Bus regulations

Buses are not permitted to drive into the Old Town of Rothenburg. Bus companies with overnight guests may request a BusVignette. This permits access into the Old Town under the following conditions:

- The bus driver must always carry the BusVignette with him either in paper or digital form.
- Only overnight guests with luggage may be taken to the hotel on arrival and picked up from the hotel on departure.
- Turning and reversing the bus must be assisted by the hotel’s appointed guide wearing high-visibility clothing.
- The bus may only drive to the respective hotel using the prescribed route. There are two different approach routes for Hotel Reichsküchenmeister (see map on reverse side):
  - direct route right up to the hotel
  - Access to Schrannenplatz – it takes about 5 minutes to walk to the hotel from here
- Old Town closures:
  The BusVignette does not apply on days when the Old Town is closed off. These are defined as follows:

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* Dates are still under reservation and subject to change. Please check for updates in good time before setting off at [www.parken-rothenburg.de/altstadtsperrungen](http://www.parken-rothenburg.de/altstadtsperrungen).

Other closures:
- Other short-term closures are rare but possible. See [www.parken-rothenburg.de/altstadtsperrungen](http://www.parken-rothenburg.de/altstadtsperrungen) for an update on the current situation before setting off.
- During the Christmas Market
  (25 Nov – 23 Dec 2016 / The date from 1 Dec – 23 Dec 2017 is still under reservation and subject to change)

Direct access to and from the hotel is only possible as follows:
- Mondays – Thursdays: 18:00 – 11:00
- Fridays – Sundays: 19:00 – 11:00
Outside of these hours please use the route via Schrannenplatz.

- Following height restrictions apply regarding access to Hotel Reichsküchenmeister:
  - direct approach: 3.05 m
  - Approach to Schrannenplatz: 3.90 m
Buses with a vehicle height of 3.70 m to 3.90 m may only drive through the Galgentor at walking pace and must keep within the white broken lines.

- Compulsory pilotage for direct approach: Compulsory pilotage is in place to ensure road safety in driving to and from Hotel Reichsküchenmeister directly. The following regulations apply for this:
  - Compulsory pilotage is not necessary from 7 January – 20 March
  - In addition, compulsory pilotage is not necessary between 18:00 – 11:00.
  - During compulsory pilotage, buses may only drive into the Old Town with a hotel-appointed pilot wearing high-visibility clothing labelled "Lotse".
  - Collection point for the pilots is at the oversize car park 3 “Schweinsdorfer Straße”.
  - The hotel must be informed at least 15 minutes before the bus arrives at car park P3, so that they can provide a pilot in good time.
  - No compulsory pilotage is necessary to access Schrannenplatz.

Parking
- **NEW** Buses may park for free at night between 18:00 and 09:00 at the oversize car parks.
  Parking facilities at the following car parks are adequately sized and well positioned with direct access to the motorway.
- P1 Friedrich-Hörner-Weg
- P2 Nördlinger Straße
  (only up to 7.5 t)
- P3 Parkplatz Schweinsdorfer Straße
Parking in the Old Town is prohibited. Road signs are in place to indicate loading and unloading areas.

Application form for BusVignette
[www.parken-rothenburg.de/parkkarten/busvignette](http://www.parken-rothenburg.de/parkkarten/busvignette)

Click on the red button on the right

BusVignette information
- **Validity:** 1 year
- **Costs:** €50.00
The BusVignette is issued per bus company. This allows several buses from the same bus company to drive into the town on the same day.
Direct approach:
Approach: Galgengasse – Georgengasse – Kirchplatz
Access to Schrannenplatz (approx. 5 min walk):
Approach: Galgengasse – Schmidtgässchen – Klingenschütt – Schrannenplatz
Exit: Schrannenplatz – Klingenschütt – Schmidtgässchen – Galgengasse
Height restriction: direct approach: 3.05 m
approach to Schrannenplatz: 3.90 m
Buses with a vehicle height of 3.7 m to 3.9 m may only drive through the Galgentor at walking pace and must keep within the white broken lines.
Compulsory pilotage at certain times: only with direct approach (see reverse side)
Entrance and exit only permissible on specified route with accompanying BusVignette.

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