

The CULTURE TRIO

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DRESDEN

In the scenic landscape of the picturesque Elbe River, the city of Dresden captivates visitors with its remarkable fusion of Baroque magnificence and a vibrant cultural milieu. The graceful silhouette of the historic Old Town, with its grand palaces and architectural masterpieces, alongside elegant villa districts,



Frauenkirche

reflects the city's legacy as the former royal seat of Saxony. Culture lovers from around the world are drawn to Dresden's exceptional offerings: world-class performances at the Semper Opera House and Philharmonic, artistic treasures in the 11 museums of the Staatliche Kunstsammlungen Dresden (Dresden State Art Collections), and the powerful sound of the Staatskapelle Dresden Orchestra. Unforgettable experiences await international events such as the Dresden Music Festival and the Striezelmarkt, one of Europe's oldest Christmas markets. Beyond the city, the Elbland region reveals a landscape of sunlit vineyards, graceful castles, and serene landscape, stretching from the porcelain city of Meissen to the Renaissance beauty of Pirna, at the gateway to Saxon Switzerland. Altogether, Dresden offers a unique harmony of cultural depth and natural beauty, making it an exceptional destination for both enrichment and relaxation.



Evening atmosphere in Dresden Neustadt



CASTLES · PALACES · GARDENS

Highlights



Pillnitz Palace

● **Dresden captivates visitors with its world-renowned palaces.** The baroque Zwinger and Royal Palace impress with their magnificent architecture and lavish collections, while the Chinese-inspired Pillnitz Palace, situated on the banks of the Elbe, enchants with its unique charm. Nestled within a romantic pond landscape, Moritzburg Castle is famous as a setting for beloved fairy tale films. The surrounding region is dotted with numerous stately palaces and castles, including the renowned Albrechtsburg Castle in Meissen with its Gothic cathedral, the Grosssedlitz Baroque Garden, Weesenstein Castle, and the imposing Königstein Fortress.



Kriebstein Castle

● **Weimar's splendid architecture** spans several exciting centuries. The stately Belvedere Palace, surrounded by Baroque gardens and a vast, English landscape park, as well as the picturesque Ilm Park, inspired by Goethe, offer beautiful settings for leisurely walks. Tiefurt Estate, once the summer residence of Duchess Anna Amalia, continues to charm visitors with its graceful landscape park and timeless elegance.



Belvedere Palace

LEIPZIG

Leipzig fascinates with its unique combination of musical heritage, contemporary art and rich history, while also offering a wealth of natural beauty. Known as the 'City of Music', it attracts music enthusiasts from all over the world, including former figures such as J. S. Bach. Historic sites like St Thomas Church and the city's music museums allow visitors to immerse themselves in this extraordinary heritage. Prestigious events such as the Bach Fest, the Oper Leipzig and the Gewandhausorchester continue this tradition, presenting programmes ranging from the classical canon to modern innovations. Art lovers can experience a remarkable creative transformation at the Spinnerei, which was once the largest cotton mill in Europe and is now a world-renowned centre for contemporary art. Leipzig's numerous museums and galleries, as well as its industrial heritage, give the city a creative and interesting character.



Bach memorial in front of St Thomas' Church

taking a stroll in Clara-Zetkin-Park, having a picnic in Rosental or cycling through the floodplain forest. Ideal settings for swimming, sailing, and a wide range of other water sports can be found at Lake Cospuden and Lake Markkleeberg. Leipzig uniquely combines past and present, culture and nature, making it the perfect destination for those seeking to explore both historic and natural attractions. Visitors will discover exciting contrasts and, above all, an inspiring atmosphere where diversity is embraced.



Yarn factory / Weiße Elster



Gohliser Schlösschen

In 1989, Leipzig wrote a pivotal chapter in history. The Monday Demonstrations, which grew out of prayers for peace at St Nicholas Church, turned the city into a powerful symbol of the Peaceful Revolution. Today, the Forum of Contemporary History and the Stasi Museum in the 'Round Corner' are compelling reminders of the courageous fight for freedom and democracy. With its abundance of parks, rivers and lakes, Leipzig offers ample opportunity to relax and enjoy nature, whether you are

MUSIC Highlights



St Thomas Boys' Choir

● **Leipzig is the City of Music:** Great composers like J. S. Bach and Felix Mendelssohn created some of their most important works here. Today, Leipzig's rich musical legacy lives on through renowned institutions such as the Gewandhausorchester, the Oper Leipzig, and the St Thomas Boys' Choir. Festivals like the Bach Fest and the Leipzig Jazz Days, along with a vibrant contemporary music scene, continue to share this tradition with audiences from around the world.

● **Weimar has been shaped by music,** both in the past and the present. Discover the legacies of J. S. Bach and Franz Liszt in a city that played a key role in music history. The renowned University of Music FRANZ LISZT Weimar and the long-standing Staatskapelle Weimar Orchestra continue this tradition of excellence to this day. We invite you to experience this for yourself at festivals such as the Thuringian Bach Festival, or at one of the city's many concerts or opera performances.



Staatskapelle Weimar



Semper Opera House

● **Dresden is a city of grand soundscapes.** With the world-famous Semper Opera House, the esteemed Staatskapelle Dresden, and the Frauenkirche – whose first organ was inaugurated by J. S. Bach – the Elbe metropolis is regarded as a beacon of musical excellence. Nearby, the Richard Wagner Sites in Graupa offer a fascinating insight into the life and work of the legendary composer. Well-known festivals, excellent concerts and the beautiful combination of music and architecture make Dresden a place where sound and culture are closely connected.

WEIMAR



Town hall Weimar

Weimar has been shaped by poets, philosophers, musicians, and designers and is a cultural gem of global significance located in the heart of Germany. Honoured by three listings as UNESCO World Heritage, it is a rich blend of classical heritage, pioneering design and musical brilliance. The legacy of Goethe and Schiller is ever-present in “Classical Weimar”, from



Theatre square with Goethe and Schiller monument

the Weimar City Castle and the Herzogin Anna Amalia Library to the idyllic parks alongside the River Ilm. Here, history isn't only about the past; it is still present in every corner of the city today. Weimar also boasts a rich musical heritage, especially during the Baroque and Romantic eras thanks to composers such as J. S. Bach and Franz Liszt. This long-standing tradition continues on at the famous University of Music FRANZ LISZT Weimar, along with a vibrant programme of concerts and festivals that keep the city's cultural spirit alive. In the birthplace of the Bauhaus School, the Bauhaus Universität Weimar continues to be a driving force in global design. The Bauhaus Museum Weimar and the Museum Neues Weimar vividly showcase the revolutionary ideas of van de Velde, Gropius, Klee and Kandinsky. With its profound cultural heritage and charming historic centre, Weimar invites you to discover, reflect, and be inspired – a place that captivates everyone who visits.



Herzogin Anna Amalia Library

ARTS

Highlights



● **Art in Weimar** is an inspiring blend of classical spirit and modern avant-garde. Here, the ideas of Goethe and Schiller converge with the radical creativity of the Bauhaus movement. The Bauhaus Museum Weimar, the Museum Neues Weimar and the Bauhaus Universität Weimar showcase design icons and architectural visions of an entire era. Meanwhile, Classical Weimar, home to the Herzogin Anna Amalia Library, the Weimar City Castle and the residences of poets, invites visitors to take an artistic journey through time. In Weimar, history is not confined to museum walls – it is everywhere and very much alive.



Bauhaus Museum Weimar



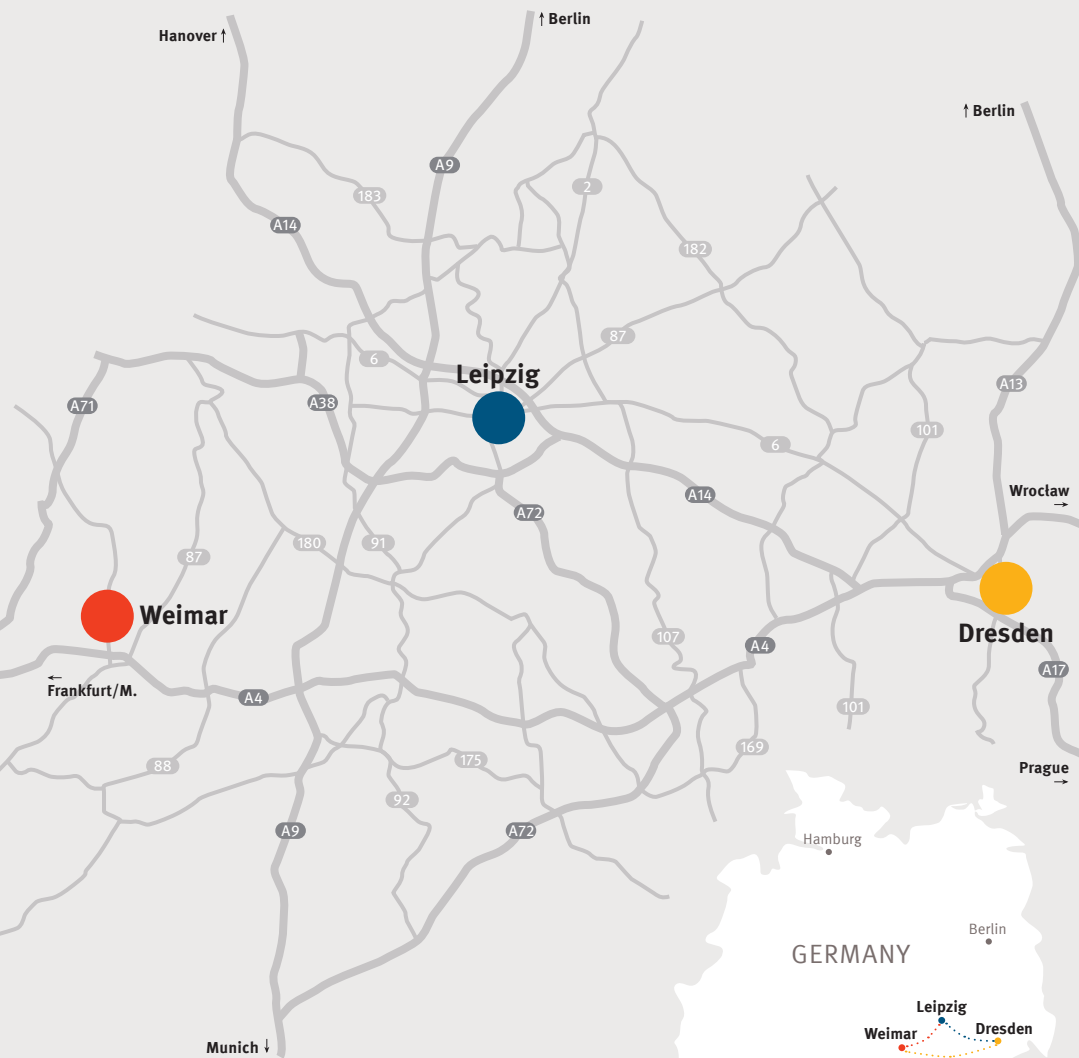
Old Masters Picture Gallery Dresden

● **Art in Dresden** is as diverse as it is steeped in tradition. The renowned Dresden State Art Collections, with eleven museums – including the iconic Gemäldegalerie Alte Meister (Old Masters Picture Gallery) – rank among the most significant in Europe. While modern and contemporary works are showcased mainly in the Albertinum, the city's creative pulse is kept alive by a vibrant network of independent spaces and studios. The interplay between Baroque splendour and contemporary art creates a visually striking and intellectually stimulating dynamic that is constantly in dialogue with history.



Spinnerei Leipzig

● **Art in Leipzig** is dynamic, multifaceted and full of contrasts. A particular highlight is the Spinnerei Leipzig, a renowned centre for contemporary art set against the backdrop of striking industrial architecture. The city's cultural vibrancy is further enhanced by the Museum of Fine Arts (MdbK) and the GRASSI Museum. While the MdbK showcases an array of modern exhibitions, the GRASSI delves deep into applied arts and design across eras and cultures.



Distance between cities:

Leipzig–Dresden **100 km** | Dresden–Weimar **170 km**

Weimar–Leipzig **84 km**

Travelling time by train:

Leipzig–Dresden ca. 1:15 h

Dresden–Weimar ca. 2:30 h

Weimar–Leipzig ca. 1 h

Travelling time by car:

Leipzig–Dresden ca. 1:15 h

Dresden–Weimar ca. 2:15 h

Weimar–Leipzig ca. 1:20 h

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