

LINAC2004 Companion Program

Monday, 16.08.2004

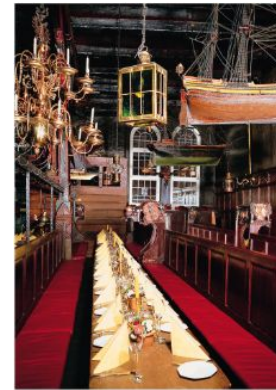
On our first day in Lübeck we will explore the city and its surroundings. We will start the day with a guided walk through Lübeck. Lunch will be served in the famous Schiffergesellschaft (House of the Guild of the Blue Water Captains):



Their house is one of the most beautiful and prominent medieval buildings within the city of Lübeck. The stair shaped gable made of red bricks, its gilded ship, the vane, and the artistic rococo entrance door are the focus of great interest for both local citizens and tourists.

The brotherhood of Captains, founded in December 1401 and still existing, acquired the property in 1535, and the house has been in their possession ever since. Entering the house through the recently constructed porch, and passing the Mexican shipboy, you will emerge in

the vestibule, the actual main hall. The so-called banquet tables and benches are still the original ones. Both, tables and benches are made from solid oak planks.



The afternoon will be a bit more relaxing with a boat trip along the Trave River. On the route one can see the modern harbour terminals as well as old

fisher towns tucked away against the bluff. After the 90-minute boat trip we reach Travemünde with its beaches. Here we have the opportunity to visit the sailing ship 'Passat', the sand sculpture show 'Sandworld', or just stroll along the beach.



We will return to the Hotel at around 18:30 with public transport.

Tuesday, 17.08.2I004

The theme of Tuesday's tour may be called land and sea. We will drive through the hinterland of Lübeck, towards an area that is called the "Holsteinische Schweiz" (Holstein Suisse)



because of its abundance of lakes and – yes – some hills. Small picturesque towns and beautiful countryside are waiting to be explored. Along the way typical smokehouses offer fish and meat to sample and buy. We will visit typical



manors which are found everywhere on the countryside in Schleswig-Holstein and Mecklenburg-Vorpommern.

Finally we reach the shores of the Baltic Sea again and have some time to relax on its beaches.



An alternative route in the case of foul weather will be to turn east instead of south and visit the city of Wismar.

Wismar is well known for its brick architecture and majestic churches. It is a perfect and well-preserved example for the wealth of the Hanseatic Cities in the 14th century. Among the many sights are the biggest town-square on the Baltic Sea and six monumental brick-stone churches, which dominate the cities skyline. On the way back from Wismar a stop in Boltenhagen, the 3rd oldest seaside resort of the Baltic Sea, is possible.



We will be back in Lübeck around 18:30.

Thursday, 19.08.2004

Today we are heading towards Schwerin, the state capital of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. A rich wealth of water and woodland, cultural treasures rich in tradition and fascinating architecture give the State capital of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, the second oldest city east of the Elbe, its character.



The great attraction of the state capital is Schwerin Castle. Standing on an island in Schwerin Lake, it seems to appear out of a fairy-tale. In summer 2001, following several years of restoration work, the



orangery and castle gardens encircling the castle have been reopened – a unique horticultural work of art.

Inside the building, magnificent rooms with such promising names as the “Silvestergalerie” (Sylvester gallery), “Rote Audienz” (red audience) and “Blumenzimmer” (floral room) are well worth a visit. A good way to complete a castle tour in princely style is a visit to the castle’s café or the café in the orangery. In another part of the castle life is a little more sober because it is the domicile of the Mecklenburg-Western Pomeranian regional parliament since 1990.



The eventful history of Schwerin, which was founded in 1160 by the Saxon Duke Henry the Lion, is present at many sites around the city. Every visitor will agree that the oldest part of Schwerin, the “Schelfstadt”, is particularly impressive with its historic, half-timbered buildings. This part of Schwerin dates back to the very beginnings of the city. Here, too, stands the “Schelfkirche” (Schelf church), completed in 1713, the most important baroque building in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania.



A narrow passageway from the marketplace right next to the town hall leads to the “Schlachtermarkt” (butchers’ market). It’s well worth to take a look at this idyllic courtyard where a colourful market takes place almost every day in the shade of some grand lime-trees.

A shopping palace in the city centre, covered passageways and individual shops in the old quarter’s maze of narrow side streets make shopping in Schwerin a genuine experience. Countless street cafés, elegant and quaint restaurants invite you to stay a while and enjoy the historic atmosphere.



We will return to Lübeck at around 17:00, giving you enough time to get prepared for the conference banquet.