



INVITATION

The City of Wuppertal and its twin town and cycling club “Der Grüne Weg e.V.“ are inviting cyclists from each of Wuppertal’s twin towns to take part in an international cycling event this summer: an environmental conference and bike ride from Wuppertal to Berlin aimed at the promotion of cycling and global twin town friendship.

After a 3-day opening conference with a varied programme of activities, lectures, workshops and excursions highlighting the issues of sustainable transport and town twinning, all of the participants (50-70 persons) will meet in front of Wuppertal’s town hall to set off on a 13-day cycle ride to Berlin (via Schwerin). Along the route there will be a number of public events to promote the idea of “Global Friendship” and to motivate people from other towns and cities along the route to take part in the tour. A 3-day programme in Berlin will bring this town-twinning event to a close.

REGISTRATION

Cyclists (15 years and above) from South Tyneside (GB), St. Etienne (F), Beer Sheva (ISR), Kosice (SL), Legnica (PL), Matagalpa (NIC), Jekatarinburg (RUS), Schwerin and Berlin-Schöneberg (D) are welcome to apply for registration. The language of communication will be German and/or English.

The average daily distance to be covered will be 70-80 km. The route will be “green” in most parts, i.e. on minor roads with little or no traffic. Although the countryside is mostly flat, applicants should be aware that parts of the ride could be a little strenuous. A proper bike with gear shift, waterproofs and pannier bags will definitely be required. (If you cannot bring the necessary equipment, please let us know, as a limited amount of equipment will be available for overseas participants.) There will be several support vehicles for food and repairs, and for emergency transport.

The all-inclusive fee for non-Wuppertal residents is 250,00 €. This includes transfer to and from Wuppertal from abroad as well as youth hostel accommodation and catering. - The number of participants will be limited. The closing date for registration is 16th May 2003.

Please use the attached sheet to apply for registration. This will only be valid after you have received a written confirmation from the tour office, which will include further travel information as well as a request to pay your registration fee into our tour account by 30th June.

For the preparation of our tour documents we would like you to enclose a recent photo and a short statement about your commitment to town-twinning.

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ITINERARY

- 29.7. Arrival in Wuppertal; opening of Global Friendship Meeting
- 30.7. Global Friendship Meeting (lectures, sight-seeing, town hall reception)
- 31.7. Global Friendship Meeting (lecture, excursion: Zeche Zollverein, Essen)

- 1.8. Official start of Global Friendship Tour:
Wuppertal – Lünen (75 km)
- 2.8. Lünen – Münster (65 km)
- 3.8. Münster – Melle (85 km) – “International Football Day“
- 4.8. Melle – Hameln (95 km)
- 5.8. Hameln – Hannover (60 km) – “Pied Piper Day“
- 6.8. Hannover – Hankensbüttel (85 km)
- 7.8. Hankensbüttel – Hitzacker (70 km)
- 8.8. Hitzacker – Schwerin (80 km)
- 9.8. Schwerin (restday)
- 10.8. Schwerin – Plau am See (75 km)
- 11.8. Plau am See – Ravensbrück (90 km)
- 12.8. Ravensbrück – Wandlitz (85 km) – “Holocaust Memorial Day“
- 13.8. Wandlitz – Berlin (40 km) – “Day of the Berlin Wall“
- 14.8. Berlin programme (town hall reception, sight-seeing)
- 15.8. Berlin (day off)
- 16.8. Departure

Further Information on the Internet: www.global-friendship-tour.com

Please send your registration form to: Stadt Wuppertal
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WELCOME

The “Global Friendship Team“ is looking forward to your participation:
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PATRON

Jürgen Trittin, Federal Minister of the Environment, has agreed to act as patron of the Global Friendship Tour.