



To all members of the
Internationale Flößervereinigung e.V. (=
International Association of Timber-Raftsmen)

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- ▶ **You are cordially invited to celebrate International Timber Raftsmen Day in Wolfratshausen from 18-21 May 2023**

Both the conference and the evening events will be hosted in the Loisach Hall:

Loisach Hall
Hammerschmiedweg 6
82515 Wolfratshausen

Conference program

Saturday 18 May 2023

(Throughout day)	Participants arrive
(From 16:00)	Registration at Loisach Hall
18:00	Board meeting to be held at Wirtshaus Flößerei/Roter Raum, Sebastiani-Steg 1, 82515 Wolfratshausen (right next to Loisach Hall).
19:00	Opening of the International Timber Raftsmen Meeting in Loisach Hall and relaxed gathering Welcoming Speech from Klaus Heilinglechner (chief mayor of Wolfratshausen) and Dr. Frank Thiel (president of IATR)

Saturday 19 May 2023

08:30	Meeting point at the raft landing point in Weidach, Schlederleiten, 82515 Wolfratshausen
09:00	Raft trip to Munich gets underway, with the two Wolfratshausen timber rafting families Franz and Josef Seitner

Food and drinks will be provided on board the rafts.

Stretch:

Overall length: 28 km

Duration of trip: 5-7 hours (depending on the water level) 3 large raft slides

4 small raft slides

Description:

After leaving Wolfratshausen, district of Weidach, at around 9:00 a.m., our boat cruises down the few metres of the Loisach river, before joining the Isar river, in the heart of the nature reserve. Not long after, downstream of the village of Icking, you will find the entrance to the works canal for the EON hydropower plant, which you will follow past Schäftlarn Monastery to Mühlthal.

One highlight along the way is also Europe's largest raft slide. Expect an unforgettable "splashdown" experience, negotiating a height difference of 18 metres over a 350-metre stretch, before returning to the Isar river. Afterwards, we pass the large Georgenstein boulder, a landmark in the river, which was once a pillar helping hold up an old Roman bridge.

Then sit back and enjoy one of the trip's most thrilling sections: as the course of the river changes every which way, constant re-routing is needed. The route continues, with the castle Grünwald one of the stand-out sights, through another set of smaller raft slides, until we arrive at the central site in Munich-Thalkirchen.

Around 17:00

Return to Wolfratshausen by bus

Optional program without rafting

9:30

Assemble in front of the Loisach Hall, bus transfer to the Glentleiten open-air museum

10:30

Guided tour of the Glentleiten open-air museum

Noon

Lunch at the Glentleiten open-air museum and free time

16:00

Return to Wolfratshausen

Tip:

Around early evening is when the first rafts for the St. John's Raft Procession are installed at the Old Raft Site.

Evening program for all

19:30

Bavarian evening with music in the Loisach Hall: Presentation of guest gifts, screening of a short film to get in the mood for the St. John's procession and musical accompaniment by the Wolfratshausen town band

Saturday 20 May 2023

10:00 Members assemble in the Loisach Hall

Optionally

10:00 Guided town rally (multilingual)

Noon Midday snack in Loisach Hall for ALL MEMBERS

14:00 Exhibition & lectures at the Wolfratshausen Museum, followed by a museum visit

16:00 Free time

Tip: During the day, the rafts for the St. John's Raft Procession will be installed at the Old Raft Site.

Evening St. John's Raft Procession

The 2023 raft procession will follow the traditional format: At around 9 p.m., the traditional Wolfratshausen clubs will march in a procession to the Old Raft Site. There, the priests will await the church blessing, rafts decorated festively, as well as timber raftsmen from the Wolfratshausen rafting companies and other guests of honour. Also present will be acting Chief Mayor Klaus Heilinglechner with guests of honour from the town of Wolfratshausen, town councillors and representatives from the churches. The Old Raft Site will be lit up for the occasion in a festive manner, with torches and many lights.

Before the rafts arrive at the Old Raft Site, children from Wolfratshausen place small illuminated rafts on the Loisach river. Both timber raftsmen and the dazzling rafts are then welcomed onto the festively lit footbridge by so-called "Nepomuk music". Meanwhile, in the background, the Loisach river between St. John's Bridge and the box mill weir sparkles and glitters, adorned with shimmering torches and lights. And rounding off this romantic scenario - a firework display over the old town roofs.

Up to 20:30 Setting up the ceremonial procession of the Old Town timber rafting clubs (with traditional costumes and club flags welcome) (participants of the VIP raft will be escorted raftsideside)

20:40 The rafts set off

20:45 Departure of the parade

Around 21:30 Service and blessing at the Old Raft Site

Those in the parade march back to the Japanese Garden and disband

Around 22:00 Collective light meal for all VIP guests in the St. John's Raft Procession and International Timber Rafting Day participants at the Loisach Hall

Saturday 21 May 2023

10:30

Ecumenical service in the church of St. Andreas,
Marienplatz 4, 82515 Wolfratshausen

(To be followed by group photo before participants depart)

Please note that program may be subject to change without notice!

Registration:

(Registration forms can be found at:

<https://www.wolfratshausen.de/floessertag> or can also be sent by email.)

Your non-binding pre-registration is requesting, including an indication of your program choices, by 30 November 2022.

The deadline for the final binding registration will be 30 January 2023.

Event registrations will be handled by Ms. Beate Mader, who is also responsible for the participants.

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At the time of registration, an invoice for the participant registration fee ("Special regulation for travel agencies" Section 25 VAT Act) will be sent.

1. Participation fee (gross) including raft trip: 220.00 €

Program subject to change without notice.

(However, if the raft trip is cancelled for any reason, pro rata costs amounting to € 40.00 will be refunded to the original account used for payment.)

The package for the conference (and raft trip) includes the following services:

Thursday, 18 May 2023:

Reception dinner in the Loisach Hall, drinks paid individually

Friday, 19 May 2023:

Raft trip to Munich, drinks on the raft, lunch in the Mühltal (drinks paid individually).

Participants can keep beer mug from the raft trip as a souvenir memento.

Return transfer from Munich to Wolfratshausen

Bavarian evening with music in the Loisach Hall (drinks paid individually)

Saturday, 20 May 2023:

General meeting and lectures in the Loisach Hall (conference drinks included)

Alternative programme: Guided tour of Wolfratshausen

Lunch in the Loisach Hall (drinks paid individually)

Participation in the St. John's raft procession in the parade

Light meal in Loisach Hall (drinks paid individually)

Sunday, 21 May 2023

Ecumenical service

2. Participant fee (gross) excluding raft trip: 180.00 €

Program subject to change without notice.

The package for the conference (without the raft trip) includes the following services:

Thursday, 18 May 2023:

Reception dinner in the Loisach Hall, drinks paid individually

Friday, 19 May 2023:

Bus transfer to Glentleiten, museum admission and guided tour of Glentleiten and lunch there (drinks paid individually), beer mug of the raft trip as souvenir

Bavarian evening with music in the Loisach Hall (drinks paid individually)

Saturday, 20 May 2023:

Members' meeting in the Loisach Hall (conference drinks included)

Alternative programme: Guided tour of Wolfratshausen

Lunch in the Loisach Hall (drinks paid individually)

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Accommodation:

Accommodation arrangements must be booked and paid for individually by participants and are not included in the conference fees.

Wolfratshausen includes three larger accommodation establishments as well as numerous private holiday flats. For more details, see the directory at: <https://www.tourismus.wolfratshausen.de/suchen-buchen-1#/unterkuenfte> .

We have block-booked rooms in the following venues (key word Flößertag) in Wolfratshausen:

Landhaus Café <https://landhauscafe.com/>

Hotel Isartaler Hof <https://www.hotel-isartaler-hof.de/>

We have also block-booked rooms in the following houses (key word Flößertag) in Gelting (3 km from Wolfratshausen):

Hotel Servus <https://www.servus-gelting.de/>

Hotel Altwirt in Gelting <https://alterwirth.de/>

Transfers:

A lot of the events and venues on the program itinerary are located in central Wolfratshausen and within walking distance of Wolfratshausen's accommodation establishments. If you are unable to find accommodation directly in Wolfratshausen and switching to a hotel in the surrounding area causes issues with the transfer to the venues, please contact us.

We would also appreciate being informed if you plan to come to the site via coach, which could possibly be used for transfers.

Access to Wolfratshausen:*By car*

Autobahn A 95: Munich - Garmisch. Wolfratshausen exit

Autobahn A 8: Munich - Salzburg. Sauerlach exit

B 11: Munich - Wolfratshausen - Mittenwald - Innsbruck

By plane

Wolfratshausen is best accessed by plane from Munich's Franz Josef Strauß Airport. Wolfratshausen is over an hour from the airport by S-Bahn or car.

By train

Wolfratshausen is connected to the Munich public transport system (MVV) by S-Bahn and is therefore easy to reach. The S7 line runs every 20 minutes from Munich Central Station to Wolfratshausen and the journey takes 40 minutes.

COVID-19:

The legal COVID-19 rules in force at the time of the event must be observed. Due to revised COVID-19 rules, program items may be changed or cancelled at short notice.

Data protection and photos:

By registering, you give your consent for your data to be used and passed on for the purpose of the event and for event photos to be used for public relations purposes.

If you have any questions about the event, please contact:

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