



PAFRA

Pilots and Friends of Rochester Airport

“Exploring the wonder of The Kiel Canal”

Tuesday – Friday

(with an option for Saturday)

14th - 17th July 2020

As in the past, I am organising another PAFRA Summer tour. Due to popular request, I have chosen **the second week of July**. This year, we are

“Exploring the wonder of The Kiel Canal.”

As before, the trip is arranged so pilots/planes can **join us for either one, two, three or four days**. Likewise, although an outline programme is proposed, **everyone is entirely free to use their time as they wish**.

As in the past, this trip is not restricted to pilots/planes from Rochester/Lydd but is **open to all**.



Our Base: Kiel

Not the most beautiful city in Germany, (“Don’t mention the war . . .”), but this capital of the state of *Schleswig-Holstein* commands an impressive strategic position at the Baltic Sea end of the Kiel Canal with seafaring dominating its life. It has much of interest to offer (see below).

This will be our venue for the first two nights,

Tuesday & Wednesday (2½ days) allowing us plenty of time to relax and explore.

It is from here that we can fly on Thursday to visit **Rendsburg-Schachtholm**; and then on to **Wilhelmshaven** for Thursday night (see below). As in the past, pilots/planes are free to do their own ‘thing’ and/or ‘day trips away’ if they wish.



Kiel-Holtenau Airfield (Port of Kiel) [EDHK]

Under threat with closure by local politicians (*Have you heard that somewhere before?*): So let us enjoy it whilst we can. This beautifully situated field has a 1,260 metre hard runway with ILS and NDB Approaches.

The Airfield is about a 2¾ hour direct flight from Rochester/Lydd (and with 48 hours PPR notice, it is possible to clear Customs there); but most pilots, as on our previous trips, might prefer to enjoy a stop on the way; to change P1, and/or enjoy a leisurely lunch together (see below).

Possible Timetable and Itinerary

TUESDAY 14 JULY

9.30(L): Leave Rochester/Lydd: 50 mins to **Middelburgh/Midden-Zeeland [EHMZ]**.

This field has a beautiful 1000 metre grass runway. It is possible to clear Immigration here with 1 hr PPN by email info@vliegveldzeeland.nl).

12.00 (Continental time): Enjoy lunch at the Airport restaurant *Restaurant Midenzeeland* (www.restaurantmiddenzeeland.nl/).

MID-AFTERNOON: Fly 2 hrs to Kiel.

WEDNESDAY 15 JULY

A leisurely day exploring **Kiel city**; and/or cross by ferry to visit the **U-Boot U 995 Museum**.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/German_submarine_U-995 Here we can see, also, the massive *Laboe Naval Memorial*.

THURSDAY 16 JULY

Mid-morning:

Fly 30 mins to **Rendsburg-Schacht-holm [EDXR]**



This picturesque field, right on the Kiel Canal, has a 950 metre hard runway, (and a 600 metre

grass). Here there is the attractive

Restaurant Himmelsstürmer

[\[www.edxr.info/restaurant.html\]](http://www.edxr.info/restaurant.html).

From the terrace, or restaurant, there are wonderful views of the Airfield, as well as the Kiel Canal.

Here we can have an enjoyable lunch together before flying 45 mins to **Wilhelmshaven [EDWI]** where we can stay Thursday night.

FRIDAY 17 JULY

We can return back to Rochester/Lydd either direct from **Wilhelmshaven** (3 hrs); or via our outward route to **Middelburgh/Midden-Zeeland [EHMZ]** (2 hrs) to clear immigration; or even via **Texel [EHTX]**: Another pleasant grass field (but it requires 12 hours notice for 'Border Control' for flights to/from non-Schengen states).

All these details (and more) are on their friendly web site: www.texelairport.nl/.

(SATURDAY 18 JULY: Alternate day for weather)

Suggested Accommodation

N.B.: PILOTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR BOOKING THEIR OWN ACCOMMODATION

Kiel — Tuesday/Wednesday 14/15 July:

Hotel Berlinerhof

Ringstrasse 6

Phone: 0431-66 34-0

Email: info@berlinerhof-kiel.de

(Conveniently on the airport side of Kiel and surrounded by many restaurants & other hotels)

Wilhelmshaven — Thursday 16 July:

City Hotel Valois GmbH

Valoisstrasse 1

26382 Wilhelmshaven

Phone: +49 4421 4850

E-mail: info@city-hotel-valois.de

(Quite close to the airport + it has its own Restaurant)

Both these hotels, and others, are available via www.booking.com and www.hotels.com

I recommend using such sites since they allow late cancellation without penalty. Do, though, compare prices.

If anyone needs any advice or assistance regarding Flight planning; Customs; Airfield Plates etc., please just let me know.

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Please email me if you are interested in joining us: either as a pilot or a passenger.

For those who don't have a plane available, I might be able to put you in contact with another pilot who is going who has spare seats.

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