

Tree Tour 2007

Meeting with

Giant Trees in Germany



Lindenlaube in Hollenbach

**Fr. 20. – So. 29. July
2007**



Dear friends of giant trees,

this is the second time that **HortiTours** in collaboration with Setsuko Kanie and Yoshida Shigeru offer you a unique opportunity to see dendrological treasures. We are pleased to invite you on a magnificent and unforgettable tour to see giant trees in Germany's most picturesque area. During the best travel season in summer 2007 we would like to introduce you to numerous tree giants in the southern part of Germany. Not only the trees are unforgettable, but the countryside too is worth seeing. We will explore the famous Black Forest in the State of Baden-Württemberg, stroll along the romantic Lake Constance and feel high altitude in the Bavarian Alps near Bad Tölz. We will enjoy German folklore in the world famous Hofbräuhaus in the heart of the Bavarian capital Munich and drink a large glass of Bavarian beer. Everybody will be astonished by the well-maintained plant collections in Munich's Botanic Garden.



The accommodation is carefully selected and we will stay in small guest houses or private pensions. We will get very close to the local people and the life of rural Germany. We are pleased to have reserved a comfortable coach with Jablonski coach services. The friendly and competent driver will make sure that your visit will not only be exciting, but also safe.

Germany is famous for its traditional and well-maintained woodlands. Trees have a long-standing tradition in the people's folklore, mentality and countryside living. Still today there is an incredibly large number of magnificent giant trees in Germany. This makes it very difficult to choose the seventeen most impressive and adorable giant trees to visit. We have planned the route so that there is plenty of time to view, admire, sketch and photograph those wonderful trees.

The pines, larches, firs, abies, oaks, limes, beeches and yew trees are those species famous for the German mixed woodlands. Most of those trees can be found in the cultivated lands in and around the settlements. Since medieval times these trees have deep meanings in the folklore of the countryside people. Therefore these trees are protected not only by keen enthusiasts, but also by strict German legal acts, like the tree preservation order or the natural memorial act. This is one of many circumstances, why we can admire and adore such giants today.

The very details of each tree that we would like to see will later be described in an Information Pack. We look forward to meet the Giants with you!

Cordingly yours


Markus Radscheit MSc.

Day-to-day program

Day	Route
Friday, 20. July	Arrival Frankfurt Airport
	Departure to Rothenburg op der Taubern (180 km)
	Accommodation in guest house „Zum Ochsen“ Rothenburg
Saturday, 21. July	Lindenlaube (<i>Tilia platyphyllos</i>) in Hollenbach (No. 116)*
	Schlosskastanie (<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>) in Weiler (No. 119)*
	Eiche (<i>Quercus robus</i>) in Emmersthoﬀ (No. 113)*
	Linde (<i>Tilia cordata</i>) in Wiesenbach (No. 124)*
	Accommodation in guest house „Zum Ochsen“ Rothenburg
Sunday, 22. July	City tour of Rothenburg o.d. Taubern
	Departure to Bernstadt near Ulm
	Walkstetter Linde (<i>Tilia cordata</i>) bei Bernstadt (No. 125)*
	Accommodation in Guesthouse am Berg Dornstadt-Temmenhofen near Ulm
Monday, 23. July	Linde (<i>Tilia cordata</i>) near Leipheim (No. 155)*
	Departure to Sipplingen, Lake Constance (115 km)*
	Hildegardlärche (<i>Larix europaeus</i>) near Sipplingen (No. 6)*
	Accommodation in Deggenhausertal Farmguesthouse „Mohren“
Tuesday, 24. July	Steinlishoflinde (<i>Tilia cordata</i>) near Isny (No. 154)*
	Ureibe (<i>Taxus baccata</i>) near Steibis (No. 146)*
	Accommodation in Deggenhausertal Farmguesthouse „Mohren“
Wednesday, 25. July	Tassilolinde (<i>Tilia cordata</i>) near Wessobrunn (No. 153)*
	Große Linde (<i>Tilia platyphyllos</i>) in Ramsau (No. 141)*
	Accommodation in Bad Tölz „Landhaus Iris“
Thursday, 26. July	Walk to Grannenkiefer (<i>Pinus aristata</i>) in national park Steinernes Meer (No. 7)*
	Accommodation in Bad Tölz „Landhaus Iris“
Friday, 27. July	Departure to Ockstadt to visit Speierling (<i>Sorbus domestica</i>) (No. 15)*
	Departure to Munich, capital of Bavaria
	Botanischer Garten Munich
	Folklore night in the famous Hofbräuhaus
	Accommodation in Hotel „Strobl“
Saturday, 28. July	Bavariabuche (<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>) in Pondorf (No. 133)*
	Sankt Wolfgangseiche (<i>Quercus robur</i>) bei Schloss Haus (No. 140)*
	Accommodation in Regensburg country hotel „Zur Kupferkanne“
Sunday, 29. July	Departure to Oberbach to visit Riesenbuche (<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>) (No. 137)*
	Departure to Mitgenfeld to visit Buche (<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>) (No. 2)*
	Arrival Frankfurt International Airport

The services

Costs	The price per person in double room is: € 1.350 (Single room supplement: € 100), excluding flight.
Included	<p>The package of this 10-days tour includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel in a comfortable coach with qualified driver. • Detailed InfoPack on the trees and tour. • Arboricultural and organisational Japanese and German, English speaking guide. • Half-board Dinner, Bed & Breakfast (DB&B) accommodation in typical German country side pensions. • Admission to the folklore night in the Hofbräuhaus • Admission to the Botanic Garden Munich • Access to all mentioned trees. <p>In the costs NOT included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flight to and from Frankfurt International Airport Germany. • Lunch • Travel health insurance & Travel cancellation insurance • Personal expenses (e.g. Telephone, Postage, Souvenirs, etc.);
Group size	Max.10 travellers plus organisationnel tour guide
Tour Guide	<p>Markus Radscheit ^{MSc.} Arboricultural and organisational tour guide</p> <p>Any alterations to the programme are responsibility of the tour guide. The tour guide decides independently and on his own about any possible changes of the programme. Any changes to the programme will be substituted by adequate alternatives.</p>
Operator	<p>HortiTours – Gartenreisen Sürst 13, D-53359 Rheinbach www.hortitours.com</p> <p>Tel.: ++49-(0)2255/958286 Fax.: ++49-(0)2255/958287 Email: info@hortitours.com</p>
Cancellation fees	Up to eight weeks before 40 %, up to four weeks 50 %, one week before departure 100 % - as long as no substitute person can be named. A travel cancellation insurance is highly recommended.
Annotation	<p>This tour has the prime intention to visit giant trees in Germany. The guests will have sufficient time to photograph, sketch or draw trees. Please note it is not a culture or language tour of Germany. Trees are the prime reason for this tour.</p> <p>Some of the trees are in woodlands or on mountains that are not accessible by coach. Therefore the trees have to be reached on foot. Good walking clothes and average fitness is required.</p> <p>The numbers refer to the illustrated and described trees in Kühn, S. (2004). <i>Deutschlands Alte Bäume</i>, Eine Bildreise zu den sagenhaften Baumgestalten zwischen Küste und Alpen. BVL.</p>
Deadline Date	Friday, 23. February 2007 February 2007