



Las Cruces Sister Cities Nienburg Affiliation Committee is planning a trip to our German Sister, the city of Nienburg am Weser in northern central Germany. On a map of Germany, you can find it a bit north and west of the larger city of Hanover. Our visit will begin August 18, 2023 and end August 24<sup>th</sup>. We plan to take a delegation of about fifteen members of the Las Cruces community to visit Nienburg, learn about the city of about 32,000 and make a few new friends before returning to Las Cruces. To determine who should be a part of the delegation, we are asking those interested in going to complete an application which is included. Delegation members will pay for their transportation to and from Nienburg. Once in Nienburg, Las Cruces visitors will stay in the homes of Nienburg families, eat most of their meals with their host families and have a great opportunity to make new friends. Those planning the week in Nienburg will take us to special places in and around Nienburg, hold a couple of meetings to tell us more about their delightful, special community. The next page has information about what the prices of airline tickets were recently to give you an idea of about what the cost of the trip will be for each person. The last two pages are the application for each person who wants to be considered to be a part of the delegation. There is a deadline by which the applications must be completed and submitted along with a non-refundable fee of \$50 per applicant. We trust you will find this an exciting opportunity to represent Las Cruces, New Mexico, and the United States in Germany. The deadline for submitting your completed application is January 15, 2023.

See photos of Nienburg by searching the internet for “Nienburg am Weser”.

## Delegation Visit to *Nienburg am Wesser, Germany* August 17, 2023 through August 24, 2023

The attached Delegate Application must be thoughtfully completed and received along with the \$50.00 non-refundable fee no later than **January 15, 2023**. Selection of delegates (and alternates) will be by **March 15, 2023**. You may also be required to register with the City of Las Cruces Volunteer Network for which there is no fee.

### What's included in the trip:

- \* Transportation between Hannover airport and Nienburg
- \* Accommodations: Home Hosted
- \* Most Meals
- \* Most Activity Fees

### What's NOT included:

- \* Transportation to/from Las Cruces and El Paso Airport
- \* Round trip transportation to/from El Paso airport and Hannover, Germany airport
- \* Some meals and incidental expenditures
- \* Host/Hostess gifts

In order to be considered part of the delegation, you must agree to arrive in Nienburg on August 18 and stay through August 23. Members of the delegation are required to stay with their designated host family and participate in all official events. There will be 2 or 3 orientation meetings prior to departure of which you will be expected to attend.

***As a member of the 2023 Nienburg Sister Cities Delegation you will be a representative of the City of Las Cruces as well as New Mexico and the U.S.A.***

Delegates will arrange and pay for their air travel individually and **must submit** a copy of their confirmed purchase and itineraries by **April 1, 2023** or risk giving up their delegation position to an alternate. Host families will pick up their guests at the Hannover airport on August 18th with a desired arrival window of between 10:30 am to 3:00 pm. Please note that some fare options are already selling out some 10 (ten) months in advance.

### **Suggested options as of November 4, 2022:**

<b>El Paso, TX (ELP) to Hannover (HAJ)</b>	<b>Departure Time</b>	<b>Arrival Time</b>	<b>Cost</b>
American Airlines 2 stops 15hr 57m Flight #'s 1365, 50, 6776	August 17, 2023 10:53 am	August 18, 2023 10:50 am	\$1,495.00 Basic Economy
Delta Airlines 2 stops 17hr 5m Flight #s 1024, 8672, 8370	August 17, 2023 1:20 pm	August 18, 2023 2:25 pm	\$1,775.00 Economy <b>(BASIC IS SOLD OUT)</b>
United Airlines 2 stops 16hr 45m Flight #s 4666, 907, 8946	August 17, 2023 12:55 pm	August 18, 2023 1:40 pm	\$1,425.00 Economy <i>non-refundable</i>

Return flights on August 24<sup>th</sup> from Hannover to El Paso should be scheduled between 10:00 am and 11:30 am. Delegates who choose to arrive in Europe prior to the delegation visit or remain after will still need to submit their travel itineraries for coordination purposes.

# LAS CRUCES SISTER CITIES, INC.

## 2023 NIENBURG DELEGATE APPLICATION

The Las Cruces-Nienburg (Germany) Affiliation Committee is accepting applications for delegates who would like to participate in a home-hosted six (6) day official visit from Las Cruces to our Sister City in *Nienburg am Weser, Germany*, between August 17, 2023 and August 24, 2023. Delegates will be expected to 1) pay for their own air travel with the delegation, some meals and all incidental expenses and 2) participate in the events organized by our host city and host family. Lodging and most meals will be provided by our hosts in Nienburg.

To be considered as a member of this delegation, no later than January 15, 2023, each person must submit a fifty dollar (\$50) non-refundable Application Fee along with this completed form. Please make checks payable to: **Las Cruces Sister Cities, Inc.** and include “**Nienburg 2023 Delegation**” in the check’s memo field.

For questions on this application call Jodi at 575.642.4885 or Elaine at 575.644.9958.

Please print or type the following information. Each person traveling must complete an application.

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Address, City, State Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile number: \_\_\_\_\_ Landline: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Travel companion: \_\_\_\_\_ *Travel companions must also complete a form.*

Your profession: \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies / Interests: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies/Special Needs: \_\_\_\_\_ Smoker: Yes / No

Dietary requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

Language abilities:	None	Some	Fluent
English:			
German:			
Spanish:			

Do you already have connections in Nienburg? Yes / No If Yes, who? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you prefer to stay with them or a host family? Host family new to me / Stay with my connection

**In case of emergency, notify:**

Full name:
Address:
Telephone:
Relationship:

Please complete the reverse side of this form before submitting it to Las Cruces Sister Cities.

**TRAVELER INFORMATION FOR THE 2023 VISIT TO NIENBURG**

1. Why do you want to participate in the exchange?

2. What do you hope to gain from the experience?

3. What are you particularly interested in doing/seeing/accomplishing while in Nienburg?

4. Between April through August of 2023, delegation members are required to attend pre-travel orientation meetings (typically 2 to 3 evenings prior to departure).

What issues will you have committing to this requirement?

5. What special talent or skill are you willing to share while in Nienburg?

6. What other travel plans do you have either before or after this official visit?

7. Are you willing and able to serve on our planning committee?  Yes  No

8. Are you willing to have a background check to be considered as a delegate?  Yes  No

9. Are you willing to purchase and provide proof of OUT OF COUNTRY or TRAVEL INSURANCE?  Yes  No

10. Are you interested in becoming a host for future exchanges to Las Cruces?  Yes  No

My signature and the date of my signature below indicate I certify that the information provided on this form is accurate.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_