

### Welcome, elderly & young, to Pottenstein!

Look forward to fascinating encounters with nature and its incredible variety, to an extraordinary cultural life and to an offer of sports activities unique in its variety. Get to know jovial people with hearts of gold (and) in the right place. Enjoy the delicacies of kitchen and cellar. You will find all this and much more in Pottenstein. Come in feel welcomed!

### The Event-Mile of Pottenstein

Where else are so many attractions alternating along so few kilometres?

- The Summer-Luge-Run:

About 1200 metres with high speed down to the valley

- The Rock-pool in Art nouveau style:

A wholly original experience: fantastic architecture and aquatic plants

- The "Teufelshöhle" (devil's cave)

Millions of years old stalactites. And you in the middle (of it) together with the cave bear.

### A lot to look forward to! (Pleasant Anticipation!)

- The Castle of Pottenstein:

Back in time of the town's eventful history

- The Franconian-Switzerland- Museum of Tüchersfeld

(Its) Outside a plus – (its) inside a must

- The rock garden of Klumpertal:

At this heavenly place everyday life is thousand times thousand miles away

### Franconian half-timbered houses and romantic corners

Picturesque half-timbered houses, (purling) water fountains, colourful flower decorations – Pottenstein is a small, fascinating world of itself.

Ludwig Richter and his companion, the travel writer Gustav v. Heeringen during their journey in 1827: "Every stop at an inn will be full of pleasure – for/on both sides."

Have a look yourself, there has been no change!

### About Castellans/ Castle Owners & Saint Elisabeth

The deep ravines around Pottenstein were the "Hunting Grounds" of the Robber Knights. The Castle of Pottenstein however was invulnerable. Inside its walls resided also Saint Elisabeth of Thuringia. With her benevolence and the "Miracle of the Roses" she has established herself in the hearts of the people. The Castle of Pottenstein, preserved in its original condition, dominates the town and its countryside visible from afar. In its halls it holds remarkable treasures. Experience the pure romance of the Castle!

### A touch of prehistory and eternity

Visit the Mesozoic, dating back millions of years, the "Teufelshöhle" (devil's cave) with its enormous stalagmites and stalactites, which grow no more than one millimetre every 13 years, extending about 1500 metres into rock massif.

The cave bears, as the one shown in the skeleton, lived long before the "homo sapiens" (man of wisdom) arrived on the stage of the earth. The world you see here was at that moment still a far away developmental history of earth in which one millenium lasted only as long as one blink of the eye.

### Through the valleys up to the highland

The Franconian romanticism is not only infectious. "This one captivates you." This quote taken from a guest book is valid for everybody and everything.

Clear trout-rivers, riversides full of flowers and baroque Jurassic rocks, a picture-book

landscape.

Among that colourful spotr of rare plants and orchids, which have already died out elsewhere. Here they are still alive!

The "Marterl" (wayside shrines) and many mill-taverns invite you, each in its way to a stop. Please come in!

#### Fountain of Youth – The "Art Nouveau " Pool

Special water events in the rock-lined pool, "Art Nouveau" style. Built in the 1920s unique in its way – it remained one of a kind up till today.

After some years of dilapidation it shines again in new splendor. It comprises nature into its wet element: plants line the pool edge and provide for natural cleaning – just as in mountain waters. This also is widely unique for a bathe. Dive in and enjoy!

#### The Lake "Schöngrund" and the swimming pool Juramar

Here the quiet lake in the landscape described by the poet Eichendorff. There the modern indoor swimming pool "Juramar" with all its events and attractions. And in between the guests who have to decide.

We recommend: The best decision is to simply enjoy both offers!

#### Franconian delicacies fresh on the dining table

"Everything authentic is alright with (/good for) us." The people here have lived and enjoyed life in accordance with this principle ever since.

Freshness arrives on the table. From the fields, the water, the meadows and the forests of the region around Pottenstein. Everything produced by bakers, brewers, distillers and cooks here is so excellent that it has found entrance not only into original country songs, but it is also mentioned as recipes in haute cuisine literaturew. Here you always enjoy the "original" – whatever you order.

#### The whole range of sports activities

Get into the water! With the fishing rod to hunt trouts, with the canoe and the paddle boat along the most beautiful riversides.

Go swimming or have a sauna at the "Juramar". We wish you a lot of fun in the waters!

Welcome as well on the ground! Hiking, cycling, lugin in summer, playing golf and tennis, horse-riding, cross-country skiing.

Whatever you wish for, Pottenstein has got it all!

For those who want to get to the top: Climb the rocks!

For those who want to get even higher: Go up into the air!

Welcome to hang-gliding and para-gliding!

#### ...and all the time happiness and social gathering

It was truth yesterday and it is still truth today: the Franconians have been jovial people at all times, and particularly the residents of Pottenstein. This should be added to the proverb taken from an old regional calendar. Where else can you find so many occasions to celebrate? Where else do so many associations exist? Where else can you find happiness which is real and strong enough to be seen as medicine, as a doctor – a "medico"- already noticed 100 years ago? Especially in Pottenstein, the 3 magic Franconian Bs are valid: Beer, Bratwurst and Brass-Band music.

#### Muses and Museums

We admit, even here there are days when you prefer not to go outdoors. But there are enough reasons to go out anyway! There are, for example, the museums: (...)

Get to know the traditions by practicing them. Experience history through stories.

### Culture and Cultural-Tour

In Pottenstein and its surrounding 33 parts of the town culture has numerous faces and facets. A lot of them are of Christian origin. Others have traditional local roots. They all are responsible for a rich (public) and social life which has been existent for a long time. Also, our guests from near and far are responsible for this. Year after year they take part in a kind of Cultural-Tour of many activities in Pottenstein. Among these highlights are the enchanting performances of the Franconian-Switzerland "Summer Theater" and the classical concerts with its powerful chamber and orchestral music in the "natural lobby" of the prehistoric devil's cave.

### Dreamlike space of art – The "Neubürg"

Not far away from Pottenstein a special uniqueness is being revealed to the visitor – the mountain of Neubürg. Here, on the former pagan place of worship, artists dared to connect heaven and earth with their "nature-oriented works".

Have they been succesful? You bet!

P.S.: A tour around the elevated Neubürg grants views over acres and acres and sometimes even deep insights into your own soul.

### Pottenstein in a sea of lights

Each year on the 6<sup>th</sup> of January Pottenstein shines: Thousands of fire places form a flaming frame of fire around the town. Christmas is over: "Epiphany is shining out of the winter's darkness into the new year with its bright sea of lights." The parish concludes solemnly the annual "Perpetual Adoration". Everyone present takes part in this very beautiful event and – as the legend tells – will "be fortunate and have prosperity for a whole year."

### Fossil Knock Field

You yourself on the traces of the past. In an era dating back millions of years human beings were not yet present but plant and animal life forms already existed in an enormous variety. Animals and plants are extinct but they are present however: In accurately petrified fossils they show us their identical image.

Only a small hammer and a place to "knock" is needed to wake up the past. Pottenstein has arranged it all for you – not far away from the local road on the "Hohenmirsberger Platte".

### A Paradise for Children

Pottenstein is very dedicated to make your stay also a great experience for your children. Here our young guests are on their own journey of discovery: Pony riding, swimming in the indoor and rock swimming pool, waterfun at and on the Lake "Schöngrund". Canoeing with Dad or Mum, fishing for the barbecue party. Cave adventures, campfires and minigolfing. A good and exciting "slide" down the long and fast summer luge run. And in passing the discovery of a wonderful animal and plant world!

### Painting Competition

Dear kids! This is a cave bear that lives here millions of years ago. Unfortunatels he is a little bit pale. After your colouring he will certainly look much better. Please colour the bear and his cave any way you want!

When you have finished, write down your name and address on the picture and send it to the tourist office in Pottenstein.

The best picture wins! The winner will receive 10 free entrances to the adventure pool of Pottenstein together with his parents.

### Hiking and Climbing Paradise beyond comparison

It was the Romantics who named this region here "Fränkische Schweiz" (Franconian Switzerland) and not least because of the cave explorers the region has come to fame. Wandering through the caves with their stalactites and stalagmites took the people back in times million of years ago. Jurassic rocks line the meadows rich in rare flowers . Climbing "freaks" claw their way up the bizarre rock pinnacles in the "Direttissima" (direct vertical line). Hiking trails as far as your feet will carry you. Bubbling brooks – as Wiesent, Püttlach, Ailsbach, Truppach and Aufseß – are your scenic companions. Deep into the "Veldensteiner Forst" (Forest of Veldenstein) and on to the "Frankenalb" (Franconian Highland) reaches the dense railway network. The tourist office of Pottenstein and the Naturparkinformation Pottenstein has information ready for you. Please just ask for it!