

travel*tips*

GNTB international press service for Destination Germany

14/2011 8 August

Contents

Page 2

■ **Health & Wellness in 2011: Healing therapies underground**

Page 3

■ **125 years of the automobile: Scenic routes in Germany**

Page 4

■ **200th anniversary of the birth of Franz Liszt: Theatre and music**

Page 5

■ **UNESCO World Heritage in Germany**

Page 6

■ **News and dates**

UNESCO World Heritage in Germany

Germany is rich in legacies to the history of mankind and nature. Thirty-six of them are now included on the UNESCO World Heritage list. In June, four new sites of natural and cultural interest were awarded this prestigious distinction: Germany's ancient beech forests, the Fagus Factory in Alfeld, the prehistoric pile dwellings in the Alps and the Hamburg Wadden Sea. Like the other World Heritage sites, they are placed under the special protection of the international convention for mankind's cultural and natural heritage.

A total of five beech forests in Germany now have World Heritage status: Grumsin Forest in Brandenburg, Kellerwald-Edersee National Park in Hessen, Jasmund National Park and the Serrahn beech forest in Müritzer National Park in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, and Hainich National Park in Thuringia. They are among the largest remaining expanses of beech woodland in Germany. www.unesco.de/buchenwaelder.html

The Fagus Factory complex in Alfeld, Lower Saxony is regarded as the first example of modern industrial architecture. It was the first major building by architect Walter Gropius, who defined a new style with this work. The three-storey factory in glass and steel with its wrap-around corner windows free of supports became a hallmark of the Neues Bauen architectural movement. www.unesco.de/fagus-werk.html

UNESCO has also awarded World Heritage status to 'Prehistoric pile dwellings around the Alps', which comprise the remains of 111 stilt houses or pile dwellings in six countries in the Alpine regions. Eighteen of these early settlements are located in Baden-Württemberg and Bavaria in Germany. They bear testament to the first farming communities and offer an insight into their everyday life, agriculture and livestock breeding, as well as a number of technical innovations. www.unesco.de/pfahlbauten.html

Because of the great diversity of plant and animal life at the Hamburg Wadden Sea National Park, it too has also been inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage list as part of the existing Wadden Sea entry. This conservation area spanning around 137 square kilometres at the mouth of the Elbe near Cuxhaven encompasses the North Sea islands of Neuwerk, Nigehörn and Scharnhörn. www.unesco.de/welterbe-wattenmeer.html

Every year on the second Sunday in September, historical buildings and places of interest all over Germany, which are usually closed or rarely accessible, open their doors to the public. Heritage Day on 11 September brings the past to life and gives anyone with an interest in history and architecture the chance to take a journey back in time. This year's theme is 'Romanticism, realism, revolution – the 19th century'. <http://tag-des-offenen-denkmals.de>

Health & Wellness in 2011: Healing therapies underground

Radon therapy in Bad Kreuznach

The state-approved mineral spa of Bad Kreuznach in Rhineland-Palatinate is one of the prettiest health resorts in Germany. Visitors to the town benefit most of all from the healing properties of radon, which occurs naturally in only a few places in the world. More than a century ago, the first ever therapeutic radon gallery was created in Bad Kreuznach. This noble gas is used by doctors to relieve rheumatism and inflammation. Treatments are carried out in the radon gallery, a disused mercury mine, in which patients inhale the warm, dry, almost dust-free air for about an hour. Outdoors, they enjoy the benefits of outstanding natural beauty. Bad Kreuznach lies on the river Nahe and is surrounded by inviting river scenery and forests, which are criss-crossed by numerous walking trails. The spa resort itself offers an abundance of leisure attractions, museums and historical places of interest.

Information

Gesundheit und Tourismus
für Bad Kreuznach GmbH
Kurhausstrasse 22-24
55543 Bad Kreuznach
Tel.: +49 (0)671 836 0050/0051
Email: info@bad-kreuznach-tourist.de
www.bad-kreuznach-tourist.de

Pure air deep underground in Aalen

Aalen in Baden-Württemberg is the gateway to the Swabian Alb and is only an hour from Stuttgart. Many visitors to the town take the opportunity to have respiratory tract therapy underground. The 'Tiefer Stollen' is a mine that provides exceptional health benefits. It has been scientifically proven that the therapy here helps to alleviate conditions such as asthma. This is because the air in the chamber is purer than sea or mountain air. Patients undergoing the therapy simply make themselves comfortable on loungers and just breathe steadily in and out. Treatment at the health mine can be complemented by a visit to the Limes thermal baths in Aalen. Within the Roman-style setting of the baths, visitors can relax in waters heated to a temperature of 36.4°C and which contain fluoride, calcium, sodium and sulphate. The beautiful scenery and the interesting places to visit nearby round off the perfect spa break – Schloss Fachsenfeld, for example, or the town centre of Aalen with its winding lanes and historical timber-frame houses.

Information

Touristik-Service Aalen
Marktplatz 2
73430 Aalen
Tel.: +49 (0)7361 522 358
Email: touristik-service@aalen.de
www.heilstollen-aalen.de

World's strongest radon source in Bad Brambach

The Wetzquelle spring in the spa resort of Bad Brambach in Saxony is the strongest source of radon in the world. This noble gas is put to therapeutic use in baths and drinking cures in the town. Other springs used for health treatments in Bad Brambach are the Obere Grenzquelle, Untere Grenzquelle, Schillerquelle and Eisenquelle. The minerals and trace elements present in these waters are particularly well absorbed by the body and strengthen metabolism and organ function. Bad Brambach is also an ideal place for wellness treatments and offers a varied programme of entertainment. Especially popular are traditional festivals such as the Lantern Festival and the Brunnenwanderungen (mineral spring walks) in August. Also highly recommended is a stroll through the historical spa gardens, which are now under a preservation order. The Röthenbach stream that runs through the gardens is particularly delightful with its bridges, fountains and water features. In the surrounding region, the world's biggest brick bridge and the museum of musical instruments in Markneukirchen are well worth a visit.

Information

Sächsische Staatsbäder - Bad Brambach
Badstrasse 47
08648 Bad Brambach
Tel.: +49 (0)37438 8811
Email: info@saechsische-staatsbaeder.de
www.badbrambach.de

Local natural remedies with a long tradition

Caves and disused mines have been used for healing purposes in Germany since the 19th century. They provide the setting for a simple yet incredibly effective form of therapy that is especially successful in treating respiratory illnesses. 'Health mines' harness the benefits of radon gas, pure air, gentle warmth and high humidity, which are present in the underground chambers and have an exceptionally positive effect on health.

Information

Deutscher Heilbäderverband e.V.
Reinhardtstrasse 46
10117 Berlin
Tel.: +49 (0)30 2463 6920
info@dhv-berlin.de
www.die-neue-kur.de

Health treatments in Bad Grund in the Harz

In a sheltered valley a world away from the stresses of everyday life is Bad Grund, a state-approved spa resort known for its 'health mine' therapy. Its underground treatment gallery has capacity for about 50 people and can provide relief from asthma and allergies. A health programme typically lasts two to three weeks, which leaves plenty of time to get to know the Lower Saxon town of Bad Grund and the surrounding region. The town itself is characterised by pretty half-timbered buildings, and the region by dense coniferous and deciduous forests that are perfect for long walks. In summer, visitors can enjoy a refreshing dip in crystal-clear swimming lakes. The clock museum is the best of the many museums and is among the largest of its kind in Europe.

Information

Gesundheitszentrum Bad Grund
Schurfbergstrasse 2
37539 Bad Grund
Tel.: +49 (0)5327 700 710
Email: info@bad-grund.de
www.heilstollen-bad-grund.de

125 years of the automobile: Scenic routes in Germany

On the Romantic Road through southern Germany

The Romantic Road is one of Germany's best-known attractions internationally. Whether in Japan or Brazil, passionate travellers are often familiar with the route that runs from Füssen in the Allgäu to Würzburg on the river Main. One of the first stops is Neuschwanstein Castle, which was built by King Ludwig II of Bavaria. The route continues along the river Lech to Landsberg, where visitors can see the impressive weir and explore the historical old town. Another highlight along the Romantic Road is Augsburg with the Fuggerei, one of the oldest social housing projects in the world. It's then onwards via Donauwörth and Dinkelsbühl to Rothenburg ob der Tauber – famous for its beautifully preserved medieval old quarter and popular with tourists for its romantic old world charm. In the Tauber Valley, the Romantic Road passes through vineyard scenery on its way to Tauberbischofsheim in Baden-Württemberg. From here, it's only a few miles to Würzburg in Bavaria with its royal palace.

Information

Romantische Strasse
Touristik Arbeitsgemeinschaft GbR
Segringer Strasse 19
91550 Dinkelsbühl
Tel.: +49 (0)9851 551 387
Email: info@romantischestrasse.de
www.romantischestrasse.de

Half-Timbered Houses Route in Lower Saxony

The German Half-Timbered Houses Route runs for over 2,000 kilometres from the Elbe to the Danube. In Lower Saxony, the section from Stade on the river Elbe to Alfeld in the Weserbergland hills makes visitors feel as if they have taken a step back in time. The towns along the way span a thousand years of history and have provided the setting for many a medieval legend. A second section of the route takes visitors from the Elbtalau plains to the Harz mountains. It passes through the diverse scenery of the Wendland region, the Lüneburg Heath and the Harz mountains. The stories of the region's kings, dukes and princes are brought to life in the medieval towns along the way.

Information

Arbeitsgemeinschaft Deutsche
Fachwerkstädte e.V.
Propsteischloss 2, Propstei Johannesberg
36041 Fulda
Tel.: +49 (0)661 43680
Email: info@deutsche-fachwerkstrasse.de
www.deutsche-fachwerkstrasse.de

Mining heritage along the Saxon Silver Mines Route

The Saxon Silver Mines Route chronicles the long tradition of mining in Saxony and runs for around 230 kilometres through the Erzgebirge mountains from Zwickau to Dresden. An important town on the route is Freiberg, which is best known for its long mining history. Numerous mines and foundries in the region are open to the public, as many of the former pits have been converted into visitor mines. More than 200 kilometres of themed mining trails bring this traditional trade to life for visitors and provide an insight into eight centuries of mining heritage. Events and attractions along the route offer an introduction to traditional craft techniques and illustrate how blacksmiths and cobblers worked down the ages. Art, culture and religion also play an important role along the Saxon Silver Mines Route, which features many late-Gothic churches and Renaissance buildings, as well as over 30 museums.

Information

Tourismusverband Erzgebirge e.V.
Adam-Ries-Strasse 16
09456 Annaberg-Buchholz
Tel.: +49 (0)3733 188 000
Email: info@erzgebirge-tourismus.de
www.erzgebirge-tourismus.de

The Cheese Route in Schleswig-Holstein

Over 120 cheese varieties are produced in Schleswig-Holstein. The Cheese Route, which runs for 500 kilometres, links 30 cheese dairies between the North Sea and the Baltic and takes visitors on a gourmet journey through Germany's most northerly state. It's a great opportunity to watch the cheesemakers at work and to sample their products – and the raw ingredients come from the cows, sheep and goats that graze on the lush pastures and dykes.

Information

Tourismus-Agentur Schleswig-Holstein
Wall 55
24103 Kiel
Tel.: +49 (0)431 600 5870
Email: nachrichtenagentur@sht.de
www.sh-tourismus.de
www.kaesestrasse-sh.de

Discovering the Black Forest on the Spa Route

The Black Forest Spa Route is a circular tour in Baden-Württemberg. It runs for 270 kilometres through the northern Black Forest and is a great way to discover the diversity of the region by car. Thermal baths, medieval architecture and vineyards are all features along the way. The Spa Route starts in Pforzheim, continuing through the Nagold valley in the northern Black Forest past many a castle ruin. Tucked away in a tributary valley is the mineral and peat spa resort of Bad Rippoldsau-Schapbach. The route then climbs a plateau to the town of Seewald-Besenfeld. Passing the source of the river Nagold and a succession of rafting lakes, visitors reach the historical town of Enzklösterle, where they can see demonstrations of traditional crafts such as charcoal burning and raft making. Finally, the route reaches the thermal spa town of Bad Wildbad with its Moorish-style Palais Thermal. The mountain near Dobel is the best place to experience the invigorating climate for which the resort is known.

Information

Schwarzwald Tourismus GmbH
Ludwigstrasse 23
79104 Freiburg
Tel.: +49 (0)761 896 460
Email: mail@schwarzwald-tourismus.info
www.schwarzwald-tourismus.info

200th anniversary of the birth of Franz Liszt: Theatre and music

Music festival at Meiningen Royal Theatre

Those wishing to trace the history of the great composer Franz Liszt, 200 years after he was born, should pay a visit to Meiningen in Thuringia. It was here in 1867 that Liszt teamed up with court orchestra to organise the festival for the General German Music Association. The 300-year-old orchestra is one of the most prestigious in Europe. Liszt was a guest of Duke Georg II of Saxe-Meiningen on several occasions. The duke was head of the theatre, stage director, set designer and cultural public servant rolled into one, and it is thanks to him that Meiningen became renowned as the 'theatre town'. It's definitely worth taking a behind-the-scenes look at Meiningen Court Theatre. The treasure trove of theatre paraphernalia there includes many old decorations, costumes and props which have survived through the ages. Every year, the 'magical world of stage sets' at the theatre museum displays one select historical stage background. This year's choice is the 'festive castle square' from the 1876 production of *Käthchen of Heilbronn* by Heinrich von Kleist.

Information

Meiningen Tourist Information
Markt 14
98617 Meiningen
Tel.: +49 (0)3693 44650
Email: tourist.info@meiningen.de
www.meiningen.de
www.meiningermuseum.de

Erfurt: a centre for the arts

As the economic, cultural and political centre of Thuringia, Erfurt has always attracted great individuals, including Luther, Goethe, Schiller, Bach and Liszt. As a pianist and conductor, Liszt gave some remarkable concerts in the city. To mark 200 years since his birth, Erfurt is dedicating numerous events to him in 2011, such as the church music festival in September. Commemorative events in tribute to the great composer will be held in a number of the city's venues such as the Augustinian monastery and the Imperial Hall. Erfurt Theatre is also well worth seeing. The modern structure lies between the 700-year-old Cathedral of St. Mary and Church of St. Severus and baroque Petersberg Citadel. On 250 nights of the year, Erfurt Theatre stages operas, operettas, concerts, dance and plays. The new venue was inaugurated in 2003 and is the first of its kind to be opened in eastern Germany since the new opera house in Leipzig in 1960 and the restored Semper Opera House in 1985.

Information

Erfurt Tourismus & Marketing GmbH
Benediktspatz 1
99084 Erfurt
Tel.: +49 (0)361 664 0200
service@erfurt-tourismus.de
www.erfurt-tourismus.de

In honour of Liszt's Weimar years

Few theatres can cite as many celebrated personalities in their history as the German National Theatre in Weimar. Franz Liszt, for example, is closely associated with its fascinating history. Today, it is not only home to the musical and theatrical company but also the Staatskapelle Weimar, one of the oldest and most prestigious orchestras in Germany. Liszt's years in Weimar were his most prolific. In recognition of this, Weimar is celebrating the works of its honorary citizen with a series of events at the Weimarahalle. These include the opening matinée for the Pèlerinages arts festival in Weimar on 20 August, the gala concert of the Weimar Liszt institutions on 22 October, and the 'FinalLiszt' concert on 30 October featuring award winners of the Liszt School of Music's piano competition.

Information

Weimar Tourist Information
Markt 10
99423 Weimar
Tel.: +49 (0)3643 7450
Email: tourist-info@weimar.de
www.weimar.de
www.nationaltheater-weimar.de

Liszt's visions at the Weimar arts festival

'Visions' has been chosen as the theme for this year's Pèlerinages arts festival in Weimar from 19 August to 11 September, which celebrates the 200th anniversary of Liszt's birth. The famous composer did indeed have many visions – of a 'new Weimar', for example, of new music and of an 'olympiad of the arts' in the Thuringian town. In honour of the special anniversary, seven works will premiere at the event, which have been written by seven composers from the seven 'Liszt countries'. Louis Lortie will also be playing all three of Liszt's 'Années de pèlerinage' (Years of Pilgrimage) on one evening. Special attention will also be paid to the relationship between Liszt and Wagner. Pèlerinages unites various art forms such as music, theatre, dance, exhibitions, literature, new media and film to create an all-encompassing cultural event. The Buchenwald commemorative concert featuring the Jerusalem-Weimar Youth Philharmonic Orchestra opens the festival. The director of the festival is none other than Nike Wagner, the great-great-granddaughter of Franz Liszt.

On 25 August, the Liszt-on-air concert will be music to the ears of all classical fans. The evening will feature works by Liszt and other composers played by star pianist Pierre-Laurent Aimard. Concert-goers should allow time beforehand to look around the concert venue, baroque Weimar Palace. The state rooms, which include the banquet hall, great staircase and gallery, are among the most beautiful in Europe.

Information

Thüringer Tourismus GmbH
Willy-Brandt-Platz 1
99084 Erfurt
Tel.: +49 (0) 361 37420
Email: service@thueringen-tourismus.de
www.thueringen-tourismus.de
Kunstfest Weimar GmbH
Am Palais 3
99423 Weimar
Tel.: +49 (0)3643 81140
Email: pelerinages@kunstfest-weimar.de
www.kunstfest-weimar.de

UNESCO World Heritage in Germany

A heritage hat-trick for Lower Saxony

Lower Saxony's main World Heritage site is actually three sites in one, which can easily be fitted into a single itinerary. The mines of Rammelsberg and Goslar's old town were added to the UNESCO list back in 1992. 'Rammelsberg' is one of Europe's most important industrial monuments and now serves as a museum which recounts the history of mining above and below ground. Goslar's old town has been recognised because it contains more than 1,500 beautifully preserved timber-framed houses from various eras. In 2010, the Upper Harz water management system also gained World Heritage status. It consists of 107 historical ponds, 310 kilometres of ditches and 31 kilometres of waterways. The Gothic Cistercian abbey at Walkenried, the Grube Samson mine from the 16th century and three small pits from the 19th century are also part of this site. Cistercian monks laid out the first systems of ponds and ditches in the 13th century and these were then extended over the centuries by miners.

Information

Tourismus Marketing Niedersachsen GmbH
Essener Strasse 1
30173 Hannover
Tel.: +49 (0)511 270 4880
Email: info@tourismusniedersachsen.de
www.reiseland-niedersachsen.de

From Weimar to Bad Muskau

In eastern Germany as well, several World Heritage sites can be easily combined as part of a tour. For example, three to four days are recommended for the route from Weimar to Bad Muskau via Dessau-Wörlitz and Potsdam. In all the major stops along the way, huge parks and gardens are the main attraction. Muskauer Park has been a World Heritage site since 2004. Every year, the palace and park attract more than a quarter of a million visitors. In 830 hectares of land, Prince Hermann von Pückler-Muskau created a landscaping masterpiece with meadows, lakes, rivers, natural and artificial waterways, bridges and architectural features. Muskauer Park can be explored on foot, by bike, by carriage or in a boat. English garden design provided the inspiration for the layout of the grounds. The park also contains Prince Pückler's residence – a three-winged building surrounded by idyllic flower gardens and a lake named after Pückler's wife Lucie. Of particular interest inside are the prince's study and library.

Information

Stiftung 'Fürst-Pückler-Park Bad Muskau'
Neues Schloss
02953 Bad Muskau
Tel.: +49 (0)35771 63100
Email: info@muskauer-park.de
www.muskauer-park.de

Heritage Day in the Harz mountains

For Heritage Day on 11 September, places of interest in the Harz mountains that are usually closed to the public will welcome visitors – a great opportunity to discover the region's cultural heritage from a different perspective. 'Romanticism, realism, revolution – the 19th century' provides the theme, as attention turns to one of the most diverse and technically progressive eras in the history of art and architecture. Around 250 locations in the Harz mountains are participating. Collections normally hidden from the public gaze in museums, archives and private homes will be open to visitors, and admission is mostly free. Portraits, coats of arms and frescoes will be on display in the baroque Imperial Hall in Bad Gandersheim, for example. The residence of lawyer Georg Friedrich König, whose writings incited the 'Osterode revolution', is another of the places which will be open for the day. At the Schlossmuseum in Quedlinburg, tours led by guides dressed as Heinrich I and his wife Mathilde offer an informative and entertaining journey back through time.

Information

Harzer Tourismusverband
Marktstrasse 45
38640 Goslar
Tel.: +49 (0)5321 34040
Email: info@harzinfo.de
www.harzinfo.de
www.denkmalschutz.de

World Heritage routes

The German Commission for UNESCO has established eight different routes which combine visits to several World Heritage sites. One such route from the Messel Pit Fossil Site in Hessen to 2,000-year-old Regensburg in Bavaria requires two overnight stays. Highlights along the way include Würzburg and Bamberg. Two nights and a trip to Neuschwanstein Castle are recommended for the route between the baroque Wieskirche church in Pfaffenwinkel and Reichenau Island in Lake Constance.

Information

UNESCO-Welterbestätten Deutschland e.V.
Kornmarkt 6
06484 Quedlinburg
Tel.: +49 (0)3946 811 253
Email: info@unesco-welterbe.de
www.unesco-welterbe.de

Heritage Day in Wittenberg

Lutherstadt Wittenberg in eastern Saxony-Anhalt is famous for its associations with Martin Luther and as a cradle of the Reformation. Year after year, it attracts huge numbers of culturally minded holidaymakers who come to see its four UNESCO World Heritage sites. These are Luther's House, Melanchthon's House, the town church and the castle church. German Heritage Day on 11 September offers a great opportunity to see Wittenberg from a new perspective. The local court is among the many places which will be opening its doors for guided tours. In the famous town church where Luther used to preach, people will be able to see what lies behind normally locked doors in the tower living quarters. From here, they can also enjoy a spectacular view over the roofs of this historical town.

Information

Lutherstadt Wittenberg Tourist Information
Schlossplatz 2
06886 Lutherstadt Wittenberg
Tel.: +49 (0)3491 498 610
Email: info@lutherstadt-wittenberg.de
www.lutherstadt-wittenberg.de

News and dates

Jogging tours of Stuttgart

Two jogging tours in Stuttgart offer holidaymakers the chance to discover either the palace gardens or the city centre – a great way to combine sightseeing with exercise. The shorter route through the city begins at 7am, and passes by the State Theatre and the New State Gallery before ending at Schlossplatz square. In the evening, joggers follow the longer route through the Middle and Upper Palace Garden to Rosenstein Palace. Their journey back to the city centre passes through the six interconnected parks in Stuttgart known as the 'green U'. Those keen on taking part are asked to meet at 6pm outside the Tourist Information. Both tours cost €5.00 and no advance booking is required.

Information

Stuttgart-Marketing GmbH
Rotebühlplatz 25
70178 Stuttgart
Email: info@stuttgart-tourist.de
www.stuttgart-tourist.de

Wine tasting with Deutsche Bahn

German rail operator Deutsche Bahn is currently serving only German wines on its long-distance trains. The idea is to promote the diversity of the country's 13 wine regions in terms of both taste and geography. In partnership with the German Wine Institute, Deutsche Bahn has selected three white wines, three red wines and two types of sekt with which to represent the diversity of German wines. The whites are a pinot blanc and a pinot gris from Rheinhessen and a riesling from the Rheingau. A portugieser from the Palatinate, a pinot noir from the Rheingau and a dornfelder from Rheinhessen make up the choice of reds. Rotkäppchen sekt and riesling sekt from the Rheingau offer a sparkling alternative. Wine and sekt are very popular on long-distance trains in Germany – every year, around three quarters of a million bottles are sold.

Information

Deutsches Weininstitut GmbH
Gutenbergplatz 3-5
55116 Mainz
Tel.: +49 (0)6131 28290
Email: info@deutscheweine.de
www.deutscheweine.de
www.bahn.de

Rollercoaster restaurant in Europa-Park

In the 'Food Loop' restaurant in Europa-Park in Rust, Baden-Württemberg, it's not waiting staff who bring the drinks and food to guests, but a mini-rollercoaster! Orders are made at the table using a touchscreen. When the food is ready, it is loaded onto the rollercoaster, hoisted up and then rolled down to the tables with great precision. Incredibly, despite the tight bends, drops and even two loop-the-loops, nothing is spilt from the plate. For rollercoaster fans of all ages, this fun and innovative experience means the thrills can continue even when they're stopping for a meal. The Food Loop has 215 seats on two levels and is particularly suitable for families.

Information

Europa-Park
Europa-Park-Strasse 2
77977 Rust bei Freiburg
Tel.: +49 (0)1805 776 688
Email: info@europapark.de

8 to 15 August

Nature at its best. The Wandertag (walking day) in Melle offers the chance to discover the Osnabrücker Land region between the Wiehengebirge hills and the Teutoburg Forest on numerous walking trails.

Information

deutscher-wandertag2011.de

13 August

A fireworks spectacular on, above and along the Rhine. This year's Rhine in Flames between Spay/Braubach and Koblenz is also a celebration of the Federal Horticultural Show.

Information

www.rhein-in-flammen.com

13 to 14 August

Jazz and world musicians will be appearing in Waldfrieden sculpture park in the heart of Wuppertal for the open-air KlangArt festival. Audiences can expect to hear a wide range of music genres.

Information

www.skulpturenpark-waldfrieden.de/klangart

25 August to 20 November

Patrician houses, fortifications and narrow lanes are all features of Nuremberg captured in paintings and drawings by the Romantics. An exhibition in the Fembohaus displays works from this era.

Information

www.museen-nuernberg.de

26 to 28 August

Baroque meets pop during the 'Stars in the Park' Garden Dreams festival in Magdeburg, Saxony-Anhalt. Three days of concerts in Elbauen Park put the focus on discovering baroque music.

Information

www.gartentraeume-sachsen-anhalt.de

26 to 28 August

The Chemnitz Stadtfest promises fun for the whole family in both a traditional and modern vein, with variety entertainment, big name acts, lots of food and drink and a party until late.

Information

www.chemnitz.de