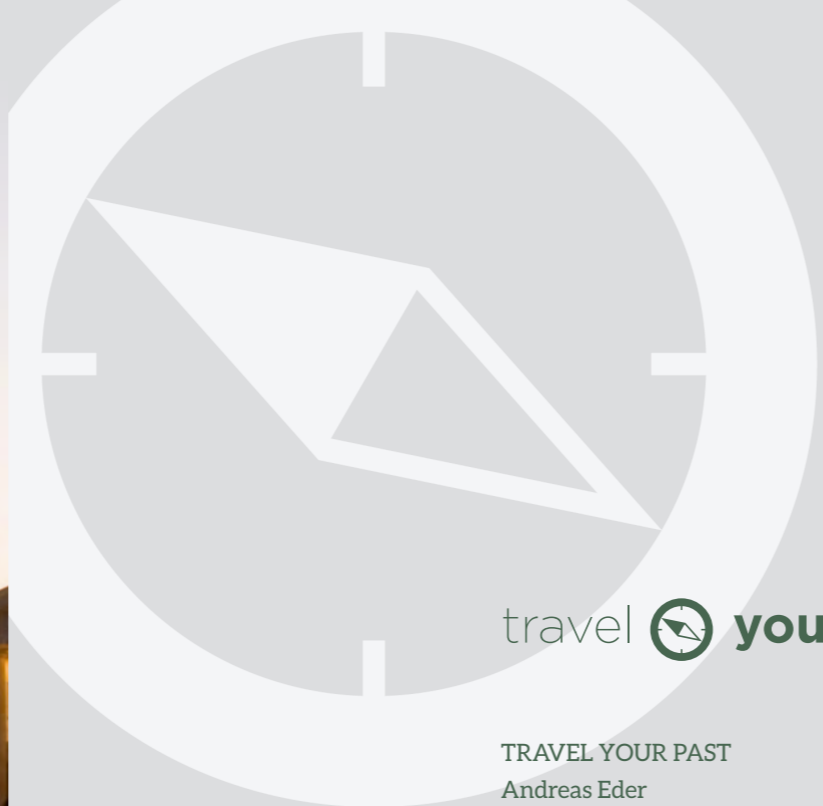


*“ We always knew our father’s parents were from Germany but to walk the streets they and their parents walked, to sit in the pew in which they worshipped, to find in a museum the exact pieces we inherited from our grandmother – it was magical! Andreas made our history come alive for us, and filled in so many gaps in our understanding of our ancestors. Truly a trip of a lifetime ...”*

The Gebuhr family, USA and Canada



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# Family History Expedition to Germany

Investigated, encountered and documented



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## When the Past Meets the Present

Encounter your family history in real life

Old family photos, grandmother's heirlooms, an anecdote about the great-great-uncle—often old remnants from the past arouse interest to learn more about the family's history and German ancestors. Conversations with your relatives bring up long forgotten memories and reveal unforeseen relationships. The internet supports your genealogical research and the virtual travel through time awakens the desire to explore the old homeland.

In search of your roots, you will discover many small facts which bring your forefathers' existence to life, but the momentous events which shook the world will also find their way into your personal family history. It is about understanding and getting a sense of your origin—after all, knowing your roots is also important for your own self. This feeling intensifies in a special way if you are fortunate to experience it on-site, in the native country of your ancestors—on a trip to Germany. Reconnect with your family history in real life. It is magical!

## A Journey into Family History

Truly a trip of a lifetime

Typically, a journey into the history of a family consists of three phases: investigate, experience, preserve. Before the trip, we verify and amend your family history based on available documents and prepare an itinerary which covers places of special significance for your ancestors and in German history.

During the trip, you are accompanied by your personal tour guide who presents essential information regarding your family history tied in with the social and political circumstances of the time. The experience is enhanced by visiting relevant museums, archives, and monuments. On your journey into the past you will also enjoy the amenities of exclusive travel arrangements and distinctive features typical of a particular region. You experience a unique combination of culture and scenery, of past and present, of country and family.

After the trip, you receive a written documentation with your photos and copies of historical documents and pictures.

## A Journey to Myself

Andreas Eder on a personal note

In 2006, in addition to working as a self-employed consultant I began researching the history of my family. In the process, I came upon a great-great-uncle of mine who had emigrated to America at the beginning of the 20th century. As a result of successfully interacting with archives and other institutions, I eventually succeeded in locating his descendants.

In conversations with my American relatives, I realized how quickly the knowledge of one's own origin is lost, in particular if information and contacts back to the "old world" are lacking. A two-week tour of Germany which I had drafted for my American family following in the tracks of our ancestors turned into an emotional and unforgettable experience for all of us. In the process, the notion to accompany other people when coming face-to-face with their ancestry solidified.

It would be an honor and a privilege to do the same for you.

Yours,

