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1. Easter Eggs

Easter is, next to Christmas, the most important Christian holiday. In Germany we celebrate Easter Sunday and Easter Monday. This year it takes place April 12th and 13th. There are many ancient customs concerning Easter. One of the most important ones is certainly the **Easter egg**.

Easter eggs are specially decorated eggs to celebrate the Easter holiday and springtime. The dyed or painted eggs are given to family members, friends and neighbors as a present. Fertility and vitality is received by everyone who eats an Ester egg. The egg is also used as a symbol of the start of new life, just as new life emerges from an egg when the chick hatches out.

The Easter egg tradition may also have celebrated the end of the privations of Lent, because during Lent, eggs were originally forbidden. But this is speculation just like the Christian legend which tells that Mary Magdalena was bringing cooked eggs to share with the other women at the tomb of Jesus, and the eggs in her basket miraculously turned red when she saw the risen Christ.



Quelle: Freilandmuseum Bad Windsheim

You can buy egg color in every supermarket. A popular tan color can be achieved by boiling the eggs with onion skins or woolen yarn. Or you might like to paint your eggs with your individual patterns.

The EASYENTRY team wishes you HAPPEASTER !

2. Erlangen News

“**Erlanger Frühling**” is a **spring town festival** which takes place in Erlangen since twelve years. More than 10.000 visitors come to this event every year. Along the main streets (Nürnberger Straße and Hauptstraße) and the two squares (Hugenottenplatz and Schloß/Marktplatz) there will be all kinds of attractions as well as a big variety of food and drinks. At the Bohlenplatz you can find an interesting flea market. All shops in the centre will be open too. Come and see all the newest fashion trends and enjoy the atmosphere!

When: Sunday, March 22nd, between 1pm and 6pm.

- If you like dancing we have got the perfect place for you. The “**Erlanger Tanzhaus**” offers all kinds of **dance activities** like folk dance from all different countries (England, Ireland, France, Israel etc.). Beginners or advanced dancers will find the right group. The “**BIG ANGLO WEEKEND**” is an additional event between **April 30th and May 3rd**. Trainers from outside even from England and the United States will teach international dances from different centuries. If you want to attend the “BIG ANGLO WEEKEND” you have to register latest by March 30th.
See the complete program/dates under: www.Erlanger-Tanzhaus.de or call 09131-201403

- “**ALLES BAROCK**” is the title of a party or rather a festival with the famous **Markgräfin (Margravin) Wilhelmine**. She celebrates her 300th birthday and the marvellous “Markgrafen Theater” in Erlangen offers the right ambiance since Wilhelmine was the one who had asked an Italian theatre architect in the middle of the 18th century to decorate our theatre in the style you can still see today. Wilhelmine’s party starts with the brass band of the university playing the overture of Wilhelmine’s opera “Argenore”. After that follows the official part with the president of the university Prof. Gröske and the major of Erlangen, Dr. Balleis, surrounded with a cembalo concert. After this the stage becomes a ballroom, a dance teacher shows baroque dances. Fans and masks are offered by the theatre if you like to get the appropriate accessories. More baroque music follows all over the house, you can attend baroque games, you learn about baroque portrait painting and the history of the theatre. Mistresses will be presented in an art project and you can try “baroque” food and a beer especially made for the evening by Steinbach Bräu. Of course, you get also a chance to talk to “**Wilhelmine**” personally!



Quelle: Marktgrafen Theater Erlangen

You do not need a baroque costume – regular evening clothes are fine.
This evening is going to be one of the most spectacular events in Erlangen this year.

Where: Marktgrafen theater, Theaterplatz 2, Erlangen

When: Saturday March 21st starting at 8pm (the doors open already at 7pm)

For tickets (Euro 28,-) call 09131-862511

If you are interested, get your tickets as soon as possible!

During the celebration year of Wilhelmine’s birthday there are a lot **more events**. If you are interested you can get the complete program at the tourist information Erlangen, Rathausplatz 3, or tourist@etm-er.de

- The **International Jazz Workshop** is taking place in Erlangen. There are all kinds of different concerts and workshops. Jazz lovers might not want to miss this event.

When: April 11th and April 19th.

For locations/dates of the concerts see: http://www.jazz-in-erlangen.de/konzerte_c.htm

If you are interested in playing in a jazz band yourself or if you want to improve your skills, the “**Jazz Forum Improvisation Ensemble**” meets

Where: Erlangen, corner Friedrichstr./Fahrstr.

When: Every Wednesday at 7pm

Call Mr. Rainer Glas: 0171 4546704

3. Fürth News

- Fürth has a **spring festival** too, the “**Fürther Frühlingsfest**”. There will be a market offering almost everything you might need at that time of the year! Culinary offers and various entertainments are waiting for you.

Where: Fürther Freiheit

When: Friday March 13th – Sunday March 22nd between 10am and 8pm

On **Sunday, March 15th** all **shops** in the centre of Fürth will be **open** between **1am and 6pm**. There will be additional attractions **all around town** during this Sunday, like a chain saw carver making sculptures, mannequin dummies presenting the new spring fashion, a juggler show as well as Latin and jazz music.

On **Sunday March 22nd** there will be an **oldtimer and tractor show** at the **Fürther Freiheit**.



Quelle: Altstadtverein Fürth

- The Easter market in Fürth will take place again for the 5th time this year. This little market offers everything you need for Easter. All kinds of decorations like hand painted eggs, handicrafts, flower arrangements, sweets and a lot more. Children can do handicrafts, paint or play games and there is also a little petting zoo, a merry-go-round and even a little Ferris wheel. The “Gauklerbrunnen” at the “Grünen Markt” will present itself as a beautiful Easter fountain.

Where: At the “Grünen Markt” between the “Rathaus” and the “Kulturforum”

When: March 27th and 29th between 11am and 6pm

4. Nürnberg News

- The spring fun fair, called “**Nürnberger Frühlingsfest**” is coming up again. Next to the usual fun fair attractions like fun rides, beer tents, food and music there will be special attractions like a “**romantic evening** (April 16th), a **family fun day** (April 19th) and a **ladies night** (April 23rd). There is also an **exhibition** about the fun fair history at the beer tent called “**Oxenzelt**”.

Where: Nürnberg Dutzenteich

When: April 11th-April 26th

- The **Germanisches Nationalmuseum** provides a unique panorama of the history, culture and art of the German-speaking world from prehistoric times to the present. With current overall holdings of about 1, 2 million objects, the museum is Germany’s largest museum of cultural history.



Quelle: Congress- und Tourismus- Zentrale Nürnberg

You should visit this interesting place at least once while you are here.

Guided tours in English twice a month!

Between April and June the guided tours in English take place every first and third Sunday of the month at 2pm.

Other languages (French, Italian, Spanish, Japanese, Chinese, Russian, Turkish) can be arranged, call 0911-1331-238

Additional offer for families: Every Sunday between **10.30am and noon** children starting age 4 have the possibility to practice art like **large-size painting** (without parents) at the museum.

Reservation is not needed. Every child pays Euro 2,-

Learn more about the museum: http://www.gnm.de/index_en.html

- The **New York Gospel Stars** will present their 2-hour concert with songs like “Oh Happy Day”, “Whole World in His Hands” and many other songs you certainly know if you like this kind of music. Their outstanding voices and spirit impress the audience over and over again.

Where: Gustav-Adolf-Gedächtniskirche, Allersberger Str. 116

When: Saturday, March 21st at 7pm

For tickets call: 0911-2162299 or 0911-7798726

5. Regensburg News

- One of the most famous European musicians, the **guitar artist Peter O'Mara** will perform in Regensburg together with another remarkable guitar player, the 29 year old Andreas Dombert.

Peter O'Mara has worked with famous jazz artists like Dave Holland or Adam Nussbaum and is also a professor for jazz guitar at the "Richard-Strauss-Konservatorium" in Munich and at the University in Linz (Austria).

If you like jazz you should not miss this highlight.

Where: Jazzclub Regensburg, Bertoldstr. 9, Tel.: 0941-563375

When: March 22nd at 8pm

A ticket costs Euro 16,-

- There will be an **internatioal ice hockey match** between Germany and the Czech Republic. This preparation game for the world championship will certainly be thrilling because the guest team is brilliant and the German team will have to try hard not to loose.
Maybe you and your family would like to join and watch.

Where: Donau Arena, Walhalla-Alle 22

When: Saturday April 11th at 7pm

For tickets see:

[http://www.getgo.de/cgi-](http://www.getgo.de/cgi-bin/tinfo.dll?fun=tdetailb&doc=funktion/fun_deb_sta&key=270394$550606&affiliate=kvv)

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6. A bus tour along Easter fountains

The tradition to decorate fountains with Easter eggs is especially common in Franconia. Only in the so called Franconian Swiss there are more then 200 of those "**Osterbrunnen**". Each of these fountains is decorated with a more or less 200m long garland and about 2000 eggs. On one of the fountains in the village Bieberbach you can count more than 11 000 eggs! (read the story about this tradition in our last year's newsletter February/March 2008 – 6. Forchheim News)

The tourist office of Forchheim offers a guided tour along the nicest Easter fountains. The tour includes also the visit of a distillery and at the end of the tour you have the possibility to visit the Easter market in Forchheim. The day excursion costs Euro 17,--

<http://www.wiesentbote.de/artikel-13146.html>

Where: The tour starts at the Rathausplatz Forchheim

When: Saturday, April 11th at 9.30 am and last until the late afternoon.

Reservation is needed, call 09191-714338



Quelle: Tourist-Information Forchheim

7. Special hint: Open Air Museum, Bad Windsheim

The “**Fränkisches Freilandmuseum**” Bad Windsheim is an **open air museum** with over 100 historical buildings. These historical monuments are houses which were taken down in different regions of Franconia and were then rebuilt in the original way on the ground of the museum. You can find farm houses, guest houses, a mill, a brewery, a little castle and many, many more. There are four historical guest houses, three of them with a beer garden. Every month there are different events and changing exhibitions. It is a great place to go for the whole family. You must go there at least once while you are in our region!!!

For instance between **Thursday April 9th** and **Easter Saturday April 11th** between 1pm and 5pm you can join in and **dye and decorate Easter eggs** like in former times.

On **Good Friday, April 10th** at 2pm **Christ’s Passion** is shown, open air – there will also be Passion music played by a brass band.

On **Easter Sunday, April 12th** children have a good chance to find an Easter egg, because over **1000 Easter eggs** and other little surprises are hidden around the museum ground. Children may also decorate Easter eggs – they will get instructions by pedagogues.

For more events see www.freilandmuseum.de

8. Family News

- The shops in the centre of Erlangen celebrate a so called “**Hasen-Einkaufssamstag**”. On this special shopping day the shop owners want to attract the customers with special offers, events and gifts.
Don’t miss the “**Osterhasen Land**”, the land of the Easter bunny, at the **Hugenottenplatz!**
Go and find the “nest of ideas”, the “the book nest” or the “makeup nest” and a lot more surprises not only for children!
Over twenty “**Easter bunnies**” will be around to give away all kinds of surprises!
Where: Centre of Erlangen: Nürnberger/Hauptstraße and Schloß/Markt/Hugenottenplatz
When: Saturday April 11th between 10 am and 5pm.



Quelle: ETM Erlangen

- See also [6. Special hint: Open Air Museum, Bad Windsheim](#)
[4. Nürnberg News](#)

9. “Bluestage”, Roth

You might not have heard of the little city **Roth**, about 40km south of Nürnberg, although there is a very, very nice castle, they have a lake nearby and a lot of other attractions as you can see under <http://www.stadt-roth.de/>

But once a year Roth has an additional attraction to offer, the “**Rother Bluestage**”, a **blues festival** with artists every blues fan certainly knows. **For artists, dates and venues see:** <http://www.bluestage.de/bluestage2009/index2.html>

When: The blues festival takes place between March 28th and April 5th.

If you want to buy a ticket, call SOON: 09171-84 87 14

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