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A warm welcome

to Chemnitz, European Capital of Culture 2025!

Only a few months to go until 18 January 2025 and the start of a very special year: Chemnitz, Saxony's industrial city, will become the European Capital of Culture, shared with 38 municipalities from Central Saxony, the Erzgebirge and the Zwickau region. Chemnitz and the surrounding area are linked by a vibrant shared cultural and industrial heritage. The Capital of Culture title is an invitation to everyone – you, your guests and customers – to come and discover the history of this eastern German area at the heart of Europe.

"C the Unseen" is the motto of the Capital of Culture year and it's a perfect fit for Chemnitz and the region. It aims to make visible what was previously unseen and undiscovered – and there's certainly plenty of that!

Perhaps you're already familiar with Chemnitz, Zwickau and the Erzgebirge, or maybe you've always planned to visit the Capital of Culture region. 2025 is definitely THE opportunity to put your plans into action and it offers you and your guests and customers a new and unique travel experience.

Chemnitz has been shaped by long-standing tradition and lots of upheaval. The city and surrounding region are well-known for their go-getting spirit and their ability to constantly reinvent themselves. Social change has always been a catalyst for innovation. Chemnitz, Zwickau and the surrounding area have made major contributions to Germany's industrial development, particularly in the textile, mechanical engineering, railway and automotive sectors.

Mining in the Erzgebirge made the region an economic powerhouse, and its traditional arts and crafts are still renowned throughout the world today. The Erzgebirge/Krušnohorí Mining Region was made a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2019 – another internationally renowned award.

Industrialisation brought wealth and prosperity and led to a boom in the arts and culture, as evidenced by the consistently world class museums and unique architecture. A high density of medieval, Renaissance and Baroque castles, theatres, concert halls and art collections can be found across the region and already attract lots of visitors here. Outdoor pursuits in the beautiful natural landscape are also a big draw, with a variety of hiking, cycling and water sports routes.

Not forgetting the official programme of Chemnitz 2025 with its motto "C the Unseen": Over 100 projects will be developed and more than 1000 events will be organised as part of this. These include festivals, concerts, exhibitions and theatre performances, as well as discourse series, democracy projects, sports activities and especially hands-on activities for everyone to get involved with – including visitors. In addition, many other high-profile events will be taking place in Chemnitz and across the region.

The European Capital of Culture title now shines a spotlight on people, places and activities that have so far had little attention in terms of tourism. Chemnitz and the Capital of Culture region are ready to welcome you and visitors from across Saxony, Germany and all over the world!

> Chemnitz Kulturhauptstadt Europas





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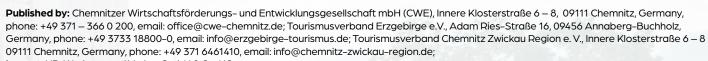
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Purple Path – Europe's longest art and sculpture trail

The art and sculpture trail PURPLE PATH connects Chemnitz with 38 surrounding cities and municipalities through art and is a project of the European Capital of Culture Chemnitz 2025. Along the PURPLE PATH, works by renowned international as well as Saxon artists are installed at socially and symbolically significant locations. The sculptures and artworks invite people to get to know the places, people, and their stories.

Include me out by Friedrich Kunath Buntsockenpark in Thalheim Inauguration: August 2022

The sculpture group Include Me Out by Friedrich Kunath in Buntsockenpark Thalheim comprises seven stylized spruces. The bronze installation, located in the former stocking factory area, humorously reflects our position in the world and current environmental problems. Friedrich Kunath was born in 1974 in Karl-Marx-Stadt, now Chemnitz in Germany, and lives in Pasadena, USA, today.



Friedrich Kunath, Include me out, 2020; Courtesy: Friedrich Kunath and König Galerie Berlin, Seoul, Wien; photo: Ernesto Uhlmann

Wildschweine by Carl Emanuel Wolff at the Sauberg in Ehrenfriedersdorf Inauguration: November 2022

The artwork Wildschweine, three wild boars made of bronze, by sculptor Carl Emanuel Wolff commemorates the legend of the first tin discovery. They stand outdoors in a dynamic way without a pedestal at the Ehrenfriedersdorf tin mine and invite visitors on a fantasy journey through art and history. Carl Emmanuel Wolff was born in Essen in 1957. He now lives and works in Essen and Dresden, Germany.



Carl Emanuel Wolff, Wildschweine, 2011; Courtesy: Carl Emanuel Wolff; photo: Ronny Küttner/photoron

Color Floating by Nevin Aladağ above the Austelteich pond in Zwönitz Inauguration: June 2023

The sculptor and performance artist Nevin Aladağ enchants with her light installation Color Floating in Zwönitz and creates connections between historical mining and textile traditions and contemporary art. Her work not only conveys joie de vivre, but also questions social norms. Nevin Aladağ was born in 1972 in Van, Turkey, and now lives in Berlin, Germany.



Nevin Aladağ, Color Floating, 2023; Courtesy: WENTRUP, Berlin und Nevin Aladağ; photo: Daniela Schleich

Petrified Wood Circle by Richard Long in the church St. Katharinenkirche Zwickau Inauguration: October 2023 (temporary location until presumably autumn 2024)

The artwork Petrified Wood Circle by British land artist Richard Long consists of wood petrified throughout millions of years. The presentation of the artwork in pilgrimage churches such as St. Catherine's Church in Zwickau connects the Way of St. James and becomes part of the Purple Path through art. Richard Long was born in Bristol, UK, in 1945.



Richard Long, Petrified Wood Circle, 2000; Courtesy: Private collection, Berlin; photo: Kulturkirche 2025

Glance by Tanja Rochelmeyer at the train station in Flöha Inauguration: September 2022

The unique art installation Glance by Tanja Rochelmayer in the pedestrian underpass of Flöha train station consists of 171 highly reflective, colourful panels. The work recalls the history of the nearby cotton mill and leads to its former and today's location, now a new centre of the city. German artist Tanja Rochelmeyer was born in Essen in 1975 and lives in Berlin today.



Tanja Rochelmeyer, Glance, 2022; Courtesy: Tanja Rochelmeyer and DB Station & Service AG; photo: Ernesto Uhlmann

Ohne Titel (ESDA) by Iskender Yediler at the old ESDA textile factory in Lichtenstein/Sa. Inauguration: August 2023

The artwork Ohne Titel (ESDA) by German-Turkish sculptor Iskender Yediler is located on the site of the old ESDA textile factory in Lichtenstein/Sa. The installation makes a direct reference to the industrial history of the site and thus provides an insight into the past. Iskender Yediler was born in Eskişehir, Turkey, in 1953 and now lives in Berlin, Germany.



Iskender Yediler, Ohne Titel (ESDA), 2023; Courtesy: Iskender Yediler; photo: Johannes Pichter

One Million – ITEMS 3501 / 3502 by Uli Aigner in front of the old steam brewery in Lößnitz Inauguration: August 2023

The monumental porcelain sculptures numbered 3501 and 3502 of the series One Million by Austrian artist Uli Aigner pay homage to the region's industrial history. In the 17th century, cobalt was mined in Lößnitz, which later enabled the production of Meissen porcelain. The artwork thus create a link between past and present. Uli Aigner was born in Austria in 1965 and now lives in Berlin, Germany.



Uli Aigner, One Million – ITEMS 3501 / 3502, 2019; Courtesy: Uli Aigner; photo: Daniela Schleich

Stack by Tony Cragg

in the spa gardens of Aue-Bad Schlema

Inauguration: September 2022

The sculpture Stack by British artist Tony Cragg in the reconstructed spa gardens of Bad Schlema embodies the connection between nature and human intervention. The rich mining history is told through the abstract bronze sculpture, evoking associations with broken earth. The sculptor was born in Liverpool, UK, in 1949 and lives in Wuppertal, Germany, today.



Tony Cragg, Stack, 2019; Courtesy: Buchmann Galerie Berlin und Tony Cragg; photo: Ernesto Uhlmann

Polygonales Pferd II by Gregor Gaida at the Gahlenz village museum in Oederan Inauguration: April 2024

The sculpture Polygonales Pferd II by artist Gregor Gaida focuses on the symbiosis between human being and horse, which also played an important role in mining. Horses were used to power water pumps and conveyor systems in the so-called horse capstan. With his work, the artist questions the role of the animal in society while at the same time humorously breaking with the convention of the traditional equestrian monument. Gregor Gaida was born in Poland in 1975 and now lives in Bremen, Germany.



Gregor Gaida, Polygonales Pferd II, 2011–13; photo: Ernesto Uhlmann

Skulpturen Purple Path

- 1) Include me out
- (2) Glance
- (3) Stack
- (4) Wildschweine
- (5) Color Floating

- 6 One Million: ITEMS 3501 / 3502
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- Petrified Wood Circle
- Skulptur in Vorbereitung / upcoming sculptures

Makerhubs von Chemnitz 2025

- 1) Stadtwirtschaft Chemnitz
- 2 Lehngericht Augustusburg
- (3) Kulturnetzwerk UW Etzdorf
- 4 Das ESCHE Textilhub im Esche-Museum in Limbach-Oberfrohna
- 5 Lößnitz MAKERS #diemacherei e. V.

- (6) Werkbank32 in Mittweida
- NETZ-Werk WIRtshaus für alle Fälle in Neukirchen/Erzg.
- 8 Kulturwerk Schneeberg e. V.
- 9 BUNTSPEICHER Zwönitz



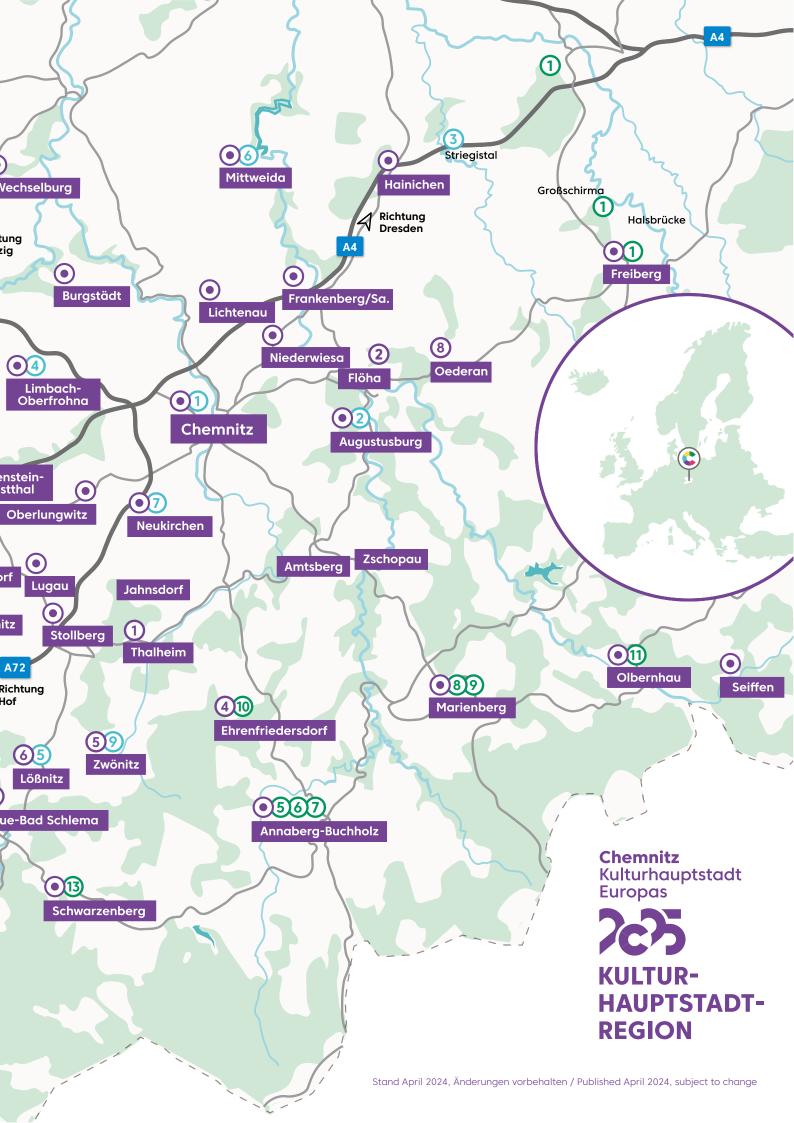
UNESCO-Welterbe

Zur Montanregion Erzgebirge/Krušnohoří gehören 17 deutsche und 5 tschechische Welterbe-Bestandteile. / Erzgebirge/Krušnohoří World Heritage Mining Region consists of 17 sites in Germany and 5 in the Czech Republic.

- Bergbaulandschaft Freiberg / Freiberg Mining Landscape
- Bergbaulandschaft Hoher Forst / Hoher Forst Mining Landscape
- 3 Bergbaulandschaft Schneeberg / Schneeberg Mining Landscape
- Blaufarbenwerk Schindlers
 Werk / Schindlers Werk
 Smalt Works
- Sergbaulandschaft Annaberg-Frohnau / Annaberg-Frohnau Mining Landscape
- Bergbaulandschaft Pöhlberg / Pöhlberg Mining Landscape
- Bergbaulandschaft Buchholz / Buchholz Mining Landscape

- 8 Historische Altstadt Marienberg / Marienberg Mining
 Town
- Bergbaulandschaft Lauta / Lauta Mining Landscape
- Bergbaulandschaft Ehrenfriedersdorf / Ehrenfriedersdorf Mining Landscape
- Saigerhütte Grünthal / Grünthal Silver Copper Liquation Works
- 12 Bergbaulandschaft Eibenstock / Eibenstock Mining Landscape
- 13 Bergbaulandschaft Rother Berg / Rother Berg Mining Landscape
- Uranbergbaulandschaft / Uranium Mining Landscape





Key projects in the Chemnitz 2025 programme



Programme preview for the Capital of Culture year 2025

18 Jan 2025

CAPITAL OF CULTURE YEAR 2025 GRAND OPENING

Chemnitz and Capital of Culture region

24 Oct 2024 – 29 Jun 2025

GLITTERING SILVER AND 'KUMPELTOD' SCHNAPPS

Staatliches Museum für Archäologie Chemnitz (Chemnitz State Museum of Archaeology)

The exhibition looks at mining experiences, past and present.

11 - 13 Apr 2025

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE PURPLE PATH ART AND SCULPTURE TRAIL

Chemnitz and Capital of Culture region

"PURPLE PATH", Europe's largest art and sculpture trail, is officially opened to the public.

25 Apr – 16 Nov 2025 TALES OF TRANSFORMATION

Industriemuseum Chemnitz (Chemnitz Museum of Industry)

The exhibition compares the development of former industrial hotspots: Chemnitz, Gabrovo, Łódź, Manchester, Mulhouse and Tampere.

27 Apr - 10 Aug 2025

EUROPEAN REALITIES. REALIST MOVEMENTS IN EUROPE IN THE 1920S AND 1930S

Museum Gunzenhauser (Gunzenhauser Museum), Chemnitz

For the first time, the realist movements of the 1920s and 1930s are presented as a pan–European phenomenon.

30 May - 1 Jun 2025

HUTFESTIVAL – STREET ART FESTIVAL

Chemnitz, city centre

The HUTFESTIVAL transforms Chemnitz city centre into a large open-air stage for over 200 contributions from international artists and musicians.

13 – 15 Jun 2025 KOSMOS EUROPA

Chemnitz, city centre

With countless stages, concerts, performances, exhibitions and discussions, Kosmos Europa is far more than just a festival.

19 - 22 Jun 2025

MAKERS UNITED - THE INTERACTIVE FESTIVAL

Chemnitz, city centre

The programme for Chemnitz 2025 is all about getting involved. This is especially true for MAKERS UNITED, the European festival for creativity, technology and innovation.

10 Aug – 2 Nov 2025 EDVARD MUNCH. ANGST

Kunstsammlungen am Theaterplatz (Art Collections on Theaterplatz), Chemnitz

The exhibition deals with the theme of fear, based on the works of Europe's most important pioneer of modern painting.

10 - 13 Sep 2025

EUROPEAN PEACE RIDE

Chemnitz, surrounding region and other European countries

This is already the fifth edition of the European Peace Ride. This special peace ride is not just a cycling race, but also a cultural and sporting social project with European appeal.

20 Sep 2025

RUMMELPLATZ – PREMIERE

Opernhaus Chemnitz (Chemnitz Opera House)

The opera is based on Werner Bräunig's novel of the same name, which Ludger Vollmer (composition) and Jenny Erpenbeck (libretto) have adapted as a music theatre work for the stage. To be premiered on 20/09/2025.

24 Nov - 23 Dec 2025

MAKERS' ADVENT - HANDS-ON CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

Chemnitz and Capital of Culture region

With its hands-on Christmas activities, Chemnitz 2025 showcases the creative potential of Chemnitz and the Capital of Culture region, creating places to meet and bringing people together.

29 Nov 2025

CAPITAL OF CULTURE YEAR 2025: GRAND FINALE

Chemnitz and Capital of Culture region

Chemnitz and the surrounding Capital of Culture region bid farewell to a jam-packed year full of events and encounters. A big party officially brings the European Capital of Culture year 2025 to a close.

European Capital of Culture and surrounding region





CHEMNITZ EUROPEAN CAPITAL OF CULTURE – PURPLE PATH EXPERIENCE

Chemnitz and surrounding region

Discovery tour: Together with Chemnitz, 38 municipalities and communities form the cultural region that will be European Capital of Culture in 2025. The PURPLE PATH, a large sculpture, art and makers' trail and flagship of the Capital of Culture, will be created in the region for 2025 and beyond. The PURPLE PATH creates connection, as the art trail of sculptures and interventions by international and local artists connects cities and communities, unfolding a European history of mining and industrialisation.

The PURPLE PATH stands for togetherness and community spirit, cultural renewal out of respect for tradition, as well as ecological and social sustainability. It also stands for a tolerant culture, which we embrace from the bottom of our

hearts — welcoming Saxony and Germany, Europe and the world.

Travel packages:

Individual location tour package — with this highly customised package, you will stay overnight in one of our partner hotels in Chemnitz. Explore the Purple Path at your own pace and benefit from the extensive information in the roadbook, plus tour suggestions for the region's sights and works of art.

Our packages are for 2 to 4 nights; experience offers can be added and booked on request.

Includes:

- · 2, 3 or 4 nights B&B in a Chemnitz partner hotel
- · Roadbook for the Purple Path
- · City tour of Chemnitz
- · Chemnitz souvenir
- · Insolvency protection certificate

Event group tour by bike or e-bike for leisure cyclists:

If you choose this option, you'll get to know the region and the Purple Path together with your group, without any organisational stress. You'll also receive lots of interesting and useful information from knowledgeable guides. The exact cycle tour routes with details of distances and altitudes are currently being finalised. Own bike required, bikes available to hire on request.

Itinerary:

Day 1 (Thurs): individual arrival in Chemnitz / hotel check-in / collection of rental bikes (subject to charge) / group city tour in the afternoon / group welcome and itinerary overview / dinner together

Day 2–3 (Fri–Sat): breakfast together / loading luggage / departure of the group for the day's stage / lunch together / arrival at overnight accommodation / dinner together and tour briefing / evening programme (depending on the overnight accommodation)

Day 4 (Sun): breakfast together / loading luggage / departure back to Chemnitz / lunch together / arrival in Chemnitz in the afternoon / individual journey home or optional extra overnight hotel stay

A FASCINATING JOURNEY THROUGH THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

Includes:

- · 3 nights B&B in the tour hotels
- 3 lunches and 3 dinners
- · Roadbook for the Purple Path
- Guided city tour of Chemnitz
- · Cycling guide or tour guide
- Luggage transfer vehicle
- · Chemnitz souvenir
- · Insolvency protection certificate

Minimum group size: 10; individual bookings are also possible

Note: Individual bookings are also possible, with everything still organised for you, except luggage transport

Dates & prices: on request

Contact: Chemnitz Tourist Information

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Packages for coach operators: on request

Tip for May 2025: Visit the eighth edition of the multi-faceted, international HUTFESTIVAL, where for three days Chemnitz city centre's streets and squares will be transformed into a large open-air stage full of live music, clowning, acrobatics, juggling, fire shows, stilt walking, art and street food.



CULINARY REGION AND EUROPEAN CAPITAL OF CULTURE

Chemnitz and the Erzgebirge

Discovery tour: Excellent food has always been a top priority in Saxony. It's a big topic, whether you're thinking about the past or the present. For the duration of your trip, the Chemnitz region and the Erzgebirge will be your culinary home. In Chemnitz, beer, coffee and cookery courses await you, with something to suit everyone. The people of the Erzgebirge know from experience how to use seasonal and regional produce to conjure up the most exquisite delicacies for you to sit back and enjoy in local restaurants. Go on a gourmet tour in the Erzgebirge to get to know the local cuisine, then pack your rucksack with all the regional delicacies you discover in the wide range of farm shops.

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Includes:

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- City tour of Chemnitz
- · Chemnitz souvenir
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Day 2–3 (Fri–Sat): breakfast together / loading luggage / departure of the group for the day's stage / lunch together / arrival at overnight accommodation / dinner together and tour briefing / evening programme (depending on the overnight accommodation)

Day 4 (Sun): breakfast together / loading luggage / departure of the group for stage 3 – back to Chemnitz / lunch together / arrival in Chemnitz in the afternoon / individual journey home or optional extra overnight hotel stay

Includes:

- 3 nights half board in the tour hotels
- · Roadbook for the Purple Path
- Group city tour on the day of arrival in Chemnitz.
- · 3 lunches
- Cycling guide or tour guide
- Luggage transfer vehicle
- · Chemnitz souvenir
- · Insolvency protection certificate

Minimum/maximum group size: 8 / 20

Dates & prices: on request

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EUROPEAN CAPITAL OF CULTURE MEETS SAXONY'S LONGEST WINE FESTIVAL

Chemnitz

Discovery tour: C THE UNSEEN, the motto of the Capital of Culture year, is an invitation to locals and guests alike. It aims to show and rediscover things previously unseen. Under the city's bid motto "C the Unseen", a wide variety of projects will bring undiscovered places to life and bring people together. Be inspired and see for yourself! This package

includes an added highlight – Saxony's longest wine festival will be an unforgettable experience. Balmy nights offer the perfect atmosphere for chatting, singing, dancing and laughing, all accompanied by good wine, delicious food and varied entertainment at Chemnitz Hauptmarkt and Neumarkt! A wine lounge on Jakobikirchplatz offers themed



evenings each day in a relaxed, urban atmosphere. To top it all off, you can enjoy a diverse musical programme from 6pm each evening. From jazz and blues to rock music, there is something for everyone. Cheers! Relax in the city's largest living room and drink in the atmosphere!

Travel package:

With this highly customised package, you will stay overnight in one of our partner hotels in Chemnitz.

Day 1 (Fri): individual arrival in Chemnitz and hotel check-in / dinner in a city centre restaurant / welcome at the wine lounge / individual visit to the wine festival

Day 2 (Sat): Breakfast / city tour and walk in the city centre under the motto "Chemnitz2025 – C the Unseen" / individual lunch break / individual visit to the city's numerous museums or book an experience offer / individual visit to the wine festival in the evening

Day 3 (Sun): Breakfast / individual journey home or excursion in the wider Chemnitz region or the Erzgebirge or optional extra overnight hotel stay

Includes:

- · 2, 3 nights B&B in a Chemnitz partner hotel
- · 1 x themed dinner in a centre restaurant
- 1 glass of wine on arrival at the wine festival
- · City tour and/or walking tour of Chemnitz
- Chemnitz souvenir
- · Insolvency protection certificate

Our package is for 2 to 4 nights during the wine festival, including weekdays; experience offers can be added and booked on request.

Minimum group size: 10; individual bookings are also possible

Dates: 25 Jul – 17 Aug 2025 (provisional)

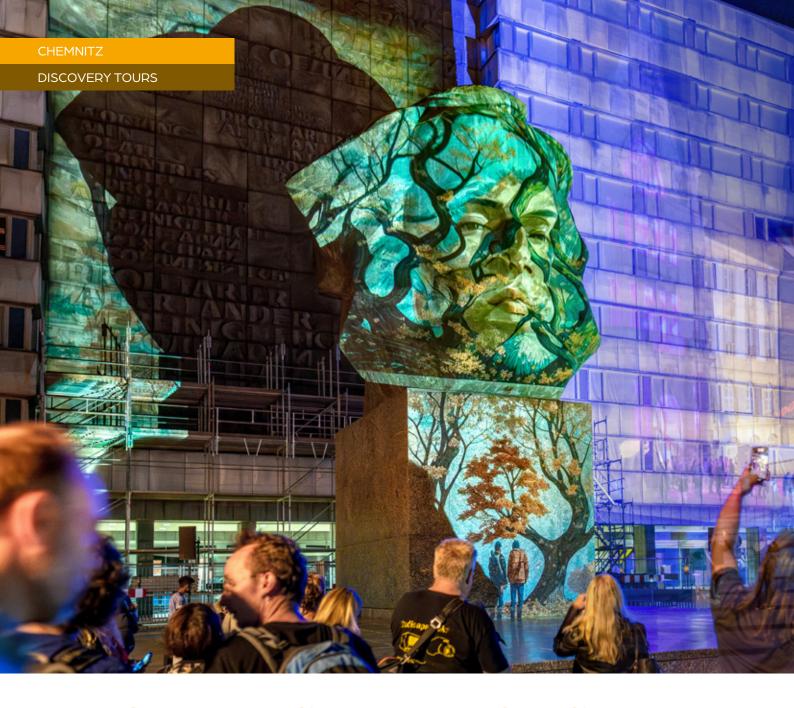
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Packages for coach operators: on request



EUROPEAN CAPITAL OF CULTURE AND "LIGHT OUR VISION" FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Chemnitz

Discovery tour: In the spirit of the Capital of Culture motto, unseen potential is visualised, overlooked things are made visible and our attention is drawn to what once seemed forgotten at the "Light Our Vision" festival of lights! International light artists illuminate buildings and spaces across the city as part of a spectacular light festival. Look forward to surprising images of a Chemnitz as it could be in the future. Experience what a busy, bustling Chemnitz feels like. Immerse yourself in atmospheric evenings and awaken a long-

ing for more – for more colour and courage to design public spaces, for more vision in urban design and more desire for transformation. Because there's no reason things have to stay as they are. Especially not in Chemnitz.

Travel package:

With this highly customised package, you will stay overnight in one of our partner hotels in Chemnitz.



Day 1 (Fri): individual arrival in Chemnitz and hotel check-in / dinner in a city centre restaurant / welcome and VIP tour with an artist at their illuminated building

Day 2 (Sat): Breakfast / city tour and walk in the city centre under the motto "Chemnitz2025 – C the Unseen" / individual lunch break / individual visit to the city's numerous museums or book an experience offer / individual visit to the festival of lights

Day 3 (Sun): Breakfast / individual journey home or visit to the numerous museums in Chemnitz or excursion in the wider Chemnitz region or optional extra overnight hotel stay

Includes:

- · 2, 3 nights B&B in a Chemnitz partner hotel
- · 1 x dinner in a city centre restaurant
- VIP tour with an artist
- · City tour and/or walking tour of Chemnitz
- · Chemnitz souvenir
- · Insolvency protection certificate

Our package is for 2 to 4 nights; experience offers can be added and booked on request

Minimum group size: 10; individual bookings are also possible

Dates: provisionally 24–28 Sep 2025

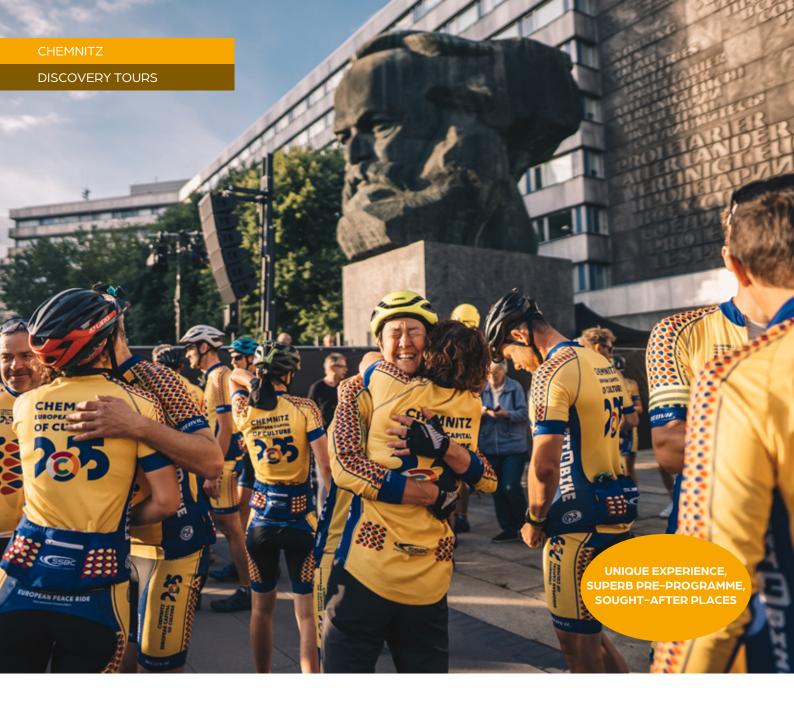
Prices: on request

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EUROPEAN PEACE RIDE

Chemnitz

Discovery tour: European Peace Ride (EPR) with a stay in Chemnitz beforehand, plus meet and greet the stars from 8–15 Sep 2024 (2025 dates: TBC). The INTERNATIONAL PEACE RACE, also known as the Course de la Paix, was the most highly regarded amateur cycling event behind the Iron Curtain. At its peak, it was even compared to the famous Tour de France. First held in 1952, it travelled across Eastern Europe every year, using Chemnitz, then known as Karl-Marx–Stadt, as a stage stop several times. The last time it was held in this form was in 2006.

Take advantage of this unique opportunity and be part of this epic race! Each year, only 200 people have the opportunity to take part in the European Peace Ride. We now have a special package on offer — only 20 people will have the chance to book a unique and unforgettable experience and be part of this community. Enjoy three days of exclusive

pre-programme activities and participation in the European Peace Ride 2024.

Itinerary:

Day 1: 8 Sep 2024 — individual arrival in Chemnitz / hotel check-in / group city tour in the afternoon / group welcome and getting to know the high-profile tour guides / dinner together and tour briefing for day 2

Day 2: 9 Sep 2024 – breakfast together / short cycling technique workshop / group training ride / lunch together/ return to the hotel / shuttle to Hartmannsdorf for the VIP tour at TREK Diamant / dinner together and tour briefing for day 3

Day 3: 10 Sep 2024 – breakfast together / group training ride / lunch together / visit to Chemnitz velodrome / dinner



together and tour briefing for day 4 / handover of the official **Event package benefits:** EPR ride kit

Day 4: 11 Sep 2024 – breakfast together / short nutrition workshop / group training ride / lunch and dinner together and preparation for day 5

Days 5 to 8: 12–15 Sep 2024 – participation in the European Peace Ride 2024 / individual journey home

Includes:

- 4 nights half board in the hotel "Sportcenter am Stadtpark"
- 3 relaxed group training rides with a former professional cyclist
- Short workshops (technique training, riding in a peloton, proper nutrition...)
- Exclusive city tour of Chemnitz with tour of the sports facilities
- VIP tour at TREK Diamant
- Visit to Chemnitz velodrome
- Chemnitz souvenir
- Insolvency protection certificate

- 3 nights' accommodation in shared rooms within the EPR
- 3 stages of approx. 200 km each and approx. 2000 m altitude, 28 kph average speed
- Official EPR kit (shorts, jersey and rain jacket)
- Meals
- **Escort vehicles**
- Participation in cultural events
- Train transfer on 12 Sep 2024 from Chemnitz to the starting point in Bad Ischl
- Big finish on 15 Sep 2024 in Chemnitz Minimum/maximum group size: 6

Dates: 8-12 Sep 2024 Pre-programme 12-15 Sep 2024 Event package

2025 TBC

Prices:

Double room / single room supplement (pre-programme package) and shared room (event package) on request

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EUROPEAN CAPITAL OF CULTURE AND CHRISTMAS WONDERLAND

Chemnitz and the Erzgebirge

Discovery tour: C THE UNSEEN, the motto of the Capital of Culture year, is an invitation to locals and guests alike. It aims to show and rediscover previously unseen things during Advent. The Advent season sets Chemnitz and the Erzgebirge Christmas wonderland aglow with a very special atmosphere and sense of cosiness. Experience an impressive festival of lights: "Schwibbögen" candle arches in all the windows, glowing pyramids on the market squares of picturesque mining towns, and gloriously decorated streets and alleys stretching as far as the eye can see. "Hutzen" has been an integral part of the Advent and Christmas season for centuries. Today it means eating and drinking together, singing and telling stories. Come and discover the wonderful atmosphere for yourself!

Travel package:

With this highly customised package, you will stay overnight in one of our partner hotels in Chemnitz.

Day 1 (Thurs): individual arrival in Chemnitz and hotel check-in / dinner in a city centre restaurant

Day 2 (Fri): Breakfast / Advent-themed city tour / individual lunch break / individual visit to the city's numerous museums or book an experience offer / welcome with mulled wine at Saxony's highest accessible Christmas pyramid / individual Christmas market stroll

Day 3 (Sat): Breakfast / individual excursion to Christmas wonderland / option to book a Hutzenabend with food and entertainment (on request)

Day 4 (Sun): Breakfast / individual journey home / participation in the Makers' Advent event or excursion to the Erzgebirge / optional extra overnight hotel stay

Our recommendation for the Saturday before the first Sunday in Advent:

Traditionally, it's not just the Christmas market in Chemnitz that opens this weekend – The Grand Miner's Parade also takes place with around 1000 participants from the miners' guilds. The Christmas season in the Erzgebirge begins with the ceremonial opening of the pyramids in the villages and mining towns of the region! A visit to Stadthalle Chemnitz (Chemnitz Culture and Congress Centre) is also highly recommended. Every year, visitors look forward to being inspired by creative ideas at the Christmas wonderland. Artisans from the Erzgebirge and all over Saxony will be presenting traditional and modern handicrafts this weekend. They bring their workshops to the Stadthalle and let you look over their shoulders as they demonstrate woodturning, woodcarving and planing, or bobbin lace-making. With hands-on workshops and creative activities, you can join in and experience the crafts first hand.

Includes:

- · 2, 3 or 4 nights B&B in a Chemnitz partner hotel
- · 1 x Advent dinner in a city centre restaurant
- · 1 welcome pass for mulled wine
- · Advent-themed city tour of Chemnitz
- Christmas souvenir
- · Insolvency protection certificate

Our package is for 2 to 4 nights, including weekdays; experience offers can be added and booked on request.

Minimum group size: 10; individual bookings are also

possible

Dates: 28 Nov – 23 Dec 2025

Price: on request

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Packages for coach operators: on request







EXPERIENCE OFFERS

Chemnitz

City tour – Hop-On Hop-Off and Visit

Experience a unique tour of the many sights, the varied history of our city and the venues of the Capital of Culture 2025 on a dedicated hop-on hop-off bus. If you would like to spend more time travelling with a knowledgeable tour guide, you can explore our city in our bus or in your own tour bus.

Price: on request

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City tours and walks with guide

You can discover everything you always wanted to know about Chemnitz with a guided tour to suit your taste. From the Gründerzeit ("Founding Epoch") and Art Nouveau district of Kassberg, to Eastern European Modernism, on the trail of industrial culture or en route to the Capital of Culture — everyone is guaranteed to find their own favourite tour here!

Themes in 2025:

Between Art Nouveau, Bauhaus & New Building / Textile History / Industrial Culture / Transforming the City: Making Space for Culture. Possible in combination with one of the special exhibitions, see Museums.

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Chemnitz Travel Card

Your sightseeing card for your journey of discovery in Chemnitz. It allows you to explore this interesting city with many additional benefits, such as the Hop–On Hop–Off bus, a Chemnitz souvenir, an extensive info book, plus great offers for museums, restaurants, shops, etc. The card is available for 1, 2 and 3 days. Discover Chemnitz with the Travel Card and save yourself time, money and stress.

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Cradle of the textile industry

As early as the 18th century, cotton weaving was one of the town's key economic pillars. Today you can see and experience the processes for yourself at various locations. At the different sites you have the chance to watch the impressive looms at work, operate some of them yourself and make your own badge as a souvenir (can be booked individually or as a group).

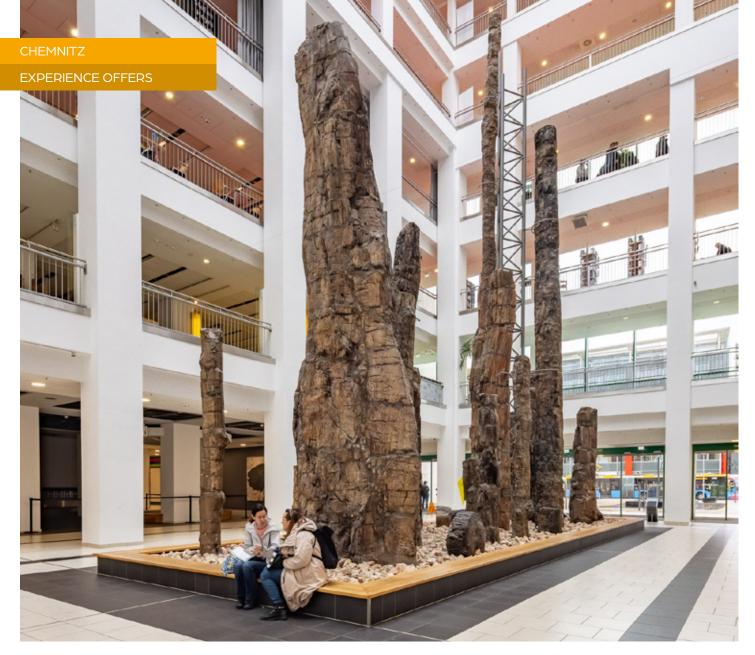
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Experience the Versteinerter Wald (Petrified Forest)

Visit the oldest museum in the city, Naturkundemuseum Chemnitz (Natural History Museum). Here you can find out more about the interesting treasures in Chemnitz's underground world, search for the crawling inhabitants of the insectarium and marvel at the beautiful butterflies.

Regularly changing special exhibitions offer even more opportunities to discover new things. Be fascinated by the story of petrified wood, get to know the work of Saxony's gemstone inspectors, and meet eager collectors and the father of Chemnitz's "Petrified Forest".

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Chemnitz Beer Tour

Friar Hubertus and brewery maid Katharina take you on a carriage tour of Chemnitz beer history around various historic sites. Sipping the odd taster here and there will add to your good spirits as you enjoy this fun tour. The tour ends

with a guided tour of the Turm-Brauhaus (Tower Brewery) with a beer tasting and delicious beer soup.

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Kaffeerösterei Bohnenmeister (Coffee Roasters)

Unique roasted coffees are created by hand here with a great deal of passion, patience and knowledge, using gentle slow-roasting techniques to produce a wide range of flavours. Discover the modern coffee bar and authentic coffee roastery and join the team as they roast the Capital of Culture special edition coffee. A coffee tasting with tempting cookies is the perfect end to your visit.

Price: on request

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Segway City Tour

This Segway tour guarantees fun and adventure! Whether individually or with a guide (minimum 4 people), you can make the most of this beautiful, interesting city tour. Feel free to start and end your tour in the city centre, or at your hotel or guesthouse! There are also five other tours for you to discover the Chemnitz region and the Erzgebirge.

Price: on request

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Highest accessible pyramid in Saxony

The record-breaking Christmas structure is around 20 metres high and has six levels. Typical Erzgebirge figures rotate on the upper three levels. Visitors to the Christmas market can meet and celebrate the season together on the two lower floors in the base of the pyramid. The package includes a guided tour (only for groups of 10 or more) and a mulled wine pass for the Erzgebirgsdorf on Düsseldorfer Platz.

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Cookery course at the Alte Pumpwerk (Food Store & Bistro)

The old pumping station building provides the perfect backdrop for a cookery course. The Cook Family team will provide you with the necessary background knowledge, techniques, tips and tricks. Together, you will then get to work in the kitchen and cook the special Capital of Culture menu. At the end of the evening, you'll be able to enjoy the meal together along with a glass of fine wine in this unique setting (can only be booked as a group event).

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Sights and museums in the European Capital of Culture

Kunstsammlungen am Theaterplatz (Art Collections on Theaterplatz)

The outstanding art collections on Theaterplatz are among the largest civic art collections in Germany. With around 70,000 objects from the 4th to 21st centuries, they include important works by artists such as Karl Schmidt–Rottluff, Lyonel Feininger and Wolfgang Mattheuer.

TIP 2025: Special exhibition "Edvard Munch: Angst" from 10 Aug to 2 Nov 2025 www.kunstsammlungen-chemnitz.de/en





Villa Esche with Henry van de Velde Museum

Originally surrounded by fields, the Esche family's villa sits regally atop the Kapellenberg hill above Chemnitz's Stadtpark (Citypark). Prosperous textile manufacturer Esche commissioned Henry van de Velde to design the house as a work of art in its own right.

www.villaesche.de

Castle Quarter with Schloßbergmuseum (Museum of City History)

The Schloßbergmuseum, Museum of City History, is housed in a historic building – once a monastery and the town's founding site, it later became a hunting lodge and is now an exhibition space. The former Benedictine Monastery overlooks the oldest surviving residential buildings in the city.

www.kunstsammlungen-chemnitz.de/en





Museum Gunzenhauser

The Gunzenhauser Museum is the most recent addition to the Kunstsammlungen Chemnitz and is home to one of the most important art museums focussing on modern art from the 1920s.

TIP 2025: Special exhibition "European Realities – Realist movements in Europe in the 1920s and 1930s" from 27 Apr to 10 Aug 2025

www.kunstsammlungen-chemnitz.de/en

Industriemuseum Chemnitz (Chemnitz Museum of Industry)

This lavishly converted former foundry, Gießerei Hermann und Alfred Escher AG, is now the Chemnitz Museum of Industry, taking a modern approach to exhibitions and presenting over 220 years of industrial history – it really makes you stop and take notice.

TIP 2025: Special exhibition "Tales of Transformation" from 25 Apr to 16 Nov 2025

www.industriemuseum-chemnitz.de





Petrified Forest and Museum für Naturkunde (Natural History Museum)

Formed over 291 million years ago when a volcano erupted, these petrified tree trunks are among the most ancient of natural monuments. The 25 largest specimens can be seen today in the atrium of the former Tietz department store that is now the DAStietz cultural centre. Museum für Naturkunde Chemnitz offers a fascinating perspective on the city's history and presents other highlights such as the giant millipede Arthropleura armata, as well as the seed plant Medullosa stellata, which was awarded the title "Fossil of the Year".

www.naturkundemuseum-chemnitz.de/en/startseite.html

smac – Staatliches Museum für Archäologie Chemnitz (Chemnitz State Museum of Archaeology) The museum's impressive façade cannot fail to immediately grab your attention. Designed by the renowned architect Erich Mendelsohn as a department store for the Schocken brothers, this building, often referred to as the "icon of classical modernism" today houses the smac – State Museum of Archaeology Chemnitz. TIP 2025: Special exhibition "Glittering Silver and 'Kumpeltod' Schnapps" from 24 Oct 2024 to 29 Jun 2025 https://www.smac.sachsen.de/sonderausstellungen-bergbau.html





HISTORY. INDULGENCE. A MEETING OF CULTURES.

Zwickau & Hohenstein-Ernstthal

Discovery tour: Discover Zwickau.

We invite you on a special kind of discovery tour of Zwickau, where the pioneering spirit of automotive engineering

meets the melodies of Robert Schumann. Get ready for a city tour that not only opens your eyes, but also touches your heart.



Experience the fascination of motor racing in the Zwickau region and the Arena E! The birthplace of legendary car brands such as Audi, Horch and Trabant, Zwickau is a real hotspot for motorsport fans.

Day 1: Arrive and dive in

After arriving and checking in at your leisure, you will set off on a discovery tour of Zwickau. Immerse yourself in the world of Robert Schumann in the house where he was born, explore the priests' houses and be enchanted by the Purple Path sculpture trail. Finish the day with some traditional Saxon hospitality in the Brauhaus Zwickau.

Day 2: Adrenalin and adventure

After a hearty breakfast, you will explore the Arena E in Mülsen. Take on the role of a racing driver and test your skills in electric karts or on the outdoor combustion engine circuit. Enjoy some speedy circuits of one of the most state-of-theart facilities in Germany. At the Textil- und Rennsportmuseum (Textile and Racing Museum), you can then delve into the history of the Sachsenring and the tradition of Saxony's textile industry.

On the way home you can take a look at Waldenburg Castle or marvel at a work of art from the Purple Path – memories that are sure to stay with you.

Includes:

- · 2 nights B&B at the First Inn Hotel Zwickau
- A guided discovery tour through Zwickau
- · Pure adrenalin at the Arena E in Mülsen
- · Insight into the fascinating world of textiles and racing
- You also have the option to sign up for the Moto-GP at the Sachsenring, the DTM or the Sachsen Classic to round off your adventure in Zwickau.

Participants: minimum of 8, maximum of 30 starters

Price: from € 329 pp

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TRAVEL BACK IN TIME THROUGH SAXONY'S INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE

Zwickau & Crimmitschau

Discovery tour: Ostalgie. Originality. Ovations.

The Deutsches Landwirtschaftsmuseum Schloss Blankenhain (Blankenhain Castle German Agricultural Museum) and its surrounding estates in Crimmitschau not only provide an impressive backdrop, but also open the window to another era. The Tuchfabrik Gebr. Pfau (Pfau Bros. cloth factory) in Crimmitschau brings the past to life. Dive into the world of textile production from 1900 to 1990. For the more adventurous, there is also the opportunity to discover Crimmitschau in a new light with GPS devices on an Industrie. Kultur. Rallye (Industry Culture Rally).

Experience the fascinating world of automotive history at the August Horch Museum Zwickau.

Day 1: Arrival. Amazement. Architecture.

Your adventure begins the moment you arrive in Zwickau, where you are free to spend the evening as you wish. Whether you choose a cosy meal at the hotel or a discovery walk through the city centre – you'll receive a warm welcome in Zwickau.

Day 2: GDR culture, design and monuments

After a hearty breakfast, you will make your way to Crimmitschau. Immerse yourself in everyday GDR culture at the German Agricultural Museum in Blankenhain Castle. From the ABV office (community police office) to the SERO collection point (East German recycling centre) and the apart-





ment with authentic furniture from 1966 to 1999 – a historical panorama awaits you. And as if that wasn't already worth a trip, the tractor and agricultural machinery exhibitions in the former manor cow sheds also tell their own stories.

History comes to life at the Pfau Bros. cloth factory. You can follow the entire production process here, from the delivery of raw materials to the finished fabric. The machinery, unique in Central Europe, together with the historic buildings, tells of an era that was truly monumental.

Back in Zwickau, the day ends with memories of times gone by.

Day 3: Automobiles. Adventure. Awakening.

The August Horch Museum offers a journey through automotive history. Zwickau is the cradle of Saxony's automotive industry – home of the Audi brand and birthplace of the Trabant. The museum takes you on a journey through the exciting development of the automobile from its beginnings to the present day. Experience first-hand how the technology, design and social significance of the automobile have changed over the course of time. After lunch, it's time to get hands-on: drive a Trabant through Zwickau and feel the city's unique charm in a very special way. The day ends with a stroll through the bustling city centre.

Day 4: Farewell. but with plenty of memories to look back on

You might take a "Trabi" or two home with you on the return journey to remind you of this unforgettable trip into the past.

Includes:

- \cdot $\,$ 3 nights B&B at the ACHAT Hotel Zwickau
- Guided tour and entry to the German
 Agricultural Museum at Blankenhain Castle
- · Entry to the August Horch Museum in Zwickau
- · A personal driving experience in a Trabant
- · Optional exciting GPS Industrie.Kultur.Rallye

Participants: minimum of 8, maximum of 20 time travellers

Price: from € 449 pp

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EXPERIENCE A SAXON FAIRY TALE

Zwickau

Discovery tour: Winter wonder and the magic of Christmas in Zwickau.

When you're in Saxony, Christmas really is "the most wonderful time of the year". Let's take a stroll through Zwickau, where we'll discover one of the most charming Christmas

markets in the region and experience a piece of mining history coming to life as the big miners' parade passes through this historic backdrop.

Zwickau's picturesque old town is somewhere you can not only take a stroll, but also travel back in time through alley-





ways and across squares where time seems to have stood still. Stop off at the Johannisbad, an architectural gem in the Art Nouveau style with a sauna landscape for an oasis of relaxation in the cold season — a real insider tip! And if you are looking for an unusual souvenir, pay a visit to the small coffee roastery to uncover the secret of its world champion jam.

Day 1: Arrival. Atmosphere. Amazement.

Your journey begins when you arrive in Zwickau, where an evening full of possibilities awaits you. Whether you choose to enjoy some peace and quiet at the hotel or stroll through the illuminated city centre — let the charm of Zwickau work its magic on you.

Day 2: Culture. Cuisine. Candlelight.

After a breakfast that leaves nothing to be desired, discover Richter's world champion jam and its world of flavours. Or perhaps you'd like to learn about the life and work of Robert Schumann or experience the medieval ambience of the priests' houses? Spending a day at the bustling Christmas market is sure to offer some culinary temptations and handicrafts that are just waiting to be discovered.

The highlight of the day is taking part in the impressive miners' parade on 14 December 2024, which will really get you into the festive spirit of the region. Afterwards you can relax in the soothing warmth of the Johannisbad – the perfect end to an eventful day.

Day 3: Farewell, and some fond memories.

With many new experiences to take away with you, you'll make your way home – maybe even passing the legendary Sachsenring or a reminder of the region's industrial heritage on the way.

Includes:

- · 2 nights B&B at the First Inn Zwickau,
- · Three-hour admission to the Johannisbad
- Optional opportunity to explore the Robert Schumann House and the Museum Priesterhäuser (Priests' Houses Museum).

Participants: minimum of 6, maximum of 20 Christmas fans

Price: from € 205 pp

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HIDDEN TREASURES ON THE MULDE

Glauchau, Waldenburg & Limbach-Oberfrohna

Discovery tour: Welcome to Glauchau, the pearl of Saxony, where history comes to life at every turn. Take in the architectural masterpieces around the historic market square, before heading for the heart of the town: the impressive double castle complex of Forderglauchau and Hinterglauchau. Just a stone's throw away, discover Waldenburg, renowned as a charming pottery town. Its historically pre-

served town centre, the magnificent Schloss Waldenburg (Waldenburg Castle) and the fascinating Museum Natural-ienkabinett (Natural History Cabinet Museum) are just waiting to be explored. Treat yourself to a break in the café of the Waldenburg ceramics workshop, where you can look over the shoulder of traditional craftsmen and enjoy delicious coffee and cake.





Schloss Wolkenburg (Wolkenburg Castle) is an insider tip for fans of historic walls. Hidden in a semi–overgrown park, it towers majestically over the valley of the Zwickauer Mulde. This medieval castle has been transformed into a jewel of classical and neo–Gothic architecture, with interiors that are just as impressive as its history.

Day 1: Glauchau – Renaissance splendour and hidden paths

After arriving in the heart of Glauchau, your first stop will be the twin castles of Forderglauchau and Hinterglauchau, both majestic reminders of the Renaissance. This is a place where past and present meet, where you can not only discover the hidden gems of the "art gluchowe" gallery but also the secrets that lie beneath your feet — in underground passageways that harbour plenty of mysteries.

Day 2: Waldenburg – potter's wheels and journeys through time

The next morning, after feasting like royalty at the breakfast table, you'll head for the pottery town of Waldenburg, where you'll watch the potter's wheel turn and witness a craft that is as old as time itself. And then take a leap through time at Waldenburg Castle, where virtual reality immerses you in stories that you would hardly have thought possible. Stroll through rooms that were once the backdrop for Hollywood's glitz and glamour and feel like stars in your own story.

Your adventure will culminate in a visit to Wolkenburg Castle. Hidden away as if in a fairytale, the castle rises proudly above the Mulde valley. Surrounded by a garden that conjures up stories of knights and noble ladies, you will discover a castle that is so much more than just stone walls. The state rooms, the iron works of art and the library — they all bear witness to a glorious past that still resonates today.

Day 3: A magical farewell

Before you make your way home, enjoy a few hours of peace and quiet at Glauchau's Gründelpark or the reservoir – some quiet moments of tranquillity to reflect on the adventures of the last few days.

Includes:

- 2 nights B&B at Hotel Meyer, where dreamland awaits
- A rendezvous with history in the castles Hinterglauchau and Forderglauchau
- Visit to the Waldenburg pottery workshop with coffee and cake
- Entry, audio guides and virtual reality at Waldenburg Castle
- A fairy tale comes to life at Wolkenburg Castle
- Optional for connoisseurs: enjoy the culinary delights of the Restaurant Lory in Waldenburg
- Optional: an excursion into the world of natural wonders at the Natural History Cabinet Waldenburg

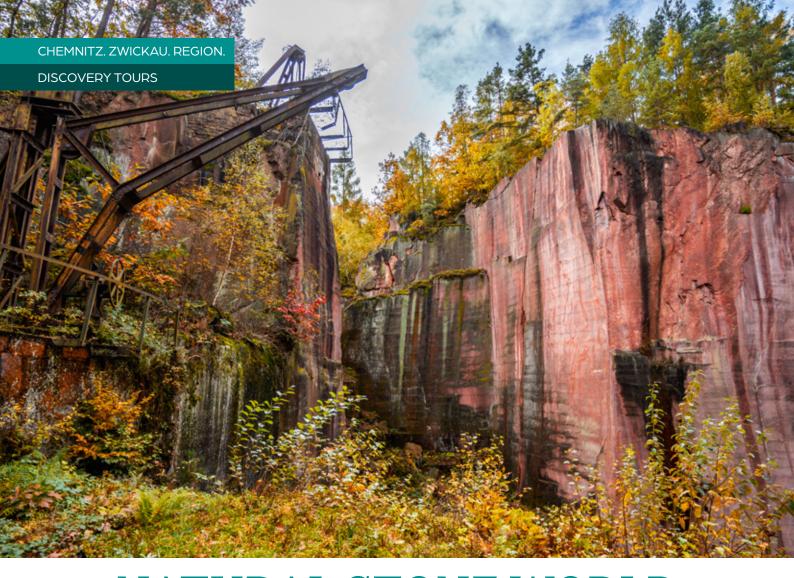
Participants: minimum of 8, maximum of 20 adventurers

Price: from € 139 pp

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NATURAL STONE WORLD HERITAGE & A SCANDALOUS DUCHESS

Rochlitz

Discovery tour: Rochlitz is one of the oldest towns in Saxony. Schloss Rochlitz (Rochlitz Castle), with its defiant towers and the nearby St. Peter's Church, shape the town's skyline. The historic town centre is a listed monument, with its late Gothic St. Kunigunden church, the market square, which was once the largest in Europe, and the town hall. The beautifully restored town houses and renovated alleyways and squares are perfect for relaxing and discovering the numerous architectural details made of porphyry tuff.

Day 1: An evening in Rochsburg: From picturesque walks to chocolate indulgence

Make your own way to Rochsburg and enjoy the evening at the hotel or on a walk through the picturesque town to Schloss Rochsburg (Rochsburg Castle) (open until 5 pm in the summer months).

Optional: enjoy a special gourmet evening full of cocoa and chocolate in what is probably Germany's smallest choco-

late factory, "Choco del Sol", in Rochsburg Castle. You'll make two bars of chocolate for yourself and enjoy some high-quality refreshments.

Day 2: Historical encounters in Rochlitz: in the footsteps of the Wettins in the castle

Your day trip to Rochlitz will begin at the castle. Each generation of castle lords has left their mark on these walls. And there are three members of the House of Wettin who deserve special mention: Dedo von Groitzsch (known as "the Fat") had forests cleared and promoted the settlement of the region, Margrave Wilhelm ("the One–Eyed") had the once defiant castle converted into a residential palace, and Duchess Elisabeth von Rochlitz was known to be rebellious and paved the way for the Reformation in Rochlitz.

And you will also get to know Duchess Elisabeth personally, as you will be part of the show: "The scandalous duchess – a



piece of history, or what it might have been like". You'll watch Duchess Elisabeth as she wakes up one morning, only lightly clothed and with no recollection of the previous night. As she searches for her appropriate attire, the memories slowly return. You'll follow the widow through the castle, listen to her soliloquies and learn gossip from the history of the time.

After lunch, we turn our attention to Germany's first World Heritage stone: the Rochlitz porphyry tuff. Having already spotted it on numerous buildings in the region, you'll now be able to explore the Rochlitzer Berg (Rochlitz Mountain). Take a porphyry tour and marvel at how the Rochlitz porphyry tuff was formed 294 million years ago from the pyroclastic deposits of a supervolcano and hear exciting facts about its mining history.

At the end of the day, you can enjoy some free time in the historic town centre of Rochlitz.

Day 3: Journey home with plenty of fond memories

After a trip full of unforgettable moments and new experiences, you will return home enriched and inspired. Rochlitz and its treasures will remain in your heart as inspiration to keep on discovering new things.

Includes:

- 2 nights in a double room at the Hotel Muldenschlößchen
- Guided tour "The scandalous duchess" at Rochlitz Castle (duration 1 hour)
- Porphyry tour on Rochlitzer Berg (duration 1.5 hours)
- Optionally bookable: lunch and dinner
- Optionally bookable: "Gold of the Maya" 3-hour evening of cocoa and chocolate with refreshments at Rochsburg Castle near Lunzenau

Participants: at least 10, maximum of 25

Price: from € 105 pp

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ARCHITECTURE & SCHOOL HISTORY

Penig, Burgstädt, Rochlitz & Mittweida

Discovery tour: "Saxon marble" or "Stone of the Saxon kings" — the bright red Rochlitz porphyry tuff has many nicknames. It has been a "Heritage Stone" since 2022, making it the first natural stone World Heritage Site in Germany. The strikingly textured volcanic rock shapes the architecture of the entire region. While stonemasons decorated magnificent churches and town halls with Rochlitz porphyry tuff in the Middle Ages, from the second half of the 20th century it was mainly large-scale façade cladding that was in demand — and still is to this day.

Day 1: Penig – Dive into a world full of history

You will make your own way to Penig and either enjoy the evening at the hotel or use the time for a stroll through Penig's historic town centre.

Optional: Take a guided wine tour through the town centre of nearby Burgstädt, where you will get to know the town better and enjoy tasting three different wines.

Day 2: Romanesque works of art, porphyry tuff and a historical school lesson

Take a bus tour to find out all about our World Heritage stone Rochlitz Porphyry Tuff and get to know the Rochlitz Mulde Valley with its picturesque villages. You'll hear some exciting stories from your tour guide and be constantly amazed at the diversity of Rochlitz porphyry tuff. You'll find it on bridges, town halls, farmhouses and portals.



Your first stop is in Wechselburg, which boasts a famous basilica and monastery as well as the castle park with its unique collection of trees. With many elements made of Rochlitz porphyry tuff, the Romanesque basilica of Wechselburg is a prime example of the region's architectural history. Its massive rood screen is also probably one of the most precious Romanesque works of art in the world. During a guided tour, you will learn interesting facts about the past of this magnificent church building.



After allowing plenty of time for lunch, you'll continue to the university town of Mittweida, where you'll discover beautiful historic town houses and many reminders of the town's 800-year history. And you too can experience the past by taking part in a historical school lesson. In an authentically furnished classroom, under the strict eye of the head teacher, who also knows all about school punishments, you can experience what lessons felt like in the days of the German Empire – singing, writing, reading and gymnastics included.

You can use the rest of the afternoon to take a stroll through Mittweida and treat yourself to some regional products, for example in the "Karlo KaufRegionalLokal" gift shop.

Day 3: Journey home with memories

You will make your own way home and are sure to discover our Rochlitz porphyry tuff at some point along the way.

Includes:

- · 2 nights at the Hotel zur Lochmühle
- 3.5-hour bus tour (from Penig to Wechselburg with a few diversions along the way)
- Guided tour of Wechselburg Basilica (duration approximately 30 min)
- Historical school lesson in Mittweida (duration approximately 1.5 hours)
- · Optionally bookable: lunch and dinner
- Optionally bookable: wine tour of Burgstädt with wine tasting of 3 wines (each wine 0.1 litre per person)

Price: € 145 pp

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EXPERIENCE OFFERS

Glauchau & Waldenburg

Forderglauchau and Hinterglauchau castles and the mysterious underworld.

The tourist experience of the Forderglauchau and Hinterglauchau castles and their underground passageways offers a fascinating journey of discovery. History, architecture and adventure come together as visitors are guided through the mysterious passages to explore the exciting past of these historic sites.

Price: from € 5 pp

(depending on the type of tour)

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Schloss Waldenburg (Waldenburg Castle) Culture, nature & pottery combined!

The tranquil little town of Waldenburg enchants visitors with its castle, English–style park and traditional potteries. You will be enamoured with the majestic architecture of the castle and the picturesque surroundings of the park. Immerse yourself in the rich history of the castle, explore the artistic potteries and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of the park.

Price: from €8.50 pp

(depending on the type of tour)

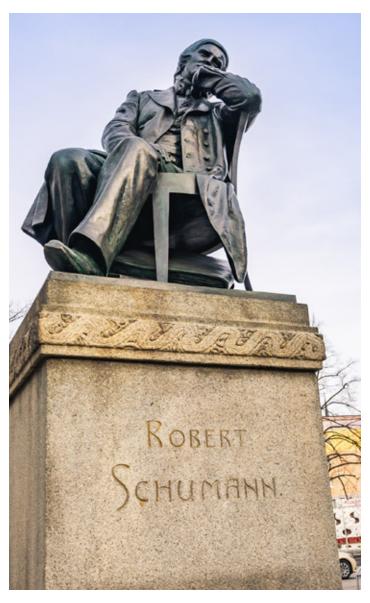
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Crimmitschau & Zwickau



Culture meets nature: Deutsches Landwirtschaftsmuseum Schloss Blankenhain (Blankenhain Castle German Agricultural Museum) & Tuchfabrik Gebr. Pfau (Pfau Bros. cloth factory) Crimmitschau

Whether it's simple country life in a farmhouse, the ice cream parlour from GDR times, the "Gelbe Hummel" (yellow bumblebee), an agricultural aircraft from the GDR, or princely chambers, the German Agricultural Museum is a full-day highlight with an open air museum. At the Pfau Bros. cloth factory in Crimmitschau, you will embark on a fascinating journey through the history of textile production.

Price: from € 12 pp

(depending on the type of tour)

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Culture meets nature: Schumann House, Priests' Houses & Zwickau adventure garden

You are invited to explore the fascinating history of famous composer Robert Schumann at the Schumann House in Zwickau and discover the historic Priesterhäuser (Priests' Houses), Saxony's oldest surviving residential complex. Afterwards, you can enjoy nature and relax in the welcoming surroundings of the Erlebnisgarten (Adventure Garden), surrounded by lavender.

Price: from € 12 pp

(depending on the type of tour)

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Zwickau & Hohenstein-Ernstthal

A treat for car enthusiasts:

A visit to the August Horch Museum in Zwickau and the opportunity to drive a Trabant yourself promises to be an unforgettable experience. Explore the fascinating history of the automotive industry at the museum before getting behind the wheel of a Trabant yourself and taking a nostalgic drive through the city. Afterwards, you can relax with a beer tasting session and reflect on your experiences.

Price: from € 99 pp

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Karl May adventure and textiles at the Sachsenring

In the newly designed birthplace of Karl May in Hohenstein–Ernstthal, you'll have the opportunity to explore the world of the famous author and find out some exciting stories about the life and work of the creator of fictional Native American hero Winnetou. You can then experience the impressive diversity of Saxony's textile history in a completely different light at the Textil– und Rennsportmuseum (Textile and Racing Museum), which also reflects the region's motorsport tradition. Machine demonstrations at the Esche Museum in Limbach–Oberfrohna bring you even closer to history and give you the opportunity to get hands–on in the Makerhub.

Price: from €15 pp

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Rochsburg & Kriebstein

Fashion history and handmade delights

The fairytale castle complex of Schloss Rochsburg (Rochsburg Castle) surprises visitors with unique insights into 1,000 years of fashion history. The museum rooms tell 800 years of the castle's history, while its own chocolate factory, "Choco del Sol", probably the smallest in Germany, produces chocolate that is sure to delight everyone, from cocoa farmers to connoisseurs. You'll embark on a journey of indulgence and even make your own chocolate.

Price: from €79 pp

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Adventure fun in the knight's castle and unspoilt nature

Burg Kriebstein (Kriebstein Castle), the most beautiful knight's castle in Saxony, has already lent its medieval ambience to several fairytales and the award–winning film "The Grand Budapest Hotel". An interactive scavenger hunt will lead you through all corners of the castle on the trail of a watch thief. After all that adventure, it's time to relax and unwind on a boat trip on the Talsperre Kriebstein (Kriebstein reservoir).

Price: from €49 pp

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Rochlitz & Colditz

Natural stone world heritage meets virtual reality

Schloss Rochlitz (Rochlitz Castle) interactively brings 1,000 years of history to life. Delicious soup is still cooked in the traditional kitchen, while VR takes you through the history of the castle's construction in the captain's parlour. On Rochlitzer Berg (Rochlitz Mountain), you can learn about the origin of the Rochlitz porphyry tuff that is to be found throughout the castle. The World Heritage stone was once formed there from pyroclastic deposits from a supervolcano.

Price: from €10 pp

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The fascination of lost places and nostalgia in a Trabant on rails

From a magnificent hunting lodge to a prisoner-of-war camp and a symbol of the desire for freedom: The walls of Schloss Colditz (Colditz Castle) harbour centuries of secrets and have a very special lost-place feel. The "HistoPad" tablet guide brings history to life. After many moving experiences, you'll chug along at a leisurely pace through the Rochlitzer Muldental (Rochlitz Mulde Valley) in a bright yellow Trabant on rails.

Price: from €29 pp

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OVER MOUNTAINS AND THROUGH VALLEYS

Schwartenberg region and Olbernhau

Discovery tour:

Day 1: Arrival in Seiffen Toy Village in the Erzgebirge. After check-in at the hotel, the afternoon is free to explore the town. Seiffen Toy Village is famous for its toy makers and for Erzgebirge folk art such as Schwibbogen candle arches, miners and angels. The Erzgebirgisches Spielzeugmuseum (Erzgebirge Toy Museum) in the village centre is a magical place to immerse yourself in history – touching the exhibits and trying things out is actively encouraged here! It opens up the world of traditional crafts, taking you right the way through to modern and creative wood design.

Day 2: After a hearty breakfast, we'll set off on the traditional kick-off hike around the Schwartenberg or a guided tour of the Erzgebirge-Vogtland Kammweg from Olbernhau. At your destination, traditional hiking festivals with music from the Erzgebirge and culinary delights invite you to linger awhile.

Day 3: After a relaxed breakfast, we'll drive to the Saigerhütte Olbernhau. Guided tour of the fully preserved smelting complex, part of the Erzgebirge UNESCO World Heritage Site. When it was taken over by the Electorate of







Saxony, the Saigerhütte became the centre of copper processing. The copper from the Erzgebirge still shines on the most beautiful roofs in the world today — Grünthaler Dachkupfer adorns the roof of Berlin Cathedral, the Adlon Hotel and Stephansdom (St. Stephen's Cathedral) in Vienna. Followed by lunch in the historic "Hüttenschänke" restaurant. Next we'll head to the Freilichtmuseum Seiffen (Seiffen Open Air Museum). The unique Seiffen Reifentiere (literally 'ringturned animals') are still turned for visitors today in the original ring-turning shop dating from 1760. A ring of moist spruce wood as thick as a trunk is shaped by hand and the craftsman's naked eye so that fifty small wooden animals can be split off from its profile. This was an initial form of mass production that paved the way for the worldwide triumph of the toy making region.

Day 4: On the day of departure, a stopover is planned in Chemnitz with a visit to the Industriemuseum. The Chemnitz Museum of Industry shows the development of industrialisation in Chemnitz and throughout Europe. In a major exhibition entitled "Tales of Transformation", it compares the development of former industrial hotspots: Mulhouse, Tampere, Gabrovo, Łódź, Manchester and Chemnitz.

Includes:

- 3 nights B&B in a double room in a partner hotel in Seiffen
- · Contribution to hiking event costs
- · Guided tour of Saigerhütte Olbernhau
- Entry to Freilichtmuseum Seiffen (Seiffen Open Air Museum)
- Entry to Industriemuseum Chemnitz (Chemnitz Museum of Industry)

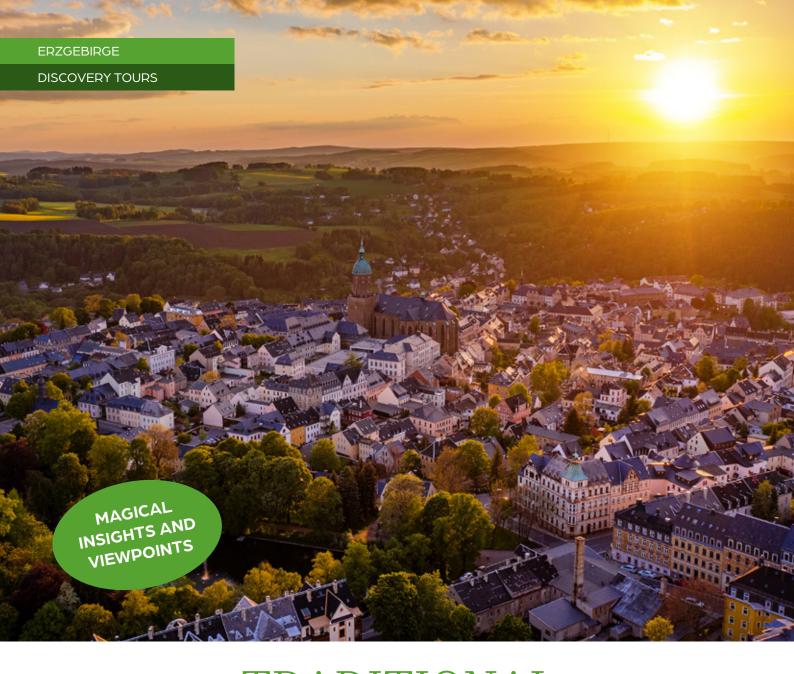
Dates: The kick-off hike in the Erzgebirge is always on 1 May; individual arrangements for guided hikes are also possible

Price: from € 199.00 pp

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TRADITIONAL HANDICRAFT DAY

Marienberg and Annaberg-Buchholz



Discovery tour:

Day 1: Arrival in the Erzgebirge and check-in at the hotel in Marienberg with a warm welcome and cosy surroundings.

Day 2: After breakfast, guided tour of the historic old town of Marienberg. With its ideal Italian Renaissance town centre, which has been preserved to this day, it is one of the 22 components of the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Erzgebirge/Krušnohoří Mining Region. The view from the tower of Stadtkirche St. Marien (Town Church of St. Mary) offers a different perspective of the town of Marienberg and the surrounding countryside.

Trip to Annaberg-Buchholz, a mining town once home to famous mathematician Adam Ries. Founded as a silver-mining settlement, Annaberg was the first planned site for a mining town. Today, the old town of Annaberg–Buchholz is part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site in the Erzgebirge/Krušno-hoří mining region. Lunch in "Neinerlaa", a restaurant in the centre of the town. Visit to Manufaktur der Träume (Factory of Dreams), the museum of folk art and crafts. The museum boasts imaginatively staged exhibits on wooden toy production, mining, Christmas in the Erzgebirge and the former ways of life of local people. Here you can imagine how life used to be and immerse yourself in the magic of the exhibits. We also highly recommend a stroll through the town, taking in the late–Gothic St. Annenkirche (St. Anne's Church) or the "Im Gößner" visitors' mine, right next door. Return to the hotel.

Day 3: After a hearty breakfast, it's time to get a taste of what workshops are really like. More than 100 manufacturing businesses, museums and associations open their doors for Traditional Handicraft Day. Over 75 different trades, sometimes all but forgotten, are waiting to be discovered. From mine blacksmiths to glassblowers, from wood turners to lace and trimming makers — here you can experience authentic traditional craftsmanship at its place of origin and talk to the master craftsmen. Hands—on activities even make it possible for you to get creative yourself and try your hand at different craft techniques.

Day 4: On the day of departure, a stopover is planned in Chemnitz with a visit to the Industriemuseum. The Chemnitz Museum of Industry shows the development of industrialisation in Chemnitz and throughout Europe. In a major exhibition entitled "Tales of Transformation", it compares the development of former industrial hotspots: Mulhouse, Tampere, Gabrovo, Łódź, Manchester and Chemnitz.

Includes:

- 3 nights B&B in a double room in a partner hotel in Marienberg
- · Guided tour of Marienberg
- Entry and short guided tour of Manufaktur der Träume (Factory of Dreams)
- Entry to Industriemuseum Chemnitz (Chemnitz Museum of Industry)

Dates: Traditional Handicraft Day is always on the 3rd Sunday in October, individual arrangements are also possible

Price: from € 199 pp

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BERGSTREITTAG

Schneeberg

Discovery tour: Arrival in the Baroque town of Schneeberg in the Erzgebirge. The rich silver and cobalt deposits have had a lasting impact on the town, which has been part of the UN-ESCO World Heritage Erzgebirge/Krušnohoří Mining Region since 2019. Learn about the region and its unique heritage – a heritage that is still very much alive today and can be experienced on the annual Bergstreittag. The day has its origins in the successful miners' wage strikes of more than 500 years ago.

Day 1: After a delicious breakfast, we'll explore the historical traces of mining around Schneeberg with an experienced hiking guide, starting from the Siebenschlehener Pochwerk (Stamp Mill Technical Museum), an important monument to cobalt mining. Between the 15th and 19th centuries, Schneeberg was one of the world's largest sites for cobalt ore, from which the famous cobalt blue was extracted. This was used in Meissen porcelain, blue glass, Chinese porcelain and

Delft tiles. Discover over 500 years of mining history on the Schneeberg-Neustädtler mining discovery trail.

Day 2: The town of Annaberg–Buchholz has mining in its name and was once home to German mathematician Adam Ries. As the first planned mining town, it still harbours the traces and treasures of mining today. In the heart of the town, we'll visit the Manufaktur der Träume (Factory of Dreams) together and experience the magic of Erzgebirge folk art. The exhibition showcases imaginatively staged exhibits relating to wooden toy production, mining, Christmas in the Erzgebirge and the former life of the people of the Erzgebirge. After a refreshing lunch, we'll drive to the Markus–Röhling–Stolln visitors' mine, an impressive testimony to over 800 years of ore mining in the region.

Day 3: Rising majestically above Schneeberg is the imposing "Bergmannsdom" — the "Miner's Cathedral" of St Wolfgang,



which is home to one of the largest altarpieces by the renowned Cranach family of painters. At this location, the UNE–SCO World Heritage Site and the Purple Path merge and tell the story of the Bergstreittag through the "Coin Stack" sculpture. On a guided tour of the town, we'll learn how a modest settlement developed into the impressive Baroque mining town it is today. In the afternoon, celebrations in Schneeberg for the Bergstreittag begin — it's celebrated every year on 22 July, the "Day of Mary Magdalene". Over 500 years ago, two successful wage strikes took place among the miners. Since the agreement was reached, the day the contract was signed has been a regional public holiday with an impressive miners' parade, a miners' church service and a closing concert by miner musicians.

Day 4: On the day of departure, a stopover is planned in Chemnitz with a visit to the Industriemuseum. The Chemnitz Museum of Industry shows the origins and development of industrialisation in Chemnitz and throughout Europe. In a major exhibition entitled "Tales of Transformation", it compares the development of former industrial hotspots: Mulhouse, Tampere, Gabrovo, Łódź, Manchester and Chemnitz.

Includes:

- 4 nights B&B in a double room in a partner hotel in Schwarzenberg
- Guided hike in Schneeberg
- Entry to Siebenschlehener Pochwerk (Stamp Mill Technical Museum)
- Entry and guided tour of the Manufaktur der Träume (Factory of Dreams)
- Entry and guided tour of St. Annenkirche (St. Anne's Church)
- Entry and guided tour of Markus-Röhling-Stolln visitors' mine
- · Tour of Schneeberg
- Entry to Industriemuseum Chemnitz (Chemnitz Museum of Industry)

Date of Bergstreittag: 22 Jul, individual arrangements are also possible

Price: from € 199 pp

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SILBERMANN DAYS

Freiberg

Discovery tour: Journey to the Silver City of Freiberg. Freiberg is known as the Silver City for two reasons. Silver was first found here in 1168, which led to the founding of Freiberg as the oldest mining town in the Erzgebirge. Freiberg has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site in the Erzgebirge/Krušnohoří Mining Region since 2019. Silver was continuously mined here for over 800 years. The town is also home to another treasure, in the form of its four Baroque Silbermann organs.

The Silbermann Days are an exceptional music festival that will take place in 2025 under the umbrella of the European Capital of Culture. With their profound connection to the region and its history, as well as their courage to create innovative formats and push creative boundaries, the Silbermann Days build a bridge between tradition and modernity. They connect music and organ lovers of different generations from all over the world.





Day 1: After arriving and checking in at the hotel, we will visit Freiberg Cathedral and take a "Cathedral & Cloister Special" guided tour. The cathedral is the town's landmark and is home to the late Romanesque "Goldenen Pforte" (Golden Gate) as well as the largest organ by Gottfried Silbermann which remains almost unchanged from 1714.

Day 2: After a hearty breakfast, we will set off in the footsteps of Gottfried Silbermann. The secrets, life's work and lifestyle of the world-famous master organ builder Gottfried Silbermann — divulged by his talkative housekeeper Anna Magdalena Poltermann — are at the heart of the guided tour through the historic old town. A taste of the legendary Freiberger Eierschecke cake speciality is also included. Following a good break for lunch in the historic old town, we will visit the lovingly furnished historic show workshop in the master organ builder's former house, before listening to the impressive final concert of the Silbermann Days on the large Gottfried Silbermann organ in the late afternoon. Today it is one of the most valuable instruments in the world.

Day 3: On the day of departure, we will visit a gem of Freiberg's silver mining history on a short, guided tour. The Alte

Elisabeth mine provides fascinating insights into the history of mining and the working lives of the miners who laid the foundations for the prosperity and technical progress of an entire region.

Includes:

- 2 nights B&B in a double room in a partner hotel in Frauenstein
- · Visit and guided tour of Freiberg Cathedral
- Freiberg city tour
- Entry to "Silberklang & Handwerkskunst" (Silver sound & craftsmanship) exhibition at the Silbermann House
- · Silverman Days concert

Silbermann Days dates: 5 Sep – 14 Sep 2025 individual arrangements are possible

Price: from € 249 pp

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METTENSCHICHT UNDERGROUND

Annaberg-Buchholz

Discovery tour:

Day 1: Arrival in the mining town of Annaberg-Buchholz in the Erzgebirge, home to German mathematician Adam Ries. Nowhere else are the Christmas markets as beautiful as in the Erzgebirge. This is where Christmas really happens. Glittering lights and the scent of stollen, angels and miners in illuminated windows, the smell of mulled wine at enchanting Christmas markets, window shopping through quiet alleyways, browsing for gifts from Erzgebirge artisans, unexpected discoveries in dreamy mining towns or an unforgettable visit to a show workshop where Christmas angels first see the light of day – this is what Christmas in the Erzgebirge is all about.

After checking into the hotel, we will visit the Annaberg Christmas market in the heart of the mining town. The large market pyramid, the huge Christmas tree, elf services for children, miners' events, traditional events, craft presentations and regional delicacies reminiscent of food straight from grandma's oven all create a very special ambience. The best way to explore the Erzgebirge at Christmas time is on a winter lights tour through the region. Every window in the Erzgebirge has a light shining in it during Advent – from Schwibbögen candle arches and shining stars to angel lights and Christmas baubles.





Day 2: After a hearty breakfast, we will visit the landmark of Annaberg-Buchholz. St Anne's Church towers majestically over the first planned mining town, which has been part of the Erzgebirge/Krušnohoří Mining Region UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2019. It is one of the most important late Gothic hall churches in Germany. The magnificent interior holds valuable art treasures, which we will discover during a guided tour. We will also see the Annaberg mining altar, probably the earliest depiction of mining technology. After a short walk through the alleyways of the historic old town, we will visit the Manufaktur der Träume (Factory of Dreams museum) and experience the magic of Erzgebirge folk art. The exhibition showcases imaginatively staged exhibits relating to wooden toy production, mining, Christmas in the Erzgebirge and the former life of the people of the Erzgebirge. We will then enjoy a refreshing lunch, before making our way to the oldest blacksmith museum in Germany. This is where hammers and picks, the tools of miners, were made. We will see the fully functional 17th century hydropowered hammer mill in action. We will then take the mine railway to the traditional "Mettenschicht underground" in the Markus-Röhling-Stolln visitors' mine. The annual Mettenschicht is the last shift before Christmas Eve and is a very old tradition for miners. In the former engine room, which is decorated with candles and brushwood, typical Erzgebirge

music and dialect await us with traditional miners' dishes such as black bread with bacon and lentil soup.

Day 3: On the day of departure, participants can spend the morning taking a stroll through the Annaberg Christmas market and the historic old town by themselves.

Includes:

- 2 nights B&B in a double room in a partner hotel in the spa town of Oberwiesenthal
- · Entry to St. Anne's Church
- Entry & short guided tour of the Manufaktur der Träume (Factory of Dreams)
- Entry to Frohnauer Hammer Technical Museum
- · Mettenschicht including miner's snack

Mettenschicht underground dates: 28 Nov – 21 Dec 2025 individual arrangements are possible

Price: from € 499 pp

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EXPERIENCE OFFERS

Zwönitz & Schwarzenberg



"Colourful creations from the vat" – Niederzwönitz paper mill

Follow the (paper) trail from handmade paper and water-marks to mining, which had to be well documented and therefore required plenty of paper. The paper mill's continuous use since 1568, most recently as a cardboard factory, makes it a truly authentic location. Round off the experience with insights into the age-old craft of papermaking and try your hand at creating your own handmade paper.

Price: €10.00 pp (max. 15 participants) **Contact:** Technisches Museum Papiermühle

(Paper Mill Technical Museum)

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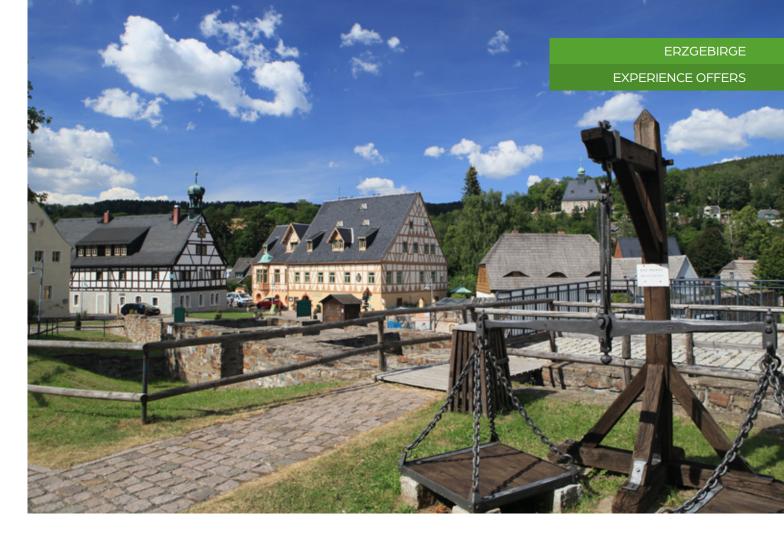
Discover the pearl of the Erzgebirge with the watchman

The town of Schwarzenberg has been shaped by mining and iron processing, railways and washing machines as well as significant historical events such as the unoccupied period, the legacy of which can still be felt today. There are exciting and unique stories to tell in the 850-year history of Schwarzenberg. The watchman always knows which hour has struck as he guides you through the narrow streets of the old town.

Price: € 55 per group (max. 20 participants)

Contact: Schwarzenberg Information

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Olbernhau & Oelsnitz

Museum Saigerhütte Grünthal – A museum in 4 houses

The "Saigerhütte Olbernhau-Grünthal" is a historical testimony to non-ferrous metallurgy dating back to 1537. Named after the innovative Saiger smelting process for extracting silver from raw copper, the site comprises 20 historic buildings. Once a privileged walled industrial community, today it is part of the UNESCO World Heritage Erzgebirge/Krušnohoří Mining Region with museums, leisure facilities and restaurants.

Price: €6.50 pp (groups of 10 or more)
Contact: Museum Saigerhütte Grünthal saigerhuette@olbernhau.de

Kohlewelt Oelsnitz (Oelsnitz Coal World)

The mining museum is housed in the listed industrial buildings of a former mine. After extensive refurbishment, the museum will reopen in summer 2024, presenting mining in a new, exciting and entertaining way. Immerse yourself in 800 years of coal mining history in Saxony. Meet people who shaped the local coal mining industry and find out how it influenced their lives, their culture and their home region. The permanent exhibition and the tour of the facility and demonstration mine provide unexpected insights.

Price: € 10 pp (groups of 10 or more)

Contact: Kohlewelt Oelsnitz, info@kohlewelt.de





Schneeberg & Marienberg



Guided hike through Schneeberg

Enjoy a guided hike along the Schneeberg-Neustädtel mining discovery trail, which passes numerous important and historical mining artefacts. Information boards and signs provide fascinating facts about the area's mining history, which spans over 500 years. Experience nature, geology, history and world heritage along the 10-kilometre trail.

Price: €100.00 per group (from 13 to 20 participants)

Contact: Schneeberg Tourist Information touristinfo@schneeberg-erleben.de

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From A for Abraham to Z for Zeuggraben – a day of hiking in the Marienberg region

The town of Marienberg was founded in 1519, the year that mining began there. After a turbulent beginning there followed a long decline until the 18th century, when mining master Heinrich von Trebra revitalised the industry. Follow this development on a guided hike and learn a great deal about mining in general and how it has shaped the landscape to this day, while enjoying some anecdotes from the Trebra era.

Price: € 190 per group (10 or more)

Contact: Chemnitz erkunden (Explore Chemnitz)

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Freiberg & Oberwiesenthal

Herder tour – Explore Freiberg by Segway

Segways can easily cover several metres in altitude and longer distances. The tour glides leisurely through the old town, past the most important sights such as the Cathedral of St Mary and Burg Freudenstein (Freudenstein Castle). Marvel at the wonderful views over the rooftops of Freiberg and enjoy exciting stories.

Price: €69.00 pp (max. 10 per group)

Contact: Meywaytours Freiberg

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SDG Fichtelbergbahn steam railway – Insights into the engine shed

The narrow-gauge railway smokes, hisses and steams its way through the most beautiful valleys of the Erzgebirge. Enjoy a unique experience as you take a glimpse behind the scenes of a steam locomotive dismantled into its individual parts waiting for its main inspection or "planning day", as the engine fitters call it. The wash hatches are then opened and the boiler is washed out before setting off again on its daily journey.

Price: €6.00 pp

Contact: Sächsische Dampfeisenbahngesellschaft mbH



Annaberg-Buchholz & Ehrenfriedersdorf

World heritage tour! Annaberg-Buchholz

A fascinating tour through the mining town of Annaberg-Buchholz, home to German mathematician Adam Ries, and its rich history, as part of the Erzgebirge/Krušnohoří Mining Region UNESCO World Heritage Site. With its sacred buildings, magnificent town houses and the late Gothic hall church of St Anne, the historic old town of Annaberg displays the wealth of mining and the history of the town.

Price: €65.00 per group (max. 20 participants)

Contact: Annaberg-Buchholz Tourist Information

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Ehrenfriedersdorf tin mine guided tour

The pit cage takes you down to a depth of 100 metres. The tour includes typical sites of modern mining in Ehrenfriedersdorf. Sturdy shoes and warm, hard-wearing clothing are required. The tour typically includes a train ride, a demonstration of numerous compressed air-powered mining tools and an introduction to the everyday life of a miner.

Price: € 13.00 pp (groups of 15 or more)

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