

**PRELIMINARY**



**PROGRAM**

## **IFFR Section Germany/Austria Meeting in KASSEL 1.-3. Mai 2015**

Our first Meeting in 2015 will take place at Kassel. This year's motto will be:

### **„A Meeting of Friends“**

We have aimed for a good blend of Flying and Culture, leaving time for just being together.

#### **The Town**



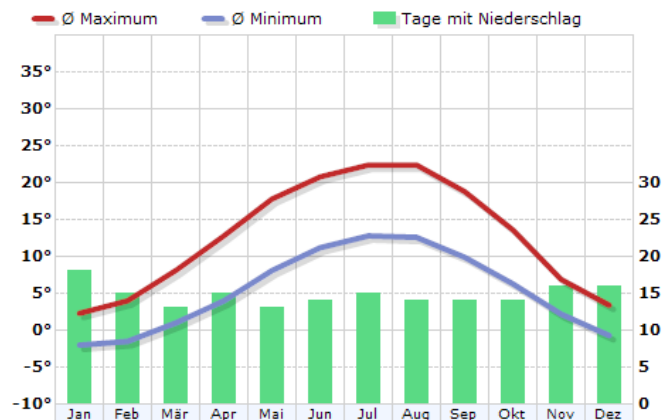
Kassel is situated right in the center of Germany, almost equally distanced from the large metropolitan areas of Frankfurt, Dortmund, Hannover and Erfurt. Unfortunately, the war has destroyed Kassel's unique historical city center of unequalled beauty. Kassel of today is the product of consequent rebuilding in the style of the 50ies and 60ties of the past century. A few of the most important historical buildings have been entirely restored, but this also makes the breaches in between more noticeable. However, the beautiful landscape around, which we

will enjoy, has remained. The "Bergpark Wilhelmshöhe", World Cultural Heritage, where our hotel is situated, is a unique example of parkland architecture. The town itself also boasts beautiful parks, such as Karlssaue and Fuldaue.

Kassel is not only known for the famous art exhibition „Documenta“, taking place every five years, but also through the work of two famous personalities: the brothers Grimm.

#### **The Weather**

Fitting the time of the year: Changeable!  
Better bring something rainproof, as our program would otherwise suffer even more from bad weather... Nevertheless: the probability for rain in March and May is lower than in other months!



## **Friday, 1. Mai 2015 - Arrival**

Our destination is the **regional airport Kassel – Calden (EDVK)**, only recently finished in 2013, offering all amenities of an airport, including ILS. Avgas and Jet A1 are available and we strongly recommend refueling right after arrival, to avoid delays on departure on Sunday. We should land **at 1300 hrs. latest**, to have enough time for our **Lunch Buffet at the Bistro „Aviation Corner“ at the GAT**. At around 1400 hrs. LT, an airport representative will give us an insight into the many tasks and challenges which go with the implementation of a large infrastructural project like this. Right after that, we will visit **PIPER Deutschland** at their new building next to the GAC, where the Piper Aircraft currently offered are on display and where the PIPER Service Center is also situated. **Around 1530 hrs. latest, the Bus will depart for our Hotel**, where we will check in at around 1600 hrs., followed by free time for a visit to the Spa or a walk in the park.



### **The Hotel**

We will stay at the **Schloshotel Bad Wilhelmshöhe, Schlosspark 8, 34131 Kassel**, in close vicinity to Schloss Wilhelmshöhe. A room contingent has been reserved, **individual bookings should be made until 31. March 2015 latest**, after this date, our contingent will be cancelled!

**Room rate per day** including breakfast and free Spa visit:



	<b>Single</b>	<b>Double</b>
<b>Comfort</b>	<b>€ 109,-</b>	<b>€ 129,-</b>
<b>Superior</b>	<b>€ 139,-</b>	<b>€ 159,-</b>

**Bookings direct with the Hotel**  
**Code: IFFR**

**Telephone: +49 561 3088-0 or**  
**[info@schloshotel-kassel.de](mailto:info@schloshotel-kassel.de)**

### **At 1900 hrs: Galadinner at the „Relaunch Skyline“ - Room**

For Cocktails and Gala Dinner, we have reserved the Relaunch Skyline Room in our hotel, boasting a spectacular view over the Wilhelmshöhe parkland and the town.

## **Saturday, 2. Mai 2015**

This day will be filled to the brim from the morning on: according preferences, you can either walk three minutes to visit Schloss Wilhelmshöhe or depart by bus to the "Dörnberg" to visit the glider pilots there.

### **- Schloss Wilhelmshöhe**

Castle and Park in almost today's shape date back to the reign of Hessian Landgrave Wilhelm IX, later Kurfürst (Elector) Wilhelm I. (1785 – 1821). Before, in early 17. Century, a hunting lodge and a nunnery of the Augustinians existed. The castle was heavily damaged during the war and restored from 1968 to 1974 without the original central cupola. It is now a museum of international renown, housing a collection of classical antiques, a painting gallery of Old Masters, a library and in the Weißenstein Wing historical living and representative apartments. The castle is only three minutes walking distance from our hotel.



### **- Gliding**

At the Hoher Dörnberg, 10 km west of Kassel, within the natural reserve of Habichtswald, since 1963, the **Luftsportverein Henschel Flugzeug Werke AG e.V.** operates a traditional gliding center. We are invited to do some flying, watch the Winch Launching, meet members of this club and have a luncheon snack, for which those who visited the castle will also join us. A few flights in the ASK 21 and Duo Discus will be possible, (ca.15 Min, Price € 35,-), those interested please indicate so in the registration form! There is also the alternative of a little walk along the „Alpenpfad“, through a beautiful landscape with a spectacular view! Around 1330 hrs. the bus will depart for the next event (and highlight) of this day:



- **Visiting Friends**



Our friends of long standing, **Karl-Ernst and Helgard Count and Countess Grote – Schachten**, will be our hosts at their Schachten estate for an Afternoon with Coffee and Cake, accompanied by a little exercise and contest: The Wilhelmsthal Archers > will instruct us in the art of archery, at the same time watching over our safety during the learning process. Thereafter, we will have to prove our



competence in a little contest, supplemented by a few other tasks. At about 1830 hrs. the bus will leave for our

- **Asparagus Dinner at the „Konzertscheune Calden“**

Berthold Braun, also glider pilot at the Dörnberg, will be our host at this very special event location. Possibly, we may expect some little extra presentation besides eating asparagus? Anyway, we should return to the hotel in time for a good night's rest in view of tomorrow's flight home.



**Sunday, 3. 5. 2015**

For all those who will not need to depart very early, we propose to **leave the Hotel already at 0930 hrs.**, taking a little detour on the way to the airport past the most important landmarks, to get at least a short impression of Kassel City. At 1130 hrs. latest, we will arrive at Kassel airport, for a swift departure due to our preparations (refueling on arrival, landing fees included in participant's fee).

### **Participant's Fee:**

Landing and parking fees, Cocktails, Water, Coffee, lunches and dinners are included in the **participant's fee of 250 €**. Besides this, only alcoholic beverages and room charges will have to be paid by participants. Please remit participant's fees until 15. April, 2015 to our account:

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### **Preliminary Info:**

To facilitate our preparations, please let us know until 15. January 2015 latest about your preferences for the Saturday: Visit of Wilhelmshöhe Castle or Visiting Dörnberg Glider Center or Walk along the Alpenpfad. Especially, if you are interested in taking a short flight in a glider, please mark this in your application form!

We are looking forward to another enjoyable meeting!

For more info, please visit: <http://www.iffr-deutschland.de/>

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