

Educational Grape-Wine Tour to Germany

The Ohio Grape Industries Committee (OGIC) is working with the German Wine Institute to develop a week-long exploration of Germany's wine industry including visits to the Geisenheim Research Center and Pro Wein trade show. The trip is scheduled for Sunday, March 26 thru Friday, March 31. The trip will be similar to last year's trip to Italy. Information about the tour (draft agenda, registration form and participation agreement) is attached.

Participants will purchase this trip directly from the German Wine Institute and be responsible for their own plane travel. The tour fee is 1350 Euro (\$1,625) and will include everything but souvenirs. Your air transportation will be up to you. Payments are made directly to the German Wine Academy. The deadline for this is **January 29, 2006**. A minimum of 18 travelers is required to go forward with this trip. I have seen some very good fares on 1800FlyEurope.com, Orbitz, Expedia. If you have an interest in going, I suggest you check out flights and costs. You should plan on arriving before 3:00 p.m. in Frankfurt. The tour begins with a welcome and dinner on Sunday evening. Travel will be by bus and there will be one hotel change. The tour ends with a farewell dinner on Friday at 7:00 p.m.

Last year's trip to Italy was great fun and incredibly educational. This year's should be equal to it. I will be happy to address any questions you might have. Please contact me at 614-728-4216 or e-mail: widner@mail.agri.state.oh.us.

Thank you