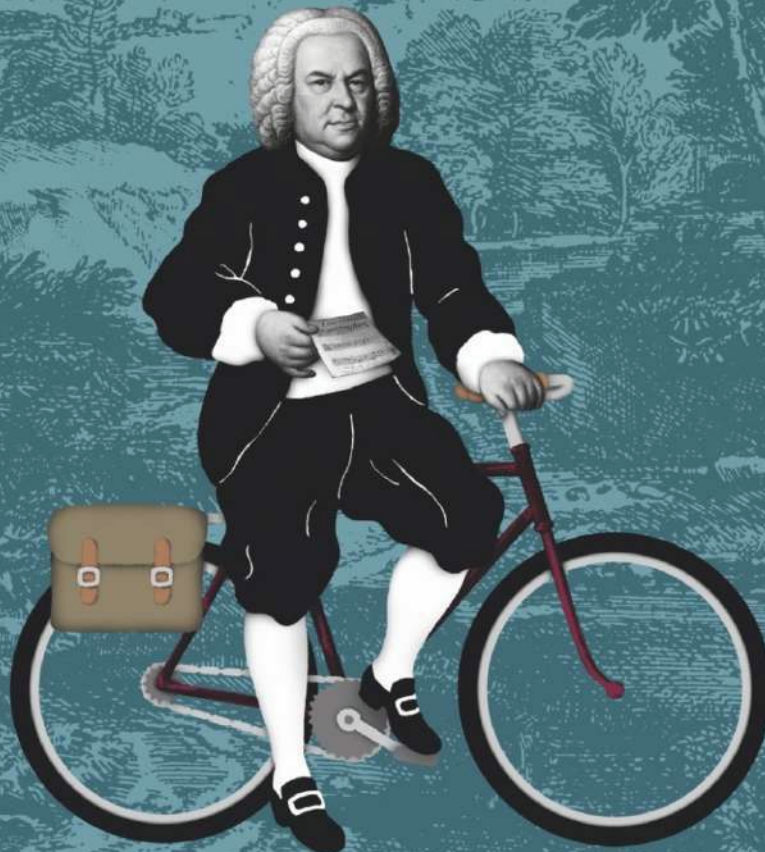




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# Bach by Bike 2022



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**EXCLUSIVE BIKE JOURNEY ON THE TRAIL OF JOHANN  
SEBASTIAN BACH**

**TRAVEL INFORMATION 2022**

## *Dear friends of music and cycling,*

Bach by Bike is celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> birthday! Just awarded with the Music Cities Award 2021 for Best Use of Music to Drive Tourism, we are pleased to offer six musical bike tours in our anniversary year in several variations.

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) lived all his life in what is today Thuringia, Saxony and Saxony-Anhalt. As a world-famous composer, it is extraordinary that his life and work took place almost entirely within this limited area.

Mareike Neumann and Anna-Luise Oppelt, two young Bach- and bike-enthusiasts, took the opportunity to develop a unique journey from Bach's birthplace Eisenach to his place of death, Leipzig. Come with us and "experience" Bach by Bike! The tour includes not only Eisenach and Leipzig, but also Mühlhausen, Wechmar, the Bach family's ancestral hometown, and Gotha, Ohrdruf, Arnstadt, Dornheim, Erfurt, Weimar, Naumburg, Weißenfels, Halle and Köthen.

On long-distance bike paths, you will discover the charming landscapes of the Thuringian Forest, Ilm Valley, the wine-producing area Saale/Unstrut and the Saxonian Burgenland. You will explore museums, memorials and many original, preserved places, such as Dornheim Church, Bach's wedding church. In addition, you will meet people who, often on voluntary basis, protect Bach's heritage. Guided tours of organs, exclusive visits, intimate concerts and - for those who enjoy singing - sight-reading of Bach chorales during breaks will round off the trip.

In addition to our well-known tours, we have created two shorter trips in Lower Saxony along the river Weser in cooperation with the *WESERFESTSPIELE* music festival. We will enjoy some fresh North Sea air and follow in the footsteps of the "Bückeberg Bach", experiencing the Weser Bicycle Track, one of Germany's most popular cycling journeys, along the way.

Every tour (except Tour 6) includes a festival; you will listen to top-class concerts in the end or during the tour (*WESERFESTSPIELE*, Bachfest Leipzig, Bach places of MDR Music Summer, Bachfesttage Köthen – Köthen Bach Festival).

Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we are currently unable to guarantee that the festivals/concerts will take place. If a festival has to be cancelled due to the pandemic, the tours will naturally be adapted to the situation, we will do our best to provide a replacement programme in cooperation with our many musical partners at the locations, and the discrepancy in the tour price will be refunded. The main focus of the tours is the experience of exploring the stages of Bach's life by bicycle. The journey is its own reward here!

The tours will be conducted exclusively by Bach by Bike. We have developed a sustainable tour concept and pay our tour guides, musicians and local partners fair wages.

Our travel package includes an all-round service with luggage transport, lunch packs or picnics and selected and bicycle-friendly hotels along a beautiful route. Upon request and depending on availability you can book rental touring bikes or e-bikes.

Have a wonderful trip on an exclusive bike travel on the trail of Johann Sebastian Bach!

Bach by Bike – Mareike Neumann und Anna-Luise Oppelt

*Mareike Neumann* . *Anna-Luise Oppelt*



DETAILS AND MORE INFOS: [www.bachbyike.com](http://www.bachbyike.com)

## TOUR 1 IN THE NORTH OF THE WESERFESTSPIELE:

### Bremen – Bremerhaven, 135 km

Thursday, 19 May - Monday, 23 May 2022, 5 days

*Bach by Bike enjoys the fresh North Sea air: in cooperation with the WESERFESTSPIELE, we have extended our musical bike tour concept to include a region which Johann Sebastian Bach never visited, but which will be filled with music in these warm May days, and is thus an ideal destination for a musical bike tour. The North Sea landscape will be humming with the sounds of a range of different concerts, such as the traditional motet concerts in Bremen Cathedral and the organ tones in the dyke country of the North Sea coast.*

*The relationship between the region and Bach's music will be explored throughout the tour as we take you on this exciting experience combining nature and culture surrounded by the beautiful landscape formed where the river Weser flows into the North Sea.*

#### DAY 1, INDIVIDUAL ARRIVAL AND BREMEN

We will meet at 5pm in our hotel located directly on the market square in Bremen. After an official greeting, we will attend the motet concert in Bremen Cathedral together, which will be performed by the tour leaders Mareike Neumann and Anna-Luise Oppelt along with the cathedral music director Tobias Gravenhorst, featuring North German music and works by Johann Sebastian Bach for voice, violin and organ. Following this musical introduction, we will gather strength for the bike tour stages with an evening meal together.

*1 night in Hotel Classico Bremen\**

#### DAY 2, BREMEN-FARGE, 44 KM

During the morning, we will explore Bremen's musical side with a tour through the city's historic district. Around midday we start our first cycle tour stage along the Weser Bicycle Track as far as the northern city district of Farge. After checking into the hotel, we will cycle a few kilometres further along the river to the Valentin Submarine Bunker Museum. On this evening, the ruins of the U-boat dockyard belonging to the German Navy in the Second World War will become a sonorous place of remembrance. In a concert involving several different locations, the church music directors of the Protestant-Lutheran State Church of Hannover will lead more than 100 musicians performing works by Josquin des Prés, Johann Sebastian Bach, György Ligeti and a world premiere by Thomas Blomenkamp.

*1 night in Hotel Zum Klüverbaum Bremen-Blumenthal\**



#### DAY 3 FARGE - BREMERHAVEN, 50 KM

On Saturday, we will continue along the Weser Bicycle Track heading north through the expansive marshlands of the lower Weser to the maritime city of Bremerhaven. After a break in our hotel, located right in the middle of the new harbour with a view of the Weser and the North sea, a shuttle bus will take us to a concert in the church of St. Urbanus in Dorum: here, Gregorian chant meets the traditional Japanese Shakuhachi flute. This unusual combination is provided by the Schola Gregoriana Augustina and the flautist Dieter Weische. The shuttle bus will then bring us comfortably back to the hotel in Bremerhaven.

*1 night in Hotel the Liberty Bremerhaven\**

#### DAY 4 BREMERHAVEN-WREMEN-BREMERHAVEN, 40 KM

Today, we will undertake a round trip by bike along the Weser Bicycle Track through the harbour area and explore the landscape of the Wursten North Sea coast. Although flooding in this region has historically made life and work difficult, particularly in the period before the construction of the impressive dyke system, a rich cultural landscape has nevertheless arisen here. The district church music director Timo Corleis will provide a tour of the romantic Peternell-organ in Wremen, and if the weather allows, we will spend the lunch break at the beach by the tidal mud flats, before cycling back to Bremerhaven. The musical finale of our tour will feature a concert in the Christuskirche as part of the festival "Tage alter Musik" with works by J. Dowland, G. F. Händel and A. Corelli. We will end the tour with a concluding evening together.

*1 night in Hotel the Liberty Bremerhaven\**

#### DAY 5 DEPARTURE

Participants depart individually after breakfast.



*\*or similar*

## INCLUDED IN THE PRICE TOUR 1 IN THE NORTH OF THE WESERFESTSPIELE:

- **4 nights** at mid-range hotels incl. breakfast
- **Lunch packs or picnics** (on cycling days)
- **Guided tour**
- **Luggage transport** from first to last hotel
- **City tour** in Bremen
- **Organ tour and organ concert** at Peternell-Orgel in St. Willehadi, Wremen
- **4 concerts WESERFESTSPIELE:**
  - Thursday, May 19, 7 pm, St. Petri Dom: Motette with Bach by Bike Ensemble und Domcantor Tobias Gravenhorst
  - Friday, May 20, 6 or 7 pm, „Wandelkonzert“ (changing positions) in Bunker Valentin
  - Saturday, May 21, 7 pm, Concert in St. Urbanus Dorum with Schola Gregoriana Augustina and Dieter Weische: “Medieval Europe meets Japan”
  - Sunday, May 22, 7 pm, Christuskirche Bremerhaven, Concert „Days of ancient music“
- List of equipment

*Changes reserved*

Double room per Person: 950,- €

Single room supplement: 160,- €

Minimum number of participants: 15

### Address:

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### Optional extras:

- **Rental touring bike or rental e-bike:** 45,- € / 75,- €



### Meeting point:

We meet at Thursday, May 19, 22 at Hotel Classico in Bremen at 5 pm. 14 days before the beginning of the tour, you will receive the last travel documents with detailed information of travel itinerary and the mobile telephone numbers of your tour guides.

## **TOUR 2 THE WESERFESTSPIELE AND THE BÜCKEBURGER BACH**

### **ROUND TRIP FROM STADTHAGEN INCL. BÜCKEBURG, 90 KM**

**Friday, 3 June – Monday, 6 June 2022, 4 days**

*Discover the “Bückebug Bach” on this Pentecost weekend tour: this son of Johann Sebastian worked at the court of Wilhelm Count of Schaumburg Lippe in Bückebug from 1750 onwards as „Hofgräflich Schaumburg-Lippischer Cammer-Musicus“ and composed numerous chamber music and piano works there as well as cantatas and oratorios. We will connect the Count’s residence town with further concert locations of the WESERFESTSPIELE and undertake a round trip from Stadthagen via Bückebug, Minden and the Loccum Monastery; the tour ends where it began in Stadthagen.*

#### **DAY 1, ARRIVAL AND STADTHAGEN**

We will meet at 3pm at the Hotel zur Amtspforte in the historical town centre of Stadthagen. After an official greeting, we will explore the former residence town and current principal municipality of the Schaumburg region, marvelling at the internationally renowned mausoleum with its ceiling frescoes. During the PflingstMusikNacht (Pentecost music evening) in the Martinikirche, we will enjoy our first taste of this musically rich weekend. Church music director Christian Richter will welcome us to this popular annual concert with its diverse and fascinating programme.

*1 night in Hotel zur Amtspforte Stadthagen\**

#### **DAY 2, STADTHAGEN-BÜCKEBURG-MINDEN, 30 KM**

Early in the morning, we will leave for the idyllic town of Bückebug: awaiting us here will be a concert spread across various locations including a guided city tour by bike following in the footsteps of the Bückebug Bach. The Bückebug choirs with the church music director Siebelt Meier and the Bach by Bike Ensemble will perform together at the various locations frequented by Bach in the residence town. In the afternoon, we will cycle to our next accommodation in Minden on the banks of the Weser. In the evening, we will listen to the concert “Kontrapunkte” with the Ensemble Horizonte and the Bach by Bike Ensemble at St. Simeonis: contemporary compositions which refer back to Bach interwoven by Bach’s music. Enjoy the historical town district, famous for its architecture in the Weser Renaissance style.

*1 night in Hotel Victoria Minden\**

#### **DAY 3, MINDEN-LOCCUM MONASTERY, 35 KM**

Today we will cycle out along the bank of the Weser past one of the world’s largest waterway intersections as far as Petershagen, with its palace converted from a former water castle in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, before continuing eastwards through a landscape featuring moors, heathlands and forests, finally reaching the Loccum Monastery, an impressive and well-preserved Cistercian abbey from the 12<sup>th</sup> century. We will stay overnight adjacent to the historical monastery walls and will be well nourished for the rest of Sunday at the events centre with coffee, cake and dinner. Once we have checked into our “monastic cells”, we will be guided through the abbey, where we will attend a special early evening concert of the WESERFESTSPIELE: the renowned renaissance ensemble Capella de la Torre will perform music from the time of the monastery’s founding along with three youth choirs from Lower Saxony. Collaborative improvisations and digital sounds will extend the sonic spectrum into today’s world.

*1 night in Loccum Monastery\**

#### **DAY 4, KLOSTER LOCCUM-STADTHAGEN, 25 KM**

After the musical Pentecost mass with the Bishop of the Protestant-Lutheran State Church of Hannover Ralf Meister in the Loccum Monastery, we will begin the last stage of our cycle journey: we will ride out through the monastery forest through quiet side streets as far as Wiedensahl, the birthplace of Wilhelm Busch, where we will be provided with lunch at the museum. In the afternoon, we will reach the railway station in Stadthagen. From here, you can either cycle back to your car at the hotel or travel home directly by train.

\* or similar



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## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR 2 WESERFESTSPIELE THE BÜCKEBURGER BACH:

- **3 nights** at mid-range hotels incl. breakfast
- **Lunch packs or picnics** (on cycling days)
- **1 dinner** in Loccum Monastery
- **Guided tour**
- **Luggage transport** from first to last hotel
- **All entrance fees:** Mausoleum Stadthagen, Schloss Bückeburg, Wilhelm Busch Geburtshaus
- **City tours** in Stadthagen und Bückeburg
- **Organ- and Monastery tour** in Loccum
- **4 Concerts WESERFESTSPIELE:**
  - Friday, June 3, 7 pm, Pfingstmusiknacht in der St. Martinikirche Stadthagen
  - Saturday, June 4, „Wandelkonzert“ in Bückeburg
  - Saturday, June 4, 8 pm, Concert „Kontrapunkte“ with Ensemble Horizonte in St. Simeonis Minden
  - Sunday, June 5, 5.30 pm in Loccum Monastery, Capella de la Torre
- List of equipment

*Changes reserved*

Double room per Person: 790,- €

Single room supplement: 90,- €

Minimum number of participants: 15

### Optional extras:

- **Rental touring bike oder rental e-bike:** 45,- € / 75,- €

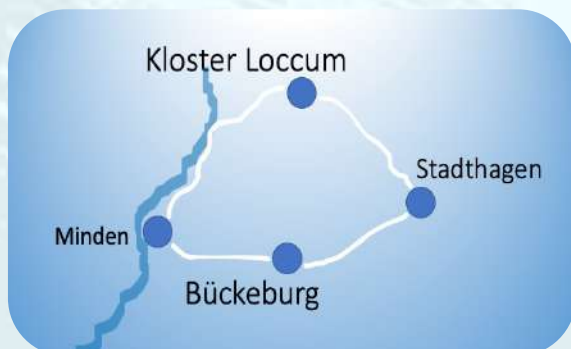


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### Meeting point:

We meet at Friday, June 3, 22, at 3 pm at Hotel Classico in Stadthagen. 14 days before the beginning of the tour, you will receive the last travel documents with detailed information of travel itinerary and the mobile telephone numbers of your tour guides.

## TOUR 3 TO THE BACHFEST LEIPZIG

### Eisenach – Leipzig, 300 km

**Saturday, 11 June – Monday, 20 June, 2022, 10 days**

#### DAY 1, INDIVIDUAL ARRIVAL AND EISENACH

Upon your self-organized arrival, we meet at the hotel in Eisenach at 2 pm. If you ordered a rental bike, we meet already at 1 pm. Afterwards, we take a tour around the city where Johann Sebastian Bach was born and visit the Bachhaus Eisenach. Explore the original places, streets and alleys where young Bach grew up.

*1 night at Hotel Glockenhof in Eisenach\**

#### DAY 2, EISENACH – GOTHA – OHRDRUF, 60 KM

We depart from Eisenach and cycle along the Hörsel, passing through the gentle rises and falls of the mythical Hörsel hills. Around noon we arrive at Friedenstein Castle in Gotha. Having recollected our strength during the break, we continue the trail towards Wechmar, the Bachs' place of origin. There we visit the ancestral home of the Bachs, housing the largest family tree of the musicians' family. Come evening, we bike the short distance to Ohrdruf, and stay overnight in a hotel right next to the grounds of Ehrenstein Castle.

*1 night at Hotel Schlossgartenpassage in Ohrdruf\**

#### DAY 3, OHRDRUF – ARNSTADT, 25 KM

In the morning, we explore Ehrenstein Castle and the idyllic village of Ohrdruf. Bach stayed here as a pupil with his elder brother. A unique highlight is the preserved library within the tower of Michaelis Church which holds hymnbooks and books of sermons dating back to Bach's time. After a brief stop in the Thuringian Forest we reach Arnstadt. Following Bach's footsteps, we walk around the historic city center make our way towards the Bach House and visit the Bach exhibition at Arnstadt's Schlossmuseum (Palace Museum).

*1 night at Hotel Goldene Henne in Arnstadt\**

#### DAY 4, ARNSTADT – DORNHEIM – ERFURT – WEIMAR, 52 KM

The next morning, we visit the Bach Church to hear organ music and an introduction to the history of the building. Around noon we depart to see Bach's wedding church in nearby Dornheim. After a guided tour of the church (where Bach fans from all over the world are still getting married today), we continue on our way along the Gera towards Thuringia's capital, Erfurt. Here you are shown the most important places of interests concerning Bach and stroll through the city centre before reaching our destination for the day, Weimar.

*1 night at Hotel Russischer Hof in Weimar\**

#### DAY 5, WEIMAR – BAD KÖSEN, 50 KM

In Weimar you are guided by the president of the Bach in Weimar-Society and professor of recorder, Myriam Eichberger, around the surviving Bach sites, including the city castle and city church, where many of Bach's children were baptized. During the afternoon, we take the idyllic Ilm Valley bike trail going past castles, such as the summer residence of Weimar's dukes and duchesses. After passing the Thuringian Wine Gate we arrive at the mouth of the Ilm, which feeds into the Saale. We leave the Ilm behind and follow the trail along the Saale, passing by romantic castles until we reach Bad Kösen with its impressive graduation works.

*1 night at Hotel zum mutigen Ritter Bad Kösen\**



#### DAY 6, BAD KÖSEN – NAUMBURG – WEIßENFELS, 26 KM

Further on our way, the route leads us along the lower vineyards of Saale/Unstrut until we arrive in Naumburg. We visit St. Wenzel with the famous Hildebrandt organ. After lunch we cycle to Weißenfels to a guided tour of the chapel of Neu-Augustusburg Castle. Finally, we stop off to the sounds of Bach's Hunting Cantata at the Jägerhof, the place it was performed for the first time.

*1 night at Hotel Jägerhof in Weißenfels\**

#### DAY 7, WEIßENFELS – LEIPZIG, 60 KM CYCLING

The next morning, we will visit the Heinrich Schütz House. Later, we cycle east towards the White Elster. If the weather is nice, we will stop at the Baroque castle Wiederau for lunch and enjoy coffee and cake whilst listening to a cantata dedicated to Wiederau. The tour continues on the Elster bikeway through the Leipzig lake district to Leipzig. In the evening we will listen to Bach's St. Matthew's Passion at the Thomas Church Leipzig, where the passion was performed for the first time. It will be performed by the Thomaner Choir and conducted by the new elected Thomaskantor, Andreas Reize.

*3 nights at Hotel Michaelis in Leipzig\**

#### DAY 8, BACHFEST LEIPZIG

After an extensive tour around the city's many Bach sites, there will be an opportunity to visit the Bach Museum and explore the city individually. In the evening, we will get together to listen to a concert of Bach Choral Cantatas in the Nicolai Church, which will be performed by the Dutch Bach Society with their famous concertmaster, Shunske Sato.

#### DAY 9, BACHFEST LEIPZIG

During the day, there are many opportunities to visit church services and other concerts of the Bachfest as well as individually. At 6 p.m., we meet at St. Thomas Church for the final concert of the Bachfest, Bach's Mass in B-Minor conducted by Diego Fasolis and enjoy the rest of the evening together.

#### DAY 10, DEPARTURE

After breakfast everyone will embark on their individual journey home. Alternatively, you can join our return shuttle to Eisenach.

*\*or similar*

### INCLUDED IN THE PRICE:

- **9 nights** at mid-range hotels incl. breakfast
- **Lunch packs or picnics** (on cycling days)
- **1 group dinner** in Ohrdruf
- **Guided tour**
- **Luggage transport** from first to last hotel
- **All entrance fees to museums and churches:** Bachhaus Eisenach, Chapel of Castle Friedenstein Gotha, Bachstammhaus Wechmar, Ehrenstein Castle Ohrdruf, Michaelis Church Ohrdruf, Bachhaus Arnstadt, Palace Museum Arnstadt, Traukirche Dornheim (Wedding Church), St Wenzel Church Naumburg, Heinrich Schütz House Weißenfels, Chapel of Neu-Augustusburg Castle Weißenfels, Bach Museum Leipzig
- **City tours** in Eisenach, Ohrdruf, Arnstadt, Weimar, Leipzig
- **Organ tour and organ concert** in Bach Church Arnstadt, Wender organ
- **3 concerts Bachfest Leipzig:**
  - Friday, June 17, 2022, 8 pm, St. Thomas Church Leipzig: St. Matthew's Passion
  - Saturday, June 18, 2022, 8 pm, St. Nicolai Church Leipzig: Choral Cantatas
  - Sunday, June 19, 2022, 6 pm, St. Thomas Church: Final Concert, B-Minor Mass
- Sheet music and information leaflets on Bach's compositions
- List of equipment

Double room per Person: 2290,- €  
Single room supplement: 215,- €

*Changes reserved*

Minimum number of participants: 15

### Optional extras:

- **Rental touring bike or rental e-bike;** all bikes include bike bags and locks: 125,- € / 240,- €
- **Rental helmet:** 32,- €
- **Return shuttle from Leipzig to Eisenach** (incl. person, luggage and individual bike)  
on Monday, June 20, 2022 at 9 am.:  
upon request



### Meeting point:

We meet at Saturday, 11 June, 22, at Hotel Glockenhof in Eisenach. From 1 pm to 2 pm the rental bikes will be adjusted. At 2 pm we welcome everyone at the reception. 14 days before the beginning of the tour, you will receive the last travel documents with detailed information of travel itinerary and the mobile telephone numbers of your tour guides.

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## **TOUR 4 10 YEARS BACH BY BIKE ANNIVERSARY TOUR TO THE MDR MUSIC SUMMER Eisenach – Köthen (incl. Mühlhausen and Leipzig), 400 km**

**Friday, 15 July – Saturday, 30 July, 2022, 16 days, 1-week booking option**

*On this extensive anniversary cycle tour, you will experience all the locations of Bach's life and work in central Germany over 11 cycling stages. In cooperation with the MDR-Musiksommer festival, we will enjoy a musical reception on 10 evenings, and this year we will attend all of the concerts of the "Bachorte" series. The option is available to book just one week of this anniversary tour. Part 1 will take you from Mühlhausen to Weimar and part 2 from Weimar to Köthen. On both tours, you will experience the Bach by Bike Ensemble at the MDR music summer in the Herderkirche in Weimar.*



### **PART 1 (15 - 23 July, 22)**

#### **DAY 1: INDIVIDUAL ARRIVAL AND MÜHLHAUSEN**

We will meet at 2 pm at the hotel in Mühlhausen and explore the medieval town together. Young Bach had his second employment here. We will be welcomed with a fascinating organ performance and explanation by cantor director, Oliver Stechbart in the Divi Blasii church, where we will see the certificate of Bach's employment in the city's archive. In the evening we will visit the first concert of the concert series Bach places of MDR music summer with Collegium Vocale Leipzig conducted by Michael Schönheit in Divi Blasii Church.

*1 night at Hotel Brauhaus Zum Löwen Mühlhausen\**

#### **DAY 2, MÜHLHAUSEN - EISENACH, 45 KM**

On our way to Eisenach we cycle through UNESCO World Heritage Hainich National Park, famous for its primeval beech forest. Enjoy the geographical center of Germany in Niederdorla and fantastic views of the Thuringian Basin. In Eisenach we take a tour around the city where Johann Sebastian Bach was born and visit the Bachhaus Eisenach. Explore the original places, streets and alleys where young Bach grew up. In Bach's baptistery Georgenchurch we listen to a concert of French violinist Amandine Beyer and her baroque orchestra Gli Incogniti.

*1 night at Hotel Glockenhof Eisenach\**

#### **DAY 3, EISENACH – GOTHA, 40 KM**

In the morning we visit the Bachhaus Eisenach. At noon we depart from Eisenach and cycle along the Hörsel, passing through the gentle rises and falls of the mythical Hörsel hills. Around noon we arrive at our hotel at the garden of Friedenstein Castle in Gotha. Here we listen to the MDR Music summer concert Margarethenchurch with cantatas by J. S. Bach and F. Mendelssohn and the MDR-Ensembles conducted by Peter Dijkstra.

*1 night at Hotel am Schlosspark Gotha\**

#### **DAY 4, GOTHA – WECHMAR – OHRDRUF, 20 KM**

In the morning we will visit the chapel of Castle Friedenstein in Gotha and we will see the world's oldest baroque theatre, the Ek-hof Theatre, with its original stage machinery. We continue the trail towards Wechmar, the Bachs' place of origin. There we visit the ancestral home of the Bachs, housing the largest family tree of the musicians' family as well as the original mill, formerly owned by great-grandfather Veit Bach, with its historic fully timbered and wooded room.

In the afternoon, we bike the short distance to Ohrdruf, and stay overnight in a hotel right next to the grounds of Ehrenstein Castle.

*1 night at Hotel Schlossgartenpassage Ohrdruf\**

#### **DAY 5, OHRDRUF – ARNSTADT, 25 KM**

Today we explore Ehrenstein Castle and the idyllic village of Ohrdruf. Bach stayed here as a pupil with his elder brother. A unique highlight is the preserved library within the tower of Michaelis Church which holds hymnbooks and books of sermons dating back to Bach's time.

We briefly stop in the Thuringian forest and reach Arnstadt in the late morning. Following Bach's footsteps, we walk around the historic city center and then make our way towards Bachhaus Arnstadt and the Bach Church to hear organ music and an introduction to the history of the building with Bach-successor Jörg Reddin.

*1 night at Hotel Goldene Henne Arnstadt\**

#### **DAY 6, ARNSTADT – DORNHEIM – ERFURT, 26 KM**

We visit the Bach exhibition at Arnstadt's Schlossmuseum (Palace Museum). Around noon we depart to see Bach's wedding church in nearby Dornheim. After a guided tour of the church (where Bach fans from all over the world are still getting married today), we continue on our way along the Gera towards Thuringia's capital, Erfurt. Here you can stroll around the "Thuringian Rome" individually.

*1 night at Hotel Zumnorde Erfurt\**

#### **DAY 7, ERFURT – ARNSTADT – ERFURT, BY TRAIN**

In the morning you are shown the most important places of interests in Erfurt concerning Bach. At noon we will travel the short distance back to Arnstadt by train and will visit the concert of Leipzig vocal ensemble amarcord and recorder player Erik Bosgraaf at the Bach-Church. Afterwards we will travel back by train to our hotel in Erfurt.

*1 night at Hotel Zumnorde Erfurt\**

#### **DAY 8, ERFURT – WEIMAR, 25 KM**

In the morning we will travel to Weimar on a short stage along the "Thuringian city-chain". There you will be guided around the surviving Bach sites, such as the city castle and city church, where many of Bach's children were baptized. In the evening, we listen to a concert of MDR music summer in the Church St. Peter and Paul. The Bach by Bike Ensemble will perform conducted by Jörg Reddin. The founders Anna-Luise Oppelt and Mareike Neumann created a program containing one piece of music from each Bach town of our travel.

We will spend the rest of the evening together with the participants who will leave us here and welcome the newcomers of part 2.

*1 night at Hotel Am Frauenplan Weimar\**

## DAY 9, VARIATION DEPARTURE

If you booked only part 1 you will embark on your individual journey home. Alternatively, you can join our shuttle to Mühlhausen.

## PART 2 (22 – 30 July, 22)

### DAY 8, VARIATION INDIVIDUAL ARRIVAL AND WEIMAR

Upon your self-organized arrival, we meet at the hotel in Weimar at 3 pm. If you ordered a rental bike, we meet already at 2:30 pm. You are guided around the surviving Bach sites, such as the city castle and city church, where many of Bach's children were baptized. In the evening we listen to a concert of MDR music summer in the Herderchurch. The Bach by Bike Ensemble will perform conducted by Jörg Reddin. The founders Anna-Luise Oppelt and Mareike Neumann created a program containing one piece of music from each Bach town of our travel.

We will spend the rest of the evening together with the participants who will leave us here and welcome the new arrivers of part 2.

*1 night at Hotel Leonardo Weimar\**

### DAY 9 WEIMAR – NAUMBURG, 58 KM

We take the idyllic Ilm Valley bike trail going past castles, such as the summer residence of Weimar's dukes and duchesses. After passing the Thuringian Wine Gate we arrive at the mouth of the Ilm, which feeds into the Saale. We leave the Ilm behind and follow the trail along the Saale, passing by romantic castles until we reach Bad Kösen with its impressive graduation works. Further on our way, the route leads us along the lower vineyards of Saale/Unstrut until we arrive in Naumburg. Here we will visit a concert of MDR music summer in the St. Wenzel Church with the Kreuzchor Dresden performing music by Bach, Schütz, Brahms, Bruckner und Mauersberger.

*1 night at Hotel Zur Alten Schmiede Naumburg\**

### DAY 10, NAUMBURG – WEIßENFELS, 20 KM

In Naumburg a guided tour of the famous Hildebrandt organ awaits us, which conveys the singularity of Bach's sound ideal until today. You can also visit the city with the famous dome individually. After lunch we cycle to Weißenfels to listen to a concert of MDR music summer with the Gellert Ensemble led by Andreas Mitschke in the chapel of Neu-Augustusburg. Finally, we stop off to the sounds of Bach's Hunting Cantata at the Jägerhof, the place it was performed for the first time.

*1 night at Hotel Jägerhof in Weißenfels\**

### DAY 11, WEIßENFELS – LEIPZIG, 60 KM

The next morning, we visit the Heinrich-Schütz-House. Later, we cycle east towards the White Elster. We stop at the baroque castle Wiederau for lunch and enjoy coffee and cake whilst listening to a cantata dedicated to Wiederau. The tour continues on the Elster bikeway through the Leipzig lake district to the last stop of the tour, Leipzig. If the weather is nice, we stop for a bath in the lake Cospuden. The evening is at your free disposal.

*2 nights at Hotel Michaelis in Leipzig\**



### DAY 12, LEIPZIG

After an extensive tour around the city's many Bach sites there is an opportunity to visit the Bach Museum and explore the city individually.

### DAY 13, LEIPZIG - HALLE A.D. SAALE, 40 km

We leave Leipzig cycling along the dikes of the White Elster. If the weather is nice, we take a lunch break with a bath at a lake. Afterwards we will reach the city center of Halle, check-in into our hotel and visit the Museum of the eldest Bach Son, the Wilhelm-Friedemann-Bach-House. Cantor Irénée Peyrot awaits us at Market Church and will show us the Reichel- and Schuke-organs where Bach once examined the organ. We spend the evening together at a restaurant next to the Saale-river.

*2 nights at Hotel Ankerhof Halle a. d. Saale\**

### DAY 14, HALLE – LEIPZIG – HALLE, BY TRAIN

In the morning there is time to visit the house of Bach's famous contemporary George Frederic Handel.

In the afternoon we take the train to Leipzig in order to visit the concert of MDR music summer for Bach's 272nd day of death at St. Thomas Church. Here we listen to the Thomanerchor, conducted by new Thomas-Kantor Andreas Reize, with the Leipziger Barockorchester and Thomas-organist Johannes Lang. We will ride back by train to Halle afterwards.

### DAY 15, HALLE A.D. SAALE – KÖTHEN, 45 KM

We continue to the final stage of the trip to the residential city of Köthen after a stop at the lake Edderitz. We spend the afternoon discovering Bach's traces during a tour of the city. In the evening, we listen to the final concert of the series Bach-Orte of the MDR music summer: The Deutsche Streicherphilharmonie and soloist Noa Wildschut perform Bach's violin concertos. Afterwards we celebrate the anniversary tour with a special baroque dinner like in Bach's time.

*1 night at Hotel Anhalt in Köthen\**

### DAY 16, DEPARTURE

After breakfast everyone will embark on their individual journey home. Alternatively, you can join our return shuttle to Weimar or Mühlhausen.

*\*or similar*

### INCLUDED IN THE PRICE OF THE COMPLETE TOUR:

- **15 nights** at mid-range hotels incl. breakfast
- **All other services as listed for part 1 plus part 2**

Double room per Person: 3400,- €

Single room supplement: 395,- €

*Changes reserved*

Minimum number of participants: 15

### Optional extras complete tour:

- Rental touring bike or rental e-bike; all bikes include bike bags and locks: 205,- € / 405,- €
- Rental helmet: 56,- €
- Return shuttle from Köthen to Mühlhausen (incl. person, luggage and individual bike) on Saturday July 30, 2022 at 9 am: upon request

### INCLUDED IN THE PRICE PART 1: (Friday, 15 July – Saturday, 23 July, 2022)

- **8 nights** at mid-range hotels incl. breakfast
- **Lunch packs or picnics** (on cycling days)
- **2 dinners** in Gotha and Ohrdruf
- **Guided tour**
- **Luggage transport** from first to last hotel
- **All entrance fees to museums and churches:** city hall-archive Mühlhausen, Bachhaus Eisenach, Chapel and Ekhof-Theater Castle Friedenstein Gotha, Bachstammhaus Wechmar, Palace Museum Ohrdruf, Michaelischurchtower Ohrdruf, Bachhouse Arnstadt, Palace Museum Arnstadt, Traukirche Dornheim (Wedding Church)
- **City tours** in Eisenach, Ohrdruf, Arnstadt, Erfurt, Weimar
- **Organ tours** and organ concerts in Divi Blasii Mühlhausen and Bach Church Arnstadt, Wender organ
- **5 concerts of MDR music summer (Kat. 1):**
  - Friday, July 15, 2022, 7.30 pm, Chor-Lichter, Mühlhausen Divi Blasii
  - Saturday, July 16, 2022, 7.30 pm, Bach-Konzerte, Eisenach Georgenchurch
  - Sunday, July 17, 2022, 5 pm, Genius Loci, Gotha Margarethenchurch
  - Thursday, July 21, 2022, 7 pm, amarcord, Arnstadt Bachchurch
  - Friday, Juli 22, 2022, 7.30 pm, Reise mit Bach, Weimar Herderchurch
- Sheet music and information leaflets on Bach's compositions
- List of equipment

Double room per Person: 1900,- €

Single room supplement: 230,- €

*Changes reserved*

Minimum number of participants: 15

### Optional extras part 1:

- Rental touring bike or rental e-bike; all bikes include bike bags and locks: 115,- € / 220,- €
- Rental helmet: 28,- €
- Return shuttle from Weimar to Mühlhausen (incl. person, luggage and individual bike) on the last morning: upon request

### Address:

Hotel Brauhaus zum Löwen  
Felchtaer Str. 2-4  
99974 Mühlhausen/Thüringen  
Germany  
Tel.: +49 (0)3601 / 471-0

Bach by Bike-emergency  
telephone:  
+49-228-24000224/  
+49-30-97986340

### Meeting point:

We meet at July 15, 22, Hotel Brauhaus zum Löwen in Mühlhausen. From 1 pm to 2 pm the rental bikes will be adjusted. At 2 pm we welcome everyone at the reception. 14 days before the beginning of the tour, you will receive the last travel documents with detailed information of travel itinerary and the mobile telephone numbers of your tour guides.

## INCLUDED IN THE PRICE PART 2: (Friday, 22 July – Saturday, 30 July, 2022)

- **8 nights** at mid-range hotels incl. breakfast
- **Lunch packs or picnics** (on cycling days)
- **1 dinner** on the last day in Köthen (Bach Menu)
- **Guided tour**
- **Luggage transport** from first to last hotel
- **All entrance fees to museums and churches:** Heinrich-Schütz-House-Weißenfels, Chapel of Neu-Augustusburg Castle Weißenfels, Bach Museum Leipzig, Handel-House-Halle, Wilhelm-Friedemann-Bach-House Halle
- **City tours** in Weimar, Leipzig, Halle, Köthen
- **Organ tours** and organ concerts in St. Wenzel Naumburg Hildebrandt organ and Marktkirche Halle Reichel-organ and Schuke-organ
- **5 concerts of MDR music summer:**
  - Friday, July 22, 2022, 7.30 pm, Reise mit Bach, Weimar Herderchurch (Kat.1)
  - Saturday, July 23, 2022, 7.30 pm, Kruzianer!, Naumburg St. Wenzel (Kat. 1)
  - Sunday, July 24, 2022, 5 pm, Musenhof 1700, Chapel Castle Neu-Augustusburg Weißenfels (Kat.1)
  - Thursday, July 28, 2022, 8 pm, in Memoriam, Leipzig Thomaschurch
  - Friday, July 29, 2022, 7 pm, Jugend streicht, Köthen Bach-Saal
- Sheet music and information leaflets on Bach's compositions
- List of equipment

Double room per Person: 1900,- €

Single room supplement: 185,- €

*Changes reserved*

Minimum number of participants: 15

### Optional extras part 2:

- Rental touring bike or rental e-bike; all bikes include bike bags and locks: 115,- € / 220,- €
- Rental helmet: 28,- €
- Return shuttle from Köthen to Weimar (incl. person, luggage and individual bike) on the last morning: upon request

### Address:

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Tel.: +49 (0)3643 - 722 0

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### Meeting point:

We meet at Friday 22, 22, Hotel Leonardo in Weimar. At 2:30 pm the rental bikes will be adjusted. At 3 pm we welcome everyone at the reception. 14 days before the beginning of the tour, you will receive the last travel documents with detailed information of travel itinerary and the mobile telephone numbers of your tour guides.

## TOUR 5 TO THE KÖTHEN BACH FESTIVAL

### Weimar - Köthen, 225 km

**Saturday, 27 August – Monday, 5 September, 2022, 10 days**

#### DAY 1, SELF ORGANIZED ARRIVAL AND WEIMAR

We meet at 3.30 pm. at the hotel in Weimar. If you booked a rental bike, we already meet at 2.30 pm. In Weimar, you are guided around the surviving Bach sites, such as the city castle and city church, where many of Bach's children were baptised.

*1 night at Hotel Am Frauenplan Weimar\**

#### DAY 2, WEIMAR – NAUMBURG, 58 KM

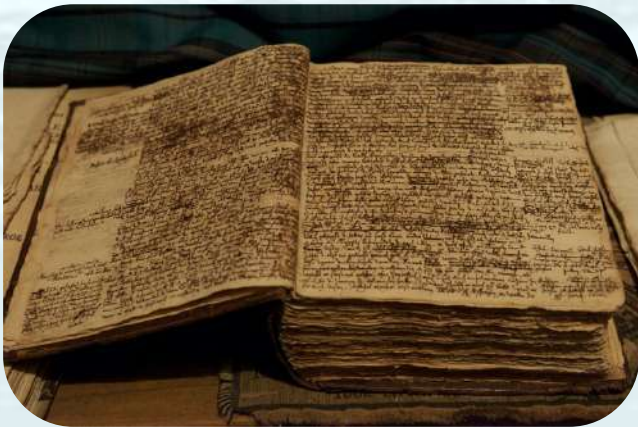
We take the idyllic Ilm Valley bike trail going past castles, such as the summer residence of Weimar's dukes and duchesses. Finally, we get to the Thuringian Wine Gate and the spa town of Bad Sulza. A few kilometres onwards, we leave the Ilm behind and for the rest of the day follow the trail along the Saale, passing by romantic castles until we reach Bad Kösen with its impressive graduation works. Further on our way, the route leads us along the lower vineyards of Saale/Unstrut until we arrive in Naumburg.

*1 night at Hotel zur alten Schmiede Naumburg\**

#### DAY 3, NAUMBURG – WEIßENFELS, 20 KM

In Naumburg a guided tour of the famous Hildebrandt organ awaits us, which conveys the singularity of Bach's sound ideal until today. You can also visit the city with the famous dome individually. After lunch we cycle to Weißenfels. Here we will get a guided tour in the chapel of Neu-Augustusburg. Finally, we stop off to the sounds of Bach's Hunting Cantata at the Jägerhof, the place it was performed for the first time.

*1 night at Hotel Jägerhof Weissenfels\**



#### DAY 4, WEIßENFELS – LEIPZIG, 60 KM

The next morning we visit the Heinrich Schütz House. Later, we cycle east towards the White Elster. If the weather is nice we stop at the baroque castle Wiederau for lunch, and enjoy coffee and cake whilst listening to a cantata dedicated to Wiederau. The tour continues on the Elster bikeway through the Leipzig lake district to Leipzig. If the weather is nice, we stop for a bath in the lake Cospuden. The evening is at your free disposal.

*1 night at Hotel Michaelis Leipzig\**



#### DAY 5, LEIPZIG

After an extensive tour around the city's many Bach sites, there is an opportunity to visit the Bach Museum and explore the city individually.

*1 night at Hotel Michaelis Leipzig\**

#### DAY 6, LEIPZIG – HALLE A. D. SAALE, 40 KM

We leave Leipzig cycling along the dikes of the White Elster. If the weather is nice, we take a lunch break with a bath at a lake.

Afterwards we will reach the city center of Halle, check-in into our hotel and visit the Museum of the eldest Bach Son, the Wilhelm-Friedemann-Bach-House, and the George-Frederic-Handel-Museum, Handel being one famous Bach contemporary. We spend the evening together at a restaurant next to the Saale-river.

*1 night at Hotel Ankerhof Halle\**

#### DAY 7, HALLE A. D. SAALE – KÖTHEN, 45 KM

We continue to the final stage of the trip to the residential city of Köthen after a stop at the lake Edderitz. In the evening we will visit a concert of the Köthen Bach Festival at the J.-S.-Bach-Saal. We recommend that you book further concerts of the festival for the days in Köthen individually directly via Köthen Bach Festival.

*1 night at Hotel Anhalt in Köthen\**

#### DAY 8, KÖTHEN BACH FESTIVAL

Today we begin with a short tour to the nearby Nienburg, where we will listen to a concert of Bach by Bike ensemble at the Monastery Church. In the afternoon back in Köthen, there are many opportunities for exploring the city. Here, Bach held his fourth post. We listen to concerts at the hall of mirrors in the palace and at Bach's home church St. Agnus in the evening.

*1 night at Hotel Anhalt Köthen\**

#### DAY 9, KÖTHEN BACH FESTIVAL

On Sunday morning there is a service with a Bach cantata and time to visit concerts of the festival individually. We spend the late morning at the Bach exhibition in the city palace and later on discover Bach's traces during a tour of the city. In the afternoon, we visit concerts at the Musicalien-Kammer in the palace, the Old District Court and the final concert of the festival at St. Jacob's Church. We will spend the evening together and will have a special baroque dinner like in Bach's time.

*1 night at Hotel Anhalt Köthen\**

#### DAY 10, DEPARTURE

After breakfast everyone will embark on their individual journey home. Alternatively, you can join our return shuttle to Weimar.

*\*or similar*

## INCLUDED IN THE PRICE:

- **9 nights** at mid-range hotels incl. breakfast
- **lunch packs or picnics** (on cycling days)
- **1 dinner** on the last day in Köthen (Bach Menu)
- **Guided Tour**
- **Luggage transport** from first to last hotel
- **all entrance fees to museums and churches:** St Wenzel Church Naumburg, Heinrich Schütz House Weißenfels, Chapel of Neu-Augustusburg Castle Weißenfels, Bach Museum Leipzig, Wilhelm-Friedemann-Bach-House Halle, Handel-HouseHalle, City Palace Köthen, Church St. Agnes Köthen
- **City tours** in Weimar, Leipzig, Köthen
- **Organ tour and organ concert** in St Wenzel Church Naumburg, Hildebrandt organ
- **7 concerts of Köthener Bachfesttage:**
  - Friday, 2.9., 7 pm: Nr. 32 BachKollektiv, Bach-Saal
  - Saturday, 3.9., 11.30 am: Nr. 39 excursion concert, Bach by Bike Ensemble, Klosterkirche Nienburg
  - Saturday, 3.9., 5 pm: Nr. 52 Bach dances, BachKollektiv, hall of mirrors
  - Saturday, 3.9., 7 pm: Nr. 54 Martina Gedeck & Mayumi Hirasaki, Church St. Agnus (cat. 1)
  - Sunday, 4.9., 2.15 pm: Nr. 62 short concert: Bach and improvisations, old district court
  - Sunday, 4.9., 4.15 pm: Nr. 67 short concert: musical guided tour, Neue Musicalien-Kammer palace Köthen
  - Sunday, 3.9., 5 pm: Nr. 70 final concert, Church St. Jacob (cat. 1)
- Sheet music and information leaflets on Bach's compositions
- List of equipment

Double room per person: 1990,- €

Single room supplement: 245,- €

*Changes reserved*

Minimum number of participants: 15

### Address:

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Deutschland  
Tel.: +49 (0)3643-4944444

Bach by Bike-emergency telephone:  
+49-228-24000224 / +49-30-97986340



### Optional extras:

- **Rental touring bike or rental e-bike;** all bikes include bike bags and locks: 125,- € / 240,- €
- **Rental helmet:** 32,- €
- **Return shuttle** from Köthen to Weimar (incl. person, luggage and individual bike) on Monday September 6, 2022 at 9 am: upon request

### Meeting point:

We meet at Saturday, 27 August, 22, at Hotel "Am Frauenplan" in Weimar. From 2.30 pm to 3 pm the rental bikes will be adjusted. At 3 pm we welcome everyone at the reception. 14 days before the beginning of the tour, you will receive the last travel documents with detailed information of travel itinerary and the mobile telephone numbers of your tour guides.

## TOUR 6 PLEASANT WIEDERAU: SHORT TRIP TO LEIPZIG

### Naumburg – Leipzig, 80 km

Thursday, September 8 – Sunday, September 11, 2022, 4 days

*On this journey, you will experience all the locations where Bach perfected his skills: we will accompany you via Weimar and Leipzig to Köthen, where he had an excellent court orchestra at the palace of Count Leopold that inspired him to compose his now famous virtuosic instrumental music. The festival “Köthener Bachfesttage” pays tribute to this highlight of Bach’s oeuvre with a range of unconventional concerts in and around Bach’s places of activity in the Anhalt residence town.*



#### DAY 1, SELF ORGANIZED ARRIVAL AND NAUMBURG

We meet at 5 pm at the hotel in Naumburg. If you booked a rental bike, we already meet at 4.30 pm. After our welcoming, a guided tour of the famous Hildebrandt organ awaits us, which conveys the singularity of Bach’s sound ideal until today. Following this musical introduction, we will gather strength for the bike tour stages with an evening meal together.

*1 night at Hotel zur Alten Schmiede Naumburg\**

#### DAY 2, NAUMBURG – WEIßENFELS, 20 KM

In the morning we visit the famous dome, UNESCO world heritage site, guided by Uta personally. On the tower, we will get to see the enormous arch construction, the historic bells from the 16. Century and the impressing view of the Saale-Unstrut area. After a short cycling stage, we have lunch at the Saale banks and keep on following the river until we reach Weißenfels. Here we visit the Heinrich Schütz House, museum of the great composer. Finally, we stop off to the sounds of Bach’s Hunting Cantata at the Jägerhof, the place it was performed for the first time. The evening is accompanied by the wine princess of vineyard Burgwerben/Kriechau with a wine tasting.

*1 night at Hotel Jägerhof Weißenfels\**

#### DAY 3, WEIßENFELS – WIEDERAU - LEIPZIG, 60 KM

After a guided tour in the chapel of Neu-Augustusburg Weißenfels, we leave the Saale river and cycle on eastwards to little village Wiederau with its beautiful baroque castle. Here the cantata “Pleasant Wiederau, rejoice in the meadows” BWV 30a will be performed by the Bach by Bike Ensemble and Camerata Lipsiensis. During the concert, we and the villagers will explain about our connection to the history of the castle and this special cantate. In addition, a cantata by Georg Philipp Telemann will be premiered in modern times. Lunch, cake and coffee will be provided. The tour continues on the Elster bikeway through the Leipzig lake district to Leipzig. We spend the last evening together with a delicious dinner menu at our hotel Michaelis.

*1 night at Hotel Michaelis Leipzig\**

#### DAY 4, LEIPZIG AND DEPARTURE

In the morning, you can visit the service at St. Thomas Church with the famous Thomaner Choir. After an extensive tour around the city’s many Bach sites, there is an opportunity to visit the Bach Museum. At 5 pm, everyone will embark on their individual journey home. Alternatively, you can join our return shuttle to Naumburg.



*\*or similar*

## INCLUDED IN THE PRICE TOUR 6 PLEASANT WIEDERAU

- **3 nights** at mid-range hotels incl. breakfast
- **lunch packs or picnics** (on cycling days)
- **1 dinner** on the last day in Köthen (Bach Menu)
- **Guided Tour**
- **Luggage transport** from first to last hotel
- **Wine tasting** at Jägerhof in Weißenfels
- **all entrance fees:** Dome Naumburg, Heinrich-Schütz-Haus Weißenfels, Schlosskapelle Schloss Neu-Augustusburg Weißenfels, Bach Museum Leipzig
- **City tour** in Leipzig
- **Organ tour and organ concert** in St Wenzel Church Naumburg, Hildebrandt organ
- **Concert on Saturday September 9, 4 pm** at Wiederau with the Bach by Bike Ensemble and Camerata Lipsiensis
- Sheet music and information leaflets on Bach's compositions
- List of equipment

*Changes reserved*

### PRICES:

Double room per Person: 740,- €

Single room supplement: 75,- €

Minimum number of participants: 15

### Optional extras:

- **Rental touring bike or rental e-bike;** all bikes include bike bags and locks: 85,- €/ 135,- €
- **Rental helmet:** 12,- €
- **Return shuttle** from Köthen to Weimar (incl. person, luggage and individual bike) on Monday September 11, 2022 at 7 pm: upon request



### Meeting point:

We meet at Thursday, September 8, 22 at Hotel zur alten Schmiede in Naumburg at 5 pm. 14 days before the beginning of the tour, you will receive the last travel documents with detailed information of travel itinerary and the mobile telephone numbers of your tour guides.

### Address:

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Hinter dem Schütting 1A  
28195 Bremen Germany  
Tel.: +49 (0)421 / 24400867

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0228-24000224 / 030-97986340



## GENERAL TRAVEL INFORMATION

### ROUTE:

The cycling route runs on official (long-distance) trails and roads with little traffic which are mostly asphalted without longer slopes. There are a few sections on gravel paths.

In Thuringia there will be a bit of an up and down and we will have to manage the one or the other ascent. The first stage of tour 4 runs through the National parc Hainich; here we have some height differences to overcome on partly unpaved roads. In the following days the tour is very comfortable, and we cycle mostly along rivers. We do recommend using an e-bike to easily master the climbs of the first couple of days and to enjoy the program of guided tours and museum visits in a more relaxed way. The tour is designed in a way that there is always a cushion of time for potential incidents, for example rain, breakdowns, etc. As a last resort, some day trips can be completed by train; you can switch to a regional train in most places, e.g. if the weather is getting bad.

### Total cycling route:

Tour 1: 135 km   Tour 2: 90 km   Tour 3: 300 km   Tour 4: 400 km (185 km/215 km)   Tour 5: 225 km   Tour 6: 80 km



### Clothing:

We visit museums or churches during the cycling stages. We recommend having clothes for all weather with you in the daily luggage. If the weather doesn't play along, we will try and go on cycling. We ask you kindly to bring rain wear with you.

### Swimming:

We pass by rivers and lakes, where we are happy to stop for a swim on a warm day. We will announce this the evening before so that swimwear can be packed into the day luggage.



### Arrival:

The rooms are ready to check in at 3 pm at the latest. You can deposit your luggage at the hotel before.

### By train:

Bremen, Stadthagen, Mühlhausen, Eisenach and Weimar have train stations. The hotels are within 15 min. walking distance or can be reached by public transport easily.

### By car:

#### TOUR 1:

Please get in touch with hotel "zur Amtspforte" before your arrival. They will have current information.

**TOUR 2:** You can park your car at BEPARKhaus Pressehaus, 300 m away from the Hotel Classico.

#### TOUR 3:

It is not possible to park your car at Hotel Glockenhof for several days. We recommend free parking in the side roads or the public parking lot with video monitoring opposite the hotel „Alte Brauerei“ (please contact us directly).

#### TOUR 4:

If available you can park for 6,- €/day at Hotel Brauhaus zum Löwen. Please contact the hotel early.

#### TOUR 4 part 2:

If available you can park your car at the hotel parking lot for 13,- €/day or in the hotel garage for 15,-€/day. Please contact the hotel.

#### TOUR 5:

You can park your car at the underground garage Goethehaus, or at Hermann-Brill-Platz.

#### TOUR 6:

Please get in touch with your hotel before your arrival. They will have current information.

### Departure:

On departure day you can book our return shuttle (optional extras, Tour 3-5). Bremerhaven, Stadthagen, Weimar, Leipzig and Köthen have train stations. They are within walking/biking distance or reachable by public transport.



### ABOUT BACH BY BIKE:

Mareike Neumann and Anna-Luise Oppelt studied together at the Music University of Detmold.

Since 2011, Mareike Neumann is a professional violinist with the Beethoven Orchestra Bonn, after playing with the Philharmonic State Orchestra Hamburg and the Museum Orchestra Frankfurt. She is also playing as a baroque violinist in several ensembles and since 2007 as a member of Ensemble Horizonte for contemporary music.

Anna-Luise Oppelt is a professional freelance mezzosoprano, having obtained her bachelor's and master's degree of Voice at the Music University of Weimar, after receiving her state exam and diploma as a certified violin and singing teacher. She is performing as a soloist in opera and concert and has been regularly invited to perform as a member of the radio choir of the MDR in Leipzig, NDR in Hamburg, the Balthasar-Neumann-Choir and several other ensembles.

Both undertake extensive bike tours together, including Norderney to Detmold (2006), Passau to Berlin (2008), Orleans to Biarritz (2010), Berlin to Danzig (2013) and Klaipeda to Tallinn (2017), and for eight years now have been guiding Bach and bike enthusiasts along this tour, an extraordinarily inspiring combination of nature and culture following Bach's footsteps.

## FURTHER INFORMATION:

### PREPARING FOR THE TRAVEL:

We recommend listening to Bach's music and to be eager to visit all the authentic places of origin. Apart from that, you only need to pack your bike and necessary luggage and off we go! There is a huge number of books about J.S. Bach and his life, which are also available in museums along the way. We especially recommend the book, „Exploring the world of J.S. Bach“ by Robert L. Marshall and Traute M. Marshall, published in 2016 (University of Illinois Press). And there is a new translation of “Bach and the Tuning of the World” (Alexander Verlag, 2020) by Jens Johler, available as e-book.

### BOOKING OPTIONS:

You can book a single room or a double room for two persons. If available, you also have the option to choose a double room with a stranger of the same sex. For this option we need to know whether you are feminine or masculine in the registration sheet. Please also note the terms and conditions.

This option is subject to the current restrictions due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

### LIMITED MOBILITY:

In accordance with article 250 § 3 of the EGBGB (Introductory Act to the German Civil Code), we are required to inform you that our tours are not suitable for people with limited mobility. If you are unsure whether you are able to participate in the tour comfortably with an E-Bike, please do not hesitate to ask us. We are happy to provide personal assistance!



### LANGUAGE:

Our tours are conducted in German. Our tour guides speak English and are happy to provide translation to international guests during the tours. Some tours are translated verbally, or you will receive a translated handout.

### TOUR OPERATOR:

Bach by Bike – Mareike Neumann und Anna-Luise Oppelt GbR

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### GROUP SIZE AND MINIMUM NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS:

The minimum number of participants for our tours is 15. If the minimum number is not reached, we reserve the right to withdraw from the tour contract. The corresponding declaration must be sent to you at least 29 days before the scheduled beginning of the tour. The average group size is approximately 15 to 25 people.