



Bremen, September 2022

## IPA Kohlfahrt

Dear IPA members, partners and friends!

We are happy to announce that we have organized a Kohlfahrt again. We would like to invite you to join us at this fantastic event. This gives us the opportunity to finally meet again.

You have the unique opportunity to get to know police officers and retirees with their partners. They are very communicative people, members from all parts of Germany, young and old, who spare no expense or effort to keep this beautiful North German tradition alive with us.

The Kohlfahrt gets recognised beyond Germany, too and we are happy to welcome more international guests from year to year. Therefore this event is a great opportunity to get in touch with colleagues from different countries (Austria, Switzerland, England, Denmark and hopefully many more).

The date of the IPA Kohlfahrt 2023 weekend will be: **10<sup>th</sup> March 2023 to 12<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

Some of you might not be familiar with the term "Kohlfahrt". Kohlfahrt is a culinary highlight in the winter. In medieval times the "Kohlfahrt" started and has become a tradition - an event of sociability. It is tradition to have an outside walk on which you have the chance to take some alcoholic shots. Each participant has an eggcup or a shot glass tied to a cord and hung around his/her neck. After the walk we take buses to a venue place. The traditional meal is Kohl (cabbage/kale) with side dishes, such as pinkel (Bremer specialty made from meat, grits and bacon), smoked pork and ham sausage. Everyone can eat and drink as much as they like. Alternative meals are offered, too. After the meal the party starts and with music.

On Friday evening we offer a traditional "Matjesessen" (fish/hering meal) accompanied by a Shanty Choir. There are different Matjes (pickled herring) variations of the highest quality. Alternative meals can be ordered, but require a previous registration.

For accommodation, we recommend two hotels in the town center, each with special IPA rates. Double room: 99 – 110 Euro per night per room, single room from 80 – 90 Euro per night per room.

### **Note:**

Photos will be taken during the event. By registering, you expressly agree that photos (which might show you) may be taken and published. Your name will also be forwarded to the event partners.

Due to the ongoing Corona pandemic, we are obliged to take the legal requirements into account accordingly. Due to the ongoing pandemic, we may be forced to implement appropriate legal regulations. The distance and hygiene regulations stipulated by law at the time the event is held apply to all our events. If there are signs of a tightening of the Covid regulations by the weekend of the event, we must implement them in accordance with the statutory provisions.

Events may also be cancelled at short notice due to the pandemic.

Proof of a Covid vaccination or proof of recovery is no longer required by law at the moment. Please note that legal requirements may change at any time. Please keep yourself updated.

If the legal requirements applicable on the weekend of the event are not met, access to the events may not be granted.

Please note that masks are currently compulsory on public transportation (such as bus, tram or train). Otherwise there is no obligation to wear a mask. These rules are subject to change. Please keep yourself updated.

## **Preliminary schedule:**

### **Friday, 10. March 2023 (“Matjesessen”)**

Venue: Bremer Ratskeller, Am Markt, 28195 Bremen

Start: 19:00 (admission from 18:30 onwards)

Matjesessen, Shanty-choir, convivial evening, costs 43,- Euro per person, drinks are not included and have to be paid extra.

There will also be the option of two alternative dinner choices (turkey steak, french fries, homemade herb butter and tossed salad, or a sweet potato burger with grilled veggies and Dijon mustard coconut dip). End of the event approximately 22:30 – 23:00 o'clock.

### **Saturday, 11. March 2023 (Kohlfahrt)**

Morning: 11.00, meet in front of the Roland statue near the city hall / at the market for a free city tour, guided by Fausta, Manfred and Thorsten (no further registration required), free of charge, just show up.

Afternoon: 14:30, meeting point is the “Erste Schlachtpforte/Martinianleger” near our hotels on the river bank, we will walk towards Bremens’s Überseestadt.

17:30, arrival at our meeting point in Bremen’s Überseestadt, where buses are awaiting us. Transportation to our Saturday evening venue place the “Grasberger Hof” in Grasberg

End and departure from the venue place about midnight (00:15). Busses will start near venue place and will stop in front of our hotels in the “Wachtstraße” and near the train station in Bremen.

Cost 80,- € per person, including food, all drinks on the way and during the event are included, also including bus transportation.

### **Sunday, 12. March 2023, independent departure (after breakfast)**

For more information or registration forms, please contact: [kohlfahrt-ipa-bremen@web.de](mailto:kohlfahrt-ipa-bremen@web.de)

Best regards; Servo per amikeco

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