

Travel: Füssen

By Kristen Patterson

When in München and bored...

...actually München is fantastic but this is an ideal day trip if you have the time. If you don't have the time then seriously reconsider your existence on this planet and hop the train to Füssen. I didn't spend a ton of time there - I think I splurged and stayed all of two hours - but it's amazing what you can do in a short amount of time. It's just gorgeous, gorgeous, gorgeous and I'm insanely jealous of the people who get to live there. It's completely touristy but it's fun and the scenery would please anyone I'm sure, unless mountains and castles just aren't your scene. Actually, the mountains and castles are not really in Füssen, they're close by in the neighbouring town of Schwangau, but you can see them from quite a distance.

How to get to Füssen: Keep it easy and take the train from München or don't keep it easy and get there any other way. You can actually fly to Füssen if you want but I'm not sure about Contiki bus tours: they say that they go to Germany. Where in Germany, though, I have no idea. However, Füssen is at the end of the Romantic Road, a stretch of German countryside full of tourist traps. Europabus will get you there somehow, somehow. Travelcuts knows all. If you are cycling, then this is the moment you have been waiting for. If you are walking, then I think this is a point in the trip where you will be cursing your lack of motorized transportation. Not that you would walk to Füssen.

How to get around in Füssen: As soon as you step off the train, run to the station and grab as many bikes as you can, as quickly as possible. The alternative is death by footache. Walking around the town will not kill you but find-

ing your way to the castles will. Be sure to stop along the way to buy a Magnum ice cream bar - nothing compares. Magnums may very well become part of your permanent diet while in Europe, as might Evian. I didn't notice any public transportation and rented bikes are always in demand.

Where to stay: There is a youth hostel in Füssen, although I didn't have a chance to check it out. It's just up the road from the train station, about a fifteen to twenty minute walk. If you stay there, let me know what it's like.

Where to go: I must admit to missing most of the town. You're probably wondering why I'm even writing about this town due to my lack of experiences in it, but the short little trips that I took during my tour were just as meaningful as the more expansive ones and this town is worth seeing. Even if you just stroll along the sidewalks and stare in the windows of the candy shops, full of marzipan, the colours and smells will put you in a very pleasant mindset. There's the Monastery St. Mang, the Museum of Füssen, High Castle and the Picture-Gallery. The obvious destination is Schwangau, home of the royal castles Neuschwanstein and Hohenschwangau. Neuschwanstein is probably the most famous castle of all, nicknamed the "crazy castle" because of its owner and designer, "Mad King" Ludwig. The castle is the source of inspiration for Walt Disney, who modeled his own castle after it. Both castles are set high in the Alps, towering over the highway that you travel along, crying from exhaustion. At this point, ice cream becomes a form of medication.

Next week: Saltzburg, Austria.

Business society leading the way

By Scott Young,
President UPEI Business Society

The Business Society is rolling once again this year, and membership is at an all time high. The drive is approaching 200 members and the events have been plentiful so far. In case you noticed a bright yellow corvette parked out front of the Kelley building in early September it was part of our membership drive donated by Professor Ab Ferris and was won by third year business student Stephen Ramsay.

This year's executive includes: President: Scott Young, Vice-President: Pam Griffin, Treasurer: Elaine Fraser, Secretary: Jane Turner, 4th Year Director: Chris Irwin, 3rd Year Director: Jeff Smith, 2nd Year Director: Michelle Fillion, 1st Year Director: Jason Magennis. Moosehead is back as sponsor of the society and have been very generous.

The first event of the year was the annual Business Society Open Golf Tournament held at Clyde River. There was a very large turnout, with Chris Irwin firing a two under par 70 to capture the men's division while Adella Judson took the women's side. A party was held at the Haviland Club in Charlottetown that evening with entertainment provided. Special cameo appearances were made by the professional lounge singing duet of members Heather Burgess and Adam Driscoll.

The second event of the year was a day long softball tournament. The Trappers edged out Moosehead Green in the championship game 8-6. The day and the night activi-

ties were eventful and a great time was had by all those who remember. The first ever "Shark Shootout" pool tournament was held on October 3. Over twenty teams of two were entered at Dooly's. Scott Young and Richard Nicolle defeated Adam MacSwain and John Paquet to take the championship.

The partying took a break for the Thanksgiving weekend before returning with our world renowned Pub Crawl. Eight bars were hit with over 80 members of the society taking part. The event began at 4pm and ended sometime the next morning for those that survived. The team of Pam Griffin, Jane Turner, Buffy MacDougall and Elaine Fraser captured trivia hosted by Bernadette Lynch and Pete Richard.

Bowling was next on tap for the Business Society. The team of Octapush and Schquid captured first place with the Deep Sea Fishers second and Pam's Pinfallers third. Honourable mention goes out to Jonathan "Boss Hogg" Arnett, Jonathan "Rosco" Jay and Dale "Enis" Proude. Cory Gallant of the Fishers rolled a tournament high game of 332.

Planning is also underway for the 21st annual Business Society Luncheon for late January. This year's executive is expecting an even more successful luncheon than last year. The Business Society will also be attending conferences in Queens, Concordia and Wilfred Laurier in upcoming months.

It is still not too late to join the Business Society, cost is \$15 and you do not have to be in Business to join, simply stop by our office on the third floor of the Kelley Building. Upcoming events include: curling, trivia pubs, skiing, Pub Crawls II and III and our annual Christmas Party.

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