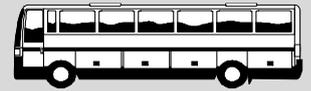


The Sachsen-Thüringen Tour

(NINE DAY TOUR IN A LARGE EURO COACH)

Saturday 10th - Sunday 18th July 2021



All Inclusive Fare - Only £750.95

Hotel Single Room Supplement - £167.00 (Optional).

A minimum deposit of £195.00 will secure your seat on this tour, and
the balance must be paid by 28th May

Another of our postponed 2020 tours which we are delighted to offer again without any alteration. A unique tour which covers not only prolific locations, but also new ground where we can locate those hard-to-find items of the narrow-gauge variety. Another 'Plus' is that we are pleased to be able to reduce the cost from that advertised last year. The difference is only £13.30, but every little helps (now where have we heard that before?) Those who participated on a previous tour in Saxony will remember that on three of the days the weather was particularly foul! We recall the disappointment when, held up travelling on the road, we had to cut short our visit to the Narrow Gauge at Freital Hainsberg. Well... that will not happen on this tour! As soon as we are the other side of Leipzig, we will visit all the ex-DR Narrow Gauge lines in Sachsen and, dependant on how favourable the timetables are, there may be opportunity to leave the coach and ride some. There are many other locations where the Sachsen Meyers are either plinthed or active and we will continue to research the area in order to 'drop' some pleasant surprises on you.

In addition, and as expected, we include some major depots from West to East, and a Free Day, with the option of visiting Decin and Usti nad Labem in the Czech Republic. Added to that the penultimate night will be spent on the main North-South arterial freight route.

ITINERARY

Day One/Two - Saturday 10th / Sunday 11th July

After leaving Calais we head directly to Köln, stopping only for a breakfast at Aachenerland Services before descending upon **Bw. Köln Gremberg**, also viewing the adjacent **Gremberg Rbf**. Continuing east we will break our journey with a visit to **Bw. Dortmund**. Our first overnight stay is at Kassel but before we reach the hotel, **Kassel Rbf**, and the old **Bw. Kassel** will be well worth a look, followed by **Bw. Kassel Hbf**. Our hotel is situated alongside the bahnhof and, after checking in, you are free to sit on the station and observe the ICE flows - or venture further afield.

Overnight: Intercity hotel Kassel Wilhelmshöhe

Day Three – Monday 12th July

Continuing our travel Eastward, we begin with the now private **Bw. Eisenach**. It'll be a view from the other side of the line, but it should be a good one. Next up is **Bw. Erfurt** where we should see a smattering of locos amongst the units. We will also call into **EIB Erfurt Ost** where more private units will be found. We will also use the opportunity to visit **Grosskorbetha Bf** where we should see quite a collection of freights in and around the area. Last today comes our usual favourites of **Bw. Halle P** and **Bw. Halle G** before making our way into Leipzig and our hotel, situated directly opposite the Hbf, with endless trains and trams!

Overnight - Hotel Ibis, Leipzig City

Day Four - Tuesday 13th July

We cannot leave Leipzig without a visit to **Bw. Engelsdorf** and that will be first up. We call at **Zwickau** and then you are amongst the NG locos with a visit to **Rittersgrun Museum**, home to the elusive 99.759. We join the SDG line at **Oberwiesenthal** and follow it down to **Cranzahl** stopping at both ends. Assuming we can drag everyone away from steam, the next visit will be **Annaberg Buchholz Museum**. We then continue into Chemnitz.

Overnight - Dorint Kongresshotel Chemnitz

Day Five - Wednesday 14th July

With the reality of "steam all day", our first call will be at SDG **Freital Hainsberg** where we should make up for the misfortune of three years ago. Moving on the next call will be the DBG line at **Oschatz**. The final steam call today will be another SDG location at **Radebuel**. It will then be time to continue into Dresden visiting **Bw Dresden Altstadt** and **Dresden Yards**.

Overnight (2 nights) - Hotel Ibis Dresden

Day Six - Thursday 15th July

YOUR FREE DAY: Follow your own agenda or join us for a day on the railways in the Czech Republic, including visits to both **Decin & Usti nad Labem depots**. Alternatively, you can visit the **SOEG NG line** from **Zittau** to **Kurort Kipsdorf & Kurort Oyban**, and yet more steam. In fact, if you get up early enough you can do both.

Please note that rail travel today is not included in your fare, but we will arrange a group ticket for all those participating.

Day Seven - Friday 16th July

Today we head for home, but no one should feel downhearted because three full and interesting days lay ahead. On route we have to pass the old **Bw Nossen**, which has now been taken over by the preservationists. We continue to **Bw Saalfeld** including the **Bahnhof & yards**. As we continue West, we pay a visit to the ever-expanding collection at **Arnstadt Museum**. After a call at **Bebra** we conclude the day at **Fulda** which should be good for processions of freights on this main North-South arterial route.

Overnight - Hotel Ibis Fulda

Day Eight - Saturday 17th July

Now if you think that today is a reversal of Day 1 of the Bayern tour, you're quite right! However, the locations are hardly stale and the expectation of loco sightings as high as ever. **Bw Frankfurt I** is where we start, followed by **Bw. Bischofsheim**. We call in to **Montabaur** where we should see at least a couple of Gravitas. We take a considerable break at **Koblenz Hbf** where we can relax watching the trains go by. Finally, we reach our familiar hotel, the **Hotel Ibis Leverkusen**.

Day Nine - Sunday 18th July

A very, very familiar way for us to end a German tour with visits to **BW Gremberg**, **Aachen West Gbf** and **Bw Aachen Hbf** as we make our way back to Calais.

We remind you that the *Preferred Seat Scheme* applies to all tours such as this, operated in a **Large Euro Coach**. *Make sure of your double seat by booking without delay.*