

City Safaris

Walking into the Industrial Past

Mainz & Wiesbaden

Power & Pleasure

10th – 13th May 2012

Three nights in Mainz & Wiesbaden with guided walks

From £380 per person

Two towns, two states and 2000 years of history will be explored on this trip.

Separated by the river Rhine the two towns both have Roman antecedents, but have developed in different ways. Mainz controls the confluence of the Main and Rhine and from 1619 to 1918 was a fortress and garrison town with the presence of the military and the extensive fortifications shaping the life of the Mainzer population. Wiesbaden has always been a spa town and its development is linked to health and leisure.

We will start our exploration by looking at the development of Mainz as a town. It is still possible to see the medieval core of the town and the 18th and 19th developments including civic buildings and parts of the university. There are also buildings associated with the Electoral presence in the town.

Later we will look at the Mombach area where the Waggonfabrik Gebrüder Gastell was making railway carriages from 1845 (which is interesting because that was some 14 years before the arrival of the first railway in the town) and where the Schmal boiler and pressure vessel producer was founded and appreciate the importance of the river as a means of transport.

Saturday will be spent across the river in Wiesbaden. We will see and travel on the Nerobergbahn, an interesting water-powered cliff railway built to give access to a viewpoint above the town. Walking back through the town we will look at the developments associated with its role as a spa and leisure destination during the 19th century including the baths, the casino and the villas built to house visitors. Our final stop will be the flamboyant neo-baroque of Fritz Klingholz's railway station which once welcomed Kaiser Wilhelm II at his own specially built platform

Mainz is important as the home of Johann Gutenberg who is credited with the invention of printing using moveable type. On our return there we will visit the museum, restored and extended on the 600th anniversary of Gutenberg's birth with a beautifully displayed example of the famous bible and printing machinery.

Our final day will be spent exploring the city's defences. The protection of the confluence of the Main and Rhine has always been important and there are reminders of this on the high ground overlooking the river.

We plan to go to a local Hausbrauerei (micro brewery) for our introductory meal on the Thursday evening.

ACCOMMODATION

We are basing our Safari at the Intercity Hotel Mainz a few minutes walk from the central station. All the rooms are en suite and there is a lift to all floors. There is a bar and restaurant in the hotel and Wi-Fi is available.

TRANSPORT

We leave you to make your own travel arrangements to suit your own convenience and use of alternative departure points. There are frequent flights to Frankfurt from the UK and from there the S-Bahn train S8 takes about 26 minutes to Mainz. Travel during the tour will be on the local transport network and is included in the price.

PROGRAMME

Sue Constable will be our guide for the weekend. Sue will already be known to some of you as she has led Safaris for us before. She is a social and industrial historian and has worked in museums for most of her life, much of which has been with industrial collections.

We will assemble on Thursday 10th May in the hotel foyer in the early evening before making our way to a local Hausbrauerei (or other restaurant) for dinner. There will be a short orientation talk after dinner with a chance for you to ask questions. On Friday, Saturday and Sunday we will meet at 9am to explore the city on foot and by public transport. On Friday and Saturday evenings are at leisure. We will be within easy reach of the city centre making it easy to find a restaurant. The tour will end in Mainz City Centre on Sunday at about 12:30

Please note that there is a fair amount of walking. The programme is, of necessity, subject to change for operational and other reasons but we will let you know of any substantial change as quickly as possible.

COST

The cost is £380 per person for two people sharing and £420 for a single room. Those who wish to share are responsible for finding the person to share with.

The cost includes 3 nights' bed and full buffet breakfast on Thursday 10th, Friday 11th and Saturday 12th June; entrance fees; the evening meal on Thursday; travel in Mainz & Wiesbaden; guiding by Sue Constable and other guidance and tour management while in Mainz & Wiesbaden; research for the visit; comprehensive tour notes and a map.

Lunches, evening meals except the first night, expenses at the hotel other than bed & breakfast, and travel to and from Mainz are extra.

Prices are based on present accommodation and transport costs, exchange rates, VAT and other taxes. Any change in these may necessitate a price change.

CANCELLATION CHARGES, PASSPORTS & HEALTH

Please note that cancellation charges will apply from **13th May** and, although these will be modified to the extent that costs are not actually incurred, you are strongly advised to insure against the need to cancel and to cover repatriation charges in the event of illness etc. Participants who do not have travel insurance must nevertheless accept full responsibility for these eventualities.

Participants must be in possession of valid passports. Visas are not required for people from EU countries and there are no special health formalities but people from the EU are advised to take with them a valid European Health Insurance Card. People from other countries may require other documentation, especially to re-enter the UK, or be subject to other regulations. It is the responsibility of participants to ensure that they have the necessary documentation and comply with all regulations.

BOOKING

Bookings should be made on the enclosed form and will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to room availability. Numbers are limited to ensure everyone can hear the guide. Booking is subject to a minimum of 10 people. Book as soon as possible and **by 15th March** to ensure a place **but please feel free to enquire after that date if a place is still available**. We will contact you as soon as possible to confirm the booking and to issue an invoice for the balance of the price.

A non-refundable deposit of £45 per person is required on booking. Bookings can be made definite only when the booking form and deposit are received and accepted in writing by Heritage of Industry Ltd. The company's standard terms and conditions apply. The balance of the price is to be paid to Heritage of Industry Ltd on presentation of the invoice. All monies paid to Heritage of Industry Ltd will be held, in accordance with government regulations, in a customer protection account until the tour is complete.

Enquiries about this tour should be directed to Bill Barksfield, Operations Director, Heritage of Industry Ltd, Hunters Moon, Gorelands Lane, Chalfont St Giles, Bucks HP8 4HQ Tel/Fax: 01494 873677

Bill Barksfield

13th January 2012

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BOOKING FORM

Please print out and complete this form in block letters.

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PLEASE RETURN BY 15th March 2012 but feel free to enquire after this date if a place is still available

To: Heritage of Industry Ltd, Hunters Moon, Gorelands Lane, Chalfont St Giles, Bucks HP8 4HQ

NAME:

TELEPHONE Day:

ADDRESS:

Evening:

Mobile:

Email:

I WISH TO BOOK (subject to availability) place(s)
on the City Safari: Mainz & Wiesbaden 10th – 13th May 2012

The names of the other members of my party are:

PLEASE BOOK (subject to availability) **at the Intercity Hotel, Mainz**

..... single room(s)

..... twin room(s)

..... double room(s)

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS (e.g. Dietary. Please give details):

I ENCLOSE MY CHEQUE, payable to Heritage of Industry Ltd for £ (non-returnable deposit of £45 each for ... persons).

I have read the terms and conditions which are accepted by me on behalf of all the persons named above. We agree to your maintaining such records as are appropriate to this and other tours and understand that the information will only be released to those involved with the organisation of these tours or used to inform me about other events.

SIGNATURE:

Date:

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Terms and Conditions

- 1 Heritage of Industry Ltd undertakes tours on the basis of these terms and conditions, which, read with the booking form and the information accompanying it, set out the full terms of your agreement with Heritage of Industry Ltd ('the Company'). No variation can be accepted unless made in writing and signed by the Company.
- 2 Bookings can only be made definite when the completed booking form plus the deposit specified on the booking form is received and accepted in writing by the Company. The deposit is not refundable.
- 3 The balance of the tour price must be received by the Company not later than 8 weeks before the first day of the tour or as specified in the booking arrangements failing which the booking may be cancelled and cancellation charges (equivalent to the amount of deposit) levied.
- 4 In the event that the booking is made less than 8 weeks before the first day of the tour then the full amount of the tour price will need to be paid immediately.
- 5 In the event that you wish to cancel your booking, you must notify the Company in writing. If the notification of cancellation is received by the Company more than 8 weeks before the first day of the tour then only the deposit will be forfeit. If the notice is received less than 8 weeks before the first day of the tour the following charges will apply: 6 to 8 weeks, 50% of the tour price; 4 to 6 weeks, 75% of the tour price; 4 weeks and under, 100% of the tour price. No refund at all will be given for any cancellation on or after the first day of the tour or for any meals, trips or other facilities not used or taken.
- 6 The Company will make every effort to operate the tour as confirmed to you. However, the Company reserves the right to cancel or vary any aspect of the tour should this become necessary due to any circumstances beyond the Company's reasonable control such as war, political unrest, industrial action, exceptionally inclement weather or other circumstances amounting to force majeure, or any other circumstances which in the opinion of the Company require the cancellation or variation of the tour. In the event of cancellation, you will be notified immediately and offered either an alternative comparable tour or a refund of all monies paid as appropriate.
- 7 The Company does not own or operate any of the means of transport you will be using or the hotels, restaurants, buildings or other sites that you will be staying at or visiting. Accordingly, the Company cannot accept any liability whatsoever for any loss injury or damage that may occur or that you or those accompanying you may suffer as a result of any negligence or breach of contract or failure to perform any other duty by any owner employee servant or agent of any such means of transport, hotel, restaurant, building or other site.
- 8 The Company also cannot accept any responsibility for any loss damage or personal injury howsoever arising suffered by you or those accompanying you whilst on any tour unless such loss damage or personal injury is the direct result of negligence by the Company itself.
- 9 In the event that you have any complaint in connection with the management or operation of any hotel, restaurant or other premises which are on part of the tour organised by the Company then that complaint should be made immediately to the management of that hotel, restaurant or premises so that the complaint can, if possible, be acted upon immediately.
- 10 No claim or complaint that you may have against the Company can be accepted unless such claim or complaint is notified in writing to the Company within 7 days from the end of the tour.

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