

An Ecumenical Pilgrimage
MONASTIC LIFE IN MECKLENBURG
 6th – 15th June 2020



From the earliest times of the Christian Church there were individuals who left home and lived a life in isolation or with like-minded companions in imitation of Jesus' 40 days in the desert. During the 9 days of pilgrimage we will explore their practices in order to find a fruitful application for our own faith and lives.

THE PROGRAMME

Saturday, 6th June

- Arrival for dinner at our accommodation in Güstrow - "Haus der Kirche".

Sunday, 7th June

- A service in Güstrow Cathedral, exploration of Güstrow and the Barlach sites. (*Ernst Barlach is a renowned sculptor who lived in Güstrow*).

Monday, 8th June

- An introduction to the practice of monastic life; monks tell of their lives.
- A visit to the "Monastery of Dobbertin".

Tuesday, 9th June

- A visit to the Reformation Memorial Church in Sternberg.
- An exploration of the open air museum in Raden with a boat trip and a dinner of locally produced smoked fish.

Wednesday, 10th June

- A trip to Ludwigslust with a visit of the city church, the Deaconess Foundations "Bethlehem" with its manufacturing and education ministries.
- Dinner at the Castle Hotel in Neustadt-Glewe.

Thursday, 11th June

- A visit of the monastery sites of Rhün and Tempzin.

Friday, 12th June

- A trip to "St. Mary's im Sonnenkamp", monastery church at Neukloster with a possibility to visit its crypt, the monastery garden and bell tower.

Saturday, 13th June

- A pilgrimage walk to "House of Contemplation and Silence" in Bellin, near Güstrow.

Sunday, 14th June

- A trip to Bad Doberan.
- Sunday worship at its Minster .
- A steam train ride on "Molly".
- An excursion to the Baltic Sea.

Monday, June 15th:

- Departure after breakfast.

There will be daily devotions with Bible study; prayer will punctuate the daily activities.





The accommodation for the whole duration of the pilgrimage will be in the conference house "Haus der Kirche", Grüner Winkel 10, 18273 Güstrow.

The pilgrimage price (shown below) includes all meals, airport transfer in Germany and all other bus travel costs for the excursions and entrance fees:

Single Bedroom: 850€ / £725.00 per person

Double Bedroom: 780€ / £665.00 per person

Please note:

- The costs for beverages are not included.
- The flight costs, to and from Germany, are not included in the pilgrimage price and pilgrims will have to source and book their own flights.

Help in finding suitable flights will be offered by Prebendary Terry Bloor who will act as the coordinator for pilgrims from the Diocese of Lichfield. Terry can be contacted on... 07522 581859.

The pilgrimage excursions will involve some walking so please let us know if you have any mobility restrictions. We want to make the pilgrimage as accessible as possible and we'll try our very best to find ways of catering for your needs.

Firm bookings are required by 15th March 2020. The booking form has instructions as to whom it should be sent.

