



Dornbirn

A HISTORIC TRAVEL EXPERIENCE FOR DREXEL ALUMNI & FRIENDS
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EXPLORING THE DREXEL LEGACY

Join the Drexel University Alumni Association for a historic journey to Drexel University's homeland.

Dornbirn, Austria, is the birthplace of Francis Martin Drexel and the origin of a family legacy that would be more far reaching than could have been predicted some 200 years ago.



Dornbirn is a charming city of 50,000 nestled in the foothills of the Alps in the region of Vorarlberg, located about one hour east of Zurich, Switzerland. It is a modern yet quaint place, full of life and steeped rich in history and tradition. As the center for commerce for the region, it has an interesting history of business and at one time was the world's capital for the textile and garment industries.

It was from Dornbirn that Francis Martin Drexel evaded conscription by Napoleon's army to set sail to Philadelphia and establish himself as a portrait painter and banker. His granddaughter, Katherine, and his son, Anthony, would change history – the former by becoming a Saint and the latter by reinventing higher education.



This exclusive journey will be a unique opportunity to experience the culture, the people and the culinary delights of the region while gaining a new understanding of Drexel University through the exploration of its founder's family and town of origin.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS SPECIAL TOUR WILL INCLUDE:

- ◆ An examination of the Dornbirn family book
- ◆ A visit to the birthplace of Francis Martin Drexel
- ◆ A visit to the Katherine Drexel Chapel built to honor her Sainthood and charitable works for humanity
- ◆ Tours, talks and tastings led by the owners of local family businesses that have produced traditional foods, beverages and specialties for anywhere from 65 to 350 years
- ◆ An insider's look at cultural, historic and modern architectural sites led by local archivists, historians and experts
- ◆ Dining experiences at some of the region's finest restaurants that serve traditional and modern Austrian cuisine
- ◆ Excursions to Austrian mountain villages in Bregenzerwald, the quaint town of Appenzell, Switzerland, the lakeside town of Lindau, Germany and the storybook Valduz, Liechtenstein

This tour will be limited to 20 travelers to maximize your immersion in the local culture and enhance your traveling experience.

**LAND PROGRAM:
\$2,600 PER PERSON**

All prices quoted are in U.S. dollars, per person, based on double occupancy (unless otherwise stated). Single accommodations are an additional \$375 (limited availability). Airfare is not included.

PROGRAM

Day One – Saturday, September 8

Depart your gateway city for Zurich, Switzerland, aboard scheduled air service. Travelers are encouraged to make air arrangements that best suit their needs. In order to take advantage of group motorcoach transportation from the airport to the hotel in Dornbirn, travelers should plan to arrive at the Zurich Airport by 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 9. All travelers taking advantage of this service should provide a copy of their air transportation arrangements to the Alumni Association.

Day Two – Sunday, September 9 | Arrive in Zurich

Following the immigration and customs formalities, those travelers arriving at the Zurich Airport by 10:00 a.m. will be met by officials from the City of Dornbirn and Drexel University and transferred by motorcoach to the hotel in Dornbirn.

Excursion: On the way to Dornbirn, enjoy a stop in Schaffhausen, Switzerland to see the famous Rhine Falls, Europe's largest waterfall and the source of the legendary Rhine River. Lunch will be served at the Scholss Laufen restaurant on site.

Enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant in Dornbirn's historic city center.



Day Three – Monday, September 10 | The Drexel Family History



Morning: Set out on a guided walking tour of Dornbirn's historic center featuring a private visit to the local museum where various exhibitions present the rich history of the city and its people. Explore the Drexel family history through an exclusive opportunity to examine the Dornbirn family book, photographs, letters and other documents preserved in the City of Dornbirn Archives.

Tour & Tasting: Visit Mohrenbrauerei, a family-owned brewery that has been producing beer in Dornbirn since 1834. Enjoy a short film and a private tour of the brewing process then sample some of their award-winning beers. A traditional lunch of bratwurst, sausages, pretzels and beer will be served in the Beer Hall.

Afternoon: Visit St. Leopold's Church for an insider's talk with the architect who led the church's historical preservation and restoration project. Then, visit the church's St. Katherine Drexel Chapel and meet its curators.

Evening: For dinner you'll be a guest of the Mayor of the City of Dornbirn at the historic Rotes Haus built in 1639. With 370 years of history and lovingly restored, the Rotes Haus presents a unique experience both inside and out. Enjoy a classic Austrian meal and the opportunity to meet City officials and local residents.

Day Four – Tuesday, September 11 | Switzerland and Liechtenstein

Morning Excursion: Set out by motorcoach to scenic Appenzell, Switzerland's yodeling headquarters, known for its cheese, pear bread and chocolates. There, you'll tour the workings of a nearby dairy where the town's semi-hard famous name-sake cheese is produced. You'll have free time to muse over Appenzell's lovely brightly painted houses in the town's car-free center. You'll dip into a cheese fondue lunch at a local restaurant.

Afternoon Excursion: Continue on to the storybook principality of Liechtenstein, just 15 miles long and the fourth smallest country in Europe. A famous tax haven, Liechtenstein is also known for its postage stamps, its wines and its royal family. Take an informative walking tour of the capital city, Vaduz. The city is dominated by the impressive Vaduz Castle, the residence of the current prince. Conclude your visit with an exclusive private tour and tasting at Princely Wine Cellars.



Evening: Ride a cable car to the top of the imposing Karren Mountain, 1,000 meters over the City of Dornbirn. Enjoy the sweeping views of the Rhine Valley, Lake Constance, Switzerland, Germany and Liechtenstein, as well as a special dinner in the Panorama Restaurant.

Day Five – Wednesday, September 12 | Bregenzerwald

All Day Excursion: Set out by motorcoach for a scenic day in Bregenzerwald along the mountain range of the Austrian Alps. Enjoy spectacular views of the Rhine Valley and the Alps as you travel along the Bregenzerwalder Cheese Route in the region known for its mountain cheeses, agriculture, classical music festivals and skiing. Along the way, learn about the architecture and sustainable building initiatives of the region.

Tour & Tasting: Visit the 350-year old sustainable family farm of Metzler. Learn how the family makes traditional mountain cheeses then turns the whey leftover from the cheese production into a line of more than 150 natural cosmetics and creams. Sample an array of Metzler cheeses along with lunch at the farm.

Tour & Tasting: Visit the family-run Natter, an award-winning producer of cured and smoked meats. Learn about their process and taste a selection of typical and unusual meats.

Coffee Break: Enjoy coffee, tea and a traditional apple strudel at the historic Hirschen Inn in Schwarzenberg, a mountain village known for its historic buildings and its annual Franz Schubert music festival.

Evening: Enjoy a dinner of regional cuisine in a cozy setting at the historic Güttele Gasthof.



Day Six – Thursday, September 13 | Regional Specialties

Tour & Tasting: Visit the sustainable four-generation family farm of Dietrich. Learn how Dr. Richard Dietrich leads the way in organic and sustainable farming in the region. Dr. Dietrich will demonstrate the steps and secrets to preparing traditional Riebel. Then, you'll have the chance to savor the tasty results.



Talk & Tasting: Visit Pfanner, a 150-year old family-run fruit juice producer. Learn how the business grew from simply producing apple cider to its current full service line of local and exotic juices, wines and schnapps. Enjoy a tasting of their special and unique products.

Afternoon Excursion: Enjoy lunch on the way to Hohenems where you'll visit a Renaissance Palace

dating back to the 16th century and home of the current count and countess.

Demonstration & Tasting: Visit Fenkart Chocolates for a demonstration by master chocolatier Gunther Fenkart, who is carrying on the family's 65-year tradition of chocolate making. Indulge in a special selection of these amazing chocolates.

Evening: Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

Day Seven – Friday, September 14 | Lake Constance

Morning Excursion: Set out by motorcoach for a short visit to Bregenz, home of the world's largest floating stage opera held each summer. Board a boat for a ride across Lake Constance to Lindau, Germany. You'll enjoy a guided walking tour showcasing Lindau's spired architecture and intricately painted Renaissance Old Town Hall, lunch and some free time to explore on your own.



Tour & Tasting: Visit Lustenauer Senf, a 100-year old family-run producer of mustard. Learn how six family members still produce the four traditional mustards that Austrian families have known for generations along with a modern line of thirteen specialty mustards. Discover your favorite from among the samples.

Evening: Enjoy a farewell dinner at the Martinspark Hotel restaurant that was recently awarded one toque in the Gault Millau restaurant guide.

Day Eight – Saturday, September 15

Morning departure for the Zurich Airport.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Martinspark Hotel Dornbirn

Unpack only once for a stay of six nights at Martinspark Hotel, Austria's first architecture hotel.

Featuring 4-star architecture that focuses on minimalism, environmental sustainability and art, the 98-room Martinspark Hotel is located just steps from Dornbirn's historic city center with its old market square, landmark Rote Haus (Red House), and many museums and shops.



INCLUDED FEATURES

Accommodations for six nights at the 4-star Martinspark Dornbirn Hotel along with a breakfast served each day are included. Travelers are responsible for all additional incidental charges at the hotel.

All lunches and dinners listed in this brochure, and beverages served with these meals, are included.

All excursions, tours, talks, tastings, and exclusive and private activities are included.

Airport transfers between Zurich Airport and Dornbirn are included for those arriving at Zurich Airport on the designated day and at the designated time. All other transportation is included.

All taxes, fees and gratuities associated with the Included Features stated above are included.



REGISTRATION FORM

You may also register by phone at 1-888-DU-GRADS or online at drexel.edu/alumni/travel.

Send to: Drexel University Office of Alumni Relations
Paul Peck Alumni Center
3141 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19104
Attn: Jeff Spence

Full Legal Name (exactly as it appears on passport):

(1) _____

Title, First, Middle, Last, Date of Birth, Class Year if applicable

(2) _____

Title, First, Middle, Last, Date of Birth, Class Year if applicable

Street Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Country _____

Day Telephone _____

Evening Telephone _____

E-mail _____

Name as you would like it to appear on your name badge:

(1) _____

(2) _____

Dietary Restrictions and Food Allergies:

I/we authorize you to make my/our reservation as follows:

I wish to use the included airport transfer service. I agree to arrive at the Zurich Airport at the designated time and on the designated day and to provide a copy my air transportation arrangements to the Drexel University Alumni Association.

I will make my own airport transfer arrangements between Zurich Airport and Dornbirn, Austria.

I prefer single accommodations at an additional cost of \$375 (limited availability).

Reservations are subject to availability and processed on a first come, first served basis. Reservations are to be paid in full by June 25, 2012 (75 days prior to departure). Reservations received after this date must be accompanied by payment in full. Final payment may be made by personal check or credit card. Make checks payable to *Drexel University*.

Total Land Package Cost: \$2,600 per person
Deposit Required: \$500 per person

Enclosed is a deposit of \$ ____.

(\$500 per person required)

Accept my check made payable to *Drexel University*

Charge my deposit to the following credit card:

Visa MasterCard American Express Discover
Card # _____

Expires: ____/____ CCV Code: _____

(Signature as it appears on credit card)

Please note: Any payment to Drexel University constitutes your acceptance of the terms and conditions set out herein, including but not limited to the Cancellation terms.

RESERVE YOUR SPACE TODAY ON THIS EXCLUSIVE AND HISTORIC JOURNEY!

The tour is limited to 20 travelers. A deposit of \$500 is required at the time of registration and the trip must be paid in full by June 25, 2012 (75 days prior to departure). Register by mail using the included form, by phone with the Office of Alumni Relations at 1-888-DU-GRADS, or online at:

DREXEL.EDU/ALUMNI/TRAVEL

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Not Included – Fees for passports, and if applicable, visas, entry/departure fees; personal gratuities, laundry and dry cleaning; meals, beverages and excursions not mentioned in this brochure; incidental charges at the hotel; travel insurance; all items of a strictly personal nature.

Mobility and Fitness to Travel – While it is not a requirement to undertake rigorous fitness regimes to join us on this trip, traveling with us does require a capacity and willingness to engage in physical activity. Travelers must be able to walk reasonable distances unassisted, negotiate uneven surfaces and climb stairs as the journey requires. You agree that a doctor will be consulted should you be unsure about your ability to meet these basic fitness requirements. Travelers requiring special assistance, including without limitation those who permanently or periodically use a wheelchair must be accompanied by someone who is fit and able to assist them, and who will be totally responsible for providing all required assistance.

Excursions – Include travel by motorcoach, cable car and boat; travel on small, winding mountain roads; required moderate walking.

Tastings & Meals – Include a variety of local foods and specialties. Travelers are required to disclose any food allergies and/or dietary restrictions upon registering for the trip.

Air Transportation – Arrangements for air transportation as well as all associated fees, including baggage fees, are the responsibility of the traveler.

Cancellation – Cancellation before 120 days prior to departure will qualify for a full refund. Cancellation from 120 to 60 days prior to departure will result in forfeiture of \$400 per person. Cancellation from 59 days to the time of departure will result in forfeiture of \$700 per person. All cancellations must be submitted in writing to the Drexel University Alumni Association.

Authority to Use Images and Video Recording – Photographs and video taken on this trip may be used in Drexel University publications and web sites.

Travel Insurance – It is recommended that all travelers purchase travel insurance. For your convenience, the Drexel University Alumni Association offers travel insurance options through its partner, Collegiate Insurance Resources. Information can be found at www.alumniinsuranceprogram.com/drexel or by calling 1-800-922-1245 weekdays, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Eastern Time.

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