Discover and experience 300 years of history in Lower Franconia

Museum Shop
To round off your museum visit stop by our Museum Shop in the entrance building. There you will find a great variety of souvenirs to take home for your loved ones and for yourself, including fruit brandies and beer produced in the museum and seasonal fruit and vegetables from our museum gardens. If you are looking for a more permanent memory of your visit, you are welcome to browse our large selection of books, try out our various toys or get a piece of pottery to take home.

Museum Restaurant "Zum Schwarzen Adler"
Take a break at the historical village inn next to the museum entrance, accessible also from outside the museum. While enjoying the traditional atmosphere in the art-nouveau-style dancing hall, the rustic dining rooms or the relaxing beer garden, you will be served typical Franconian food and drinks.

Farm Shop
The Farm Shop is the ideal place for local grocery shopping, catering for all tastes. Located just outside the museum it offers a unique selection of fresh local products from an association of farmers from the Rhön.

Accessibility
All the footpaths in the museum are mostly flat and wheelchair-accessible. Given the beautiful surrounding featuring historical buildings and animals grazing on the open meadows, the museum area itself is already a perfect place for recreation. Due to their historic nature, most of the buildings can only be accessed overcoming stairs or thresholds and space inside is limited. Individual buildings, however, such as the Cooper’s Workshop and the Community Brewery, are accessible by wheelchair. While we continue working on making the entire museum fully accessible to all visitors, tactile graphics and models for the visually impaired have already been installed in the Cooper’s Workshop.

Opening Times
Open daily from 9 am to 6 pm between 30 March and 3 November 2019. Last admission is at 5 pm.
Closed on Mondays in April and October.

Admission charges EUR
Adults .................................... 6.00
Concessions* ............................. 4.00
(children 6-18 years, students, disabled, visitor card holders (“Ostheimer Erlebnis-Gästekarte”), visitors entering after 4:30 pm)
Families .................................. 12.00
(parents with their own children of school age or grandparents with their own grandchildren of school age)
Discounted family day ticket ........... 10.00
(families upon presenting a same-day Museum Railway ticket)
Groups
(of 15 or more people) per person ....................................................... 5.00
Free admission for children under 6 years
Upon presenting a same-day Museum Railway ticket full price paying adults will be granted a discount of € 1.00.

*All discounted rates require proof of eligibility.

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Welcome to the Franconian Open-Air Museum Fladungen
From a historical schoolhouse to a cooper’s workshop, from a sheep farm to a community brewery – explore and visit more than 20 rural homes and buildings, mainly constructed in half-timbered style, resembling a typical Franconian village set in a beautiful landscape in the tri-border area of Bavaria, Hesse and Thuringia. Apart from a number of residential buildings with typically colourfully painted rooms and a large variety of non-residential buildings, which have all been preserved in their original form, our collection includes a wide range of furniture, farming tools and everyday objects that tell the story of a bygone era.

Move freely around our spacious family-friendly and dog-friendly museum area, shaped by farmland, pastures, orchard meadows and gardens, follow the little brooks, take a rest in our picnic area next to the pond or enjoy a break in the museum restaurant or cafeteria.

While taking a tour of the museum, keep an eye out for our traditional farm animals, which for the most part include old and endangered livestock breeds, grazing on the museum grounds.

In particular on weekends and during the summer holiday season, we offer a number of activities such as beer-brewing, bread-baking, open-air cinema presentations and historical school teaching. Take a look at our calendar for upcoming events.

Finally, don’t miss visiting the old railway station outside the museum and take a ride on the historical steam train chugging through the beautiful Rhön landscape on selected weekends.

Join our historical journey to the past!

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Fränkisches Freilandmuseum Fladungen
mit dem Rhön-Züge
Dating back to the 18th century, this farmstead consists of a experience on how hard a miller's job used to be. As one of four water-driven mills in Fladungen. Get a first-hand on the old railway station in Fladungen, a box made of stone slabs for storing food, dating from around 1900.

**Museum Buildings**

- **Grain Mill from Fladungen**: Being the only building in the museum that has been preserved in situ, the "Kollmühle", named after its owner, was built in 1802 as one of four water-driven mills in Fladungen. Get a first-hand experience on how hard a miller's job used to be.

- **Farmstead from Bahr**: Dating back to the 18th century, this farmstead consists of a residential building with a characteristic arcade-type balcony for drying fruit, herbs and laundries. The furniture from around 1800 is the oldest to be found in the entire museum. Don't miss taking a look at the adjacent drying house with fruit kiln, the pigsty and the barn, which today houses our museum's rabbits.

- **Apiary from Fladungen**: The bee house was originally built in the 1960s, using recycled parts such as windows, timber and boards from the changing rooms of Fladungen's old swimming pool from the 1950s. If you get closer, mind the bees, as the beehives are still used by a local beekeeper to produce his own honey.

- **Farmstead from Trappstadt**: This farmstead consisting of colourfully painted living quarters with stable and barn dates back to 1724. Inside the house you can see a rare example of what used to be the predecessor of modern fridges: a box made of stone slabs for storing food, dating from around 1900.

- **Dwellings and Administrative Building from Oberhofenstein**: Built in 1707, this house belonged to a noble family and was inhabited by the family's administrator, acting as a type of village manager. If you can spot the traditional family coat of arms, when facing the beautifully decorated stable in the house. The building's furniture reflects the life of the rural upper class, with the stone floor and the decorated walls and ceiling in the upper floor being modelled after those of rural castles. If you've got time, you may want to try out the historical children's games next to the building.

- **Farmstead from Milßfeld**: This large farm, consisting of a residential building from 1684 and stables for horses and cattle from different centuries that are built separately from the house, is a reflection of the owner's economic prosperity. Today it hosts the museum's distillery, which is still in operation every autumn to produce schnaps from fruit exclusively grown on the museum grounds.

- **Dwelling and Administrative Building from Oberhofenstein**: Dating from the late 19th century, this building was disassembled stone by stone and relocated to the museum, where it is still used to hold religious ceremonies every now and then.

- **Farmstead from Rügheim**: Dating from the late 19th century, the main building is a testimony to the cramped conditions under which people used to live after the end of the Second World War. An exhibition shows the life of four families with a total of fifteen people sharing the house, including local inhabitants and ex-patriates from Silesia.

- **Sheep Farm from Hausen/Bad Kissingen**: Built in 1672 and later on purchased by a sheep owners' association, the sheep farm used to be a part of a monastery, as you can tell from parts of the monastery walls visible in the sheep barn. The sheep's flat still shows the original furniture of the last shepherd, who lived here until 1970. Maybe you will also find an original shepherd's carvan hidden somewhere on the museum grounds.

- **Oil Mill from Westhal**: The water-driven oil mill from 1833 is an outstanding example of pre-industrial technology. Oil was produced from various seeds, such as rapeseed, hempseeds and hempseeds. If you're lucky, you can still see the mill running once a year in summer.

- **Farmstead from Waldburg**: Dating from the second half of the 19th century, this building was home to a cooperative's workshop between 1920 and the 1930s. It is still fully equipped with the tools necessary for producing and repairing mainly barrels, but also other everyday objects made of wood. Watch the video and use the hands-on stations to get an idea of how bars are made. Thanks to universal design the coop's workshop is fully accessible to people with disabilities.

- **Community Brewhouse from Asleben**: Dating from 1836 as a community brewery, the historical brewing equipment has been preserved and is still used by the museum staff once a year in spring to produce a traditional local beer available in the Museum Shop. Make sure next time you're here right in time to watch the brewing process.

- **Cooper's Workshop from Sulzthal**: Dating from 1806, this one-room village school was attended by up to 70 pupils of various ages, who were all taught together. In a second room the museum has set up an old-time print workshop, the results of which you can see exhibited. Why don't you come and join us here! We will show you how to receive a little surprise gift. On weekends and on special event days you may also participate in old-style events, such as cooking according to old recipes using fresh ingredients from the museum gardens, historical laundry washing and various handicraft activities.

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- **Farmstead from Oberbernhards with Community Bake House**: Next to the two main buildings from 1687 there is a little bake house from 1953, to be used by all the villagers for a small fee. Every four weeks the community oven was fired - a monthly tradition we have continued since 1953. On the weekends you can take a rest and enjoy local snacks and drinks in the historically furnished cafeteria in the former servants' house.

- **Day Labourer’s House from Heinrichsthal**: When you enter this relatively small building dating from 1850, take a close look at the floor and you will notice the rather short boards.