

# Destinations by Donna

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## My Own Domain!

It is with great pleasure that I tell you I now have my own internet domain!

[www.DestinationsByDonna.com](http://www.DestinationsByDonna.com)

It will continue to change and improve, but I love what my husband has done with it! Check it out today!

## Travel Tip for Today

### When you see a good deal, jump on it!

Air fare to Europe is down! Including taxes and fees, you can go roundtrip to London in May for about \$900. Prices will only go up in the summer months and as the economy improves, so now is the time to go! If you can go sooner, do it! Exchange rates have not been so good in a long time. Packages and tours will give you the best price. Now is the time to travel!

## Destination of the Month

My children were born in **Germany**, well West Germany at that time. For me, it's like going home! Many Americans have some distant, or not so distant, family connection there. Most Germans speak some English--some have better English grammar than I do because they work at it! Take a river boat cruise and unpack once. A tour by motor coach let's you see the countryside as well as the cities! You aren't looking for parking places or trying to read a guidebook and look at the same time. Go by train. The rail system in Europe is second to none! Driving in Germany might qualify as "soft adventure", but you can go where you want, when you want. I've lived there. I've visited there. Let me help you experience Germany!

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## Great Values!

**Pacific Northwest** –September 25, 3 night cruise, Mercury on Celebrity Cruise Lines, roundtrip Seattle, from \$880 for inside cabin. I'm going!

**Europe**— March 27, 9 days, Brendan coach tour, London, Holland, Germany, Switzerland and France, \$3,200 plus air.

**Europe**– Rail pass for 3 bordering countries, any 10 days in 2 months \$1,150, not including air and hotel.

*Price for the above is for 2 pp —some may vary based on availability at time of booking.*

## The World Through My Eyes

Houses painted in such great detail that you believe you see balconies where none exist. Bright red geraniums, flowing from window boxes! The cobblestones may be damp, so watch your step as you look to see where the scent of bratwurst is leading you! Where? Oberammergau, Germany, in the heart of Bavaria. I feel like I've stepped into a postcard! Yes, they have Passion Play every 10 years, but the draw for me this time is the woodcarvings you find in nearly every store. Their world renowned woodcarving school produces some incredible artwork, both secular and religious. Tomorrow we will visit castles! Linderhof is my favorite, but that's another story!

## If you can't go there, go here!

### Museum of Glass— Chihuly Bridge of Glass

1801 E Dock Street, Tacoma, Washington

\$10 per person/\$8 seniors/family rates

Drive or take the train!

Approximate driving time 2.5 – 3 hours one way

## Looking to the Future

Celebrity Cruise Northwest, September 25, 2009

NCL Hawaii Cruise, April 17, 2010

Oberammergau, Germany, Passion Play 2010

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