Travel Planning Checklist

__ Buy an airplane ticket. A few things to keep in mind when booking your flight:

- If possible, book a flight that will enable you to arrive in Munich sometime on Saturday, May 31. Some possible travel itineraries are available here.
- For your return flight, you may depart out of either Munich or Nuremberg. Alternatively, you might choose to extend your travels and depart out of another European city of your choice.
- The last program will end on Friday evening, June 6. You will be asked to check out of the hotel before noon on June 7.
- If you need assistance in purchasing your flights, please do not hesitate to contact Alicia Ruiz at aruiz@law.siu.edu.

__ If you are departing from Munich, buy a train ticket for your departure from Nuremberg. At the conclusion of the program on June 7, you will need to travel by train to your departure airport or to your next destination. You may purchase your Deutsche Bahn train ticket online at http://www.bahn.com/i/view/USA/en/. For best rates, buy your ticket about 90 days prior to the travel date. If you like, you may wait and buy your departure train at a Deutsche Bahn office when you arrive. The cost will be higher at that time than if you purchase in advance of your trip, however.[1] If you need assistance in purchasing your train ticket for your departure out of Nuremberg, please do not hesitate to contact Alicia Ruiz at aruiz@law.siu.edu.

__ Check your passport expiration date. Make sure your passport is valid for at least 90 days following your return date (June 7 or later). You might not be permitted to enter Germany unless your passport is valid for at least 90 days after your scheduled return date.

__ We encourage you to pack light! We will be traveling by train and a large, heavy suitcase will make your trip less enjoyable. We suggest one reasonably sized suitcase with strong wheels (that won't break when being lugged up and down steps and on cobblestone sidewalks) and one other small bag or backpack that you can use on day trips. Note that weight restrictions for checked baggage vary. Be sure to familiarize yourself with the regulations with which you must comply. You can find additional packing advice on this website: http://www.ricksteves.com/plan/tips/packlist.htm.

__ We will provide additional information about the trip over the next few weeks and months.

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[1] Upon your arrival in Munich, you might want to take a train from the Munich Airport to the hotel in Munich. This is a local ticket which you may buy when you arrive at the airport. Don't worry about buying this train ticket in advance.