

ITINERARY of our Spanish/Basque Guests

(School Exchange 2012)

**Wednesday
Febr. 22**

Arrival of our friends from the Basque Country

The Spanish students leave Andoain already on Tuesday and will first make a stopover in Bad Neuenahr where they let some of the passengers disembark at their other German partner school before the journey continues to Werther. We expect the coach to arrive at the central bus station at about 6 pm. Should there be a delay or other time-shift, you will be notified by our telephone chain. If you hear nothing, you can assume that the guests are on time. **This scheme applies to any day of the stay!** The guests will meet their host families go home with them. Rest of the evening in families.

**Thursday
Febr. 23**

Taking part in lessons at EGW

➔ Please supply the students with a packed lunch and a soft drink! ←

In the morning the Basque guests go to the EGW with their hosts. In the first lesson, after the official welcome by the school principal, there will be a guided tour of the school. Then throughout the whole day the Spanish students take part in lessons together with their hosts. If there are PE classes on the schedule for this day, please ensure that the guest take their sports gear to school. (All foreign guests are asked to bring their sports gear to Germany.)

At some time during the day the press will be at the school for an official photo session in which the guests and their hosts take part. Please pay attention to corresponding notices on the bulletin board near the schedule respectively to announcements on the intercom. During lunch break the Spanish students have the possibility to enjoy the lunch menu in the cafeteria together with their hosts. The German and Spanish students go home together at the end of the school day (not earlier!). Evening in the families.

**Friday
Febr. 24**

Day trip to Paderborn and Wewelsburg

➔ Please supply a big packed lunch and several soft drinks! ←

In the morning the guests are taken to the central bus station by their hosts early enough to make sure that the German students are at school on time for the start of classes. At 8 am the Spanish depart from the bus station to Paderborn where they arrive at about 9:30 am. The visit of the old Episcopal city begins with a one-hour guided tour: From the parking lot at Maspernplatz it leads past the Adam and Eve House to the Pader source. Just above there is the former imperial palace of Charles the Great and St. Bartholomew's Chapel next to it. Then the group moves further up the hill to the cathedral which is viewed from the outside and inside. After having a look at the landmark of Paderborn, the Three Rabbits Window in the courtyard of the capitular monastery, they proceed to the City Hall where the tour ends at about 10:30 am. Now the students get some free time in the city of Paderborn that they can use for further visits but also for shopping of course.

The Spanish meet again at 12 am (sharp!) at their coach in the Maspernplatz parking lot and start off for Wewelsburg where our guests arrive at 1 pm for a two and a half hour tour under the title "Wewelsburg 1933-1945 – Cult and Terror Place of the SS". At the end of the guided tour in English language at 3:30 pm they return to Werther. The guests are expected to

arrive at the central bus station at 5:15 pm and will be met by their hosts there. In case of time shifts the telephone chain will be started. The guests spend the rest of the day and evening in the families.

**Saturday
Febr. 25
and
Sunday
Febr. 26**

"Family weekend"

The guests spend the full weekend in their host families. When planning any excursions and other activities please take the official program into account to prevent any duplication. Here, of course, the possibility of a slightly bigger joint activity with several families and guests arises. By the way, all Spanish guests bring their swimsuits. Or what about a party on Saturday night? Your imagination knows no bounds. As the case may be, please talk about arrangements with other host families.

**Monday
Febr. 27**

Day trip to Bielefeld, tour of the historic center, Dr. Oetker's brandscape

➔ Please supply a packed lunch and several soft drinks! ←

Today the hosts take their guests again to the central bus station at 7:50 am and then go to school. The Spanish board their coach to go to Bielefeld at 8 am. They arrive at the meeting point at the Old Town Hall from where they start off on a one and a half hour guided tour in English language at 9 am. After this tour, which ends at 10:30 am, our guests have some "idle time" before the next activity of the itinerary starts. They can of course use it for "shopping". It would be a lot more attractive, however, to go up to Sparrenburg and – hopefully in good weather – eat their packed lunches in front of the castle with an awesome view of the city.

Then they return to the city center and proceed to the Dr. Oetker brand experience where the group is due to register at 1:15 pm. The actual tour starts at 1:30 pm and ends at 4:15 pm. Afterwards our guests from the Basque country board their coach back to Werther. They arrive at the central bus station where they are collected by their hosts at 5 pm. In case of time shifts the telephone chain will be started. The Spanish spend the rest of this last evening of their stay again in the families.

**Tuesday
Febr. 28**

Boeckstiegel House and the departure of the guests

➔ Please supply a substantial packed lunch and a number of soft drinks! ←

The hosts take their guests, including their luggage (!), to the EGW at 7:55 am. The suitcases and bags will be locked in a safe room because the coach can only be loaded at noon, shortly before departure. Since the coach drivers are not allowed to move the coach for at least eleven hours before the long trip back, it is not available this morning. That is why the students leave the school "by shank's mare" in the direction of Boeckstiegel House in Arrode where a one and a half hour guided tour in two groups is scheduled from 9 am until 10:30 am. Afterwards the Spanish walk back to the school.

There our guests have lunch before they leave us at 12:30 pm for a minimum 25-hour bus ride. On the way the passengers who had remained in Bad Neuenahr are of course "collected" again before they continue to the southwest. As soon as the partners have arrived in the Basque country, they will certainly let us know. That would then be the last time that the telephone chain starts.

Note: This is the only day that the coach arrives at school; on all other days departure and arrival are principally at the bus station!