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SACRED HERITAGE IN GERMANY

Regardless of the religious denomination, churches and other sacred buildings always exert a very special attraction: if you open yourself to the atmosphere that pervades sacred buildings, you feel their very special aura. And if you examine the treasures, windows and ceiling frescos in those sacred interiors, if you take a close look at the architectural features, you can learn a great deal about history and about the spirit of the respective era.

The federal state of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania has re-issued a brochure that guides visitors to the monasteries and churches of the region that are located along 16 routes. The title: "Entdeckungen im Backsteinland", i.e. "Discoveries in the Land of Bricks". For the first time, the brochure also describes three monastery routes: "Jakobsweg" is the part of St. James' Way from Lassan to Tribsees in Western Pomerania, the "Kleine Klosterroute" featuring monasteries leads to Bad Doberan via Rostock, Ribnitz, Güstrow and Dobbertin, as well as the pilgrimage Way of St. James of St. Birgitta of Sweden between Stralsund and Schwerin. In addition, it contains information about 25 monastery locations that are well worth a visit - including well-preserved ones like the complex surrounding "Bad Doberan Münster" or the "Kloster zum Heiligen Kreuz" monastery in Rostock; complexes that have experienced a change in use like "Katharinenstift" in Rostock, which now houses the Academy of Music and Theatre; but also including ruins such as the former Franciscan monasteries in Stralsund und Rehna near Greifswald (<http://www.auf-nach-mv.de>).

The Electoral Palatinate has also published a pamphlet - "Kirchen, Klöster, Konfessionen - Einzigartige Wohnstätten des Glaubens in der Kurpfalz" - full of information about the "churches, monasteries, religious denominations - as unique homes of faith in Kurpfalz". On eight pages, the reader can learn all about the past and present of a large variety of sacred treasures in the three federal states of Baden-Württemberg, Hesse and the Rhineland-Palatinate. Just one example: the freshly renovated mosque in the Castle Gardens at Schwetzingen radiates an atmosphere reminiscent of a Thousand and One Nights. Stift Neuburg offers a special learning opportunity with a course in icon writing that anyone can register for (<http://www.kurpfalz-tourist.de>).

There are also tempting options for cyclists: for example the Bishop's Tour along the Elbe River. It transports travellers back to the Middle Ages, when powerful bishops travelled through the Prignitz region on horseback or by coach in order to discipline robber barons or visit synods and monasteries within their territory. A flyer describes the tour and the various stages (<http://www.dieprignitz.de>).

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Shopping adventures at Christmas markets

INTERNATIONAL CHRISTMAS MARKET IN RÜDESHEIM

The world renowned "Christmas Market of Nations" will be welcoming visitors from November 26th to December 23rd, 2007. The Market in Rüdesheim is held throughout the entire historic part of the town - the "Altstadt" - and offers specialties, handicrafts, music and traditions typical of the Christmas season from Great Britain to the USA, from China to Egypt. The first week will be dedicated to African Christmas magic, while the second week will be devoted to the theme of Jingle Bells and bright lights. "Asian Christmas" will be the focus of the third week, and the final week will wrap things up with European Christmas flavour. This year, the Market will also be presenting new attractions: the "Christmas Pavillion of the Four Continents", where guests will have the opportunity to find out all about the Christmas customs and specialties of the partner countries on four continents. The pavilion will be located immediately adjacent to the valley station of Rüdesheim's cable railway, which transports visitors from the romantic Christmas Market in the historic town centre to the "heavenly Christmas market" 200 metres higher up, where additional surprises will wait guests from Germany and abroad. Another highlight will take place on the longest night of the year, the night of St. Thomas Day from December 20th to 21st: Illuminated ships on the Rhine, the historic town centre decked out in lights, music, tumblers, fairy tales and stories from all over Europe will make the night a fantastic pre-Christmas experience for the entire family. The night will go out with a bang with the first European "St. Thomas Night Fireworks". "Merry Christmas all over the World" will then be the motto on December 23rd, when Rüdesheim celebrates the finale of the Christmas Market with a parade as well as a gala concert and menu.

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http://www.w-d-n.de und

ROTHENBURG - A CHRISTMAS FAIRY TALE

When the tantalising smell of traditional Franconian baked goods combines with the aroma of white mulled wine - the "glühwein" that is typical of Franconia - in the Advent season, the time has come for the "Reiterle Market". This Christmas market, which is held in a picturesque location between the City Hall and the church, has a tradition reaching back over 500 years and is one of the oldest in the country. It will be open from November 30th until December 23rd, 2007. The name "Reiterle" is mythological in origin. At the darkest time of the year, the Germanic god Wotan took on human form and knocked on doors requesting admission and alms. The Germanic god then set off to distribute those alms to the poor - on horseback. Every year he makes an appearance at the Market and is regarded as one of the highlights of the highly varied cultural programme. If you simply cannot find the time for a visit in December, you can also experience Christmas all year round - in the world famous Christmas shops in Herrngasse.

INFORMATION:

Rothenburg Tourismus Service,
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http://www.rothenburg.de

CHRISTMAS IN AURICH

The Aurich Christmas Market and East Frisian hospitality: the ideal combination for a short winter holiday and a Christmas shopping jaunt, with the shops even staying open until midnight on December 8th. From November 26th to December 23rd, 2007, the market place in Aurich will be transformed into one of the most beautiful Christmas markets in East Frisia. The giant ferris wheel beckons visitors to view the wintry town from high up in the air. Tickets and prizes for the Christmas Market lottery can be purchased from a booth in an impressive, eleven metre high pyramid. The Aurich Tourist Office offers a Christmas Market package arrangement for visitors.

INFORMATION:

Verkehrsverein Aurich / Ostfriesland e.V.,
mailto:verkehrsverein@aurich.de,
http://www.aurich-tourismus.de

CASTLE CHRISTMAS IN INGOLSTADT

In addition to the traditional Christmas market called "Ingolstädter Christkindlmarkt", a historical, romantic Christmas event will be held at the castle - "Schlossweihnacht zu Ingolstadt" - on the four weekends during Advent. The old walls of the Gothic new castle - "Neues Schloss" - will provide a venue for a small but exquisite market where exhibitors from the region present handmade decorations, traditional handicrafts, Christmas floral arrangements, small items of jewellery and sweet baked goods. Visitors can listen to imaginative story tellers and enjoy delicious culinary delights. While younger guests will have lots of fun riding ponies or camels, doing arts & crafts or taking a ride on the nostalgic children's railway, adult visitors can try their hand at traditional Bavarian curling. In the historical cellar with vaulted ceilings in the arsenal - the "Zeughaus" - Erwin Riegler, German Champion Florist, will present magnificent flower arrangements and decorative Christmas creations.

INFORMATION:

Ingolstadt Tourismus und Kongress GmbH,
mailto:info@ingolstadt-tourismus.de,
http://www.ingolstadt-tourismus.de

ESSLINGEN MEDIEVAL & CHRISTMAS MARKET

From November 27th to December 21st, 2007, the historical centre - the "Altstadt" - of Esslingen will be populated by medieval townspeople, craftsman, artists and Christmas market dealers. If you are still looking for that special Christmas present, you are sure to find something suitable at Esslingen's Medieval & Christmas Market: The Medieval Market with over 80 stalls will extend from "Rathausplatz" at city hall to the harbour market; the traditional Christmas Market is located at the market place. More: <http://www.mittelalterliches-esslingen.de>.

INFORMATION:

Esslinger Stadtmarketing und Tourismus,
mailto:info@esslingen-tourist.de,
http://www.esslingen-tourist.de

Culinary delights and more...

AN AFTERNOON WITH FRITZ REUTER

The Fritz Reuter Literature Museum has issued an invitation for an afternoon in Stavenhagen with the motto "Ne lütte Tid", meaning "a little time", which will focus on Fritz Reuter, the most well-known Low German author. Reuter was born in 1810 in the small town nestled in the midst of the region called Mecklenburg Switzerland. In his works the author humorously portrayed the mentality of the people of Mecklenburg and is regarded as the pioneer of the Low German language as a written language. The Reuter Day will begin at 3.00 p.m. with a one-hour tour of the museum, allowing guests to get to know Mecklenburg's key figure and his way of life. After that, there will be a sightseeing tour

of the town: Reuterstraße, Reuterplatz and Reuterschule: no matter where they look in Stavenhagen, guests are reminded of Reuter. After a walk in Ivenacker Forest, the day will wind down with a literary-musical dinner, spiced with scenes involving food and drink from literature, folklore and the immortal Northern German dialect. The special offer for the price of 21.50 Euros can be booked all year round by calling +49(0)39954/21072.

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SWEET TEMPTATIONS IN SAALFELD

The "exclusive chocolate tour" promises pure enjoyment with a combination of sweet chocolate temptations and a breath of culture in Saalfeld: the calories that are consumed during the three-course menu of dishes in which chocolate is the crucial ingredient can be burned off afterwards by taking a walking tour of the town. A so-called iGuide (mini-computer) shows guests the way. The day's programme also includes a visit to Saalfeld's Ferry Grotto. Relaxation is the primary focus of the special "Chocolate Rendezvous", offering the indulgence of an Egyptian milk bath with shimmering gold highlights, a full-body chocolate massage, a small pot of hot cocoa and chocolate-dipped fruit. The sweet theme is continued during the guided tour and tasting at the confectionery shop "Rotstern Confiserie". Including accommodation for two nights in a double room, breakfast and dinner at the hotel, the package arrangement costs 259 Euros per person.

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THE "MIDDLE AGES" AND CHOCOLATE

Medieval culture and chocolate will be combined in a harmonious fusion in front of the "Chocolate Museum" in Cologne from November 30th to December 23rd, 2007. The programme offers a wide range of concerts, theatre performances and dance. All of the acts are based on historical research and have been staged especially for the Middle Ages Christmas Market. Artisans present their wares, which are handmade on site, and tell spell-binding tales in medieval dialect. Tumblers, clowns, acrobats and musicians underscore the evocative atmosphere of the market. And anyone who still feels like chocolate after partaking of mulled wine, gingerbread and other delicious tidbits can combine his visit to the Christmas Market with a tour of the Chocolate Museum (<http://www.schokoladenmuseum.de>).

INFORMATION:

Krollevents - Veranstaltungen & Kommunikation, Krieler Straße 78, 50935 Köln, Tel. +49(0)221/3463637, Fax 3463638, <mailto:kommunikation@krollevents.de>, <http://www.krollevents.de>

A TASTE OF BÜSUM...

...Anyone who samples it will quickly acquire a "taste" for Büsum, because the charming fishing town soon casts an irresistible spell on guests: holiday makers can enjoy the fresh air for four days, regenerating and indulging body and soul. Including accommodation for three nights plus breakfast, a festive, maritime dinner menu in the hotel restaurant of "Büsumer Pesel" as well as a wellness day ticket for the Vitamaris Health and Thalasso Centre starts at 123 Euros per person. The special Büsum guest card is also included in the price.

INFORMATION AND BOOKING:

Kur und Tourismus Service Büsum, Südstrand 11, 25761 Büsum, Tel. +49(0)4834/909110, Fax 6530, <mailto:info@buesum.de>, <http://www.buesum.de>

WINE MEETS...

Regional foods combined with select wines from the Rheinhessen wine-growing region, served at wineries with a special ambiance - that is what makes the "Wein trifft ..." series of events in Rhenish Hesse so special: At "Wine meets Goose" from November 9th to 11th, 2007, crispy roasted Martinmas goose is paired with full-bodied wines. At "Wine meets Game" from November 30th to December 2nd, 2007, robust red wines join forces with game dishes. An overview of all dates and the addresses of the participating winery eateries, called "Straußwirtschaften", can be obtained from Rheinhessen-Touristik GmbH.

INFORMATION:

Rheinhessen-Touristik GmbH, Wilhelm-Leuschner-Straße 44, 55218 Ingelheim, Tel. +49(0)6132/44170, <mailto:info@rheinessen.info>, <http://www.rheinessen.de>

TIP FOR SPONTANEOUS SOULS

When the 2007 grape harvest in the Moselle River valley is over, Cochem hosts all kinds of celebrations: among other things, the traditional "Federweißenfest" featuring partially fermented wine will take place on November 10th and 11th, 2007

INFORMATION:

<http://www.cochem.de>

Winter - wellness - adventure

FRIEDRICHSKOOG: "IN THE TEETH OF THE WIND"

In Friedrichskoog you can enjoy the wintry North Sea to the fullest - take a bracing walk along the dikes with gusts of North Sea wind buffeting you, visit the seal rearing and research station, try your hand at flying a kite and start the day with freshly baked rolls and the regional daily newspaper. Seven nights accommodation in a holiday flat, rental bicycles, map materials, a visit to the seal research station, fresh breakfast rolls and the daily newspaper, as well as a Globetrotter beverage bottle, can be booked starting at 299 Euros up to and including December 2007. Also included: a kite that big and small "kids" can let soar sky high to their heart's content.

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<http://www.friedrichskoog.de>

WINTER IN THE COUNTRY

"Landhaus zur Ohe" is a country inn that is located in a panoramic, healthy setting surrounded by Nature amidst the Bavarian Forest. In tune with the wintry white of the season, the inn will be offering a "Tage im Schnee" package arrangement so guests can truly enjoy "Days in Snow" from November 22nd, 2007, until February 2nd, 2008. The package includes four nights accommodation (Sun. to Thurs. or Mon. to Fri) in a double room with an additional cot for one child up to five years old, breakfast buffet, a choice of a three course menu including salad buffet or starter, as well as utilisation of the indoor swimming pool and thermo-wellness area. In addition, the package includes: a horse-drawn sleigh ride, guided snow-shoe hike, guided torch-lit hike with camp fire and a warming "schnaps" at the snow bar, as well as a guided hike for children three years old and over. Toboggans can be borrowed free of charge. The package can be booked starting at 199 Euros per person.

INFORMATION AND BOOKING:

FamilienRomantikRessort "Landhaus zur Ohe",
mailto:info@landhaus-zur-ohe.de,
<http://www.familien-romantik.de>

WINTER FELDBERG FAMILY PACKAGE

The Feldberg region in the Black Forest allows the entire family to really experience winter. The winter family package arrangement starting at 725 Euros for two adults and one child includes a large number of extras, besides seven nights accommodation with breakfast (breakfast not included with holiday flats) including health resort tax. The price already includes a five-day ski pass for adults and children as well as a three-day ski instruction course for kids. In addition: one snow-shoe rental per person for adults, admission to "Haus der Natur" as well as the swimming pool paradise of the "Feldberger Hof" hotel in Feldberg-Ort. Guests that book a holiday flat additionally get a family menu. The package arrangement can be booked from January 7th to 27th, 2008, and from March 3rd to 30th, 2008.

INFORMATION AND BOOKING:

Feldberg Touristik,
mailto:tourist-info@feldberg-schwarzwald.de,
<http://www.feldberg-schwarzwald.de>

WELLNESS CHRISTMAS

A full-body sugar peeling, a bath in milk and honey spiced with fragrant cinnamon and cloves or annointment with warm oil redolent of spices like ginger and cocoa - the "Weihnachten mal ganz relaxt" option really offers "Christmas relaxation". This relaxing Christmas alternative is being offered by the Wellness Hotel Heinz in Höhr-Grenzhausen in Westerwald from December 26th to 28th, 2007. The price starting at 261 Euros per person in a double room encompasses accommodation for two nights including breakfast variations from the buffet, a bathrobe and fruit arrangement provided in the room as well as optional menus focussing either on wellness and essential nutrients or on gourmet cuisine. The wellness, swimming and sauna complex can be utilised free of charge.

INFORMATION AND BOOKING:

Wellness-Hotel Heinz,
mailto:info@hotel-heinz.de,
<http://www.hotel-heinz.de>

FREE RAIL TRANSPORTATION TO HAMBURG HOLIDAY

No matter whether it is Hamburg's "Winterdom" funfest, the premiere of the musical "Ich war noch niemals in New York" or the vibrant retail districts in the shopping metropolis - there are any number of good reasons for a visit to Hamburg. Not to mention "Christmas in Hamburg", when the city is magically transformed by a total of ten Christmas markets and myriad lights. Happy Hamburg Reisen and Hamburg's hotel sector offer an especially cost-effective arrangement: starting at 117 Euros per person, travellers to Hamburg can book three nights accommodation in one of the participating hotels including breakfast and a Hamburg CARD entitling them to all manner of discounts in the city. The special bonus is free rail transportation to and from Hamburg from all German railway stations. The special offers apply from November 1st to December 15th, 2007.

INFORMATION AND BOOKING:

Hamburg Tourismus GmbH,
mailto:mollat@hamburg-tourismus.de,
<http://www.hamburg-tourismus.de>

WINTER CAMPING ADVENTURE

In Bavaria, the alternative to a winter holiday in a hotel or holiday flat is Kinderland camp grounds. For example, the camp grounds in Litzelau near Oberwössen are even open during the winter season. At the location in the Chiemgau Alps not far from Germany's highest mountain, the Zugspitze, two adults and two children can spend a week in a mobile home starting at 146 Euros including incidental expenses. A week in a rental bungalow for up to six guests can be booked starting at 265 Euros. Other winter camp grounds that are open are Alpen-Caravanpark Tennessee and Knaus Campingpark Lackenhäuser in Bavarian Forest National Park (<http://www.kinderland.by>).

INFORMATION:

BAYERN TOURISMUS Marketing GmbH,
mailto:tourismus@bayern.info,
<http://www.bayern.by>

Special Christmas offers and events

WINTER MAGIC IN KISSINGEN

In the winter season, Bad Kissingen is dominated by the music festival called "Kissinger Winterzauber", which means "Kissingen Winter Magic". From December 7th, 2007, to January 5th, 2008, the overriding theme will be "Klangwelten", i.e. "worlds of sound", which is the motto of this year's series of events. The festival will present exciting combinations of traditional and contemporary music styles from all over the world. Regardless of whether the performances are musical readings with well known actors such as Gudrun Landgrebe, classical concerts for example with compositions by Bernstein or dance theatre with the Prague Ballet Company, the range of events skilfully interlinks various genres. The programme also includes flamenco, jazz and so-called Early Music.

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http://www.badkissingen.de

"MAGIC CHRISTMAS TIME" IN TRABEN-TRARBACH

In co-operation with local hospitality providers, the tourist information centre of Traben-Trarbach has issued a brochure called "Magic Days 2007" presenting a highly varied pre-Christmas and New Year's programme for celebrating along the Moselle River. Festive Christmas menus and rustic wine tastings alternate with relaxation and wellness options at the "Moseltherme", a thermal bath complex. A historical guided nightwatchman's tour through the "Altstadt" - the quaint historic centre of Traben-Trarbach - is also included, as are various concerts and New Year's gala events. The extensive programme is rounded off by a breathtaking fireworks display and the traditional New Year's welcoming salute.

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http://www.traben-trarbach.de

MUSICAL SPIRITS OF CHRISTMAS IN BREMEN

In Bremen pre-Christmas atmosphere is not only conjured up by the Christmas Market and "Schlachte-Zauber", a historical maritime winter market by the Weser River: the stage venues of the city also open wide their doors: for example, the premiere of the musical "Scrooge und die Geister der Weihnacht" is scheduled for November 28th, 2007, at Waldau Theater. Until December 23rd, 2007, the whole family can enjoy the experience, which can be combined with an Advent excursion to Bremen. Based on Charles Dickens' Christmas fairy tale - "A Christmas Carol" - which has served as the inspiration for several movies, Thomas Blaeschke, a composer from Bremen, and the librettist Kerstin Toelle have created an enchanting work for children and adults alike. Admission tickets are available starting at 11.35 Euros.

INFORMATION AND BOOKING:

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Tel. +49(0)421/3080010, Fax 3080030,
http://www.bremen-tourismus.de

WINTER FESTIVAL WEEKS IN HERRENHAUSEN

The fourth "Winterfestwochen" event is a winter festival that will be kicked off on November 17th, 2007, with the winter variety "la folie" in Herrenhausen, the magnificent park of Hanover. The series of events takes place in the historic buildings and the large baroque garden. Until February 9th, 2008, it will once again offer festive Advent concerts, a sparkling farewell to the Old and welcome to the New Year and a lively New Year's concert. Visitors to the "Festwochen" can also take advantage of the "Kleines Fest Spezial" event in order to reunite with the "old acquaintances" they met during the summer event "Kleines Fest im Großen Garten" and other get-togethers.

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http://www.herrenhaeuser-gaerten.de

SAILORS' CHRISTMAS IN WISMAR:

TRADITIONAL SAILORS INVITE GUESTS TO BOARD SHIPS ABLAZE WITH LIGHTS

Old traditions are being revived: the "Seemannsweihnacht" - a sailors' Christmas event - will take place on December 15th and 16th at the "Alter Hafen", the old harbour. Fisherman cast off into the wintry Wismar Bay with cutters and Wismar's traditional ships. The cutters and sailing ships are decked out in lights to celebrate a kind of maritime Thanksgiving and commemorate the last voyage of the fishermen before Christmas. Just like farmers working the land, the fishermen want to express their thanks for the fruits of their labours at sea. Holiday makers and visitors to the city of Wismar, which is a World Heritage site, always appreciate a fresh catch. Now guests can experience this a ge-old tradition, which had been neglected for decades and was just revived three years ago, first hand on the cutters and traditional ships as well as the passenger ferries. Guests can sign on by telephone by dialling 03841 222890 and accompany the fishermen on their voyage of lights. On December 15th the "Sailors' Christmas" event will start at 1.00 p.m. with a Christmas carol singing competition at the "Alter Hafen" on the stage located by the "Baumhaus". Guests can join in and sing themselves into the mood for the third Sunday in Advent. On December 16th at 3 p.m., the pastor of St. Nikolai Church will officially ring in the voyage of lights together with the fisherman with a short service and Christmas trumpet music. Among others, the participating vessels will be the "Poeler Kogge", which is a reproduction of an old Hanseatic cog-built ship, the sailing ship "Atalanta" and the motor ship "Riesenhai". It goes without saying that fish in abundance and all kinds of Christmas wares will be offered for sale on both days at the "Alter Hafen".

INFORMATION AND BOOKING:

Hansekontor Wismar GmbH,
mailto:info@hansekontor-wismar.de,
http://www.hansekontor-wismar.de

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PACKAGE ARRANGEMENTS...

SWAN LAKE IN FRANKFURT

Tschaikowsky's 'Swan Lake', one of the most famous compositions for the ballet, will be performed on ice for the first time in December 2007 at the "Alte Oper" concert hall in Frankfurt. At the end of the year, "Alte Oper Frankfurt" will be transformed into a glittering ice palace. The Frankfurt Marriott Hotel, the tallest hotel building in Europe, is offering a package arrangement to accompany the event: it can be booked from December 18th up to and including December 31st, 2007, and includes accommodation for one night in a standard double room including breakfast, a Price Category 2 ticket for Swan Lake on Ice, two cocktails in the hotel's Champions Bar as well as a three-course menu at Brasserie ici. Prices start at 310 Euros per room.

INFORMATION AND BOOKING:

Frankfurt Marriott Hotel,
Hamburger Allee 2, 60486 Frankfurt,
Tel. +49(0)800/1854422 (toll-free in Germany), <http://www.marriott.de>

LIVE THE SPIRIT OF HARLEY DAVIDSON

Anyone who has always dreamt of emulating Peter Fonda in "Easy Rider", relishing freedom on one of the most beautiful classic motorcycles, will find the perfect package arrangement at the Grandhotel Schloss Bensberg in Bergisch Gladbach: in line with the motto "Live the Spirit of Harley Davidson", motorcycle fans can rev up their bikes and explore the countryside of the "Bergisches Land" region with its idyllic landscape, gently rolling mountains and romantic little towns. Including one rental motorcycle per double room, the prices starting at 575 Euros per person encompass two nights accommodation including breakfast, a roadbook, detailed map material for the region, a refreshment beverage for the ride as well as a three-course dinner.

INFORMATION AND BOOKING:

Grandhotel Schloss Bensberg,
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Tel. +49(0)2204/42900, Fax 42888,
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<http://www.schlossbensberg.com>

17 Nov. 2007 to 18 May 2008
"All about Evil - Das Böse": Special exhibition focussing on the outward manifestations of evil in various cultures and eras
Bremen

Tel. +49(0)421/16038101,
<http://www.uebersee-museum.de>

Until December 30th, 2007
The theme of "Unter Dampf und Diesel bei Tag und Nacht" is "steam and diesel, by day and night". The living history of the Almetalbahn railway: Special exhibition about one of the most beautiful railway lines in Westphalia, Wewelsburg

Tel. +49(0)2955/76220,
<http://www.wewelsburg.de>

Until January 13th, 2008
"Wa(h)re Lügen" shows how profitable "lies" can be: roughly 250 spectacular art forgeries are on display, in some cases they can be directly compared with the originals, Münster

Tel. +49(0)251/414470,
<http://www.graphikmuseum-picasso-muens>

21 Nov. 2007 to 31 March 2008
"Baby an Bord. Mobile Kindheit" focuses on "babies on board and childhood mobility: Special exhibition of historic baby carriages & prams and modern baby vehicles, Industriemuseum Chemnitz

Tel. +49(0)371/3676140,
<http://www.saechsisches-industriemuseum.de>

Until January 13th, 2008
"Brücke" Highlights. Commemorative exhibition on the occasion of the 40-year anniversary of the Brücke Museum. The highlights of the top-class collection will be on display Berlin

Tel. +49(0)30/8312029,
<http://www.bruecke-museum.de>

Until March 31st, 2008
"Welterbe per Post - der Limes und andere UNESCO Welterbestätten auf Briefmarken": a display board exhibition showing postage stamps with the Limes and other World Heritage sites, Römerkastell Saalburg

Tel. +49(0)6175/93740,
<http://www.saalburgmuseum.de>

ART, CULTURE AND CULINARY DELIGHTS - ALL UNDER ONE ROOF

"Haus Schlesien" is situated in an idyllic location at the foot of the Siebengebirge mountains in the Rhineland. For almost 30 years, it has served as a centre for Silesian art and culture amid the ambiance of a historical manor farm. It regularly organises special exhibitions in addition to a permanent exhibition of Silesian arts and crafts. For example, from December 9th, 2007, to January 27th, 2008, the special focus will be on "Christmas Cus-

toms in Silesia". The centre also has a great deal to offer in the way of culinary delights: the "Winter Advent Buffet", which is offered on various dates, will round off the Advent programme.

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GERMAN MOZART FESTIVAL 2007 IN MANNHEIM

The Deutsche Mozart-Gesellschaft e.V. - which is the German Mozart association -- entrusts the annual German Mozart Festival to a city / a Mozart community that then organises the festival in co-operation with the DMG: In the year 2007, musicians will enthral audiences with the works of the famous composer in Mannheim from November 23rd to December 5th. Furthermore, they will also realise crossover effects at a high artistic le-

vel with "Mozart goes Jazz" and "Amadeus rocks". Admission tickets cost between 11.50 and 49 Euros plus advance booking fee.

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