



Pre-Jamboree

Hotel

As mentioned in Bulletin #5, the hotel you will be staying at is the Mercure Residenz Frankfurt Messe. The Mercure consists of two modern buildings located across from a suburb location, so it will be nice and quiet. It is located in the downtown core, so walking can be done with ease and the Tram line stops just half a block from the hotel.

Your Patrol Advisor will be given the Hotel building information (1 or 2), room allocation, and room keys for safekeeping. This will speed up check-in at the Hotel. You will need to use the room key for the electricity power supply to your room. Look for a slot just inside the room on the wall where you will insert the key to have electricity; be sure to remove it when leaving. This system is set in place in an attempt to save electricity.

There is a safe in each room for valuables such as your passport, money, cameras, etc. – be sure to use it.

Watch out for the bath door when taking showers - it moves! Keep an eye on it to prevent flooding.

In the lobby of each building of the hotel there is a computer with free internet access. You will find that using the internet outside of the hotel is costly. Rates at the hotel with the use of a personal computer or hand-held device will be in Euros and will cost about 3EU for 1 hour, 6EU for 5 hours, or 9EU for 24 hours.

Meetings will take place on the first day (on the day of your arrival), and will be held in Building 1 at 15:00, 16:00 and 17:00 - look for posted notices in the hotel lobby for your Patrol's meeting time.

Hotel Meals

Most meals will be provided by the hotel, and other eating facilities are within walking distance. Some North American chains such as MacDonald's and Burger King are easy to find and pizza is also available and reasonably cheap.

Meal times are as follows:

Breakfast – 6:30 – 10:30

Lunch - 12:00 – 14:00

Supper – 19:00 – 21:00

Money

The currency used in Frankfurt is the Euro. The best and cheapest place to obtain Euros is from an ATM. You should not need any money until after you have arrived at the Hotel, so we suggest you use the ATMs as part of your first activity from the hotel.

Bear in mind that while Euros work in Denmark, you will not be resting there long; you may be at the airport for a while until the coach leaves for the Jamboree, but that is all. Please note that we have been advised that the Jamboree organizers plan on giving some liquid and snack relief on the coach, therefore purchasing snacks for your travels will not be necessary. As such, be sure

you do not have too many Euros on leaving Frankfurt; the Jamboree will offer exchange facilities if needed but this may be expensive.

Aside from “spending money” in Frankfurt, you or your leader should probably carry enough for an emergency, public transport (approx 5 Euro), two lunches (approx 10 Euro each), one supper (approx 15-20 Euro each), and Museum entry fees (approx 20-30 Euros) depending on your plans. Please note that Travel Cards provide a discount at most Museums. Boxed lunches can be purchased from the hotel (for 10 Euros each), but MUST be ordered upon arrival in Frankfurt. A range of 60 – 80 Euros – should be plenty for your stay in Frankfurt. Money needs outside of Frankfurt might be for snacks at airports etc.; this is at your own discretion.

Frankfurt Activities

There are several “Activities” assigned for the first day; some are mandatory and some are optional for “free time”. Everyone must take Activity 1 - a walk to the Main Station (Haupt Bahnhof) and back. The different options available for “free time” will be posted on notices in the hotel lobby (and are listed below).

Your Patrol Advisor will be getting Frankfurt Travel cards for each participant to use for all travel for the four days of your stay in Frankfurt, including the first day of arrival. Be sure to use this card! It is good for the tram, train and bus and also provides discounts on most museums. Note: most Museums are closed on Monday.

Day 1

Saturday July 23, 2011 – Arrival Day

Frankfurt Discovery Activity Day

As mentioned above, everyone must take Activity 1, however the rest of the activities for Day 1 can be chosen by the Patrol. When choosing your activity, be sure to take into consideration meal times and your arrival day meeting time.

Activity 1 (Time allowance 1-2 hours)

Walking Excursion to Main Train Station – Haupt Bahnhof.

Remember, this activity must be completed by all Patrols!

Directions:

You will leave the hotel heading towards the Tram stop and go past it and under the rail bridge. You will then need to take “Hamburger Allee” to a round-a-bout to find Friedrich Ebert Anlage. Check out the big silhouette man – what is he doing and what Frankfurt museum can be related to this?

Figure out the answer and follow this to Dusseldorf Strasse and find the Haupt Bahnhof.

Explore the station.

Find the Information Kiosk just inside one of the main entrances and gather information about possible excursions of your own.

Go downstairs to explore and find fast food and other shops.

This is a useful hub to get around Frankfurt, although it may not be a place to be later in the evening or at night.

Consider walking around the area to find “safe” ATM banking facilities to draw out Euros.

Walk back or take tram 17 back to hotel.

Activity 2 (Time Allowance 1-2 hours + if visit museum)

Walking excursion to Nature Museum and Goethe University.

Note: the Museum is only open Monday through Friday, so an excursion to the museum will only be to see it on the outside and/or to find your way there in preparation for a visit on a future day during your stay in Frankfurt.

Directions:

Who was Goethe and why is he famous?

Leave the hotel heading towards the Tram stop and go past it and under the rail bridge.

Take "Robert Mayer Strasse".

What curious "office" do you see in a small park?

What do you call the machine that is "ticking" on the desk?

Turn left on "Senkenberganlage" - what prehistoric animal do you see and how many?

Walk to museum.

Proceed further along "Senkenberganlage" and cross to "Dantestrasse" to a plaza for a famous composer – who is this composer?

Return to "Senkenberganlage" and cross to "Merton Strasse" - note Goethe University on your right.

Continue on "Merton Strasse" to "Jordan Strasse" and turn left on "Nauheimer Strasse".

Return to the hotel on "Voltastrasse".

Activity 3 (Time Allowance 2-3 Hours)

Walking Excursion to Botanical Garden "Palm Garten"

<http://palmengarten.frankfurt.de/englisch/info/frame.htm>

Hours of operation: 9:00 – 6:00

Cost: 5 Euros

Directions:

Leave the hotel heading towards the Tram stop and go past it and under the rail bridge.

Find and follow "Nauheimer Strasse" to "Strasse" to "Bockenheimer – Land Strasse".

Cross "Senkenberganlage" and turn left on "Beethoven Strasse" and enter the park.

Explore the park and exhibits

Return to the hotel by reversing the route.

Activity 4 (Time Allowance 2-3 hours)

Walking excursion to swimming pool and park. - Reckstockbad

The city's largest aqua-fun pool offers everything one needs during a short holiday or long weekend: a swimming pool with artificially produced waves, a beach, relaxation under palm trees and beach volleyball. (<http://www.rebstockbad-frankfurt.de/>) The cost of this activity is undetermined at this time.

Directions:

Leave the hotel heading along "VoltaStrasse" away from the Tram stop and rail bridge.

Follow the #17 tram line down to and under an overpass through to Am Romehof.

Turn right on Leonardo da Vinci Allee to the end of the tram tracks at Rebstockbad.

Turn left on Zum Messeparkhaus Rebstock and look for a large covered outdoor pool area across the street.

Find the pool and park and swim or do an activity in park

Return to hotel by tram or walk the same route.

Day 2

Sunday July 24, 2011

(Time Allowance – All Day)

Trip to Heidelberg

Coaches will be arranged to leave and arrive back at the hotel.

We will be leaving mid-morning – expect to depart at 11:00 and return back to the hotel for supper around 6:00.

The bus will drop you off in Heidelberg on the river Neckar where you can find your way up to the castle, using the cable car, and walk around and explore.

After the castle, you can go down into the town and explore. We suggest you do some research beforehand if you choose to explore the city.

You can get a travel guide and information from:

http://www.heidelberg-marketing.de/content/index_eng.html

Castle

The ruins of the once grand Heidelberg Castle rise up on a rocky hilltop over the university town of Heidelberg. Once a Gothic masterpiece, the Castle of Heidelberg has encountered turbulent times: it was plundered and burned by the French army in 1689, then struck by lightning 100 years later, and its red stones were even used to build new houses. The Castle of Heidelberg never regained its original glory, but the ruins have a ragged charm of their own and are considered the symbol of German Romanticism.

Heidelberg Castle - Interesting Facts:

- The wine cellar of the castle houses the biggest barrel in the world, holding 55,345 gallons of wine.
- Mark Twain visited the Castle of Heidelberg; a boat trip on the nearby Neckar river allegedly inspired him to write a chapter of *Huckleberry Finn*.
- Being destroyed several times over the centuries and then partly rebuilt, you can still make out different architectural styles in the ruins.

You can only visit the interior of the castle as part of a guided tour for 4 Euros. For 3 Euros you will get admission to see the Castle Courtyard (the outside of the castle), the Giant Barrel and the Apothecary Museum. You can take a cable car up to the castle. Don't miss the beautiful castle gardens; they offer wonderful views of the city and the river valley.

Heidelberg – Old Town

The old town doesn't cover a particularly large area, so there's no chance of you getting lost. The best starting point for your exploration of the old town is probably Bismarckplatz. From Bismarckplatz walk down the pedestrian-friendly Hauptstrasse (high street). This is the main shopping street in Heidelberg and you'll find plenty of opportunities to pick up some souvenirs or stop for a coffee or a bite to eat. As you walk along the narrow Hauptstrasse, imagine that until twenty or thirty years ago, trams used to run along here – unbelievable!

Here's a list some of the things you should check out:

- Universitätsplatz and the old university, baroque style building.
- Student prison in Augustinergasse
- Jesuitenkirche (Jesuit's church) on Schulgasse
- Kornmarkt (corn market) – nice view of the Castle

- Markplatz – great for a coffee in the summer
- Heiliggeistkirche (Holy Ghost Church) – on Marktplatz, Gothic church, sometimes classical music concerts here.
- Haus zum Ritter (Knight's house) – just off Marktplatz, the oldest private house (1592) in Heidelberg, now a hotel. Built in the renaissance style.
- Alte Brücke (old bridge) and Brückentor (Bridge gate). Very picture worthy and a must-see. Join the queue to have your picture taken with the Heidelberg monkey (you'll know what we're talking about when you see it!)

Day 3

Monday July 25, 2011

(Time Allowance – morning and afternoon; late afternoon and evening for Patrol “free time”)

Morning Excursion - Frankfurt City “Walking Tour”

Directions:

Walk – or take the #17 Tram to Hauptbahnhof main train station (take Voltastrasse - Hamburger Allee, - Friedrich Ebert Anlage – Dusseldorfer Strasse to Am Hauptbahnhof).

We will provide a map and suggested tour (red line on Tourism Map)

During your walk make way to the river (for lunch perhaps?) and take a boat tour as per below.

Afternoon Excursion - by Boat on River Main

We will be given tickets from the Information Office to distribute to you.

At any time during the day you may find your way to **Frankfurter Personenschiffahrt Anton Nauheimer** on: Mainkai 36 (Am Eisernen Steg) 60311 Frankfurt am Main (this is not far from Dom Romer near Brucke Allee Bridge)

The River Main

It is no secret that the River Main was instrumental in turning Frankfurt into the city that it is today. It is also no secret that modern transport methods have since surpassed the mighty waterway in significance. Nevertheless, Frankfurt Harbour still convenes over a route network of some 110 km. This network continues to be used by over 5,500 ships, boats and barges every year, handling some 3.5 million tonnes of goods. But the River Main also serves a relatively new purpose: Frankfurt locals and visitors value the beautiful waterway as a place of rest and relaxation – both on and off shore.

The boat ride will be 1 hour. Afterwards, continue on a walking tour and/or explore museums on the south side of River Main – note some may be closed on Monday so you can return on Tuesday.

Late Afternoon and Evening

Patrol “free time”.

Day 4

Tuesday July 25, 2011

FREE DAY FOR ALL TO EXPLORE FRANKFURT – ENJOY !

Good tourism website = <http://www.frankfurt-tourismus.de/cms/tourismussuite/en/home.html>