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### *Mike Kinsel Private Tour*

I am thinking about some small, intimate tours in 2009 and 2010:

#### **Christmas Markets Tour**

*Germany & maybe France*  
Dec 1—9, 2009

Take a 9 day trip at Christmas-time to Bavaria and Alsace. We fly to Munich then go to Strasbourg, France. It's on to Heidelberg, Rothenberg, Nuremberg and back to Munich. It's not shop till you drop but take an empty suitcase and do all your Christmas shopping early.

#### **The Passion Play**

*Oberamergau and Rhine River Valley Wine Tour*

June or July, 2010

Travel for 10 or 11 days to Germany (and maybe France). A cruise on The Rhine and its storybook charm. A religious experience of great proportions to see The Passion Play.

Then Wine Tasting and great food experiences.

The castles are fantastic. River cruising means close-up and personal with the sites and the land. **It also means you unpack once!!!**

#### **Ghosts**

*London After Midnight*

(Leave Christmas Day, 2009 and return January 3 or 4, 2010)

Visit ghostly haunts and sites where ghosts are known to exist during the centuries. It has been said that there are more ghosts per square inch in London than any city on earth.

The sales at Harrods are great. The plays and musicals are really exciting (I once saw 16 shows in 10 days). The museums, walking tours, quaint booksellers, etc. will make it a holiday to remember.

Call Mike Kinsel at 712 -256-5228 for more information.

#### Please Note:

- Performances at the 20 Grand Theatre • 14304 West Maple Road • Omaha, NE
- Tuesday, 2:00 & 7:30 pm
- Wednesday, 2:00 pm
- Single Admission is only \$14.00
- Season Ticket only \$60.00
- Free Parking
- Handicap Parking
- Everything on one level
- Easy access to Rest Rooms
- Concession Stand

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# Travelogues & Travels

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## **Travelogues Season 2009—2010**

**ROBIN WILLIAMS**

**“MAYDAY Tugs of War”**  
(the forgotten tugmen of WWII)  
October 27 & 28, 2009

**DALE JOHNSON**

**“Beneath the Jungle... and Beyond”**  
(southern Mexico, Belize, Guatemala & Honduras)  
November 17 & 18, 2009

**BUDDY HATTAN**

**“Inside I R A N Today”**  
(Tehran, Ahvaz, Shiraz, Persepolis & Yazd)  
January 26 & 27, 2010

**JOHN WILSON**

**“Inside the Tuscan Hills”**  
(Italy in a new light)  
February 23 & 24, 2010

**SID & MARYLEE NOLAN**

**“Cruising the Eastern Mediterranean”**  
(trip of a lifetime)  
March 30 & 31, 2010

**TOM STERLING**

**“Bhutan, the Cloud Kingdom”**  
(... more exotic than Tibet)  
April 29 & 30, 2010

#### **The Season Ahead.....**

The 53rd Travelogues Season starts the end of October. I am told we are one of the oldest travel series in the nation.

I have said it before and it is worth repeating: all six shows (or any separate film) are a passport to an expanding world. Our filmmakers help us discover and see the world through their eyes and the

lenses of their cameras.

Being an “arm chair traveler” is an easy way to “escape” your troubles.

The shows are diverse and slightly exotic. We travel to Europe, Mesoamerica, the Middle East and the Far East.

Come enjoy the world.

#### **REMINDER:**

**Season tickets**

**will be mailed**

**after labor day**

## MAYDAY TUGS OF WAR

Robin Williams (no, not the actor) the celebrated filmmaker comes to us from Laguna Beach, California. His film about the rescues by the forgotten tugmen of World War II promises excitement and emotion.

Nathan Southern of THE NEW YORK TIMES reviewed the film in 2007 and had this to say, "As helmed by documentarist Robin Williams, Mayday Tugs of War revisits the careers and wartime contributions of the WWII-era Deep Sea Rescue Tugmen.

"Though history has neglected to preserve their legacies sufficiently - rendering the group semi-obscure - the Tugmen nonetheless carried out the most powerful and successful assault during the war, dramatically slowed the progress of the Axis Forces, and saved untold numbers of military and civilian lives. Mayday Tugs of War creates one of the first full-scaled documentary tributes to the Tugmen, using rare archival footage to tell the chronological story of the group, from inception to battlefield action to disbandment.

"The story is replete with thrilling conflicts involving submarines, aircraft carriers, massive battleships, and a host of other wartime vehicles, yet predominantly, it posits itself as a tool for posterity, to help future generations remember the legacy of the Tugmen."

As Williams says, "They too gave their lives for our freedom."

MAYDAY TUGS OF WAR OCTOBER 27 & 28, 2009



Robin Williams

## Beneath the Jungle...and Beyond

Dale Johnson returns with Beneath the Jungle...and Beyond. It captures Mesoamerica in breathtaking reality.

His fascination with the flora and fauna has made him one of the best wildlife photographers in the world.

Approximately 3000 years before the time of Christ, a consortium of autonomous City/Kingdoms developed and flourished in a region now mapped as southern Mexico, Belize, Guatemala and Honduras.

Temples were built rivaling

those of Egypt, a calendar more accurate than our own was developed, astronomical observations revealing a surprising degree of sophistication were used and it was a rich time.

Today, modern cities contrast with remote villages and both are part of this thriving world.

## Beneath the Jungle...and Beyond (Mesoamerica)

November 17 & 18, 2009

"Too often travel, instead of broadening the mind, merely lengthens the conversation."

— Elizabeth Drew

Dale Johnson

## Inside I R A N Today

Is Iran at peace with itself and the world, or truly a dangerous spoke in the axis of evil?

Buddy Hattan dispels the many misconceptions about the Iranian people. Iran is as old as history itself with spectacular and distinctive architectural marvels. Visit magnificent monuments of the two great empires of the ancient world and experience the Iranian people—some of the most hospitable, amiable and generous people you will ever meet.

We travel to:  
Tehran—the capital where politics and thinking are cutting

edge.  
Ahvaz/Dezful/Susa with its 2500 year old brink temple of Chogha Zanbil.

Shiraz—the heartland of Persian culture for 2000 years synonymous with nightingales, poetry and wine.

Persepolis—the most famous site in Iran. It is a royal complex built in 518BC.

Yazd—oldest living city on earth. Do not miss this insightful and provocative film.

INSIDE I R A N TODAY  
January 26 & 27, 2010



Buddy Hattan

## A letter from Dick Walter

July, 2009

Friends,

My hobby for many years was conducting tours to countries around the world. The tours were only half planned so it was up to me to find something that would please my patrons. Permit me to share an impromptu event.

It was my first trip to Russia and we were in Leningrad (a beautiful city) and outside of town we discovered what we would call a country fair. Of course, I had some people with extensive rural backgrounds—so it was natural.

Well, the fair had many familiarities with our fairs—produce-foods-hand work, etc. We broke up in groups because of varied interests. The exhibits were great but my buddy Otto and I became hungry.

At the end of the display were various food vendors. We selected a man who had converted his pick-up truck to a small food vending counter. Well, of course we had to try hamburgers with condiments and they were great.

THEN came the time to pay—we didn't speak Russian nor he English. So, I reached in my pocket and offered his choice of all the coins.

He smiled and folded my hand shut, smiled and pushed it all back to me.

A fresh, wonderful experience—but again wouldn't it be wise if world diplomats went to more county fairs where they don't speak the language?

Dick

## A Note from Mike Kinsel

There was not too much difficulty in selecting our fourth show of the season. My favorite place in the world is Tuscany. My first trip to Italy was in 1975 and was made possible by my eccentric Aunt Bette. She was sort of an Auntie Mame figure and felt I was leading way too much of a sheltered life in Iowa. So, she took me to Italy for three weeks and it changed my life.

"Inside the Tuscan Hills" Produced by Dakkan Abbe is narrated Live by John Wilson and it will be our February, 2010 show.

It was originally filmed as a PBS documentary travelogue and presents a vivid portrait of a place where ancient traditions have never disappeared and gives an insider's look at the rich rural culture of Tuscany.

View the rich and rural culture of Tuscany. I am told that with exclusive access to the workshops, kitchens and homes of the Tuscan people, the show is a journey into one of the world's most beautiful places. The program showcases the regions. It shows the amazing diversity of landscape, arts and food.

The film will reveal how the Tuscans really live while you hear the stories of master craftsmen and country cooks. You will see ancient farmhouses and rustic cheese makers. You will be taken into the singularly beautiful landscape. You will be enthralled.

You should walk out of the theatre knowing a place where every meal honors the local beauty and pays tribute to culinary traditions; where artisans practice in the style of the masters who came before them; and where residents are surrounded by the majesty of history.

## BACK BY REQUEST—TRAVEL TIPS

- Keep a photocopy of your Passport separate from your travel documents. If you have to get your Passport replaced, it will save time and agony.
- Pack belts that are reversible colors.
- Include some "wet wipes" in your carry on bag...they are great for quick clean ups.
- Pack an Ace Bandage in case you get a sprain or twisted limb.
- Make a list of all prescriptions and dosage instructions and keep it in your wallet.
- Take a small Journal and pen along for recording thoughts, impressions and memories.
- Pack a few "energy bars" or crackers in case mealtimes get altered.
- Keep a photocopy with you of the front and back side of all credit cards.
- Pack a light sweater or jacket in your carryon bag. Temperatures vary and can change ... especially on planes, in waiting areas and on motor coaches.