



GERMAN LIMES-ROAD

Press Information

The German Limes Road

900 watchtowers, 120 fort sites and a total length of 550 kilometres: that is the Upper Germanic-Raetian Limes, Europe's largest ground monument and a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2005. On the 820-kilometre-long German Limes Road you can "experience" this impressive testimony to Roman times.

Traces of Germany's Roman past can still be discovered today. Many ruins along the Limes, the ancient border, can be seen in the terrain. The border fortifications themselves are also clearly visible over long stretches. In other places, watchtowers have been rebuilt in wood or stone, and the foundations of the original towers and forts have been preserved. Information boards on site explain Roman history and the results of archaeological excavations. In large and small museums there are numerous finds that immerse visitors in the Roman provinces of the 2nd century AD.

At that time, the Romans built the Upper Germanic-Raetian Limes as a border fortification between Germania and two Roman provinces, from whose names - Upper Germania and Raetia - the name of the border fortification is derived.

The Upper Germanic Limes consisted of a rampart, a ditch and a wooden palisade. It ran from today's Bad Hönningen/Rheinbrohl on the Rhine through the federal states of Rhineland-Palatinate, Hesse and Baden-Württemberg. In the Rotenbach Valley near Schwäbisch Gmünd, it merged into the Raetian Limes, which was built as a stone wall. The Raetian Limes stretched through what is now Baden-Württemberg and Bavaria as far as Neustadt an der Donau. Here the stone wall met the "wet border" formed by the river. The German Limes Road follows the German Danube Limes to the three-river city of Passau.

Thus, the German Limes Road delights not only with significant archaeological finds, but also with its diversity: it leads through charming landscapes such as the Nassau Land, the Hochtaunus Nature Park, the Wetterau, the Odenwald and the Altmühltal Nature Park. Along the route are attractive towns as well as renowned spa and wellness centres. It is therefore not surprising that the German Limes Road has become one of the most popular holiday routes in Germany.

Those who want to travel the Limes will find support from the German Limes Road Association (Verein Deutsche Limes-Straße e.V.), which coordinates the tourist development of the Upper Germanic-Raetian Limes.

The association's website provides information on travelling along the Limes. Those interested can order maps and brochures, find out about museums and monuments along the Limes and get an overview of accommodation and mobile home sites along the route. Leaflets - either as a PDF file or a printed product - with suggestions for walks, hikes and nature trails along the Limes are also available. Roman fans can also find information on guided Limes walks, lectures, Roman festivals and special exhibitions on the website.

For those on the move, the association operates the app "Deutsche Limes-Straße - Limes to go", which can be used anywhere in the area thanks to offline maps.

Further Informationen: www.limesstrasse.de

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