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Roman Ship "Victoria" Visits Waltrop – Big Ship Lift Festival with Colourful Programme

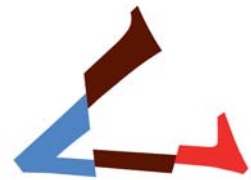
Waltrop, 5th September 2008

The commands "Cast off" and "To the oars" will be heard on Saturday and Sunday, 6th and 7th September at Waltrop (Kreis Recklinghausen). On her tour through Germany the ship "Victoria", part of the exhibition project "IMPERIUM CONFLICT MYTH. 2000 Years Varus Battle" will be making a stop at the Ship Lift in Waltrop, the LWL-Industriemuseum Schiffshebewerk Henrichenburg. From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on both days visitors can experience something of Roman history at first hand and try their hands at the oars of the 16 metre long and almost three metre broad wooden ship "Victoria". On land, too, there is "History you can touch": legionaries of the I. Roman Cohort Opladen are showing the equipment and the everyday lives of Roman troops. Exciting views of the interior of the well known Hermann Monument near Detmold can be seen in the world's biggest walk-in cubic panorama. Visitors will find answers to their questions concerning the building and functioning of the "Victoria" in the information tent of the exhibition project "IMPERIUM CONFLICT MYTH. 2000 Years Varus Battle". As an additional attraction on Saturday the historic police and fireboat "Cerberus" (built 1930) and the passenger ship "Henrichenburg" will be operating on the canal above and below the ship lift. The museum is open on Saturday, 6th September, from 10 a.m. to p.m. Normal admission charges have to be paid on this day.

On Sunday, 7th September there is the traditional Hebewerkfest, the Ship Lift Festival, around this industrial monument on the Dortmund-Ems Canal from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. – with a full programme for all the family. Apart from the Roman ship (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) the historic diesel launch "Herbert" (built 1923), a fireboat of the Datteln Fire Service, the passenger ship "Henrichenburg" and the steamer "Cerberus" will be going on trips from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The band "Käpt'n Knebels Knochen Kombo Krew" will be putting visitors in the right mood with their music on the stage by the canal above the ship lift. On the canal below the lift the singers of the MGV Sangeslust from Datteln will be entertaining visitors with a medley of hit and canal songs. An accordionist, too, will be entertaining visitors. The clown Topolino will be amusing young and old.

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The museums-for-school programme will be offering painting, handicraft and play activities concerned with “water” and “shipping”; apart from that visitors can try their hands at tying sailor’s knots and splicing ropes. Children can expect thrilling activities in “a no-go area for parents” organised by the museum for schools programme. By the canal above the ship lift kids can ride on an old time railway train and a roundabout. Waltrop’s playmobile is also offering numerous activities.

A craft fair is being held for the fifth time. On the canal bank above and along the ship lift about 40 craftsmen and women of very different directions will be showing their skills and products. What they are offering ranges from ceramics, jewellery and wood sculptures to pottery. Amongst others the publishers “Vonne Ruhr.de”, the DGRS, the German Society for Saving the Shipwrecked”, the Tall Ship Friends and the Waltrop Stamp Club will be there with information stands. Several stands will be taking care of the visitor’s bodily needs.

Photographs on the barge “Ostara” (built 1926) will be showing the ship lift and the canal as the resting and breeding place for native birds. Guided tours will initiate visitors into the secrets of the ship lift and its ships.

On Sunday, 7th September, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., admission is free of charge, just as is taking part in guided tours and programmes. A charge is made, however, for trips on the boats.

The “Victoria” is part of the extensive exhibition project “IMPERIUM CONFLICT MYTH. 2000 Years Varus Battle”, which will focus public attention once again on the Varus Battle of 9 AD, also known as the “Battle in the Teutoburg Forest”, From May to October 2009 first-class exhibitions at three original locations, Haltern am See (IMPERIUM), Kalkriese (CONFLICT) and Detmold (MYTH) will spot-light different facets of the historic event with world-class exhibits. The exhibition project is supported by trans-regional co-operation between the Landschaftsverband Westfalen-Lippe (LWL), the Varusschlacht im Osnabrücker Land GmbH – Museum und Park Kalkriese – and the Landschaftsverband Lippe and the Kreis Lippe.

Further information on the “Victoria” and photographs are available for downloading under www.imperium-konflikt-mythos.de



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