



Dear Participants,

we are very happy that you wish to join us for the international project “Wartburgfest reloaded”. The event is going to take place in **EISENACH** in the beautiful state of Thuringia in the very middle of Germany. We are very happy that thanks to financial support of many partners we are able to invite over 100 participants from all over Europe to Eisenach. However, in order to make it possible and partly reimburse travel costs of all of the participants coming from abroad, we need to ask you to behave responsibly and keep your expenses as low as possible. Since you also participate in the costs, it is both in our and your interest to save on them. It also shows solidarity with other participants, who maybe have even a longer and more expensive route to take than you do.

All the participants living outside of Germany are eligible **to travel cost reimbursement of 70%** of relevant costs with the most economical way of transport, up to a **maximum amount of 200 Euro**. We need to be handed in original tickets or bills for the expenses.

In general the most important hint says: book your tickets as soon as possible! We may reject reimbursement of the costs, if the ticket was purchased on the day of leaving or only a few days ago or if you did not choose the most economical way of travelling on the given route.

Participants living in Poland:

In general the most economical way of travelling is either coming to Germany with a bus or train. You can either go the whole way with buses or trains or mix both means of transport. However please remember that your ticket is usually only valid for a certain train/bus that you book. Therefore should you buy different tickets separately, please plan some time in between, so that you don't miss the connection, if your bus/train is slightly late. If you book more connections on one tickets, you usually also have a guarantee to get another connection on this route, should you miss your one.

Bus:

Good search engines for bus connections are e.g.: www.checkmybus.de or www.busradar.pl. The most popular bus company in Germany is Flixbus www.flixbus.de, they also sell joint tickets with Polskibus.

You can either try to find a direct connection to Eisenach or one to Erfurt, the next bigger city close to Eisenach. When you get to Erfurt, there are regular train connections between Erfurt and Eisenach with Regionalbahn (RB) once or twice in an hour, which take some 40 minutes. You can buy the ticket at ticket machines.

Train:

German rail has a very good website (www.bahn.de), which is available in many languages, also in Polish. There you can search for connections or buy tickets. The prices for connections to Germany are usually better than at the PKP counters at Polish train stations.

When it comes to connections within Germany, so e.g. Berlin-Eisenach, the sooner you buy the tickets – the better the price. The difference can go as high as some 70% of discount (“Sparpreis”) and since German rail can really get expensive, it is advisable to use these offers in advance!

The only exception is the international connection involving Warsaw/Gdansk-Poznan-Berlin train (so called “Berlin-Warszawa-Express”), which releases the reduced tickets only 2 month before the travel. Therefore the best price “Sparpreis” you can get here is available exactly 60 days before your travel. You can then buy the ticket directly to Eisenach, e.g. Warsaw-Eisenach and you will get the

ticket sent by post. It is however not possible to buy tickets from smaller Polish train stations online, only those ones that are situated directly on the route of international trains are available. In this case you have to buy a separate ticket for the local connection to get to the next station of Berlin-Warszawa-Express or to the border on the website of Polish rail (www.pkp.pl) or at a counter of PKP and a separate ticket for the rest of your journey bahn.de.

Plane:

Flying is in general not a very good option, since there are no big airports very close to Eisenach. It might be only a good solution, if you come from the south-east of Poland. Then you can take the flight of Ryanair from Rzeszow to Berlin Schönefeld. From Berlin you then take a bus or a train to Eisenach.

Participants living in France:

Train:

German rail has a very good website (www.bahn.de), which is available in many languages, also in French. There you can search for connections or buy tickets. Prices for connections to Germany are usually better than on the website of French rail.

The sooner you buy the tickets – the better the price, so you can book your ticket even now! The difference can go as high as some 70% of discount (“Sparpreis”) and since German rail can really get expensive, it is advisable to use these offers in advance!!! You can get an online ticket for connection from many bigger French cities. It might be possible that the ticket is not available online if you come from a smaller city, but in this case you can get a separate ticket to get to the next bigger city on your train station.

Plane

Flying is in general not a perfect option, since there are no big airports very close to Eisenach, so you will still need to take a bus/train. The airports of Berlin (Schönefeld and Tegel) and Frankfurt/Main are some 2-4 hours away from Eisenach with a bus/train. There are cheap connections from Bordeaux (Easyjet to Berlin Schönefeld), Lyon (Easyjet to Berlin Schönefeld), Marseille (Easyjet to Berlin Schönefeld), Nice (Easyjet to Berlin Schönefeld or Germanwings to Berlin Tegel) or Toulouse (Easyjet to Berlin Schönefeld or Ryanair to Berlin Schönefeld). They could make sense, but still it is advisable to compare prices including the train connections, since it is well possible that the train is still cheaper and not even lasting much longer than the connection flight to Berlin and train from Berlin to Eisenach. Travelling with trains you also do not have restrictions concerning luggage as you have in a plane. Cheap airlines such as Easyjet or Ryanair accept as hand luggage usually only a bag in maximum size of 56 cm x 45 cm x 25 cm, but do get informed at your airline in advance. We do not reimburse additional luggage fees.

Interrail Global Youth Pass

If you live in France, are under 27 and the expected price of your tickets bought in advance is higher than 200 euro (or higher than 260 euro in case of people over 27), you may order the Interrail Global Youth Pass <http://www.interrail.eu/en/interrail-passes/global-pass> at the cheapest version, which costs 206 euro (267 euro for people over 27). This ticket allows you to travel for a certain number of days unlimited number of times with trains in Europe. But watch out! – in some trains you need to reserve a seat in advance, this concerns some TGV, Thalys or international ICE connections. You can get informed and buy the ticket and the needed reservation at the counter of SNCF at your train station. Please note that no additional costs of purchasing the Interrail Global Youth Pass such as pass protection or shipping will be reimbursed.