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FLY-IN 19. – 22. MAI 2022 ALLGÄU AIRPORT MEMMINGEN EDJA / FÜSSEN

We made it!

... we fly to the Allgäu

"Allgäu"? - *pronounced* 'algɔɪ : <u>https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/8/83/De-Allg%C3%A4u.ogg</u>-IFFR meetings provide an opportunity to learn something about less well-known landscapes. Although the word Allgäu in its original root includes the term "alp", i.e. alpine pastures, mountain meadows, it rather refers to the foothills of the Alps in Bavarian Swabia and partly in Baden-Württemberg, hilly pastureland formed by the moraines of ice-age rivers, today the Iller and Lech, two large tributaries of the Danube. Geographically, the Allgäu is not clearly defined; Memmingen - and the airport, formerly an air base - might just want to count themselves as part of the Allgäu for tourist reasons

In any case, on **Thursday**, **19 May**, those flying in will meet from early afternoon in the "Air Lounge" just outside the general aviation area on the south side of the airfield for a welcome with "Bavarian snacks". Some advice for the arrival by air are summarised on the aircraft registration page. At **4 p.m.** we will leave together by bus to Füssen



With a bit of luck regarding the weather we will have a view to the south at the "Allgäuer Tor" (gate to the Allgäu) - the sun will stand higher, though.

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The Luitpoldpark-Hotel will be our accomodation throughout our stay.



The hotel is right on the edge of the old town with a pedestrian zone and nice shops.



Please do not get lost – from 7 p.m. we meet at the hotel for a welcome drink and a Bavarian "Vesper" buffet.

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We start Friday, 20 May, after breakfast at 10 a.m. with a guided tour of the town.



Three guides will pick us up directly at the hotel. One of the tours will be in English; please note this on the registration form. Afterwards, a visit to the town museum is optional on an individual basis

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The early afternoon is at leisure, for a longer walk to the Lech Falls, for a shopping tour or for a lunch.

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At **4.45 p.m.** the bus will pick us up for what is actually a short walk to the "Festspielhaus Neuschwanstein" (festival theatre) on the shore of the Forggensee



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Here we experience the first highlight of our journey: The new musical "Zeppelin".



Song and sound accompany the life of Count Zeppelin with his unshakeable belief in this new possibility of travelling across continents until the dramatic end of the [airship construction company Zeppelin] "Luftschiffbau Zeppelin" LZ129 in Lakehurst.

At **5.30 p.m.** the restaurant will open for a seasonal asparagus dinner together.

Before that, we have to pass a ticket and corona check point and it may be time for an optional aperitif.

Drinks and snacks for the break, if desired, may - and should - be ordered at the bar, which will then be available on personalised bistro tables. Due to local conditions, all drinks except water on the dinner tables are to be paid for directly in person. At the **"first gong"** we will move to the right-hand box one floor up, which is completely reserved for us, to enjoy the performance from **7.30 p.m**. Return by bus at around **10.30 p.m**.

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This was a premiere -

We are not expecting such a crowd in these Corona times.

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On Saturday, 21 May we will visit two important landmarks:



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Afterwards we will continue to Hohenschwangau to visit Neuschwanstein. This palace was erected late in the 19th century by the Bavarian King Ludwig II as an idealised image of a knight's castle from the Middle Ages. As no group tours could be booked until the end of the planning period for our visit, even after delaying for this purpose, we bought individual tickets for small groups in order to guarantee our tour times. These tickets are grouped for tours by 10, in German and in English. There is one time slot for French by audio guides. The individual tickets will be allocated as soon as registrations are received; please be sure to indicate your preferred language!

Access to the castle is possible only walking on foot. Wheelchair tours, normally offered, currently are not available due to renovation work. In consequence, at the moment barrier-free access is not possible at all.



At **10 a.m.** we will go by bus to the "Wieskirche", more precisely to the "Wallfahrtskirche zum Gegeißelten Heiland" (Pilgrimage Church of the Flagellated Saviour) on the Wies – free standing next to the hamlet of Wies - dating from the 18th century, UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1983. Before we arrive, a mass is read, which we do not want to disturb.

From **10.45** a.m. we may take a seat on the front benches. There we receive explanations in German with appropriate pauses to allow us to translate into English.



So, we will walk from the bus parking for about 30 minutes on a beautiful, asphalted footpath up to the "Schlossrestaurant", located shortly before the actual castle entrance.

On an individual basis, a horse-drawn carriage ride is available for the uphill walk. However, reservations are not possible at all; in our season, though, the waiting times should be bearable.

We have booked an adjoining room in the "Schlossrestaurant", from where the individual groups of 10 start off for the actual guided tour.

For the waiting time, a three-course menu is ordered; the choice of main course and dessert need to be provided and indicated already on the registration form.



At the end of the last tour at around 3.30 p.m., everyone should be on their way back to the bus so that we can return to the hotel at **4 p.m.**

You may wish to note that the members of the German-Austrian Section will meet for their general meeting by 6 p.m.

An aperitif at **7 p.m.** heralds the farewell evening with our gala dinner – "smart casual – no tie required".

Standard drinks - water, beer and wine, white, rosé or red, are included with the dinner.

On **Sunday**, **22 May**, **9.30 a.m**., the bus will return to Memmingen EDJA. An aviation security check is required and will be conducted in a barrack leading to Gate 3.

Some organisational guidance:

Unfortunately, at least so far, the CoViD-19 pandemic has not eased as we probably all had hoped, rather the opposite. Even the relaxations in the just passed new version of the German Infection Protection Act do not make planning any easier, as short-term, regional tightenings for "hot spots" are explicitly provided for.

In many areas, FFP2 masks are still mandatory.

In addition, some organisers continue to apply the "2-G" rule, so that proof of vaccination or convalescent status (in German: "geimpft" / "genesen", hence "2-G") must be provided.

No one can predict what the situation will be like at the end of May.

In the interest of stable planning and also for mutual protection, participation in the meeting generally requires a valid vaccination or convalescent status as defined by the EU CoViD certificate. An FFP2 mask should always be at hand.

Registration and bookings

In order to **register** for the fly-in, we kindly ask you to send us your registration form and to pay the following

programme fee of € 320.- per person

to the account of "IFFR Sektion Deutschland/Österreich e.V." at VR Bank Flensburg-Schleswig

IBAN: DE67 2166 1719 0004 3871 55 BIC (SWIFT): GENODEF1RSL

Reference: Fly-In Allgäu EDJA – Füssen

For transfers from outside the Euro / SEPA area, you may consider using services such as wise.com (formerly TransferWise) to ensure that the full amount reaches us.

As usual, **room reservations** will be made separately and individually. We have reserved a room contingent from 19 bis 22 May at the

Luitpoldpark-Hotel

Bahnhofstraße 1-3 87629 Füssen im Allgäu

at a rate of 133 € per room and night including breakfast and WLAN (118 € for single use).

All reservations should preferably be made by

email to <u>gruppen-reservierung@luitpoldpark-hotel.de</u> under reference **"IFFR Zeppelin**"; availability of the hotel reception by phone +49 8362 9040 or of the group reservation by phone +49 8362 904-102 is not always ensured.

Early booking helps us to allocate the numbered event tickets.

Also: The hotel is fully booked outside our room contingent for the weekend.

Our contingent expires on 21 April, after which the free cancellation period also ends. For individual cases, a cancellation goodwill rule could be agreed for a further 14 days.

The Restaurant at the "Festspielhaus" and the "Schlossrestaurant Neuschwanstein" kindly ask to provide in advance the **choice of meal**; corresponding fields are on the registration form.

3-COURSE EVENING MENU FESTSPIELHAUS - FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2022

Choice of main course:

White asparagus spears from Schrobenhausen, potatoes and truffle hollandaise, with choice of

- "Kratzete" – a Baden speciality to accompany the asparagus, torn ("scratched") pancakes, or - Pork fillet from the Allgäu straw pig

Please select "Vegi" oder "Meat" when registering

3-COURSE LUNCH AT THE SCHLOSSRESTAURANT NEUSCHWANSTEIN – SATURDAY, MAY 21 Choice of main course:

- Allgäu "Farmer's Plate" with grilled and "Debrezin" type sausage, and roast pork on sauerkraut,

- Fish in batter with rice, or
- Spaghetti Pomodoro

Please select your choice "Meat" – "Fish" – "Vegi" when registering

Choice of dessert: Bavarian "Bayrisch" Creme or Apple Strudel

- please select when registering; home made apple strudel needs preparation

GALA DINNER LUITPOLDPARK-HOTEL - SATURDAY, MAY 21

The hotel asks that you choose the main course on the first evening on arrival.