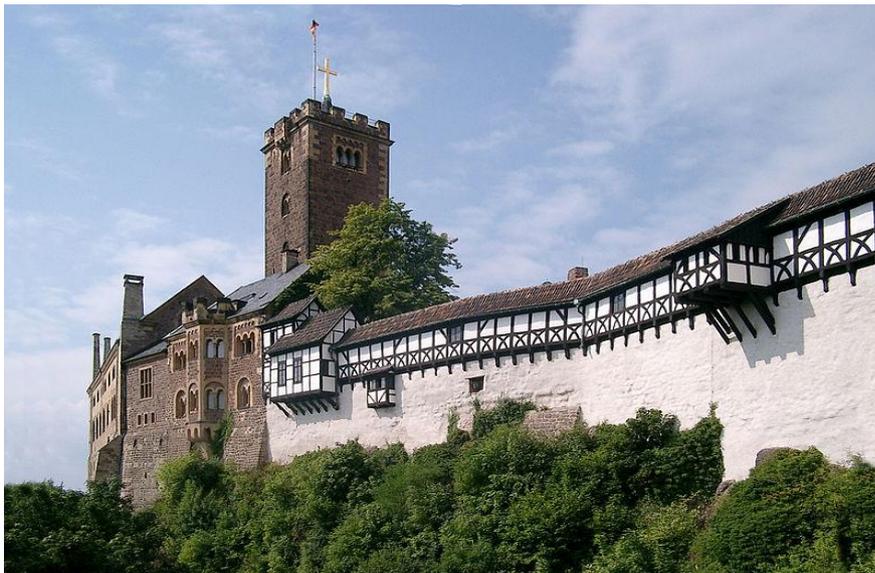


Excursion to Eisenach

Approximately 30 kilometres west of Tabarz you can find the small town Eisenach. It is the main urban centre of western Thuringia and bordering north-eastern Hessian regions, situated near the former border that separated East and West Germany. Eisenach is at the north-western edge of the **Thuringian Forest**, surrounded by four valleys. High up on the hill above Eisenach towers the town's most famous landmark, the historic **Wartburg castle**, which has been a **UNESCO** Heritage Site since 1999. The legendary founding of the Wartburg goes back to the year 1067. In 1521/22, Frederick the Wise hid **Martin Luther** at the castle to protect him from the Imperial ban. In that time, Luther translated the New Testament from Greek into German. That was an important step both for the German Reformation and the development of a consistent German standard language.



Wartburg Castle

The world-famous composer **Johann Sebastian Bach** was born in Eisenach. The **Bach House** pays tribute to his life and work. In the Instrument Room, visitors to the museum can hear a live musical presentation on original keyboard instruments typical of the era.

Additional sights of Eisenach are the **Luther's House**, St. George's Church, the Palace and the Town hall.

On Wednesday, **March 26**, the talks will end at noon. We plan to take a bus at **1.30 p.m.** to Eisenach. There we will follow a guided tour at the Wartburg castle. It will take around 1 hour and the language will be English. After that you have free time and can explore the sights of the city. At **6.30 p.m.** the bus will bring us back to Tabarz.

Please let us know along with your conference registration until the **deadline Monday, March 24, 6.00 p.m.**, whether you are going to participate.

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Walking Tour

A special attraction is the „**Großer Inselsberg**“, a 917m tall mountain located 6 km from Tabarz. It is the most striking (although not the highest) mountain in the Thuringian Forest. From its plateau, there is a panoramic view. The guest-house „Stöhr“ provides the opportunity for a break on the way. The walk will take approximately **4.5 hours**, including the visit at the guest-house.