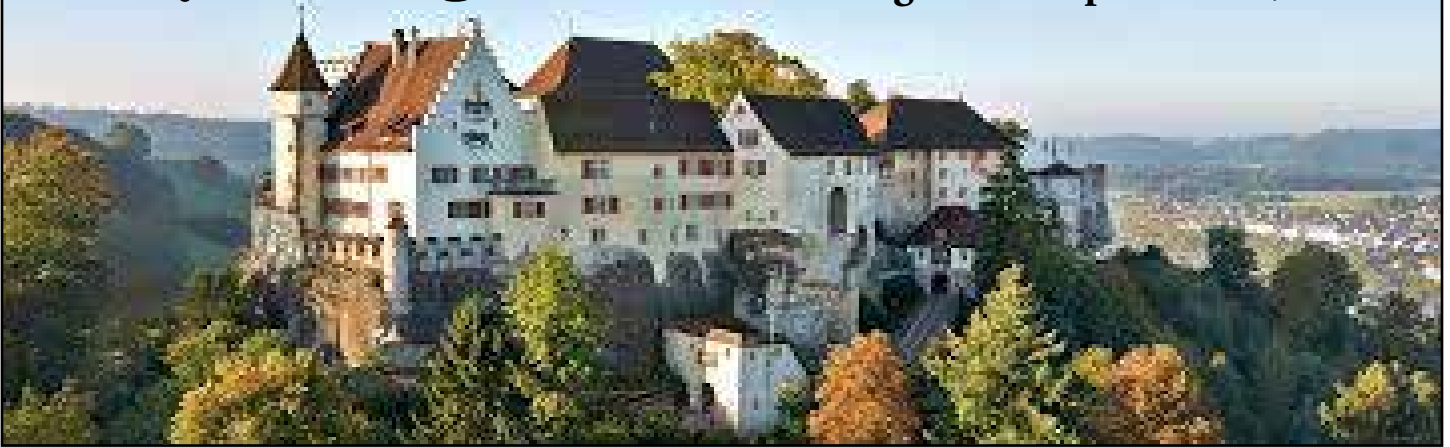


# Frey Heritage Tour

August 28-September 8, 2025



This tour led by **Jon Frey** and assisted by **Lemar and Lois Ann Mast** will visit historic and cultural sites in Europe including ancestral villages where our Frey/Frei/Frye/Fry ancestors lived before coming to America. The above photo is the Swiss Lenzburg Castle that we will visit in the area that once governed the village of Gontenschwil where our ancestor, Jakob Frey, lived.

## Friday, August 29, 2025

Fly to Europe—parking will be available at Morgantown, Pa., where a chartered bus will take us to the airport to begin this memorable journey! Others may fly direct to the Philadelphia Airport.

## Saturday, August 30, 2025

After flying all night (seven and one-half hours), we arrive at Zurich, Switzerland to step foot on European soil! Boarding our chartered bus—our home for the next ten days—we head west for the Lenzburg Castle—one of the oldest castles in Switzerland. This is the region where our ancestor Heinrich Frey's father, Jakob, was listed as a Lenzburger on his marriage record. Our first lunch in Europe will be at Lenzburg along the same streets where some of Jakob's relatives migrated to centuries ago. Then it is on to Gontenschwil where our Frey ancestors lived from 1500 to 1656.



*Gontenschwil, the village in Canton Aargau, where our Frey ancestors lived between 1500 and 1656. The Reformed Church where they attended is pictured in the center.*

## Sunday, August 31, 2025

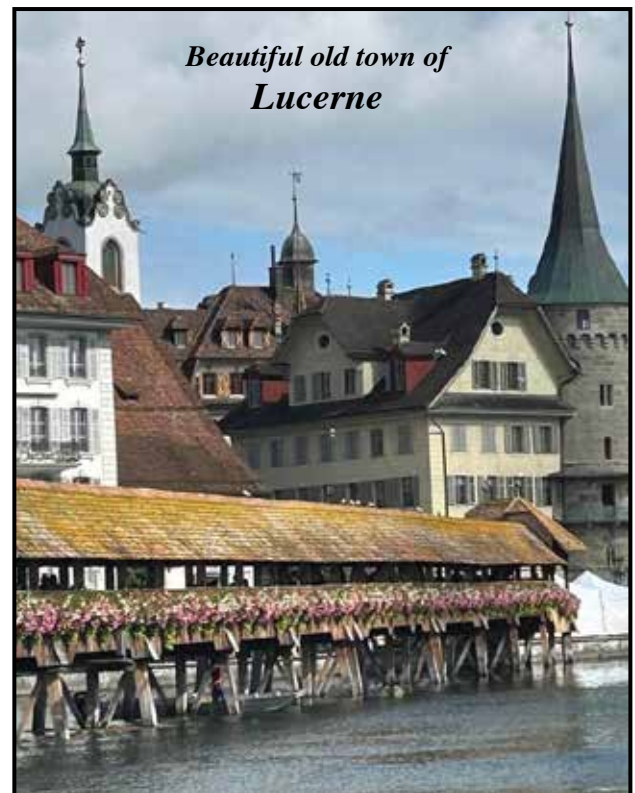
This morning we will visit the Gontenschwil Reformed Church where our ancestors worshipped in the 1500s and 1600s. Today, we hope to join with our Swiss Frey cousins for an International Frey Reunion and learn more about this area where our ancestors lived.



*Frey Chocolate*

## Monday, September 1, 2025

This morning, our first stop is at the Frey Chocolate Factory that was begun by brothers Max and Robert Frey in 1887. Delicious Swiss chocolate with our surname on it! Then we are on our way to the city of Lucerne in Canton Lucerne where the Freys are thought to have lived prior to 1500. Our lunch stop will be in Luzerne—the first city in the Swiss Confederacy—where the famous wooden chapel bridge dating to 1333 welcomes us with its painted gables. Then we will enjoy an exhilarating drive through the Susten Pass before arriving at Brienz to sleep along a lake.



*Beautiful old town of  
Lucerne*



*Up, up, and away to the Niederhorn summit!*



*You will love our private alphorn concert with Adolf!*

sandwich or delicious homemade soup for lunch . Then it is on to the Jakob Markt where the locals shop— wait till you see the beautiful Swiss lace and other Swiss products that is the perfect place to do some shopping. To give us an introduction into our Anabaptist history, we will stop to see the old Trachselwald Castle built in 1200 A.D. where Anabaptists were imprisoned. The prison cells that were there in the 1500s and 1600s can be seen yet today. Then a visit to the Emmentaler Schaukäserei (cheese factory) will give us the opportunity to sample Swiss cheese.



*Emmentaler Schaukäserei (cheese factory).*

**Tuesday, September 2, 2025**

Our visit this morning will be at the Ballenberg (open air museum)—the “Williamsburg of Switzerland”—a delightful stroll through the past. More than 100 century-old buildings from all over Switzerland, 250 farmyard animals, traditional, old-time gardens and fields, demonstrations of local crafts and other special events create a vivid impression of rural life in days gone by. Then, we will drive to Beatenberg where we will ride a cable car up to the Niederhorn to see amazing views of the Eiger, Mönck, and Jungfrau Mountain peaks! This evening, we will enjoy our own private alphorn concert before a delicious cheese fondue dinner.

**Wednesday, September 3, 2025**

After driving down the steep narrow road from Beatenberg, we will continue into the Emmental Valley to stop first at the Barau Cowbell Factory to purchase a cowbell! Then a little further on, we will stop at the Kambly Swiss Cookie Factory where we will sample different Swiss cookies—all free—but first enjoy either a



*Kambly cookies . . . yummy!*

**Thursday, September 4, 2025**

Before leaving Switzerland today, we will stop at Hinterwil where Heinrich Frey’s mother’s family (Hirtzeller/Hertzler) was from and then a stop at Augusta Raurica—an old Roman town and fort along the Rhine River, built to keep the Germanic Alemanni tribesmen out of Switzerland. These ruins are surprisingly still intact. We highly recommend that you taste the delicious *Flamenkuchen* for lunch here before leaving for Germany. Then we have an



*If you want to purchase a cowbell—any size—this is the place to purchase one from the factory where they are produced.*



*Augusta Raurica near Basel, Switzerland.*



*Uerkheim Church near Hinterwil where Hertzlers attended church.*



*La Petite France in Strasbourg.*



*Martin Luther Monument in Worms.*

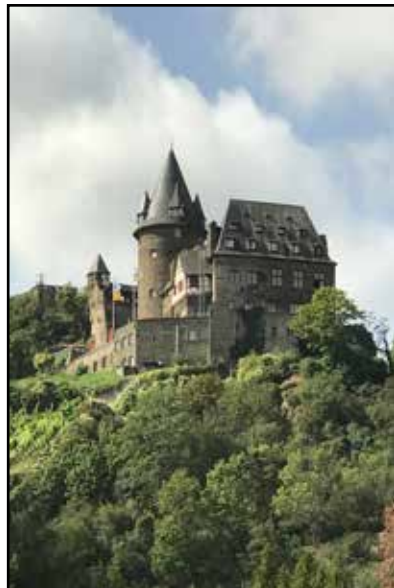
afternoon drive up to Altenheim, Germany, where Heinrich Frey was born in Baden-Baden along the Rhine River.

**Friday, September 5, 2025**

This morning we will spend more time exploring the region walking the streets where our ancestors walked and worked and lived. A short drive across the Rhine River will take us into the French city of Strasbourg where many religious dissenters and refugees were welcomed in the 1600s. We will enjoy walking through the streets of La Petite France in Strasbourg. Keep looking up—you just may see a stork or two flying around and landing on the house tops! Then we drive on to Worms, Germany, to tour the famed Worms Cathedral and see the Martin Luther monument surrounded by the main forerunners of the Reformation: Martin Luther, Peter Waldo, John Wycliffe, Jan Hus, and Girolamo Savonarola.

**Saturday, September 6, 2025**

Today is a special day as we ride on a ship down the Rhine River like our ancestors did centuries ago on their way to Altenheim. See a different castle around every curve—castles where our ancestors had to stop to pay a toll! We get off at Bingen, Germany, and drive through more vineyard country in Germany.



*We will ride up the Rhine River past the very same castles our ancestors saw when they were on their way to America.*

**Sunday, September 7, 2025**

This morning we enjoy a scenic drive through the Black Forest region of Germany and stop for shopping in cuckoo clock country! A hike along a dazzling waterfall with an abundance of squirrels will be just the ticket for exercise before continuing on to Winterthur, Switzerland, for our good-bye party and then flying home tomorrow.



*Hundreds of cuckoo clocks for us to enjoy as we find one to ship home!*

**Monday, September 8, 2025**

Fly home from the Zurich, Switzerland, airport. This memorable experience of visiting Europe needs to end some time! Now it is time to share our experiences with family and friends back home. Thank you for joining this Tour!



*Grape vineyards along the Rhine River.*



*Lovely Swiss Edelweiss,*



*Colorful flower boxes are everywhere!*

**— TOUR FEATURES AND CONDITIONS —**

**TOUR PRICE:** \$4,600.00 per person based on double occupancy (add \$600 for a single room). A chartered bus from Morgantown will be available to transport persons to and from the airport. Vehicles may be parked cost-free at Masthof (Morgantown, Pa.) while we are in Europe. The projected cost for bus transportation to and from the airport will be about \$60 roundtrip per person (depends on the number of persons).

**AIR TRANSPORTATION:** Airfare and USA departure tax included in tour price (excludes insurance).

**MEALS:** Continental breakfast each morning and dinner each evening (excludes beverages) are provided. Lunches are on our own, although suggestions will be given.

**BAGGAGE:** Motorcoach capacity limits tour participants to one large suitcase per person plus a carry-on bag, so only one large suitcase plus “underseat” baggage, **please**. Airline baggage limits apply to the tour: luggage may not exceed a combined length, width, and height of 106 inches provided no bag exceeds 62 inches in width. The carry-on bag total dimensions limit is 45 inches, and cannot weigh more than 50 pounds.

**SIGHTSEEING AND ENTRANCE FEES:** Entrance fees are included to all places mentioned in this itinerary.

**TIPS AND TAXES:** Applicable taxes and service charges for program features are included. All tips to hotel staff for included services and meals and to bus driver are included.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Passport fee, travel insurance if your situation deems necessary, meals at noontime, beverages with included dinners, and personal expenses are not included. Details on the use of credit card and using the country’s currency will be provided closer to our departure.

**DEPOSIT AND PAYMENTS:** A deposit of \$500.00 per person is requested by February 1, 2025, to hold space on this tour. The remaining \$4,100 will be due on or before June 1, 2025, as space permits [installment plans after March 1 are available as needed]. Pending availability, reservations will be accepted after June 1, 2025, although the cost of the airline ticket portion of the tour price may increase.

**CANCELLATION CONDITIONS:** Full refund granted if cancellation is received before airline tickets are purchased. Cancellation after airline tickets are purchased will result in a full refund less airline ticket cost (although the airline usually grants a voucher that can be used later).

A valid passport is required. If you do not have a passport, you should apply for one immediately. If you have a passport, please verify that it is valid until at least December 31, 2025. No visa is required.

**ALL RATES AND FARES ARE CALCULATED ON PRICES IN EFFECT AS OF DECEMBER 1, 2024, AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. TOUR PRICE IS BASED ON THE PARTICIPATION OF 30 PERSONS.**

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Enclosed is my deposit check of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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