



Welcome to LEIPZIG REGION

Top German Travel Destination





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Convenient Connections to Leipzig

- › In the heart of Europe, historically located at the crossroads of the **trade routes Via Regia** (from west to east) and **Via Imperii** (from north to south)
- › **Leipzig/Halle Airport:** direct connections to major hubs like Frankfurt/Main or Vienna
- › By S-Bahn about 15 min from airport to the city center
- › **Direct train connections** to Berlin (90 min), Dresden (60 min), Frankfurt/Main (3 hours), Hamburg (3 hours) Munich (3,5 hours)
- › **Motorways** A9, A14, A38



Leipzig's Musical Heritage

- › Home and **workplace to famous musicians** like Bach, Mendelssohn, Wagner, Grieg, Brahms, Mahler, Clara and Robert Schumann...
- › Listen to motets and concerts of **THOMANERCHOR LEIPZIG (St. Thomas Boys Choir of Leipzig)** with a tradition of more than 800 years in the 15th century St. Thomas Church
- › Internationally acclaimed institutions such as the **Gewandhausorchester**, Oper Leipzig or **Leipzig Bachfest**
- › Vibrant culture of remembrance with **music festivals** throughout the year



Bach and the Bach Museum

- › Johann Sebastian **Bach** (1685-1750), came to Leipzig in **1723** and worked and lived here **for 27 years**
- › Served as **Thomas Cantor**, Director of Music for all churches in Leipzig and responsible Thomanerchor
- › Composed over 100 cantatas and numerous masterpieces in Leipzig: St. John/St. Matthew Passion
- › Experience the interactive **Bach Museum** showing life and work of Bach, opened in 1985, located in the baroque **Bose House** from 1710/1711
- › Highlight: **Leipzig Bachfest** every June
- › Virtual Bach Experience with Augmented Reality (55min J. S. Bach with harpsichord concert)



Wagner and the Old Nikolai School

- › Richard Wagner (1813-1883) was **born in Leipzig**
- › **Permanent exhibition** "The young Richard Wagner 1813 to 1834" at the building of the Old Nikolai School
- › 1512 opening of Leipzig's **first citizen's school**, famous students like Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz and Wagner
- › 1831-1833 Wagner studied **music at University Leipzig**
- › **Leipzig Opera keeps musical legacy alive** e.g., Das Rheingold or Siegfried are still being performed
- › Every year around 22 May the Wagner Festwoche is held



Felix Mendelssohn House

- › Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy (1809-1847): composer, conductor, and pianist at **romantic period of music**
- › Mendelssohn conducted the Gewandhausorchester from 1835-1847, **reviving interest in Bach's music**
- › Mendelssohn House was **former primary residence** from 1835 until his death
- › Separate floor for sister **Fanny Hensel** and for **Kurt Masur** (Gewandhauskapellmeister 1970-1997)
- › Unique experience: **conduct a digital orchestra** at the so-called Effektorium
- › Every year host of **Mendelssohn Festival** in November
www.mendelssohn-stiftung.de/en/



Clara, Robert und Schumann House Leipzig

- › Clara Schumann, neè Wieck (1819-1896), born in Leipzig, virtuoso pianist and composer at early age
- › Robert Schumann (1810-1856) **came to Leipzig in 1828** to study law, later took piano lessons with Friedrich Wieck, composer, pianist and music critic
- › Schumann House was **former residence** of Clara and Robert Schumann, today museum and school
- › Now **museum dedicated to** their lives and musical legacy, only museum portraying **an artist marriage**
- › ClaRo Soundwalk is part of **Leipzig Music Trail App**
www.schumannhaus.de/claro-soundwalk/



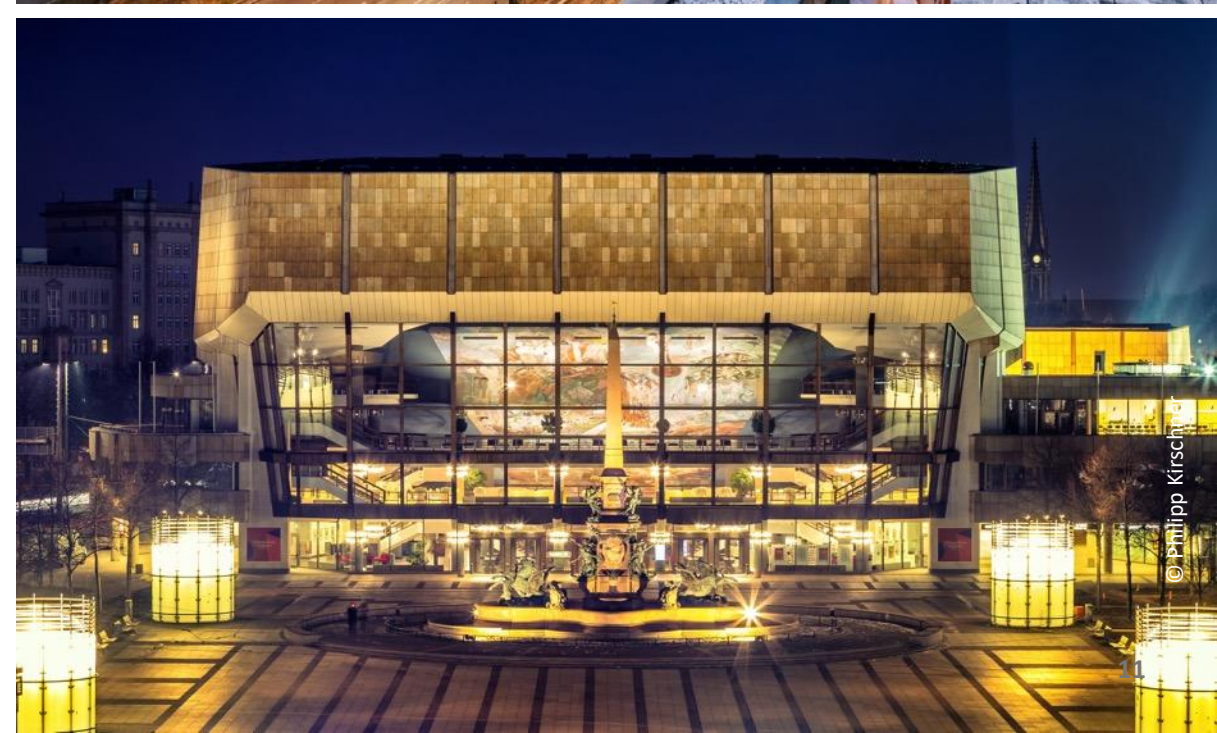
Edvard Grieg in Leipzig

- › Norwegian composer Edvard Grieg (1843-1907)
- › Went to Leipzig at the age of 15 and **studied piano and composition** at the former conservatory (University of Music and Theatre www.hmt-leipzig.de/en)
- › Fascinated by the **rich musical life in Leipzig**, the opportunity to hear new works and his own compositions performed by excellent orchestras and virtuosos
- › Leipzig was later used as a **stopover** on long journeys, former flat in the C.F. Peters music publishing building is part of the **Leipzig Music Trail**
- › Private concerts for groups and English audio guide available: audioguide.edvard-grieg.de



World Class Music Institutions

- › Oper Leipzig is the **third-oldest music stage in Europe**, musical repertoire combining tradition and innovation
- › Commitment to the climate: Oper Leipzig is the first German theatre to work with certified sustainability management in accordance with DIN ISO 20121
- › **Gewandhausorchester** began with the “Grand Concerts” founded by citizens in 1743, today world famous with 250 classical concerts per season, plays at opera house, Gewandhaus Concert Hall and St Thomas Church
www.gewandhausorchester.de/en/
- › Every June Leipzig **Bach Festival**, 10 days celebrating music of Bach, climate friendly project Forest for Bach
www.bachfestleipzig.de/en/bachfest





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Three Museums at GRASSI – from Music to Art and Ethnology

- › **GRASSI of Applied Arts:** Europe's leading house of design and applied arts, changing exhibitions range from arts and crafts to design, photography and architecture
- › **2024** marked the **150th anniversary** of the opening in 1874
- › **GRASSI Museum of Ethnology**, museum owes its foundation to Leipzig's citizens
- › **Museum of Musical Instruments** of Leipzig University opened 1929, holds the oldest pianoforte in the world preserved in its original condition
- › Every October: art, craft, design sales fair “Grassimesse”
www.grassimesse.de/en



Museum of Fine Arts (MdbK)

- › Around **1858 founded** by Leipzig merchants, publishers, traders and bankers
- › **Modern museum building** since 2004, over 10,000 m² of exhibition space, 36 m high glass cube, creates special atmosphere for exploring art in great architecture
- › **Famous paintings from** Claude Monet, Peter Paul Rubens, Caspar David Friedrich, Max Klinger (1857 born in Leipzig) and Neo Rauch (1960 born in Leipzig)
- › More: www.mdbk.de/en/exhibitions



G2 Kunsthalle (Art Gallery)

- › March **2015 opening** of the G2 Kunsthalle
- › Exhibiting holdings from the private Hildebrand Collection with a **focus on contemporary painting in Leipzig**
- › Annually awarded the **G2 Kunsthalle Master Student Prize** committed to the direct promotion of artists
- › Since 2017 cooperation with the Leipzig **Academy of Fine Arts Leipzig** (HGB) www.hgb-leipzig.de/en
- › The so-called **New Leipzig School** designates a current of modern painting, **Neo Rauch** is one of the most important representatives
- › More Information: www.g2-leipzig.de/en



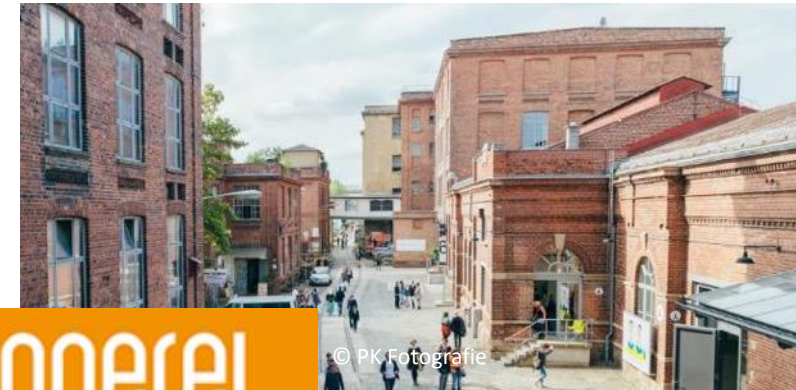
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Spinnerei Art Site

- › In the Plagwitz district: have a gallery tour in the **Spinnerei**, that used to be the largest cotton mill in continental Europe
- › **14 galleries and more than 100 art studios**, discover exhibition halls and regional manufactures
www.spinnerei.de
- › See the spectacular architecture of **Oscar-Niemeyer-Sphere** at Kirow factory site



Immersive Art at Kunstkraftwerk

- › **Former power plant** built from the early 20th century, converted into Kunstkraftwerk in 2016
- › Enjoy **immersive art projects**, large-scale exhibitions and **multimedia installations**
- › Featuring exhibitions about artists like Frida Kahlo, Salvador Dalí or Gustav Klimt
- › yearly **Bright Festival Connect** combining digital art, lighting design and electronic music
- › www.kunstkraftwerk-leipzig.com



Unique Museum Panometer

- › **Former gas storage facility** from the 20th century completely converted, **Panometer** = PANOrama und GasoMETER
- › 2003 opening of exhibition house of the **360° panoramas by the artist Yadegar Asisi**
- › See the **world's largest 360° panoramic surfaces**: 3,500 m² and 32-metre-high, accompanied by an exhibition and a concluding film, can be viewed at ground level or from a 15-metre platform
- › **Diverse panoramas** range from nature, technic, history, cities to anti-war-topics: 9/11, Titanic, Carola's Garden...
- › www.panometer.de/en





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A Young, Urban and Dynamic City

- › Leipzig is a **very young city**, the dynamic region attracts young people and families
- › Numerous **bars, pubs and cafés**, as well as outdoor terraces and beer gardens (Biergarten)
- › **Festive streets**: Karl-Liebknecht-Straße in the south, Karl-Heine-Straße in the west, Barfußgässchen and Gottschedstraße in the city centre
- › Unique event venues, clubs and cultural centres such as the **Moritzbastei** (Europe's largest student club) or the **Taubchenthal** (combining industrial history with modern music location) and many more



Leipzig University, HHL and HMT

- › **Leipzig University founded in 1409** and one of the oldest universities in Europe, new building opened in 2011
- › **14 faculties** and more than **30.000 students**, strong profile in research and transfer, internationally well-connected
- › Most **famous former students**: Johann Wolfgang Goethe, Angela Merkel, Richard Wagner and Erich Kästner

www.uni-leipzig.de/en

- › **HHL Leipzig Graduate School of Management**
#1 Entrepreneurial University in Germany

www.hhl.de/

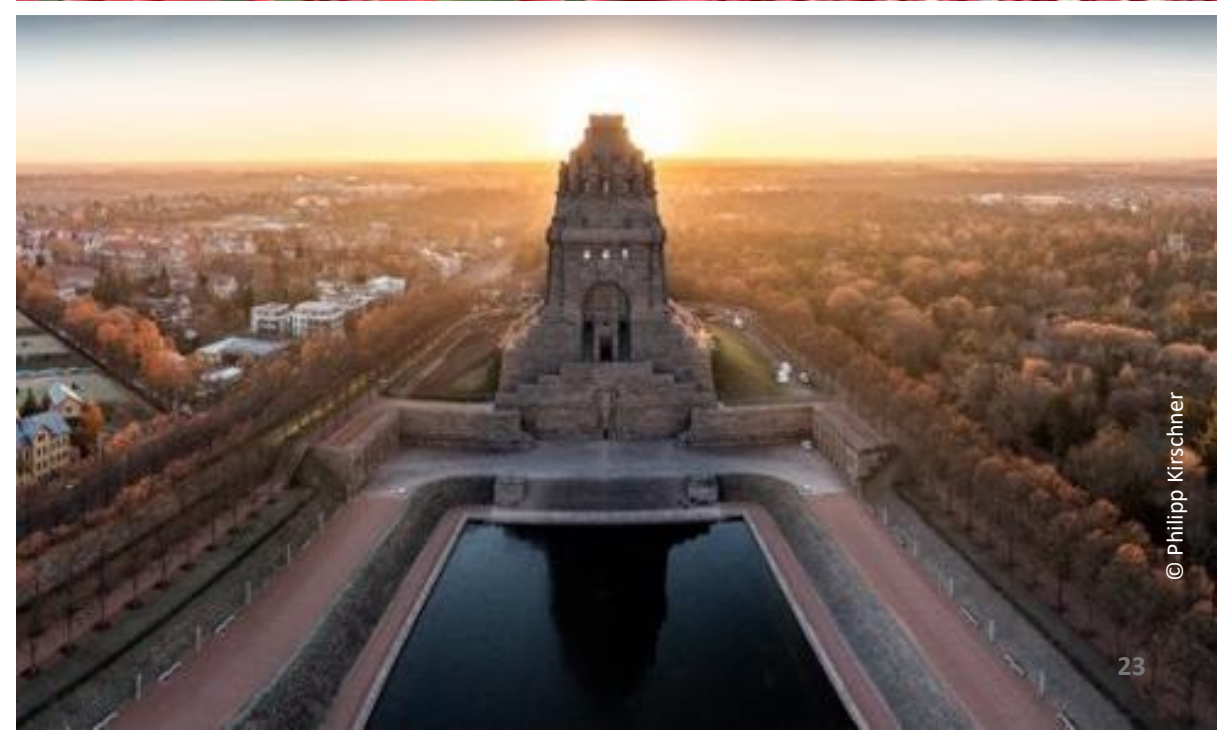
- › **University of Music and Theatre (HMT)** as first German conservatory

www.hmt-leipzig.de/en



Youth Travel in Leipzig

- › Great symbiosis of history, art and leisure time
- › **Authentic historic and music places** to visit e.g. Leipzig Music Trail, places of the Peaceful Revolution 1989 and Battle of the Nations 1813
- › Diverse **museums with interactive offers** e.g., Zeitgeschichtliches Forum (contemporary history), School Museum, Museum of Fine Arts (MdbK)
- › Wide range of **active leisure activities** e.g., canoe tours on Leipzig's waterways, Zoo Leipzig, whitewater rafting, BELANTIS theme park...
- › Comfortable and sustainable accessible by train, **A&O Hostel** right next to the main station



Family Adventure

- › **Zoo Leipzig** was awarded **best zoo in Germany** and 2nd best in Europe by zoo expert Anthony Sheridan
- › **Gondwanaland** allows you to dive into the tropical rainforests of Africa, Asia, South America
www.zoo-leipzig.de/en/
- › Visit the largest amusement park in Central Germany: the **BELANTIS Adventure Kingdom**
www.belantis.de/en
- › Take a guided tour or enjoy on and off-road driving events at the **Porsche Experience Center**
www.porsche-leipzig.com/en/home

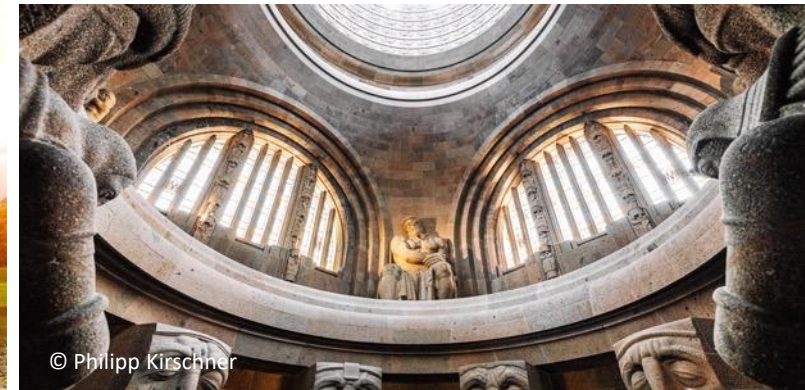




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The Völki – Monument to the Battle of the Nations

- › October **1813 Battle of the Nations** against Napoleon with 600.000 soldiers of 20 nations
- › **Völkerschlachtdenkmal** commemorates the 100.000 soldiers died in battle, monument as a symbol of peace and memorial of remembrance
- › **Tallest monument in Europe** (almost 91 meters) opened in 1913
- › Climb the 500 stairs to reach the **viewing platform** and enjoy view, visit the permanent exhibition
- › www.stadtgeschichtliches-museum-leipzig.de



The Peaceful Revolution 1989

- › **9 October 1989:** 70.000 people marched on the streets of Leipzig to demonstrate against the GDR regime
- › Monday demonstrations remained peaceful and set the course for fundamental change in Europe
- › Every year Leipzig commemorates its significance for democracy with the **Festival of Lights**
- › Take themed guided tours and visit authentic places like **St Nicholas Church**
- › Learn about the Stasi Secret Service of the former GDR in the **museum “Round Corner”** and visit open-air exhibition of original places or visit the Forum of Contemporary History



Fairytale Castles and Organ History

- › Experience the history of Saxony using Virtual Reality at **Rochlitz Castle**
- › Try escape room challenge “The Treasure of the One-Eyed Man” at **Mildenstein Castle**
- › **Kriebstein Castle** became famous through the film “Grand Budapest Hotel” by Wes Andersen
- › Discover beautiful knight's castles in Saxony www.schloesserland-sachsen.de
- › German Organ music and the **art of organ building** are an intangible cultural heritage by UNESCO, **2.500 organs in Saxony**, churches in Leipzig region with organs of Silbermann, Hildebrandt, Kreutzbach and Ladegast



Hartenfels Castle in Torgau

- › Only preserved palace of **German early Renaissance**
- › **Hartenfels Castle** connects important historical personalities like Martin Luther, Lucas Cranach, Emperor Charles V, Tsar Peter I and Napoleon
- › **The Great Wendelstein**: unique 28.2 metre high stair tower with daring construction, considered an architectural masterpiece of the early Renaissance
- › www.schloss-hartenfels.de
- › Have day trips to sites along the **Luther Trail**: Go to Wittenberg and see **95 theses of Martin Luther** at the Castle Church – beginning of the Reformation



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Colditz Castle

- › **Renaissance castle** serving as an **internment camp** for high-ranking officers of the Western Allies during the Second World War
- › **Exhibition „Escape of Colditz“** in the castle museum, see escape aids of allied officers as war prisoners, collection of escape stories passed on by word of mouth.
- › Discover Colditz Castle with the **HistoPad**: with an interactive tablet guide the lost place comes to life and provides previously unseen insights
- › www.schloss-colditz.de/en/home/





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Active Recreation, Hiking and Biking

- › **City of water** with many small rivers, canals and 457 bridges – more than Venice
- › **20 lakes** surrounding Leipzig called the **New Lakeland Area** that used to be former coal mining holes
- › **Enjoy water sports**, rent a kayak, go white water rafting or discover miles of cycling paths
- › Go swimming **and relax** at sandy beaches
- › Well-developed network of **hiking paths and low gradients cycling routes**
- › **5 long distance bike trails** with 15.628 km to enjoy, 12 e-biking charging stations



Eco-friendly Leipzig

- › One third of Leipzig is covered in a **green belt**: the Auwald floodplain forest running all the way through the city
- › City is **easy to explore** by foot, bike, e-roller, tram, bus, rental e-cars, boat, canoe
- › Leipzig hosted the **Velo City 2023** and aims to join Zero Waste Cities Network, as a model community Leipzig will be **climate-neutral until 2030**
- › Discover Leipzig in a more sustainable way and get inspired at www.leipzig.travel/entdecken/nachhaltigkeit



Culinary Specialties

- › **Great coffee house tradition** and Germany`s oldest coffee house has been serving Saxony`s favourite drink since 1711 – **Zum Coffe Baum**
- › Have **coffee and cake** or buy a treat at a bakery store, try the **Leipziger Lerche** (Lark): delicious shortcrust tarts filled with marzipan, invented by confectioners after the songbirds were protected in 1876
- › Have a pause in **cozy beer gardens**, take a guided tour at the brewery of Bayerischer Bahnhof or Ratskeller and try the regional **Gose Beer speciality**
- › **Gose one of the oldest beers** (1.000 AD) originally from Goslar in the Harz Mountains, **unique fresh character** with addition of salt and coriander



Admirable Architecture

- › Buildings of various epochs, e.g. Gothic, Romantic, Renaissance or Modern Age and more than 15,000 cultural monuments in Leipzig
- › 850 years of trade fair tradition: historic passages, **unique arcades system** and old trade fair buildings
- › Buntgarnwerke one of the largest German **industrial monument** of the founding period
- › Quarters of Wilhelminian and Art Nouveau style buildings such as Plagwitz, Waldstraßenviertel and Musikviertel
- › Take a guided boat tour to **see waterside view** of the architectural highlights



Bauhaus Architecture

- › Historical connection of Leipzig and the art school in Dessau (about one hour north of Leipzig) as trading fairs were used to showcase new designs
- › Throughout Leipzig are a few buildings which can be **attributed to the Bauhaus**, e.g., Nibelungensiedlung (Rundling) or Pfeilerhalle at GRASSI museum
- › **House Rabe** is a unique building in Zwenkau which features works of art by the Bauhaus artist Oskar Schlemmer
- › **Bauhaus Museum Dessau** is only one hour by train or car
www.bauhaus-dessau.de



Unique Courtyards and Arcades

- › 850 years of trade fair tradition: historic passages, **unique arcades system** and old trade fair buildings
- › Visit **Mädler Passage** with luxurious stores, regional pop-up stores and the traditional restaurant Auerbachs Keller
- › **500 years anniversary of Auerbachs Keller in 2025**
www.auerbachs-keller-leipzig.de
- › Discover Goethe's legendary Faust tragedy and take part in a **barrel cellar ceremony**, have a drink and meal where already Goethe had his wine



Special Regional Products

- › **Music instruments:** Vogt Instruments „passion in brass“, Clement violin workshops, Julius Blüthner Pianofortefabrik since 1853 – 170 years anniversary
- › **Spirits:** Wilhelm Horn Spirits Manufactory (Allasch caraway liqueur, Long Horn Gin), Connewitzer Likörfabrik
- › **Arts and Crafts:** Biehne Porzellan Studio, Hillerei Mosaik, Arnold Pottery, Chamberlain hand weaving and goldsmith
- › www.leipzig.travel/en/experience/regional-products-from-Leipzig



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Leipzig Christmas Market

- › **Christmas Market tradition since 1458**, every year from Tuesday after All Souls' Day until 23 December
- › Listen to Bach's Christmas Oratorio in St Thomas Church, drink Glühwein, eat "Kräppelchen" (sweet treat) and Christmas Stollen
- › Buy **regional craft specialties** like pyramids or smoking mans from the Ore Mountains made in Saxony
- › Diverse Christmas markets all over Leipzig districts like Werk2, Felsenkeller, Gohlis Castle, Täubchenthal, Feinkost and in the surrounding Leipzig region
- › www.leipzig.travel/christmas



Leipzig – Vibrant Congress City

- › Leipzig Trade Faire certified **with Green Globe Certificate** for 12 years in a row, have responsible green meetings at Congress Center in Leipzig
- › Centre of **economy and science** (biotechnology, medicine and automobile industry)
- › Congress initiative and network of around 50 partners: **Feel the spirit** – www.leipzig-convention.com



Culture Trio Dresden – Leipzig - Weimar

Dresden enchants visitors with world-famous art treasures, impressive buildings such as the Frauenkirche and a unique blend of history and modernity. The magnificent old town, stunning panoramic views of the Elbe and renowned museums make the Saxon metropolis a must-see destination!



The music city of Leipzig delights visitors with a unique variety of festivals, museums and cultural events. The charming old town and lively trendy districts characterize the cityscape. The region offers picturesque lake landscapes, historic castles and idyllic wine villages – a perfect symbiosis.

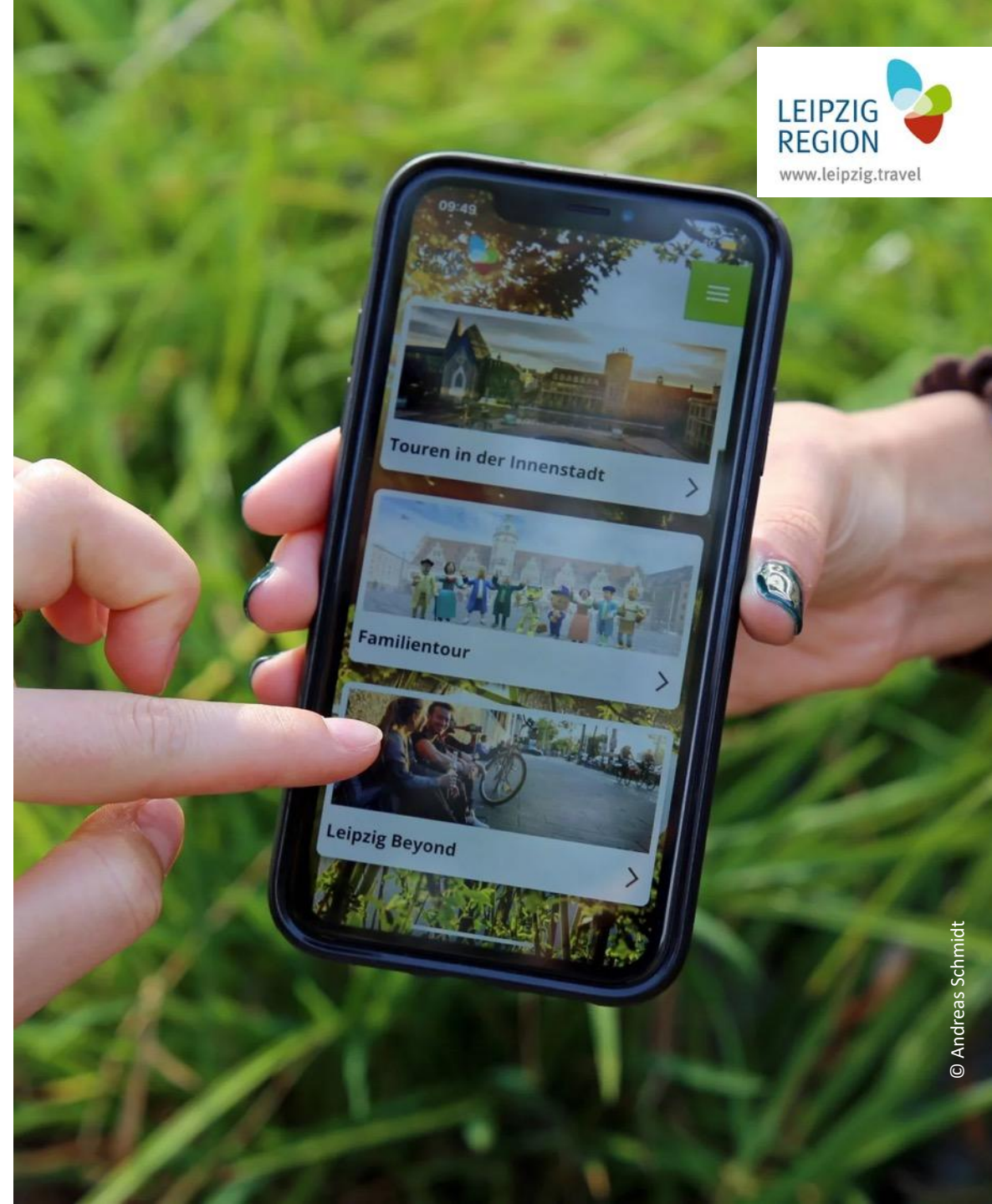


Weimar is a true UNESCO gem, with two top awards for Weimar Classicism and the Bauhaus. A fascinating cultural offering, an enchanting old town with fine craftsmanship and beautiful parks and castles delight visitors from all over the world!



Explore Leipzig with Digital Tours

- › **Digital city walking tours** through Leipzig, downtown walking tour with insider tips or just the highlights
- › Four tours through **Leipzig's trendy quarters** for urban explorers with more time and curiosity
- › Each point of interest consists of interactive elements, pictures, a description text and even an audio guide
- › The Explore Leipzig App can be **downloaded for free** at the [Google Play Store](#) or the [App Store](#)
- › Listen to musical soundwalks at the [Notenspuren](#) app, explore Leipzig via [SmartGuide](#) and [urbnups](#)
- › Hiking trails and biking routes in the Leipzig region are accessible via [outdooractive](#) and [komoot](#) app



Barrier-Free Access

- › Leipzig and the surrounding region is open to everyone and has taken steps to ensure activities or events can be experienced barrier-free
- › Find options for travellers with restricted mobility, travellers with impaired vision or hearing and travellers with cognitive disabilities
- › For information on events, theatres, museums and more recreational activities, accommodation and restaurants with barrier-free access, see website: www.leipzig.travel/en/entdecken/leipzig-barrierefrei



Tips for Coach Travel to Leipzig

- › **Experience Leipzig as a group:** pedestrian-friendly and a green city with short distances
- › Versatile range of **group activities focusing on music, culture, history, water and creativity**
- › Lots of **parking possibilities** all over the city and its surrounding region
- › Many **restaurants with group offers** in the city center, at the Leipzig lakes and nearby castles
- › **More information** for bus tour operators:
www.leipzig.travel/en/B2B/information-for-tour-operators



More Information Available

- › Watch the image video for more impressions:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=n-aH54EA1c
- › Get the **Leipzig Card** and **Leipzig Regio Card**:
www.leipzig.travel - Leipzig Card & Leipzig Region Card
- › More information, photos and media:
www.leipzig.travel/press
- › Get inspired by our travel packages:
www.leipzig.travel/en/reisen/angebote
- › Contact incoming@ltm-leipzig.de for booking and itineraries, enjoy **exclusive advantages**



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