



PROVISIONAL (UPDATED 17 SEPTEMBER 17, 2017)

FIELD TOUR OPTION II

FORMER ORE MOUNTAINS MINING DISTRICT

27 SEPTEMBER 2017 - FRIDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER 2017

LEADER: DR. THOMAS KUHN, BGR

Field Tour Option II, Day 1: Wednesday, 27 September 2017

Depart from Hilton Berlin around 2:00 PM

Travel by bus from Berlin to Freiberg (240 km; 2.5 – 3 hours)

Stay in Hotel ALEKTO (www.alekto.de) in the city centre of Freiberg

Field Tour Option II, Day 2: Thursday, 28 September 2017

Depart Freiberg hotel around 8:00 AM

- In the morning: Visit of the “Altenberger Pinge”, a location in the ore mountains which was dominated by tin mining for several centuries. Travel by bus from Freiberg to Zinnwald (50 km) offers views of the countryside of the ore mountains. A mining information path around a giant sinkhole (the so-called “Pinge” which was caused by underground mining activities) will guide us through the historical mining area.
- In the afternoon: Visit of the mine site “Reiche Zeche” in Freiberg (Saxony) with its 800 years of mining tradition (<http://www.silberbergwerk-freiberg.de/welcome-2/>).
- Enjoy a Bohemian beer and food in the pub “Stadtwirtschaft”

Field Tour Option II, Day 3: Friday, 29 September 2017

Depart Freiberg hotel at 8:30 AM

- Walk through the historic city center and visit the “terra mineralia”, a mineral exhibition displaying over 3.500 minerals, gemstones and meteorites from five continents presented in the historical setting of the Freudenstein Castle in Freiberg (www.terra-mineralia.de)
- Visit the Institute of Mechanical Process Engineering and Mineral Processing of the TU Freiberg
- Walk through the “Tharandter Wald” one of the biggest contiguous forests in central Europe holding a number of interesting geological sites (ca. 2 hours).
- **Travel back to Berlin, arrival late afternoon.**

Cost per person:

Includes: bus transport and guide, entry fees, two lunches, one dinner, and field guide.

Attire:

Participants in Field Tour I and Field II should be prepared for rather fresh, windy, and possibly rainy weather. Suitable clothes (warm and watertight) and footwear (shoes or boots) are highly recommended. For Field Tour II, the walk is about 1.5 hours and while at the underground mine “Reiche Zeche” special shoes and a helmet will be provided. Field Tour II participants should bring their own gloves.

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