

The 2nd Great Pork Butcher Descendants' Reunion

Germany, Hohenlohe Region

from 3rd August till 07th August 2016

Ihr Spezialist
für Agrarreisen

1st day, Wednesday 03.08.2016: Arrival in Hohenlohe

Individual journeys to the Hohenlohe region.

Check-in at ****Flair Park-Hotel Ilshofen.

- 6:00 pm Reception and initial meeting of the participants.
- 7:30 pm Dinner at the hotel.
- 9:00 pm Introduction - Getting to know one another.



2nd day, Thursday 04.08.2016: Künzelsau – Hohenlohe Winery

- 7:30 am Breakfast buffet at the hotel.
- 9:00 am Coach journey to Künzelsau.
- 9:45 am Official welcome of the participants by the mayor or a representative of Künzelsau's city council in the city hall.
- 11:00 am Guided tour of Künzelsau.
- 12:30 pm Coach journey to Bitzfeld.
- 1:00 pm Lunch in a country hotel.
- 3:00 pm Guided tour through the vineyards by coach with a stop for wine tasting in a lovely setting with a wonderful view around.
- 5:00 pm Dinner in the pleasant wine tavern.
- 8:15 pm Return journey by coach to the hotel.



3rd day, Friday 05.08.2016: Sausage factory – Open air museum - brewery

- 7:30 am Breakfast buffet at the hotel.
- 8:30 am Coach journey to Schwäbisch Hall.
- 9:00 am Visit to the new sausage factory of the BESH in Schwäbisch Hall.

The BESH (a farmers' production association in Schwäbisch Hall) was founded by Rudolf Bühler and seven other Hohenlohe farmers in 1988. Today the association holds the position of market leader in quality and organic production. They are most famous for their Schwäbisch Hällisch pork products and the Bœuf de Hohenlohe. Both are traditional trademarks that are protected within the European Union.

- 10:45 am Coach journey to Wolpertshausen.
- 11:15 am Visit to the Hohenlohe Regional Market. Welcome by an English speaking guide who introduces the company and the market.

Covering 950 square yards, customers can find the whole range of regionally produced foods with more than 4.000 home-grown products. The market also houses the newly created "Mohrenköpfe-Restaurant" offering many products of the "Schwäbisch Hällisches Landschwein", the local saddleback pig.



Lunch at the "Mohrenköpfe-Restaurant".

- 1:30 pm Coach trip to the Wackershofen open air museum.
- 2:30 pm Guided tour through the Hohenlohe Open Air Museum to show how the participants' forefathers used to live in Hohenlohe.

Covering an area of 100 acres you will find more than 70 old, authentically refurbished rural buildings, furnished with their traditional furniture, their work tools as well as their typical domestic animals.

- 4:30 pm Coach trip to the Löwenbrauerei (Lion Brewery) in Schwäbisch Hall
- 5:00 pm Visit to the Lion Brewery with explanations how the famous Schwäbisch Hall beer is brewed, followed by a cosy get-together. On the premises beer, farmhouse bread and sausage specialities are served. The tasty sausage products are close to the ones the German butcher ancestors made them in Britain. (A vegetarian meal and non-alcoholic drinks are also available instead).
- 9:15 pm Return trip to the hotel.



4th day, Saturday 06.08.2016: Langenburg - Buchenbach

- 8:00 am Breakfast buffet at the hotel.
- 9:00 am Coach trip to Langenburg.
- 9:30 am Short walking tour of the small residential town of Langenburg.

Historic Langenburg is situated in the centre of the Hohenlohe area and is more than 770 years old. The area is most appreciated for its magnificent castles and idyllic streams with their ancient bridges. One of the most popular attractions for tourists is Langenburg castle which has been inhabited by the principal family since the 13th century who are related to the British Royal Family.

- 10:00 am Welcome by his Serene Highness Prince Philipp of Hohenlohe-Langenburg, cousin once removed of Prince Charles, the Prince of Wales (subject to the Prince's reassurance). Tour of the castle.
- 11:30 am Short trip to the princely estate Ludwigsruhe.
- 12:00 pm Lunch at the princely domaine Ludwigsruhe. Subsequently a historic guided walk through the cottage garden and herbary.

The historic building – the ancient summer residence of the Count of Hohenlohe Langenburg – is a baroque hunting castle and 'maison de plaisance' of the 18th century. The present family purchased the castle with the surrounding estate in 1980. They restored the ruinous property with much affection and today the former castle is their home.

- 2:15 pm Dégustation of sparkling elder wine and a variety of local spirits served and explained by the local producer Bernulf Schlauch in the castle yard.

- 3:30 pm Coach trip to Buchenbach, ca. 15 km

- 4:00 pm Visit to the community archive in the manor-house of Buchenbach. *The archivist Mr. Andreas Volk will explain how the archive entries of our forebears were gathered, written down and administrated. He will also show what data are kept there and how they can be accessed and used for genealogical research.*



5:00 pm Return trip to the hotel - Time to refresh oneself.

6:30 pm Dinner at the hotel.

In the evening there is an optional programme:

- Visit of the musical "Jesus Christ Superstar", performed on the famous stairs of St. Michael's Church in Schwäbisch Hall, or
- Presentation by Mr. Karl-Heinz Wüstner at the hotel: "The emigration of Hohenlohe pork butchers to Great Britain – a matter of hope, glory and decline", or
- Cosy get-together in the beer garden of the hotel and possibility to invite German relatives for a meeting.

5th day, Sunday 07.08.2016: Schwäbisch Hall – Homeward Journey

8:00 am Breakfast buffet at the hotel.

9:00 am Coach journey to Schwäbisch Hall.

10:00 am Guided tour of Schwäbisch Hall (approx. 1,5 hours)

The ancient imperial city of Schwäbisch Hall was well known for producing and trading salt. Today it has 35.000 inhabitants. Discover the harmonic combination of past and present, to be seen in the little alleys, the old wooden footbridges that traverse the river and the half-timbered houses. The centre piece is the market place with its wonderful renaissance buildings and the Romano-Gothic St. Michael's church. The church contains a considerable number of precious artworks.

12:00 pm Journey to the local Einkorn mountain,

The 42 feet watch tower offers a splendid view of the whole Hohenlohe plateau. Possibility for lunch at the Einkorn Beer Garden, or at the Einkorn Restaurant

Optionally the participants will have some time at one's own disposal to explore Schwäbisch Hall with its unspoiled streets and alleys, the Kunsthalle Würth, an art museum presenting contemporary art and the Johanniterhalle, an art museum that shows Old Master paintings.

2:00 pm Return trip to the hotel.

2:30 pm Commencement of homeward journey or extension on one's own account.

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The 2nd Great German Pork Butcher Descendants' Reunion may be accompanied by Südwest 4, a local radio station and also by reporters of some local newspapers. Participants may occasionally be interviewed.

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