



Study-Tour

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US-Study-Tour to Silicon Valley (Wednesday, Sept. 12 – Sunday, Sept. 16, 2018) and Annual International Conference of Fellowship of Companies for Christ International (FCCI) in Rancho Mirage/California (Sunday, Sept. 16 – Thursday, Sept. 20, 2018)
(Arrival in Europe: Friday, Sept. 21, 2018)

A journey to God@Work-Companies who see themselves as a platform to proclaim the gospel



Dear friends,

Travel with us to the United States and experience CEOs who unashamedly embrace Christian values and lead their companies using scriptural principles. America, the largest economy in the world, gains a spiritual strength not just from its churches, but also from ethical companies run by dedicated Christian leaders. This dynamic has many names: God@Work, Kingdom Companies, or just BAM (Business as Mission).



The tour will finish with the participation in the “39th International Conference of Fellowship of Companies for Christ International” (FCCI) at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Rancho Mirage (near Palm Springs), California.

Welcome – I am looking forward meeting you.

Prof. Dr. Jörg Knoblauch

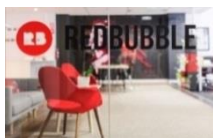
Our tour group will have participants from Europe, Asia, Africa and South America. You will benefit from new relationships made and the discussions among our international group.

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

The arrival to San Francisco is done individually. For the first night we booked a hotel at San Francisco Airport so that the hotel can be reached via free airport shuttle. As most flights from Europe arrive in the afternoon, we have planned an “unofficial get together” for the evening.

Thursday, September 13, 2018

It is not a classical sightseeing tour, but an introduction to the high-tech city San Francisco. Our tour guide is a german business man, who has been living and working in the Silicon Valley for the last six years. Besides others, there are the following two companies on our agenda:



RedBubble – High quality San Francisco inspired T-Shirts, Posters, Mugs and more by independent artists and designers from around the world.

August – Secure, keyless access that lets you control and monitor your door, all from your phone.



FiveStars Victor Ho’s start up makes it easier for consumers to use their various loyalty cards. This San Francisco-based rewards and marketing program is used by over 12.000 local businesses and 30 million consumers across the US and Canada. FiveStars is a company which lives Christian principles.

Whether for the first time in San Francisco or the repeated time: this afternoon we make the obligatory city tour in San Francisco by bus, including Golden Gate Bridge. Later we are enjoying the “San Francisco Bay Sunset Cruise” including dinner.

Starting from tonight we are in the “valley”. There are the companies, which have become too big for San Francisco. Companies such as Google, Facebook, Cisco, Ebay and Tesla have their headquarters here. At the end of this day we will stay at the “Maple Tree” in Sunnyvale.

Friday, September 14, 2018

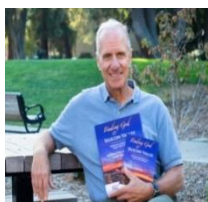
“Plug and Play” is a typical Silicon Valley company. It brings together forward thinking, digitally oriented companies. We are joining a Pitch Session where the founders of startups are looking for capital. Here you can experience the spirit of the Silicon Valley. About 90 Billion Dollar are spend every year for startups in the Silicon Valley.



Legacy Venture in Palo Alto is a Christian based Venture Capital Company, investing millions in startup companies, many of which have been very successful. It is one of the very large in their area. The managing director Russ Hall welcomes us as a group with Christian business people from all around the world.



Man Crates in San Mateo has found their niche in selling awesome gifts guys love, gifts that reek of excitement and bring people together. They have more than 80 different gifts in their program and are very successful.



Skip Vaccarello an insider in Silicon Valley who advises a wide range of Silicon Valley companies will give a presentation. He is the author of the book “Finding God in Silicon Valley – Spiritual Journeys in the High-Tech World”. He is the initiator and organizer of the prayer breakfast for the valley. 100 Christian entrepreneurs participate in this regular event. He reports this evening of fast-growing and successful companies founded by Christian entrepreneurs.

Saturday, September 15, 2018

Sightseeing tour through the Silicon Valley



Googleplex
(the headquarter of Google in Mountain View)



Apple Park –
the recently opened Visitor Center in Cupertino



HP-Garage –
birthplace of the Silicon Valley. The garage in which the famous computer company Hewlett & Packard was founded

Computer History Museum – established in 1996 in Mountain View. The museum is dedicated to preserving and presenting the stories and artifacts of the information age, and exploring the computing revolution and its impact on society. It is one of the most important attractions in the Valley.



Late afternoon, we go to the service of the influential “Venture Church”, where well-known leader and frequent author Chip Ingram is the pastor. Many of the CEOs of Kingdom Companies in the valley are members of this church.

The day concludes with a joint dinner and evaluation meeting.

Sunday, September 16, 2018

10:40 am flight from San Francisco to Palm Springs with UA 1424
12:04 pm arrival in Palm Springs

In the evening, the 39th Conference of Fellowship of Companies for Christ International will take place at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Rancho Mirage (near Palm Springs), California with a large number of influential speakers.



FCCI Business Conference

(Sunday, Sept. 16 - Thursday, Sept. 20, 2018)

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Together with about 600 Christian business owners and managers, we will experience awesome keynote speakers, workshops and discussions about how biblical principles influence our daily business. fcci.org/conferences

Keynote speakers are:

Eric Wesley

Maj Gen, Commander,
Ctr for Maneuver
Excellence



John O'Leary

Inspirational Speaker &
Author



Steve Cockram

Founder, GiANT
Worldwide Speaker,
Trainer & Author



Thursday, September 20

The conference will be concluded during the morning. This is the day of departure. Flight to Europe (arrival Friday, Sept. 21)

Join us on an exciting journey!



Prof. Dr. Jörg Knoblauch
CEO (tempus)
Speaker, author. International board member of FCCI, married, Germany.



Pat McGrath
Latin America Director FCCI
Responsible for the Spanish-speaking region of FCCI. Born and raised in Mexico City.



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Organisation

Total cost

For participants exclusively taking the tour to San Francisco and Silicon Valley the price is \$ 1.890. 2.790 Euro for Europeans including FCCI conference. (Flights are at your own expense: Flight into San Francisco, from San Francisco into Palm Springs and back to Europe/Germany. We are happy to help you booking flights.)

Transport and Accommodation

Accommodation is in excellent hotels (single rooms do cost extra). Including all transfers in an airconditioned deluxe motor coach, all entrance fees. Meals are included (some exceptions). Experienced tour guides.

Number of people

We expect 40 people from around the world in our group.

Registration

Please register through the enclosed form.

For more information

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Cancellation

Until 6 weeks before the trip starts the cancellation fee is 400 Euro per person. If cancellation comes at a later point you will be charged the full price.

Insurance

It is up to you to arrange insurance covering costs in case you do not start the tour. Similarly you may arrange a health insurance and insurance against loss of luggage.

Passports

Valid, machine-readable passport. The passport must still be valid for at least 6 months from the date of entry into the US. Please check the visa conditions of your nationality.

Bank details

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Traveling preparations

The book „Kingdom Companies“ (available in English and German at: Traudel Knoblauch, PO Box 14 20, D-89529 Giengen, E-Mail: T.Knoblauch@tempus.de) tells the story of 24 companies and how they use their company as a platform for the Gospel. These are the type of companies we will visit.