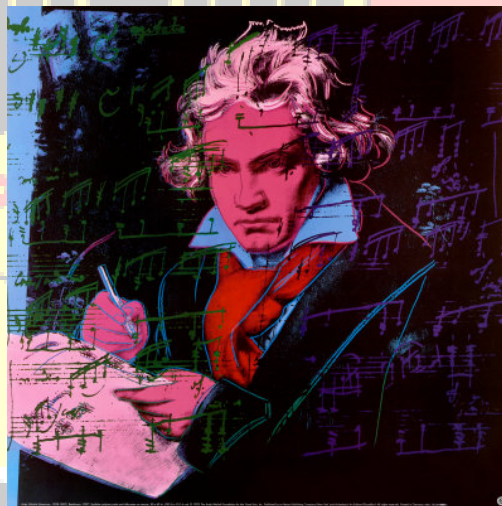
Sauerkraut, German coleslaw that tasted great, almost sour like a sour candy. I had to hurry to get



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my rental Mercedes Benz SLR McLaren and travel 150 miles to Leipzig where my second gig was only hours away. I hopped on the Autobahn, the German Freeway and put the pedal to the metal (there is no speed limit). I cruised at over 100mph to my next gig, at the University of Music and Theater; my parents would kill me if they knew I was even driving. The University of Music and Theater



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Theater Leipzig is one of the first German conservatoire's built in 1843, Leipzig called "Bach City" after the famous German composer Johann Sebastian Bach, one of my favorite composers. Germany is also home to the "Immortal" Ludwig von Beethoven, another great German composer, along with the crazed Mozart, I wondered would my music live on as long. I won my trip to Germany for my baritone playing in school and I could hear the sounds of the Baroque period, I imagined being in Germany during that time, with horse drawn carriages and the old world buildings all around made me think I was

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playing for a king in his court. I played a few songs @ UMT and man was I exhausted, I went to the Youth Hostile to catch some z's before I had to get up and drive to Berlin the next day for gigs at the Brandenburg Gate by the famed Berlin Wall which had divided Germany

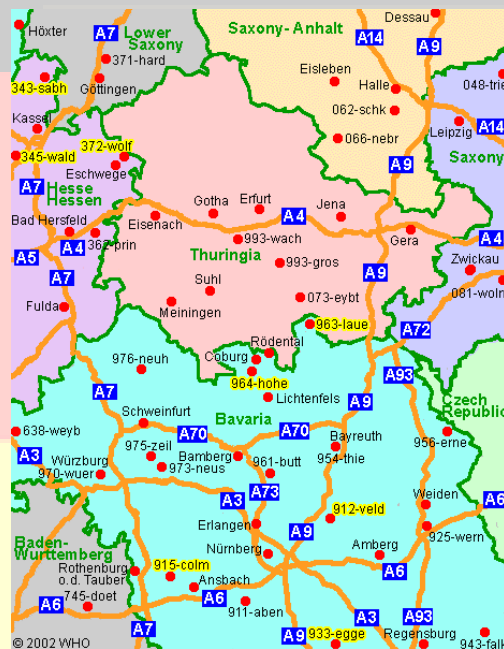
after World reunification

Instead, I with a bunch we played music all night, singing different

songs from our countries, it was truly a world fusion of music, we all decided to get a tour bus

War II until the in 1990.

hooked up of the kids and



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*for the rest of the trip and travel together to the different festivals. Gute Nacht Germany!*





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### *Berlin to Bavaria*

*Our tour bus got to the Berlin Wall just as I finished writing a new tune that would reflect on the symbolism of the Wall, something a bit like Pink Floyd. The Berlin Wall divided Germany after World War II into two, a communist Eastern Germany and a democratic Western Germany. Dividing not only the country but dividing the people as well. It was not until 1989 when Ronald Reagan, the US President, made his famous speech to Russian General Secretary Gorbachev, whereby he said, “if you seek peace, if you seek prosperity for the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, if you seek liberalization: Come here to this gate! Mr. Gorbachev, open this gate!*



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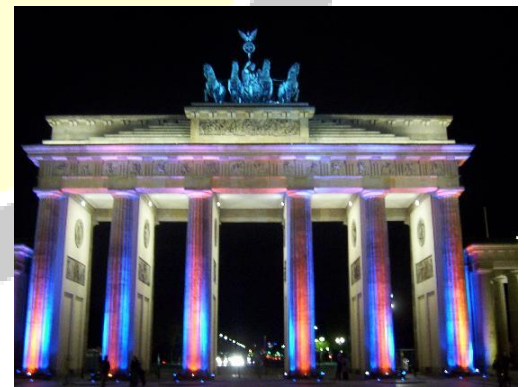
### *Berlin to Bavaria*

*Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall!”*



*My song reflected the pain and fear of war and the suffering from the division that afflicted this country but it was truly remarkable that from the ruins a reunification was born at the Wall, not only of Germany but between the US and Russia. I titled my song, "From the Ruins of War to the Rising of Peace" the first verse went like this:*

*A country torn by vicious war,  
torn in two, separating families,  
shattering dreams. For more than  
fifty years a Wall between them,*



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*seen from eye to eye filling the Berlin sky. Now from the ruins they rise and reunite to form a peace that spreads worldwide.*



*When I got to the Wall, I felt so nervous looking at the wild crowd finding spots to listen to my music at*

*the Brandenburg Gate. The Gate, the door separating East and West of the past, the place where Bach wrote the Brandenburg Concerto's, a symphony in the spirit of revolution. We were ready to rock their socks, we rocked out until 10:30 at night, they loved my song.*

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Next, it was off to Bavaria in the morning, Germany's southernmost state, the "Bundesland". We loaded our gear and began the journey to the German Alps. The scenic beauty of this region, surrounded by the vast Alps mountain range was beyond description and sure looked good to grab some snowboards and tear up the mountains before our next gigs at the Mad King Ludwig castles.



Mad King Ludwig's reign was from March 10, 1864 – June 13, 1886 and he died at the young age of 40 but not before leaving his mark on the world and creating the Oktoberfest. The party

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*is a symbol of the people coming together in celebration after being torn again and again by war after war.*

*Oktoberfest is a sixteen-day festival held each year during late September and early October. It is one of the most famous events the city and the world's largest fair, with some five million people attending every year.*



*The original "Oktoberfest" occurred in Munich, on October 12, 1810. For the commemoration of their*

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*marriage, Crown Prince Ludwig and Princess Therese of*



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*Saxe-Hildburghausen (namesake of the Theresienwiese*



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festival

organized a

race. In the

the Oktoberfest

cancelled since



grounds)

great horse

year 1812,

was

Bavaria was

involved with the Napoleonic war. From 1914 through

1918, World War I prevented the celebration of

Oktoberfest. In 1919 and 1920, the two years after the

war, Munich celebrated only an "Autumn Fest." In 1923

and 1924, the Oktoberfest was not held due to inflation.

In 1933, the Bavarian white and blue flag was replaced

with the swastika flag. From 1939 to 1945, due to

World War II, no Oktoberfest took place. From 1946 to

1948, after the war, Munich once again celebrated.

Since 1950, there has been a traditional festival

opening: A twelve gun salute and the tapping of the first



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keg at 12:00 by the current Mayor of Munich with the cry "O'zapft is!" ("It's tapped!" in the Austro-Bavarian dialect) opens the Oktoberfest. By 1960, the Oktoberfest had turned into an enormous world-famous festival. After this foreigners began to picture Germans as wearing the Sennerhut, Lederhosen, and the girls in Dirndl.

It is interesting how the party stops during war times and destroys the great spirit of the German of the people. Without war, Germany is perhaps one of the most festive places on earth and Oktoberfest symbolizes this desire for peace v. war. As long as Oktoberfest continues uninterrupted, Germany remains one of the most festive places in the world. As I reflected on the struggles



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*of Germany, we grabbed our boards and headed off to the ALPS mountain range, the cold air of the mountains biting at my body. "Auf wiedersehen" my friends, at my next gig at the castle gate.*



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My band and I were going to our hotel in Munich where we will perform our next gig at a music festival tomorrow after our nights at the castles of Mad King Ludwig. The city of Munich is famous for its cultural arts but for kids, the music festivals are the rave and draw the largest audiences. We will be the opening performance

tomorrow  
Day  
Day,  
November  
part of the  
heritage.



at the All Saints  
concert. All Saints  
celebrated on  
1st, is a significant  
catholic German  
To celebrate, there

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is a large feast honoring the souls of the dead, which walk the earth with the living, beginning at noon and ending with the ringing of the bells that day. The ringing of the bells releases souls at cemeteries where the people gather to party with spirits before they return to their spiritual eternities. Sounds wild but it is true and we will play songs in the cemetery and have a feast with traditional All Saints Day bread called Strietzel. You can smell the sweet bread baking throughout the city.

Part of the day would be spent hanging out with the locals and hiking and cross country skiing (favorite German pastimes) through the ruins at All Saints' Abbey of Baden-Württemberg. Baden-Württemberg is the third largest state of the sixteen German states and we played soccer with the local boys, they called it Fußball but not to be confused with out football as it is

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*Bavaria to Munich to Remagen really soccer. Fußball is the most popular sport and millions of Germans belong to soccer clubs throughout the country. At the ruins, there was also a German café and museum. The café filled with traditional German*



*foods like, potatoes, potato pancakes, noodles, dumplings, pastries, pork (a main part of the German diet) and my favorite, strudel, oh how I love the strudel. Depending on where you go in*

*Germany, each region has a different type of Wurst (Sausage) but being a vegetarian I passed and went for the German true food of choice, the sweets. German's have a sweet tooth and it starts with Germany's love of chocolate, like German Chocolate Cake and candies, and ends in Lebkuchen (world famous Gingerbread) that decorates most of the sweet shops. I bet you did not*

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*Bavaria to Munich to Remagen  
know the Germans invented the Gummy Bear in 1922  
and its real name is the Gummi Bären.*

*After dancing with the dead (we played a Grateful  
Dead tune, in honor of the spirits) it  
was time to pack up and  
leave the German Inn  
we had stayed in.  
Inns are more popular  
than hotels to the traveler and rich  
with local customs, as they are more like homes than  
hotels. Then it hit me I needed to visit a bank and  
convert more dollars into euros. When we got to the  
Deutsche Bank I asked the teller how much is a Euro  
worth and he said, "One Euro is 1.26690 in US  
dollars". I was shocked by the fact that the dollar was  
less than a Euro.*



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*When I asked about the difference in rates, the man*



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*told me “Did you know that Germany is the worlds 3rd largest economy ranked by U.S. dollars, the fifth largest*

*economy*

*ranked by*

*power and*

*largest*

*in*

*knew*

*exported some awesome cars, but I did not know that*

*their economy was one-third exporting goods including*

*heavy machinery, vehicles, chemicals, metals,*

*foodstuffs, textiles and of course beer. Wow the Germany*

*economy had really recovered from the wars and was*

*doing better than ours it appeared. This exemplifies the*

*German peoples hard work ethics, where both parents*

*usually are working, making it a vibrant and rich*

*economy.*



*when*

*purchasing*

*is the*

*economy*

*Europe’’. I*

*Germany*



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*It was off to the famous bridge, the ruins of Remagen, where American troops breached Hitler's West Wall. We play our next gig for the Chancellor of Germany, Angela Merkel and the President, Horst Koehler, who are both part of Germany's federal*



*parliamentary republic.*

*Different from America the President has no real power and mostly attends ceremonies and*



*parades. The decision-making and power of*

*government lies with the Chancellor who leads their government. German government reformed after the Nazi party of World War II, where Hitler had become the dictator by overthrowing the prior government. The 1949 Constitution, the Grundgesetz (Basic Law) that remains in effect today is a strong response to the prior*

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system that failed when Hitler and his Third Reich pulled a coup d'état and stands to prevent such takeover from ever happening again.

Germany's government greatly shaped by war and it was amazing to see that after the ruthless dictators and rulers, Germany now has evolved into a leading democracy. The voting age is the same as in America, 18 years old and even the German kids are very active in government and take a strong interest in protecting their futures. The sixteen states of Germany are also independent and have their own legislatures that decide local issues such as schooling, etc. After WWII, the German country, economy and government were devastated and separated. It has taken Germany years to rebuild their infrastructure (the remains of bombed buildings still an eyesore throughout the country) and recover their moral fiber but it seemed that the country

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was now on its way to a thriving democracy. With the reunification of East and West, the impoverished Soviet controlled Eastern Germany could now grow. This difference in the types of government that ruled the East and West, left the West rich and growing while the East suffered in poverty. The East suffered until the recent reunification with the West and they still struggle with the effects of being victims of the oppression of Communism. When traveling between the East and the West, one can see the difference economically and socially between the two former parts but I have faith the German spirit will prevail and slowly rebuild the whole country to one again.

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*I have met some amazing people here in Germany!*

*In my wonderful trek around, I have noticed that music is a way of connecting with people from around the world. Music is the universal language that has helped me meet new people and connect with the local German people and customs! I was very grateful for this because I have started to feel a little homesick and was wishing for a little down time with good friends. My band played another show and afterwards I was delighted to be invited to stay a night with a German family*



*that happened to be Jewish like me.*

*Although only 4 % of the population is*



*Jewish, they informed me the numbers are quickly*

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*rising after the Holocaust which killed most German Jews!*

*It appears I needed some religious enlightenment. The family told me about how nearly 1/3 of the population belongs to the Roman Catholic Church, while another 1/3 is Protestant (mostly Lutheran).*



*Mostly Christian in nature, entire towns and regions belong to a single faith. There is a lot of evidence still today where Catholics reside mostly in the South and West and Protestants in the north and east. Muslims make up 4% of German citizens, mostly of Turkish descent, and 28% have no religious affiliation or atheist. Hanging out with the locals I was surprised to hear that Germany, especially its capital Berlin, has the fastest growing Jewish community worldwide. There is a German*

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government policy that grants immigration to anyone with Jewish heritage escaping communism. Prior to Nazism, about 600,000 Jews lived in Germany.



The current population is approximately 82.4 million people and is decreasing yearly. You might be wondering how I



knew these facts but I caught up on this cultural information while spending the night at my new friends' house. While Germany is primarily composed of ethnic Germans who make up



91.5% of the population, the Turkish Germans makeup 2.4% of the population while the remaining minority groups from the former Yugoslavia, Italy,

Greece and Poland make up the rest. Germans are mostly urbanized as well, most people live in

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metropolitan areas and the men and women often both work. Unlike our country, everyone has health care.

All of sudden it started to rain and the next show on the tour cancelled. The

skies turned gray and heavy and the weather seemed too cold and dreary for a kid like me from Florida. My



new Jewish friends invited me to stay and as we sat around the fire, we talked and talked for hours as it rained for hours. Again, the smells of sauerkraut, bratwursts and gingerbread dessert lingered in the small, pointed tiled roof house they lived in. The conversation got very emotional and my new friends were very somber to speak of the deep and saddened history of the Jewish people in Germany. The effects of Hitler and his Nazi Party and the death of 6 million Jews have damaged their lives and heritage eternally

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*and have disgraced Germany since the end of World War II. Currently, the social groups of the German people are still affected from years of war and the Berlin Wall still divides social groups. The Eastern States and Western States of Germany still have different social values and classes. The West is predominately more wealthy and felt the burden to rebuild the east after reunification. Western Germans mostly own their homes and are paid higher salaries than those in the Eastern bloc. The citizens living in the East are paid less, have*



*lower rents and suffer the burden of defending their rights to not be considered second-*

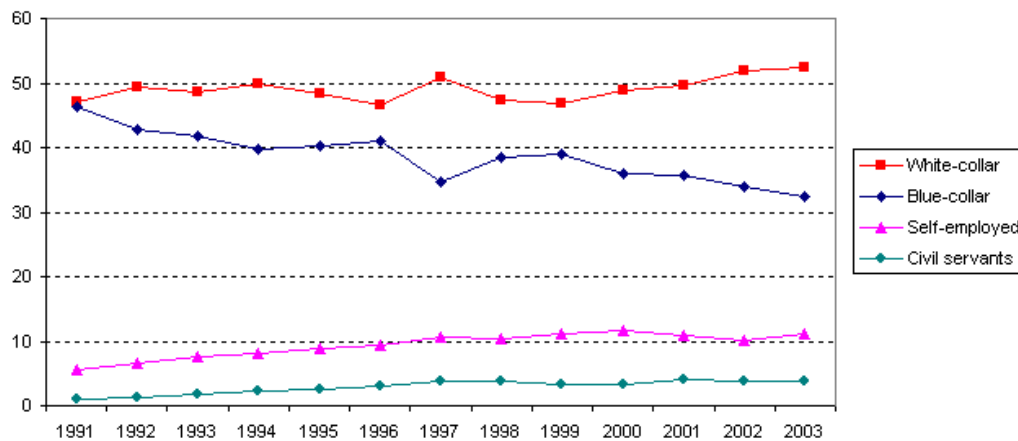
*class citizens after living under communism for 4 decades. Although they have made a lot of progress since the tearing down of the Wall, it is still a different*



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*Lifestyle.*

Figure 2 Occupational status of people in employment\*, East Germany (%)



Source: SOEP-Monitor, Update: 9 September 2004  
\* All people in employment aged 17+ years, excluding apprentices and trainees



Germany also has a large number of refugees that are there waiting for asylum. A small number of Germans do not welcome outsiders while the majority seem to

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have a strong sense of regional pride that the government accommodates.

I have a new understanding of the turmoil the people of Germany have been through since World War II. They have lost everything and have had to rebuild their lives while facing global humiliation and distress.

I appreciated this day to rest a little and reflect on the



past. I reflected on the German people of today and those that are gone but not forgotten. As I sit here and watch the rain pitter-patter on the cobblestone for hours and hours, I know now what I must do. I

plan to take the train to the concentration camps. With a heavy courageous heart, I know I am ready to see exactly what happened to my ancestors.

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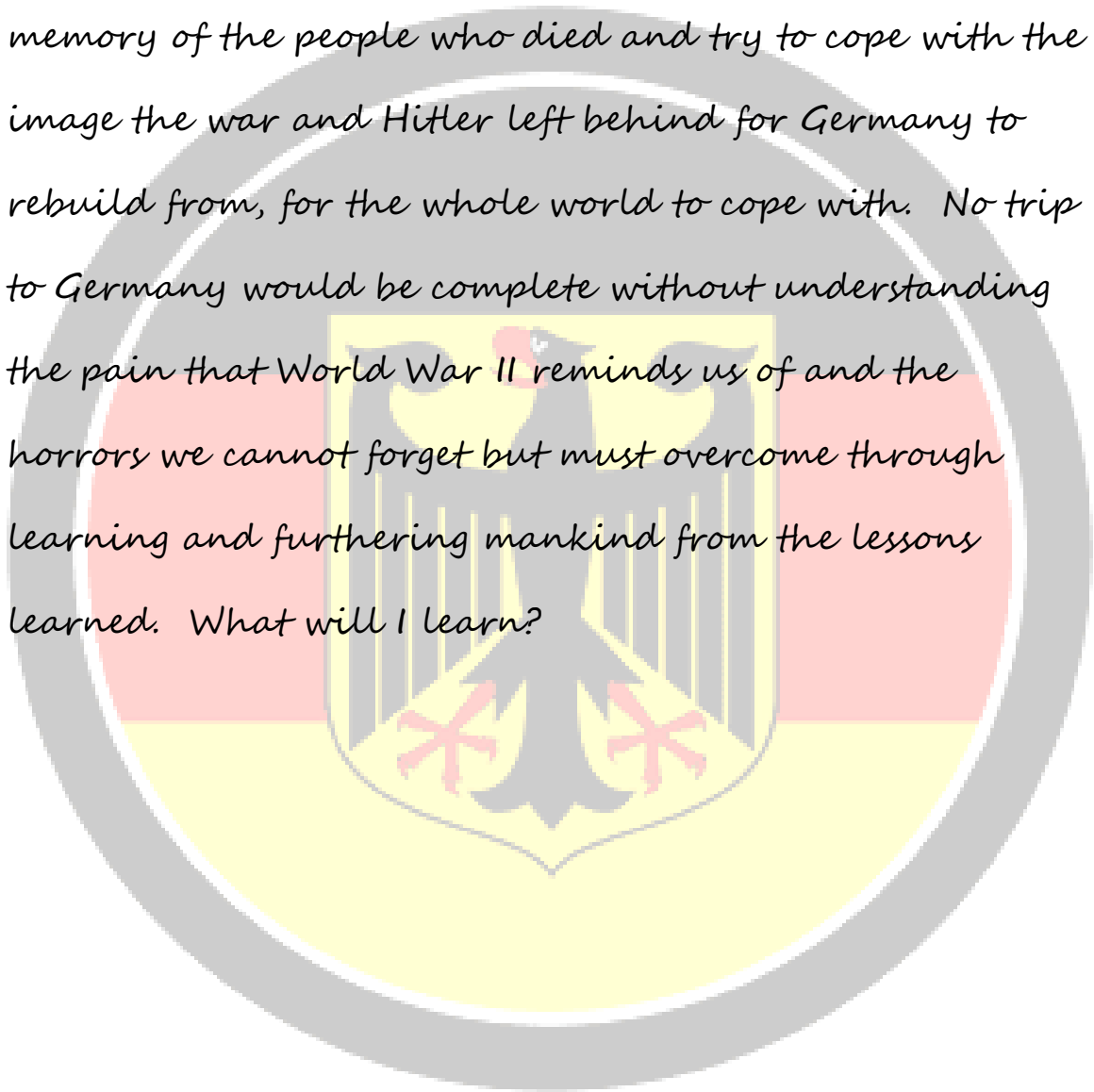


*The show must always end. My band and I gazed out the windows of our tour bus onto a peaceful beautiful horizon to our final show. It is amazing how peaceful Germany looks as we head to our final and most memorable experience yet. We will be singing with the Chancellor and President at a festival in remembrance of the Nazi Holocaust at the Dachau concentration camp.*

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*I have now seen all the historic buildings the war left behind in remembrance. Now I will visit the memory of the people who died and try to cope with the image the war and Hitler left behind for Germany to rebuild from, for the whole world to cope with. No trip to Germany would be complete without understanding the pain that World War II reminds us of and the horrors we cannot forget but must overcome through learning and furthering mankind from the lessons learned. What will I learn?*



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As I got to the



gates of Dachau, I saw  
the barbed wire that  
had contained the Jews  
and other enemies of  
Hitler. I could smell  
the death in the air; I

had reached the gates of Hell where many of my people  
of Jewish decent went to heaven long before their time  
due to the crimes of Hitler and his Nazi thugs who sent  
them to their deaths

rights. Not only did  
but also another 66  
countries invaded























with no human  
6 million Jews die  
million people of the  
and those that

became entangled in World War II before Hitler was  
defeated died, including:

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**Human Losses of World War Two by Country**

Country	Population 1939	Military deaths	Civilian deaths	Jewish Holocaust deaths	Total deaths	Deaths as % of 1939 population
 <a href="#">Albania</a> <sup>[1]</sup>	1,073,000	28,000		200	28,200	2.63%
 <a href="#">Australia</a> <sup>[2]</sup>	6,998,000	40,500	700		41,100	0.57%
 <a href="#">Austria</a> <sup>[3]</sup>	6,653,000		40,500	65,000	105,500	1.59%
 <a href="#">Belgium</a> <sup>[4]</sup>	8,387,000	12,100	49,600	24,400	86,100	1.02%
 <a href="#">Brazil</a> <sup>[5]</sup>	40,289,000	1,000	1,000		2,000	0.00%
 <a href="#">Bulgaria</a> <sup>[6]</sup>	6,458,000	22,000	3,000		25,000	0.38%
 <a href="#">Burma</a> <sup>[7]</sup>	16,119,000	22,000	250,000		272,000	1.16%
 <a href="#">Canada</a> <sup>[8]</sup>	11,267,000	45,300			45,300	0.40%
 <a href="#">Republic of China</a> <sup>[9]</sup>	517,568,000	3,800,000	16,200,000		20,000,000	3.86%
 <a href="#">Cuba</a> <sup>[10]</sup>	4,235,000		100		100	0.00%
 <a href="#">Czechoslovakia</a> <sup>[11]</sup>	15,300,000	25,000	43,000	277,000	345,000	2.25%
 <a href="#">Denmark</a> <sup>[12]</sup>	3,795,000	2,100	1,000	100	3,200	0.08%
 <a href="#">Estonia</a> <sup>[13]</sup>	1,134,000		48,000	1,000	49,000	4.62%
 <a href="#">Ethiopia</a> <sup>[14]</sup>	17,700,000	5,000	95,000		100,000	0.6%
 <a href="#">Finland</a> <sup>[15]</sup>	3,700,000	95,000	2,000		97,000	2.62%
 <a href="#">France</a> <sup>[16]</sup>	41,700,000	217,600	267,000	83,000	567,600	1.35%
 <a href="#">French Indochina</a> <sup>[17]</sup>	24,600,000		1,000,000		1,000,000	4.07%
 <a href="#">Nazi Germany</a> <sup>[18][19][20][21]</sup>	69,623,000	5,533,000	1,700,000	160,000	7,393,000	11.48%
 <a href="#">Greece</a> <sup>[22]</sup>	7,222,000	20,000	220,000	71,300	311,300	4.31%
 <a href="#">Hungary</a> <sup>[23]</sup>	9,129,000	300,000	80,000	200,000	580,000	6.35%









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 <a href="#">Iceland</a> <sup>[24]</sup>	119,000		200		200	0.17%
 <a href="#">Indian Empire</a> <sup>[25]</sup>	378,000,000	87,000	1,500,000		1,587,000	0.42%
 <a href="#">Indonesia</a> <sup>[26]</sup>	69,435,000		4,000,000		4,000,000	5.76%
 <a href="#">Iran</a> <sup>[27]</sup>	14,340,000		200		200	0.00%
 <a href="#">Iraq</a> <sup>[28]</sup>	3,698,000		1,000		1,000	0.03%
 <a href="#">Ireland</a> <sup>[29]</sup>	2,960,000		200		200	0.00%
 <a href="#">Italy</a> <sup>[30]</sup>	44,394,000	301,400	145,100	8,000	454,500	1.02%
 <a href="#">Japan</a> <sup>[31]</sup>	71,380,000	2,120,000	580,000		2,700,000	3.78%
 <a href="#">Korea</a> <sup>[32]</sup>	23,400,000		378,000		378,000	1.6%
 <a href="#">Latvia</a> <sup>[33]</sup>	1,995,000		147,000	80,000	227,000	11.38%
 <a href="#">Lithuania</a> <sup>[34]</sup>	2,575,000		212,000	141,000	353,000	13.71%
 <a href="#">Luxembourg</a> <sup>[35]</sup>	295,000		1,300	700	2,000	0.68%
 <a href="#">Malaya</a> <sup>[36]</sup>	4,391,000		100,000		100,000	2.28%
 <a href="#">Malta</a> <sup>[37]</sup>	269,000		1,500		1,500	0.56%
 <a href="#">Mexico</a> <sup>[38]</sup>	19,320,000		100		100	0.00%
 <a href="#">Mongolia</a> <sup>[39]</sup>	819,000		300		300	0.04%
 <a href="#">Netherlands</a> <sup>[40]</sup>	8,729,000	15,800	109,300	106,000	231,100	2.65%
 <a href="#">Newfoundland</a> <sup>[41]</sup>	300,000		1,000	100	1,100	0.37%
 <a href="#">New Zealand</a> <sup>[42]</sup>	1,629,000		11,900		11,900	0.67%
 <a href="#">Norway</a> <sup>[43]</sup>	2,945,000	3,000	5,800	700	9,500	0.32%
 <a href="#">Philippines</a> <sup>[44]</sup>	16,000,000	57,000	90,000		147,000	0.92%
 <a href="#">Micronesia</a> <sup>[45]</sup>	1,900,000		57,000		57,000	3.00%
 <a href="#">Poland</a> <sup>[46]</sup>	34,849,000	240,000	2,360,000	3,000,000	5,600,000	16.07%
 <a href="#">Portuguese Timor</a> <sup>[47]</sup>	500,000		55,000		55,000	11.00%
 <a href="#">Romania</a> <sup>[48]</sup>	19,934,000	300,000	64,000	469,000	833,000	4.22%
 <a href="#">Singapore</a> <sup>[49]</sup>	728,000		50,000		50,000	6.87%
 <a href="#">South Africa</a> <sup>[50]</sup>	10,160,000		11,900		11,900	0.12%

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 <a href="#">Soviet Union</a> <sup>[51]</sup>	168,500,000	10,700,000	11,400,000	1,000,000	23,100,000	13.71%
 <a href="#">Spain</a> <sup>[52]</sup>	25,637,000	4,500			4,500	0.02%
 <a href="#">Sweden</a> <sup>[53]</sup>	6,341,000	200	2,000		2,200	0.03%
 <a href="#">Switzerland</a> <sup>[54]</sup>	4,210,000		100		100	0.00%
 <a href="#">Thailand</a> <sup>[55]</sup>	15,023,000	5,600	300		5,900	0.04%
 <a href="#">United Kingdom</a> <sup>[56]</sup>	47,760,000	382,700	67,100		449,800	0.94%
 <a href="#">United States</a> <sup>[57]</sup>	131,028,000	416,800	1,700		418,500	0.32%
 <a href="#">Yugoslavia</a> <sup>[58]</sup>	15,400,000	446,000	514,000	67,000	1,027,000	6.67%
<b>Totals</b>	1,961,913,000	25,273,800	41,843,800	5,754,400	72,872,500	3.71%

Although Hitler had targeted Jews, you can see he was out to kill everyone in one of those demented world domination schemes, even Germans who opposed his ways were sent to Dachau and killed. 72 million dead, I could see them all piled high and it seemed they would reach the moon. In total, over 200,000 prisoners

from more than 30 countries were housed in Dachau of whom





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*two-thirds were political prisoners and nearly one-third Jews.*



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The cold air and stillness of the empty camp forced my eyes closed and I could see the camp filled as if I were there during the war. My Bubbie and Zaida (Grandma & Grandpa) had told us stories of their ancestors who were killed in these camps. The camp

was divided  
sections and  
them with  
closed, the  
people's  
was a camp



in two  
I could see  
my eyes  
horror in  
faces, there  
area for

housing  
the  
with ovens  
You heard  
kill people, I



workers and  
crematorium  
for people.  
me, ovens to  
could see the

smoke rising from the tall chimneys, and I could taste

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*the human ash as it fell like snow in the German cold winter. I opened my eyes to make sure I was not really there. I read the sign on the entrance that told of the camp, it consisted of 32 barracks, including one for clergy imprisoned for opposing the Nazi regime and one reserved for horrible medical experiments.*

*I at once was overcome by hate for these Nazi's*



*who did this, who caused such much pain on the world, I was confused though, did I hate German people for this crime, was my trip somehow ruined knowing this happened here? Then it dawned on me, I really only hated Nazi's, as German people were also killed here by Hitler, anyone who opposed Hitler and the Nazi's was slaughtered. Many German people helped hide Jews and some even tried to assassinate Hitler including Claus von Stauffenberg who is memorialized in the Tom*

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*Cruise movie Valkyrie, anyone of these many German hero's who stood up to the crimes was killed if caught. I guess when an coup d'état by evil men overthrows a*



*country and then do horrible crimes like torture and murder to other humans it leaves the people of the country stigmatized for years after. There seems to be three kinds of peoples*

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reactions once they know their



leaders are

doing bad  
things, those  
who help



commit the bad acts, those who know  
but do nothing (they are complacent)

but equally as bad for doing nothing and those who are heroic and stand up to the tyranny at the risk of even their own death. It would not be fair for me to judge all Germans as Nazi's therefore and I now knew that I hated Nazi's and those who went along with them without raising their voices and I loved the Germans who opposed the Nazi's and they were in fact heroes to me.

When an evil regime seizes power, the people suffer if they do not raise their arms and try to stop it, even if they had nothing to do with the crimes. Therefore, it

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would not be fair to hold all Germans responsible for those who were guilty, especially in honor of those Germans who died trying to stop it, again the unsung heroes.

I made peace with Germany and the German people and I knew that I hated Hitler, Nazi's and their allies who devastated our world in this inhumanity called WWII. I now hated anyone who did these things to anyone worldwide and now because of World War II there are international laws to prevent this horror from happening again. There is now a rulebook for warfare called the Geneva Convention and countries around the world have joined to prevent torture and unjust wars and keep the world safe from WW III. Perhaps from this evil would come some good for humanity's future.

I reflected on what was happening back in America with rumors that our leaders might be responsible for

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*similar violations of torture and war crimes, it made me*



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*wonder how history would judge us. Would the world*





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*see us as having raised our voices to tyranny or*



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*condemn us for being complacent? I moved on in my*



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*mind knowing that the Germany I had seen and the*



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*Germans I had met were warm and wonderful to me,*



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*that the past while it must not be forgotten must also*

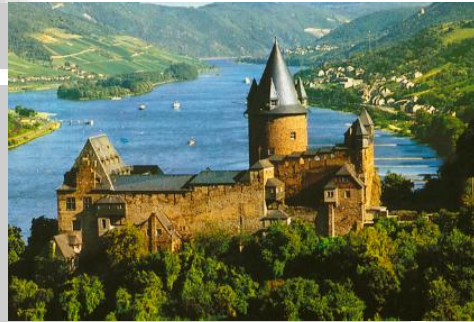


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*serve to teach future generations and to learn from so that it makes us stronger*

*against evil in the future. I have learned so much from Germany. My bags were packed and the gear loaded*



*up, we headed to the airport on a train and my friends and I talked about what an incredible journey this was. We remembered when we landed in Frankfurt, which is the financial capital, and we changed our first American dollars to Euros, to the amazing travel attractions along the way. Frankfurt is home to the University of Music and Theatre and the Rhine River, the most scenic section with castle-crested hills to*



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*the bridge in Remagen, where American troops  
breached Hitler's west wall, liberating the world.*

*To Cologne,  
history of  
religion is  
the beautiful  
Cathedral then  
Opera house  
love and importance of music is shared.*



*where the  
Germany's  
admired in  
Gothic  
to The State  
where the*

*Berlin is a city I know I will never forget! The  
feelings and thoughts that go through my mind when I  
remember the Berlin Wall and how it separated an*



*entire country and the effects of  
wartime Germany that still  
affect some social groups today.*

*The Brandenburg Gates that*

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The overall beauty of Germany is breathtaking. The mixture of art painted buildings in Oberammergau, cobblestone streets in

Rothenberg and homes that all look like gingerbread houses.



The garden-like Bavarian Alps in Munich are like an unbelievable

*painting! No wonder there are so many artists in*



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Germany, they are constantly inspired by the natural beauty that surrounds them! After spending a day in The Black Forest and The Bavarian Forest, even I was inspired to

My favorite attraction of I had to choose), the famous



paint!  
travel  
Germany (if  
would be  
castles of

King Ludwig II. Neuschwanstein Castle is so magnificent, Walt Disney replicated it for Cinderella's castle. The second was Herrenchiemsee, a replica of the



central section of the palace at Versailles,

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France. . Finally the Linderhof Palace , the smallest of three palaces built by King Ludwig II of Bavaria and the only one of which he lived to see completion.

The fantasy like castles reminded me of a fairy

tale. To

went

with

them to

age and

them.



think the King

mad and crazy

power building

die at an early

never enjoy

I will miss the Strudel! The gingerbread and Gummi Bären were delicious too and some of my favorite German delicacies. It will be a long time before I smell beer on the streets and the party in the air like Oktoberfest!

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*Oktoberfest clearly defines Germany and its people with tons of food and beer! When Germany is at peace, they are partying in the streets to*

*celebrate. The tradition is going strong today and we all are grateful there has not been a war since World War II and Germans are able to grow and enjoy the beauties around them.*

*I leave Germany rich with warm memories of their culture, a profound understanding of their history and an enlightenment of art and beauty. As I wave goodbye to the warm and wonderful people I have met I say, "Auf Wiedersehen bis wir wieder treffen!" Good-bye until we meet again! Danke!*

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#### Footnote:

*As I slept on the plane home, I started to hum in my dream Beethoven's 9<sup>th</sup> symphony. A symphony dedicated to a poem of friendship written by the famous German poet Frederick Schiller. Beethoven then wrote the 9<sup>th</sup> symphony which ends in Choral finale where the poem is sung, the voices sing as instruments. I realized the poem and song were of universal friendships and the spirit of love. I knew that from the ruins of Germany past, my spirit and faith had renewed in people, that we could conquer evil and then our past*

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*hate of each other. It dawned on me that we now were in a very different war, the most important war the kids of the world now face. This war was the war that involves all of the children worldwide in our war against*



*environmental destruction of the planet and God's creatures leading to the possible extinction of life from this planet. To fight this war, as resources are not indigenous to geographical regions, it will take all of the kids worldwide to fight to protect Mother Earth*

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*together as one people, without the scarred history of our past interfering. If our past hates blind us we may not succeed and failure would make us all dinosaurs from our own hands.*

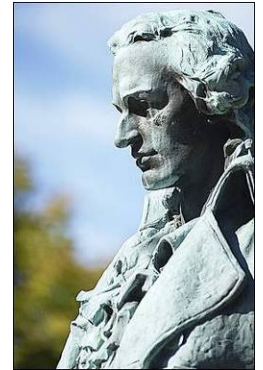
*When I awoke in my England for a layover before my trip to China (I am excited since I have been learning Chinese in school), I knew I had to write a killer album to unite the children. I knew the lessons learned from Germany would be a guiding force in that process. I had a few hours until my flight and I took out my pen and began to write the notes, it opened with jazzed up version of the 9<sup>th</sup> in honor of two of my*

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*favorite German artists, Ludwig Von  
Beethoven and Frederick Schiller. Ode to Joy*

*all and peace out!!!*



Bye Germany, your friend, Joshua Ennio Zander Bernstein ☺

