

Marienglashöhle & Wartburg

Marienglas Cave & Wartburg Castle

Start: Sunday, 30 July, 9:30

Fee: 65€ (meals not included)

Return: Sunday, 30 July, around 19:00

Programme:

Guided Tour through the Marienglashöhle

Entrance to Wartburg with Audio Guide

Lunch in Eisenach (meal not included)

Marienglashöhle

The Marienglas Cave is an impressive memento to mining. Construction of the entrance gallery was started in 1775, in the hope of finding copper, but extensive gypsum deposits were discovered instead. The highlight of every visit is the unique Crystal Grotto, the only natural hollow in the mine. In this area, millions of years of creation processes had created colourless transparent gypsum crystals of up to 90 cm in length. Since 1848, the mining of the crystals has been prohibited, preserving a unique natural monument. A bridge of some 70 metres in length spans the cave lake, with its attractive reflections.



Wartburg


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The Wartburg is a castle built in the Middle Ages. It was the home of St. Elisabeth of Hungary, the place where Martin Luther translated the New Testament of the Bible into German, the site of the Wartburg festival of 1817 and the supposed setting for the legendary Sängerkrieg (minstrel contest).



It is said that in one night, Luther was awakened by the devil and defended himself by throwing an inkwell at him. Although his room was repainted afterwards, some visitors still claim to see the shadow of the ink stains from the fight against the devil at the wall. Can you see anything?

Enjoy the well-preserved castle and a spectacular view over Thuringia.