



IPA AIR CREW to FLYIN in Trier Trier-Föhren Airport

The IPA AIR CREW was a guest in Trier for this year's Fly In from June 20 to 23, 2024. It was the 29th Fly In since 1992. They met at the Trier Föhren airfield (EDTR).

ARRIVAL

While 4 planes used the air to arrive, due to the bad weather some came by car, while others, especially our Swiss friends, "sank" in the water and could not travel.



ORGANISATION

This year's FLYIN was organized by Michel Conrad from IPA Luxembourg, Roland Lutz, IPA Aalen and Hermann Mayer IPA Heilbronn. We were supported by the flying friends of the Trier

Flying Club e.V..

Unfortunately, no contact was made with the IPA Trier, so the organizers had to find their own way. We managed this brilliantly.

After getting rid of the dehydration, exchanging things that needed to be told and news, we moved to the adjacent airport restaurant.

Early in the evening, around 8 p.m., we took the vintage bus chartered by the “Winery von Nell” to the B & B Hotel, checked in and enjoyed the evening in the city of Trier.



Day 2 – Visit to Spangdahlem Air Base – “Home of the Sabers”

The second day was the first highlight, a visit to the Spangdahlem military airfield. And what we couldn't have expected was that it turned out to be a fantastic event.

We were picked up from the hotel at 8:30 a.m. in a vintage bus.

Before the visit, we had to undergo the necessary checks, but everyone accepted this as a matter of course, because we all wanted to take part in the tour.



We were looked after on the airfield by the visitors' office and the site security staff in a very friendly manner.

Thanks everyone for that!!!

After visiting the airfield and the aircraft on display, we were invited to a special event.

Ceremony on the flight and apron

The base commander was given a fitting send-off due to his transfer. He flew a few demonstrations himself with a few pilots. After landing, he was met, as he certainly knew, after getting out, detained and "poured" with all kinds of liquids. A lot of fun, as you can see.



A tour of the security forces' training rooms and equipment followed.





Security Forces

Training Center





Group photo of the participants – on the far right, the head of the visitor center

Evening Event

We were able to find a good partner in the “G. F. von Nell” winery during the preparation phase. So it wasn’t difficult for us to spend the evening at this winery.

After everyone had recovered from the eventful and exhausting visit to the Spangdahlem Air Base, the owner of the winery personally drove us from the hotel to his winery, which is located in the middle of his vineyards.



First, he explained the philosophy of his winery, the cellar work and the family history.



The landowner explained in detail the conversion of the “Thiergarten” vineyards into cross-terraced vineyards, with the effects on cultivation, ecology and the resulting advantages. More information on the winery’s homepage.



The tour was followed by a wine tasting and dinner in the guest rooms.

Wine - fun

- ◆ Tasting of 6 wines
- ◆ Trierer Schwenkbraten with potato casserole according to an old family recipe and salad
- ◆ Mineral water and delicious bread during the wine tasting
- ◆ Tour of the wine cellar



Mr. von Nell explained to us the winemaking process, the care and cultivation of the vineyards and the result of this work,

The wine.

This meant that we were not only able to taste the wines, but also understand the different types of wine.





3. FLYIN – Day

The third day was entirely dedicated to the historical background of Trier.



In the morning we were guided through Trier, which also includes Roman history, by a history professor. To describe the knowledge gained here would be beyond the scope of this article.

But read for yourself [„Trier und die Römer“](#)



Above is probably Trier's most famous landmark, the "Porta Nigra"

In a big city of this decade, there were of course monasteries, cathedrals, public baths and places of entertainment and recreation.



In the afternoon there was a 2-hour cruise along the Moselle.



We spent the evening in the city of Trier, in the restaurant “Zur Glocke”. Here we ended the day.



Every event has a conclusion, which we began on the 4th day, Sunday, June 23rd, with a final meeting at Trier-Föhren airfield.

Everyone returned home safely, whether by plane or car.

Even before this year's FLYIN, Walter Frei agreed to organize FLYIN 2025 in Donaueschingen, at the airfield of the same name, also known as Donau Airport, with the ICAO code EDTD.

FLYIN 2025
At the Airport
Donaueschingen EDTD
DONAU AIRPORT

In the period from
Thursday, June 19th to Sunday, June 22nd, 2025
More information until early 2025 on the
IPA AIR CREW

