



Program 2017 European Hiking Holidays

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“Like to Hike” ... “Du Bon Pied”

has developed from a German-French circle of like-minded friends in Munich. By now this group has become a registered association called “Begegnung in Europa –Verein zur Verständigung e.V.” (European Encounters – Association for Mutual Understanding). It is our common aim to make a contribution to friendly relations and mutual understanding between the people of Europe. We are not tied to any particular ideology. We are a mixed group of people of every age and origin, also coming from various professional backgrounds, and we welcome anyone interested in joining in and assisting us. In Munich we also organize informative events as well as informal meetings and walking tours to which everybody is welcome.

The Best Choice of Routes – Always in Good Hands

Our walking itineraries and programmes are planned in close partnership with local associations and hikers who are at home in the areas to be visited and who, as experienced guides, are able to lead us to the most delightful spots. Furthermore, the group guides, who are responsible for looking after the guests during their stay, are bilingual and experienced in dealing with groups. They will do their utmost to make sure that everyone feels comfortable. It will not be necessary for native speakers of English to be able to speak French or German as normally there will always be enough guests with a good command of English. However, joining one of our walking groups can provide a great opportunity to practise foreign languages in a relaxed atmosphere.

Learning more about other people and societies

Encounters with other people are the true aim of our walking tours. Our groups always receive a warm welcome from the local hikers. Sometimes local people from previously visited areas will also join us. Apart from individual encounters, we would also like to make our guests familiar with social topics and/or related activities linked to the particular area we are visiting, i.e. subjects of European importance which contribute to a better understanding of different cultures.

Dear hiker friends,

We are pleased to present our 2017 hiking week program. There are only four trips planned for this year as the double weight of work and organising hiking weeks is a bit much for Isolde at the moment and she is unable to organise more than two a year for the time being.

And now let us talk about the program. At Easter our friends from Aix have once more compiled a varied program offering attractive walks not only to newcomers but also to our loyal friends who already know the area. There will be new walks in the Luberon, the coast west of Marseille and Sainte Victoire as well as in the Sainte Baume mountains and the area south of the Durance.

In June, there will be another chance to get to know the Ile-de-France, the area surrounding Paris. Our friends from the RIF will show us around this area of high interest in geographical, historical and cultural respects.

The hiking week in Bavaria in August gives us the opportunity to show our friends new interesting walks. Please enrol early if you are interested as there is only a limited number of homestays.

In late summer, there will be another stay in Wales. The hills, moors and forests around Llandrindod Wells, as well as the coast near Aberystwyth offer fantastic walking. In order to facilitate the task for our local friends, three participants will have to hire cars and we will then share them to go to the various destinations.

You can get all this information also on our newly refurbished homepage. Don't hesitate to have a look around under the familiar address.

We would be delighted if you joined us on one of our European hiking trips, which are, as always, open to all of you who share our views.

*Yours,
Isolde Huber and Wolfgang Wenzl*

Abbreviations: Asc = Ascent
Desc= Descent
Dur = Duration
Diff = Difficulty
RV= Meeting point

Provence, April 14th to 22nd, 2017

Accommodation: Hôtel Le Concorde, 68 Bd. Du Roi René, 13100 Aix-en-Provence, Tél.: +33-4-42.26.03.95

Organisation: Association des Excursionnistes Provençaux

Booking: Isolde Huber, Kellerstr. 31, 81667 Munich, Germany, Tel.: +49-89-486047 (tour guide)

Price: double or twin room € 810 per person, supplement for single room € 300

Book by: 1er février 2017

Good Friday, April 14th: **Welcome dinner**

Saturday, April 15th: **Sainte Baume**

Setting off from the Hostellerie, we will walk to the cave of St. Mary Madeleine with Geneviève et Roland. After a visit of the cave, we will climb up to the heights of Ste. Baume. One group will walk up as far as the Pas de l'Aï, and will descend via the Vallon merveilleux, the second group will stop for lunch at the Joug de l'aigle before walking down the same way. Start: 9am, Asc: 600/500 m, Dur: 5.5/4.5 hrs, Diff: average

Easter Sunday, April 16th: **The Colorado Provençal**

Catherine will take us through the multi-coloured formations of the Canyon and close to a "borie", a stone hut typical of the South of France. This walk offers some challenges such as rocky passages.

Start: 8:30am, Asc: 500 m, Dur: 5 hrs, Diff: average

Easter Monday, April 17th: **Frioul Island and Marseille**

We will cross over to Frioul Island from Marseille harbor. We will then explore this interesting Island on foot admiring the views of Marseille and the famous château d'If.

Tuesday, April 18th: **Sainte Victoire**

With Bruno we will walk up to the Pas de l'Escalette via the Crête des Marbres and the Refuge Cézanne. From there we will walk down to Lake Bimont. We will reach the car park Roques Hautes passing the aqueduct of Doudon.

Start: 9am, Asc: 370 m, Dur: 4 hrs, Diff: average

Wednesday, April 19th: **The Coast**

We will all set off with Emilio from Ensués la Redonne and admire the views of the sea on the way to the bay of Erevine. Then one group will continue on the coastal path (quite difficult!), while the second group will reach Niolon inland via a rocky plain. **Dinner at a restaurant in Niolon**

Start: 8:45am, Asc: 400 m, Dur: 5 hrs, Diff: difficult/ average

Thursday, April 20th: The **Luberon**

Starting at the car park of la Tuilère, we will walk all through the Régalon Canyon. Then we will continue to the vallon de la Galère and come back via the Mayorques farm.

Start: 8:30am, Asc: hardly any, Dur: 4.5 hrs, Diff: average (a short rocky passage)

Friday, April 21st: **South of the Durance**

Jacques will take us through the vineyards of Rognes. We will set off from the village and then walk up to the heights to have a 360-degree view of the whole area. We will come down a pretty valley and end the walk at the wine cellar of Rognes.

Start: 8:45am, Asc: 400 m, Dur: 4.5 hrs, Diff: easy-average

Evening: **Farewell Dinner**

Saturday, April 22nd: **Departure after breakfast**

Ile-de-France, June 6th to 13th, 2017

In cooperation with Les Randonneurs de l'Ile-de-France

Accommodation: Ibis Budget Hôtel Paris La Villette, 57, avenue Jean Jaurès, 75019 Paris, Tél.: +33-8-92.68.08.91

Booking: Adelheid Harder, Elisabeth-Kohn-Str. 17, 80797 Munich, Tel.:+49-89-3008608 (guide du groupe)

Price: double or twin room + half-board € 450.- p. p., supplement for single room € 200.- . Plan € 30 for public transport.

Book by: March 1st, 2017

Tuesday, June 6th: **Welcome dinner**

Wednesday, June 7th: **In the Oise Valley**

Thanks to Baudoin we will get to know the Château de Franconville situated north of Paris. Its vast gardens and numerous outbuildings are to be found in the Bois de Carnelle.

Start: 9am, Asc: 200 m, Dur: 4 hrs, 10 km, Diff: average

Thursday, June 8th: **Surprise Walk**

Albert will surprise us with a walk whose destination is yet unknown.

Friday, June 9th: **In Picardie**

This walk with Luc will take us to the very south of Picardie, where we will see the surroundings of Chantilly, the residence of the princes of Condé north of Paris. This region is part of the Parc Naturel Régional Oise.

Asc: hardly any, 18 km

Saturday, June 10th: **Free day**

Sunday, June 11th: **In the footsteps of Monet**

Didier will take us to Giverny for his walk, where we will also visit Monet's famous garden. 18 km with some ascent.

Monday, June 12th: **A neighbourhood in Paris**

Alain will organise a professional guided tour in German of a neighbourhood in Paris, including the visit of a museum.

In the evening: **Farewell Dinner**

Tuesday, June 13th: **Departure after breakfast**



Dessin: Sabine Petit

Bavaria, August 5th to 13th, 2017

In cooperation with hikers from Munich

Accommodation: Homestays or B&B

Booking: Solange Prell, Hauptstr. 27c, 85579 Neubiberg, Tel.: +49-89-7603850

Price: Homestay € 400, limited number only; B&Bs available on request

Max. 25 participants

Notice: There will be shorter and easier alternative routes offered to the long walks with a high ascent.

Book by: June 1st, 2017

Saturday, August 5th: **Welcome dinner**

Sunday, August 6th: **Above Achenpass**

Rosa and Hermann will take us along mountain paths to the alpine hut of Hochalm (1428 m), where we can enjoy a 360° panoramic view during our picnic lunch. Those who would rather stop climbing up earlier can do so at Mitteralm and have lunch there while waiting for the others to return.

Start: 8:30am, Asc: 500 m, Dur: 4 hrs, Diff: average

Monday, August 7th: **In the Kaiser Mountains (Tyrol)**

Setting off from Kufstein, Marlies will lead us through Elfenhain to Duxer Alm and on to the alpine restaurant Weinbergerhaus at Brenten Pass. After lunch at the restaurant or picnic lunch, we will walk down the Eagles' Way to Kufstein. The second group will walk up to Duxer Alm with Isolde more slowly and continue up to Weinbergerhaus by chairlift. The descent will take place on foot till Duxer Alm, where another ride on the chairlift will save us the rest of the descent. Start: 8am
Group 1: Asc: 750 m, Dur: 5 hrs, Diff: average
Group 2: Asc: 400 m, Desc: 350 m, Dur: 3.5 hrs, Diff: average

Tuesday, August 8th: **Lake Kochel**

Renate will organise a guided tour of Franz Marc Museum at Kochel (German and French). After a picnic lunch near the lake, we will walk on forest roads to Benediktbeuern monastery via Kohlleite and Pessenbach. **Early dinner** at Benediktbeuern at about 5pm. Transport by train!

RV: 8:30am main station, platforms 27-36, Asc: 270 m, Dur: 3-3.5 h, Diff: easy

Wednesday, August 9th: **The Chiemgau**

Anne and Wolfgang will take us on rather comfortable mountain paths from Innerwald to the alpine hut Priener Hütte. Weather and terrain permitting, Wolfgang will lead a tough group (sure-footed and without vertigo!) to the summit of Mount Geigelstein. We will walk down to the village of Sachrang. Alternatively, Petra will offer a rather short walk to the alpine hut Wildbichleralm. Picnic lunch or lunch at the alpine hut. Start: 8am
Gr. 1: Asc: 750/1100 m, Dur: 5-6 hrs, Diff: average/difficult
Gr. 2: Asc: 350 m, Dur: 3 hrs, Diff: average

Thursday, August 10th: **Wasserburg-on-Inn**

Easy walk with Gaby and Wolfgang along the River Inn, including some cultural surprises. At Wasserburg, possibility to eat at a restaurant, then guided tour of the town terminating at a viewing point.

Start: 9am, Asc: hardly any, Dur: 2.5 hrs, Diff: easy

Friday, August 11th: **The Karwendel (Tyrol)**

This walk with Adelheid will first follow the course of the River Isar before taking us through the wildly romantic Gleirschgorge on a narrow path sometimes on wooden footbridges. There it is necessary to be sure-footed! The way back passes Gleirschhöhe. Picnic lunch or meal at a restaurant only at the end of the walk.

Start: 8am, Asc: 410 m, 12 km, Dur: 4hrs, Diff: average

Saturday, August 12th: **Munich – the English Garden**

On our walk with Benedikt, we will see the surfers at the artificial waterfall of the Eisbach, a stretch of the 'Berlin Wall' near the Japanese tearoom and the Monopteros. We will finish the walk at the beergarden at the Chinese Pagoda.

RV: 10am at the Bavarian National Museum, tram 18/bus 100
Asc: hardly any, Dur: 2 hrs

In the evening: **Farewell dinner** at 19h

Sunday, August 13th: **Departure after breakfast**

After receipt of your booking form we will send you confirmation of your booking. Bank account:

Begegnung in Europa e.V., Postbank Munich, IBAN DE57 7001 0080 0572 9898 06, BIC PBNKDEFF

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Booking form

Please enrol me for the following walking holiday(s) from the 2017 program:

Provence Ile-de-France Bavaria Wales

I agree to your making my address known by including it in the list of participants yes no
and to passing it on to others who might want or offer the opportunity of a lift yes no

Surname: First name:

Address:

Date of Birth:

Tel./ Fax (IMPORTANT) E-mail:

single room half twin room, if a partner can be found to share it

double/twin room homestay (only in Bavaria)

Special requirements (vegetarian diet, etc.):

Date Signature

Wales, Sept. 1st to 8th, 2017

Organisation: The Four Wells Group

Accommodation: B&B in Llandrindod Wells

Booking: Isolde Huber, Kellerstr. 31, 81667 Munich, Germany, Tel: +49-89-486047 (guide of group)

Transportation: car sharing or public bus

Price: 140 € (fee for the organisation, 2 meals and bus fares; everyone is responsible for personal travel costs, B&Bs and share of car hire).

Max. number of participants: 12

Book by: June 1st, 2017

Friday, Sept. 1st: **Welcome dinner**

Saturday, Sept. 2nd: **The Brecon Beacons**

We will join the Four Wells Walkers on a circular walk from Talybont-on-Usk onto the Bryn. 15 km.

Sunday, Sept. 3rd: **Mynydd Epynt**

Circular walk with Shirley and Emlyn from Garth up to the view point on Mynydd Epynt, returning via Llan-gammarch Wells. In the evening, finger buffet/ BBQ in

conjunction with the Llandrindod Wells Walking Group at Chris's place. 15 km

Monday, Sept. 4th: **The Coast**

Linear walk with Brian and Barbara from Llanrhystud to Aberystwyth on the coastal path. 17 km

Tuesday, Sept. 5th: **Free day**

Possibility to visit Powis Castle or Dinewr Castle /Newton House. Skittles evening.

Wednesday, Sept. 6th: **Llandegley Rocks**

Join Geraldine and the Llandrindod Wells Walkers on a linear walk from Llandegley to Llandrindod Wells via Llandegley Rocks, and the bridleway to Careg-Wiber Bank and Bailey Einon Wood. Asc: 436 m, 13 km

Thursday, Sept. 7th: **The Elan Valley**

Circular walk with Graham or Alan around Craig Dyfnant (539 m) and Disgwyfa (504 m), taking in Claerwen and Garreg-Ddu reservoirs. 18 km
In the evening : **Farewell dinner**

Friday, Sept. 8th: **Departure after breakfast**

General Information:

Arrival: We meet at Aix, Paris, Munich and/or Llandrindod Wells. If possible, we will try to arrange car sharing for our guests or to travel by train as a group.

Accommodation: Bavaria: homestays or privately organised accommodation, B&Bs according to participants' requirements.

Provence, Ile-de-France: hotel with breakfast, **Wales,** B&B to be paid individually.

Walking tours: A coach will be available throughout the week to take the participants to the starting points of the walking tours in Aix and Munich. (Exceptions: Wales, where we will share cars, and Ile-de-France where we will use public transport). Every effort will be made to adhere to the itinerary. However, alterations may be made by the guides and/or in the case of bad weather and/or other circumstances beyond our control. The walking routes are by no means dangerous and should be within the capability of any fit person. However, participants have to be reasonably fit and healthy and well equipped (mountain boots, rucksacks, walking poles). Participation will be at the participants' own risk. There will be **picnic lunches en route** – each participant has to take care of his/her own food. On request there will be additional optional visits to small villages etc.

Prices include: bus service to starting point, 8 nights' accommodation (Ile-de-France 7 nights) including breakfast at 2-star hotels (room with bathroom/WC) 2-3 meals and tips. Members will benefit from a discount of €17.- once a year.

To participate in our walking tours it is not necessary to become a member of our organisation. However, new members will always be welcome! If you are interested in membership, please contact the address mentioned in this leaflet. We shall be pleased to send you further information and a membership form.

