



„MONNEM BIKE“: WHERE IT ALL STARTED

Karl Drais invented the bicycle in Mannheim 200 years ago. He rode his invention for the first time on 12 June 1817. The maiden trip took him on the best road from the baroque palace towards the summer residence in Schwetzingen.

The forerunner of the modern bicycle had no pedals – the rider had to push himself along with his feet. The „Velocipede“ soon became a success all over the world.



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THE BIRTHPLACE
OF THE BICYCLE !





MONNEM BIKE – FESTIVAL & SHOW, BICYCLE EXHIBITION, THEATRE AND MUSIC EVENTS ...

With the slogan „Monnem Bike – wo alles begann“ (where it all started) Mannheim is celebrating the anniversary in 2017 with fascinating exhibitions and spectacular events all about the bicycle.

For the anniversary, the TECHNOSEUM is putting on a major national exhibition “2 wheels - 200 years” Baron von Drais and the history of the bicycle”. The exhibition includes the origins of the bike, the historic development right through to today’s bicycle culture and the future questions concerning how to make cities suitable for bicycle use.

On september 16th the magnificent baroque palace forms a fitting backdrop for a unique open-air spectacle – the “Monnem Bike Show”. In a multivisual journey of theatre, music and light, the global triumph of the bicycle will be enacted and celebrated.

THE INTERNATIONAL CYCLING CONFERENCE, MOBILE CINEMA, BICYCLE TOURS & MUCH MORE ...

The International Cycling Conference (ICC) on 19 – 21 september will focus on synergies in transport planning, health care, environmental quality as well as social issues. International researchers and practitioners will be meeting to discuss the role of active mobility in the modern world, and will include academic, political and practitioner led thinking strategies. The conference is organized by the German Environment Agency (UBA) together with international partners.

Besides this there will be several months of bike-related activities and projects in Mannheim, e. g. ten cargobike-based mobile cinema-events in unusual locations, guided bicycle tours, bike activities with school kids and much more.

Come along and celebrate with us!

DISCOVER MANNHEIM! CULTURAL HIGHLIGHTS & BEAUTIFUL LANDSCAPES ...

Experience the old. Discover the new. Situated at the confluence of the Rhine and Neckar rivers – Mannheim is a city with an amazingly rich cultural scene. On the eastern outskirts is the TECHNOSEUM, where visitors can delve into the fascinating world of technology. Continue on into the town centre and you will reach the “Wasserturm” (water tower) and the “Kunsthalle” (museum of arts), reopening in December in a huge brand new building. Exploring the “squares”, the original grid of the inner city, is also a rewarding cultural experience. The “Reiss-Engelhorn-Museen” are in the same historic district as the baroque palace. Or admire the dome of one of the city’s most beautiful churches, the “Jesuitenkirche”.

Mannheim is located in a region full of picturesque castles and palaces. The two rivers and the delightful hilly landscape of Odenwald and the Palatinate region are easily accessible by bike. Discover on your bike the cathedral of Speyer, the summer residence and the palace garden of Schwetzingen and the famous historic „old city“ of Heidelberg.