



## Willkommen to the Germantown Historical Society

Dear Tour Directors,

We are pleased to offer you a unique tour of our Sila Lydia Bast Bell Museum and the Historic 1850's Dheinsville Settlement in Germantown, Wisconsin, owned and operated by the Germantown Historical Society. We will present the tour of **THREE** museums in our original pre-civil war historic district. You can begin your visit with an authentic German lunch at nearby restaurants followed by a shopping stop at an outstanding local shop around town.

If your tour bus has the equipment, the historical tour begins with a short (12 minute) introduction video, or you can view it after your tour in our church museum. We tour the fabulous Bell Museum and Fire Hall exhibit, our 1854 half-timbered Wolf Haus shoemaker museum and the 1862 limestone Christ Church of Local History, on the National Register, in the heart of the settlement. Large groups are divided to keep the tour moving.

Our seasonal museum hours are May 1 – November 1, Wednesday-Sunday 1:00-4:00pm. **Tours for ten or more are available anytime, year-round by appointment.** Call our office 262-628-3170 or email at (**EMAIL ADDRESS**) for more information and to make your tour reservations for the Bast Bell Museum and Dheinsville Settlement. Enclosed are more ideas and information for a very special day in Germantown, Wisconsin!

Dheinsville Settlement is located on Holy Hill Road at the six-way crossroads of Fond du Lac Ave (Hwy 145) and Maple Road, Germantown, Wisconsin

A German lunch is available at several nearby restaurants. See the contact information is enclosed to call direct for your reservations.

Call Riteway Bus Service for all your transportation needs. Locally owned and operated by the Bast Family for over 50 years. They have vehicles for any group size. Call to request a quote 1-800-236-5450 or visit [www.goriteway.com](http://www.goriteway.com)

Visit our website for our calendar of events, [www.germantownhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.germantownhistoricalsociety.org) !

Our largest event is Germantown Hunsrucker Oktoberfest held annually the last weekend in September (Saturday and Sunday). Authentic German food, beverages, dancers, music and more! Volunteers are always welcome call 262-628-3170 or email (**EMAIL ADDRESS**)

We look forward to hearing from you,

Germantown Historical Society

## **TOUR & RATE INFORMATION**

Special Group Tour Rates for over 10 people

Bast Bell Museum \$5.00/person

Complete Dheinsville Settlement Tour – Docent guided \$8.00/person  
(Bast Bell Museum, Christ Church of Local History, & Wolf Haus Shoemaker Museum)

Self-guided Walking Tour of Dheinsville Settlement FREE  
(Large numbered sign & complimentary brochure next to the Wolf Haus)

## **MUSEUM HOURS**

Bell Museum: May 1 – November 1, Wednesday – Sunday

Open for tours of 10 or more year-round!

Christ Church Museum of Local History & Wolf Haus Museum/Jeffris Genealogy

Research Library: June 1 - October 1, Wednesday & Sunday

## **DHEINSVILLE WALKING TOUR**

Park your wheels and step back in time. The Sila Lydia Bast Bell Museum is located at a six-way crossroads historically known as the community of Dheinsville. Founded by German immigrants from the Hunsruck Mountain region, it is the oldest business center in Germantown. The hamlet remains today with all 22 of its original structures, most of which are restored and privately owned. The Christ Church Museum, the Shoemaker's Haus and the Barn are now occupied by the Germantown Historical Society and are open for tours.

Located within a one-block area, you'll step inside the:

- Valentine Wolf Haus, circa 1854, original home of Valentine Wolf – shoemaker shop and parlor a rare example of German half-timber framework. Current home of the Jeffris Foundation Research Library, housing original artifacts that trace the origins of Germantown and important local history files.
- Christ Church Museum, circa 1862, includes changing exhibits of local history and adjacent historic Cemetery dating to 1848
- Sila Lydia Bast Bell Museum and Germantown Volunteer Fire Company exhibits, located in a restored 1874 -1910 barn.
- World War I Memorial, naming soldiers who served in 1917 – 1919.
- Country store gifts and information center.

**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS** – Provided for your convenience, please contact businesses directly for reservations.

- **HOLY HILL NATIONAL SHRINE** – Majestic Basilica Cathedral occupies the highest point in southeastern Wisconsin. The neo-Romanesque Church boasts priceless stained-glass windows, magnificent mosaics, and a breath-taking view. Gift shop and cafeteria. Eight miles west of Bast Bell Museum, 262-628-1838, [www.holyhill.com](http://www.holyhill.com)
- **OLD MAIN STREET IN GERMANTOWN** – Historic homes and half-timbered buildings, retail shops, and restaurants proudly display the cultural heritage and Old-World feeling. [www.germantownchamber.org](http://www.germantownchamber.org)
- **SINTER KLAUSEN CHRISTMAS MRKT** – Known for its treasured German ornaments, nutcrackers, and holiday souvenirs. W15909 Old World Main Street, Germantown, WI. 262-251-2121, [www.sinterklausen.com](http://www.sinterklausen.com)
- **CEDAR CREEK SETTLEMENT** – An 1864 mill and adjacent buildings housing more than 25 restaurants, antique and gift shops, artists' studios, winery, forge, and potters studios. Nine miles east of the Bast Bell Museum. N70W6340 Bridge Road, Cedarburg, WI. Contact Mary Gielow 262-242-3597, [www.cedarcreeksettlement.com](http://www.cedarcreeksettlement.com)
- **WISCONSIN AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM** – Over 90 autos on display featuring “The Kissel”, Nash, Hudson and more. Located next to the Antique Mall. Ten Miles northwest of the Bast Bell Museum. 147 North Rural Street, Hartford, WI. Call 262-673-7999 [www.wisconsinautomotivemuseum.com](http://www.wisconsinautomotivemuseum.com)
- **BIER'S JACKSON CHEESE & DELI** – Enjoy a sampling of their own varieties of cheese and many specialty items and mail order gifts. Located at 3271 Hwy P. Jackson, WI. Call 262-677-3227, 1-800-321-6077, [www.bierischeese.com](http://www.bierischeese.com)
- **LAMMSCAPES!** – A unique outdoor destination to visit! Enjoy gardens, lakes, wooded trails, and more. Hayrides & walking tours available. Group events, educational seminars, & workshops year-round for all ages. Garden & design store open 7 days a week from April – December offering locally grown plants & products made in the USA! Lamm Gardens, 2708 Sherman Rd, Jackson, WI, call 262-677-3010, [www.lammscape.com](http://www.lammscape.com)

## **GERMANTOWN DINING SUGGESTIONS FOR TOUR GROUPS**

German Lunch menu items available, call direct for your reservations.

- Aldo's Pizza and Pub 4 miles, W156 N11050 Pilgrim Rd, 262-255-7777
- Big Sky Country Restaurant 2.5 miles, W204 N11498 Goldendale Rd, 262-415-7633
- RT's Sports Corner Bar & Grill Next door, W187 N12793 Fond du Lac Ave 262-677-1994
- Von Rothenberg Bier Stube 2.5 miles, N116 W15841 Main St. 262-293-3098
- Old Town Beer Hall 2.5 miles, N116 W15841 Main St. 262-293-3098
- Barley Pop Pub 2.5 miles, N116 W16137 Main St. 262-255-2086
- Robert's Frozen Custard 3.5 miles, N112 W16040 Mequon Rd. 262-250-1683
- Cracker Barrel 7.5 miles, W176N9778 Rivercrest Dr. 262-253-4188
- The Sawmill Inn 2.5 miles, 1729 Wolf Rd. Richfield, WI 262-628-4128
- Doman's Bar & Grill 5 miles, 3280 Hwy P Jackson, WI 262-677-2383
- Dublin's 18 miles, 110 Wisconsin St. West Bend, WI 262-338-1195

## **GERMANTOWN ACCOMMODATIONS**

- Country Inn & Suites W188N11020 Maple Rd. 262-251-7700 [www.countryinns.com](http://www.countryinns.com)
- Best Western W190N10862 Commerce Cr. 262-502-9750 [www.bestwesterngermantowninn.com](http://www.bestwesterngermantowninn.com)
- Super 8 N96W17490 County Line Rd. 262-255-0880 [www.wyndamhotels.com](http://www.wyndamhotels.com)
- Holiday Inn Express 9675 Riversbend Ln. 262-255-1100 [www.ihg.com](http://www.ihg.com)