

## **3rd International BMW "i8 autoregion" - Tour**

**16 - 19 June 2022**

**Saarland - France - Rhineland-Palatinate**

The "International BMW i8 autoregion - Ausfahrt" combines the love and enthusiasm for our i8 Coupés and i8 Roadsters with scenic routes and varied routes on mountain, forest and back roads in the heart of Europe. The "i8 autoregion" has become more than a short drive through the border triangle of Germany, Luxembourg and France. It is the enjoyment of fine cuisine, romantic places and pure driving of our i8 darlings with unforgettable moments and lots of communication with each other.

The name giver for our rides is autoregion e.V., the representation of the entrepreneurial interests of the vehicle industry in the region Grand-Est (France) + Luxembourg + Rhineland-Palatinate with the center in Saarland. Two of the founding fathers of the i8 club and autoregion Johannes Lapré and Armin Gehl have already organized the i8 rides in 2015 in the Palatinate with the central location Deidesheim (Ketschauer Hof) and 2017 in Saarland (Schloss Berg) with Luxembourg and Trier. Now Johannes and Armin invite to the "3rd International BMW i8 autoregion drive" in Saarland to St. Wendel.

Highlights: Maginot line, Bitsch citadel, Musée Lalique, Europe's largest red sandstone caves, Schaumberg tower, Gerhard Richter window in Tholey Abbey, German Gemstone Museum Idar-Oberstein, diamond cutting, ...

Arrival: On Thursday, June 16, 2022 (Corpus Christi) our i8 teams will arrive in the idyllic baroque town of St. Wendel, where a champagne reception will be prepared from 17:00 - 19:00. Afterwards, there will be a briefing for the drivers for the next day's drive, before dinner together at Angel's Hotel.

### Friday, June 17:

We will drive from St. Wendel via Ottweiler to Blieskastel via the German Baroque Road. Afterwards the way leads us through the biosphere reserve Blietal to France where we will visit the Fort Casso in Rohrbach-lès -Bitche, a bulwark of the Maginot Line. After this physical and mental effort, we will enjoy French cuisine at the Dimofski restaurant.

Now the Musée Lalique with its jewels is on the program before we can admire the citadel of the city of Bitsch. Back across the border into Germany, we visit the Roman Museum in Schwarzenacker and then Europe's largest man-made red sandstone caves below the ruins of Hohenburg Castle in Homburg.

From there, it's less than 40 km back to our hotel in St. Wendel, where dinner awaits. Before that, of course, the riders will get in the mood for the next day's ride.

### Saturday, 6/18:

From St. Wendel, we drive the short distance to the most famous and eschewed peak of the Saarland, where we can enjoy a fascinating panoramic view of the autoregion from the viewing platform of the Schaumberg tower. From there it is only a stone's throw to the Benedictine Abbey of Tholey where we can admire the three famous choir windows by Gerhard Richter, the most important living artist of our time. We will leave the Saarland and drive to the Felsenkirche in the Palatinate where we will visit the German Gemstone Museum in Idar-Oberstein before we will visit one of the most beautiful and informative

gemstone factories in the region. There we will also be able to shop at reasonable manufacturer prices.

In the restaurant of the Schmidtburger Hof, homemade cuisine, delicious wines and all-around cordial service await us.

Via Bad Sobernheim on the Nahe and the official town of the Wittelsbach dynasty, Meisenheim am Glan, we will drive back to St. Wendel. There, a gala dinner with surprises awaits us until late at night.

Sunday, 19.6:

After a leisurely breakfast, it's time to say goodbye. Our 18 teams will set off on their individual journeys home and look forward to the next joint meeting.

A long holiday weekend with 4 days, 3 x overnight stays, 3 x breakfasts, 1 x champagne reception, 2 x lunches, 3 x dinners etc. at a maximum price of 1.000,00 Euro per person in a double room. The exact price also depends on the number of participants. All in all a very attractive offer.

**HURRY!** In order to be able to reserve the room contingents, please register as soon as possible!