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EASY ENTRY EVENTS



High ropes course in Pottenstein, June 25th

Eight difficulty levels on more than thirty ropes and on over 1 km length.

Meeting point: 11am, entrance Klettergarten, Pottenstein

Costs: € 15,- / adults, € 9,50 / kids age 4 - 11, € 12,- / kids age 12 & up

REGIONAL EVENTS



A great flea market in Fürth

The so called "Grafflmarkt" is certainly one of the most popular events in Fürth every year. The special atmosphere of this flea market in the centre of the old town attracts around 10.000 people every year. Come and find articles of virtue and do not hesitate to bargain!

Where: Gustavstr., Waagplatz, Waagstr., Königstr., Marktplatz (Grüner Markt)

When: May 27th, 4pm-10pm and May 28th, 7am-4pm



"Die Blaue Nacht 2011"

Blue light glazes all over the city during Nuremberg's cultural highlight, the "Blue Night". This year's topic is "Fremde Welten" which means "Strange Worlds". 66 different culture and art performances like music events, lectures, theatre performances and various art projects are waiting for you to enjoy all night. For tickets and more information see: www.blauenacht.nuernberg.de

Where: All around the centre of Nürnberg

When: May 28th from 7pm till the next morning



Bavaria's nicest beer festival

No doubt, "Die Erlanger Bergkirchweih" is Erlangen's most important event every year. Founded in 1755 it was then a small weekend market with a shooting range. The duration was extended several times and it got bigger and bigger over the centuries. In the meantime it lasts for 12 days and 1.200.000 visitors come to Bavaria's 3rd biggest beer festival every year to enjoy this outstanding event: sitting on benches on top of 16 former beer cellars under big old trees, excellent beer, food, music, stalls and fun rides. The "Bergkirchweih" cannot be described you have to come and feel it! It is best to go there during the week in the morning or early afternoon and to avoid the weekends. For the complete program visit www.der-bergruft.de/index.php?navi=1&rid=3

Where: Bergstraße, Erlangen

When: June 6th -20th open daily from 10am-11pm

Family day with reduced prices for the rides is June 16th till 8pm



Franconian Society

The Franconian Society e.V. was founded in Erlangen in 1984 and offers a number of interesting activities for English speaking people. There is a regulars' table every first Friday of the month, there are dinner club evenings, literary nights, excursions, book sales and a lot more. For more information contact Marie-Luise Murphy at 09131-52412 or Mrs. Becky von Tucher at 09131-27141 (or e-mail to vontucher@gmx.de).

CULTURE & ENTERTAINMENT



Big Band concert

The big band of the German armed forces presents a concert in Erlangen every second year. Come and have a good time enjoying their swing and blues music. The concert is free but celebrities of Erlangen, like city councils or even the mayor, will collect donations for different charitable trusts for children.

Where: Schlossplatz, Erlangen
When: May 19th, 8pm



Free classical concerts

The season for Erlangen's „Schlossgarten Konzerte“ started this month. These open air concerts offer a big variety of mainly classical music in Erlangen's nicest garden for over 30 years now. Everybody is welcome to join. Come and bring your own chair or blanket.

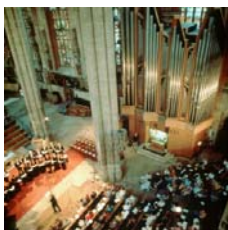
Where: Schlossgarten Erlangen
When: www.erlangen.de/schlossgartenkonzerte



Popular music made in Germany

Popular German music called „Schlager“ is a variety of different styles of music like pop, beat and hit songs. „Schlager“ of the 70ies will be presented in parodied versions at the „Kofferfabrik“ in Fürth. Come and get to know „German culture“ in an ironic way and get a chance to sing along. Visit www.Kofferfabrik.cc for more information. Tickets for € 10,--

Where: Kofferfabrik Fürth, Lange Straße 81, Tel.: 0911-706806
When: May 20th, 8pm



International organ week

This year is a celebration year. For 60 years the international organ week is being held in Nürnberg. There will be an outstanding organ program with international music also with choirs as well as lectures, dances etc.. Find all the details under www.ion-musica-sacra.de

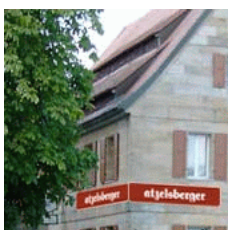
When: May 20th -29th



Audio guides for Fürth

Enjoy an entertaining walking tour guided by your own audio guide. The tourist office in Fürth offers this tour which leads you to the most interesting spots of the city. You can rent this „guide“ for 3 hours at a cost of € 7,50. You need to leave your ID card as security deposit.

Where: Tourist-Information Fürth, Bahnhofplatz 2, phone: 0911-239587-0



Church service in a beer garden

Ascension Day is a holiday in Germany. In 1998 the idea was born to celebrate an open air church service in Atzelsberg that day. More and more people come every year to celebrate the church service with a Lutheran and a Catholic priest. Maybe you would like to come too. If so, come in time! More information under www.atzelsberger.de

Where: Gaststätte Atzelsberger, Atzelsberg
When: June 2nd at 11.30am



Religious diversity in Nürnberg

Learn all about the different churches
www.dasein-nuernberg.de/religion.html

OUTSIDE FRANCONIA



Dresden - one of Germany's most attractive cities

The capital of the German federal state Saxony/Sachsen offers an enormous number of attractive sights, culture and entertainment. It is certainly worth a visit. Find out more under www.dresden.de/dtg/en/index.php.



Danube Cycle Path - Passau to Vienna

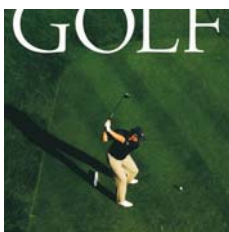
A group of Irish, British and Germans are cycling slowly along the Danube from Passau to Vienna enjoying the wonderful countryside, with beer gardens, vineyards, cultural highlights and culminating in the vibrant, stylish capital of Austria. Your companions will be mainly a group of Irish people, who bring the Irish spirit with them - fun and singing guaranteed. Price 700 Euro per person, based on two sharing a double room. The price includes: 6 nights in a 3-4 star hotel, breakfast and evening meal (half-board) luggage transfer, boat trip 21-speed bicycle hire, bus transfer back to Passau. Extra nights can be booked in Vienna. For more information contact: Donal Elsted, phone: 0941-561963, kontakt@lernerleben.de. When: August 8th-14th

LEISURE & SPORTS



Bicycle tours with the German bicycle club

This is the right season for bicycle tours. To ride with a group is fun, especially if the tour is organized and leads to interesting sights and guest houses. The ADFC Erlangen offers various tours practically every week during the season. You do not have to be a member. Get all the necessary information under www.adfc-erlangen.de.



Golf

The golf club "Fänkische Schweiz" is open for new members. There are trial offers every month during the season and there will be a special first taste day a so called "Golf Erlebnistag". For more information about the club and location visit www.gc-fs.de; When: May 29th, from noon-4pm



The open air pool season has started

Here are all the addresses for **Erlangen**:
www.erlangen.de/desktopdefault.aspx/tabid-231/90_read-2835

Fürth:

www.google.de/search?hl=de&rlz=1T4SUNC_deDE356DE357&q=freib%C3%A4der+f%C3%BCrth&aq=0&aqi=q1&aql=&oq=Freib%C3%A4der+F%C3%BCrth

Nürnberg:

www.google.de/search?sourceid=navclient&gfns=1&ie=UTF-8&rlz=1T4SUNC_deDE356DE357&q=Freib%C3%A4der+in+N%C3%BCrnberg

And Herzogenaurach:

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Erlangen's beautiful botanical garden

Erlangen's botanical garden is one of the smallest in Germany. But on a ground of 1700 square meters you can discover about 4000 different plants and flowers. Don't miss the glass houses! Entrance is free. There are also guided tours and exhibitions during the summer season. Get all the information under www.botanischer-garten.uni-erlangen.de. Where: Loschgestr. 3, right next to the Schlossgarten, Erlangen

SHOPPING & SERVICES



A market for arts and crafts

Forchheim's "Kunsthandwerkermarkt" is unique and offers more than most markets of that kind. Come and enjoy a big variety of handicrafts. For more information visit www.forchheim.de/node/925.

Where: Kapellenstr. 16, Kaiserpfalz, Forchheim
When: May 14th and 15th, from 10am-6pm



A back yard flea market in Nürnberg

The music club MUZ organises a very special flea market with music and culinary surprises. Everybody is welcome to come. It will not take place if it should rain!

Where: MUZclub Hinterhof, Fürther Str. 63, Nürnberg
When: June 4th, 11am-4pm



Looking for gifts or decoration for your house?

There are two shops where you have a great variety of non-standard articles: Bel Mondo, Universitätsstr. 11, Erlangen, www.bel-mondo-erlangen.de
Schöne Dinge, Hintere Ledergasse 41, Nürnberg, www.tujuh.de



Unusual gifts and accessories for children and grownups

Looking for extraordinary jewellery, toys, handbags etc. for special occasions? You might find it here under www.gold.kinder.de or at Goldkind, Austr. 26, Nürnberg, phone: 0911-286659. Wooden toys and gifts, stationary, wine from organic farming all produced in work shops and farms where handicapped persons work. Their works are remarkable. Come and see (www.lebenshilfe-erlangen.de/laden.html). Where: Lebenshilfe Laden, Nürnberger Str. 47, Erlangen.

COOKING & DINING



Rhubarb cake / *Rhabarber Kuchen*

200g butter or margarine
200g caster sugar and 1- 2 spoonfuls to sprinkle over the top
3 eggs
150g flour
2 tbs baking powder
200g ground almonds or any kind of nuts
500g rhubarb already peeled (about 750g before peeling)
icing sugar

Preheat the oven to 180°C. Cut the rhubarb into pieces about 1-2 cm long. Beat together butter and sugar until a creamy consistency is reached and then beat in one egg at a time. Add flour and baking powder and beat again. Mix, ground almonds and stir it into mixture until completely dissolved. Put the cake dough into a buttered cake tin (around 28 cm/11inch), press the rhubarb pieces into the dough and sprinkle with sugar. Bake the cake for 45 - 55 minutes. Let the cake cool, sprinkle with icing sugar through a fine sieve if desired, and serve with whipped cream, crème fraiche, vanilla ice cream or custard. *Guten Appetit!*



Bio-Restaurant Muskat

If you are looking for a place where they serve daily fresh organic food you should stop by the restaurant Muskat in Erlangen. They offer also catering for your private party and there is a brunch every Sunday. Outdoor seating. Get an impression under www.das-muskat.de. Where: Hauptstraße 41, Erlangen, phone: 09131-97434



“KulturGarten”

This beer garden is situated in the middle of Nürnberg in a courtyard. It has just been re-opened and offers Franconian and Italian food and beer from 5 different breweries. For more information see: www.nordbayern.de/service-freizeit/essen-und-trinken/kulturwirtschaft-und-kulturgarten-im-kuenstlerhaus-k-4-770-1.61773. Where: Königstr. 93, Nürnberg, phone: 0911-419 97 01



Obstgärtle Fürth

A beer garden where you can not only enjoy good beer but also cold cuts, salads and Franconian specialities in a nice ambience. Little playground. Get more information under www.obstgaertle.de/impressum.html. Where: Breiter Steig 6, Fürth Burgfarnbach, phone: 0911-756 85 92

FAMILIES



A summer toboggan run

You can find the probably nicest toboggan run in Germany in the middle of the Franconian Swiss in Pottenstein. The 1.160m long toboggan run and the 1.000m long bob run are a lot of fun for the whole family. The park is open daily from 10am -5pm during the summer time. Get all the additional information also how to get there under www.sommerrodelbahnen-pottenstein.de



A playground not only for children

The so called “Erfahrungsfeld der Sinne” in Nürnberg is a place where the visitors are inspired to use all wits by experimenting with different object like in a science center. This year’s main focus is “HandWerk” which means handicraft. Your hands are your tools so to say to be used to feel around and to communicate. There are 17 stops and 8 craft guilds present their skills in different work shops. You cannot only watch master foremen and their assistants you can also join in and try out different crafts yourself. For more information visit <http://go.nuernberg.de/de9322b2>. Where: Wöhrder Wiese, below Prinzregentenufer, Nürnberg, phone: 0911-2315445



A fun hiking trail

The so called “Spaßwanderweg” is the first of its kind in Germany. The 3 trails are loop roads with a length of 4, 6, and 10 kilometers. On the way you will discover funny and interesting surprises like hocus-pocus, games and art. Get all the necessary information under www.spasswanderweg.de.



Steam & diesel railway tours

The “Dampfbahn Fränkische Schweiz” started its season again. A tour with a steam or diesel train is fun for the whole family. Don’t forget your camera! For all the details visit www.dfs.ebermannstadt.de. If you would like to go on one of their “Nikolausfahrten” in November or December, you have to get your ticket already now. Write an e-mail to service@dfs.ebermannstadt.de or phone 09194-794541.

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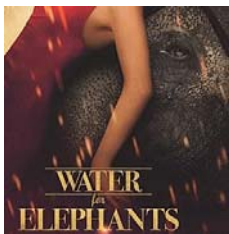
Blaue Nacht, May 28th, Nürnberg

The festival "Blaue Nacht" is a colourful and bright night in which Nürnberg shows exciting art projects and events. It includes both open-air and indoor attractions (for which you need a ticket) in the inner city and pedestrian zone - most of them about the colour blue. In 2011, the slogan of the "Blaue Nacht" is "Fremde Welten" (=foreign worlds) and it starts around 7pm. Many museums are part of this project, like the "DB Museum" or the "Nicolaus-Copernikus-Planetarium", so you can get in there for a much lower price than usual. The tickets for the indoor exhibitions are only 13 €, you can buy them at the box offices or at the ticket sales. More information under www.blauenacht.nuernberg.de/eintrittskarten/index.php. The exact program, more information and great impressions of past events can be found under www.blauenacht.nuernberg.de/programm/index.php or www.blauenacht.nuernberg.de/archiv/index.php.



Rock im Park, June 3rd till 5th, Zeppelinfeld Nürnberg

"Rock im Park" is an open-air festival which takes part every year at the "Zeppelinfeld" in Nürnberg and is very famous all around Germany and even outside Europe. It lasts three days and most people who watch it also camp in the area because they often come from far away cities. At this big rock concert, there are many famous bands playing - like Coldplay, Hurts, Beatsteaks and Kings of Leon. "Rock im Park" took part for the first time in 1995 with only one stage, the centerstage. During the years, there were other stages, too, most of them were dropped again. Today we have three ones: The centerstage (rock and pop), the alternastage (alternative music) and the clubstage (house and techno). The first concert is on June 3rd at 12.30pm. You can find the schedule under www.rock-im-park.com/spielplan. The tickets for "Rock im Park" are either for just one day (80 €) or for the whole three days (165 €). If you buy an all-inclusive ticket, the camping is included. Get your tickets under www.eventim.de/cgi-bin/rock-im-park-2011-tickets.html?affiliate=GMD&doc=artistPages/tickets&fun=artist&action=tickets&erid=461741



Water for the elephants, the next weeks, Roxy Nürnberg

In the movie "Water for the elephants" acts Robert Pattinson as Jacob, a veterinary school student, who joins a zoo and falls in love with the show star Marlana (Reese Witherspoon). Although she has feelings for him, too, her love is impossible because of her husband, who's the circus boss. The foreign-language cinema Roxy - which is at Julius Loßmann-Straße 116 in Nürnberg - shows the film in his original language during the next weeks. You can look up the exact dates, as soon as their announced at the official homepage www.roxy-nuernberg.de



Outdoor pools in Nürnberg

The weather is continuously getting better, so the outdoor swimming pools have opened for this season. Nürnberg has a number of nice pools which are opened all week. There's for example the "Naturgartenbad Nürnberg", a small one, located in a beautiful, quiet area at Schlegelstraße 20, 90491 Nürnberg. It has got two pools for swimmers and non-swimmers, a lawn and a Franconian restaurant. But be careful, the pools are not heated, so you should better go there on really warm days. A heated and also bigger pool is the "Stadionbad" near the "Easy-Credit Stadion" at Hans-Kalb-Straße 42, 90471 Nürnberg. It has additionally a tower for jumping, an attraction pool and is comfortable for the disabled. A third one, the "Westbad" at Wiesentalstraße 41, 90419 Nürnberg will be reopened in July 2011 after a big renovation. You can see all pools here: www.nuernbergbad.de/main.php?page=16200. The entry for Nürnberg's outdoor pools are about 2 - 4€ per person. Look up the prices under www.nuernbergbad.de/main.php?page=11200.