



VISIT TO LÖRRACH

Thursday 9 October to Wednesday 15 October 2014

Lörrach, set in South West Germany and close to the border of both Switzerland and France, is one of our twin towns: the others being Sens and Senigallia. It is also the cultural and economic centre for this tri-border region, and is well known for its picturesque market places and thriving centre. For us it is an excellent base for daily tours to explore this fascinating border region. We will explore Lörrach itself, Basel, Freiburg, Mulhouse, Colmar, and much more. Our provisional programme is as follows:

We start our tour travelling by coach from Chester to Manchester Airport on the Thursday for our direct flight to Zurich. We transfer by coach to Lörrach, visiting Rotteln Castle on the way before checking in at our hotel. It is the modern Hotel David, located right in the centre, and is the base for the duration of our stay. In the evening there will be a welcome reception from members of Lörrach International, their equivalent of CILA.

On day two we will have a guided tour of the town, after which we depart by train to Riehen near Basel to visit the Beyeler Foundation: a stunning collection of modern art assembled by art dealers Hildy and Ernst Beyeler over a period of 50 years and housed in a building by Renzo Piano, architect of the "Shard". In the evening we will join members of the Twinning Commission from Chester, Sens, Senigallia and Lörrach for a civic reception.

On day three we depart by coach for Basel for a city tour in the morning. Basel is the third most populous town in Switzerland, behind Zurich and Geneva, and is located right on the border with France and Germany. In the afternoon we take a boat trip to Augusta Raurica, a major Roman archaeological site.

On day four we travel by coach to Freiburg, with its lovely medieval centre. In the afternoon we take a rural tour through the southern edge of the Black Forest visiting Tittisee with its lake, and then Waldhaus, and Waldshut.

Day five takes us by coach from our hotel in Alsace for a walking tour of the French town of Mulhouse with local volunteer 'greeters'. After lunch we take the Alsatian wine route on to the undoubted capital of this wine: Colmar. This evening we dine in the rural German Osteria Straussi

On the morning of the sixth day we have free time in Lörrach before taking our coach to the astonishing VITRA design museum, which was Frank Gehry's first commission in Europe. It houses a fantastic collection of interior design items by Charles and Ray Eames, and many other modern architects and designers. In the evening we will visit a winery for tasting and dinner.

On day seven we depart the hotel by coach for Zurich Airport and our flight to Manchester and coach transfer back to Chester.

The tour includes Chester/Manchester coach transfers and accommodation throughout in the Hotel David with breakfast. Evening meals and all transport and entrance fees are also included. The guide price, subject to confirmation of details for this visit is £920 pp for double or twin bedded room, £1045 pp for a single room. If you do wish to join us and secure your booking please **return the tear off slip with a deposit cheque of £250 pp made out to Chester Civic Trust, and a stamped addressed envelope, by Friday 18 April.**



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