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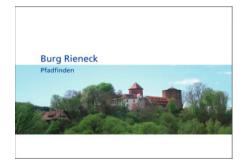
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There's been a Castle Rieneck for over 800 years. In 1959, Scouts and Guides made it their national centre. Much has happened in and around these old walls. This book aims to give an insight into the fascinating world of an extraordinary castle.

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#### Dear guests,

Every traveller wants to bring lots of tales home! We want to make sure that our guests have lots to tell after a stay at the Rieneck Castle, and so we present the varied activities we have on offer here at Rieneck. The 'Programme Booklet' will help with your planning and suggests lots of different things to do for every age group and all weathers. Sight-seeing trips and walks in the Spessart nature park, as well as further information on the area round things off.

Our suggestions and activities offered shouldn't create the impression that we've turned into holiday club: we aim to help you help yourselves. We've thought ahead, prepared equipment and materials, we will give inductions. But: your active participation is always indispensable. Our programme material is mostly based on the Scouting principle of 'learning by doing', that is, children and young people being active and learning by completing a task. By taking part, not just relying on others to entertain them. Our programmes are there for all our groups. The programme office has prepared support material showing how the individual activities can be carried out by people with disabilities. Please get in touch, we look forward to hearing from you!

Some of the activities are seasonal or dependant on group size and age-group. Please consider this aspect when you speak to us. There are often several groups at the castle simultaneously, which may mean that we are asked for different activities at the same time. If this happens, we always try to ensure that the activities which require input from our staff are divided as fairly as possible among our guests.

You are responsible for booking our services and making reservations for events outside the castle in good time. All our activities are provided on a voluntary basis and no legal claim to them exists.

Please get in touch with us before you arrive and ask if we can fulfil your programme wishes. We are happy to advise you!

The Rieneck Castle looks forward to your visit!

Unless specified otherwise, prices are for young people. Where two prices are given, the higher price applies to adults. Castle Rieneck is not responsible for the content of external websites; any liability belongs to the owners and maintainers.

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The Programme Office is generally opened straight after meals for equipment loans etc.

On working days we are usually telephonically available for booking enquiries and discussion of activities from 9:00 AM -6:00 PM.

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#### Sightseeing and Day Trips

The Castle offers its guests a wide range of useful information about interesting destinations in lower Franconia. Whether you want to go by car, bus, train or boat, we offer guests the chance to inform themselves about the region, and help them plan visits to towns, museums and old ruins. We highly recommend

- Lohr am Main (old town, Schools museum, Spessart museum)
- Würzburg (old town, fortress, residence)
- Karlstadt (old town, Thüngersheim vineyard)
- The Ruins at Schönrain and the Homburg
- Gemünden (old town, Museum of Transport) and Schönau Abbey
- Fulda (old town, Rhön thermal spa)

We have put together tourist information for most of these places, and are happy to send you them. The only charge for this is to cover the costs of duplication and postage. Almost all of these places have websites, the addresses are at the end of this booklet. In our online version, you can reach the page by clicking on the placename.

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#### Würzburg

Würzburg is the next big town, and is easily reached by train from Rieneck (under 40 mins, €8.40 adult, €4.20 child, single). The town offers many tourist attractions. Find out more from www.wuerzburg.de/en/tourismandconventions/index.html

#### Marienburg Fortress:

The fortress, sitting majestically on the hill, is the symbol of Würzburg, and a walk up to it through the state garden-festival park is always worthwhile. The mighty fortress grew over the centuries from an ancient defensive refuge and church, and was the residence of the prince bishops until 1719. The gigantic fortress, with its several courtyards, a well with a depth of over 100m, and a beautiful view over the city is fascinating, and not just for history buffs. The Main-Franconian Museum is sited in part of the fortress. We have prepared a leaflet guide to the fortress which allows you to lead your own tour.



oto: Andreas Bestle

#### Main-Franconian Museum Würzburg:

The museum has interesting displays on the following six areas: town history, pre- and ancient history, the renaissance artist Tilman Riemenschneider, painting, sculpture, and arts and crafts. The museum also offers educational tours on various themes

A few of the themes: 'from hand-axe to the iron sword', 'Marienberg Fortress', 'Knights and their Equipment', 'Wash day', 'Viniculture in Franconia and Winepresses'; more themes and more detailed information from www.mainfraenkisches-museum.de

#### Opening times:

April - October 10:00 - 17:00, November - March 10:00 - 16:00 Uhr, closed Monday. Entrance fees: €4,00 / €2,00, free for children under 14, groups of 20 or over pay €3,00,

school classes accompanied by teachers free.

Tour fee: €5,50, children under 14 €1,50. (includes entrance fee)

#### The Residence:

The former residence of the prince bishops, built between 1720 and 1744, is in its harmonious design the most beautiful palace in the South German Baroque style. Tours begin at the foot of the imposing staircase, which with its vaulted ceiling covered in brilliant Tiepolo frescoes is a true masterpiece. Both the Imperial Salon, the centrepiece of the building, and the Hall of Mirrors, restored after it was badly damaged in the war in 1987, are a must-see. The Residence was placed on the UNESCO World Heritage list in 1982.



Opening times:

April to October: 9:00 - 6:00. November to March, 10:00- 4:30.

Admission includes tour: adults €7.00 / children €6.00 School classes accompanied by teachers free!



As well as sightseeing, Würzburg offers a good range of shops, and entertainment facilities from cinemas to a leisure pool. More about the town in general from www.wuerzburg.de.

#### Lohr am Main



School Museum:

Alongside 3000 exhibits from the 17th to 20th century, you will find two fully reconstructed school rooms, and an old teacher's flat. On an experience tour', staff act out a school lesson from the days of the Kaiser with the children. The School Museum is about 1 km / 0,62 mi-

Open:

Wednesday to Sunday, 2:00-4:00pm, groups by arrangement.

Admission:

€1.50/ €1.00; School classes and youth groups under adult supervision free.

#### Spessartmuseum

The Spessart Museum isn't just your average local museum: it has much more on offer. It's located in a castle (which, incidentally, was built by the Rieneckers), in the heart of the old town. Exhibits and countless reconstructed rooms allow you to experience the world of the little people and the great lords. In addition to various crafts, the Spessart Robbers and the glass industry are major themes.

There are as series of special tours for school classes (for example, ,On the road in the old days', ,from the work bench to Lohr has a lovely Old Town, as well as two noteworthy museums. It is 20 mins by rail ( $\in$ 3.70 adult,  $\in$ 1.90 child, single). The station is roughly 1.5 km (just under a mile) from the town centre.

Old Town: You can take a ninety minute guided tour of the town for €35.00 (if desired, it may include a visit to the "Bavarians' Tower"). Alternatively, there is a well signposted walk round the town. Brief information about the various sights is available from the Programme Office.

les from the town centre and 2.5 km / 1.55 miles from the station. Further information about the museum and how to get there are available from the Programme Office.



the production line', ,no forest - no glass', ,knights, castles and noble ladies' etc. Full list from Programme Office.) Tours must be

arranged with the museum in advance. When a tour isn't possible, there's a museum quiz sheet.

Opening times:

Tues-Sat: 10:00-4:00;

Sunday, holidays 10:00 -5:00 Uhr;

Admission: €2,50/ €1,50.

Further information: www.spessartmuseum.de

# The Tower Tour Experience\*

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Rieneck Castle can look back on 800 years of eventful history. In the evening in the "Thick Tower" keep, which is almost in its original condition, stories and legends are told by candle light.

The stress is not on dates and dry facts, but rather on experiencing and imagining another period with different day-to-day problems. Naturally "Kunigunde", the castle ghost doesn't go unmentioned, but don't worry: she gave up being a bad ghost sometime ago and is now definitely friendly.

The tour really shouldn't be missed. More than 2,500 people take part every year, and it's the most popular activity at the castle by a long way.





Season all year round
Cost free
Duration 1-1 1/2 hours
Group size25 people
Age from 10 years (during day
time even younger)
Preparation contact the Programm Offic
shortly beforehand

<sup>\*</sup> Evening activity: we try to guarantee every group the chance to have one evening activity, more than that is only possible when enough staff are available.

#### Research and Discover



#### **Hohenroth Forest Path**

Children can experience the forest with all their senses, and learn interesting things through play on the Hohenroth forest path. In 2003 the SOS Village community Hohenroth and the forestry authority Hammelburg got together to create a 1.5 km (just under a mile) long walk which allows visitors to both experience and learn about woodland.

Whether in pine-cone throwing, long jump in comparison to the forest's inhabitants, or by building a tower with irregular blocks of wood - some of the activities challenge the whole family or class to compete. Other activities require the use of the senses.

Who can find the most animal silhouettes on the Hunter's Path? The Barefoot Path lets you discover things by touch, and the tree telephone

Season all year round
Cost free
Duration half day (activities plus
walk there and back)
Age 8-12 years / families

allows experiments with the acoustic qualities of a 20m tree-trunk.

The path is particularly suitable for families and primary school age children (or Beavers and Cubs). However, some of the activities will prove a great challenge to young people.

This activity can be very suitably combined with a walk through the SOS Village Community Hohenroth. More information about the Forest path can be found in the Programme Office.



#### Research and Discover

#### Excursion into the forest



The Spessart is an area of woodland which stretches from Rieneck to Aschaffenburg, and from the Main to the Kinzig. Groups, led by a trained nature guide, can get to know the forest and its plants and animals.

Season	April - October
Cost	€35.00 per group, pay guide directly.
Duration	2 hours, evenings and weekends
Group size	max. 25
Age	walk will be adapted according to age group
Preparation	contact the Programme Office at least a week
	beforehand

#### Visit to the Beekeeper

Our beekeeper keeps her hives just outside Burgsinn, reached after a three-quarter of an hour walk through the Sinn valley nature reserve. Frau Bechold is a trained guide, and explains in clear and comprehensible detail everything you want to know about the Sinn valley and about bees. You can usually also try the fresh honey. You can get to Burgsinn by bus ( $\in$  3,70) or train ( $\in$  2.10 adult,  $\in$ 1.05).

This activity combines well with a trip to the Burgsinn open air pool, followed by a short walk back to Rieneck.



Saison	April - July
Price	€35.00 per group, to be paid
	directly to Ms Bechold
Duration	about 3 hours
Group size	max. 25

#### LandArt

LandArt takes place – as you'd expect – in the open air, and means making art in, about, and with nature.

Here, participants, with professional guidance, encounter nature in a particularly intensive way, and engage creatively with the diversity of natural colour, forms, structures and materials.

Alone or in teams, they'll create unique, short-lived works of art – and have fun enjoying the natural world.

SaisonApril-October
Price: 8,00 € per person
Duration 3 - 4 hours
Group size max. 30



Age ......9–17 years
Preparation ....... contact the Programme Office at
least 2 weeks beforehand

#### Research and Discover

#### **Guided Walks**

#### The forest - manmade landscape

The nature guide Gabi Bechold will lead a 12 km/7mile walk from Burgsinn over the wooded hill to Rieneck, showing the traces humans have left on the forest and explains the special characteristics of this eco-system. Guided walks on the themes of streams, meadows and hedges are also possible.



#### A Guide to Bats

A special bat detector makes the calls of the bats audible. Learn all sorts of fasci

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nating things about the little creatures of the night!

#### Herb Walk

The landscape guide Gaby Bechold leads a walk on the wild side, looking for seasonal herbs. Cuckoo flower, dandelions, red clover, nettles or michaelmas daisies – the meadows round about the castle are full of a wide range of wild herbs. Using the herbs you've gathered, you'll make a

snack which can be eaten on the spot, or taken back to supplement your supper. This activity is seasonal – different herbs grow at different times of the year – and can only take place in good weather. It's also a good idea to wear old clothes.

Season mid April - end of August (forst walk through October)
Cost€35.00 for the whole group (to pay directly to guide)
Durationabout 3 hours, starting at 4 p.m.
Group sizemaximum of 30 people
Agefrom 8 years
Preparationcontact the Programme Office at least a week in advance

#### Beaver Walk

The Sinn valley is now home to beavers again. Under the experienced leadership of our nature guide, groups have the chance to look for the traces of this shy animal. Group must have own transport (cars or minibus).



Saison	November to April	Group sizemax. 25
	(dependent on vegetation)	Agefrom 10 years
Cost	€35.00 for the whole group	Preparation contact the Programme Office at
	(to pay directly to guide)	least a week beforehand
Duration	about two hours, evenings or	
	weekends	

# Streifzüge durch Spessart und Rhön

Ob zu Fuß, mit dem Kanu oder dem Rad, der Naturpark Spessart und der Naturpark Rhön sind am besten mit eigener Muskelkraft zu erkunden. Egal, ob ein Spaziergang durch Rieneck und Umgebung oder ein Hajk (mehrtägige Wanderung mit leichtem Gepäck) zu den Gipfeln der Rhön: Es lohnt sich, die Landschaft Unterfrankens zu erwandern.



#### Hajks und Wanderungen

Wir haben Kartenmaterial, Wegbeschreibungen und Informationen über interessante Ziele vorbereitet. Von der individuellen Zusammenstellung einer Route über das Angebot ausgearbeiteter Touren bis hin

zu geführten Touren können wir für Gruppen alles anbieten. Der Staff der Burg Rieneck ist bei der Planung gerne behilflich.

## Nonnenpfad zum Kloster Schönau

Die Wanderung führt ansteigend über den Schönauer Berg und dann hinunter nach Schönau. Dort befindet sich ein altes Franziskanerkloster mit einer sehenswerten Kirche. Diese und die Sakristei werden von den Mönchen auf vorherige Anfrage (Tel.: 09351/3301) gezeigt.

Der nächste Bahnhof befindet sich in Wolfsmünster oder Gemünden (beides ca. 5 km entfernt). Im Sommer hält teilweise ein Bus in Schönau selbst.



Dauer......halber Tag
Distanz.........ca. 8 km (plus 5 km)
Höhenunterschied ↑240 m, ↓280 m
Fahrpreis ...........Gemünden-Rieneck: 1,90 €/ 0,95 €

# **Expeditions in Spessart and Rhön**

#### Circular Walk: Rabental- Forest Path - Hohenroth

The walk begins by climbing gently halfway up the high ground south of Rieneck, then contours along the hillside and up a small ridge to Hohenroth. Just before Hohenroth is reached, the Forest Path (sign-posted as 'Waldpfad', see p 11) appears on the right. This is itself a circular walk of about 2 km/ 1.2 miles (not included in the distances given below). In Hohenroth itself the cafe can be visited by those in need of sustenance. From there it is another 1.5 km/ 1 mile to the castle. Those who wish a longer walk could go a) via the Fliesenbachtal to Hohenroth or b) detour from Hohenroth to Schaippach before returning to Rieneck.



Variantion a) with Fließenbachtal
Duration ......half day (with forest path)
Distance ............ ca. 9.5 km / 6 miles
Height gained/lost ↑250 m, ↓250 m / 820 ft

Variation b) via Schaippach Duration ......half day (with forest path) Distance .....ca. 8 km Height gained/lost ↑230 m, ↓230 m / 744 ft

#### **Homburg Ruins**



The ruins of the Homburg are situated high above Gössenheim, and are among the biggest ruin complexes in Germany. The landscape, however, is every bit as impressive. The vegetation growing on the limestone is reminiscent of Northern Spain. The nearest station is Gössenheim, about 2 km away; the journey to Rieneck lasts about 45 mins. The Homburg is also well worth visiting if you don't want to walk so farshorter walks from nearer starting points are perfectly possible. The Programme Office will be happy to help you further.

Duration	whole day
Distanz	about 18 km / 11 miles (plus 2
km / 1.5 miles)	

Height gained and lost.......↑150 m, ↓40 m (plus ↓130 m) Return Gössenheim-Rieneck .....€7.70 / €4.90

# Expeditions in Spessart and Rhön

#### Bayrische Schanz

The Bayrische Schanz is a charming country pub with a biergarten. The romantic building was originally a customs post. A pleasant forest path (climbing gently initially) leads to it through the Spessart. The nearest bus stop is about 3 km away, in Ruppertshütten. The walk can be combined with a trip to the little bathing lake on the way between Ruppertshütten and Langenprozelten.



Duration ...... half day Distance ...... about 12 km /7.5 miles (plus 3 km / 2 miles) Hight gaind/lost ......  $\uparrow$ 320 m,  $\downarrow$ 140 m

#### Circular Walk: Witch's Spring and the 1000 year old oaks

This circular walk is mostly through woodland, and therefore very pleasant in high summer. The goal is the ancient oaks (the ,Witch's Spring' is now a private fishpond.)

Duration ......half day
Distance .....about 8 km / 5 miles
Height gained/lost ... ↑200 m, ↓200 m

#### Circular Walk: Rabental - Zollberg - Schaippach



The path follows a hollow way up through the Rabental valley on to the wooded hill. The route continues through the wood along a fairly flat plateau to the Zollberg. This was formerly a customs post, as a stone with several differently sized hole bears witness. It was used to measure the hubs of wagon wheels and so determine how much duty their owner had to pay. From the Zollberg the route goes down towards Schaippach and then back through the Sinn meadows to Rieneck.

Duration ......half day
Distance ......ca. 11 km / 7 miles
Height gained/lost ... ↑300 m, ↓300 m

# Expeditions in Spessart and Rhön

#### Sinn Valley

Long stretches along the banks of the River Sinn have been put under legal protection because of their unspoiled nature. Here the beaver and the kingfisher have returned. The nature area is very good for walking. It's about 7 km/ 4 miles from Rieneck to Burgsinn (or Gemünden), with minimal height gain/ loss. A walk can be well combined with a visit to the open air pool.

Our suggestion for a day's walk: go to Mittelsinn by bus or train, walk about 45 minutes to Burgs-

inn, then a visit to the beekeeper, see Burgsinn and go for a swim (lunch), returning to Rieneck later.



Sinngrund - proposal for a day trip

Duration ...... variable Heigth gained/lost ... minimal

#### Night Hike\*

Through the Rieneck forest in the dark of night. We offer youth groups a small test of their courage, in the form of a guided walk. With a bit of luck, you will be able to observe the nocturnal animals of the area. The idea's not to scare the youngsters

Season	all year
Price	€20.00 per group
Duration	approx. 1 hour in darkness (3
	km walk)
Group size	25 people
Age	8-16 years

(it's not a ghost walk), but to give them an intensive experience of the night.

Of course, groups are welcome to organise their own night hike, and we're happy to give tips on which routes are particularly suitable.

	Preparation contact the Programme Office
shortly beforehand	
*	Evening activity: we try to guarantee every group

the chance to have one evening activity. More are only possible where staffing levels allow.



# Togetherness

Giving and accepting help, breaking down prejudices and working for change are important principles of the VCP. In order to put these into practice, we offer groups various opportunities to get an insight into charitable work, or even to do something practical themselves.



#### **Visit the SOS Village Community Hohenroth**

The SOS Village community Hohenroth is run by SOS-Kinderdorf International. Here 150 mentally handicapped young people are given the opportunity to live in a family and to do regulated work in the village community. They live, together with 100 carers, in the village of Hohenroth, 2 km from Rieneck.

The development is designed to be self-

supporting, and it has, as well as facilities for producing and processing agricultural goods (animal rearing, wood, feed, fruit and vegetables), workshops and a cafe (closed Mon, Tues).

Guests of the Guide and Scout Castle are able to take part in a tour of Hohenroth, and get to know the village and the methods used there.

Preparation ......contact the Programme Office well beforehand

# **Togetherness**

#### Team-box

Games of perception, trust, co-operation and adventure of various kinds promote social and emotional learning, and strengthen the group's ability to communicate and work as a team. In the programme office we introduce you to various games, which leaders can choose from, depending on the current situation and needs of the group. Depending on the group size, the most practical approach may be to send small teams round various activities, in a series of bases. It is vital that the activities are carefully supported by leaders if the teams are to be successful.



Cost€5.00 per group (without assistance of Castle staff).
€30.00 per group (with assistance of Castle staff)
Group sizeup to 25 people
Duration
Age from 12 years
Preparation book well in advance through the Programme office

#### Improv Theatre

You think it's impossible to stand on stage without memorizing a text? This workshop for newcomers to 'improv', improvised theatre, proves the opposite: starting from simple exercises, participants learn to trust their own imagination and spontaneity. The fun of acting and working as a group is in the foreground. And who knows, perhaps you'll create a wonderful improvised performance in the Arched Cellar or on our 'open air stage' in the Lions' Den.



Foto: Nadine Antle

Cost
DurationFull day €25.00 per person (min 15 pers.), €28.00 per person (min. 20 pers.)
Group size min. 15, max. 25 people
Age from 12 years
Preparationcontact the Programme Office at least two months in advance.

# **Togetherness**

#### Volunteer at Rieneck Castle?



You can spend up to a year at Castle Rieneck, and have one of the most interesting experiences of your life.

Who else do you know who has lived and worked at a castle – in a team of young people from different countries.

If you're 18 or over, and would either like to work at the Castle or want more information, take a look at the job offers on our internet pages and/ or get in touch with the Castle management.

Get to know the castle from another side.

Lead a tour group through the Thick Tower at night, change a broken lock, serve pudding, pack bags of 'mixed sweets' in the kiosk. What could be more fun than talking at a group of 40 or spending a whole day puddling about in mud cleaning a boiler?

Well, you can experience all this and more for yourself through the European Voluntary Service (EVS) or as summer staff over a shorter period (if you are a Scout or Guide and a member of an organization recognized by WAGGGS or WOSM).



Season ......all year Cost ......none

Duration ...... 2-12 months Age ..... from 18

Preparation ...... discussion with the Castle management well in advance

We offer many possibilities to carry out various crafts or handiwork, have material and tools ready to hand, and can sometimes help with their use.

We feel children and young people should be encouraged in this area, and welcome groups who want to carry out their own ideas. However, we do ask that you not to paint or do crafts in the day rooms. There are two workshops available for this purpose.

Please speak to us well beforehand if you want to use them.

#### Tafl

Hnefetalf, also called Tafl, was the most popular strategy game in northern Europe until into the 12th century. The Vikings' carried the game throughout early

medieval Europe on their wars of conquest, but it gradually fell out of fashion after the crusaders brought chess home. Tafl is fascinating because although the rules are quite simple,

they allow very complex game-play, depending on the skills of the players.

The two players have different goals: one attacks an imaginary castle and can win by capturing the king; the other is trying to defend against the attack, to

> protect the king, and to win by helping the king escape. Participants will make their own ,board', which can also be used as a bag for the pieces. After cutting out and painting the playing surface, things

can really get started; the rules are easy to learn, and then the game begins...

Cost ......  $\$  2.00 p. p. Duration ...... about 2 hours Group size ...... ideal for 10-15 people

Age ...... from 8 years

Preparation ...... contact the Programme Office a

week in advance

# Tie Dye

"Let the sunshine in". Tie-dye is always in, which is why groups get the chance to give their t-shirts some of that Seventies style. This simple activity works well with larger groups, too, and even today, it's really cool when the whole class turns up at school in their 'group look'....

Price£2.50 p.p.
Durationabout 2 hours
Group sizeideal 10 people
Age from 8 years



Preparation ....... contact the Programme Office shortly beforehand, bring own T-shirts!

#### Soapstone



The experience of shaping a stone with a normal knife and sandpaper is a special one. So as to get a good result in a short period of time, we generally use small pieces of stone, for key rings

and the like.





Price£2.00 p.p.	
Durationabout 2 hours	
Group size max. 20 people	
Age from 10 years	
Preparation contact the Programme Office a	
week beforehand.	

#### Friendship Bracelets

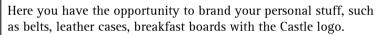


A classic which can still inspire enthusiasm! We have some instructions, and with a bit of imagination, suddenly new creations appear...

Price€1.50 p.p.	
Durationabout 2 hours	
Group size 15 people	
Age from 10 years	
Preparation contact the Programme Office shortly beforehand	

#### Quick activity

#### Branding Iron: your personal Castle souvenir





Cost €0.50 per stamp	Preparation Contact the Programme Office
Durationc. 10 secs. per stamp	a few days in advance
Group size min. 5 people	
Arreanv	Bring your own leather or wood things!

# Key Rings: The Art of Knotting

Take two different coloured cords, a metal ring and a bit of patience, in order to understand a knot. In the shortest time, you will have produced a wonderful key ring.

Cost €1.50 p.p.
Durationc. 1 hour
Group size c. 10 people
Age from 10 years

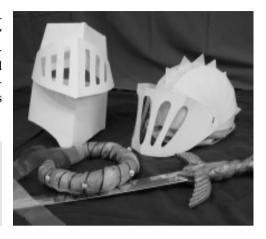


Preparation ....... contact the Programme Office at least a week in advance

# Knight's helmets and Lady's head-dresses

Knight's helmets, or elegant lady's head-dresses, make ideal props for the knights' tournament or a mediaeval closing ceremony. Helmets can be made from coloured card using our templates, and for the head-dresses, we have basic forms and various fabrics and ribbons on hand.

Cost	. €4.00 p.P.
Duration	. c. 2 hours
Group size	. max 30 people
Age	. 6-12 years
Preparation	. contact the Programme office at
	. least a week in advance





Music mustn't be forgotten: we offer a chance to make 'rainmakers'.

These traditional musical instruments come originally from Indios in Chile, where they are used for rain ceremonies. The tonal palette of this very soothing instrument ranges from the sound of a light drizzle to a mighty downpour.

Cost	€ 2.00 p. p.
Duration	c. 2 hours
Group size	tools available for 10-15 people

Age	from 10 years
Preparation	contact the Programme Office
	at least a week beforehand

# **Juggling Balls**



Every castle has its clowns and jugglers, so here you can make juggling balls and try them out – if possible with instruction in a short course.

Cost €1.50 p. p. (for 3 juggling balls)	
Durationc. 1.5 hours	
Group size max. 25 people	
Age from 10 years	
Preparation contact the Programme Office at least a week	(
in advance	

#### Pin Badges

The pin badges (diameter 5 cm) can be customized by cutting, gluing, drawing painting etc. There's no limit to your imagination and creativity.

Price	. €1.50 for three badges
Duration	. approx 1 hour
Group size	. min. 5 people
Age	. from 6 years
Preparation	. contact the Programme Office
	shortly beforehand

#### Henna Tattoos

Henna tattoos, artful body-paintings with natural dyes, were originally called Mehndis, and come from North-West India.



Cost	€1.50 p.p.
Duration	c. 2 hours
Time for Tattoos to	'set' as long as possible,
	preferably over-night
Group size	max. 20 people

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Stars like Madonna have made henna tattoos fashionable: they look like permanent tattoos, but fade quickly. In this activity, you design your own tattoos according to your own imagination (or patterns!).

Age	from 10 years
Preparation	contact the Programme
	Office shortly before
	hand

#### Plaster masks

An absolute classic, which needs no further introduction...

Cost ..................€3.00 p.p.

Duratoin ................c.1.5 hours

Group size ..............c. 20 people

Age .......................from 8 years

Preparation .................contact the Programme Office,

at least a week ahead



#### Mediaeval Workshops

Castles and the Middle Ages – one's unthinkable without the other. The past has left many traces on Castle Rieneck.

In our themed workshops, groups can get to know the Middle Ages up close and personal– learning by doing, and by having fun.



# Peasant Sandals (from age 12) In this workshop, groups will, with the help of a trained workshop-leader, produce pea-

of a trained workshop-leader, produce peasant sandals made of leather. Such sandals were typical mediaeval footwear, above all for ordinary people. They are cut in one piece – and simple techniques produce a wearable shoe.

#### Tin Casting (from age 12)

Get to grips with the ancient craft of tin casting. Like bell-making, this technique uses negative forms worked in oiled sand, which are then filled with liquid tin to create a variety of forms and figures.





#### Ytong (from age 10)

Inspired by mediaeval stonemasons, participants learn how to work with Ytong, a special aerated concrete which is easy to handle. Admittedly they won't build any chuches or towers, but with the aid of a chisel and file, they can produce figures and reliefs.

#### Mittelalterliche Werkstätten

#### Mediaeval Cookery (from age 10)

What was served up in the Middle Ages, how was food prepared, what special treats were

there, what coun-In this unit, partithemselves. The instructor, cooks meal from different plement to lunch drink, and makes



ted as good manners? cipants find out for group, assisted by an a simple mediaeval components (a supor dinner), prepares a table decorations

#### Sword and Leather Pouches (from age 9)

With the help of saws and sandpaper, participants make simple swords from pre-prepared wood, which they then decorate with hilts and paint. Other props, such as pouches, can be made from leather.

So as to fulfil the wishes of all groups as fairly as possible, it is only possible for us to offer each group one mediaeval workshop led by castle staff per visit. Our suggested combinations for a mediaeval theme day:

#### Tournament Day (from age 9)

Morning: make helmets and head-dresses or swords and leather pouches (led by castle staff)

Afternoon: Knights' Tournament with crowning of the victors (led by your group)

Evening: Guided tour of the Thick Tower

#### Creative Day (from age 10)

Morning: mediaeval cookery, or mediaeval workshops: soapstone, ytong, peasant sandals (from 12 y.o.), tin casting (from 12 y.o.) (led by castle staff)

Afternoon: Mediaeval trail and catapult-building (unspervised)

Evening: Guided tour of the Thick Tower

Costs

Costs Peasant sandals…€ 9.00 p.P.

Tin casting....... € 6.00 p.P. Ytong..... € 5.00 p.P.

Med. cookery...... € 6.00 p.P.

Swords

and leather bags.. € 4.00 p.P.

Season.....April to October

Duration...... 2-3 hours, depending on work

..... shop

Group size..... max. 25 participants

Age ..... see above

Vorbeitung...... consultation with the programme

..... office well in advance

A stay at Castle Rieneck should be full of variety. We offer many different possibilities to fill your free time with sports and games.

#### Games for outside

Behind the Castle there is a multi-purpose pitch for football, volleyball, softball/rounders, etc. It's not possible to play with hard or big balls in the courtyard. Instead, you can play badminton (please bring your own shuttlecocks and racquets!)



There is also a table tennis court (some bats can be borrowed, please bring additional; balls can be bought). If needed, a second table can be set up outside. In the valley (about 7 minutes by foot) there is a large, well-maintained public football field which our guests can use.

Beside the Kiosk is a table football machine and on the Knights' Lawn there is a giant chessboard ( $5m \times 5m$ ).

#### Spiriball

It does look a bit weird, but it's a lot of fun! A red ball is fastened on a pole, and two teams of two to four people compete against each other. The aim of the game is simple: hit the ball in your direction once round the pole, before your opponents do so. The first team to do so wins.

#### Balls, Toys and 'Games Boxes'

The Castle has many different *balls* and *toys* available to borrow. We're happy to give groups *'games boxes'* for the courtyard or the playing field. We can also offer a juggling box, which both beginners and the more experienced can enjoy.





#### Games for inside



#### **Board games**

We have a large selection of board games available for evenings with your group, to organize contests with, or for bad weather. You are welcome to ask for a list of games available, with short descriptions, in advance via e-mail from programm@burg-rieneck.de.

#### Story time

Whether you want ghost stories to read to the little ones, or horror for the older ones; whether you want stories about dragons, knights, or pirates; comics, scripts, imaginative journeys... The Programme Office has a wide range of different *books* available, which we are happy to lend out to groups. You can request a list with short descriptions by e-mailing us at programm@burg-rieneck.de.



# The Open Library



In the second floor of the main building, we've set up a shelf and filled it with lots of books, which the bookworms among you are very welcome to take. Without fixed loan periods, without library membership cards. Naturally, you're welcome to bring books from home to add to the collection, the next person is bound to be pleased to find your contribution. There's just one request: be fair! Don't 'loot' the library without leaving something in exchange.

Season	all year
Cost	none
Age	from 6 vea

# Castle Trail Top



This offers children and young people the chance to explore the castle: they're given a card which shows a series of close-ups which they have to find.

There are words hidden at the locations of the picture: in each case there are two words, suitable for different age groups. The first set of words are simple ones which the children can use to make up a story or a skit; the second set are technical terms which can be used as solutions for a crossword puzzle.

Participants should be divided into small teams.

Duration ...... 1-2 hours (depending on age



Group size max. 60-80 people
Agefrom 8 years / families
Prepation Contact the Programm Office
shortly

# Town Trail Rieneck

Season ..... all year round Cost ..... free

.....and stamina)



Go off without map or route description, and still find the way? That's exactly what the town trail makes possible. Using a series

of photos, participants find their way from one picture to the next. In between they have to keep their eyes open and look for little details, because finding them earns the team points. As Rieneck, for all the fact that it has a town charter, is a small

place, there's no problem in sending over-10s out in small unsupervised groups. he castle can be seen from almost everywhere, so even if the children fail to spot all the pictures, they'll still find the way back. It's a

good idea to divide the participants into small teams and not to send them all off at once: there are two different routes, so two groups can start together every time. The trail is roughly 4.5 km (2.8 miles) long and is also suitable for families who want to get to know Rieneck. Unfor-

tunately there is a long stair which makes it rather less 'pram-friendly'.



Season	all year
Cost	free
Duration	2-3 hours
Group size	up to about 90

Age ..... from 10 years Preparation ...... contact the Programme Office shortly beforehand

#### Town Trail Lohr



You want to discover a beautiful mediaeval town for yourself? Then the Lohr town game is exactly what you're looking for. You are the main characters in a short story, finding your way through the town is small groups. As the characters Lisa and Lasse, in creative tasks and scavenger challenges, you help your grandparents remember their first meeting in Lohr.



Season	all year
Cost	free
Duration	1-2 hours
	(according to age)

Group Size 5-30 people
Age from 9 years
Preparation contact the Programme Office
shortly beforehand

#### Treasure Hunt at Rieneck Castle - A Wide Game



"Rieneck, 1333:

A violent power-struggle is dividing Castle Rieneck and its lands. Various local nobles are laying claim to the area, and to add to the complications there are rumours that it conceals a great treasure..."

Season	all year
Cost	free
Duration	2 hours

In this wide game, the goal is to find the hidden treasure. Participants, divided into teams of treasure seekers, must find stations in the castle wood, and solve puzzles so that they can discover the treasure.

Group Size max. 30 people
Age from 12 years
Preparation contact the Programme Office
shortly beforehand

#### City Trail Würzburg



See Würzburg from a different angle! Letters and photos lead you to places where you'll

Saisonall year
Cost free
Duration2-3 hours

have to carry out challenges – and take imaginative photos to prove it! The trail will show you just what makes the city on the Main so unique. You'll accompany a friend from the past on his journey in and through Würzburg. A few historical facts here, a couple of good anecdotes there – and you'll have a different picture of the Franconian metropolis by the Main. All that you need is a bit of imagination, and you're off on a treasure hunt through the past.

Group Size 5-30 people
Age from 13 years
Preparation contact the Programme Office
shortly beforehand

#### **Knights' Tournament**



If you're staying in a castle, it's natural to spend some time on the theme of knights. And of course, a knights' tournament is a must!

That's undoubtedly one reason why this is one of our most booked activities. At different bases in and around the castle, groups have to complete different activities, ranging from archery to building a tower, from bowling to sack fights. The activities require different skills: from athleticism to dexterity to the ability to estimate your own capabilities. This makes the tournament a very well-balanced activity.

Our ideas are explained to the groups leaders, and the group decides what they want to do. Most of the ideas can be adapted for bad weather. The whole tournament is designed on a 'building block' principle, so it is possible to have many variations

Price ...... €5.00 for whole group to cover cost of materials

Duration ....... varies according to group size, from 2 hours to a half day

(for example, one or two disciplines a day, making props like shield or helmets beforehand, adding in your on ideas, etc).



Age ...... from 8 years
Preparation ...... contact Programme Office
at least a week beforehand.
Bases run by own leaders!

# The Living Dice Game/ Snail Game / Chaos Game



A game which has earned many names... Small teams playing against each other

aim to solve a variety of tasks. Eighty numbered pieces of paper are hidden within a mar-



according to the dice you roll. If you roll a 6, then you have to find paper number 6 as fast as possible, run back to the people running the game, and carry out the task they give you. If you succeed, you throw again.

This activity must be supervised by responsible leaders.

Cost ......free
Duration ............1-2 hours
Group size ........10-50 people
Age ........from 8 years

Preparation ........ contact the Programme Office shortly beforehand, leaders will need c. 20 minutes to set up the game.

#### **Canoe Tours**

During the summer months the rivers Sinn and Fränkische Saale are navigable by canoe, and are ideal for trips lasting from 3 hours to several days. Both rivers are suitable for beginners, but due to the occasional weir and the natural beauty of the valleys, they are also great fun for



Season ......Sinn only navigable from July 1

to the end of February, Fränkische Saale all year (subject to
water levels)

Price ......€20.00 per day/canoe

more experienced canoeists.

Castle Rieneck cooperates with a canoe rental agency on the river Saale in the near from Hammelburg, where canoes for two or three people are available to rent. The canoes may either be all brought to the start point at Morlesau (EUR 10 surcharge per canoe), or provided with a hanger for transportation. A car with a tow-bar must then be provided by the group. In addition, we are happy to help with the route planning and offer instruction in the use of the equipment.

On legal grounds, one person from the group must provide a copy of a life saving certificate (at least bronze level), and no more than four years old.

Preparation ....... Application at the Gasthof Nöth ...... in Morlesau (Tel. 09357 479).

<u>Please provide your own vehicle with tow bar and a life-saving certificate!</u>

#### "Canoe Safari" on the Fränkische Saale

Led by a professional canoe guide, you will travel down the lower reaches of the Fränkische Saale between Hammelburg and Gemünden an Main. The



little villages, proud castles, colourful woodland and the vineyards so characteristic of this part of Germany offer and ever-changing backdrop. Price includes transport of canoes and participants.

SeasonApril to October
Price€45.00 for adults, €35.00
for under 18s (includes
transport)
Duration 1 day
Group size min. 12, max. 18

Age from 10 years
Preparation four weeks in advance,
occasionally tours can be
booked at short notice
through GS Extra-Touren
GhR
C.S.N.

#### The Catapult

Following a construction plan, groups will turn two- and three-meter long poles, lots of rope and a few small parts into a catapult, which should be robust and of course have as long a range as possible. At the end of the activity a shooting contest can be held on the sports field. If needed, an explanation of the required knots can be provided. Despite the plan, the activity requires a certain amount of creativity and technical know-how. Teamwork is also critical, both in building and shooting the catapult. There are three sets of parts, the group size should be between 5 and 10 people (depending on age and ability). The activity takes place outdoors and is therefore dependant on the weather

Seasonspring to autumn
Cost €10.00 per session
Duration 2-3 hours
Group size up to 25 people



Age ...... from 12 years
Preparation ...... contact the Programme Office
at least a week in advance

#### **CSI: Vaulted Cellar**

Why has a dead body been found near the Arched Cellar at the end of a spectacular party?

Who was the victim? What did the scene of the crime look like, and who could have had a motive?

A group of alert detectives sets out to solve the crime. They will find all sorts of clues that they have to understand...



#### Let's Party - The Disco Kit

Our disco kit will get everyone moving – even those who hate dancing. It's full of ideas for a special disco evening in the U-boat, the castle disco.

There's ideas for a Hawaiian evening with (non-alcoholic) cocktails and flower garlands, or suggestions for a seventies disco. But even without a theme you can have a great time: the kit contains the wherewithal for a non-alcoholic cocktail bar, fun decorations, as well as instructions for dance routines and party games.



Age from 10 years
Preparation contact the Programme Office
shortly beforehand

# Duration .....up to you Group size .....up to 30 people

Cost ...... € 10.00 per group

Season ..... all year

# The Feel-Good Kit - Entspannung leicht gemacht



Our feel-good kit guarantees relaxation and a spa-atmosphere. It contains everything for a fun, hands-on approach to the themes of relaxation, de-stressing and well-being.

The kit contains instructions for various relaxation techniques, such as imaginary journeys and mandalas. It also includes massage balls and exercises, as well as recipes for relaxing facemasks and chillout music. To finish things off nicely, it also contains further accessories, such as light chains, relaxing tea and aromatherapy lamps. Everything a group needs to create its own mini-spa!

Seasonall year
Cost € 10.00 per group
Duration up to you
Group size up to 30 people

Age from 10 years
Preparation contact the Programme Office
shortly beforehand

#### Sinnflut Leisure Pool Bad Brückenau

Sinnflut in Bad Brückenau is a leisure pool with a lot to offer. It's 40 km away from Rieneck, and is best reached with your own transport. However, you can get there

by bus and train in about an hour. This costs about €6.40 for an adult, €3.20 child (single). More information from www.fluti.de.

Open .......daily 10:00 am − 10:00 pm, Sauna Dampfwerk − 11:00 pm Entry......Pool, no time limit €5.00 / €3.50; Sat/Sun/Holidays 6.00 €/4.00 € Pool and Sauna, no time limit 12.00 €/8.00 €

#### Nautiland Leisure Pool Würzburg

Not quite as much here as at Bad Brückenau, but it does have the advantage that it's in Würzburg, and so can be combined with many other activities in the town. More information and exact prices from www.stadtbau-wuerzburg.de/nautiland/index.html

Open ...... Mon – Fri......9:00 am–10:00 pm Sat/Sun/Holidays......8:00 am–9:00 pm



#### **Bathing Pond**



There is a small, attractive bathing pool between Ruppertshütten and Langenprozelten.

From Rieneck you can get to it through the woods (about 6 km, ↑200m, ↓200m).

There is a public transport link between Rieneck and Langenprozelten. It's 4 km / 2.5 miles from the Langenprozelten station to the lake. Suggestion: Turn the walk to the Bayrische Schanz into a full day walk by adding swim in the pool.

(See the route description for the "Bayrische Schanz")

#### Let's go swimming



In Rieneck itself there is an unofficial bathing place on the river. Here you can go and cool off quite spontaneously. A current on one side adds to the fun, but is no danger to experienced swimmers.

As it's a normal river, it's not a bad idea to wear flip-flops or old sandals, to protect your feet from possible bits of wire or fragments of glass which may have washed down the river.

#### Gemünden and Burgsinn Open Air Pools

Entrance fees...... Burgsinn €2.50 / €2.00 Gemünden €1.80 / €1.50 Burgsinn pool is a very attractive one, and locals are fighting hard to save this, the only open air pool in the valley, from closure. Give your group the pleasure of a visit and help save the pool.

#### Gemünden Indoor Pool and Sauna

On grounds of cost, the indoor pool is shut during the open-air season. In spring and autumn there are transition periods with different opening times. (Tel 09351-3409)

**Pool Winter:** 

Mon-Fri 3:00 – 10:00 pm (Thu 3.00-4.30 pm women only)

Sat 9:00 - 12:00, 2.00-7.00 pm

Sun 9:00 - 6:00 pm

Sauna Winter:

Mon und Wed 3:00 – 10:00 pm mixed sauna Tue and Thu 3:00 – 10:00 pm women

Fri 3:00 - 10:00 pm men

Sat 2:00 - 7:00 pm family sauna Sun 1:00 - 6.00 pm family sauna

Entry: adults € 2.00

youth €1.50

sauna € 6.00

#### Learning by doing: the High Rope Educational Programme



Our High Ropes Course activities give our guests the opportunity to recognise existing patterns of behaviour and group dynamics, and to improve them through spending time together in the safe context of our events

The various challenges found in the High Ropes Course reveal these existing behavioural patterns, and encourage the learning of social competence. Carefully targeted reflection translates these experiences into daily life.

Values like consideration, respect, tolerance, trust and honesty are made present and lived reality through the games.

#### Safety

The physical and emotional safety of participants is ensured by the trained and experienced instructors, who regularly attend further courses. We use only certified, mountaineering quality equipment and orient ourselves by the standards of international professional associations.

The firm Georg Schumann Extra-Touren is a member of ERCA (European Ropes Course Association).



#### Trainer-Participant ratio

A trainer looks after at least eight and no more than fourteen participants.

Season	all year
Group size	from 10 people
Age	from 10 years
Preparation	register 4 weeks in advance,
	contact GS Extra-Touren
	GbR (tel. 09354-1037. fax
	- 909144, info@extra-touren.com)

# Fun, Games and Sport

## One day in the High Ropes Course



After an introduction to the equipment and safety procedures, you get straight into action.

This day presents teams with a variety of challenges in mid-air, like the Chaplin's Walk or the Giant Swing, which can only be solved together.



*Giant Swing:* The participant is pulled 7m into the air by his team. He releases the swing and soars through the air, overlooking the Sinn Valley.

Chaplin's Walk: It's best to move like the man himself: feet on the rope, supporting each other with both hands. That way, nothing can go wrong.





# Fun, Games and Sport

### **Several Day Activity Programmes**

### "Teamwork - Trust - Challenge"

Depending on what activities are chosen, different challenges and different learning outcomes for the participants and the group can be emphasised. Together, the groups experiences rope activities such as the Rope Bridge or the Giant Ladder.

The activities are not primarily about



sport or physical fitness, rather the goal is to develop new strategies, to build trust in each other and in the group, and to enable personal development and the development of the group dynamic.



In preparation for the mid-air activities, interactive and co-operative games take place on the ground. Depending on the length of the programme booked, elements like an rientation walk and night activities can be built in.



#### Raiders of the Lost Treasure



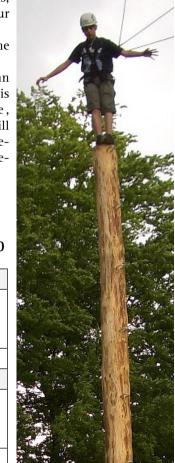
Every castle has its secrets, but only the bravest and best knights are permitted to break the spell. A small, indomitable group sets out to find the last secret of Rieneck Castle. The way to the treasure is to be found on an old, mys-

terious map, but the door to the enchanted treasure chamber can only be opened with a magic key. Are you willing and able to undertake this voyage into the unknown?

Then good luck to the brave company! Will you cross the deep ravines in safety? Who will tell you the path through the poisoned lakes?

Don't lose your courage when you climb to

dizzy heights, testing your strength among the tree-tops... If you can endure this adventure. then you will find and recover the treasure.



### High Ropes Course Rieneck Castle - Prices 2010

House guests/ Campsite Guests	0.5 days	1 day
Children 12-18 years/ VCP members/ Young adults (18-27) without income (unemployed, students, apprentices)/ Adults with at least one participating child	€ 24	€ 33
Adults (over 18s)	€ 28	€ 38
External users	0.5 days	1 day
Children 12-18 years/ VCP members/ Young adults (18-27) without income (unemployed, students, apprentices)/ Adults with at least one participating child	€ 27	€ 40
Adults (over 18s)	€ 34	€ 52

# Fun, Games and Sport

## Abseiling on the Thick Tower or the castle wall



With an experienced alpinist from Rieneck, we offer groups the chance to abseil off the top of the Thick Tower (20 m), or, for the younger ones, from the castle wall (7m). The tower offers a special kick: climbing over the edge from the highest point is a real adrenaline rush! No prior experience necessary; equipment provided.

Seasonspring-autumn
Price Tower + Wall: € 90 per group (€10,00
of which is flat rate for use of equip-
ment), each additional hour €30
Duration 2 hours, late afternoon or evening
Group size 10-15 people



Age ............ from 12 years (tower) or 10 years (wall)
Preparation... contact GS Extra-Touren GbR, if
possible 2-3 weeks in advance (tel.
09354-1037. fax - 909144, info@
extra-touren.com)

#### The Submarine - the Castle Disco



The Guide and Scout Castle Rieneck - party central. Groups have access to a fully equipped disco, with music and light systems and

room for 50 people. There are a few rather spartan seats.

The music system consists of two CD/DVD players and a mixing desk. An external

socket (CINCH) allowing an MP3 device to be plugged in. Please bring own CDs. Discos are popular with many kids, and if you add in a few other things like games, juice bar etc. even those who aren't really disco types will have a good time.

Seasonall year round				
Price£10.00 per group per night				
Duration until 10.30 pm at the latest				
Preparaton contact Programme Office				
shortly beforehand				

### **Bowling**

#### Rieneck:

2 lanes in the community centre, contact the town authorities on 09354-9733-0; €4.00 per hour and lane.

#### Gemünden:

4 lanes in the 'Scherenberghalle', Mon-Fri from 5pm, Thurs closed, Sat-Sun/ holidays from 11am. Larger groups outside normal hours by arrangement. Advance booking required on 09351-604412; c. €5.00 per hour and lane.

### Minigolf

## On Gemünden Campsite:

1st April to 15th October
Mo - Sun 10:00 am - 7:00 pm
groups also outside these times.
€1.00 per person
Book with Fam. Vierling on 09351 - 2058 or
0175 - 3646806

#### -Romanticism and Reflectiveness

Campfires and Minnesang are as much a part of castle as towers and battlements. At the Guide and Scout Castle Rieneck, some take up the opportunity to prove themselves as a minstrel and or a romantic hero, while others use our Chapel for periods of meditation or for services.

#### The Knights' Hall

The Knights' Hall, with its open fire, offers groups a medieval atmosphere.

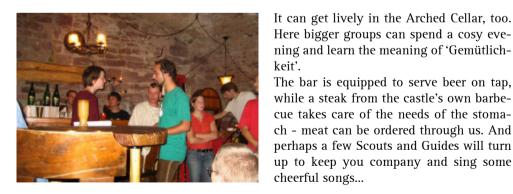
Comfortable leather chairs by the hearth, a long table to quaff on, and our knights Egbert and Walter make sure that everyone will become a fan of this era.

The Rittersaal is especially suitable for groups of up to 15 people who want to spend a cosy evening round the fire, but for a sit-down meal it holds up to 40. We can provide firewood, drinks and light midnight snacks (if ordered in time!).



Seasonall year round
Price firewood €10.00 (per load), food
and drink (prices on re quest)
Preparation contact the Programme Office
shortly beforehand

#### The Vaulted Cellar



The bar is equipped to serve beer on tap, while a steak from the castle's own barbecue takes care of the needs of the stomach - meat can be ordered through us. And perhaps a few Scouts and Guides will turn up to keep you company and sing some

Season .....all year round Price ..... price of food and drink on request

Preparation ...... contact the Programme Office shortly beforehand; Beer on tap must be ordered 3 days in advance

## Romanticism and Reflectiveness

#### The Castle Chapel

Our main chapel has room for 60-70 people. A service is held here by the Protestant parish of Rieneck on the first Sunday of the month at 10:30 am, and in addition our guests can use it for their own periods of reflection or worship. It has all the necessary vessels, hymnbooks, and an organ.

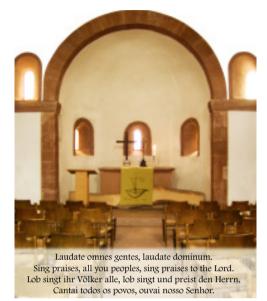
Seasonall year round				
Price free				
Preparation contact the Programme Office				
shortly beforehand				

#### C-Box



C-Box = the Christian Box, where you'll find any amount of material to help you plan a service or Scouts'

Own. The idea originated with a group of Scouts in VCP Niedersachsen. As well as a Luther Bible and a translation suitable for children, a concordance and reflection helps, you'll find ten songbooks (Querbeat) with lots of modern Christian songs. But you'll also find a crucifix, candles and



smoky stuff. After all, not that many people know how myrrh or frankincense actually smells. And for decorative purposes, there's also fabric in the different colours of the church year.

Seasonall year
Cost£5.00 per use
Preparation contact the Programme Office
shortly beforehand

#### Path of Light



Calming down, thinking about various different issues – that's another aspect of the Scout movement.

The Path of Light is another typical Scout activity which the Castle is pleased to offer.

Candles are set up to mark the way along a path. In between stand painted lanterns or boards lit by burning torches, showing pictures or ideas relating to a particular theme.

The participants follow the path alone or in twos, and think about what they see. One possible end to the activity is to meet round a fire to discuss the theme, or to tell a story.

Seasonall year round Kostenbeitrag€5.00 (to cover cost of mate	rials)		
Agefrom 12 years	ilais)		
Preparation contact the Programme Office shortly beforehand			

## Romanticism and Reflectiveness

## Songbooks and musical instruments



"Music was my first love..." (John Miles) – the Programme Office has songbooks for you to borrow, produced by the Bürgerschaft young support group of Castle Rieneck.

It's full of Scout songs and folk songs, pop and rock classics, and current hits. All the songs have guitar chords, and can be borrowed – along with guitars – for convivial evenings, whether in the Knights' Hall or the Vaulted Cellar.

And if you can't find what you're looking for, then let us know – the songbook can be expanded....

In addition, there is an organ in the chapel which is available for use by competent musicians.

## The Lions' Den Fireplace

At the foot of the Thick Tower lies the Lions' Den fireplace. Here you can sit together in the mild summer nights and talk, sing or reflect. Firewood can be provided by the Castle, or gather your own.



And if you want to experience something a bit different, you can borrow the ,popcorn maker' and try to make your own popcorn over the campfire.

Dough for dampers can be supplied on request. And for the very brave, there's a waffle iron....



Season ......all year round
Price ......dependant on how much
wood used
Preparation ......contact the Programme Office
shortly beforehand

# **Campsite**

#### General



The Castle's campsite may be small, but it's very special. It is divided into two main sites and a few smaller areas. As is well known, they used to build castles on hills - and ours is over 800 years old - which means that the space is somewhat limited. You may have to pitch the tents a bit closer together than you would normally do for once: but where else can you camp directly below a keep? Because the site is relatively small, we give priority to Scout and Guide groups. Only Scout and Guides can make longer term bookings for the months of July and August, in other months the site is open to all. Normally campsite groups are self catering, but it is usually possible to make exceptions or to arrange a combination of self-catering and meals from the castle if this is discussed with us well in advance. fully equipped self catering kitchen is available upon advance notice.

#### Terms and Conditions

A stay on the campsite costs €5.00 per person per night for Scouts and Guides; €6.00 per person per night for others. This price includes the following services: use of an area of the site for camping and activities; and use of the infrastructure, such as a modern wash-house (with shower/toilets/wash-hand-basins, larder, fridge, sinks etc), a fire-place with large campfire circle. We can also provide free use of tent-poles for yurts and Kohte-type tents (see pictures!), pioneering-type poles for



building, and a suitable number of trestle tables and benches for the group size. All the programme activities can be booked under the conditions described in this booklet – that is, many of them are free. We also have 2 fire altars which we can lend out if required. In exceptional circumstances the Castle's rooms may be used by campsite groups, but here the house guests have priority.

Renting Equipment

As well as the free equipment, the following can be rented from the castle (please check availability well before your stay.)

Large Yurt	per night	15.00
Kitchen tent	per night	15.00
Self catering kit	tchen per night	€25.00
Hockerkocher	per night	€2.50
	per kilo	

Campsite Fulda Schlüchtern Sports field Hanau Rieneck Wash-house am Main Würzburg Campsite 4 Campsite 2 (Plateau) Campite 3 Campsite 1 (Moat) Lions' Den Fireplace Castle

#### Shopping in Rieneck

### Kaufhaus Welzenbach:

Groceries

bread- cheese- and meat-counter

Opening times ........ Mon-Fri: 8:00-12:00 am

and 2:00-6:00 pm Sat: 8:00-12:00 am

## Metzgerei Uhl:

Butchers

(orders can be placed through the Castle.)

Opening times

Mon-Fri: 6:30-12:15 am and 2:00-6:00 pm (Thursdays half day) Sat: 6:00-12:00 am

#### Metzgerei Konrad: Butchers

Opening times ........ Mon-Fri: 7:30 am-6:00 pm; Wednesday half day Sat: 7:00-12:00 am



## Bäckerei Kleespies:

Bakers

(orders can be placed through the Castle.)

Opening times ........ Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri: 6:00-12:00 am and 2:00-6:00 pm

Thu: 6:00-18:00 (Wednesday half day) Sat: 6:00-12:00 am

In Gemünden, about 7 km/ 3 1/2 miles from Rieneck, there are larger supermarkets, such as 'Lidl', 'Aldi' or 'Tegut', as well as chemists, a DIY (hardware) store etc. Here some shops are open eight til eight Monday to Saturday.

## Food/ Packed Lunches/ Barbecues

The castle's guests stay on a full-board basis. That means a full breakfast from 8:00, a warm dinner/ lunch at 12:30 (12:00 Sundays) and tea/ dinner at 6:30 (cold buffet).

If you plan a day-trip, it's possible to order packed lunches (at least one working day beforehand). Then you can make up sandwiches yourself, after breakfast. Also included is a piece of fruit and a soft drink. On weekdays you will then get your warm meal in the evening, instead of the buffet.

Unfortunately it is not possible to offer

a warm evening meal at weekends or on holidays. If you would like, you can have a barbecue instead of a cold tea/ dinner. Here, too, you should book this one working day in advance.

The castle provides the barbeque equipment. Instead of the buffet, you get two sausages, a roll, salad and bread. If your barbecue is a replacement warm meal (packed lunches!) there will be a second salad. For a supplement, you can have steaks or fresh trout, as well as additional salads.

#### Communication



Any post which arrives for your group can be collected from the office in the late morning (the address should contain

the name of recipient and group). Outgoing, stamped post can be left in the castle's post office, emptied at 4 pm – stamps can be bought at our kiosk.

#### Telephone

There is a card pay-phone (Deutsche Telekom) in the castle, and you can get the appropriate cards from the kiosk. Mobile phone reception is usually good.



#### Internet

As we couldn't find room for an internet cafe, we had to find another solution to the problem. Scouts are renowned for their resourcefulness, and so a disused toilet was rebuilt. WC.net, which is probably the first internet enabled toilet in the world, allows our guests access to the net. You can buy prepaid cards for it in the kiosk.

The Castle also now has wireless hotspots for internet access via laptop – again, pre-paid cards are available in the kiosk.

Seminar groups have the option of paying a group flatrate of €10. Training sessions with PC support, internet seminars, etc can be held at the castle in the new IT training room. You can also bring your own machines, which can then have access to the intenet via a connection to our network.



## Multi-media

School classes, associations, church youth groups – whatever the kind of group, our guests often need multi-media equipment in order to run their events, The table below lists the equipment with the Castle has available for your use. If it should happen that more than one group want the same equipment at once, then we'll work with you on finding a solution that satisfies everyone. For this reason, we ask you to let as know what you need as soon as possible.

<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Beamer	€10.00 per hour
Amplification equipment	€100.00 per day
DVD-Player (DVD, S-VCD, MP3)	None
TV/ Video recorder (VHS)	None
CD / Cassette player	None
Slide projector, screen	None
Over-head projector	None
Pinboards	
Flip-charts€0.50 j	per sheet of paper
Presentation kit hire	€5.00 per day
Photocopies and printing	€0.10 per side
A3 photocopies and printing	€0.20 per side
Copies on transparency film	€1.00 per side

#### **Transport**

#### Train

Rail Deutsche Bahn has a comprehensive set of discounts. In the Programme Booklet, we've given the single walk-on fare for one adult

(i.e. over 14s) and for one child (6-14). However, individuals can also get cheap (APEX) fares when traveling in small groups - tickets must be bought at least three days in advance. Advance fares can also be used in combination with the small groups discount ('Mitfarherrabatt') Group rates as such (groups of 6 and over) are available in various options: the basic discount is 50% off the normal rate if tickets are purchased up to the departure day. But the earlier you book, the better the discount gets: booking a week in advance gets you 60% off, and those who book a fortnight in advance get an incredible 70% reduction. Both the advance purchase tickets and the group rate apply to particular services

**Ships** 

A family business offers a limited timetable service on the River Main. In the summer you can get from Lohr to Karstadt or Marktheidenfeld by boat (includes trip through lock).



Charter trips, e.g. for school parties, by arrangement.

Telefon: 09352-807212 or 0171-8151059

and you cannot decide to travel earlier or later. It's a good idea to travel off-peak (i.e. not in the rush hour, etc). Sometimes the "Bayernticket" or the "Wochenendticket" (both offer unlimited travel on local trains for a flat price) are cheaper. At any rate, it is now usually cheaper to take the



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train than to hire a coach.

However, the weather often plays a role in day trips, meaning you want to put decisions off as long as possible. Unfortunately the station in Rieneck is unmanned, but it is still possible to get group tickets. You ring Gemünden station, order your tickets, say what time you are arriving in Gemünden at, and collect the tickets there when you change.

Ticket counter Bahnhof Gemünden: Mon-Fri 8:00-12:15 am and 1:00- 4:00 pm, Tel.: 09351/601099 Fax: 09351-601081

#### Bus

To make sure that there will be enough space for everyone, we recommend that groups of 20 or more planning to travel by the local timetabled bus services should contact the bus company by phone the day before. Please speak to us in the office, we will be happy to help.

#### Regional cultural events

## Scherenburgfestspiele Gemünden

Scheren Castle Open Air Drama Festival, Gemünden. The Scherenburg drama festival takes place every summer between the middle of July and the middle of August. The courtyard of the ruined castle is the backdrop for open-air theatre at its best. On the programme for 2010: Arsen und Spitzenhäubchen (premiere: 07.07), Der zerbrochene Krug, a play by Heinrich von Kleist, Michel aus Lönneberga, a children's play by Astrid Lindgren.

Ticket Office 09351-5424.

More information from: www.scherenburgfest-spiele.de



Die Abenteuer des Tom Sawyer (2009)



Scene from "The Little Mermaid"

# Spessartgrotte Langenprozelten

This charming small theatre, a converted inn, offers an excellent theatrical experience. The audience sits at tables, can eat and drink, and enjoys a play, comedy, music or cabaret of a very high standard. Each season various different plays are given, one of them always a children's play are given by the company or guest productions. Special performances by arrangement. Information on the programme etc from: www.spessartgrotte.de

#### **Events in Rieneck**

Regular, yearly events worth a visit:

- Shrove Tuesday Carnival Procession (the biggest in the Spessart!)
- Ascension Day Music Festival (brass band festival)
- Second weekend in August Kirb/ Kirmes (Rieneck parish festival)
- First Sunday in Advent *Christmas Market* in Hohenroth (one of the best)

#### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### Can I drive my vehicle into the courtyard to load and unload?

As a rule, no. We don't want the medieval character of the castle spoiled for our guests by a constant stream of traffic, so we only allow it in exceptional cases – usually when very large, heavy objects are

delivered. Then, too, the vehicle may only be left in the courtyard for a short periods of time. We're happy to help you find a parking space.

#### I've got ten crates of water, pop and beer in my car. Can I chill them somewhere - and have you got glasses?

We emphatically ask that our guests don't bring any drinks with them. We've got a reasonably priced range in our Kiosk. The small price rise allows us to pay for cooling them, putting them out, and washing the glasses afterwards!

# I'd like to do a bit of craft work with my group, scissors, paste, felt tips and so on. Definitely won't make a mess. That's OK, isn't it?

In theory, yes, we always thought. Sadly, experience has taught us that craft activities often damage the furnishings. Lumps of glue we can't get off, felt pen on the tables and the floor that won't scrub off...

The damage has been so great that we have to insist that all that sort of thing is carried out in our workshops.

#### We want to have a party.

## Can we prepare a few things in the kitchen ourselves?

Sadly, Health and Safety law means that we are forbidden to allow guests in the kit-

chen. However, we do have a small pantry, which can be used for this purpose.

#### Can we have more dayrooms for our group?

We guarantee one room per group. We try to share out any that are left over fairly and practically among the guests. That's why it's important to register your wishes for rooms in advance, and to discuss this. That way, everyone gets a shot of the Knight's Hall, the disco, the Arched Cellar etc...

#### There's no bin in my room. Surely some mistake?

No. Because we have to sort rubbish by type, giving everyone their own bin would mean filling the castle with them! But there are bins on every corridor and in, or in front of, every day room, one for each type of rubbish (paper, Grüner Punkt/ Green Dot recyclable plastics, other). Just put bottles and cans beside them.

#### Frequently Asked Questions

#### The rubbish bins are over flowing. What do I do with them?

Speak to one of the castle staff, and make an appointment for the following morning at 9:30. Bring all the rubbish containers, bottles and cans to the big bins in front of the castle. They will show you what should be put where. It's advisable to do this bit of rubbish containment' regularly, but at any rate on the day of departure at the latest.

# We're staying at the castle until after lunch, so do we really have to clear our rooms by ten?

Yes, as a rule. Quite simply because we have to get the rooms clean for the next inhabitants. Please store your luggage in or near your day room, or perhaps put them

straight into your vehicle. An exception is mostly possible -as long as we're told in advance! - for families with small children who can't do without a room of their own.

# What have you got against me using my sleeping bag? You're Scouts, aren't you?

The point is, every guest must find a clean, comfortable bed, and for that reason the mattress, pillow and duvet have to be covered by three-part bedlinen. There is no alternative. What you can do to save money is to bring your own, or you can hire a set from us. The main thing is, you use them!

#### As leader of a group, I'd like a single en-suite room.

Of course, we want to accommodate you as comfortably as possible, and meet your wants. Unfortunately, we can guarantee neither a single room nor a shower and toilet. In the classic case of a school class with one male, one female teacher, however, there are almost automatically two single rooms.

However, as far as the outfitting of the rooms goes, while they practically all have their own wash-hand-basin, only a few have toilets and showers. This type of accommodation can only be booked for the whole group (for a supplement), or none, as such rooms are all in the same part of the building. Of course, you could be lucky your group might be put into just that part when we do the final allocation of rooms (about 3 days before you arrive). Unfortunately we can't promise that in advance.

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### We want to have a barbeque - do you have the equipment we need?

No problem. We have portable fire altars and tripod grills, which can be set up at various locations on castle lands. We can order in the groceries you'll need too (e.g. bangers, steaks, trout), though we need to know at least 24 hours before hand, and

preferably sooner. – We do have one request: please return the equipment on the following day, completely clean! (See page 46)

#### Can the young people bring their mobiles and music equipment?

Sure, we live in a free country. All the same, permanent background noise from music and electronic equipment throughout the castle has become a serious problem. Therefore, we have to spell it out: please play music only at a considerate volume, that is just in your own rooms, and only so loud

that it can't be heard outside or disturb other people. And maybe this could inspire you to enjoy a few days at the Castle having made the conscious choice to do without technology while you're there, i.e. leave it at home in the first place?

#### Rolling suitcases at a Scout Castle?

Admittedly we know the times when everyone had a big rucksack at home have passed. Most parents only have the gigantic suitcase on wheels they used for the last family holiday, and it's often packed as if the children were going to be away for weeks. Sometimes the suitcases are bigger than the children....

Putting the fact that rolling suitcases aren't

exactly easy to pull up a steep, cobbled hill anyway, they will have to be carried (!) up the stairs of the castle to avoid damage to valuable wood and sandstone surfaces! We ask all group leaders to keep a special eye on this!!! – A (more lightly packed) rucksack is the ideal luggage for guests.

#### Can we take crockery out of the dining room?

Many places just ban this, and not without some reason. We do try to be more liberal, but there's a big risk that crockery will get broken if it's carried around and left carelessly, especially out of doors. Leaving a beer glass under a chair is always going to be a really stupid idea.... breakages guaranteed! So we'd ask you only to take things

that you really are going to use straightaway with you, and to bring it back at once, not just when you leave. The kitchen team needs to wash it as soon as possible, so it can be used fort he next meal!

#### Frequently Asked Questions

#### May we take food into our rooms?

Of course - if you're sensible. This is the reason each room has a table. It's just nasty when people put bottles of pop on the little shelves by the bed, because they get knocked over and then spread their sticki-

ness all over the bedclothes and mattress. The same applies to crisps and chocolate: it's just a joy when they are spread all over the bed rather than being eaten at table...

#### Do we have to bring slippers?

Actually, that's a really good idea. If you could see the pounds and pounds of sand, soil and stones that modern trainers and outdoor shoes track into the castle, you'd realise why changing into slippers at the door would really help us. Especially as a

lot of young people have the habit of keeping their shoes on if they lie down in bed for a nap.... So why not do what used to be taken for granted, and bring some slippers along?

## It's chucking it down outside - we'd love to play hockey in the hall...

Help! There's a reason why hockey is only played on pitches or in a sport hall - and then with sports shoes. Our hall, unfortunately, is not a sport hall, and the carpet gets wrecked if you play running about

games on it. So be brave, wait for the rain to stop. There's an all-weather pitch near the Castle where you can play ball games.



# **Emergency Contact Details, Useful Numbers**

Hospital Klinikum Main-Spessart Grafen-von-Rieneck-Str. 5	Rescue centre Emergency services Fire brigade	19222 110 112	97737 Gemünden 97737 Gemünden
97816 Lohr	The bligade	112	
Tel. 09352-505-0			

#### Doctor

Doctor				
GP Dr. med Dagmar JustBürgerzentrum	97794 Rieneck	Tel· 09354-909171		
Di. incu Duginar susc		Mo, Mi, Fr 8.30-12.30 Uhr		
		Di, Do 15.00-18.00 Uhr		
Dr. Helmut AulbachObertorstr. 3	97737 Gemünden			
Dentist				
Dr. U. und Dr. B. GubikSchellhofstr.5	697794 Rieneck	Tel. 09354-1455		
Pharmacists/Chemists				
Rathaus-ApothekeHauptstr. 31	97775 Burgsinn	09356-9924-0		
Alte ApothekeBahnhofstr. 3	97737 Gemünden	09351-3131		
Markt-ApothekeScherenberg 7.				
Stadt-Apotheke Obertor 23				
Museums				
Spessartmuseum				
Schlossplatz 197816 Lohr		09352-2061, Fax: -1409		
School Museum				
Sandelbacherstr. 2197816 Lohr		09359-317 od. 09352-4960		
Main-Franconian Museum				
Festung Marienberg97082 Würz Residence	burg	. 0931-20594-0 Fax -20594-56		
Balthasar-Neumann-Promenade97070 Würz	burg	0931-3551-70, Fax -3551725		
Kinder-Akademie Fulda				
Mehlerstr. 4	a	0661-902730, Fax: -9027323		
Museum of Film and Sound Frankfurter Straße 297737 Gemi	inden	09351-80010. Fax: -4437		
Transfurct Strade 297737 Genunden9737				
Leisure				
Swimming halls and open air pools				
Burgsinn Open Air Pool, Badstraße 6				
Gemünden Open Air Pool, Duivenallee 6	97737 Gemünden	09351-1093		
Indoor Swimming Pool, Hofweg 4				
Freizeitbad Sinnflut, Am Gänsrain 297769 Bad Brückenau09741-911255				
Riding/Carriage rides				
Reit- und Fahrverein Gut Dürnhof				
Kutschenf. Fam. Keller, Griesbergstr. 11	97737 Gemünden	09351-8200		
Bowling Rieneck Stadtverwaltung	07704 Pioposk	00364 073334		
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Mini golf		07707 6 " 1	0175 0646006
Canoe hire	ampingplatz	97737 Gemunden	0175-3646806
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Fishing			
Municipal fishing lake, Stadty	zerwaltung	97794 Rieneck	09354-9733-0
Tennis			
Vouchers allowing use of the			
	gler	97794 Rieneck	09354-90171, 0172-6564836
Cinemas		W 1 . 1	
			09353-6717
Wurzburg			www.wuerzburg.de/kino/
Dublic Transport			
Public Transport			
Train and bus			
	in station	97737 Gemiinden	09351-601099
			09351-9757-0, Fax -9757-29
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Coach hire			
			09356-9880-0, Fax -5538
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Restaurants / Cafés	i		
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			09354-909920, Mo-Di Ruhetag
			09354-1001
Tourist Information	ı Centres		
Rieneck	www.rieneck.de		09354-9733-0, Fax -973333
			09351-3830, Fax -4854
			09352-848-460, Fax -70295
			09353-981347, Fax -981346
			0931-372335, Fax -373952
			0661-102-1813, Fax -102-2811
Aschaffenburg	www.info-aschaffer	ıburg.de	06021-395-800, Fax -395-802
Main-Spessart Informationszentrale für Touristik			
Marktplatz 8			
	www.mainspessart.o	de	09353-793-234, Fax- 79385234
Rhön-Info-Zentrum			
Wasserkuppe 1			
36129 Gersfeld	www.rhoen.de		06654-91834-0, Fax-91834-20

