

# Bad Muskau not Moscow

**Tour Date**  
13.07.21 - 25.07.21  
Cut-off Date: 10.05.2021



## CHARACTERISTICS/IDEA BEHIND THIS TOUR:

- + in the summer holiday season
  - + good for working people, not too long
  - + short stages
  - + also many interesting stops
- Originally planned as a post-Corona trip, this trip appeals to people who don't want to travel far but appreciate the community.

## PREPARATION:

**Travel documents\*:** Passport or ID-Card, national driving license

**CB-radio:** not required

**Car Insurance:** Germany is part of the green card system.

**Vaccinations:** None are compulsory  
More information at [www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk](http://www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk)

**Pets:** require a pet passport

**Pre-Tour Meeting:** No prior meeting is planned for this trip. You will receive a participant's package by post approx. 4 weeks before the start of your tour. We also offer an online appointment where you can get to know fellow travellers and clarify questions that arose while studying the participant documents. is no advance meeting for this trip.

## TOUR LOGISTICS:

**Meeting Point:** Official meeting point for tour start is in Jena.

**Tour Leader:** Your tour leader informs regularly about driving stages and daily programmes.



**Driving Stages:** You may drive all stages by yourselves. The tour leader offers to go with him/her.

**Road Conditions & Traffic:** The roads in Germany are generally okay.

**Overnight Places:** The overnights are set at regular campsites of local standard.

**Supplies:** Electricity, water and grey water disposal are available daily.

**Safety & Security:** In the Tourist centres please watch out for pickpockets.

**Mobility Rating:** 2

See catalogue "Your Journey with Mir Tours" point 7). The required degree of mobility usually only relates to some programmes and segments of the sightseeing. If your walking is not that great, you may still join this trip. To do this, you would skip one or the other programme item or shorten it. We would be happy to discuss the trip with you in this regard. In case you use a tool such as a rollator or travel wheelchair, please note that these may also have to be lifted into the means of transport.

**Food Supply:** Shops and supermarkets with a good selection are available throughout the route. Gluten- and lactose-free products are available in larger supermarkets.

**Climate & Clothing:** Pack something for all weathers. Rain jackets and hiking gear shouldn't be missing. Some pitches are near bodies of water, where it gets damp and cooler at night.

## MONEY MATTERS

**Tour Price:** 820,- € per person with the own car + caravan or camper when two persons travel in one vehicle. Additional charge for a single driver 10%

**Fuel:** It is advisable to refuel in such a way that you can refuel cheaply on a detour across the Luxembourg border (approx. 10% cheaper than in Germany). Find the German fuel prices at: [www.clever-tanken.de](http://www.clever-tanken.de)

## Additional costs/travel funds:

Plan your own individual cost of living and around € 2 per person / day for tips. Possibly you can still consider a small buffer for souvenirs, breakdowns, visits to the doctor ... But there are EC machines everywhere.

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You will be able to pay with debit or credit card at almost all petrol stations, souvenir shops and supermarkets.

**Money Exchange:** without problems ATM machines are available for use of your debit or credit card.

= will be discussed at length during the pre-tour meeting

All this information is subject to change and is meant for this route as part of a group tour. There might be differences if you book an individual tour to these countries.

\* The information about visa and travel documents is considering that your passport is issued in a Schengen state, by Switzerland or a country that belongs to both the EU and the Schengen area. For the other countries we will inform you individually.

## MANDATORY INFORMATION

### **Cut-off Date:** 10.05.2021

On this date we have to decide if sufficient participants to run this tour have been reached. Ideally, you should have booked by this point.

### **Booking Closes:** 04.07.2021

Should you be unable to book earlier, this is the last day that booking is possible under the condition that you bring your documents in time and the required number of participants has been reached at the cut-off date.

### **Payments due:** upon booking 10%

Final payment due by 13.06.2021

**Cancellation fee:** in percentage of tour price; is dependent on the time left to the tour start.

as of booking = 10%

day 54. - 30. before tour start = 20%

day 29. - 10. before tour start = 30%

from day 9. before tour start = 75%

## GENERAL SERVICES:

**Organization & Booking:** We order the included programmes for you and book the overnight places. For us – as a registered tour operator – the compliance with travel law is obligatory.

**Entry fees for included programme:** The tour price includes the normal entry fees for the sights we have put in the programme. Should there be additional parts (special exhibitions) that are not of interest for everyone they might be at your leisure. Example: We visit the Kremlin as part of the Moscow sightseeing and we pay the entry ticket. Should you opt to see the tsars' weapon chamber you pay this out of your own purse.

The German and English-speaking **tour leader** will meet you in the afternoon of the first day in Jena and will accompany you until Day 13. His tasks are:

- to inform you regularly about overnight places, meals, stage, fuelling, shopping and leisure options.
- offer to join him on the driving stages.
- give you support in case of mishaps like illness or vehicle break-downs

The **resignation** (travel cancellation) **insurance** is covering if you cannot go on tour

due to a insured reason. The **break-off** (travel curtailment) **insurance** refunds the part of the tour price that you did not partake in due to an insured reason. More details on insured reasons can be found in the annex.

During the online **participant meeting** you can get to know other fellow travellers and clarify all open questions about the trip.

**Information Material:** We create an information booklet for this tour. This informs about all relevant topics from equipment to customs. Forms, brochures, booklets about sites and stages are added by us. Also, you receive GPS waypoints and map material so all participants have the same opportunities.

## USEFUL INFORMATION:

When putting this trip together, we are still in the situation that the SARS-Covid19 pandemic is affecting our lives and travels. Please note our general information on this topic in the travel catalogue, as well as our **Corona** promise.

The withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the EU and the only recently concluded contracts for future cooperation may result in changes to the travel documents required. Please also note that there is a special information available for **customers from the UK**.

## ITINERARY:

### **Day 1 13.07.2021**

#### **Jena**

Those who arrive early in Jena can, for example, visit the nearby outdoor pool or the dinosaur path. In the late afternoon, all participants come together to start the journey. In a small meeting, some questions about the tour logistics will be clarified. The day ends with dinner together.

*camping fee, dinner*

### **Day 2 14.07.2021**

#### **Jena**

From the campsite it is only a few minutes by bus or bike to the centre. Today's visit is intended to explain the Seven Wonders of Jena, which go back to the university in the 16th century. Seven curiosities of the city were kept secret and real students could reveal themselves with their knowledge about them. The city of science is famous for optics, so we want to visit the local planetarium in the afternoon.

*camping fee, transfer, local guide, entrance fee*

### **Day 3 15.07.2021**

#### **Jena – Altenburg**

The longest stage of the trip is approx. 90 km and there is still a good chance to stroll along the way. Our tip: Bad Köstritz, known to everyone for its Köstritzer black beer. Not a health resort since 1990, but the city offers a lot of historical buildings, parks and refreshment stops. In the afternoon we all come together again at the campsite in Altenburg.

*camping fee*

### **Day 4 16.07.2021**

#### **Altenburg**

As a former residential town, Altenburg has a number of cultural monuments, but the marketplaces, parks and various buildings are also extremely worth seeing. In 1810 the card game of Skat was invented here. During the tour today, we will take a look at various halls of the castle with a local guide and visit, among other things, the playing card museum. The afternoon is at your disposal for your own interests.

*camping fee, transfer, local guide, entrance fee, dinner*

### **Day 5 17.07.2021**

#### **Altenburg - Colditz**

Another short stage so that we can do another tour in the afternoon. Today's visit of the Renaissance Colditz Castle is not because of the architecture. During the Second World War there was a camp here for prisoner-of-war officers who kept trying to escape. Colditz was legendary in this regard and during the tour we hear something about the spectacular attempts at escape, some of which were also filmed.

*camping fee, local guide, entrance fee*

### **Day 6 18.07.2021**

#### **Colditz – Meißen**

We continue to the east, to the banks of the Elbe, where we will settle down for the next two nights. Meissen is the city of porcelain, but here we are also in a well-known wine region. Therefore, we will focus the tour today on the fermented grape juice and then enjoy a wine tasting.

*camping fee, transfer, local guide, Wine tasting, dinner*

**Day 7 19.07.2021****Meißen**

Today is available for your individual interests. There is the possibility to visit the not so far distant Saxon capital. If you don't want to go to Dresden, we recommend visiting Radebeul, for example, with the Karl May Museum. Or, you may just put your feet up and start the day slowly.

*camping fee*

**Day 8 20.07.2021****Meißen - Bautzen**

Today we have the Moritzburg near Radebeul on offer for those who love castles. August the Strong's hunting lodge is known to everyone from the fairy tale "Three hazelnuts for Cinderella". Not far from our overnight place at the dam in Bautzen, you can indulge in various activities. There is a high ropes course, mini golf and water sports.

*camping fee*

**Day 9 21.07.2021****Bautzen**

Our city tour in Bautzen is under the motto "Bautzen is/eats hot". The city's most famous product is Bautzen mustard. In addition to visiting the 1000-year-old city with its medieval and baroque buildings, we visit the Mustard Museum. We then have lunch together in the mustard restaurant - but don't worry, there are also dishes without mustard.

*camping fee, transfer, local guide, entrance fee, lunch*

**Day 10 22.07.2021****Bautzen - Bad Muskau**

In Bautzen we heard about the history of the Sorbs, an ethnic group of around 60,000 people of Slavic origin. For this reason, many signs in Lusatia are also bilingual. We will meet again and again - consciously or unconsciously - the legends and folklore of the Sorbs. On the way to our last location, we drive through the brown coal field, which is already being partially dismantled.

*camping fee*

**Day 11 23.07.2021****Bad Muskau**

The Prince of Pückler-Muskau was a real jack-of-all-trades. Most of us know him as the name giver of the ice cream and not as a lieutenant general, landscape architect, writer or world traveller. With a guide, partly on foot, partly by carriage or a Charabanc, we visit the English-style landscape park. This beautiful complex is cut through by the Neisse and is therefore partly in Germany, partly in Poland.

*camping fee, transfer, local guide, entrance fee*

**Day 12 24.07.2021****Bad Muskau**

Today we take the forest train to Kromlau and visit another park dedicated to the azaleas and rhododendrons. Here the Devil's Bridge is the photo subject. With a meal together, we end this tour in the footsteps of many bizarre and interesting people.

*camping fee, transfer, entrance fee, dinner*

**Day 13 25.07.2021****Bad Muskau**

We say goodbye, our almost two-week journey comes to an end and from here everyone can choose their own path. An extension on site is possible.

As per 12/2020  
Subject to change

## Information sheet for Travel cancellation insurance (including travel curtailment insurance) with excess of ERGO Reiseversicherung AG

We have taken out travel cancellation insurance (including travel curtailment insurance) in your favour with ERGO Reiseversicherung AG (ERV) as part of a group insurance contract. You automatically join this as an insured person when you book your trip. The insurance premium is included in the travel price.

Insurance cover exists in the event of cancellation before the start of the trip and after the start of the trip in the event of a trip interruption for an insured reason. With the booking confirmation you will receive an insurance certificate (insurance certificate) from which you can find the insurance conditions and further details. The following description of services only provides extracts from the scope of insurance. If you have any questions about insurance benefits, please contact the ERV Service Centre on +49 89 4166 - 1766 or [contact@ergo-reiseversicherung.de](mailto:contact@ergo-reiseversicherung.de)

### What risks are insured?

Here you get an overview of the most frequently used insurance services:

- **Cancellation cost insurance:** Should you cancel your trip, e.g. because of an unexpected serious initial illness or an accident, ERV will cover the cancellation costs that you contractually owe to the service provider (e.g. tour operator).

We only pay for previous illnesses if they were not treated in the last six months before the insurance was taken out. A mental illness is insured if it is treated as an in-patient, a specialist doctor's certificate is available or a health insurance provider approves out-patient psychotherapy.

For each insured event, your deductible is 20% of the reimbursable damage, at least € 25 per person.

- **Travel curtailment insurance:** If you interrupt your trip prematurely, we will cover the additional costs of the return journey. In addition, we pay for the unused travel services, up to a maximum of the amount insured. We assume the aforementioned costs if you interrupt your trip prematurely, e.g. because You or a relative become seriously ill at home.

For each insured event, your deductible is 20% of the reimbursable damage, at least € 25 per person.

### When do we not provide insurance services?

Some cases are excluded from insurance cover. The following are – among other things - not insured:

With the cancellation cost and travel curtailment insurance, you have no insurance cover if you do not commence or if you interrupt your trip for fear of a terrorist attack.

You also have no insurance cover, e.g. for the fees for issuing a visa. Further exclusions can be found here: VB-ERV 2019 / Kollektiv General Provisions Section 5; Special part: Part A number 13, Part B number 12.

### What obligations do you have if a damage has occurred and what consequences can violations of these obligations have?

In the **cancellation cost insurance**, you have to cancel the trip as soon as possible so that the cancellation costs remain low. However, you must cancel at the latest at the point in time at which the cancellation costs would increase. **Our exclusive service plus in cancellation insurance:**

Is your trip due to illness, accident or at risk for other reasons? Are you unsure whether you can start your trip or whether you have to cancel? Our telephone cancellation advice will give you the right recommendation! Our competent employees are at your side with help and advice on +49 89 4166-1839. Our service hours are: Mon - Fri 7 a.m. - 9 p.m., Sat 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. More at [www.ergo-reiseversicherung.de/stornoberatung](http://www.ergo-reiseversicherung.de/stornoberatung) More in VB-ERV 2019 / Kollektiv General Provisions Sections 6 and 7; Special part: Part A numbers 14 and 15.

In the **travel curtailment insurance**, you submit a medical certificate in the event of serious illness or accident injury. This certificate must contain the diagnosis and the treatment data and must be obtained before the trip is interrupted. More in VB-ERV 2019 / Kollektiv General Provisions Sections 6 and 7; Special part: Part B numbers 14 and 15.

**Please note:** If you breach your obligations, you put your insurance cover at risk. Depending on the severity of your breach of duty this may mean that we reduce the benefit or do not pay it at all, depending on the severity of your breach.