



Setra, Mercedes, Saurer and more – engine-powered cultural assets on the road in the Kurpfalz region

The 6th European Historic Bus Convention at the Technik Museen Sinsheim Speyer



From Friday 21 to Sunday 23 April 2023, these still sprightly means of transport will be strutting their stuff on the grounds of the Sinsheim Speyer Technik Museums. Source: TMSNHSP



In front of a spectacular backdrop, museum visitors can experience countless historic buses up-close. Source: TMSNHSP

Sinsheim/Speyer. They are big, laid-back and stand out thanks to their colourful paintwork – the veteran buses are back on tour. Surrounded by historic witnesses to engineering progress, these still sprightly means of transport will be strutting their stuff on the grounds of the Technik Museen Sinsheim Speyer from Friday 21 to Sunday 23 April 2023. For the sixth time, the museum makers, in cooperation with Dr. Konrad Auwärter and Reiner Mörch, invite all classic bus enthusiasts from all over Europe to the European Historic Bus Convention in the Kurpfalz region. Museum visitors at both locations can enjoy a leisurely ride, casual chats and unique photo opportunities.

In addition to their own events, the Technik Museums are famous for allowing their outdoor areas to be used by clubs, associations and similar groups – including the International Historic Bus Enthusiasts Group led by Dr Konrad Auwärter. The group regards historic commercial vehicles as cultural assets that need to be maintained and preserved. Initially, the colourful passenger vehicles met at the museums every three years. They drove from the Netherlands, Switzerland and Sweden. In 2020 and 2021, the meetings fell victim to the pandemic. Now the organisers want to start again and are in the middle of preparations for what is now the 6th European Historic Bus Convention. “The last few years have affected us all. It was almost impossible to plan more than three months ahead. Finding a suitable time for the event was simply not feasible,” recalled co-organiser Reiner Mörch. In 2022, the organisers of the renowned “International Classic Bus Convention”, held by the city of Bad Mergentheim, were first off the blocks. The dates of both meetings followed one another too closely. This year, everything is returning to normal. Registration and information documents have been sent and arrangements are happening at full speed. “Of course, vintage bus owners who are new to us can register until 17 March,” adds Mr Mörch. Numerous participants are expected from all over Germany and neighbouring countries, particularly from the Benelux countries, France and Austria.

The first participants should arrive at the Sinsheim Technik Museum during the afternoon of Friday 21 April. Against a spectacular backdrop, museum visitors can experience countless historic buses up-close, photograph these rare specimens and have a chat with the vintage vehicles' owners. On Saturday 22 April, the classic vehicles will start leaving at 8:30 am and head to the Speyer Technik Museum. The first participant is expected to arrive in the cathedral city between 9:30 am and 10 am. And you may be able to ride along. No registration is required and no registration fee needs to be paid – interested parties should chat with the owner, agree on a departure time, make a small donation and then enjoy the ride. Visitors can enjoy the colourful XXL treasures in the spacious museum grounds until 3 pm. Then they return to Sinsheim, taking returning passengers if required. After an informal get-together for the participants in the evening, the vintage buses will start their individual journeys home on Sunday 23 April. You can find all information about the 6th European Historic Bus Convention at www.technik-museum.de/omnibus.

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About the Technik Museen Sinsheim Speyer – from underwater into space

Supported by the non-profit club Auto + Technik Museum e. V. and based on the motto “for fans from fans”, the Technik Museen Sinsheim Speyer have about 3,500 members worldwide. The financing is exclusively based on admission fees, donations as well as membership fees of club members. All surpluses are used for the museum's maintenance and expansion. On an area of more than 200,000 sqm, the Technik Museen Sinsheim Speyer present more than 6,000 exhibits from all fields of technological history in a worldwide unique variety. The exhibits range from submarines to vintage cars, from the Concorde to the Space Shuttle BURAN. Besides the permanent exhibition and the changing special exhibitions, there are numerous vehicle and club meetings as well as events. Open 365 days a year, the museums attract over one million visitors a year. Our two IMAX large-format cinemas are a true highlight.

While the IMAX 3D cinema in Sinsheim – “the cinema with the highest resolution in the world” – shows exclusive documentations and the latest Hollywood blockbusters, films are projected onto a giant dome in the IMAX DOME cinema in Speyer.

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