

## **Excursions 2019**

#### adidas und Puma Outlets

Adidas and Puma are well-known worldwide, and their home is Franconia. Both companies have been founded in the near of Erlangen. We are going to visit the two big outlets today. The offer ranges from athletic up to fashionable clothes, mostly at a good price!

Beside the both famous adidas and Puma we can also visit outlets from the brands s.Oliver as well as Nike.

Saturday, 26. January



#### February

### Levi Strauss museum and brewery/restaurant Löwenbräu in Buttenheim

Jeans – an American success story? Are you sure? That is only partly true. The fact is that Levis Straus was born in the near of Bamberg, in a small village called Buttenheim. Today a modern jeans museum is located in his birthplace in Buttenheim. Come and join us as we explore Buttenheim and the museum. We start the day with lunch at the brewery and restaurant Löwenbräu in Buttenheim, which already exists since 1880! After eating, we start our journey around the history of the "Jeans".

Saturday, 16. February



#### Guided tour through Bayreuth

Walking through the beautiful and historical city center of Bayreuth, a city guide shows us the main attractions. We learn everything about the famous "Richard-Wagner-City" and the annual Bayreuth Festivals. Another highlight of the city is the Margrave Opera House, which is UNESCO World Heritage since 2012. If we still have time, we can take a little walk in the Ecological-Botanical Garden, where we can enjoy and admire the green variety. Before we return home, a delicious dinner will complete our beautiful and unforgettable day.

Saturday, 02. March









# Day trip to Rothenburg ob der Tauber

Rothenburg ob der Tauber - purely romantic! There is hardly any other city with so much "living history" as Rothenburg. We will walk on the imposing town walls, explore the old, narrow streets and the castle gardens. A highlight of the city is the Holy Blood Altar from Tilman Riemenschneider (a famous German sculptor and woodcarver), which is displayed in the St. Jakobs Church. We will have a lot of tie to stop and admire all of the little details of this unique and beautiful city. We can also taste the famous Rothenburg snowballs. These unusually shaped regional specialties are made according to a centuries-old recipe. These are only a few of the many attractions in Rothenburg. We are going to spend a beautiful day together.

Saturday, 13. April

## Blue Night in Nuremberg -Long Night of Art and Culture

The Old Town in Nuremberg will be steeped in blue light, including street lanterns, shop windows, and all participating institutions. While "Blue" provides an external bracket, there is also a theme bracketing the content: in 2019 the theme will be Heaven and Hell.

The atmosphere in the city is really special and we will see the process as the city turns from light into "blueness".

We combine two things: first shopping and afterwards the Art and Cultural Festival.

Saturday, 04. May



## Bicycle tour around Bamberg

We will explore the surroundings of Bamberg by bike. Our tour will take us through numerous small villages, passing fields and meadows and lead us along the river Pegnitz.

We will cycle to a well-known café where we can eat the most delicious cakes and pies. We can also to pick strawberries in a big field. Maybe we can make strawberry jam together? After the coffee break, we will cycle further through more beautiful and picturesque villages and landscapes to reach one of the most beautiful beer gardens in Bamberg.

Saturday, 15. June





### Bamberg zaubert -Magic Weekend

During the summer holidays at Hogwarts, magicians from Hogwarts come to Bamberg. Every year during the third weekend in July, they get together with local residents and tourists from all over the world to celebrate a weekend of magic: "Bamberg zaubert".

Wizards, jugglers, clowns, acrobats, various street artists and performers on stilts, mimes, music bands, fire dancers and comedians will entertain you from midday to midnight and take you to a world of adventure and colorful surprises!

Together we will visit this beautiful and magical street life festival and enjoy the various performances.

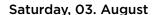
Saturday, 21. July



August

#### Day Trip to Berlin

We will explore the capital city of Germany – Berlin! Together we will visit the highlights of the city, take a look at the Berlin Wall and the Brandenburg Gate. We offer an exclusive guided city tour through Berlin. Maybe you will want to spend the whole weekend there? If you want to spend the whole weekend there, it is possible to arrive on Friday evening and stay until Sunday. In this case, we will meet you on Saturday and spent the day together and explore the city. We will help you to organize and arrange a train ticket as well as accommodations in Berlin.





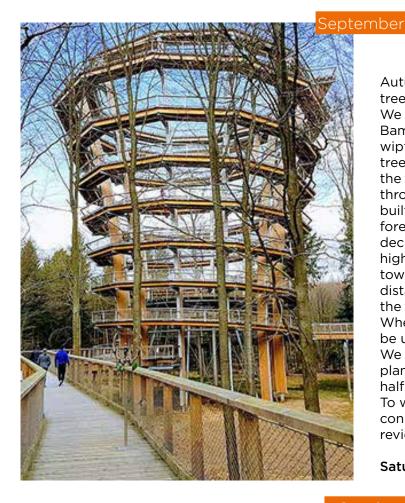
#### Hiking in the Franconian Switzerland

We will hike through the beautiful Franconian Switzerland, which is a region near Bamberg. This area is, among other things, well-known among climbers from all over the world. We will enjoy the peaceful and beautiful nature with its small rivers and green fields. We will hike around a town called Pottenstein. We will visit a cave and a summer toboggan run. Anywhere along the way, we can stop to enjoy the gorgeous landscape. After our invigorating hike, we will visit a typical Franconian beer garden where we can have tasty snacks and beer.









# Above the treetops of the Steigerwald

Autumn is a fascinating time. The leaves of the trees turn yellow and look absolutely fantastic. We will visit the Steigerwald, an area close to Bamberg, with the famous treetop path (Baumwipfelpfad). We are going to walk above the treetops. High up, the path leads us through the forest on boardwalks of different heights through the forest. 1,150 meters long and mainly built out of wood, the path winds through the forests of the Ebrach Forest, which are rich in deciduous hardwood. The highlight and distinct highest point at 42 meters is the cup-shaped tower which opens outwards. The view into the distance is impressive with a vastness beyond the Steigerwald that never seems to end. Wheelchairs, strollers and walking frames can be used on this sturdy construction. We will gather a lot of information about all the plants and animals living in the forest, spending half a day in nature and fresh air. To wrap up the day, we will visit a typical Franconian restaurant, have dinner together and review the day.

#### Saturday, 15. September

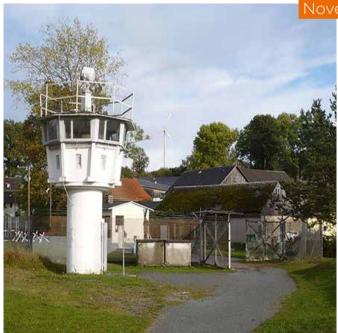
# Day trip to Munich and visit of the Munich Beer Festival (Oktoberfest)

We will visit the capital of Bavaria, Munich, and spend a beautiful day there. We will show you the city and the highlights of Munich, listen to the Rathaus - Glockenspiel at the New Town Hall, visit the Frauenkirche (a famous church in the city centre) and walk along the Viktualienmarkt (a daily and very popular food market in the city centre). Maybe we will have time for a typical Bavarian lunch at the well-known Hofbräuhaus Munich. After that you will have some free time and can visit the famous Munich Beer Festival (Oktoberfest). Many people wear the famous Bavarian costumes - Dirndl and Lederhose. In case you are hungry, you can get Pretzels and other culinary specialties from one of the many food stands.

Saturday, 05. October







## November Little Berlin - Museum Mödlareuth

We will visit the village Mödlareuth, which was for a long time partly in Bavaria and partly in Thuringia. This is a piece of real German history. Between 1949 and 1990, the northern part was in East Germany and the southern part in West Germany. It was called "Little Berlin" by the Americans because a wall divided it until 1989, like the Berlin Wall divided Berlin. Because of the wall, "Little Berlin" became a symbol of separation and reunification between the West and East.

Today the Museum Mödlareuth shows the history of the village and gives information about the political system at that time. The museum includes a portion of the original wall as well as a rebuilt barrier typical of those on the border at the time.

Saturday, 09. November

# Day trip to Regensburg and visit of a Christmas Market

We will visit the lovely town of Regensburg and show you the most beautiful places and attractions. We will walk through the city and explore all of the beautiful streets and highlights.

Additionally, we can also visit a beautiful romantic Christmas market. The market is located in the castle of the family of Thurn and Taxis (the princely house of Thurn and Taxis is a family of German nobility). It is a fascinating market with exceptional, handmade and unique souvenirs. We will drink a cup of Glühwein or Feuerzangenbowle (burnt punch) to warm up before we return home.

Saturday, 14. December

