



Excursion of the Friends Association to Speyer on September, 27, 2025

In anticipation of the 250th anniversary of Clemens Brentano in 2028, who was born in Ehrenbreitstein, the group from Koblenz visited the memorial of Sophie von La Roche, the poet's grandmother. Sophie von La Roche, whose husband was chancellor at the electoral court, hosted a literary salon in Ehrenbreitstein. She was the author of the first novel written by a woman: "Das Fräulein von Sternheim" (The Lady of Sternheim). Many famous poets and writers, including Goethe, frequented the La Roche household. After her husband was dismissed from the electoral court's service, the family moved to Speyer. A small permanent exhibition has been set up in their house there. After visiting the exhibition and enjoying a hearty lunch, the group set off on an interesting guided tour of the city. During this tour, the history of Speyer and the famous imperial cathedral were explained. The tour concluded with a visit to the Jewish baths, which were rediscovered only a few decades ago, and the associated synagogue.

With the autumn weather still sunny, the group then set off on their journey home.



(Tour of Sophie La Roche's house, Sophie La Roche's desk)



(Lunch at the Wirtshaus am Dom restaurant)



(City tour with cathedral tour)



(Trinity Church)



(Judenhof)

(Images from Kurt Singer's collection)