Normal Witch Trial Process

1. Denunciation of a citizen by another "witch."
2. Arrest and raid of the house.
3. Charge of the Witch.
4. The accused victim was transported to the Detention House or local prison.
5. The victim had to take off his/her clothes, was shaved and had to wear the provided robes.
7. Tear probe.
8. Paternoster probe.
9. Interrogation without torture / threatening the victim with torture instruments.
10. Painful interrogation until confession.
11. The day after the confession, the victim had to sign a confession outside the torture chamber in public.
12. Further torture to get denunciations against other citizens.
14. 3 days before the execution the victim had to be informed about it.
16. Public execution - Sometimes the victims were tortured with glowing irons, strangled or had their throats cut before the burning or hanging.
17. The body of the victim had to be burned/destroyed completely.

Note:

A large number of victims were sentenced and executed in about a fortnight. Other victims were jailed for long years (e.g: Malefiz House, Bamberg, Germany: George Neudecker remained jailed for 3 years).

The reason for this was the financial value of a victim, because sometimes a rich and living victim seemed to bring "more money" for the witch commission and the prince bishop than a dead witch.

Normally the victims got one meal a day, which was usually brought from one of the local guest houses, and which included one mug of beer or ale. In those cases when a victim had already confessed of witchcraft, she/he was granted a second meal a day - until the execution.