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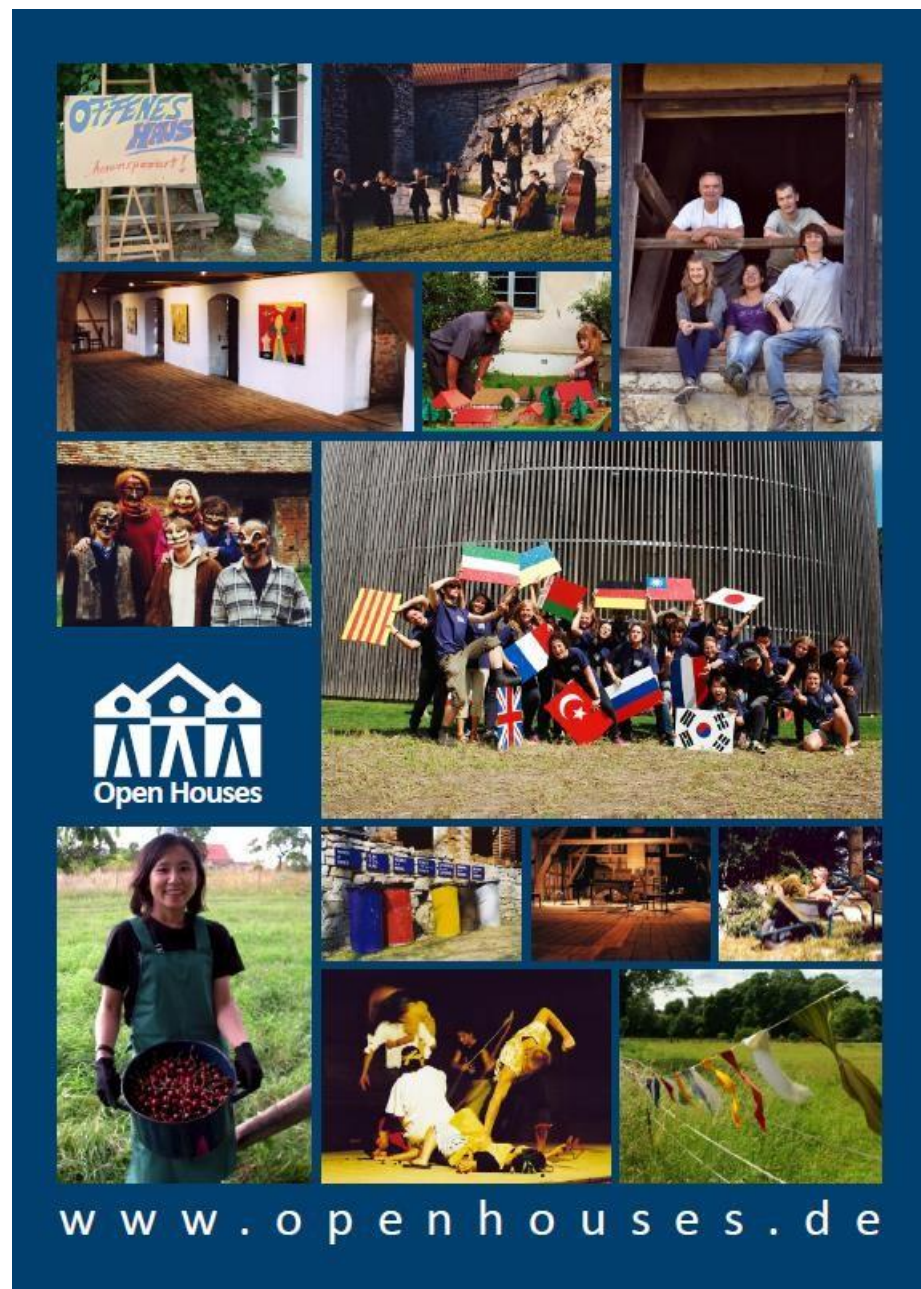
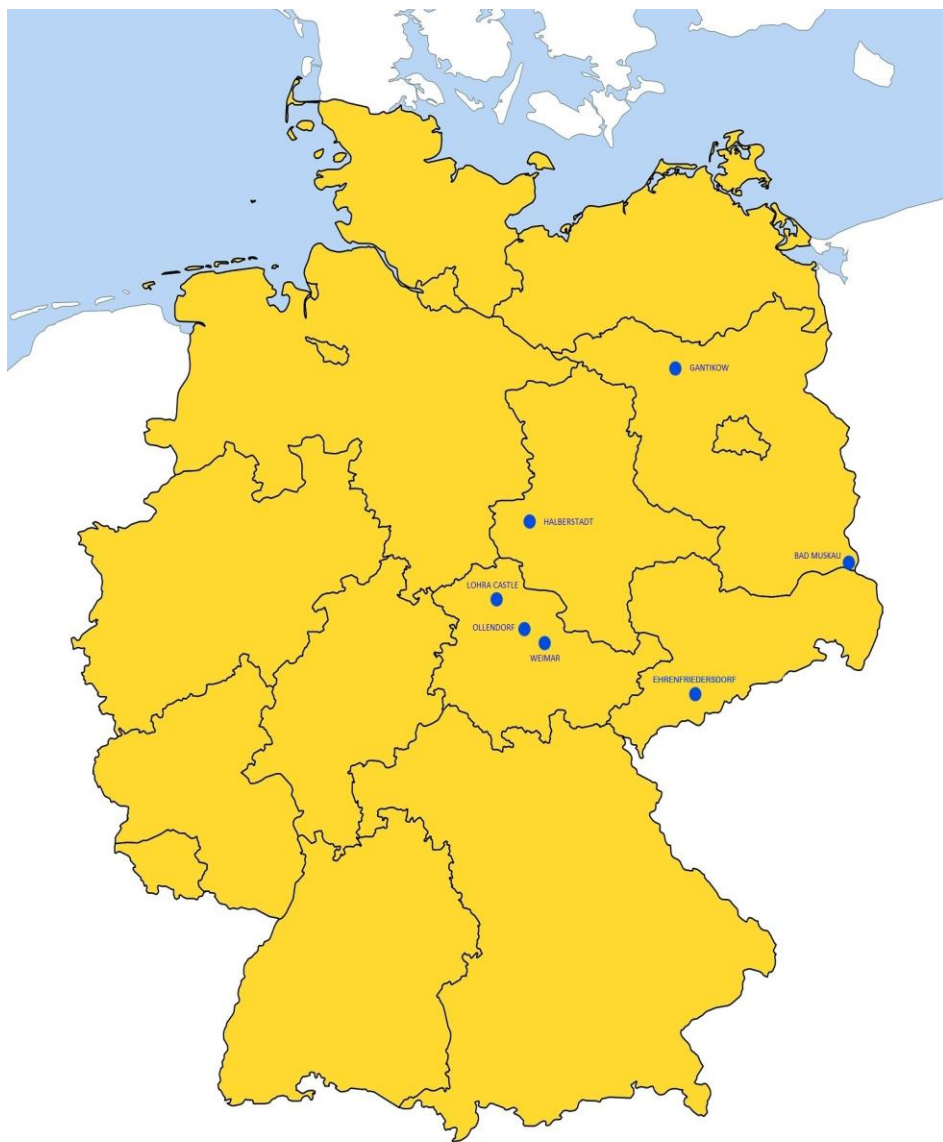
Mid Term Volunteering



■ **General Co-operation**

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Open Houses & European Heritage Volunteers Projects in Germany 2022



Workcamps

Lohra Castle



RENO/ENVI	06.06. – 18.06.2022	OH-W01
CONS/ENVI	19.06. – 02.07.2022	OH-W02
CONS/ENVI	03.07. – 16.07.2022	OH-W03
CONS/ENVI	17.07. – 30.07.2022	OH-W04
ENVI/RENO	31.07. – 13.08.2022	OH-W05
ENVI/RENO	14.08. – 27.08.2022	OH-W06
ENVI/RENO	28.08. – 10.09.2022	OH-W07
ENVI/RENO	11.09. – 24.09.2022	OH-W08
ENVI/RENO	25.09. – 08.10.2022	OH-W09
ENVI/RENO	09.10. – 21.10.2022	OH-W10

Lohra Castle is situated in the heart of Germany in Northern Thuringia. The castle, which is surrounded by a scenic hilly landscape, is located on the edge of a nature reserve area. Being one of the largest castles in Thuringia, the history of the castle Lohra begins in the Middle Age. The castle is more than 1,000 years old. Today, it includes twenty buildings from different times: medieval fortifications, remnants of a tower from the 11th century, a Romanesque chapel, a manor house from the Renaissance period as well as stables and granaries from the 19th and the early 20th centuries. The ensemble is

situated in the centre of a beautiful forest. For years Lohra Castle was vacant. In the 1990s Open Houses started to restore the castle and to revive it by cultural activities. Since that time, a large number of Workcamps, Building Weeks, exhibitions, concerts and other activities with international participants took place in the castle.



Project Description

The projects of Open Houses are based on sustainable principles. Therefore, the activities at Lohra Castle combine aspects of cultural heritage preservation and aspects of natural heritage preservation. The participants of the Workcamps carry out works **in the green areas and the forests** around the castle, **restoration work** and **collaboration in renovation works**.

The castle is surrounded by a vast green area and the volunteers will **help in the maintenance of it**. Near the youth accommodation houses that are part of the Lohra Castle complex there is a camping site which can be used by youth groups, for this reason the area should be made accessible from overgrown grass. The tasks will be **mowing and collecting the grass**. Additionally, the participants of the project will support the work on renovations on the Castle grounds.

ACCOMMODATION:

shared rooms with 2 – 5 beds in 3 guest houses, warm shower (limited hot water), 1 camp kitchen (cold water), coal-burning stoves

LOCATION:

Next towns: **Bleicherode** (6 km), **Nordhausen** (20 km), **Erfurt** (75 km) Region: **Thuringia**

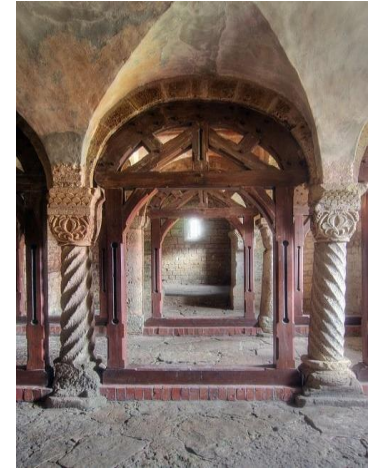
TERMINAL:

Next bus station: **Großlohra, Friedrichslohra/Wartehalle**

Next railway stations: **Gebra/Hainleite** (5 km),

Wolkramshausen (12 km). Next airports: **Leipzig/Halle** (LEJ, 155 km), **Frankfurt/Main** (FRA, 280 km), **Berlin** (BER, 300 km)

AGE: at least 18



The hilly massive around Lohra Castle is listed as National Nature Reserve. Open Houses supports the Reserve since several years with volunteering activities. In a forest near the Castle the participants will **remove trees and bushes** which are not corresponding with the protection aims in order to clean the paths and make them enjoyable again. They will also will collect the wood remaining after maintenance works, **load it on a truck**, unload it at the

castle and **split and stack** it for wintertime or for the fireplace. Besides that, the volunteers will **continue the maintenance of the green area** at the castle.

Because around the outer walls of the castle trees had been grown up during the last two decades, actually the castle is partly not seen from the valley. So, besides taking **care of green areas** the volunteers will help to **cut the trees around the walls** in order to expose the view to the castle and will transport the wood to the storage place as well as splitting and stacking the wood. Besides that the

volunteers will take care of the nearby natural protected area, a huge meadow with old scattered fruit trees, which was for a long time out of maintenance. The participants will **collect stones and branches** covered under the grass to enable to **mow and collect the grass** and afterwards **level the ground**. Additionally, there will be involvement in some **small renovation works**.