

**USI EUROPEAN TOUR
WILL VISIT CATHEDRALS**



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"Cathedrals of Europe - A Travel/Study Adventure" is a one-semester program offered by the University of Southern Indiana as a noncredit or graduate course that, for those who want to make the trip, will culminate in a 15-day tour of the famous edifices of Europe -- great cathedrals that are among the world's most recognizable landmarks as well as a testimonial to human abilities and possibilities.

The program will begin January 14 with ten weekly "Cathedrals" classes, eight of them featuring guest speakers with expertise in spirituality, architecture, construction, art, music, stained glass, cultures, and literature. The respective speakers will include the Rev. David Nunning, pastor of St. Wendell Catholic Church; David Will, architect; Augustine J. Fredrich, chair, USI Engineering Technology Department; Michael Aakhus, USI associate professor of art; Jean Noyes, WNIN-FM 88 program manager; John McNaughton, USI professor of art; and Darrel E. Bigham, USI professor of history. (A speaker on literature will be announced later.)

The European tour group -- up to 40 people accompanied by Fredrich and Linda Cleek, assistant director for continuing education at USI -- will leave Evansville June 15, arriving in Milan the next morning. They will visit Florence, Siena, Rome, Assisi, Venice, Innsbruck (via Brenner Pass), Salzburg, Munich, Ulm, Paris, Mt. St. Michel, Rouen, Leuven, Cologne, Aachen, and Brussels, where they will depart for Evansville. A five-day extension to visit London also is available.

Among the cathedrals on the tour will be Santa Maria Delli Fiore in Florence; St. Peter's Basilica, St. Paul, St. John Lateran, and Sta Maria Maggiore in Rome, plus the Colosseum; Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi; Hofkirche in Innsbruck; Reims Cathedral; and Notre Dame, the Basilica of Sacre Coeur, and Cathedral of Chartres in Paris. The London extension will include Westminster Abbey.

The cost of the European tour will be \$2,825 per person; the London extension is \$495 (all double occupancy). The air portion of the prices is guaranteed through December 13, which is the initial deadline to sign up for the tour. Registrations will be accepted on a space-available basis through April 16. Arrangements are being made through Haynie Travel in Evansville and Unitours, Inc., the tour operator.

The registration fee for the spring semester cathedrals course is \$50 for noncredit study and \$273 for an Indiana-resident graduate (\$537 for non-resident). Call the Continuing Education Office, 812/464-1863, for course and tour details; call the Graduate Studies Office, 812/465-7015, for graduate study information.

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