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The Underwood Family European Tour to Germany, England & Ireland

This will probably be our last Space-A vacation with all five children in tow. Our 18-year-old daughter Eileen is off to college and her spring vacation will not agree with ours.

Many years ago, before the children were born, we spent a month visiting Trisha's family in Ireland. For many years we have talked about bringing the children to the mother country. However, due to the complexity involved, and the cold, wet, weather, we kept putting it off. But we decided now was the time.

It took Trisha many weeks of e-mails and telephone calls to Europe to plan everything. There were accommodations, bus schedules, taxis, car rentals, airplane tickets, and sightseeing to be arranged. And of course, our 50 day sign-up at Westover and Ramstein. One missed connection and our budget would explode.

The day of departure arrived. So at 0130 in the morning on Tuesday, 10 April 2007, Roger called Ramstein Housing and reserved a room for two nights. We had to call at 0730 in the morning Germany time one day in advance. Then we were off: Eileen-18, Calvin-16, Carl-14, Mary-10, and 8-year-old John. At 1430 we drove to the passenger terminal located in Hanger Three at Westover ARB, MA. We never travel with extra luggage, only one school daypack each. Then

Mary and Roger parked the van in the large long-term parking lot behind the new security building, and walked ten minutes back, just in time to check-in. Then we watched TV and boarded the C-005A Galaxy with six other passengers. At 1800 we departed and at 1900 arrived at Dover AFB, DE. We relaxed in the USO room watching TV and eating. At 2230 we departed with forty other passengers.



On a C-017A from Ramstein to McGuire

We napped during the eight hour flight and at 1230 on Wednesday we arrived at Ramstein AB, Germany. After passing through German customs and having our passports stamped, we called for a shuttle to take us directly to the housing office.

We acquired our room key and took the shuttle to Building 908, where at 1500 hours we checked into a nice apartment with two double beds. The kids took turns sleeping on the floor wrapped up in bed quilts.

Roger called the Hertz office located in the housing office and reserved a five-passenger sedan for the next day at €88 plus 19% tax and insurance. Afterwards, we walked a short distance to the Base Exchange food court and ate our first hot meal since Monday.

Thursday morning we were up at 0700 hours, ate in our room, and took

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- Complete listings for each of 226 Military RV Campgrounds.
- Important Contact Info for MWR/Outdoor Rec Locations.
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- Pet Policies & Restrictions Included.
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