First Compostela Group of Universities Students Workshop

The Way of Saint James: European Identity and Global Appeal

31 July – 5 August 2017
The tomb of James the apostle in Santiago de Compostela has attracted pilgrims from across Europe for a thousand years. In the last few decades, its attraction and appeal has grown still further, the pilgrimage to Galicia becoming a world-wide phenomenon.

This renaissance of the Camino de Santiago and the status as the first European Cultural Route underline the importance for Europe's shared cultural identity. Indeed, few historical events, places or proceedings have affected the continent so intensely as the pilgrimage of St. James. The pilgrimage symbolizes a project which seeks to transcend the barriers between peoples, cultures and languages peacefully.

The original idea and identity of St. James's Way - an expression of the shared faith of Christianity - has been lost over the centuries. Nevertheless, St. James's Way has survived the great upheavals that have taken place throughout its history. Today, the idea of peacefully treading a path alongside other people offers a completely different spirituality and way to search for meaning. This has contributed to a new identity, an identity of dynamic plurality and diversity of culture. Exactly this underlies the European idea, which in the times of globalization is becoming increasingly important in the world.

It is no accident that the first student meeting of the Compostela Group of Universities will take place in Regensburg. The city is itself a World Heritage Site and lies near the border which separated East and West for so long.

The students will join experts at Universität Regensburg for the first three days, from July 31 to August 2, and reflect on the history of St. James's Way and the importance of the pilgrimage to Santiago for art, literature, religion and European identity. After this, from August 3 to 5, the participants will explore the border between Germany and the Czech Republic, hiking and meeting enthusiasts from both countries, finding out about the Camino de Santiago from Prague and from Pilsen both in the Middle Ages and today.

Sunday, July 30
Arrival of participants; Welcome dinner in the evening

Monday, July 31
08.45 h  Pick up from Hotel
09.30 h  Opening / Apertura (H25 Vielberth-Gebäude)
10.00 h  *El camino de Santiago: Historia y significado*
          **Francisco Singul** (Xacobeo, Santiago)
11.30 h  Break
11.45 h  *Los documentos de la fundación y veneración de Santiago y la peregrinación a Santiago de Compostela*
          **Adeline Rucquoi** (Centre de Recherches Historiques, Paris)
13.15 h  Welcome by **Prof. Dr. Udo Hebel**, President of the University of Regensburg;
          Lunch break
15.00 h  *Round Table / Mesa redonda: Espiritualidad y corporalidad en el camino de Santiago*
          (**Singul, Rucquoi**)
18.30 h  Regensburg y España: Una visita guiada por el centro histórico de Regensburg
          **Hubert Pöppel** (Universität Regensburg)
**PROGRAMME**

**Tuesday, August 1**

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Part 2: Crossing Borders on the Way of St. James between Bohemia and Bavaria;
Tour guide: Pedro Álvarez Olañeta

Thursday, August 3: Day one: Böhmerwald / Bohemian Forest (Czech Republic)
Guide: Veronika Hofinger

-Transfer from Hohen Bogen to Staňkov (visit to St. James Church)
-Transfer to Chudéňice und visit to Bolfánek chapel
-Hike to Lázeň Palace
-Transfer to Koráb (lunch at Koráb cabin)
-Hike to Kdyně
-Transfer to Všeruby and visit to St. Anna pilgrimage church on Tanaberk
-Transfer to Poběžovice and visit to the castle and the Jewish cemetery
-Transfer to Hohen Bogen
-Overnight stay in Hohen Bogen
Friday, August 4: Day Two: Bayerischer Wald / Bavarian Forest (Germany)

Guide: Josef Altmann

- Transfer to Všeruby
- Hike to Eschlkam crossing the border
- Lunch in beer garden „Zur Post“
- Transfer to Leminger Höhe and hike along the „Art Trail“
- Transfer to Neukirchen beim Heiligen Blut
- Visit to the Franciscan monastery
- Transfer to Hohen Bogen
- Barbecue and overnight stay in Hohen Bogen
Saturday, August 5: Day three: Along the Danube to Regensburg

Guide: Renate Möllmann

- Transfer to Frengkofen
- Visit to the St. Bartholomäus Church
- Hike to Bach an der Donau along the Danube
- Visit to the bavarian wine museum
- Lunch at Bach an der Donau
- Transfer to Donaustauf and Hike to Walhalla memorial
- Hike to Salvator Church
- Boat trip on the Danube from Donaustauf to Regensburg
- Break in St. Katharinen Spital beer garden
- Visit to Schottenkirche (St. James church) and welcome by Domvikar Andreas Albert
- Farewell dinner at restaurant Tapas

Sunday, August 6: Departure
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