

Dear Tour Directors,

We are pleased to offer you a unique tour of our Sila Lydia Bast Bell Museum and the Historic 1850s 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 German Glass and Gifts Imports shop after your tour.

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 – Nov 1, Wed - Sun 1:00 – 4:00 pm. **Tours for ten or more are available anytime, year round by appointment.** Call our office 262-628-3170 or email [info@bastbellmuseum.com](mailto:info@bastbellmuseum.com) for more information and to make your tour reservation 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 contact information is enclosed to call direct for your reservations. The German Glass & Gift Imports shop is west of the museums at 1280 Hwy 175, Hubertus, (Richfield) 262-628-7100.

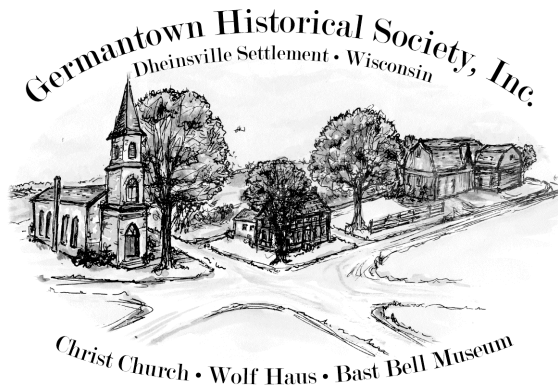
Call Riteway Bus Service for all your transportation needs. Locally owned and operated by the Bast Family for over 50 years. They have vehicles for any group size. Call to request a quote 1-800-776-7026 or visit [www.ritewaybus.com](http://www.ritewaybus.com)

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

Our largest event is Germantown Hunsrucker Oktoberfest held annually the last weekend in September (Sat & Sun). Authentic German food, dancers and music! Volunteers are always welcome call 262-628-3170 or email [info@bastbellmuseum.com](mailto:info@bastbellmuseum.com)

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 (Bast Bell Museum, Christ Church of Local History & Wolf Haus Shoemaker Museum)	\$8.00 / person
Self-guided Walking Tour of Dheinsville Settlement (Large numbered sign & complimentary brochure next to the Wolf Haus)	FREE

## MUSEUM HOURS

Bell Museum: May 1-Nov 1, Wed-Sun. Open for tours of 10 or more year round!  
 Christ Church Museum of Local History & Wolf Haus Museum/Jeffris Genealogy Research  
 Library: June 1-Oct 1, Wed & Sun

PLEASE ADVISE WHEN BOOKING TOUR WHETHER YOU WANT TO SEE THE BAST BELL MUSEUM OR THE COMPLETE DHEINSVILLE SETTLEMENT.

## 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 fachwerk. 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 an adjacent historic Cemetary 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 the 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 MARKT – Known for its treasured German ornaments, nutcrackers and holiday souvenirs. W15909 Old World Main Street, Germantown, WI. Contact Irene Blau 262-251-2121, [www.sinterklausen.com](http://www.sinterklausen.com)
- GERMAN GLASS & GIFT IMPORTS & CHRISTMAS CHALET – Quality German and European collectibles. 1280 Hwy. 175, Hubertus, WI. (Richfield Square Shopping Center) 262-628-7100, [www.germangifts.com](http://www.germangifts.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)
- BIERI’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 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 & 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 – Dec offering locally grown plants & products made in the USA!  
Lamm Gardens, 2708 Sherman Rd, Jackson, WI 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.

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| • NARDO’S PASSPORT INN           | 2.5 miles, W204 N11498 Goldendale Rd      | 262-628-8884 (Chris)           |
| • THE BEAR (BANQUET ROOM)        | 2.5 miles, N1111W18611 Mequon Rd          | 262-255-1940 (Tom)             |
| • RT’s SPORTS CORNER BAR & GRILL | Next door, W187N12793 Fond du Lac Ave     | 262-255-1940                   |
| • VON ROTHENBERG BIER STUBE      | 2.5 miles, N116 W15841 Main St            | 262-251-4455                   |
| • JERRY’S OLD TOWN INN           | 2.5 miles, N116 W15841 Main St            | 262-251-4455 (open after 4 pm) |
| • BARLEY POP PUB                 | 2.5 miles, N116 W16137 Main St            | 262-255-2086                   |
| • ROBERTS FROZEN CUSTARD         | 3.5 miles, N112 W16040 Mequon Rd          | 262-250-1683                   |
| • SPORTSZONE GRILL & BAR         | 3.5 miles, N112 W16344 Mequon Rd          | 262-250-4110                   |
| • CRACKER BARREL                 | 7.5 miles, W176 N9778 Rivercrest Drive    | 262-253-4188                   |
| • THE SAWMILL INN                | 2.5 miles, 1729 Wolf Drive, Richfield, WI | 262-628-4128                   |
| • HEIDEL’S RESTAURANT            | 5 miles, 3280 Hwy P, Jackson, WI          | 262-677-2383                   |

#### GERMANTOWN ACCOMMODATIONS

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| • COUNTRY INN & SUITES     | W188N11020 Maple Rd         | 800-596-2375 | <a href="http://www.countryinns.com">www.countryinns.com</a> |
| • AMERICINN HOTEL & SUITES | W190 N10862 Commerce Circle | 800-634-3444 | <a href="http://www.americinn.com">www.americinn.com</a>     |
| • SUPER 8                  | N98 W17490 County Line Rd   | 800-800-8000 | <a href="http://www.super8.com">www.super8.com</a>           |
| • HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS      | W177 N9675 Riversbend       | 877-863-4780 | <a href="http://www.hiexpress.com">www.hiexpress.com</a>     |