



### **OVERSEAS STUDY TOURS NEWS - 03/2024**

Bookings for tours must be on an overseas tour booking form and may be sent in at any time to the tour organiser whose name follows the tour details. Fuller details and closing dates will be announced in news sheets during the course of the year. During the course of the year various weekend events become known and extra tours will be operated taking in the more interesting events. LCGB Tours are operated by LCGB solely for its members. Participation in LCGB tours entails compulsory LCGB Membership.

#### **2024 Tours**

**Tour 01/2024 India and Bangladesh**. Bookings now closed for this tour. (Tour contact Adrian Palmer)

**Tour 02/2024 Hungary** – We already have enough people who have said they want to join this tour to make it run. If you haven't done so, a booking form and deposit are required.. A full itinerary was enclosed with the previous Bulletin or can be viewed on the website. Organised by our friends at KHKD Prague (Tour contact Adrian Palmer)

Tour 03/2024 Germany. IGE steam tour. See elsewhere on this update (Brian Garvin)

**Dordrecht** Friday to Sunday 24th to 26th May 2024. Expressions of interest to Colin Miell

**Angola** - Angola. Benguela Railway under new management. Still awaiting response to our proposals. It is hoped to offer a tour lasting 2 weeks in the period between mid-August and mid-September 2024. (Geoff Warren)

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# Tour 03/2024 IGE TOUR FOR HAGEN von ORTLOFF'S 75<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY WITH MAIN LINE STEAM

## Wednesday 29 May to Monday 3 June 2024

For many years Hagen von Ortloff was the moderator/anchor for a German TV series about trains and railways. He now celebrates his 75<sup>th</sup> birthday and what better way than running a special steam train. IGE have planned the following tour and LCGB members will be welcomed on board. Details:

Wednesday 29 May. Own arrangements U.K. to Germany

**Thursday 30 May.** Stuttgart Hbf. depart about 07.00 behind preserved blue electric loco E10 228 via Aalen, Crailsheim to Nürnberg Hbf (ca. 09.50). Steam now comes on in the shape of 4-6-2 01 1104 which takes us via Hersbruck, Marktredwitz (water stop), Hof, Reichenbach to Zwickau where Hagen was born. Here 2-10-0 50 3616 takes over for a run around the mountain valleys to Aue, Schwarzenberg, Markersbach, Anneberg Buchholz to Flöha. Then it is a vintage electric loco, E77 10 via Freiberg to Dresden Hbf. Overnight B/B.

**Friday 31 May.** S-Bahn Dresden Hbf to Freital Hainsberg then a narrow gauge special to Kurort Kipsdorf and return. Some free time in Dresden before an evening cruise on Paddle Steamer "LEIPZIG" built 1929. The cruise will go to Schloss Pillnitz and return. A buffet meal is included with drinks available. Overnight B/B.

Saturday 1 June. S-Bahn Dresden Hbf to Radebeul Ost and then another narrow gauge special train this time to Radeburg and return. In the afternoon three special options are available. 1) Dresden Park Railway, 2) S-Bahn to Rathen and visit a garden railway, 3) Dresden sights including Schwebebahn, Standseilbahn, using vintage trams and vintage buses for transfers. (Options 1 or 2 cost €30 (£27), option 3 €40 (£36), you must order when booking.) Overnight B/B in Dresden.

**Sunday 2 June.** Dresden Hbf depart xx.xx behind 4-6-2 03 2155 with E77 10 banking to Klingenberg Colmnitz. Then the 03 alone via Chemnitz, Glauchau, Gößnitz to Gera. (Water stop and loco to turn). Then via Neustadt(Orla) to Saalfeld. Here E10 228 takes over for the run back to Nürnberg (18.15), Stuttgart (21.00). TOUR ENDS. Overnight by own arrangement.

**Monday 3 June.** Return to U.K. by own arrangement.

**COSTS.** Second class with 4 to a compartment and 3 Star hotel sharing twin bedded room €1390 (£1245); First Class supplement 6 to a compartment €100 (£90); First Class supplement 4 to a compartment €300 (£270); Upgrade to 4 Star hotel €120 (£108); Single room supplement €290 (£26).

**To Book.** Download an Overseas Tour Booking Form and state your requirements. Remember your passport must have at least 6 months validity at the end of the tour. Send your booking form to: brian\_garvin@hotmail.com. Transfer a deposit of £500 to LCGB account no. 20346642 sort code 82-13-03 and use reference IGE Tour and your name.

For those not able to do the above please send details by 1<sup>st</sup> Class mail to:- Brian Garvin, Flat 5, 91 Albemarle Road, Beckenham, BR3 5JZ and enclose two 1<sup>st</sup> Class saes.

IGE need 170 bookings and will make a go or no go decision for the tour on 25 March 2024. If cancelled all monies will be refunded. To this end LCGB booking details will be given to IGE no later than 18 March. No flights etc should be booked until IGE declares the tour will run. A final invoice will be issued in due course

Brian Garvin