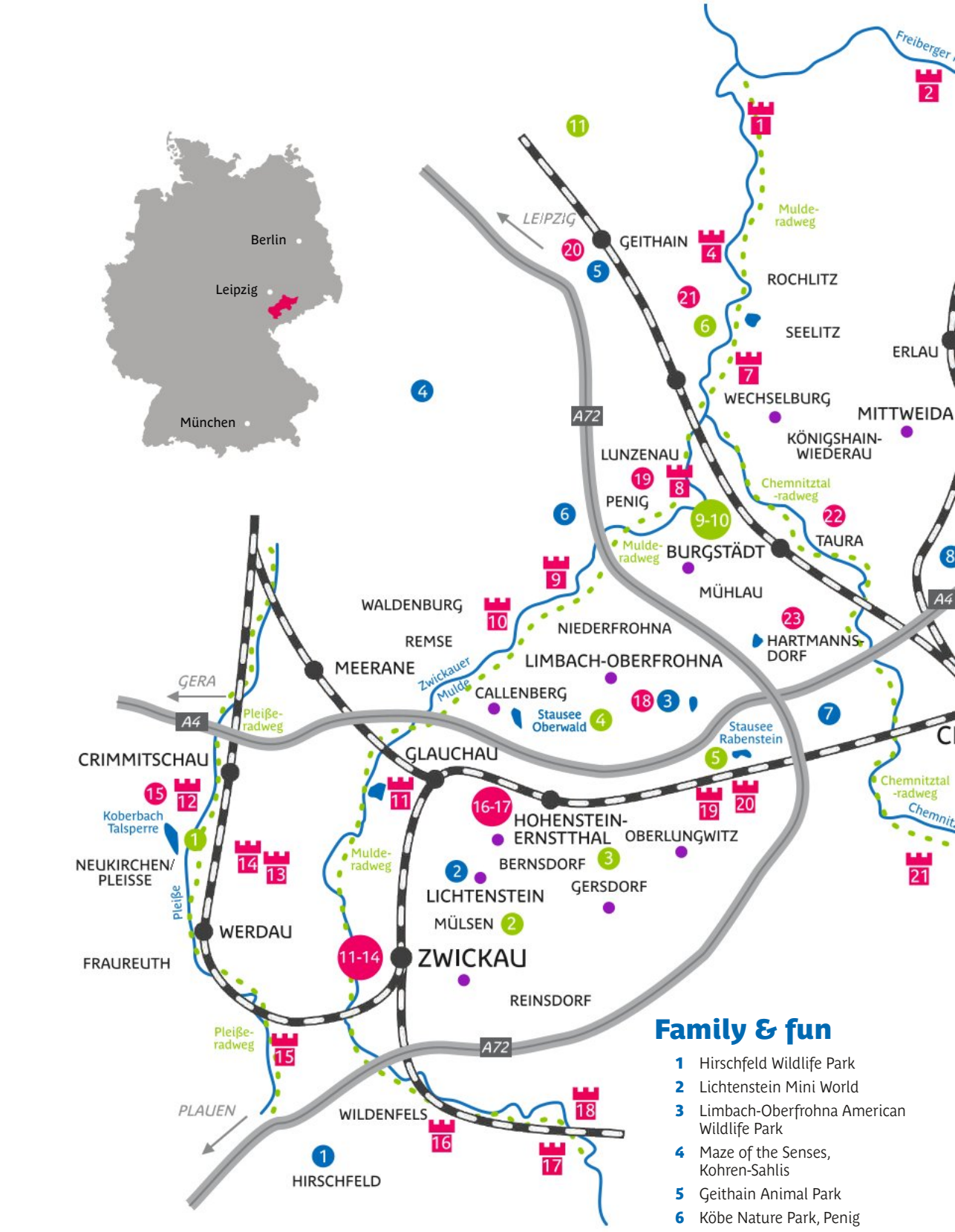

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Glauchau Castle Complex

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Welcome to our region!

It’s great to have you here! You’re sure to have a truly wonderful time in the heart of Saxony as you explore Chemnitz, Zwickau and the Rochlitz Mulde Valley. Discover a holiday destination that effortlessly blends industrial heritage, art, history and nature, offering you a relaxing break off the beaten track.

Ever since Chemnitz was named European Capital of Culture 2025, one thing has been clear: this region is creative and vibrant and has surprises waiting for you around every corner. With new projects, fresh perspectives and plenty of events, everyone is invited to join in the celebrations, get involved and discover the region’s attractions, both old and new.

Whether you’re strolling through tranquil towns, following in the footsteps of industrial heritage, enjoying world-class art and music in museums and theatres, or getting active outdoors, there are so many highlights to discover. Go with the flow, discover your favourite spots and enjoy every day in your own way.

In this travel magazine, we’ve put together plenty of tips and ideas to help you explore. We wish you a relaxing, inspiring and unforgettable holiday with us.

The team at Tourismusverband Chemnitz Zwickau Region e. V.

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Palaces & castles

Treasures. Masterpieces. Landmarks.

The **CHEMNITZ. ZWICKAU. REGION.** boasts an impressive array of palaces and castles, each one transporting visitors to times gone by and bearing witness to the region's pioneering role in Saxony's history.



German Agricultural Museum at Blankenhain Castle

Stroll through the Glauchau Castles, Wolkenburg Castle or the enchanting Waldenburg Castle with its stately park, which has served as a historical backdrop for many a film. High up at Kriebstein Castle, you can discover what life was like in the late Middle Ages, or head to Klaffenbach Moated Castle to marvel at the unique Renaissance architecture. Colditz Castle also has exciting stories to tell, including dramatic escapes from the prisoner-of-war camp during the Second World War, which you can experience through multimedia exhibits. A visit to the historic walls of Rochsburg Castle can be wonderfully combined with savouring the exquisite chocolate creations from Choco Del Sol. At Rochlitz Castle and the majestic Augustusburg Castle, you can experience history up close – often even in period costume. The more adventurous can take part in treasure hunts and interactive discovery tours, while younger visitors are sure to enjoy the hands-on activities and guided tours.

For a truly unique experience, castles such as Schweinsburg, Lauterbach and the moated Klaffenbach Castle offer you the chance to spend the night within their venerable walls and experience the atmosphere of days gone by first hand. The magnificent parks surrounding the castles and the region's picturesque countryside are an invitation to take long leisurely walks.



Glauchau Castle Complex

Museum Burg Schönfels

Schönfels Castle Museum

Schönfels Castle welcomes you with its unique, well-preserved original character – mighty walls, battlements, a glimpse into life in the Middle Ages, and history you can touch and experience for yourself.

Burgstraße 34
08115 Lichtentanne, Schönfels District
www.burg-schoenfels.de

Musenhof Schloss Wildenfels

Musenhof Wildenfels Castle

Lose yourself in the charm of oriental silk wallpapers, classical rooms and magnificent halls. Dive into the world of the Musenhof – which might be translated as "courtyard of the muses" – and discover a place brimming with art and culture.

Schlossstraße 2 | 08134 Wildenfels
www.musenhof-schloss-wildenfels.de

Schlossruine Hartenstein

Hartenstein Castle Ruins

Embark on a journey into the past amidst the walls and towers of this romantic ruin, where you'll discover traces of the Middle Ages, idyllic natural surroundings and events steeped in atmosphere.

August-Bebel-Straße 38 | 08118 Hartenstein
www.schlossruine-hartenstein.de

Deutsches Landwirtschafts-museum Schloss Blankenhain

German Agricultural Museum at Blankenhain Castle

Discover the historic Blankenhain Castle, a former knight's estate: authentically preserved buildings, over 120 exhibitions and an entire village present the evolution of rural life through the centuries!

Am Schloss 9
08451 Crimmitschau, Blankenhain District
www.deutsches-landwirtschaftsmuseum.de

Schlösserkomplex Glauchau

Glauchau Castle Complex

Take a trip back in time in Forderglauchau and Hinterglauchau Castles: museums, exhibitions and concerts bring the impressive castle walls to life.

Schlossplatz 5a | 08371 Glauchau
www.glauchau.de/de/museum.html



Waldenburg Castle

INSIDER TIP

Its unique charm has made Waldenburg Castle a popular location for film and television productions – including the four-time Oscar-winning film The Grand Budapest Hotel and the fairy-tale adaptation The Peasant's Wise Daughter.

● Schloss Waldenburg

Waldenburg Castle

The magnificent rooms, tapestries and the Hall of Mirrors give you a glimpse of the world of the nobility – Waldenburg Castle brings history to life.

Peniger Straße 10 | 08396 Waldenburg
www.schloss-waldenburg.de

● Schloss Wolkenburg

Wolkenburg Castle

Explore this classical castle set in a semi-overgrown park overlooking the Zwickauer Mulde River, browse the library and enjoy the romantic castle grounds with their numerous cast-iron figures.

Schloss 1 – 3
09212 Limbach-Oberfrohna, Wolkenburg District
www.schloss-wolkenburg.de



Schönfels Castle

● Schloßbergviertel Chemnitz

Schloßberg District, Chemnitz

From charming half-timbered houses to the Museum of City History, the Castle Church and the Castle Pond – culture, nature and history combine to make this district a truly special experience and a place to explore the city's oldest surviving residential buildings.

09113 Schlosschemnitz

● Burg Rabenstein

Rabenstein Castle

Saxony's smallest castle can trace its history back to the 12th century. Today it houses a museum, guided tours and events such as the Medieval Festival.

Oberfrohnaer Str. 149 | 09117 Chemnitz
www.kunstsammlungen-chemnitz.de/burg-rabenstein

MARKET DAYS & EVENTS

Every year, craft and herb markets and a variety of events invite visitors to explore, admire and enjoy an atmosphere steeped in history. They include the nature markets featuring regional specialities from local farms and craft workshops.

Burg Kriebstein Kriebstein Castle

Saxony's most beautiful medieval castle, perched above the Zschopau River, captivates visitors as a film location and with its late-Gothic architecture. Highlights include the soaring tower with living quarters, the chapel, the historic rooms and the Secret of Kriebstein escape game.

Kriebsteiner Straße 7 | 09648 Kriebstein
www.burg-kriebstein.eu



Rochsburg Castle

Schloss Rochlitz Rochlitz Castle

Over 1,000 years of history featuring emperors, princes and fascinating traces of the past: cross vaults, the Black Kitchen, towers, dungeons and graffiti. Themed tours and events of unrivalled variety bring history to life.

Sörnziger Weg 1 | 09306 Rochlitz
www.schloss-rochlitz.de

Schloss Rochsburg Rochsburg Castle

A fairy-tale attraction featuring historic rooms, a family portrait gallery, 1,000 years of fashion, guided tours, year-round events and changing exhibitions staged by the August Ohm Foundation.

Schlossstraße 1 | 09328 Lunzenau,
Rochsburg District
www.schloss-rochsburg.de

Basilika Wechselburg
Wechselburg Basilica

The 12th-century Romanesque Basilica of the Holy Cross is notable for its Rochlitz porphyry tuff, its rood screen featuring a crucifixion group dating from 1230/31, and its status as a papal minor basilica.

Markt 12 | 09306 Wechselburg
www.kloster-wechselburg.de

Burg Mildenstein Mildenstein Castle

Exciting experiences await you at Burg Mildenstein: crossbow shooting, courtly dancing, interactive tours and The One-Eyed Man's Treasure escape room bring history to life in a playful way.

Burglehn 6 | 04703 Leisnig
www.burg-mildenstein.de

NIGHT OF THE CASTLES

In the last weekend of August each year, the region's picturesque palaces and imposing castles are transformed into unique settings for a varied cultural programme. Enjoy a wide array of events, from fascinating guided tours in period costume to rousing concerts.
www.nachtderschloesser.de



Night of the Castles at Waldenburg Castle



Kriebstein Castle

Cultural events

Schloss Colditz Colditz Castle

Experience 1,000 years of history at this former hunting lodge, institution, prison and prisoner-of-war camp. The permanent exhibition evokes the atmosphere of a "lost place", presents digital experiences and tells exciting stories of escape.

Schlossgasse 1 | 04680 Colditz
www.schloss-colditz.de

Schloss Augustusburg
Augustusburg Castle

Discover Augustusburg Castle – a Renaissance landmark, majestically perched above the Zschopau Valley. Explore Europe's largest motorcycle collection, valuable works of art and the newly redesigned Carriage Museum in this truly unique setting.

Schloss 1 | 09573 Augustusburg
www.augustusburg-schloss.de

A BREAK AT THE LEHNGERICHT MAKER HUB

Below Augustusburg Castle, you'll find the Lehngericht Maker Hub – a place where you can get creative in the wood, digital and textile workshop or conjure up something in the communal kitchen. There are four holiday apartments in the building itself.

Schloss & Park Lichtenwalde
Lichtenwalde Castle & Park

Stroll through one of Saxony's most beautiful baroque parks, admire the terraces and water features, and explore the palace's magnificent salons.

Schlossallee 1
09577 Niederwiesa, Lichtenwalde District
www.schloss-lichtenwalde.de

Klosterpark Altzella
Altzella Abbey Park

From the Romanesque to the Romantic era – once home to Cistercian monks in the Middle Ages and later the setting for Caspar David Friedrich's artistic sketches, today Altzella Abbey Park invites you to stroll beneath centuries-old trees and discover the wonders of nature and history.

Zellaer Straße 10 | 01683 Nossen
www.kloster-altzella.de

Schloss Nossen Nossen Castle

Dark cellar dungeons, magnificent halls for festivities, centuries-old attics:
discover the hidden corners and their fascinating stories on themed tours and by request.

Am Schloss 3 | 01683 Nossen
www.schloss-nossen.de

STAY AND DINE IN A CASTLE

Enjoy a holiday in the elegant setting of a castle – an experience that blends the past with a culture of indulgence, set against the perfect backdrop for special moments. The region's castles offer a wide selection of accommodation, from holiday lets and youth hostels to luxury hotel rooms with their own spa facilities.

● Schloss Lauterbach

Lauterbach Castle

The holiday apartments in Lauterbach Castle combine historical charm with peaceful tranquillity – ideal for a holiday nestled between the Vogtland uplands and the Fichtelgebirge and Erzgebirge mountains.

Am Schloss 9 | 08459 Neukirchen/Pleiße
www.schlosslauterbach.com

● Das Wolfsbrunn The Wolfsbrunn

Enjoy luxurious rooms, culinary delights, relaxing spa treatments and the ambience of a historical residence in this elegant castle villa.

Stein 8 | 08118 Hartenstein
www.das-wolfsbrunn.de



The Wolfsbrunn



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INSIDER TIP

Central Saxon Summer of Culture

The Central Saxon Summer of Culture runs from June to September. Over 3,000 performers bring historic venues such as Rochsburg Castle, Wechselburg Basilica, and the Kriebstein Lake Stage – as well as a porphyry quarry on the Rochlitzer Berg – to life with concerts, musicals, family festivals and stunning multimedia shows.

www.miskus.de



Klaffenbach Moated Castle

STAYING IN THE BASILICA

In the Wechselburg Gatehouse, which forms part of the culturally and historically significant complex comprising the basilica, monastery and castle, eight lovingly restored holiday flats are ready to welcome you. The historical rooms are situated in a tranquil and idyllic spot right beside the castle grounds.

Book accommo-dation

● Hotel Schloss Rabenstein

Rabenstein Castle Hotel

This 4-star hotel offers 15 stylish rooms equipped with modern amenities. Soak up the idyllic setting in the Rabenstein Forest and the peaceful tranquillity of the historical surroundings.

Thomas-Müntzer-Höhe 14
09117 Chemnitz Rabenstein District
www.hotel-schloss-rabenstein.de

● Wasserschloss Klaffenbach

Klaffenbach Moated Castle

This Renaissance castle complex combines history with modern comforts. Whether you are attending a concert, a conference or an exhibition, you'll enjoy stylish rooms, fine dining and the unique ambience of the moated castle.

Wasserschlossweg 6 | 09123 Chemnitz
www.schlosshotel-klaffenbach.de

● Schloss Schweinsburg

Schweinsburg Castle

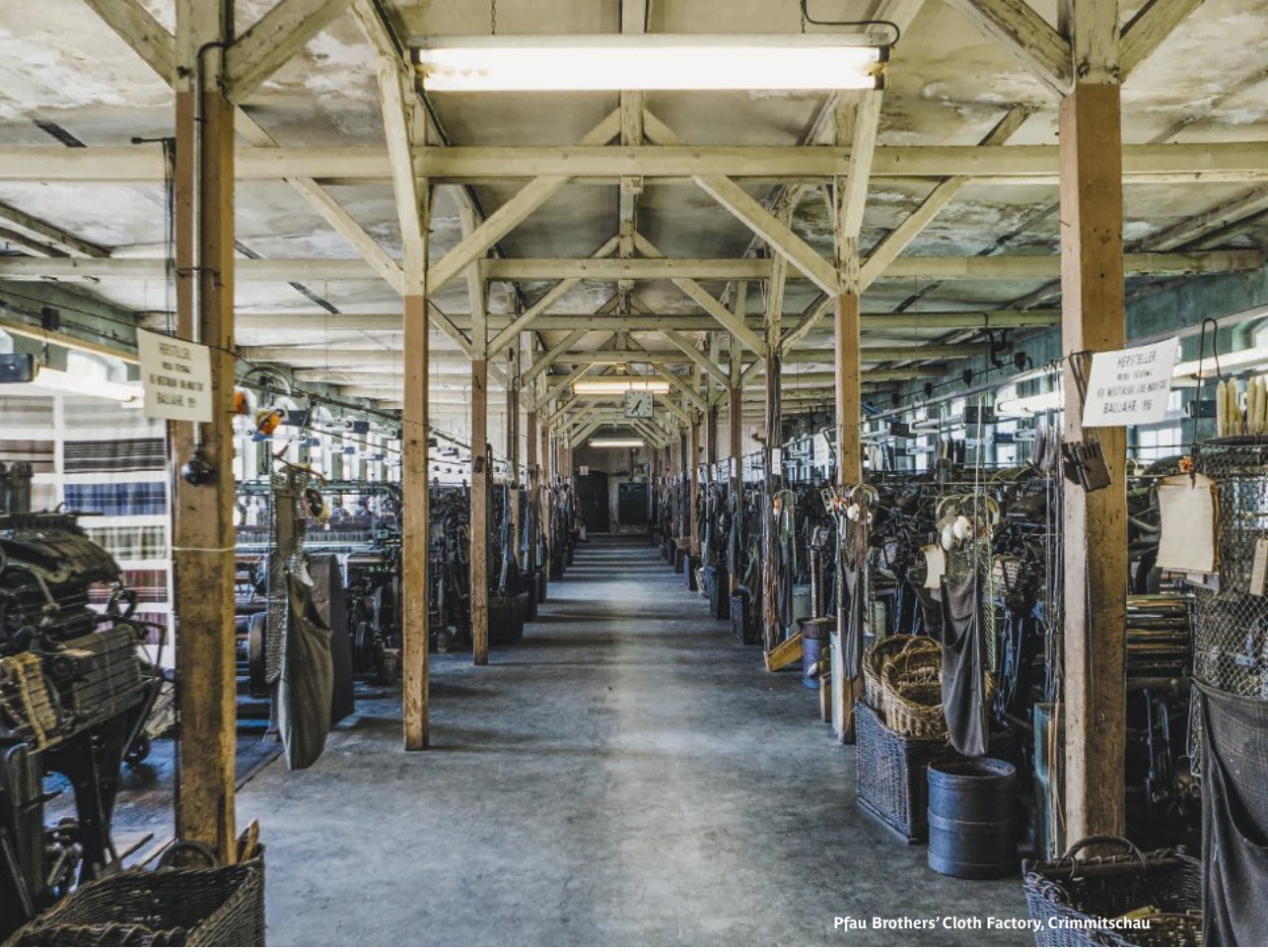
This historic castle complex, featuring a moated castle and baroque garden and now serving as a hotel, is the perfect setting for a romantic weekend, a fun-filled family holiday or unforgettable celebrations in a stylish ambience.

Hotel Schloss Schweinsburg
Hauptstraße 147 – 149
08459 Neukirchen/Pleiße
www.schloss-schweinsburg.com

Industrial heritage

Technology. Tempo. Trendsetter.

The CHEMNITZ. ZWICKAU. REGION. was never merely a backdrop but one of the engines of German industrial history. The region is steeped in mechanical engineering, locomotive engineering and automotive manufacturing, with Chemnitz growing to become Germany's most important industrial powerhouse: the "Saxon Manchester".



Pfau Brothers' Cloth Factory, Crimmitschau

From historical treasures and modern art to groundbreaking inventions: the region has a wide spectrum of museums inviting you to explore, marvel and learn. Take a journey back through some 120 years of automotive history, meticulously documented at the August Horch Museum in Zwickau, with frequent references to the international bastion of motor sport: the Sachsenring near Hohenstein-Ernstthal.

Particular highlights include the Exhibition Railway and the Markersdorf-Taura Museum Railway Station. A tour on the historic rails allows you to explore the Chemnitz Valley in an open-top carriage.

With a rattle, a rumble and a groan, the huge archaic weaving and knitting machines clatter into action in the historic industrial halls as magnificent patterns emerge before your eyes from a colourful tangle of yarn. Right here in the thick of it, you can really feel how the textile industry once shaped the region. You'll even be able to try out some of the machines for yourselves.



Hohenstein-Ernstthal
Textile and Motor Sport Museum

Tuchfabrik Gebr. Pfau Crimmitschau

Pfau Brothers' Cloth Factory Crimmitschau

Insights, machinery and the history of textiles up close: as you step inside the historic factory, you can get a sense of how fabrics were made – from the raw materials, to spinning and weaving, right through to the finished cloth.

Leipziger Straße 125 | 08451 Crimmitschau
www.tuchfabrik-crimmitschau.de

Textil- und Rennsportmuseum Hohenstein-Ernstthal

Hohenstein-Ernstthal Textile and Motorsport Museum

Discover textile traditions and high-speed technology. From Jacquard weaving to the Sachsenring, embark on a fascinating journey through history, the world of hosiery and engineering breakthroughs.

Antonstraße 6 | 09337 Hohenstein-Ernstthal
www.trm-hot.de

Esche-Museum Limbach-Oberfrohna

The Esche-Museum presents a journey through 300 years of industrial and local history: from knitting mills to hosiery and glove production, right through to the world-famous MALIMO stitch-bonding machines.

Sachsenstraße 3 | 09212 Limbach-Oberfrohna
www.esche-museum.de

Sächsisches Industriemuseum Chemnitz

Saxon Museum of Industry in Chemnitz

Housed in a former foundry, the Museum of Industry reveals how industry, work and society have changed since the dawn of industrialisation to the present day. Permanent and special exhibitions bring technology, machinery and history to life.

Zwickauer Straße 119 | 09112 Chemnitz
www.industriemuseum-chemnitz.de

INSIDER TIP

Maker Hubs

At the Esche-Museum's Maker Hub, the history of knitwear meets modern creativity: experiment, get designing and try things out for yourselves in the heart of an authentic industrial setting.

As part of Chemnitz's European Capital of Culture 2025 programme, nine community spaces – known as "Maker Hubs" – have been set up across the region.



August Horch Museum Zwickau

THE CORNERSTONE OF THE AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY

Two cylinders, a belt and an idea that made history: in 1900, driven by a desire for progress, August Horch developed his first prototype of a car. Just four years later came the real breakthrough: in 1904, production of the Horch 14/17 PS began in Zwickau. The Friends Association for the August Horch Museum Zwickau has built a replica of the first Horch model built in Zwickau – true to the original and fully operational. See it for yourself in the permanent exhibition, where it has been on display since 2024.

● August Horch Museum Zwickau

At the August Horch Museum in Zwickau, you can experience over 120 years of automotive history at the site of the first Audi factory. A museum that puts pioneering spirit and innovation in the spotlight.

Audistraße 7 | 08058 Zwickau
www.horch-museum.de

● Oldtimermuseum Culitzsch

Culitzsch Classic Car Museum

Immerse yourself in the fascinating world of classic cars at the Culitzsch Classic Car Museum. Experience living history on wheels, lovingly restored and ready to drive. Get caught up in the passion for classic cars!

Hauptstraße 59A | 08112 Wilkau-Haßlau
www.htc-ev.de

● Sächsisches Nutzfahrzeugmuseum Hartmannsdorf

Saxon Commercial Vehicle Museum, Hartmannsdorf

One of Germany's most significant collections of historical commercial vehicles, this museum features some 50 exhibits dating from 1913 to 1990, including construction vehicles, fire engines and military vehicles. The highlight is the annual Classic Car Rally on 1 May.

Mühlauer Straße 2 (Industrial Estate)
09232 Hartmannsdorf
www.nutzfahrzeugmuseum.de

● Museum für sächsische Fahrzeuge

Saxon Motoring Museum

This museum, housed in the historical Stern Garages, showcases vehicles, technical inventions, racing successes and personal stories that trace the history of automotive engineering from the 19th century to the present day.

Zwickauer Straße 77 | 09112 Chemnitz
www.fahrzeugmuseum-chemnitz.de


Saxon Museum of Industry in Chemnitz

INSIDER TIP

Not far from Wechselburg Station, a signal box has been preserved in fully working order as an engineering monument. Technology dating back over 100 years demonstrates how railway workers used to set points and signals.

Bahnhofstraße 27 | 09306 Wechselburg
www.foerderverein-muldentalbahn.de


Wechselburg Signal Box

● Museumsbahnhof Markersdorf-Taura

Markersdorf-Taura Museum Railway Station

Explore the Chemnitz Valley along the romantic stretch known as the Schweizerthal from the open-top viewing carriage of a diesel train or on a pedal-powered rail-cycle draisine. The rural station in Markersdorf-Taura is almost entirely preserved.

Eisenbahnfreunde Chemnitztal e.V.
Hauptstraße 100 | 09236 Claußnitz
www.chemnitztalbahn.de

● Frelsbachtalbahn

Frelsbach Valley Railway

The Frelsbach Valley Railway runs through the Köttwitzsch Valley and Mulde Valley on the Rochlitz–Narsdorf line. Open carriages are hauled over a distance of 9.4 km by the KL 51 Fritz, the SKL 25 Karl and the MAV Piroska.

IG Muldental BahnTourismus e.V.
Burgstraße 49 | 09306 Rochlitz
www.frelsbachtalbahn.de


A heritage railway journey through the Schweizerthal Valley

● Schienentrabi

Trabant on Rails

The Trabant of Rails gives you the cabriolet feeling on rails: in bright yellow vehicles, you'll glide across historical bridges through the romantic Mulde Valley on routes such as Rochlitz–Wechselburg, Göhren–Rochsburg or Amerika–Rochsburg.

Verein Sächsischer Eisenbahnfreunde e.V.
Eisenbahnmuseum Schwarzenberg:
Schneeberger Str. 60 | 08340 Schwarzenberg
www.schienentrabi.de

● Heimat- und Bergbaumuseum Reinsdorf

Reinsdorf Local History and Mining Museum

Experience mining history up close – discover the technology, delve into the history of the community and the historic shaft, and enjoy the panoramic view from the winding tower over Reinsdorf and the surrounding area.

Pöhlauer Straße 9 | 08141 Reinsdorf
www.heimatverein-reinsdorf.de

● Ausstellung Stern-Radio Rochlitz

Rochlitz Stern-Radio Exhibition

Tech enthusiasts, listen up: the exhibition on the production history of VEB Stern-Radio Rochlitz is a must-see. It presents telecommunications technology, telephones, circuit boards and legendary radios from 1945 to 1963 – offering a fascinating insight into the history of technology.

Rochlitzer Geschichtsverein
Schulgasse 8 | 09306 Rochlitz
www.rochlitzer-geschichtsverein.de



Chemnitz Exhibition Railway

Straßenbahnmuseum Chemnitz

Chemnitz Tram Museum

Housed in a former tram depot dating from 1908, this museum preserves the history of the narrow-gauge tramway. Interactive stations give you exciting insights into technology and everyday life.

Zwickauer Straße 164 | 09116 Chemnitz
www.strassenbahn-chemnitz.de

Sächsisches Eisenbahnmuseum Chemnitz Hilbersdorf

Saxon Railway Museum, Chemnitz Hilbersdorf

Across 26 hectares, visitors can experience railway history up close. Original locomotives, interactive activities and a ride on the Schauplatz-Express make for an unforgettable visit.

Frankenberger Straße 172 | 09131 Chemnitz
www.schauplatz-eisenbahn.de

GARAGE CAMPUS

From a garage to a cultural hub? Winning the title of European Capital of Culture has sparked a wave of regeneration projects across Chemnitz and the surrounding region, transforming many old brownfield sites.
The Kappel Depot was once the birthplace of the city's public transport system and marks the site of the former tram depot. Today, the Garage Campus has been created on the premises as a new cultural and events centre dedicated to hosting exhibitions and parties and fostering exchanges and innovation.
www.garagen-campus.de/en/

INSIDER TIP

The escape room at Mittweida Hydroelectric Power Station

Mittweida Hydroelectric Power Station, which is over 100 years old, combines historical steam engines and diesel generators with modern power generation. Guided tours, an escape room and event facilities make it a unique technological experience.

envia Mitteldeutsche Energie AG
Weinsdorfer Str. 39 | 09648 Mittweida
www.wasserkraftwerk-mittweida.de

Art

Sound.
Style.
Artistry.

From the visual arts to music, theatre and design, get set to discover culture in the **CHEMNITZ. ZWICKAU. REGION.** and indulge in it with all your senses.



Theaterplatz, Chemnitz

As you explore the region, you'll find yourself immersed in a cultural mosaic of European significance. Some big names have left their mark here. This thriving industrial region has always been a keen patron of the arts and culture. With Villa Esche, Henry van de Velde created an architectural monument to the Chemnitz family of industrialists headed by Herbert Eugen Esche. On Chemnitz's Kaßberg, you can stroll through one of Europe's largest districts of "Gründerzeit" and art nouveau architecture. The Gunzenhauser Museum houses one of the world's largest collections of works by Otto Dix, numbering 380 pieces. At the Chemnitz Art Collections, you'll encounter masterpieces by artists such as Caspar David Friedrich all the way through to the "Brücke" artists Erich Heckel, Ernst Ludwig Kirchner, Fritz Bleyl and, of course, Chemnitz-born Karl Schmidt-Rottluff, who has had a museum dedicated to him in his birthplace since 2025. In Zwickau, you'll find works by Max Pechstein, who was born in the city, while the art collections at Glauchau Castle Museum and the Johannes Schilling House in Mittweida are real hidden gems.

Music lovers will adore the Robert Schumann House in Zwickau: an inspiring location steeped in sound and history, home to the world's largest exhibition on the life and work of the famous composer. The Chemnitz Theatres and Plauen-Zwickau Theatre invite you to experience plays, concerts, opera and dance performed to the highest standards. The PURPLE PATH, an art and sculpture trail and one of the flagship projects of the European Capital of Culture 2025, has created a visionary open-air exhibition spanning the entire region.

KUNSTSAMMLUNGEN ZWICKAU Max-Pechstein-Museum im ZwischenRAUM

ZWICKAU ART COLLECTIONS Max Pechstein Museum in the ZwischenRAUM

Experience a blend of tradition and modernity. Immerse yourself in the vibrant world of colour created by Max Pechstein, the Zwickau-born expressionist, whose works are brought to life here in an innovative digital presentation.

Domhof 2 | 08056 Zwickau
www.kunstsammlungen-zwickau.de

Schloss Museum Glauchau

Glauchau Castle Museum

Hinterglauchau Castle invites you to stroll through history-steeped rooms and admire changing exhibitions featuring paintings, sculptures and decorative art from various periods.

Schlossplatz 5A | 08371 Glauchau
www.glauchau.de/de/schloss-museum.html

Museum Gunzenhauser

Gunzenhauser Museum

With over 3,000 works spanning expressionism, New Objectivity and abstract art, this museum is truly one of a kind. The exhibitions feature significant collections of works by Otto Dix and Alexej von Jawlensky.

Stollberger Straße 2 | 09119 Chemnitz
www.kunstsammlungen-chemnitz.de/haeuser/museum-gunzenhauser

INSIDER TIP

The "Brücke" group

Chemnitz-born artist Karl Schmidt-Rottluff is regarded as one of the leading figures of German expressionism. In 1905, he founded the "Brücke" group together with fellow artists Erich Heckel and Ernst Ludwig Kirchner, who had also grown up in Chemnitz, as well as Fritz Bleyl from Zwickau. Later, Zwickau-born artist Max Pechstein also joined the group. The Brücke championed an independent approach to art and rejected the academy. The Chemnitz Art Collections house one of the largest collections of paintings and graphic works by Karl Schmidt-Rottluff and the other Brücke artists. Zwickau has a permanent exhibition dedicated to Max Pechstein.



ZWICKAU ART COLLECTIONS

Kunstsammlungen Chemnitz

Chemnitz Art Collections

The Chemnitz Art Collections are one of the largest municipal museums in Germany. Several venues and archives host a wide range of exhibitions, from international modern art to regional history.

Theaterplatz 1 | 09111 Chemnitz
www.kunstsammlungen-chemnitz.de

Neue Sächsische Galerie

New Saxon Gallery

This gallery presents contemporary art, focusing on Saxony since 1945. The collection comprises around 12,000 works of art, design and applied art, complemented by a range of temporary exhibitions.

Moritzstraße | 20 09111 Chemnitz
www.neue-saechsische-galerie.de

Henry van de Velde Museum Villa Esche

This villa is regarded as an art nouveau gem and the first German building designed by architect Henry van de Velde. Today, the museum displays original furniture and exhibits, accompanied by guided tours and events.

Parkstraße 58 | 09120 Chemnitz
www.kunstsammlungen-chemnitz.de/haeuser/henry-van-de-velde-museum

Karl-May-Haus Hohenstein-Ernstthal

Karl May House, Hohenstein-Ernstthal

Step into the world of Karl May at the famous author's birthplace. Discover the life, work and legacy of one of the most widely read German writers – from the weaver's workshop representing his family origins to original costumes.

Karl-May-Straße 54
09337 Hohenstein-Ernstthal
www.karl-may-haus.de



Karl May House, Hohenstein-Ernstthal

Robert-Schumann-Haus Zwickau

Robert Schumann House, Zwickau

Immerse yourself in the life of the world-famous composer Robert Schumann: explore the building's historical living quarters, the original manuscripts and fascinating insights into his musical history.

Hauptmarkt 5 | 08056 Zwickau
www.schumann-zwickau.de

Johannes Schilling Haus Mittweida

Johannes Schilling House, Mittweida

In Mittweida, the birthplace of sculptor Johannes Schilling, a large part of his artistic legacy is on display. Works such as "Quellnymphe", "Morpheus-Studie" and "Fürst von Bismarck" are sure to captivate art lovers.

Kirchplatz 4 | 09648 Mittweida
www.museum-mittweida.de

HENRY VAN DE VELDE

Herbert Eugen Esche, a textile entrepreneur from Chemnitz, supported the arts in a variety of ways in the early 20th century. He commissioned Belgian designer Henry van de Velde to design his family home, which is now known as Villa Esche. A total work of art in the art nouveau style, the villa was van de Velde's first building in Germany. Esche and van de Velde chose the site overlooking the Chemnitz Valley together. The original view was captured in a painting by Edvard Munch, who was a frequent guest of the Esche family.



Villa Esche, Chemnitz



Plauen-Zwickau Theatre at the Concert Hall

Gewandhaus Theater Plauen-Zwickau

Plauen-Zwickau Concert Hall Theatre

On the stages of Zwickau Concert Hall Theatre, you can enjoy opera, drama, musicals and ballet – the arts performed live, right before your very eyes.

Hauptmarkt | 08056 Zwickau
www.theater-plauen-zwickau.de

Freilichtbühne Zwickau

Zwickau Open-Air Theatre

Spend summer evenings under the open sky, enjoying theatre performances, musicals and concerts in a romantic natural setting near the Swan Pond.

Parkstraße | 08056 Zwickau
www.kultourz.de

Sparkassen-Arena Zwickau

The Sparkassen-Arena Zwickau is a striking circular work of architecture in the heart of the city, where you can enjoy concerts, trade fairs, shows, sporting events and cultural highlights in a modern, well-equipped venue.

Bergmannsstraße 1 | 08056 Zwickau
www.kultourz.de

Theater Chemnitz Chemnitz Theatres

The Chemnitz Theatres bring together the genres of opera, philharmonic orchestra, ballet, drama and puppet theatre. The Opera House is one of the city's prime cultural hubs, hosting a dazzling array of productions, ranging from operas to musicals.

Theaterplatz 2 | 09111 Chemnitz
www.theater-chemnitz.de

CULTURE TIP: STEFAN HEYM

This prominent German-Jewish writer (1913–2001) is closely associated with Chemnitz's eventful history.
Having been persecuted and forced into exile in the US during the Nazi era, Heym returned to Chemnitz after the war. However, his increasingly critical stance brought him into conflict with the GDR authorities. As a supporter of the civil rights movement, he became one of the leading commentators on the peaceful revolution of 1989. You can explore the many ways he left his mark on Chemnitz via an app that takes you to 13 sites.



Stefan Heym's birthplace, Chemnitz

INSIDER TIP

Churches for art lovers

Mittweida is home to the largest organ in Central Saxony, while the coffered ceiling by Constantin Seytz the Elder (1688) in Penig enchants visitors with its 70 biblical scenes. In Rochlitz, St Cunigunde's Church delights visitors with its richly decorated tracery carved from Rochlitz porphyry tuff and its valuable works of art, while the Wechselburg Basilica rood cross and new altarpiece by Leipzig artist Michael Triegel – who has previously painted a portrait of Pope Benedict – are sure to fascinate.



● Konzert- und Ballhaus „Neue Welt"

New World Concert and Ballroom

This magnificent art nouveau hall captivates visitors with its special charm. Whether it's a concert, a show or an event, you can experience culture here in a truly extraordinary setting.

Leipziger Straße 182 | 08058 Zwickau
www.kultourz.de

● Seebühne Kriebstein

Kriebstein Lake Stage

The Kriebstein Lake Stage, the only one of its kind in Saxony, hosts pop and rock concerts from spring to autumn as part of the Central Saxon Summer of Culture, as well as operettas and children's plays by the Central Saxon Theatre.

An der Talsperre 1 | 09648 Kriebstein
www.miskus.de
www.mittelsaechsisches-theater.de



New World Concert and Ballroom, Zwickau

Nature, history & more

Traces. Stones. Timewalks.

From encounters with nature to historical moments, the museums in the **CHEMNITZ. ZWICKAU. REGION.** have fascinating stories to tell.



Zwickau Priests' Houses

Visit one of Germany's oldest residential buildings: the Priests' Houses in Zwickau. Step back in time to the era of massive volcanic eruptions and the formation of the Rochlitz porphyry tuff millions of years ago at the Porphyry House Geoportal on the summit of the Rochlitzer Berg. Or take a stroll through Saxony's archaeological history at the State Museum of Archaeology Chemnitz. More recent history is presented in compelling exhibitions at Kaßberg Prison and at the documentation centre on the National Socialist Underground (NSU), which opened in Chemnitz in 2025. The open-air museum at Blankenhain Castle brings history to life, allowing you to experience agricultural history first-hand. Whether you're a young or old explorer, exciting guided tours for children make a visit to this museum an unforgettable adventure for all the family.

INSIDER TIP

Rochlitzer Berg

The Rochlitzer Berg is part of the Porphyrland National Geopark, one of 16 protected parks of geological interest in Germany. The distinctive red Rochlitz porphyry tuff has been quarried here for over 900 years – it is an IUGS Heritage Stone, the geological equivalent of World Heritage. The rock was formed 294 million years ago during the Rochlitz eruption, a supervolcano with a caldera measuring approximately 50 by 30 km. Today, the mountain is not only a testament to this history, but also a popular destination for nature and leisure activities. Follow the Porphyry Educational Trail or join a guided tour to discover traces of the quarry and climb the viewing tower for sweeping panoramic views.



Porphyry House Geoportal

Geoportal Porphyrhaus Rochlitz

Rochlitz Porphyry House Geoportal

From April to October, visitors to the Porphyry House Geoportal can enjoy exhibitions, porphyry-themed guided tours and VR time-travel experiences at the Gleisberg Quarry. An exciting destination for families in the Porphyrland Geopark.

Rochlitzer Berg | 09306 Rochlitz
www.rochlitzer-muldental.de

smac – Staatliches Museum für Archäologie Chemnitz

smac – State Museum of Archaeology Chemnitz

The former department store Kaufhaus Schocken showcases 300,000 years of Saxon history, from the earliest traces of humanity to the Industrial Revolution, complemented by exhibitions on the region's architectural and cultural history.

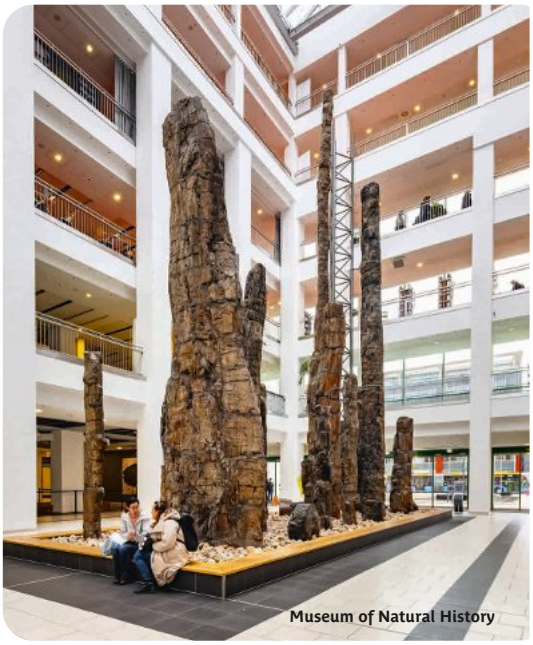
Stefan-Heym-Platz 1 | 09111 Chemnitz
www.smac.sachsen.de

Museum für Naturkunde Chemnitz

Museum of Natural History

Formed 290 million years ago, the Petrified Forest is the museum's centrepiece. Alongside fossils from the Permian period and other unique finds, there is an insectarium housing live specimens as well as temporary exhibitions on biodiversity.

Moritzstraße 20 | 09111 Chemnitz
www.naturkundemuseum-chemnitz.de


Museum of Natural History

THE TIETZ IN CHEMNITZ

Once a famous department store in the early 20th century, this building was converted into a modern cultural centre in 2004.
Today, it houses a library, an adult education centre, the Museum of Natural History, the New Saxon Gallery and the Stefan Heym Forum, all under one roof. A particular highlight is the open atrium with the Petrified Forest. The TIETZ plays a major role in the city's cultural life.

Museum „Alte Pfarrhäuser“ Mittweida Old Rectories Museum, Mittweida

Explore these museum buildings from the basement to the roof. They offer fascinating insights into 800 years of the city’s history, domestic culture, craftsmanship and industry, alongside cityscapes covering five centuries.

Kirchberg 3 | 09648 Mittweida
www.museum-mittweida.de

Naturalienkabinett Waldenburg

Waldenburg Natural Cabinet

Be amazed by this museum’s rare minerals, fossils and natural history collections. Waldenburg Natural Cabinet combines education with the joy of discovery for young and old alike.

Geschwister-Scholl-Platz 1 | 08396 Waldenburg
www.museum-waldenburg.de

Schloßbergmuseum Chemnitz

Chemnitz Museum of City History

The Museum of City History is housed in one of the most beautiful and best-preserved monastery complexes in Saxony.

Schloßberg 12 | 09113 Chemnitz
www.kunstsammlungen-chemnitz.de/haeuser/schlossbergmuseum/

Priesterhäuser Zwickau

Zwickau Priests’ Houses

Experience the Middle Ages up close!
Discover the history of one of Germany’s oldest ensembles of residential buildings and step inside authentic rooms that bring the medieval period to life.

Domhof 5–8 | 08056 Zwickau
www.priesterhaeuser.de



Waldenburg Natural Cabinet

Museum Schwarzbach

Schwarzbach Museum

Schwarzbach Museum is home to historical houses from the region that have been dismantled and rebuilt exactly like the originals. Visitors can experience history first-hand through festivals, customs and traditions.

Wiesenweg 1a
09306 Königsfeld, Schwarzbach District
www.museum-schwarzbach.de

Deutsches Landwirtschaftsmuseum Schloss Blankenhain

German Agricultural Museum at Blankenhain Castle

This open-air museum offers a glimpse of what farming, technology and everyday rural life were like for previous generations. Historical machinery and farmsteads bring the past to life.

Am Schloss 9
08451 Crimmitschau, Blankenhain District
www.deutsches-landwirtschaftsmuseum.de



smac – State Museum of Archaeology Chemnitz



Penig Cellars



Bismarck Tower, Glauchau

BISMARCK TOWER, GLAUCHAU

High above Glauchau stands the Bismarckturm – the tallest surviving tower of its kind in the world. Open to the public, it offers a breathtaking 360-degree panoramic view stretching over 2,500 km². For over 100 years, it has served as a landmark and vantage point, revealing the passage of time.

● Höhlermuseum Meerane

Meerane Underground Passageway Museum

Mysterious passages run under Meerane's Burgberg: discover authentic 14th-century passageways, vividly brought to life – the perfect outing for explorers of all ages.

Untere Mühlgasse 11a | 08393 Meerane
www.meerane.de/hoehler-hoehlermuseum.html

● Kellerberge Penig

Penig Cellars

The Penig underground network comprises historical cellar complexes dating from the 16th century, stretching for around two kilometres across three levels and equipped with drainage and ventilation systems. Guided tours transform this world into an experience.

Leipziger Straße 52a | 09322 Penig
(Penig Municipality) www.penig.de

● Unterirdische Gänge Geithain Geithain Underground Passages

Behind small wooden doors on the Kirchberg in Geithain, underground passages dating from the 11th century wind their way through quartz porphyry. Some 412 metres of the passageway are open to the public and present exhibits on storage, escape routes and air-raid shelters.

Leipziger Straße 29 | Access via the vicarage
(Local History Museum)
04643 Geithain | www.geithain.de

Lern- und Gedenkort Kaßberg-Gefängnis Chemnitz

Kaßberg Prison Learning and Memorial Site, Chemnitz

Over 33,000 political prisoners made their way to freedom in the West from this prison between 1963 and 1989. Today, a permanent exhibition commemorates Nazi persecution, Stasi pre-trial detention and the injustices of the GDR.

Kaßbergstraße 16 c | 09112 Chemnitz
www.gedenkort-kassberg.de

Offener Prozess – ein Dokumentationszentrum zum NSU-Komplex

Open Trial – a documentation centre on the National Socialist Underground (NSU)

This is a place for remembrance and learning. The initiative aims to amplify the voices of those affected, critically examine the history of the NSU and promote social cohesion.

Johannisplatz 8 | 09111 Chemnitz
www.offener-prozess.de

Deutsches SPIELEmuseum Chemnitz

German Games Museum Chemnitz

Around 50,000 games spanning five centuries tell the story of this pastime in this museum. Alongside historical exhibits, there are modern board games and card games for you to try out and play.

Neefestraße 78A | 09119 Chemnitz
www.deutsches-spielemuseum.de

INSIDER TIP

Costume display: The Living Procession of Princes in Dresden

The Procession of Princes is brought to life from time to time in Rochlitz and Seelitz, with 94 men, 44 horses and a dog. The magnificent costumes, suits of armour and weapons are on display in the Old Latin School Library.

Schulgasse 8 | 09306 Rochlitz | **www.rochlitzer-muldental.de**



A SPECIAL JOURNEY THROUGH TIME

Historic Migration of AD 1156 Association brings the 12th century to life: this is when the settlement of Saxony began. Every year, around 150 settlers travel through Central Saxony for a week with 15 covered wagons, horses, a team of donkeys, goats, dogs and other animals.

www.historischer-besiedlungszug.de



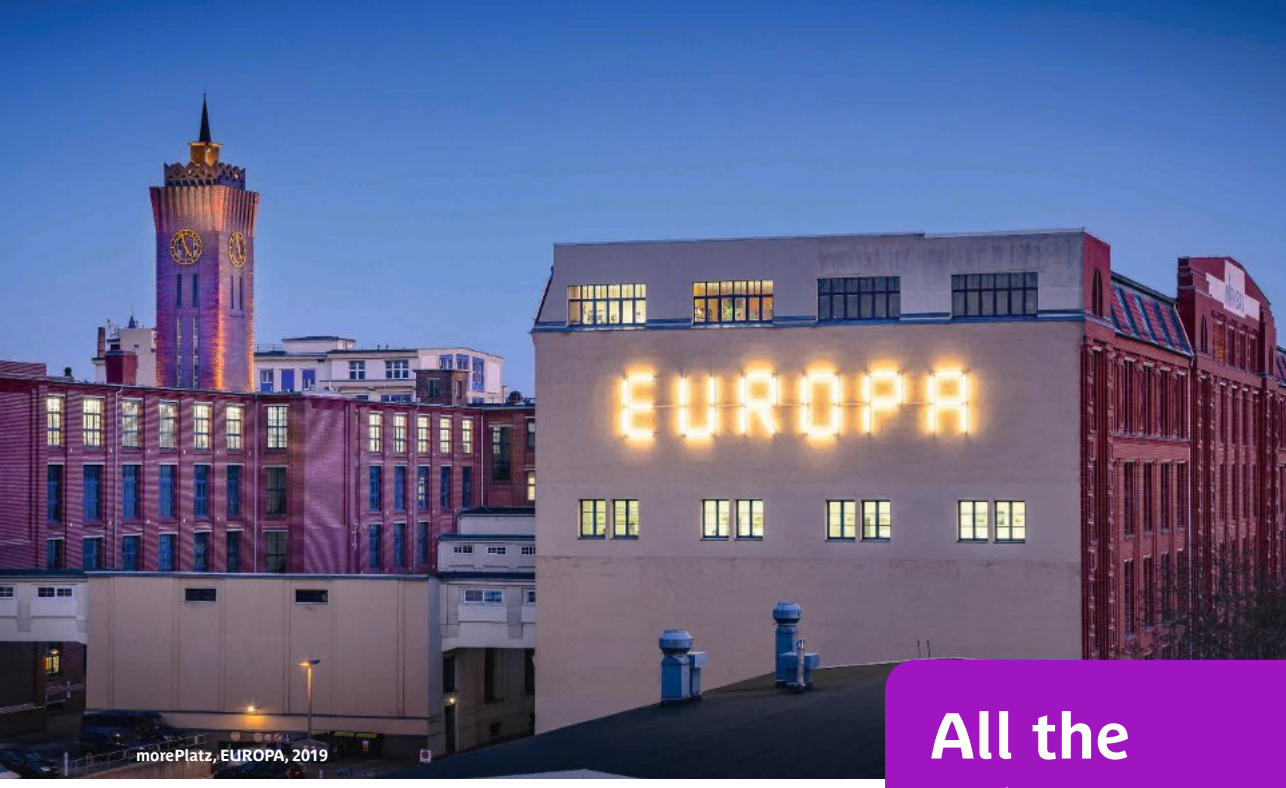
Historic Migration

art and sculpture trail

PURPLE PATH

Paths.
Art.
Works.

This large-scale public exhibition brings together places, history and people through works of contemporary art.



morePlatz, EUROPA, 2019

All the art-works

The PURPLE PATH is a large open-air art and sculpture trail that stretches across a vast area of Saxony, encompassing Chemnitz, Central Saxony and the Erzgebirge and extending as far as Zwickau. More than 60 works of contemporary art are waiting to be explored outside traditional museum venues: on industrial wastelands, at railway stations, along riverbanks, in villages, in woods, at churches and castles. Curated by Alexander Ochs, the project brings together international stars of the contemporary art world and artists from Saxony.

The idea behind it: The PURPLE PATH is a major artistic project created as part of the European Capital of Culture 2025 programme. It aims to bring the region's past and present to life through art. It is not a linear exhibition, but rather a narrative unfolding in space. The artworks explore the region in a variety of ways, reflecting history, landscape, change and innovation, and translating regional experiences into global relationships. At the same time, the PURPLE PATH recognises the region's artistic significance and its development.



7 Colours for a Chimney in the background of the Chemnitz Valley Trail

Selected works of art on the PURPLE PATH

● Chemnitz

7 Colours for a Chimney (2013)
Artist: Daniel Buren

Arguably the world's largest work of art, this 302-metre-high chimney of the former combined heat and power plant is affectionately known as the "Lulatsch", meaning "beanpole". It was designed by French artist Daniel Buren in seven coloured sections: aquamarine, strawberry red, yellow-green, sky blue, melon yellow, signal violet and traffic yellow. Illuminated by 168 LED lights, it shines far beyond the city at night and can be seen from a distance.

● Wechselburg

Good Luck (2024)
Artist: Kris Martin

A cube made of Rochlitz porphyry tuff balances on a sphere in front of Wechselburg Town Hall. This work by the Belgian artist references Goethe's Stone of Good Fortune (1777) in Weimar, the first abstract sculpture in the history of art. The delicate balance symbolises both constancy and change, prompting reflection on happiness and stability.

INSIDER TIP

Explore the PURPLE PATH

The PURPLE PATH is not intended as a set route but as an invitation for you to embark on your own journey of discovery however you please: by car along country roads, by bus or train, by bike, or on foot along rivers and through woods. You set your own pace, order and focus, allowing you to discover in your own way how places, landscapes and history are interconnected through art.



Good Luck by Kris Martin, 2024

Zwickau

uphill, downhill (2024)

Artist: Jana Gunstheimer

This sculpture and roofing work on the banks of the Mulde in Zwickau combines slatework – a traditional Erzgebirge craft – with cloth-making, mining and coal, symbolising the region's historical transformation. The saying "Are you in a bad mood?" visible on the sculpture is an ironic nod to clichés and life's ups and downs.



uphill, downhill by Jana Gunstheimer, 2024



PURPLE PATH

PURPLE: A SYMBOLIC COLOUR

Purple is not a straightforward colour.
It represents liminal spaces, transformation and contrasts.
This is exactly what the PURPLE PATH reflects: a region in transition, shaped by upheaval, innovation and creative energy, straddling high culture and everyday life, the past and the future, industry and nature.

Limbach-Oberfrohna

Delicious Monster (2025)

Artist: Hoda Tawakol

Black-stained foliage, red and purple roots spreading out, organic forms intertwining with local history: resembling a living network of roots, this sculpture evokes the spoil heaps of one of Saxony's oldest mining regions, as well as the traditions of iron casting and the textile industry. It reflects the area's power, growth and transformation.



Delicious Monster by Hoda Tawakol, 2025



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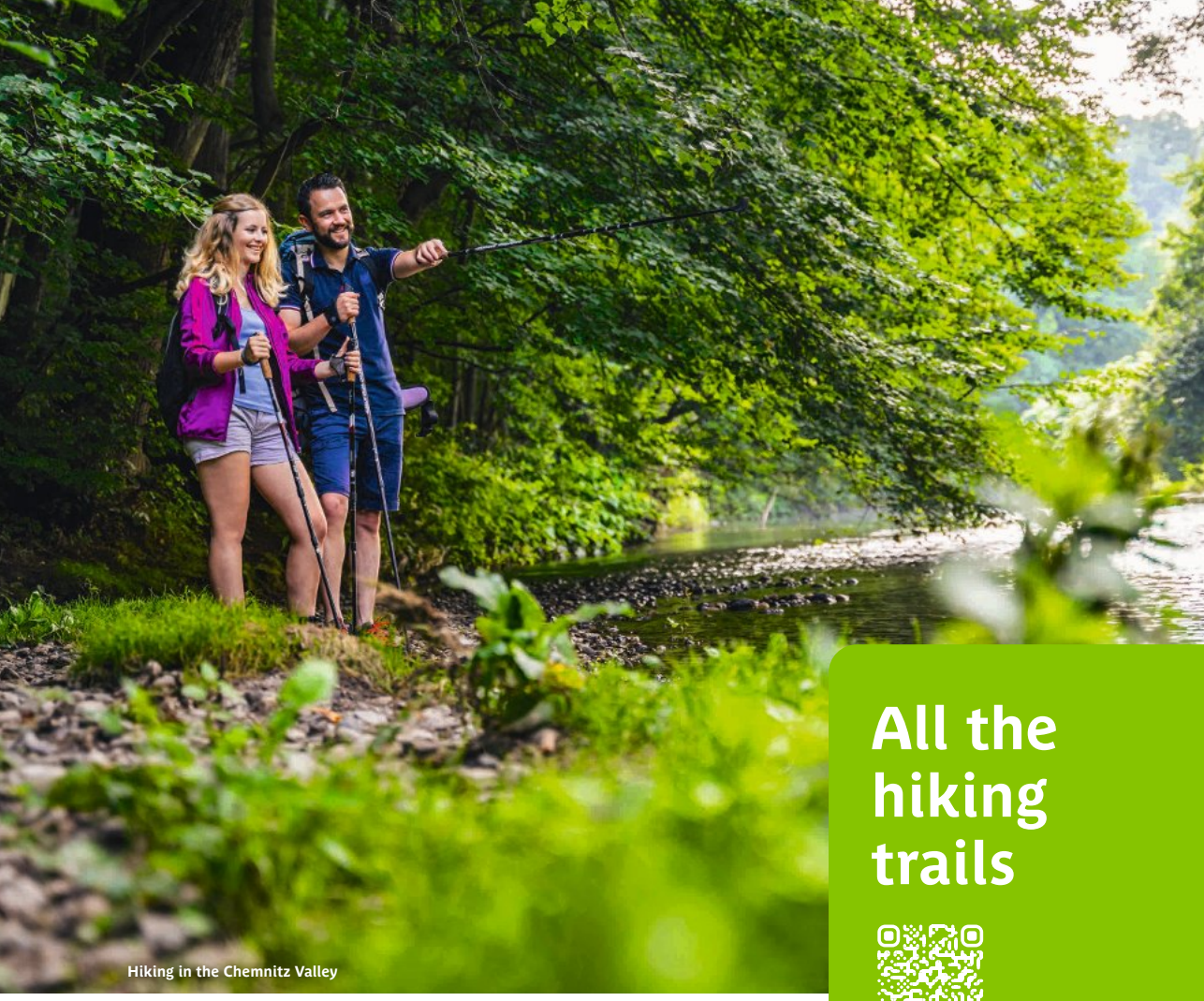
The Zwickauer Mulde near Rochlitz


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Hiking

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Expanses.
Views.

Discover a true paradise for walkers:
as you hike through the **CHEMNITZ. ZWICKAU. REGION.**
you'll encounter not only trails surrounded by nature,
but also a region that has visibly carved
its own history into stone.



Hiking in the Chemnitz Valley

All the hiking trails

The picturesque landscapes along the Zwickauer Mulde, Chemnitz and Zschopau Rivers, idyllic lakes and dense forests are perfect for enjoying tours filled with variety. Breathtaking views of historic castles such as Rochsburg Castle or Waldenburg Castle are sure to make your hike a truly special experience.

Culture and history enthusiasts will find plenty to enjoy on the Luther Trail and the Mulde Valley Hiking Trail, while the Porphyrland Geopark offers fascinating insights into the region's geological past. There are plenty of action-packed activities to enjoy, such as climbing routes on the summit of the Rochlitzer Berg or bouldering in the Chemnitz Valley.

Nature trails such as the Wechselburg Forest Adventure Trail are a particular highlight for families and bring nature to life in a fun way. Whether you're looking for a leisurely stroll or a challenging route, the region has the perfect tour lined up for you and promises unforgettable experiences in the great outdoors!



Rock climbing in the Chemnitz Valley



Hirschfeld Mill

INSIDER TIP

Saxon Way of St James

One section of the Saxon Way of St James takes you from Freiberg via Chemnitz to Zwickau and on towards the Vogtland region. Collect your pilgrim's stamps in several parishes in Chemnitz, at Klaffenbach Moated Castle, in Reinsdorf Parish and at the hiking centre in the Hirschfeld Mill, among other places.

Long-distance hiking routes

Mulde Valley Hiking Trail

The banks of the Zwickauer Mulde are lined with numerous towns and villages, both large and small, offering charming views.

Luther Trail in Saxony

This spiritual circular route is an impressive way to experience the Reformation first-hand.
It links 27 locations across 564 km where Martin Luther and his friends and supporters were active. The route also pays tribute to the courageous women of the Reformation, including Duchess Elisabeth von Rochlitz, who promoted the Reformation at Rochlitz Castle and Kriebstein Castle in the face of considerable opposition.

INSIDER TIP

climbing

Whether on natural rock faces or in converted industrial buildings, this is the place to embrace your passion for climbing. The Chemnitz Valley is a paradise for boulderers. According to legend, the Giant of Taurastein dropped some boulders into the Chemnitz Valley. The gneiss cliffs between Markersdorf and Stein are an invitation to get some climbing ropes up.

The Seidelbruch on the Rochlitzer Berg offers around 75 routes of varying difficulty. It is suitable for families and keen sports enthusiasts alike.

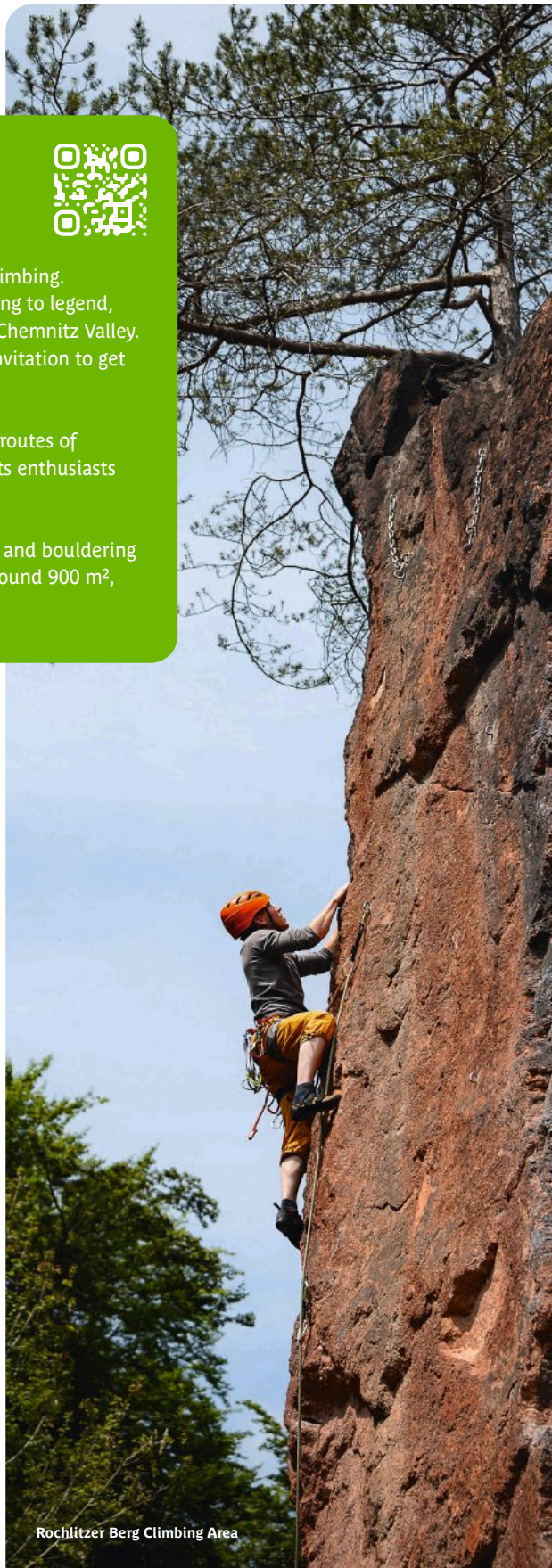
You can enjoy climbing all year round at indoor climbing and bouldering centres such as the Knopffabrik Zwickau, which covers around 900 m², or the Chemnitz Climbing Centre.

● Via Porphyria

The Via Porphyria invites you to discover the region's rich and varied history, with all its cultural treasures, spiritual roots and living traditions. Stretching for around 165 km, this pilgrimage route reveals the unique character of the churches, both large and small, in the Land of Red Porphyry.

● Zschopau Valley Hiking Trail

The Zschopau Valley Hiking Trail, which is around 130 km long, follows the Zschopau River from its source on the summit of the Fichtelberg to Döbeln. It winds its way through wild and romantic river landscapes and gentle valleys, combining encounters with nature with cultural highlights such as castles, palaces and viewpoints.



Rochlitzer Berg Climbing Area



Hiking at the confluence of the Zwickauer Mulde and Chemnitz Rivers, near the Göhren Viaduct

Selected regional hiking routes

Rochlitzer Berg Geo-Route

15 km

An der Bleiche car park, Uferstraße, Rochlitz

This circular walk links Rochlitz, a town renowned for its historic castle made from red porphyry, and the summit of the Rochlitzer Berg with its mighty quarries.

Porphyry Educational Trail on the Rochlitzer Berg

2.7 km

Upper car park, Rochlitzer Berg

The Porphyry Educational Trail provides fascinating insights into history, quarrying methods, and the lives and work of the stonemasons. An audio guide adds extra excitement.

Seelitz Discovery Tour – On the Trail of Porphyry

Approx. 14 km

Various starting points incl. Mühlplatz, Rochlitz

The region's architectural history has been shaped by red Rochlitz porphyry tuff. This tour showcases its use in window and door frames, milestone posts, penitence crosses and more.

INSIDER TIP

Kriebstein Dam Art Trail

The entire length of this circular route is recommended for experienced walkers. What makes it special are the 50 or so wooden works of art. They have been created from 2001 onwards as part of the Central Saxon Summer of Culture at the annual Art by the Water symposium.

24.5 km

Kriebstein



Chemnitz High-Altitude Trail

18 km

Various starting points incl. Adelsberg Church

Explore Chemnitz like a string of pearls, with 29 stops along the way. Take in the views, learn more from information boards, and stop for a rest at four mushroom-shaped weather shelters. The trail is a project organised as part of the European Capital of Culture 2025.

Lohse Uhlig Walk

18 km

Various starting points incl. Kleinolbersdorf Playground

This tour explores the region's architectural past through historical buildings and vantage points. At the same time, it pays tribute to two great architects of the 18th century: Johann Traugott Lohse and Christian Friedrich Uhlig.

Oberwald Reservoir – Oberrabenstein Reservoir Circular Trail

32.1 km

Various starting points incl. Oberwald Reservoir car park

This extended hiking tour takes you through the Rabenstein Forest to the Game Reserve in Chemnitz, passing beautiful viewpoints along the way at the Totenstein and on the ascent of the Pfaffenberg.

Wolkenburg Circular Trail

13.7 km

Various starting points incl. Wolkenburg Railway Station car park

Enjoy the view of the Zwickauer Mulde River from Wolkenburg Castle, where you'll find a playground and a rest area. Take a walk through one of Saxony's oldest ore mining districts, passing the St Anna's Mine along the way.

Zwickau Industrial Heritage

9.2 km

Various starting points incl. the Main Market in Zwickau

This trail takes you on a journey through time, exploring Zwickau's industrial history along 23 stops.

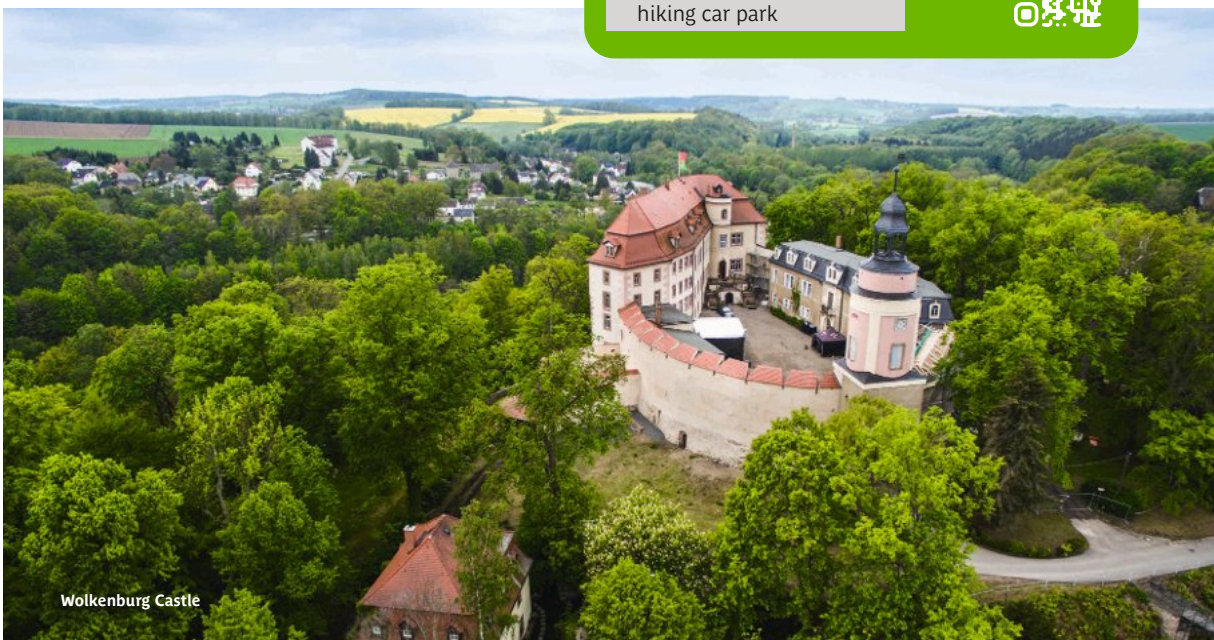
INSIDER TIP

Wechselburg Forest Adventure Trail

Packed with active outdoor experiences, this trail is an invitation to learn about nature: What trees, animals and plants can be found in the forest on the summit of the Rochlitzer Berg? Which nesting boxes do birds make their homes in?

9.5 km

Wechselburg Mulde Bridge hiking car park



Wolkenburg Castle

Cycling

Ride.
Routes.
Rest.

Set off on a cycling tour
through nature and history, taking you into a region
that loves to break new ground.



Mulde Cycle Path near Wolkenburg

All the cycle tours

The region's cycle paths wind their way along the banks of the Zwickauer Mulde, Chemnitz and Zschopau Rivers, past secluded spots, through dense forests and ascending to sweeping panoramic views. Old railway lines have been converted into cycle paths that take you through former industrial areas, past public art installations, through woods, along rivers and across historical squares. You'll cycle through tranquil villages and bustling towns, where a proud industrial heritage meets creative modernity.

Along the Mulde Cycle Path, mighty castles and palaces tower over the river like silent sentinels.

The Chemnitz Valley Cycleway showcases the region's symbiosis between nature and industry, with old factories and scenic rides along the route of the former Chemnitz Valley Railway offering a unique experience. Those who choose the Zschopau Valley Cycle Path will discover wild gorges and formidable rock formations. The Bilz Cycle Route entices visitors with its gentle hills, idyllic villages and health treatments. Whether you're tackling the hills or simply enjoying a leisurely ride through the countryside, you're sure to find the perfect route here.



Mulde Cycle Path in Penig

Long-distance cycle paths

Mulde Cycle Path

Covering around 400 km, this cycle path offers a varied route and stunning scenery. One of the most beautiful stretches runs from Glauchau to Colditz, passing numerous palaces and castles along the way.

Pleiße River Cycle Path

This cycle path, which is approximately 110 km long, is flat, family-friendly, well signposted and mostly tarmac-surfaced. From the river's source near Zwickau, it passes through Werdau and Crimmitschau – home to the Blankenhain Agricultural Museum – on its way to Leipzig.

Zschopau Valley Cycle Path

This challenging cycle path, around 149 km long, starts on Saxony's highest mountain and takes you past castles such as Augustusburg, Lichtenwalde and Kriebstein.

D4 CYCLE ROUTE

This long-distance cycle route runs from Aachen to Zittau and takes you on a challenging tour of the region, passing Crimmitschau with the Pfau Brothers' Cloth Factory, the Glauchau Castles, Oberwald Reservoir and Rabenstein Castle in Chemnitz.

INSIDER TIP

SEGWAY® tours

Discover historic sites, landscapes and views at a leisurely pace on a SEGWAY®:
The Mulde Valley Tour runs from the Zwickauer Mulde River, past Rochlitz Castle, up to the Rochlitzer Berg and through Seelitz.

Rochlitz Segway tours www.atd-mobility.de

Stories of Zwickau – A city tour with a difference: this 8-kilometre route runs past Osterstein Castle to the Johannis Baths. The Mulde Dam then offers a great ride all the way to the Röhrensteg, the city's oldest wooden bridge. From there, the route takes you back into the city centre to the Swan Pond.

Zwickau Segway tours www.dlk-zwickau.de



Segway tour near Rochlitz

Regional cycle paths

Chemnitz Valley Cycleway

Approx. 18 km

Falkeplatz Chemnitz

This route runs along the Chemnitz River and currently extends as far as Diethensdorf, a district of Claußnitz. Along the way, you'll be able to discover a number of remains bearing witness to the former Chemnitz Valley Railway.

KoRoLa Cycle Route

45.8 km

Various starting points incl. An der Bleiche car park, Uferstraße, Rochlitz

This tour through the Rochlitz Mulde Valley and the Kohrener Land region combines idyllic countryside, historical buildings and fascinating museums. Architectural highlights, the red Rochlitz porphyry tuff and the pottery of the Kohrener Land region make this varied route a notable ride.

Bilz Cycle Route

35.3 km

Various starting points incl. P+R car park at Burgstädt Railway Station

Friedrich Eduard Bilz (1842–1922), the Saxon grand master of naturopathy, was born in Arnsdorf near Penig. Take the Bilz Cycle Route to follow in his footsteps by bike.

SPRING CYCLING IN THE MULDE VALLEY

Every year on 1 May, the Spring Cycling event along the Mulde River – from Glauchau via Remse, Waldenburg and Wolkenburg to Penig and Lunzenau – offers a packed programme of sporting and cultural highlights for young and old alike. Along the route, you can stop off at cosy cafés and explore local sights.

www.radlerfruehling.de

INSIDER TIP

Cycle Path Church

St Otto's Church in Wechselburg is the only church directly on a cycle route in Central Saxony. It offers a place to stop and reflect while you are travelling. The church garden has a rest shelter, a drinking fountain and a bicycle parking area.



St Otto's Cycle Path Church in Wechselburg

Wolkenburg – Hohenstein-Ernstthal – Waldenburg Circular Route

42.8 km

Wolkenburg Castle

This circular route takes you from Wolkenburg – with its castle, idyllically situated on the banks of the Mulde – via Hohenstein-Ernstthal and the Sachsenring, back to the Mulde.
Enjoy the sweeping views across the foothills of the Erzgebirge and the Mulde Valley.

Meerane – Waldenburg – Meerane Circular Route

48.7 km

Meerane Railway Station

You'll be treated to stunning views and picturesque countryside idylls on this circular route. It takes you past Glauchau Castles and Waldenburg Castle, pottery workshops and Grünfelder Park, as well as through the small town of Meerane with its legendary steep ascent, the Steile Wand.

Water & swimming

Water. Slides. Fun.

Get set for a water adventure!
Whether it's a reservoir, river or natural swimming spot,
water is an integral part of the landscape
in the **CHEMNITZ. ZWICKAU. REGION.**



Rabenstein Reservoir

Summer or winter, there's something for everyone here! The clear water, slides and spacious sunbathing areas at the reservoirs are the perfect place to relax, splash about or go boating, making them a dream destination for your camping trip.

If you prefer a more active break, you can enjoy the idyllic countryside while paddling on the Kriebstein Reservoir or going on an inflatable boat trip on the Zwickauer Mulde River. The region's many water parks and indoor swimming pools, both large and small, provide water fun all year round. The Johannis Baths in Zwickau and the Public Baths in Chemnitz both impress with their captivating historical charm and excellent swimming facilities. And in summer, there are numerous outdoor pools and lakes to tempt visitors with their cool waters and plenty of play areas for children. Whether you're looking for action-packed water sports, a leisurely dip or pure relaxation, the **CHEMNITZ. ZWICKAU. REGION.** offers fun-filled swimming for the whole family!



Oberwald Reservoir

Koberbachtalsperre Koberbach Dam

Discover the Koberbach Dam – go swimming, boating, fishing, cycling or camping right by the water. Whether you're after an active holiday or a relaxing break, you're sure to find something to suit your taste here, whatever the season!

Kleinbernsdorfer Straße 5 | 08412 Werdau
www.koberbachtalsperre.de

Johannisbad Zwickau

Johannis Baths Zwickau

Dive into the unique architecture of the Johannis Baths in Zwickau – art nouveau, neo-Gothic and an oriental flair transform bathing, sauna sessions and relaxation into a truly unique experience.

Johannisstraße 16 | 08056 Zwickau
www.johannisbad.de

Stausee Oberwald

Oberwald Reservoir

At Oberwald Reservoir, you can relax on the lawn or enjoy the Summer Toboggan Run, water slide, minigolf and playground – fun and nature for the whole family.

Stausee Oberwald | 08337 Callenberg
www.stausee-oberwald.de

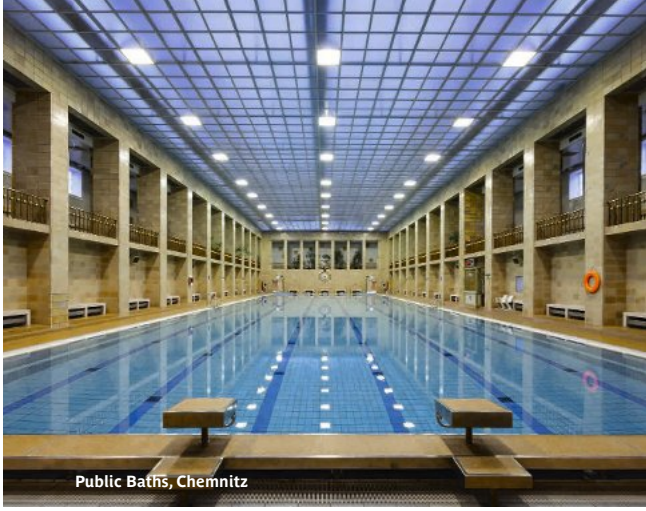
Stausee Rabenstein

Rabenstein Reservoir

Nestled in the Rabenstein Forest, the 6.5-hectare Rabenstein Reservoir is the perfect spot for swimming and relaxation. The beach, sunbathing area and wide range of leisure activities make it a popular destination.

Oberfrohnaer Str. 165 | 09117 Chemnitz
www.stausee-rabenstein.de

BATHING & SWIMMING


Public Baths, Chemnitz

Stadtbad Chemnitz

Chemnitz Public Baths

The Chemnitz Public Baths feature indoor swimming pools measuring 50 metres and 25 metres, a non-swimmers' area, a variety of saunas and a relaxation pool.

Mühlenstraße 27 | 09111 Chemnitz
www.chemnitz.de/de/leben-in-chemnitz/freizeit/hallenbaeder/stadtbad

Freizeitbad RIFF Bad Lausick

RIFF Water Park, Bad Lausick

At RIFF, a lazy river, air bubble benches, massage jets and an outdoor saltwater pool ensure relaxation guaranteed. Children can let off steam in dedicated play areas and on two slides (125 m and 118 m). The more daring can take the plunge from the 3- or 5-metre diving platforms.
The sauna area, complete with relaxation zones and wellness facilities, rounds off the experience.

Am Riff 3 | 04651 Bad Lausick
www.freizeitbad-riff.de

Sportzentrum am Taurastein Burgstädt

Taurastein Sports Centre Burgstädt

The Taurastein Sports Centre in Burgstädt is a year-round paradise for swimming enthusiasts – with pools for swimmers, non-swimmers and toddlers, as well as a slide, massage jets, bubbling floor jets and more. The sauna area invites you to relax and enjoy the Finnish sauna, earth sauna, bio sauna and steam room.

Am Stadion 22 | 09217 Burgstädt
www.sportzentrum-am-taurastein.de


RIFF Water Park, Bad Lausick

PADDLING & MORE


Paddling on the Zwickauer Mulde near Waldenburg

Bootsverleih an der Koberbachtalsperre

Boat hire at the Koberbach Dam

Whether you're out on a SUP on your own, in a boat with a friend, or on a group outing on the water – the boat hire at the Koberbach Dam has everything you need for an unforgettable, adventure-filled day out.

Kleinbernsdorfer Straße 8 | 08412 Werdau
www.seehaus-kober.de

Kajakservice Waldenburg

Waldenburg Kayak Service

Paddle your way through the idyllic Waldenburg Mulde Valley: this 8 km tour starting in Waldenburg, featuring gentle rapids and opportunities to enjoy nature, is ideal for families, groups and adventure seekers.

Haublerweg 16 | 08396 Waldenburg
www.kajakvermietung-waldenburg.de


Inflatable boat trip on the Zwickauer Mulde near Rochlitz

Bootsstation am Schwanenteich Zwickau

Boat Station on the Swan Pond, Zwickau

Enjoy a boat trip on the Swan Pond: rowing boats and pedalos are available to hire for a relaxing outing in the heart of Zwickau.

Parkstraße 5A | 08056 Zwickau
www.zwickau.de/bootsstation

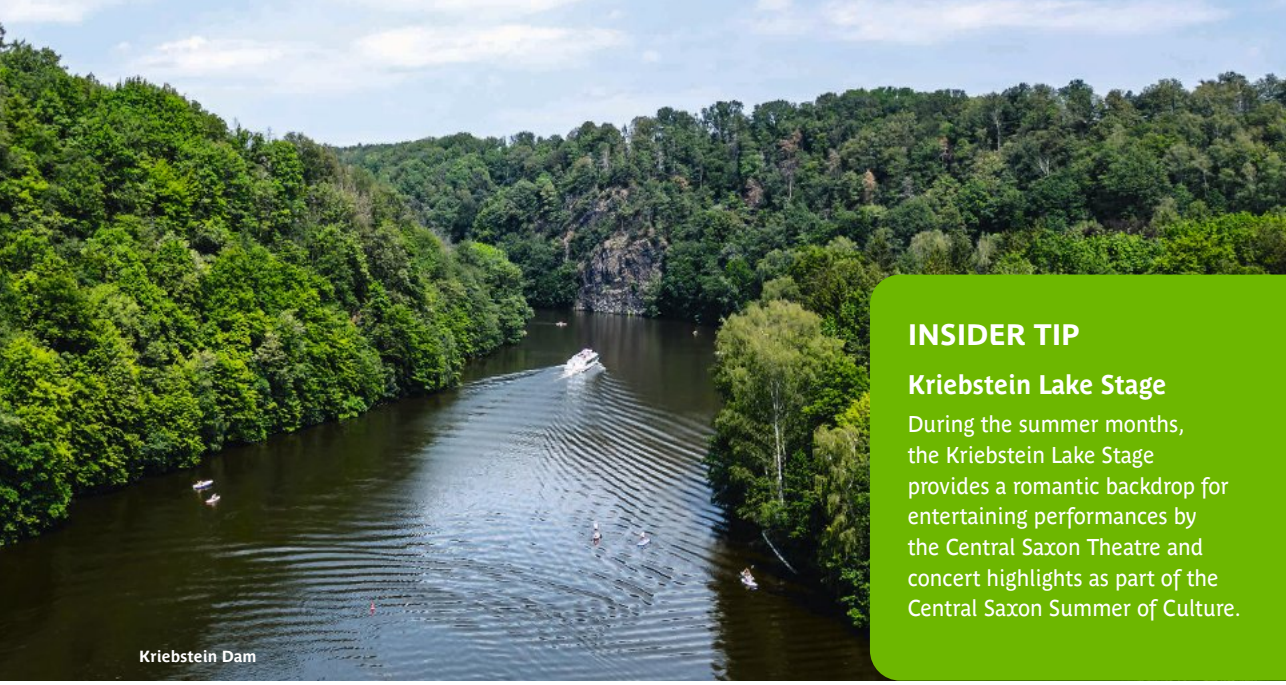
Schlauchboottouren Wechselburg-Rochlitz

Inflatable boat trips from Wechselburg to Rochlitz

An inflatable boat trip gives you a fresh perspective on the Mulde Valley with its gorges, forests and meadows as you travel from Wechselburg to Rochlitz. The perfect outing for project days, school trips or company parties – complete with an inflatable boat party and a laid-back barbecue picnic.

Wassersporttouristik Sachsen
Bahnhofstraße 5, Gebäude 26 | 04668 Grimma
www.wassersport-sachsen.de


Koberbach Dam



Kriebstein Dam

INSIDER TIP

Kriebstein Lake Stage

During the summer months, the Kriebstein Lake Stage provides a romantic backdrop for entertaining performances by the Central Saxon Theatre and concert highlights as part of the Central Saxon Summer of Culture.

Pineapplewakepark Rossau

Rossau Pineapple Wake Park

The Pineapple Wake Park in the Rossau Forest offers wakeboarding, water skiing and more besides. Whether you're a beginner or a pro, there's something for everyone here, including a beach area, lake, bistro and campsite. While some pull off spectacular stunts on the obstacles, others can enjoy a leisurely spin on water skis.

Heidelbeerweg 1 | 09661 Rossau
www.pineapplewakepark.de

Talsperre Kriebstein

Kriebstein Dam

The Kriebstein Dam is set amidst a stunning landscape of rivers and rocks and is a popular destination for walks and day trips. From April to October, regular ferries and sightseeing boat trips offer romantic views and relaxing exploration tours on the water.
Visitors can also hire rowing boats and canoes from several boat hire companies and explore the reservoir at their own pace.

www.kriebsteintalsperre.de

INSIDER TIP

The Anna ferry

Visitors to the Krumbach District of Lichtenau are in for a real treat: the Anna ferry, which carries hikers across the Zschopau River from April to October. This charming cable ferry has been in use for over 100 years. To catch a ride, simply ring the ship's bell to summon the ferryman.

www.wasserschaenke.de



Camping & caravanning

Tents.
Freedom.
Breeze.

The region is a real paradise for camping enthusiasts and nature lovers. Away from the crowded tourist spots, you'll find idyllically situated campsites, surrounded by picturesque lakes, lush forests and spectacular dams.



Campsite at Oberwald Reservoir

All the campsites

Whether you're staying in a motorhome, caravan or tent, the region has plenty of hidden gems with the perfect combination of peace and quiet, nature and adventure. Camping by the Oberwald Reservoir, the Kriebstein Dam or the Koberbach Dam, overlooking the water, is ideal for families and water sports enthusiasts. You really can enjoy nature to the full here. For serious outdoor campers, the Rabenstein Reservoir is just the ticket, as it's open all year round. Along the rivers, by flowering meadows and right in the heart of the city, the region is home to many secluded small campsites for anyone who loves the authentic camping experience, is looking for a break in the countryside, or simply wants the perfect starting point for exploring the city.

From active holidays and adventure to total relaxation, the campsites in the **CHEMNITZ. ZWICKAU. REGION.** are real hidden gems for anyone who wants to enjoy nature and the great outdoors.

Oberwald Reservoir



Oberwald Reservoir

At the Oberwald Reservoir, you can enjoy a spot of swimming, an 800-metre-long beach and adventure minigolf. A snack bar, beach lounge and 4-star campsite provide all the comforts you need. The holiday home complex has 54 houses right on the lakeside just waiting for you.

Stausee Oberwald | 09337 Callenberg
www.stausee-oberwald.de

Koberbach Dam

At CampingFreundeKober, you can enjoy nature, a sense of community and views of the water from every pitch. Whether you're staying in a tent, a camper van or a camping barrel, the swimming spots, cosy campfire atmosphere and peace and quiet will make your stay truly special.

CampingFreundeKober e.V.
Talsperrenstraße 1 | 08428 Langenbernsdorf
www.campingfreundekober.de

INSIDER TIP

Langenhessen Drive-in Cinema the Koberbach Dam

A cinema with a difference: enjoy films under the open sky from the comfort of your car. The Langenhessen Drive-in Cinema shows films daily on three screens throughout the summer, usually in the evening with one or two screenings. Snacks and drinks are brought straight to your car on Rollerblades for a truly authentic ambience. Perfect for balmy summer evenings under the stars!

www.autokino-langenhessen.de



Koberbach Dam



Kriebstein Dam

Rabenstein Campsite

Set in lush green surroundings in the former castle grounds, Rabenstein Campsite is the ideal base for hiking and cycling trips. The Rabenstein Leisure Area, Game Reserve and Reservoir are all nearby, and Chemnitz is just a short trip away for those looking for culture, shopping and nightlife.

Thomas-Müntzer-Höhe | 09117 Chemnitz
www.campingplatz-rabenstein.de

Kriebstein Dam

Situated in the heart of the forest, this terraced campsite is ideal for active holidaymakers. The harbour, Kriebstein Lake Stage, Kriebstein Climbing Forest and Kriebstein Castle are all nearby. From the harbour, you can explore the reservoir on a passenger boat.

Campingplatz Kriebstein
An der Talsperre 6 | 09648 Kriebstein
www.kriebsteintalsperre.de/campingplaetze

Campingplatz Lauenhain
An der Talsperre 5
09648 Mittweida/OT Lauenhain

Mittweida, Lauenhain District
Mittweidaer Aue 3
09648 Mittweida

Motor sport

Mechanics.
Curves.
Myth.

In the **CHEMNITZ. ZWICKAU. REGION.**
the echoes of history are still loud and clear.
Here engineering excellence meets a passion for racing,
and workshop meets world stage.



German Motorcycle Grand Prix at the Sachsenring

Mechanics and motion – two things that have always been associated with Saxony, the land of racing drivers. It's no coincidence that the **CHEMNITZ. ZWICKAU. REGION.** is the cradle of the automotive industry. This is where Audi's four rings originated. Some 120 years of automotive history are meticulously documented at the August Horch Museum in Zwickau, with frequent references to the international bastion of motor sport: the Sachsenring near Hohenstein-Ernstthal. This is where the champions of motorbike racing gather for the German Motorcycle Grand Prix, as well as many other international motor sport events, thrilling hundreds of thousands of visitors from all over the world every year. With a racing tradition stretching back for around 100 years, the region is sure to get your motor sport-loving heart racing.



Arena E Mülsen

Arena E - Mülsen Motor Sport Arena

Feel the thrill at the Arena E!
Whether it's indoors on electric karts or outdoors on petrol-powered karts, experience motor sport, action and the ultimate driving experience on professional courses.

Niedermülsener Hauptstraße 14b
08132 Mülsen | www.arena-e.de

August Horch Museum Zwickau

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August Horch Classic Car Rally



INSIDER TIP

Take a trip in a Trabant

Experience the pure thrill of driving a Trabant just like in the days of the GDR: completely analogue, with almost no electronics. If you want to find out what it's like, you can hire a Trabant at any time and feel automotive history first-hand.

Talstraße 14 | 09306 Zettlitz
www.trabantvermietung-sachsen.de

Oldtimervermietung Werk 2
Crimmitschauer Straße 36f | 08058 Zwickau
www.oldtimervermietung-werk2.de

Fahrsicherheitszentrum am Sachsenring

Driver Safety Centre at the Sachsenring

The Sachsenring is home to one of Europe's largest and most varied driver training facilities, offering driver safety courses, racing driving courses and exciting events at the legendary racetrack.

Am Sachsenring 2 | 09353 Oberlungwitz
www.sachsenring.de



MotoGP Sachsenring

Museum für sächsische Fahrzeuge Chemnitz

Saxon Motoring Museum

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Sächsisches Nutzfahrzeug-museum Hartmannsdorf

Saxon Commercial Vehicle Museum, Hartmannsdorf

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Oldtimermuseum Culitzsch

Culitzsch Classic Car Museum

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Textil- und Rennsportmuseum Hohenstein-Ernstthal

Hohenstein-Ernstthal Textile and Motor Racing Museum

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SACHSENRING

The Sachsenring is more than just a racetrack: it is a legend that has been bringing drivers and fans together in a shared passion since 1927. Located between Chemnitz and Zwickau, it shapes a region where motor sport is a way of life. From the early days of Grand Prix racing to East German road races and today's MotoGP, the Sachsenring has attracted hundreds of thousands of visitors from all over the world – it is a symbol of speed, precision and the motor sport creed.

www.sachsenring-circuit.com



Waldenburg Castle


Fam
& fun



German Agricultural Museum at Blankenhain Castle

Family destinations

Climbing.
Puzzles.
Superslides.

Hurray for family holidays in the **CHEMNITZ. ZWICKAU. REGION.** There's adventure galore here, whether it's on fast toboggan runs, amongst the treetops or in the cooling waters.



Lichtenau Sonnenland Park

Family outings

From adventure playgrounds surrounded by greenery to thrilling rides at an amusement park, this is a region filled with fun, games and wonder. Travel the world in the blink of an eye at Lichtenstein Mini World, or check out Lichtenau Sonnenland Park, home to Germany's tallest slide tower, where even the bravest parents will work up a sweat. The Maze of the Senses turns thinking into a sport that's anything but boring. And if you need to recharge your batteries along the way, there are playgrounds with giant swings, climbing mazes and natural hideaway havens that will turn even your picnic into an adventure.



PLAYGROUNDS ON EVERY CORNER

Are you full of energy and looking for more than just a stroll? Then lace up your trainers and get ready for adventures big and small at one of the many playgrounds in the **CHEMNITZ. ZWICKAU. REGION.**

Miniwelt Lichtenstein
Lichtenstein Mini World

Discover over 100 miniature replicas of famous buildings from around the world in a beautifully landscaped park. Enjoy exciting virtual adventures of the cosmos at the Minikosmos 360-degree cinema.

Chemnitzer Str. 43
09350 Lichtenstein/Saxony
www.miniwelt.de

Escape Zwickau

Set off on exciting outdoor missions through Zwickau city centre, equipped with tablets and a puzzle pack for 4–8 people.

Humboldtstraße 14 | 08056 Zwickau
www.escape-zwickau.de

Sommerrodelbahn & Minigolf am Stausee Oberwald
Summer Toboggan Run and Minigolf at Oberwald Reservoir

If the Summer Toboggan Run isn't enough for you, the adventure minigolf course is a real highlight: spanning 2,500 square metres and featuring a total of 18 holes, it's a fun way to get to know the region.

Stausee Oberwald | 08337 Callenberg
www.stausee-oberwald.de

Piratengolfanlage am Seehaus Koberbachtalsperre
Pirate Golf Course at the Koberbach Dam Lakehouse

Make your way around 18 exciting pirate-themed holes and enjoy an adventure for the whole family right by the Koberbach Dam.

Kleinbernsdorfer Straße 8 | 08412 Werdau
www.seehaus-kober.de

MysteryHof Mülsen
Mülsen Courtyard of Mystery

Experience exciting puzzles and adventures! From spy-themed escape games to hunts for lost gold and spooky nights at the museum, excitement, teamwork and fun are guaranteed!

Niedermülsener Hauptstr. 88 | 08132 Mülsen
www.mysteryhof.de

"Haus der Entdecker" Reinsdorf
House of Explorers, Reinsdorf

Try out exciting experiments and puzzles, or go panning for gemstones. A state-of-the-art small-scale planetarium whisks you away on a journey to the stars.

Schulstraße 19
08141 Reinsdorf, Friedrichsgrün District
www.haus-der-entdecker.de

Puppentheater Zwickau
Zwickau Puppet Theatre

Colourful, cosy and welcoming – Zwickau Puppet Theatre is a place for little heroes and great art.

Gewandhausstraße 3 | 08056 Zwickau
www.puppentheater-zwickau.de

INSIDER TIP

On the summit of the Rochlitzer Berg, young and old alike can learn about porphyry quarrying, try out stonemason's tools and listen to magical stories told by Holla the Forest Fairy.

www.rochlitzer-muldental.de



Rochlitz Castle

Theater Chemnitz, Figurentheater

Chemnitz Theatres, Puppet Theatre

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Deutsches Spielemuseum Chemnitz

German Games Museum Chemnitz

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Lichtenau Sonnenland Park

Parkeisenbahn Chemnitz

Chemnitz Park Railway

Railway enthusiasts are in for a treat at the Park Railway in Küchwald Forest, which runs on a 2.3 km circular route. Every year, it welcomes over 120,000 visitors with rides, festivals and events.

Küchwaldring 24 | 09113 Chemnitz
www.parkeisenbahn-chemnitz.de

Lichtenau Sonnenland Park

Lichtenau Sonnenland Park combines action and nature all in one place: the Amusement Park features a slide tower, an adventure pyramid, a Ferris wheel, bouncy castles and much more besides. The Wildlife Park is home to over 200 animals, which visitors can also feed. On rainy days, the IN-Sola Indoor Playground is the place to be. The barbecue areas, lake and beach are the perfect backdrop for relaxing moments

Zum Sonnenlandpark 1–3 | 09244 Lichtenau
www.sonnenlandpark.de

Irrgarten der Sinne Maze of the Senses

The 3.5 km-long Maze of the Senses offers around two hours of exploration: with 70 exciting stations, a mud play table and 3D illusions, there are plenty of surprises in store. A particular highlight is the Forest Escape Room, which takes you through the woods and Lindigt Mill with a map, compass and puzzles – plus, there's a bouncy castle area to enjoy.

Linda 33 | 04654 Frohburg, Linda District
www.irrgarten-der-sinne.de

Animals

Fur.
Feathers.
Naturalists.

A day at the zoo is a little adventure.
You'll not only come away with some new favourite animals,
but also have plenty of stories to share.



Limbach-Oberfrohna American Wildlife Park

Looking for wild adventures? Watch wolves, go hiking with alpacas or meet exotic animals from all over the world. Meerkats meet bald eagles at the Limbach-Oberfrohna American Wildlife Park, ponies and goats frolic at Pelzmühle Chemnitz, and you can get up close and personal with cute farm animals at the Geithain Animal Park. And if you prefer to explore the great outdoors, you can spot birds and butterflies in Köbe Nature Park in Penig or go for a walk through the Chemnitz Valley with fluffy alpacas. **CHEMNITZ. ZWICKAU. REGION.** – for anyone who loves animals and is looking for adventures in the midst of nature!



Limbach-Oberfrohna American Wildlife Park

INSIDER TIP

Penguin feeding

At the Limbach-Oberfrohna American Wildlife Park, you can see the lively Humboldt penguins in action. Every day at 10 am and 3 pm, the keepers feed them fish – a popular time for taking great photos and learning some interesting facts. It's best to arrive 15 minutes early so you can watch the animals swimming and playing before feeding time.



Hirschfeld Wildlife Park

● Amerika-Tierpark Limbach-Oberfrohna

Limbach-Oberfrohna American Wildlife Park

Discover the American Wildlife Park, nestled within the natural surroundings of the Town Park. See around 300 animals, explore the unique flamingo and penguin habitats and enjoy the petting zoo!

Tierparkstraße 1 | 09212 Limbach-Oberfrohna
www.amerika-tierpark.de

INSIDER TIP

Alpaca walks

The guided alpaca walks through the Chemnitz Valley are a unique opportunity to get up close to these cuddly animals and feel their gentle nature.

www.alpakasimchemnitztal.de



● Tierpark Hirschfeld

Hirschfeld Wildlife Park

Immerse yourself in the fascinating world of wildlife and be captivated by its colourful diversity! Have a go on the playground, play a round of minigolf and enjoy an adventure that will enchant young and old alike!

Tierparkstraße 3 | 08144 Hirschfeld
www.tierpark-hirschfeld.de

● Wildgatter Oberrabenstein

Oberrabenstein Game Reserve

The Oberrabenstein Game Reserve is home to around 75 animals living in semi-natural enclosures across 35 hectares of woodland. Admire native species such as lynx, wolves and bison from footpaths and viewing platforms.

Thomas-Müntzer-Höhe, Flügel 3
09117 Chemnitz
www.tierpark-chemnitz.de

● Tierpark Chemnitz

Chemnitz Zoo

Since 1964, Chemnitz Zoo has been a haven of exciting discoveries across its 10 hectares: over 1,300 animals, a unique vivarium housing 80 species of amphibians, a tropical house, a walk-through aviary and many rare species are sure to make your visit a truly special experience.

Nevoigtstraße 18 | 09117 Chemnitz
www.tierpark-chemnitz.de

● Naturpark „Köbe“ in Penig

Köbe Nature Park in Penig

At Köbe Nature Park in Penig – probably Saxony's smallest zoo – you can spot animals such as donkeys, fallow deer, sheep and hares across 12 hectares of woodland, let off steam in the adventure playground or give the barefoot steps a go.

Markersdorfer Weg 5 | 09322 Penig
www.naturpark-koebe.de

WILDLIFE ENCLOSURE AT SONNENLAND PARK

As you stroll through the Wildlife Park at Sonnenland Park, you'll spot red deer and sika deer in the open enclosure, as well as Alpine ibex and white fallow deer. In the petting zoo, you'll meet donkeys, miniature donkeys, miniature goats and Cameroon sheep.



Sonnenland Park Wildlife Park


City
Terminal 3
pentagon

stroll



Chemnitz

Karl.
Creation.
Contrasts.

Chemnitz, European Capital of Culture 2025,
has surprises in store at every turn.
Between rugged industrial architecture and elegant
art nouveau façades, you'll find an
urban heart packed with plenty of culture and green spaces.



Theaterplatz, Chemnitz

Tourist information

Chemnitz was named European Capital of Culture in 2025 for good reason. As a visitor to the city, you'll find yourself immersed in a cultural mosaic of European significance: historical depth and artistic diversity, deeply rooted traditions and modern influences come together to create an experience full of discoveries. A lot happened during the Capital of Culture year. The best thing to do is to set off on your own journey of discovery through Chemnitz, which has far more to offer than you might expect. Let's start in the heart of the city. The Karl Marx Monument, known as the "Nischel", is the symbol of Chemnitz and impossible to miss.

Opposite the Stadthallenpark, you'll find the striking listed façade of the Chemnitz Culture and Congress Centre, dating from the 1970s, and the city centre with Chemnitz's oldest building, the 12th-century Red Tower. Just around the corner, the cultural heart of the city beats: the Chemnitz Theatres bring together the genres of opera, drama, ballet, puppet theatre and philharmonic orchestra on an impressive scale. Let yourself be swept away by contemporary productions, grand narratives, dance festivals or open-air concerts on Theaterplatz or at the SPINNBAU, where even industrial architecture becomes a stage.


Red Tower


Town Hall and fountains

At Theaterplatz, you'll find part of the Chemnitz Art Collections, which are among the most significant in Germany. Discover expressionism, contemporary art and design, complemented by masterpieces ranging from works by Caspar David Friedrich to Georg Baselitz. The artists of the "Brücke" group are especially well represented, in particular Chemnitz-born Karl Schmidt-Rottluff, whose extensive artistic legacy has found a home here.
At the Gunzenhauser Museum, you can explore the collection of gallery owner Alfred Gunzenhauser, which comprises over 3,000 works, including one of the world's largest collections of works by Otto Dix. A new art highlight is the Karl Schmidt-Rottluff House, which opened in 2025 in the artist's former family home.

- **Theater Chemnitz**
  Chemnitz Theatres *See page 24*
- **Museum Gunzenhauser**
  Gunzenhauser Museum *See page 22*
- **Kunstsammlungen Chemnitz**
  Chemnitz Art Collections *See page 22*
- **Karl Schmidt-Rottluff Haus**
  Karl Schmidt-Rottluff House *See page 22*
- **Neue Sächsische Galerie**
  New Saxon Gallery *See page 22*
- **Kunst- und Skulpturenweg PURPLE PATH** Purple Path ART AND SCULPTURE TRAIL See page 32

INSIDER TIP

Penguins in Chemnitz

Why are there penguins in the city? Chemnitz and Antarctica lie on the same longitude and are actually similar in shape! This artwork by artist Peter Kallfels symbolises this unusual connection and also represents community, solidarity and a touch of whimsy in the cityscape. The central square on Innere Klosterstraße is a popular meeting place and photo spot.



AUDIO TOUR OF THE KASSBERG

Set off on tours of Chemnitz city centre and the Kaßberg with the SmartGuide app. Including an audio guide, it equips you with everything you need to explore Chemnitz on your own. The city centre tour takes in 17 stops and covers 4 km, passing all the main sights. On the Kaßberg tour, you'll learn all about the district, which is famous for its "Gründerzeit" and art nouveau architecture, as you cover 11 stops spanning 6 km. At every attraction, the audio guide presents all the important information.


The Kaßberg District




Gunzenhauser Museum

There's one thing about Chemnitz you might not expect: it is home to one of the largest contiguous districts of "Gründerzeit" and art nouveau architecture in Europe: the Kaßberg. This cosy, leafy and very popular residential area is definitely worth exploring on a tour of its own.

Villa Esche, designed by Henry van de Velde, is also a total work of art in the art nouveau style. Originally built as a residence for the textile entrepreneur Herbert Eugen Esche, it was van de Velde's first architectural work in Germany.

● **Henry van de Velde Museum Villa Esche**

See page 22



You'll find history in all its facets on every corner in Chemnitz: at the Museum of City History, housed in a former monastery complex; at Rabenstein Castle, the smallest castle in Saxony; or at Klaffenbach Moated Castle, an idyllic Renaissance ensemble. At the State Museum of Archaeology Chemnitz (smac), you can explore 300,000 years of human history across three floors in the striking building of the legendary department store Kaufhaus Schocken, designed by the architect Erich Mendelsohn.

Just opposite, you'll be amazed by the impressive building that once housed the department store Kaufhaus Tietz. Now it is home to the Museum of Natural History – featuring the Petrified Forest – and the New Saxon Gallery.
You can learn about recent history at Kaßberg Prison and the documentation centre on the National Socialist Underground (NSU), which opened in 2025.


Castle Pond


smac

30 NEW VENUES FOR THE CITY

Being named European Capital of Culture 2025 was a major cultural event for Chemnitz and sparked an extensive urban development project. A total of 30 locations across all of Chemnitz's districts have been transformed in a way that will have a lasting impact. One of them is the historic Hartmann Factory, which served as a visitor centre during the Capital of Culture year and is now an event venue steeped in the past. A maker hub has been set up on the former site of the Municipal Cleaning Company. Along the Chemnitz River and its tributaries, new spaces for leisure and exercise have been created, linking the city with nature – from the river bathing area with sun loungers to a park with beach and playgrounds. It's time to rediscover Chemnitz!



INSIDER TIP

Guided tours

Fancy a blind date with Chemnitz, a stroll with the night watchman, or a tour of the many breweries on the ProBier Tour?
You can book guided tours online before your trip or in person at the Tourist-Information Chemnitz, where you'll also find an excellent selection of authentic Chemnitz souvenirs.

- **Schloßbergmuseum**
  Museum of City History *See page 29*
- **Burg Rabenstein**
  Rabenstein Castle *See page 9*
- **Wasserschloss Klaffenbach**
  Klaffenbach Moated Castle *See page 13*
- **smac – Staatliches Museum für Archäologie Chemnitz**
  State Museum of Archaeology Chemnitz
  See page 28
- **Museum für Naturkunde Chemnitz**
  Museum of Natural History *See page 28*
- **Deutsches SPIELEmuseum**
  German Games Museum *See page 31*
- **Offener Prozess – ein Dokumentationszentrum zum NSU-Komplex**
  Open Trial – a documentation centre on the National Socialist Underground (NSU)
  See page 31
- **Lern- und Gedenkort Kaßberg-Gefängnis**
  Kaßberg Prison Learning and Memorial Site
  See page 31



Hartmann Factory



Park Summer

- **Industriemuseum**
  Museum of Industry *See page 16*
- **Schauplatz Eisenbahn** Exhibition Railway
  See page 18
- **Straßenbahnmuseum** Tram Museum
  See page 19

Industrial history has always been written in Chemnitz, known as the "Saxon Manchester". Today, former factory buildings, spinning mills and industrial sites are being given a new lease of life with fresh ideas, hosting exhibitions, club nights and festivals, both large and small: Chemnitz loves a good party, and you're invited!

And of course, one thing you simply mustn't miss on your tour of the city is a visit to one of the

The era of industrialisation did not just shape Chemnitz. The city wrote chapters of history. Pioneers such as Richard Hartmann and the Esche family of textile industrialists played a pivotal role in the city's development and left their mark. Thanks to them, Chemnitz once ranked among the wealthiest cities in Germany. At the Museum of Industry, a working steam engine allows you to experience this era for yourself.

The Exhibition Railway takes you on a vivid journey through the history of rail transport at Europe's largest operational steam locomotive depot. One of today's most cutting-edge and pioneering rail projects is the Chemnitz model, which connects the entire surrounding area to the city by linking tram and rail routes, enabling you to enjoy relaxed journeys throughout the region without having to change.

"C THE UNSEEN" 20 MUST-SEES

The slogan from the Capital of Culture bid, "C the Unseen", invites visitors to discover hidden gems and experience places they have never seen before.
Scan to discover 20 highlights you definitely shouldn't miss if you want to soak up the Chemnitz spirit.

INSIDER TIP

Events and festivals

Chemnitz is known for its many festivals – large, small and, above all, unique – which take place throughout the year.
The Hat Festival, Park Summer, KOSMOS Festival, Wine Festival, Brewery Market, the Schlingel international film festival, Dance Festival, the wonderful Christmas Market, and many, many more.



many restaurants. The culinary delights here are as varied as the city itself. Cosy, inviting, down to earth. This is the food and drink scene in Chemnitz.

From traditional pubs to kosher menus or a candlelit dinner with a view of art nouveau elegance – there's something to savour on nearly every corner. Set off on a stroll to explore the city's many delicious locations.

The Capital of Culture year in 2025 was packed with highlights: from the opening ceremony to book festivals, world premieres of operas and dance nights, right through to interventions in churches and garages. Much of it continues to have an impact, and new formats have emerged.

The city's motto for its year as Capital of Culture was "C the Unseen". And that still holds true today: if you give Chemnitz a chance, you'll be in for a surprise. Wander through historical neighbourhoods, discover urban gardens, check out trendy new hotspots, or simply enjoy some good old-fashioned culture. The city is changing, and you can be part of it. Chemnitz certainly has its rough edges, but it really has a lot to offer. Stay curious and make it your own.



UNSEEN BIENNALE

With its year as European Capital of Culture in 2025, Chemnitz has experienced a new beginning, which will continue from 2027 with the UNSEEN Biennale. It is set to take place every two years in the summer as an international cultural event, bringing together selected projects, festivals and new formats to raise Chemnitz's profile as an open, creative city with strong European links.



The opening ceremony for the European Capital of Culture year on 18 January 2025

Zwickau

Max.
Music.
Motors.

Zwickau captivates visitors with its historic charm,
proud automotive heritage and vibrant culture.
Amidst impressive buildings,
charming alleys and green parks, you'll discover
a city on the Mulde River brimming with history, music
and a modern zest for life.



Main Market in Zwickau

Tourist information

Welcome to Zwickau – home of the motor industry and Robert Schumann! If you're in the mood for a colourful mix of culture, history, music and good food, then Zwickau is the place for you. Around 87,000 people call the city home, making it the fourth-largest city in Saxony. It is known as the automotive city, giving you a clue as to what to expect here: Zwickau is the home of Audi and Trabant – but it's also the birthplace of the composer Robert Schumann and the expressionist painter Max Pechstein.

That's quite a few famous "sons and daughters". You can discover their fascinating stories in Zwickau's various museums.



View of Zwickau



Robert Schumann House

As you take a leisurely stroll through the city, be sure to look up: the lovingly restored façades of the old town tell stories spanning over 900 years of the city's history. Fortunately, Zwickau was largely spared during the Second World War, so many of the buildings are still preserved in their original state.

If you fancy learning a bit more, why not join one of the many guided tours? You'll find out things such as why the cathedral in Zwickau isn't actually a cathedral at all, what the story is behind the swans, and about the life-saving piece of equipment that was invented here for miners.

- **August Horch Museum Zwickau**
  See page 17

- **Robert-Schumann-Haus Zwickau**
  Robert Schumann House, Zwickau
  See page 23

- **KUNSTSAMMLUNGEN ZWICKAU Max-Pechstein-Museum**
  ZWICKAU ART COLLECTIONS Max Pechstein Museum
  See page 22



August Horch Museum



Miners' Parade



St. Mary's Cathedral

The pretty streets of Zwickau are the perfect invitation to while away some time here: how about over a nice cup of coffee and a slice of cake? You'll find cafés aplenty in Zwickau! And if you've worked up a bigger appetite, you can sample cuisines from all over the world. Did you know that Zwickau brews its own beer and that a local coffee roaster makes world-champion jam?

ZWIGGE

People tend to give nicknames to the things they love, which is why the locals affectionately call their city "Zwigge".

STEIGERLIED FOREMAN'S SONG

"Good luck, here comes the foreman"– these are the words of one of the best-known mining songs. It is first mentioned in a Zwickau songbook dating from 1531.
And for good reason: the Zwickau coal mining industry was one of the oldest and most important mining regions in Germany. For centuries, it shaped the city's economy, culture and everyday life.



Old Gasometer

INSIDER TIP

Alter Gasometer

Old Gasometer

The Old Gasometer in Zwickau is a striking industrial monument that was built in 1875 as the city's largest gas storage facility. Following the collapse of the GDR, it was converted into a socio-cultural centre and a stunning venue offering a wide-ranging cultural programme as well as educational activities and youth projects.



Festival of Lights at the Swan Pond in Zwickau

Of course, there's no shortage of culture either, with events for all ages throughout the year – from cabaret evenings in the magnificent art nouveau hall to open-air dates for your diary in the summer. The Puppet Theatre hosts performers from all over the world, and there are even special adults-only performances.

- **Theater Plauen-Zwickau**
  Plauen-Zwickau Theatre
  See page 24

- **Freilichtbühne Zwickau**
  Zwickau Open-Air Theatre
  See page 24

- **Konzert- und Ballhaus „Neue Welt“**
  New World Concert and Ballroom
  See page 25

- **Sparkassen-Arena Zwickau**
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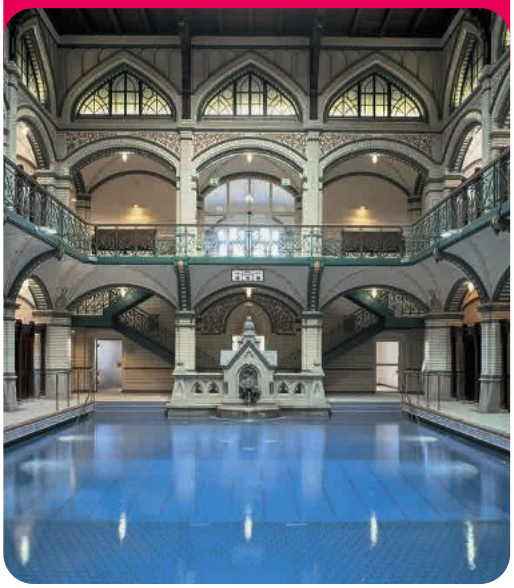


Main Market

INSIDER TIP

Be sure to pack your swimwear! Swimming in the beautiful art nouveau pool at the Johannis Baths, you'll almost feel as though you're swimming in a church – a real experience!

Johannis Baths, Zwickau *See page 50*



ZWICKAU GUIDED TOURS

From "Goosebumps Stories" to the "Tour with the Zwickau Night Watchman", you'll find a wide range of city tours here, each offering fascinating insights into Zwickau's eventful history.

If you fancy a breath of fresh air, you'll find green oases of calm right in the city centre – such as the Swan Pond Park or the Mulde Paradise, situated right on the banks of the Zwickauer Mulde. The Swan Pond is perfect for a stroll or a short boat trip. Parks and attractions are close together in this compact city, making it ideal for anyone who enjoys getting around on foot.

- **Bootsstation am Schwanenteich Zwickau**
  Boat Station on the Swan Pond
  See page 52



Mulde Cycle Path and Mulde Paradise

Three perfect days

Nature.
Culture.
Adventure.

Experience unforgettable days in a region
steeped in history, culture and natural wonders.
Whether you love art tours, are looking for family adventures,
or want to venture into the big outdoors,
your very own holiday bliss awaits you here!

A cultural holiday with a touch of castle chic


Theaterplatz, Chemnitz

Day 1

Art and culture are on the agenda today: the **Chemnitz Art Collections** *(P. 22)* boast an impressive collection focusing on expressionism, contemporary art and design. Karl Schmidt-Rottluff deserves a special mention as one of the best-known members of the "Brücke" group and a native of Chemnitz. His works are particularly well represented in the collection.
In the evening, after a nice dinner in the city centre, you can enjoy one of the stunning performances at the **Chemnitz Theatres** *(P. 24)*

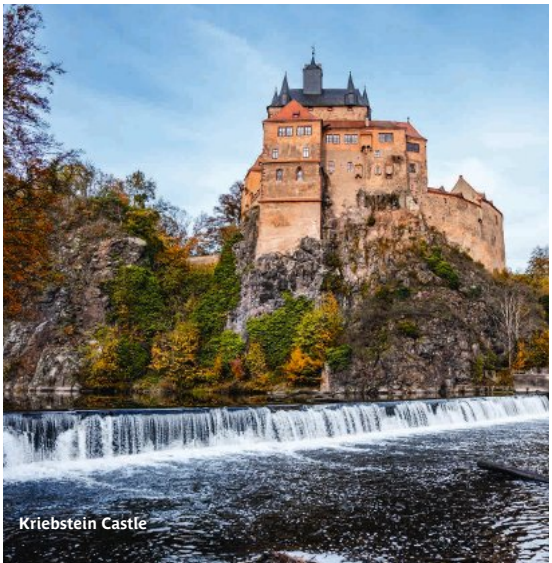

Robert Schumann Statue

Day 2

Zwickau will captivate you with its music, history and living traditions. At the **Robert Schumann House** *(P. 23)*, the birthplace of the famous composer, you can experience the magic of the Romantic era and the city's musical roots.
Take a **guided tour** *(P. 87)* and see Zwickau's history come to life: picturesque alleyways, historical squares and fascinating tales tell of centuries of eventful history. The imposing St. Mary's Cathedral invites you to marvel at its grandeur and pause for a moment's reflection, while the **nearby Priests' Houses** *(P. 29)* offer a fascinating glimpse into medieval life.

Day 3

To round off your tour, why not take a trip to **Kriebstein Castle** *(P. 10)*? Perched on a rock above the Zschopau River, the castle invites you to immerse yourself in centuries of history on a guided tour.
After that, it's time to head out into the countryside to explore the **Kriebstein Dam Art Trail** *(P. 42)* Along the circular walk, you'll come across around 50 wooden sculptures.
And for the perfect finish to your day, take a ferry across the Zschopau Dam, enjoying the evening panorama of Kriebstein Castle as you go.


Kriebstein Castle

A family holiday with a dash of adventure


Sonnenland Park

Day 1

Start the morning with a tour through the Küchwald forest in Chemnitz on the **Park Railway** *(P. 67)*.
After that, it's time to head on to Lichtenau, where you'll spend the rest of the day at **Sonnenland Park** *(P. 67)* – a real family hotspot with a huge outdoor area, Germany's largest slide tower and its own **Wildlife Park** *(P. 71)* with over 200 animals. The large indoor play area is the perfect place for the kids to let off steam whatever the weather.


Swan Pond

Day 2

Explore Zwickau city centre at your own pace, stopping off at the **August Horch Museum** *(P. 17)* and popping into the **Zwickau Puppet Theatre** *(P. 66)*. At lunchtime, you can grab a bite to eat at one of the restaurants around the Main Market.

Then hire a boat at the **Swan Pond** *(P. 52)*, which is perfect for a little downtime on the water. Things get tougher in the afternoon: **Escape Zwickau** *(P. 66)* challenges you to work together to solve outdoor puzzle missions right in the heart of the city centre.

Day 3

The day begins at **Lichtenstein Mini World** *(P. 66)* – a beautifully landscaped park featuring highly detailed miniature models of world-famous buildings, from the Eiffel Tower to the Statue of Liberty.

The afternoon is more relaxed but just as enjoyable: head to the **Koberbach Dam** *(P. 50)*, where you can go for a swim, try out a pedal boat or test your skills on the 18-hole pirate-themed minigolf course.

In the evening, you can watch a film together under the open sky at the **drive-in cinema by the Koberbach Dam** *(P. 56)*.


Inflatable boat trip on the Zwickauer Mulde

An active holiday in the great outdoors


Rochlitzer Berg

Day 1

Start your active holiday on a high note: the **climbing area on the Rochlitzer Berg** *(P. 41)* is a stunning natural feature that everyone will enjoy. You can scale the Rochlitz porphyry tuff on around 75 climbing routes. The Rochlitzer Berg combines exercise with panoramic views, cycle paths and hiking trails, and is the perfect way to kick off an active holiday in the region.


Waldenburg Castle

Day 2

Time for a hike: the **Mulde Valley Hiking Trail** *(P. 40)* takes you from Waldenburg to Penig, through varied landscapes and past some fascinating stops along the way.

Be sure to visit **Waldenburg Natural Cabinet** *(P. 29)* which houses an impressive collection of minerals and fossils, or **Waldenburg Castle** *(P. 9)*, a popular filming location.

Once you arrive in Penig, you can embark on an underground discovery tour and explore the Penig Cellars *(P. 30)*, which date back to the 16th century.



Day 3

Round off your trip with a special treat: an **inflatable boat trip** *(P. 52)* on the Zwickauer Mulde from Wechselburg to Colditz.

This four- to six-hour journey will allow you to enjoy the river landscape from a whole new perspective. And depending on which package you select, you'll be able to treat yourself to some culinary delights along the way or see out the day with a barbecue buffet.

Winter

Lights.
Fragrances.
Magic.

When the landscape in the **CHEMNITZ. ZWICKAU. REGION.**
is bathed in cool light, it marks the beginning of a season
that welcomes you with open arms.



Zwickau Christmas Market

Amidst historic cityscapes, sparkling rivers and festively decorated courtyards, winter is so much more than just a backdrop here. Whether you're strolling through the snow-covered woods, ice skating or enjoying a cup of hot chocolate, winter is the time to find peace and connect with others. The **CHEMNITZ. ZWICKAU. REGION**. is home to a dazzling array of Christmas markets, both large and small, where you can enjoy the festive season to the full. One of the most beautiful and largest Christmas markets in Saxony is held in Chemnitz. Over 200 stalls offer a tempting array of delicacies, regional products and gift ideas. It also features Saxony's largest Christmas pyramid that visitors can climb up. One particular highlight is the Monastery Christmas, while Zwickau's Christmas Market captivates visitors with its cosy atmosphere and wide variety of delightful stalls, set against the charming backdrop of the cityscape. On weekends during Advent, you can also explore cosy Advent markets in many small towns.



Chemnitz Christmas Market

INSIDER TIP

The taste of a cultural region culinary competition

From jam and sausages to honey, biscuits and chocolate: every item of produce has the taste of the cultural region. The title was launched to get people curious about what the region has to offer in terms of cuisine. The "So schmeckt Kulturregion" competition has resulted in award-winning products, producers and events that are just waiting for you to discover them.



Choco del Sol in Rochsburg



MAKER ADVENT

A packed programme of hands-on activities and courses take place throughout the region during Advent. Workshops and studios open their doors, while creative minds from Chemnitz and the surrounding area share their passion and invite you to try your hand at crafting, woodturning, bobbin lace-making, printing and baking – and enjoying a good chat.

INSIDER TIP

Ice skating

The region is known as a bastion of figure skating and ice hockey. The ice rinks in Chemnitz and Crimmitschau are open to visitors from October to March, and you'll also find public ice rinks in many places during the winter months. So get out there and hit the ice!





Rochlitz Castle Christmas

CASTLE CHRISTMAS

At Christmas time, our castles and palaces are decked out in festive finery and open their gates to reveal sparkling courtyards brimming with character, charm and the sounds of Christmas concerts. The scent of mulled wine mingles with vaulted cellars, and Advent tours are paired with hands-on activities.

INSIDER TIP

Miners' Parade

The large miners' parades in Chemnitz and Zwickau, featuring hundreds of people in uniform and musicians, are a real Advent highlight and serve as a reminder of the region's mining tradition, which is actively upheld by many local societies.



Zwickau Miners' Parade

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