



PFALZ 2020

A heritage tour of the Rhineland Palatinate

Ten days exploring the Irish Palatines' German Homeland

hosted by the Irish Palatine Association

4 – 13 of September 2020.

In Ireland for over three hundred years the Irish Palatines were seen as a people apart. They were perceived as being serious and industrious and were noted for their hard work and honesty.

In Germany today Palatines are seen as relaxed, friendly and fun loving people. The Palatinate still remains rural in landscape and is defined by vast stretches of vineyards, pretty villages and one of the largest forest regions in Germany. It has a mild climate with sunshine for much of the year where the pace of life is a little more relaxed.

Learn more of the German heritage of your Palatine ancestors on this 10-Day programme. The history and culture behind the story of the Irish Palatines.

Visit the ancestral villages of some of the more familiar Irish Palatine families, and experience their hospitality. As well as formal greetings from bürgermeisters, villagers will welcome us and introduce us to their area.

Visit the largest Open Air Museum of the Rhineland Palatinate and discover how the Palatines used to live and work. Forty heritage buildings relocated from other sites around the Palatinate now make up four museum villages bringing to life the different regions of the Palatinate of yester year.

The Pfalzerwald (Palatine Forest) is Germany's largest contiguous forestall area and covers 180,000 hectares (445,000 acres). It is a UNESCO-designated Biosphere Reserve. Many of our ancestors sought refuge here from the aggression of King Louis XIV in the early 1700's. As well as visiting a number of locations in the forest, we will have an aerial view when we travel by cable car and see the countryside all the way to the Black forest.

Cruise through the picturesque valley of the middle Rhine to view the river and castles along the banks. A site that our ancestors would have viewed as they left their homeland.

Learn a little of the present day life style in the Palatinate when we visit a farmers' market 'Pfalzmarkt' with an opportunity to sample dishes cooked from the produce in the market restaurant.

The potato famine in Ireland did not impact as much on the Irish Palatines as it did on the Irish population as a whole. This was because of the their diverse diet from a variety of crops that they grew. We will partake and enjoy a traditional Palatine meal in the village of Duttweiler where commentary will be given explaining the dishes.

We will be informed on Palatinate folklore and history and told of the customs and traditions of the area. Many crafts were prominent in the Palatinate of the 1600's & 1700's. Many were associated with wine production but others included crafts such as cigar making.

The story of wine in the Palatinate stretches back to 500 B.C. The occupations of the majority of Irish Palatines when they arrived in Ireland was recorded as vinedresser. We will learn a little about this story of wine in the region when we visit a family winery and tour sections of what is now known as the Wine Road.

We will visit some of the important larger towns and sample what they have to offer the visitor, some of which include Castles, Cathedrals, Museums, guided tours, shops and more. This trip is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the ancestral German homeland of the Irish Palatines.

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BOOKING FORM

Details of person to whom confirmation and tour literature is to be sent:

Name:

Address:

Country: Post/Zip/Eircode:

Email:

Name of other person/s included in this booking:

2nd Person

3rd Person

Please declare any disabilities or other requirements that the organisers need to be aware of:

Type and Number of rooms required:

Double Room at €2,040 (per person sharing) Bed arrangement: Singles: Double:

Single Rooms number of at €2,255 (each)

Age Group:- under 50 50 – 65 65+

Total price: € Booking deposit amount (€500 per person): €

If travelling alone would you be willing to share a room (if available)? Yes No

(price includes 10-days accommodation, breakfast & dinner, lunches on some days, bus, admissions and gratuities)

Declaration: I apply on behalf of all those persons listed above to participate in the Irish Palatine Association Ltd. Pfalz 2020 event. I confirm that I will pay the balance by 31st May 2020. I confirm that I / we accept full responsibility for travel to and from Germany and for making suitable insurance arrangements to cover flights, medical, cancellation and other risks associated with travel. I / we confirm that we will participate in the Tour entirely at our own risk and that no liability whatsoever shall attach to the Irish Palatine Association Ltd., its officers or its helpers for any loss or damage suffered by us during the Tour however such may be caused and whether by negligence or otherwise.

Signature: Date:

Completed **BOOKING FORMS** should be signed dated and returned by post or email to:-

Tour Booking, Irish Palatine Association, Old Railway Buildings, Rathkeale, Co.Limerick, Ireland. V94 NR12

PAYMENTS should be made by direct bank transfer to the Irish Palatine Association Ltd. Your full name plus the words "Tour 2020" should be used to describe the transfer payments. Following are our bank account details:- Bank Name: Bank of Ireland. Address: Main Street, Rathkeale, Co Limerick, Ireland. V94 H6P7. Account Name: Irish Palatine Association. Account No.: 91710541. BIC/SwiftCode: BOFI IE 2D XXX. IBAN: IE 10 BOFI 9043 8491 7105 41

In the unlikely event that the holiday does not proceed or if your application cannot be accepted due to limitation of numbers (places will be allocated in order of bookings confirmed by deposit received to our bank) your deposit will be returned. Other circumstances must be covered by your insurance.

Flights should not be booked until you receive confirmation that your booking has been accepted.

If you are arriving into the country through Frankfurt Airport on the 4th September 2020, there will be a courtesy bus for our participants between Frankfurt and the hotel. The bus will make one journey each way. From Frankfurt to our hotel on the 4th and from our hotel to Frankfurt on the 13th. The travel times of this bus will be determined by the arrival/departure times of the majority of participants. You will be advised when this time is confirmed and whether you will be able to avail of it. If you wish to make your own way to the hotel please advise us and we will give you full hotel details later.

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