

STACKER CAMP 2022



'Willkommen in Deutschland'

5th – 9th September 2022

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Castle Schloss Rothenbuch – Bavaria, Germany



Hallo und willkommen beim Stacker-Camp!

Hallo alle!

Our biggest ever Stacker meetup is finally here, warm and inviting like a freshly baked Bauernbrot!

Come along with us to the stunning Schloss Rothenbuch in Bavaria where we will enjoy castle life, spend time with each other in REAL LIFE 3D (oh my goodness!), frolic in the countryside, eat and drink *allofthethings*, and make a whole new stack (get it?) of memories together.

We are so happy to finally be able to gather everyone together. You really are an amazingly talented, unique, and friendly group of people and I'm so proud to be part of the team.

ich bin sehr aufgeregt!

Stephanie x

Important stuff!

Save this pdf so you can access it without an internet connection!

EMERGENCY Numbers

Police – 110

Ambulance – 112

Fire Brigade – 112

Contacting Stacker

Stephanie will be part of the first group to arrive and will be monitoring the [meetups-stacker-camp-2022 Slack channel](#) – post in the channel if you're having any problems!

You should already be part of the [Stacker Telegram group](#) – use this in case of an emergency. As a last resort, if you are unable to contact anyone via the other routes, you can call Stephanie on +44 7792 149 443.

Venue contact

(*There should always be someone on duty at the venue – you can also call from your room if you need any help when on site.*)

Schloss Rothenbuch – [Schloßstraße 1, 63860 Rothenbuch, Germany](#)

Phone: +49 2642 405250

Insurance

Use your Company card to purchase travel insurance for this trip and make sure you have access to any important details, e.g. policy number, contact information.

Covid safety

Mandatory Testing

We expect all attendees to undertake a lateral flow test before their trip – you must only travel if your test is negative – you can purchase your test on your company card.

We will also be asking everyone to test daily whilst on site – lateral flow tests will be provided.

Testing is **mandatory** to help keep everyone safe and well, and for everyone's peace of mind.

Quarantine

If you do test positive on site, please stay in your room and use the phone to inform the venue staff and someone from Stacker.

This is not a hotel and so room service cannot be offered, but the venue staff will find a way to make sure that you are looked after. They will also search for a 'quarantine hotel' where you will be able to stay until you test negative and are able to travel home.

Travel restrictions

You are responsible for checking any Covid related travel restrictions from your departure location to Germany (and vice versa) and ensuring that you have any necessary documentation in place.

Fire Safety

In case of fire please gather immediately outside the venue – emergency route plans can be found on signs throughout the venue.

Transfers

Details of your groups and pick up times can be found here → [Stacker Camp 2022 – Transfers*](#)

**95% completed – still being finalised at time of writing due to some last minute changes – we will let you know once this is all 100% confirmed.*

In order to have the most efficient groupings, some individuals will need to wait for someone else to arrive, or head off a little earlier than they would do solo.

Once the transfer list is fully finalised you should each receive a transfer voucher with a contact number for the driver in case of any issues. However, the drivers have details of your travel (flight/train numbers where those have been provided) and will know whether your flight/train is delayed.

For return journeys, all transfers have been booked 3 hours before flight/train departure time as standard to ensure arrival at the airport/train station in good time and preempt any potential transfer delays. The venue is approximately 45 minutes to the airport and 50 minutes to the train station.

Refer to the next 2 pages for details on pick up points for [Frankfurt Airport](#) and [Frankfurt \(Main\) Hauptbahnhof](#).



Terminal 1:

close to the Exit B1 arrival level next to the Asia Cooking

Terminal 2: between Exit D and E close to the ATM

Please note that if you're planned in a shared transfer, our driver will be at the Meeting Point after the last flight has arrived. He will carry your company sign to be easily recognized.

If you need assistance, please feel free to contact A2B | mobility in motion: **+49 2102 1459720**

Terminal 1:



Terminal 2:



Meeting Point
FRA Mainstation (*original pdf [here](#)*)

A2B | mobility in motion
chauffeur & limousine



The Meeting Point is located close to track 13 / DB Info

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Agenda overview

KEY	For a more detailed view of plans for the week see Agenda item details						
YELLOW = Meals							
BLUE = Everyone together							
PURPLE = Smaller groups/teams – self planned							
PINK = Group activities							
GREEN = Unstructured free time							
* = some preparation required							
	MONDAY	TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
07:30	Travel and arrivals	Breakfast (available 7:30-09:00)		Breakfast (available 7:30-09:00)	Breakfast (available 7:30-09:00)	Breakfast (available 7:30-09:00)	
09:00		Ice breaker activities		Tribe time*	Team time*		
10:00		Founders keynote and fireside chat			Fireside chat and AMA (company based)		
11:00				Group activities Team painting session or GPS treasure hunt	Group activities Abandoned crime scene or Archery		
12:00		Rotating mini workshops (mission based)				Departures and travel	
13:00	Lunch		Lunch		Lunch		
14:00	Take some time to unwind, explore the venue, and meet your team mates IRL!	Understanding our customers		Rotating mini workshops (company based)	Unstructured free time		
15:00		Focussed mini workshops (mission based)					
16:00		Countryside walk	Mini meets	On-site activities/hang out/recharge	Unstructured free time		
17:00	Everyone should have arrived by 17:00!				Lightning talks*		
18:00	Sparkling reception and pre dinner aperitif	Pre dinner aperitif and appetizers – and get yourself ready for...		Pre dinner aperitif and appetizers			
18:30	Welcome message from the founders	...a group photo!					
19:00	Dinner	Dinner		Dinner	Farewell dinner!		
	Unstructured free time	Unstructured free time		Unstructured free time	Unstructured free time		
02:00	BAR CLOSES	BAR CLOSES		BAR CLOSES	BAR CLOSES		

Schloss Rothenbuch



Our home for the next few days is the delightful and charming Schloss Rothenbuch, located in an idyllic village behind a forest in the beautiful Bavarian countryside. Rothenbuch lies in the region Bayerischer Untermain (Bavarian Lower Main), in Germany's largest consecutive broadleaf woodland, the [Spessart](#).

The Schloss is a former hunting castle with a deep history; its first documented mention is from 1318! After being heavily damaged in the [German Peasants' War](#) in 1525, it was rebuilt and expanded in 1566 on the orders of Elector of Mainz, [Daniel Brendel von Homburg](#).

It remained an important part of local history and political importance, serving as a central administrative seat in the Spessart, and for more than two centuries was the law court for 14 surrounding communities.

The building has been used as a hotel since 1994, and since 2017 became exclusively an event venue for company retreats and conferences (lucky us!).

That's the history lesson done, now let's see what's in store for our trip...!

In and around the Shloss

Whether you're an indoor cat or an outdoor cat (or a mix of both!), there are plenty of activities in and around the venue to keep you entertained...



... with stunning surrounding countryside and nearby woodlands for those of you that want to get out in the fresh air and explore.



On site activities

There are a variety of activities to enjoy on site during any free time, so whatever your speed, we hope you will find something to keep you entertained!

- Billiards
- Table football
- Darts
- Karaoke
- Sauna
- Hydromassage bed
- Archery (soft)
- Table tennis
- Bowls
- Badminton
- Volleyball
- Football
- Croquet
- Mountain biking

Whilst we are *super* excited to spend time so much together in person, we know that sometimes people will need a chance to be alone and recharge their social batteries, so please know that it's okay to use some free time to take a moment to yourself.

Bedrooms & bathrooms

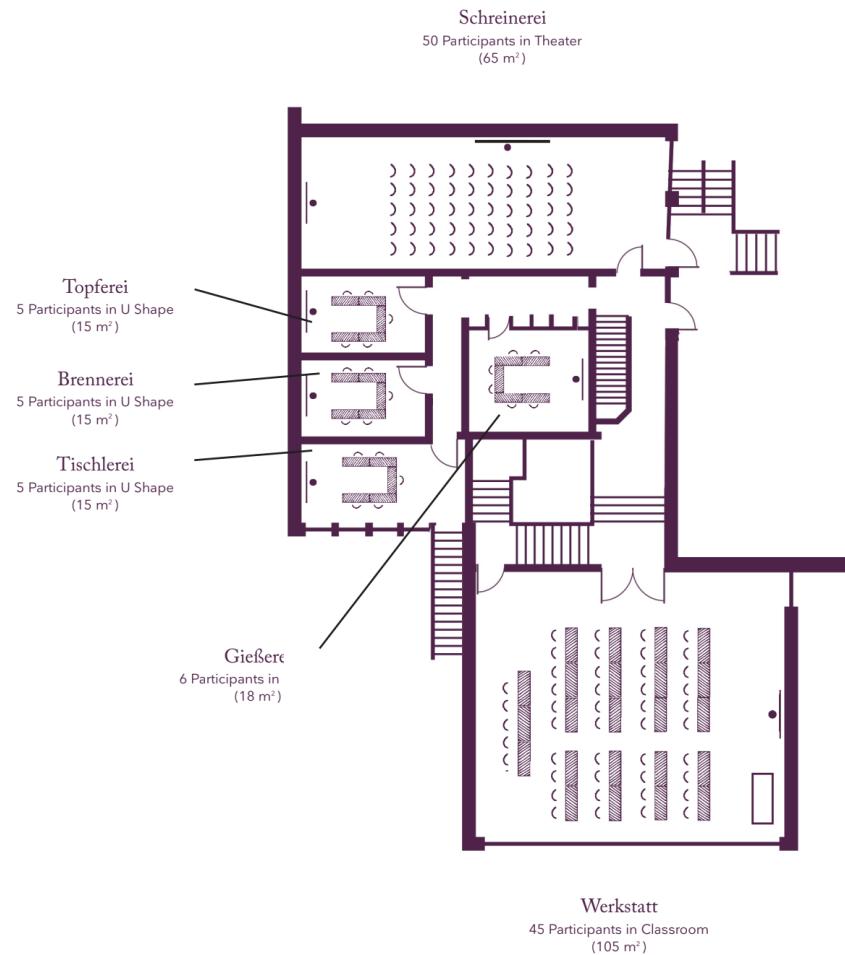
Based on the answers provided in the recent survey, bedrooms have been allocated by the hosts at the venue. All bedrooms have their own bathroom, with towels provided. Bedrooms also have hairdryers provided. On arrival you will be greeted by the hosts who will show you where to find your rooms and give you an overview of the castle.

Meeting spaces

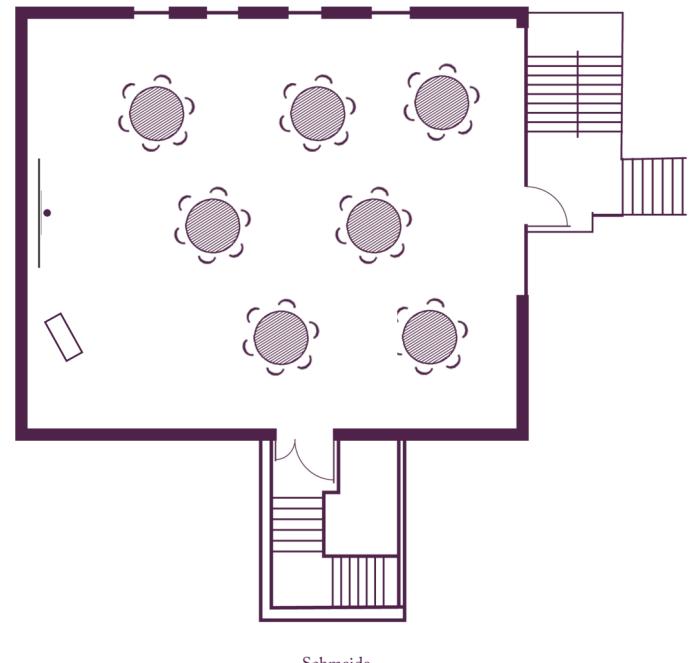
The schloss has a variety of meeting spaces available to us during our stay – we will be using these for a mix of workshops, team time, or any ad hoc meetings you want to arrange.



1st floor



2nd Floor



Food & drink

All food and drink will be provided throughout our stay, with main meals catered by an on site chef, with homemade snacks for AM and PM refreshment breaks, yum!



Breakfast	Full buffet with sweet and savoury items
AM break	Refreshments, fruits and homemade savoury snacks
Lunch	4 course buffet
PM break	Refreshments, fruits and homemade savoury snacks
Aperitif	Open bar (wine, beers, soft drinks and spirits) with homemade appetizers
Dinner	4 course plated meal

Please make sure you have informed us of any dietary requirements!

Soft drinks and coffee machines will be available at all times, with an open bar available every day until 02:00 AM.



Agenda item details

Monday 5th September - Friday 9th September 2022

IMPORTANT: Please add any session notes and presentation recordings throughout the week to the [Stacker Camp : Session sharing](#) home page.

This way we can keep track of all of our great discussions and ideas, hold ourselves accountable for seeing through any actions after camp, and have some context to share with those that are not able to attend.

Monday 5th September

Travel day, settling in, welcome dinner and drinks

Travel to Frankfurt

Individual arrival times here: [Stacker Camp 2022 – arrivals and departures](#)

Travel to Venue

Transfer details here: [Stacker Camp 2022 – Transfers](#)

Arrive at the venue **before 17:00 local time** – rooms are guaranteed from 3pm but we can arrive any time.

Google Maps Link

[Castle Schloss Rothenbuch](#)

Food

Refreshments/lunch will be provided depending on your arrival time, with everyone gathering for an aperitif with appetisers (18:00) , a welcome speech from the founders (18:30), and then dinner (19:00).

Tuesday 6th September

Team building, founders' keynote, mini workshops, customer insights, on site activities

Breakfast

Served from 07:30 – ends at 09:00

Ice breaker activities

09:00 - 10:00

Let's start the camp off right with a series of silly tasks to help us get to know each other and show off our problem solving prowess!

Founders keynote and fireside chat

10:00 - 11:30 (*break for refreshments ~ 10:40*)

Learn about Stacker's history, present and future and have a discussion with the founders.

Rotating mini workshops (mission based)

11:30 - 13:00

Small discussion groups will rotate around some key mission-led themes – the aim of these discussions is to deepen understanding of the mission, engage critically, share thoughts and ideas, and provide feedback.

Lunch

13:00 - 14:00

Understanding our customers

14:00 - 14:30

Presentations with some customer insights from members of the Stacker team.

Focussed mini workshops (mission based)

14:30 - 16:00 (*afternoon refreshments available at 16:00*)

Using what you've learned in the keynote, workshop session, and presentations, we'll break into groups for more focussed discussions around Stacker's mission.

There will be 3 x 25 min sessions – each of these sessions will have 3 discussion topics led by a different member of the team.

For each 25 minute session you'll be asked to choose which topic most resonates with you and assign yourself to that group – you may wish to contribute in more than one group so for each session we will be advocating the 'Law of 2 Feet':

'Law of 2 Feet': "If you aren't learning or contributing or having fun where you stand now, use your two feet and go somewhere where you can learn or contribute or have fun"

There will be time at the end of the session for each discussion group to present back their key findings to the rest of the team, before moving on to the next 25 minute session.

Activities/free time

16:00 – 18:00

It's up to you how you spend this time! Join the countryside walk, enjoy the venue and on site activities, have some time to recharge, or even book yourself in for a 'mini meet' in one of the meeting rooms.

'Wait...what's a 'mini meet'?!'

We have full access to the [meeting/conference rooms](#) on site for our trip, so if there are any burning questions you have for someone, something specific you want to work on that hasn't been covered in our agenda, or just want to utilise some in-person time with someone, you can use these rooms however you want.

You can sign up for meeting slots (20 mins per slot) here if you want to plan something in advance:

** [Mini meets sign up sheet](#) **

Otherwise just play it by ear and use any free/unbooked meeting rooms on an adhoc basis!

Pre Dinner aperitif and appetisers

18:00 – 18:30

Gather in the bar for pre dinner drinks, snacks, and get ready for the group photo.

Group photo

18:30 – 19:00

We would love to get a (super rare!) photo of us all together in person – assemble in the bar before 18:30 so we can take some pictures before dinner!

Dinner followed by free time

19:00 onwards

Wednesday 7th September

Tribe time, fun activities, mini workshops, free time, lightning talks

Breakfast

Served from 07:30 – ends at 09:00

Tribe time

09:00 - 11:00 (*break for refreshments ~ 10:15*)

Make the most of having your teams together in person and use this time to work on something together in a larger group - aka 'tribe'!

Our tribes for this session will be:

- **Engineering**
- **Product + Product Strategy**
- **GTM**
- **Biz Ops**

(To check your tribe → click [here](#))

****Book your tribe into a meeting room → click [here](#)****

There is also an abundance of outside space that you are welcome to use!

We recommend planning how you will use this session in advance to make the most of your time together. Examples of some things you could work on:

- team retro
- Q4 goals
- testing competitor products
- a specific problem/issue
- team bonding

But only you know what will bring the most value to your tribe so this is your time to spend as you wish!

Activities

11:00 - 13:00

You have picked these in advance - if you've forgotten your choice you can see it here:

**** Stacker Camp activity choices ****

Team Painting

(will take place on the terrace in front of the seminar building)

'A colourful experience characterised by creativity and sustainability. Whether in small groups or each participant on their own, true masterpieces will be created.'

OR

GPS Treasure Hunt

(will have stations all over the area and close by)

'Together you bravely take new paths, solve riddles, master tasks and thereby unravel the mystery surrounding the house. Teams of 6 - 8 people use GPS devices to find what everyone wants – the treasure. Equipment such as GPS, treasure map and ponchos (in case of rain) are provided.'

Lunch

13:00 - 14:00

Rotating mini workshops (company based)

14:00 - 15:00

Using predefined themes, small groups will discuss each theme and noting their ideas and suggestions. The aim is to discuss how we do things at Stacker, what's working well, and what improvements can we make.

Focussed mini workshops (company based)

15:00 - 16:00 (*afternoon refreshments available at 16:00*)

Following the same format as our 'mission based' focussed mini workshops and using the 'law of 2 feet', but this time with just 3 'company based' topics across the whole session.

Unstructured free time

16:00 -17:30

Lightning talks

17:30 - 19:00

A series of talks from the *most* interesting presenters...you! Along with pre dinner aperitifs and appetisers.

Lightning talks are short talks/presentations (a maximum of 5 mins each) and are about something you are passionate about, something interesting, something silly... the aim is to learn more about each other outside of our roles – so the more non-work related the better!

If you'd like to sign up you can do so here:

** [Lightning talks sign up sheet](#) **

(include the name of your talk or leave it as a surprise! Sign ups open until the event!)

Dinner followed by free time

19:00 onwards

Thursday 8th September

Team time, company based fireside, fun activities, free time, on site activities

Breakfast

Served from 07:30 – ends at 09:00

Team time

09:00 – 10:00

Similar to Tribe Time but with slightly smaller teams – use this time to reflect on the week, discuss what you have learned and think about how your team can support the mission.

Our teams for this session will be:

- Enterprise
- NAD
- Farcaster
- NoCode + community + customer
- Biz Ops
- Eng platform/leadership
- Floating peeps

(To check your team → click [here](#))

****Book your team into a meeting room → click [here](#)****

Fireside chat and AMA (company based)

10:00 – 11:00 (break for refreshments ~ 10:30)

A chance to discuss learnings from the company based workshops and ask the founders questions.

Activities

11:00 – 13:00

You have picked these in advance – if you've forgotten your choice you can see it here:

**** [Stacker Camp activity choices](#) ****

Abandoned Crime Scene

(will take place in the yard area in front of the seminar building)

'The echo of the just committed murder is still clearly visible through the police cordon tape, the chalk sketch of the body and the clueless forensics team.... Although the circle of suspects has been narrowed down, the local police are still in the dark. You must convict the real criminal and find the crucial clues.'

OR

Archery

(will take place behind the castle in the backyard)

Our experienced guides show you the small 1x1 of original archery. After an introduction to the technique of traditional archery, a training shoot follows, during which the participants familiarize themselves with the bow. After only a short time, you will celebrate your first shooting successes. Exciting team competitions are then held to determine which team has the best aim.'

Lunch

13:00 - 14:00

Unstructured free time

14:00 - 16:00 (afternoon refreshments available at 16:00)

Activities/free time

16:00 - 18:00

It's up to you how you spend this time! There will be another countryside walk and all of the on site activities to enjoy. '[Mini meets](#)' will also be available during this time slot, or you can just enjoy some downtime around the house - I'll be polishing up on my pool skills!

Pre Dinner aperitif and appetisers

18:00 - 19:00

Dinner followed by free time

19:00 onwards

Friday 9th September

Goodbyes and travelling home

Food

The venue has been given numbers of those that will still be present at the venue for each meal and have been asked to provide a 'DIY lunchbox' station for those that will be narrowly missing out on meal times due to their transfer pick up time.

They have also been asked to provide a breakfast pack for those leaving before 7:30AM – if you are leaving early you will need to speak to the venue team the day before so this can be prepared and left for you to pick up when you leave – a reminder will go out nearer the time.

On site meal times:

- Breakfast – 07:30 – 09:00
- AM refreshment break – 11:00
- Lunch – 13:00
- PM refreshment break – 15:00

Travel from venue

Transfers arranged by NextRetreat, details here: [Stacker Camp 2022 – Transfers](#)

Travel from Frankfurt

Individual departure times here: [Stacker Camp 2022 – arrivals and departures](#)

And that's it!

Let everyone know when you're home safe and sound <3

Upload your favourite memories to the [Stacker Camp photo album](#).

<< KICK BACK AND RELAX >>

Other helpful information

Average September weather

You can expect pleasant temperatures during the day, with an average maximum daytime temperature of around 20.0°C (68°F). The average minimum temperature (usually the minimum temperature is noted during the night) is 10.6°C (51.08°F). September usually sees around 13 days of rain (hopefully all after the 9th...!).

Time difference

Germany is 1 hour ahead of Stacker Time – we will be observing local time during our stay.

Water

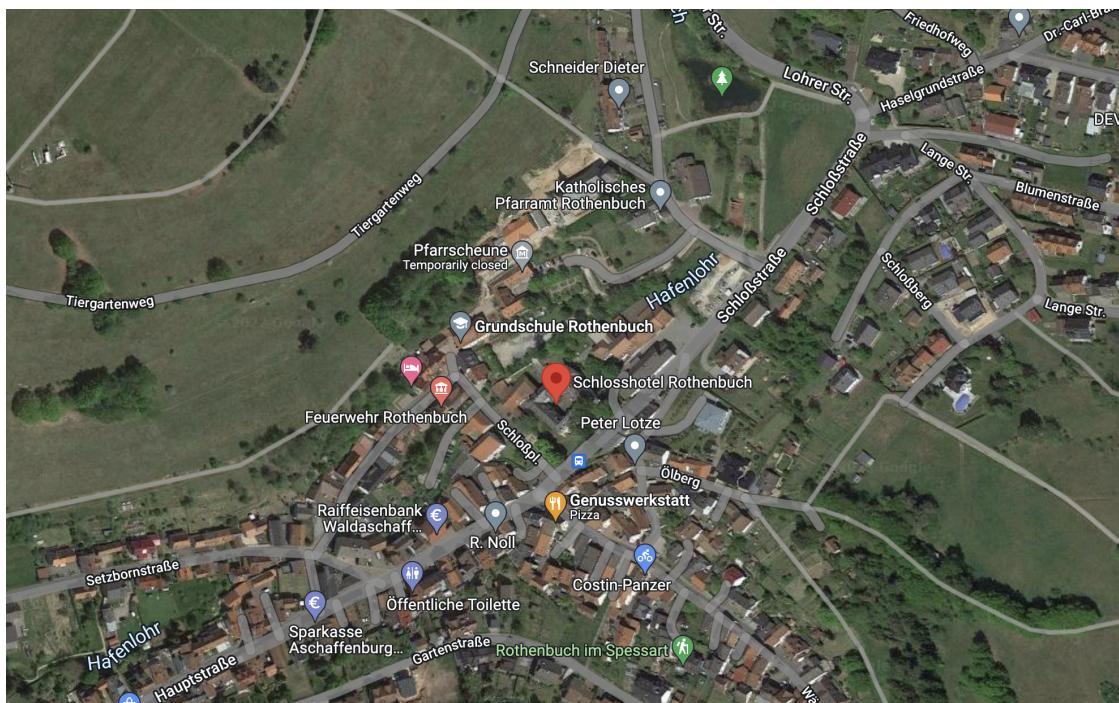
The tap water is safe and the most controlled beverage/food product in Germany, so don't be shy! #hydrationnohangovers

Money

Germany uses the Euro € – the current exchange rate is roughly €1 to £0.85 / \$1.06

Make sure you bring your company card for any essentials on your journey. For any personal purchases for things like gifts or duty free, check whether you need to tell your bank that you'll be in a different country to prevent your personal card getting blocked.

Local Area



Cycling safety!

If you decide to explore via bike, be careful and remember that people drive on the right hand side of the road in Germany. Please wear a helmet, and make yourself aware of the German cycling laws [here](#).

Taxis

We are in the middle of the countryside and only neighboured by small local villages so taxis are extremely hard to find! If you do find yourself in need of a taxi, these are the nearest:

[Taxi Kaya](#) +49 9352 6046855
[MainTaxi Lohr](#) +49 9352 8889234

Accessibility

Schloss Rothenbuch is a castle and does not have elevators and all rooms are only available via stairs. Any individual accessibility needs have been sent to the venue.

Documents and sign up sheets

All Stacker Camp related docs and sign up sheets you need should be saved [here](#).

Session sharing

Any notes from sessions or recordings of representations should be collated and saved on the [Stacker Camp : Session sharing](#) home page.

Wifi Details

Details will be available in your room upon arrival.

Slack channel

Join the [#meetups-stacker-camp-2022](#) channel for updates, reminders, general hype, and sharing photos.

Playlist

Ready for the most eclectic Spotify playlist ever? Add your favourite tracks [here](#)! There are Bose sound boxes around the castle and in the bar that we can connect to via Bluetooth.

Sharing stuff

Share updates and pics on the Slack channel, and once you get home you can add a folder of all your photos [here](#).

Things to pack

Suggested items to help you on your way!

Travelling

- Tickets
- Passport
- Covid travel documentation (depending on rules for travel from your country)
- Travel insurance (pay for this using your company card)
- Personal money & company card
- Phone (& phone charger!)
- Laptop (& laptop charger!)
- Headphones
- Any cables you may want to use for presenting, e.g. HDMI → USB-Cable
- We recommend bringing a face mask as you may be required to (or want to) wear one at some points on your journey
- Hand sanitizer
- A good book for the journey (if you're looking for inspiration, the book club's September's book is [Notes from the Burning Age by Claire North](#))

Clothing & Accessories

- The weather is likely to be pretty mixed so try to bring things you can layer to stay cool when it's warm and warm when it's cool ;)

As well as:

- Sportswear and trainers (if you'll be doing any sporting activities!)
- Sauna-wear if you'll be tempted by the sauna!
- Summer clothes
- Something for your chosen activity, i.e. clothes for painting, walking, archery...or crime solving!
- Jumper
- Sunglasses
- Comfortable shoes for walks
- Raincoat and/or umbrella

Other

- EU power adapters
- Suncream
- Medications
- Ear plugs
- Toiletries (don't forget your toothbrush!)
- Any games you want to play

Key phrases

Some useful phrases for your time in Germany:

"Hello"	"Hallo"
"Good Morning"	"Guten Morgen"
"Good Day"	"Guten Tag"
"Goodnight"	"Gute Nacht"
"Yes"	"Ja"
"No"	"Nein"
"Please"	"Bitte"
"Thanks"	"Danke"
"Excuse me"	"Verzeihung"
"Apologies"	"Entschuldigung"
"Cheers"	"Prost"
"How are you?"	"Wie gehts?"
"Do you speak English?"	"Sprechen Sie Englisch"
"Where is...?"	"Wo ist"
"Entrance"	"Eingang"
"Exit"	"Ausfahrt"
"Toilet"	"Toilette"
"Water"	"Wasser"
"Coffee"	"Kaffee"
"Beer"	"Bier"
"Wine"	"Wein"