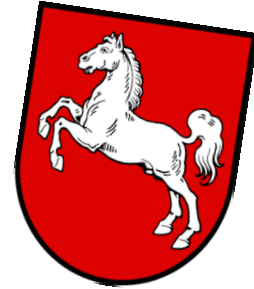




Niedersachsen



Hi colleagues,

our hosts Uwe and Erika Henrich have now firmed up the program for the 16th AFE-ADB Reunion of the EC Chapter. It will take place in Goslar from **Thursday 12 to Sunday 15 September 2013**. Visiting Goslar, you will be practically in the geographical center of Germany: if you draw a line on the map of Germany from the most north-western tip of the island of Sylt on the Danish border to the Austrian border near Salzburg in the south-east and another line from the island of Usedom in the north-east on the Polish border to Lörrach in the south-western corner of Germany, the lines roughly cross in Goslar.

The theme of our Reunion will therefore be

„History and Nature in the Heart of Germany“



The former imperial town has an over 1,000-year history; after findings of vast silver deposits, the Saxon and Salic emperors established here their largest palatinate in the 11th century. For centuries, Goslar was a center of Christianity and was referred to as "the Rome of the North" with its then 47 churches, chapels, and monasteries. Goslar is the site of three UNESCO World Heritages (the old town of Goslar with its 900 timber framed houses more than 400 year old, the 1,000 years-old mines of Rammelsberg, and the Upper Harz Water Regale which supported the mining activities at Rammelsberg). The ancestral home of the industrial pioneers Siemens is also in Goslar.

Goslar nestles at the foothills of the scenic Harz Mountains, through which the iron curtain ran, which separated East- and West-Germany until Reunification in 1989. The "Brocken" is the highest mountain (1,141m) of the Harz and in the whole of the northern part of Germany.

The hotel we selected for our Reunion (Hotels am Kranichsee; Haus Diana), is located in the Harz mountains, in the resort area (Kurort) of Hahnenklee, 400m above Goslar, but still within the citylimits and only 20 minutes by citybus away from the train station and inviting for nice walks in forest and clean air.

As tour assistant, we have found the very pleasant and knowledgeable Mrs. Holly Pankow, an American lady, who for many years now lived in one of the oldest houses of Goslar, which itself is almost a museum. She will be with us throughout the tours.

The hotel is rather occupied starting Sunday 15 Sept and this is the reason we have to advance our traditional Reunion-starting-day to Thursday, but an extension for some of us, if desired

would still be possible. Another deviation from tradition would be, that we will hold our "Business Meeting" and get it right out of our minds on the first evening.

The arrangements with the Hotel are such, that you will have to make your own reservations by email, telephone, or fax under the booking code **AFE-ADB** (contact hotel through www.kranichsee.de). We negotiated a special half-pension rate per person and night at €58.- for a double room and €72.- for a single room. The fee includes useage of all their wellness facilities, free parking, breakfast and one buffet-meal (lunch or dinner) in accordance with our program. A so-called resort-tax (Kurtaxe) of €2.30 per person per day will have to be added. Cancellations are free until six weeks before scheduled arrival and then increasing to 80% within one week of arrival. You are also requested to make your bookings before 30 May, the hotel can only guarantee our contingent until then.

Aside from these arrangements our **Program** is suggested as follows:

Thursday 12 September 2013:

until 16:00 latest Arrival at "Hotels am Kranichsee" (Diana) Goslar-Hahnenklee

[as a pre-cursor program you can discover the surrounding area by taking a cable-cabin ride for coffe & cake on top of the Bocksberg (www.erlebnisbocksberg.de), take a ride on the northern Europe's "largest" summer-bobsled course; visit the Stabkirche (www.stabkirche.de) one of the rare wooden churches south of Norway]

17:30 - 18:30 Initial meeting of group at Hotel lobby and welcom drinks at the bar

18:30 Buffet dinner at hotel

19:30 - 20:30 10 min. walk to Stabskirche for concert (for those not attending Business Meeting)

20:00 Uhr „Chapter-Business Meeting“ (Hotel conference room)



Stabkirche in Hahnenklee

Friday, 13. September

from 7:30 Breakfast in separated room reserved for AFE

09:00 Departure by rented bus for Goslar

09:20 - 12:30 Guided Tour of medieval Goslar (Imperial Palace; City, Ancestral home of the Siemens-Family; Chamber of Homage; Glockenspiel at Rathaus)

12:30 - 14:45 on your own in the town center for shopping & lunch

14:45 - 16:15 Meeting of Group at fountain on city market place and continuation of tour by bus to visit the City Archives (these archives hold original documents of Emperor Otto (1137), Emperor Friedrich "Barbarossa" and a Papal document dating back to the 11th century)

16:15 - 17:30 Return to the Hotel with 20 min Coffebreak at *Malterturm* with viewpoint over Goslar

17:30 - 19:30 Rest & Recuperation for Gala Dinner

19:30 - 22:00 Departure by bus for Gala Dinner at antik "Brusttuch"-Restaurant, one of oldest (1527) timber framed medieval houses in Goslar (www.brusttuch.de) (Brusttuch = Bra-ssiere(?!))



Goslar Old Town

Saturday, 14. September

from 7:30 Breakfast

09:00 - 10:00 Departure by bus for Werningerode, a town similar to Goslar but with the famous Werningerode Castle (www.schloss-wernigerode.de)

10:00 - 13:00 Visit of Wernigerode Castle: by tourist tram & walk (20 & 10 mins) upto the "Neuschwanstein"-like castle; castle tour with audio guide(abt. 1.5 hrs); lunch snack on your own; return to town to the fountain (abt. 30 mins) as meeting place and walk to bus

13:30 - 14:00 Departure by bus to "Drei Annen Hohne"-Station to catch train

14:15 - 15:30 Travel by historic narrow-gauge steam-powered Harzbahn to top of the "Brocken" (1.141m) (www.hsb-wr.de)



Schloß Werningerode



15:30 - 16:15 Inspecting the former most forward "hearing post" of the GDR-time
16:22 - 17:14 Return trip by same train
17:15 - 18:30 Returntrip by bus to hotel, enroute visit of the former East-West border facilities

19:30 - 20:30 Buffet Dinner at hotel

20:30 10 mins walk to cosy little tavern of the "Friends of Paul Lincke e.V." for sundowner drinks (after sundown) drinks (<http://paul-lincke.de/>)

(this club is to harness remembrance of the famous German composer Paul Lincke, who lived and died in Hahnenklee, and bi-annually awards of the "Paul Lincke Ring" to distinguished German artists of popular music, amongst which were, Udo Jürgens, Freddy Quinn; Udo Lindenberg and lastly Silbermond; our host Uwe Henrich is chairman of this circle of friends)

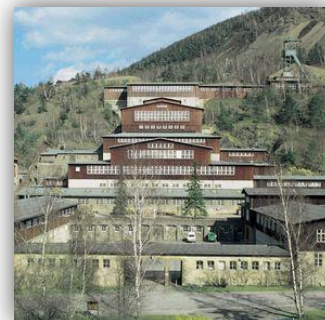


Sunday 15 September 2013

from 7:30 Breakfast

09:00 - 11:30 By bus for guided underground tour of (UNESCO World Heritage) 1,000 years-old Rammelsberger Ore Mines (www.rammelsberg.de)

around 12:00 Return to hotel for farewell buffet- lunch



Pls. note:

1. **Best airports to fly in from overseas:** Frankfurt, Hannover, Leipzig.

There are frequent train connections to Goslar from any of the airports (from/time to Goslar/No. of train-changes/cost of one-way ticket): Frankfurt/4hrs/1 /€87; Hannover/2hrs/1 /€20.40; Leipzig/3hrs/2/€64; the prices quoted are regular non-discounted prices, which may be available. Upon arrival at Goslar trainstation, there is an hourly regular public bus to Hahnenklee (Line 830) at €4 per person, bus station is practically in front of hotel; taxi would be around €25.

2. You are kindly requested to fill the attached **Response Sheet** and return the same by email or fax to ghecker1@t-online.de with cc to uwehenrich@aol.com and transfer the amounts to the account that is indicated below. (For guidance: The second worksheet of the Excel-Response Sheet gives an example on how to fill the bookings; you only have to make the entries in the yellow fields, the rest should calculate itself). Please make bookings according to the activity-blocks (Block 0 to Block IV); i.e. you can delete any of the Blocks, but not components of the various Blocks.

3. **Please also bear with us, when we ask to book & pay early as we will have to make downpayments.**

4. It is recommended that all of us will stay at the same hotel.

5. Changes in the program may become necessary depending on weather and other unexpected occurrences.

Uwe and Erika are looking forward seeing you all in their beautiful homeland !!!

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