



Welcome to Dresden

For centuries, it was the magnificent residence of the Wettin royal family. Today, Dresden is one of the most beautiful Baroque cities in Europe – and a bustling metropolis at the same time. Because of its wealth of tradition and superb setting in the Elbe valley, the city was long ago dubbed “the German Florence”. It has since developed into a modern city, the attraction of which is based in equal measure on its many artistic and cultural treasures as well as on its progressive and broad-based scientific and industrial prowess.

Dresden is a beautiful city that is constantly changing and never ceases to offer its visitors some new aspect to discover. It is a city that is noted for tolerance, a cosmopolitan outlook and unique sense of style. The friendliness and helpfulness of the locals is due in no small measure to their natural joie de vivre and the quality of life they enjoy – something that they are happy and proud to share with their guests. With an almost unshakable certainty, Dresdeners talk about “our city”, because the idea is very dear to their hearts – and the hospitality and standard of service you receive here will surely endear it to you as well.

To quote the national poet Goethe, “an incredible treasure of all manner is to be found in this beautiful place”.

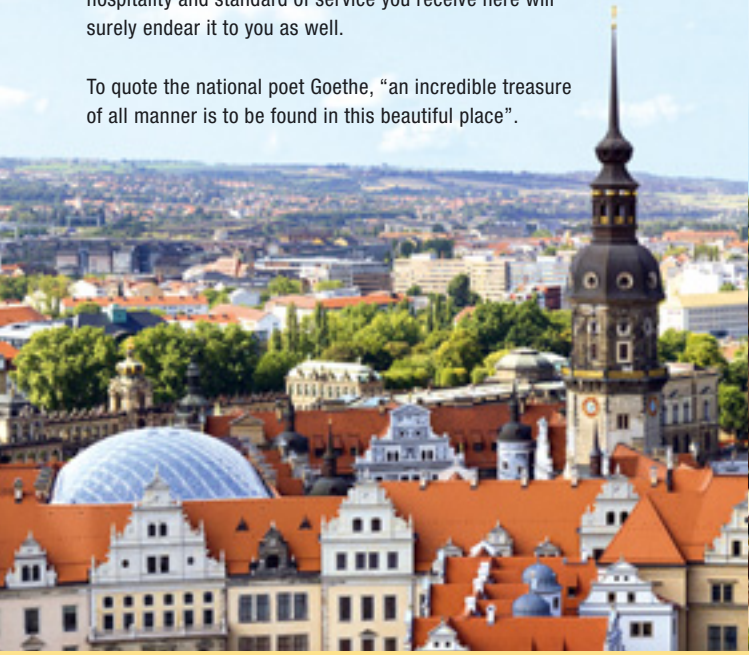


Photo below: View from the Frauenkirche | Photo above: The skyline of Dresden's Old Town

Art and Culture

Dresden's “noble position” may have been fashioned by nature, but it was the love of art and the creative will of the Saxon Electors (and later the bourgeoisie) that created its unique cultural landscape. This continuity is to be seen in the world-famous buildings of the historic Old Town – the **Zwinger** (11), the **Frauenkirche** (3), the **Royal Palace** (9), the **Semperoper** (10) and **Brühl's Terrace** (4) – and is also expressed in the three **Elbe palaces at Loschwitz** (35), in the villa quarter of Blasewitz, in Hellerau Garden City and in the award-winning buildings designed by modern architects. With their twelve museums, the State Art Collections reinforce Dresden's reputation as an artistic and cultural city of international repute, yet they are only part of an even more extensive and outstanding museum landscape that includes the treasures of the “Old Masters”, the “Green Vault”, one of the world's largest collections of porcelain and, not least, the works of 19th- and 20th-century art on display in the Albertinum. And of course, we must not forget the city's long musical tradition or its diverse range of modern cultural activities and leisure pursuits.

Our recommendation: The Military History Museum of the Bundeswehr leaves a lasting impression both with its spectacular architecture, by Daniel Libeskind, and with its diverse range of modern exhibitions.



Photo below: Wallpazier (Dresden) | Photo above: Albertinum Sculpture Collection

Entertainment, Dining and Shopping

Dresden is a feast for the senses. When Augustus the Strong ruled Saxony, he was famous for his lavish celebrations, combining art and enjoyment in elaborate productions. Likewise today, you are bound to find a festival being staged somewhere or other in Dresden during the summer months. You can enjoy a beer at the Dixieland matinee performance, then while away the day on **Brühl's Terrace** (4) and later, at the Elbhagfest or after a Music Festival concert, savour a glass of locally grown wine. Even the local cheese is sold in the **world's most beautiful dairy shop** (27). There is also a large and varied choice of restaurants. No matter whether you prefer to see stars affixed to the name of the establishment or to look up at the real thing from your table in an authentic German beer garden, you are guaranteed a feast for your senses in Dresden. And even though the locals are renowned for their solid German “Gemütlichkeit”, they can also lay on a display of near-Mediterranean festivity in the summer and winter gaiety at Germany's oldest Christmas market.

Our recommendation: A great open-air cinema and concert experience awaits you in the summer months during the *Film Nights on the Elbe* embankment, with the famous Old Town skyline as a backdrop.



Photo below: Beer garden at the Blaue Mark | Photo above: Film Nights on the Elbe embankment

Nature and Activities

The interplay of culture and landscape along the banks of the Elbe counts as one of Dresden's greatest treasures. No other city has been quite as successful in keeping such an extensive floodplain free of development. The vineyards that stretch from the Elbe palaces to Radebeul and Pillnitz, the Dresdner Heide and the Grosser Garten make this vibrant city one of the greenest in Europe. Amidst the historic setting, the green meadows on both banks of the Elbe provide an ideal opportunity for relaxation, while the Elbe cycle route provides wonderful opportunities for a bike ride or for inline skating.

The many castles and palaces, parks and gardens in the vicinity make Dresden the ideal starting point for hikes and excursions. With the oldest paddle steamer fleet in the world, you can sail upriver to the Elbe Sandstone Mountains (Saxony's own climbing paradise) or to Pillnitz, where one of the oldest camellias in Europe is the crowning glory of the castle's collection of exotic plants.

Our recommendation: Dresden is also easily accessible by bike thanks to the 860km Elbe cycle route, one of the loveliest and most varied cycling routes in Europe.



Photo below: Boat on the Elbe cycle path | Photo above: Elbe Sandstone Mountains, Badstrasse

Young and Trendy

As the sun sets behind the Frauenkirche, a different Dresden begins to emerge. On the fringes of the Neustadt district and in the former industrial area of the city, a tightly-knit club and party scene has established itself, catering for diverse tastes in music. It not only proves irresistible to Dresden's 40,000 student population but also attracts young visitors from far and wide. Partying goes on well into the early hours, whether at the alternative district festival “Bunte Republik” or at the “Unity.Dresden.Night”. Fortunately, local transport is not subject to any night-time curfew, no matter whether the revellers are crashing out in one of the many hostels or in a bunk on board a river cruiser. But no sooner has the morning fog cleared on the River Elbe than the beach bars at the Pieschener marina open their shutters and the beach balls begin to fly. You need to be fit to take on the challenge of the biggest climbing wall in Saxony, the Water and Wakeboard Centre or the city's Skate Nights, possibly even for a gruelling tour of all the shops and boutiques, or to watch a complete movie during the river-side Film Nights festival.

Our recommendation: From late April to early October, around 3,000 skaters set off on a 20km circuit of the city every Friday evening at 9pm. Assembly point: Halpitz Lingnerallee from 7pm onwards.



Photo below: Boat on the Elbe | Photo above: Pub crawl in Neustadt

Science and Research

The first porcelain in Europe was manufactured in Dresden. Other pioneering developments – the bra or coffee filter papers – may merely raise a wry smile. But Dresden's reputation as a highly creative city was firmly established with the construction of Germany's first steam locomotive and the invention of the single-lens reflex (SLR) camera. Today, the capital of Saxony boasts a high-calibre research landscape that enjoys international esteem and is part of significant academic networks. It includes a number of prestigious universities and research institutions such as the Fraunhofer, Leibniz, Helmholtz and Max Planck institutes, which have built up considerable expertise in the future-oriented fields of microelectronics, nanotechnology and biotechnology. With the **Research Center for Regenerative Therapies** (68), Dresden became the first location in the former East Germany to acquire a “cluster of excellence”. In addition to these top-flight achievements, the Kinderuni (Children's University), the Long Night of Sciences and the Academy for Senior Citizens stimulate and cater for a broad public interest in scientific research and lifelong education.

Our recommendation: The KINDERMUSEUM at the German Hygiene Museum invites its young visitors to explore their own five senses: sight, hearing, smell, touch, taste. Tricky challenges of a quite different kind can be encountered at the Adventure Land Mathematics exhibition which forms part of the city's Technology Collections.



Photo below: The Night of Science | Photo above: Materials research at the Max Planck Institute

Business and Convention

Often referred to as “Silicon Saxony”, this fastest-growing region in the former East Germany is Europe's leading location for the development of memory chips and a major centre of hi-tech industry. The dynamic economy of the region is due in part to its excellent geographical situation, its key location in Central Europe, its well-developed transport connections and its role as a bridge to the countries of Eastern Europe.

What is more, Dresden has developed into the perfect location for anyone organising a conference. With the **International Congress Center** (52), and **Messe Dresden** (53), the city has a variety of exceptional venues, a wide range of accommodation and an ideal infrastructure for cutting down on journey times.

In addition, the fascinating cultural landscape, the tourist attractions of the Old Town and the diverse range of leisure facilities are the perfect basis on which to provide an unforgettable experience for visitors.

Our recommendation: If you want to hold your conference on the Elbe itself, then why not charter a river cruiser or even one of the historic paddle steamers of the Saxony Steam Ship Company?

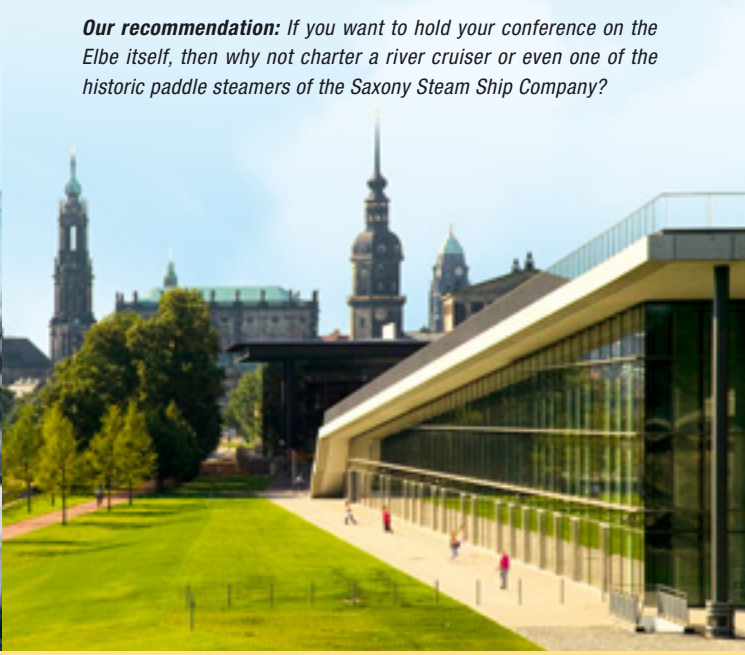


Photo below: International Congress Center Dresden

Shopping

Dresden's traditional shopping area starts at the main station and runs the length of Prager Strasse via the Old Market Square to Wilsdruffer Strasse. In addition to all the well-known fashion outlets and the huge Karstadt department store, you will also find the two largest shopping malls in town – the Centrum-Galerie and the Altmarkt Galerie – each with over 120 shops and restaurants. At the Neumarkt, fanned out around the **Frauenkirche** (3), you will find numerous businesses and boutiques catering for the needs of shoppers in search of something really special. Connoisseurs of art and antiques are also sure to find something worth taking home with them here. This area of the city also offers wonderful scope for dining out.

The Baroque quarter between Hauptstrasse and **Königstrasse** (16) on the Neustadt side of the river has also acquired a reputation as an upmarket retail zone. The renovated merchant houses and romantic courtyards provide a pleasant environment for elegant boutiques, antique shops and excellent restaurants serving up exquisite international cuisine. The **Arts and Crafts Arcades** (18) on the Hauptstrasse are wonderful places to browse and buy. **Neustadt Market Hall** (21), faithfully restored in late 19th-century style, is worth a visit, both for its shopping and for its architecture.

The Baroque quarter blends seamlessly into the fashionable outer Neustadt district. Browsing, rummaging and purchasing can be such tremendous fun here. The products on sale at the junction of Alaustrasse, Böhmische Strasse and Rothenburger Strasse range from strident to elegant. The **Kunstthof Passage** (25) between Alaustrasse and Görlicher Strasse with its imaginatively decorated facades, stylish shops and studios is a must for any visitor to the Neustadt district. Also unmissable is **Pfunds Molkerei** (27), the “most beautiful dairy shop in the world” in Bautzener Strasse with the most extensive range of cheeses in Saxony.

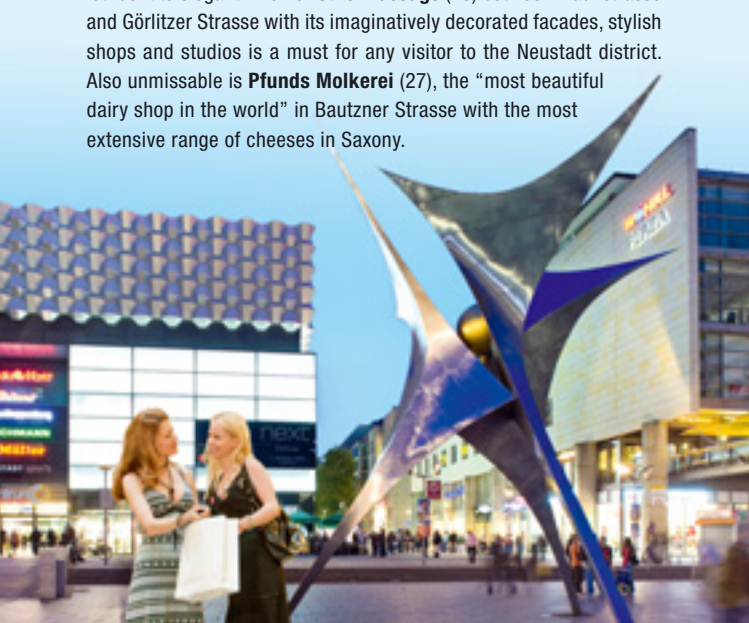


Photo below: Prager Strasse with Centrum-Galerie

Sightseeing tours

A good way of orientating yourself in Dresden and its scenic surroundings is to climb to the top of one of the city centre's five vantage points – the towers of the Kreuzkirche, the Town Hall, the Frauenkirche, the Royal Palace and the Dreikönigskirche.

Dresden guided tour operators offer many other ways to get to know the city. You can purchase tickets for the bus tours and obtain detailed information about routes and stops at the tourist information office as well as at the departure points on Theatre Square and Wilsdruffer Strasse (Dresden City Museum). Visitors can also make a nostalgic journey by horse-drawn carriage or omnibus.

The best way of seeing the historical city centre is on foot. Guided tours set off at regular intervals from the Theatre Square and the Zwinger (Kronentor). Overleaf, you will find our suggestion for an alternative tour of the Old Town and the Neustadt district. At the tourist information office, you can also borrow an audio guide which describes all the main points of interest in detail.

A ride on the number 4 tram is also an ideal way of exploring the city. This longest tram route on the Dresden city transport network will not only take you past the famous landmarks and museums but also beyond the city limits to the Radebeul vineyards and the Schloss Wackerbarth estate where you can enjoy a wine tasting session.



Photo below: Brühl's Terrace

Facts and figures:

- Capital of the Free State of Saxony
- Surface area of city: 320km², of which approx. 64% woodland/parkland
- In terms of surface area, the fourth-largest city in Germany after Berlin, Hamburg and Cologne
- Population: approx. 530,000

Climate:

- Mild climate thanks to favourable location in the Elbe valley
- Mean average temperature 9°C
- Warmest months: June, July, August | Coldest month: January

Arriving by air:

- Airport: Dresden International (Dresden-Klotzsche)
- 9 kilometres from city centre
- 20-minute journey to city centre by local rail network (S-Bahn). Trains leave every 30 minutes
- www.dresden-airport.de | Tel. +49 (0)351-881 33 60

Arriving by car:

- A4 from the west (Cologne/Köln – Eisenach – Chemnitz)
- A13 from the north (Rostock – Berlin)
- A17 from the south (Prague)

Arriving by train:

- Two railway stations with connection to the national network as well as the ICE and EC/IC network
- Several connections per day to all major German cities
- Direct connections to Prague, Budapest, Bratislava, Vienna, Zurich
- www.bahn.de | Tel.: 0180-599 66 33



Calendar highlights

SemperOpernball & SemperOpernairball
January/February

Operetta Ball
March

Dresden Film Festival
Mid-April

Dresden Waltz Night
April

Steamer Parade
1st May

International Dixieland Festival
Mid-May

Dresden Music Festival
Late May to early June

BRN - Street Festival
June

Alumni Ball of TU Dresden
June

Riverside Festival
Last weekend in June

Film Nights on the Elbe embankment
June – August

OSTRALE Contemporary art exhibition
June – September

Dresden Long Night of Science
July

Dresden Summer Night of Museums
July

Dresden Palace Night
July

Pillnitz Palace Night
August

Dresden City Festival
August

Moritzburg Festival
August

TonLagen. Festival of Contemporary Music
Early October

Dresden Marathon
October

Unity.Dresden.Night
November

Jazz Festival
November

CYNETART Festival
November

Dresden Striezelmarkt
December

Christmas Vespers at the Frauenkirche
December

New Year's Eve on Theaterplatz square
31st December

Photo below: May Day (Steamer Parade)

Museums, guided tours

Asisi Panometer Dresden
Gasanstaltsstrasse 8b
Closed Mondays

Carl Maria von Weber Museum
Dresdner Strasse 44
Closed Mondays, Tuesdays

Deutsches Hygiene-Museum
Lingnerplatz 1
Closed Mondays

Erich Kästner Museum
Villa Augustin
Antonstrasse 1
Closed Thurs, Sat

Dresden Fortress
Büchische Terrasse
Georg-Treu-Platz
Open daily

Kunsthau Dresden
Municipal Gallery of Modern Art
Rühnstrasse 8
Closed Mondays

KÖRNIGREICH. Das Kunstmuseum
Wallgässchen 2
Closed Tues, Weds, Thurs

Military History Museum of the Bundeswehr
Oblitzplatz 2
Closed Wednesdays

Museum of Dresden Romanticism
Kögelgärtchen
Hauptstrasse 13
Closed Mondays, Tuesdays

Museum of Ethnology
Japanese Palace
Palaisplatz 11
Closed Mondays

Museum of Prehistory
Japanese Palace
Palaisplatz 11
Closed Mondays

Senckenberg Natural History Collections
Landhaus
Wilsdruffer Strasse 2
Closed Mondays

Local History Museum
Landhaus
Wilsdruffer Strasse 2
Closed Mondays

Dresden City Gallery – Art Collection
Landhaus
Wilsdruffer Strasse 2
Closed Mondays

Dresden Technical Collections
Jungferstrasse 1–3
Closed Mondays

Dresden State Art Collections

Royal Palace
Closed Tuesdays
– Historic Green Vault
– New Green Vault
– Armoury
– Turkish Chamber
– Collection of Prints, Drawings and Photographs

Zwinger
Closed Mondays
– Did Masters Picture Gallery
– Porcelain Collection
– Royal Cabinet of Mathematical and Physical Instruments

Albertinum
Georg-Treu-Platz
Closed Mondays
– New Masters Gallery
– Sculpture Collection

Schloss Pillnitz
Open May to October
– Museum of Decorative Arts
Closed Mondays

Jägerhof
Closed Mondays
Köppstrasse 1
– Saxon Folk Art Museum with Puppet Theatre Collection

Transport Museum
Johanneum
Augustusstrasse 1
Closed Mondays

Photo below: Jägerhof

Venues

Music, theatre and dance

Semperoper Dresden
(10) & Staatskapelle Dresden
Theaterplatz 2
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Dresden Philharmonic Orchestra
various venues
Tel. +49 (0)351 4985807

Dresdner Kreuzchor
various venues
Tel. +49 (0)351 4985807

Dresden State Theatre
Tel. +49 (0)351 4913555

Schauspielhaus
Ostra-Allee 3
Tel. +49 (0)351 264620

Kleines Haus
Augustusstrasse 28
Tel. +49 (0)351 2079999

Dresden State Operetta
Primar Landstrasse 131
Tel. +49 (0)351 2079999

Landesbühnen Sachsen theatre
Meißner Landstrasse 152 (Radebeul)
Tel. +49 (0)351 8854214

Comédie Dresden
(38), Freiburger Str. 39 (WTC)
Tel. +49 (0)351 866410

Societaets-theater
(40)
An der Dreikönigskirche 1a
Tel. +49 (0)351 8036810

Theatre Barge
(36)
Terrassenbrücke
Augustusbrücke
Tel. +49 (0)351 4969450

'wechselbal' theatre
(46)
Maternistrasse 17
Tel. +49 (0)351 7961155

Junge Generation theatre
Meißner Landstrasse 4
Tel. +49 (0)351 429120

Hellerau Festival Theatre
Karl-Liebknecht-Str. 56
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Vaudeville, cabaret, revue

Carte Blanche Drag Theatre
(47)
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Photo below: Semper Opern House

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Wettiner Platz 7
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Blue Danceclub
Wallestrasse 11
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Münzstrasse 5
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Alaustrasse 46
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Down Town
Katharinenstrasse 11
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- Hotel rooms
- Tickets for events
- City tours
- Regional excursions
- Day trips

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Sun: 10am – 3pm

Telephone information and booking hotline
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Historic Old Town

This circular tour lasting approximately one hour will introduce you to the most famous places of interest in Dresden. Our tour starts at Theaterplatz. The equestrian statue of King Johann (1801-1873) in the centre of the square provides the best vantage point for admiring the surrounding buildings. On the west side stands the Saxon State Opera House built between 1871 and 1878 to plans by Gottfried Semper. The magnificent interior of the **Semper Opera House** (10) can also be viewed on a guided tour. Further to your left and straight ahead, you will see the Semper Gallery in the **Zwinger** (11). The splendid Baroque architecture of this ensemble of buildings is best appreciated by taking a stroll around the courtyard. The Zwinger was constructed by Matthäus Daniel Pöppelmann between 1710 and 1738 as a festive square, which blends in a unique fashion with the ornamental sculptures from the workshop of Balthasar Permoser. It houses the world famous gallery of Old Master paintings, the Royal Cabinet of Mathematical and Physical Instruments and the Porcelain Collection.



The **Royal Palace** (9) on the other side of the street was built at the end of the 15th century. It has been altered and extended many times, and for several centuries it was the residence and seat of government for the House of Wettin. A guided tour of the Residenzschloss includes the Neues Grüne Gewölbe (New Green Vault), the Kupferstich-Kabinett (Collection of Prints, Drawings and Photographs), the Türkische Cammer (Turkish Chamber) and the magnificently furnished original rooms of the former royal treasure chamber, the Historisches Grünes Gewölbe (Historic Green Vault).

The former Catholic court church, today the **Cathedral** (8) of the diocese of Dresden/Meissen, was built between 1738 and 1755 by Gaetano Chiaveri and Johann Christoph Knöffel in the late Baroque style. Features of its ornate interior include the altarpiece by Anton Raffael Menges, a Rococo pulpit by Balthasar Permoser and a Silbermann organ. In the crypt are the tombs of the Wettin family and a casket containing the heart of Augustus the Strong. Opposite the main cathedral door, you now walk along Augustusstrasse to Neumarkt. The **Fürstenzug** (Procession of Princes: 13), more than 100 metres long, brings together all the rulers of Saxony from 1123 to 1904. At the end of this large mural made up of 24,000 Meissen porcelain tiles, we come to the **Johanneum** (14). This was originally built as the royal stables and was later converted into an art gallery. Today, it houses the Transport Museum. Behind it is the well-preserved original medieval tiltyard, the **Stallhof** (12).

The main attraction on Neumarkt is, of course, the Baroque **Frauenkirche**, (3) which was rebuilt with donations from all over the world and is now open for services, organ vespers, sightseeing tours and concerts. You can even climb up into the cupola. Not far away on Georg-Treu-Platz, you ascend the steps of the old fortifications to **Brühl's Terrace** (4). On the right-hand side is the **Albertinum** (5). Since its reopening in June 2010, this magnificent building displays art from the Romantic period through to the present day. Between the Albertinum and the Carola Bridge is the **New Synagogue** (7), built in 2001. The previous synagogue was destroyed by the National Socialists on Kristallnacht in 1938. Originally laid out as a private garden for the Prime Minister of Saxony, Count Brühl's famous terrace, also known as the 'Balcony of Europe', soon became the most popular promenade in Dresden. The **Academy of Fine Arts** (6), and its adjacent exhibition buildings can be recognised by its glass dome with the golden angel, known locally as the 'Lemon Squeezer'. Now walk along to the left and up the large flight of steps, and you will find yourself once again in Theaterplatz.



Inner Neustadt: The Baroque Quarter

The **Japanese Palace** (15) on the Neustadt side of the River Elbe was initially designed to house the porcelain collection of Augustus the Strong. Its original purpose is evident in the sweeping curve of its roofs and the reliefs on the entrance pediment. Today, it is used by the Senckenberg Natural History collection and the Museums of Ethnology and Prehistory for staging special exhibitions.

On the other side of Palaisplatz with its large central fountain, you come to the beginning of **Königsstrasse** (16). Here, in the faithfully restored Baroque town houses, with their romantic inner courtyards and passages, you will find upmarket boutiques, excellent restaurants and modern art galleries. The **Dreikönigskirche church** (19) was built by George Bähr and Matthäus Daniel Pöppelmann. The relief under the organ loft is one of the most important surviving Renaissance monuments in Dresden today. The 'Dresden Danse Macabre' was originally situated at the old Georgentor gateway to the castle.



Opposite the church you will see the **Neustadt Market Hall** (21), a covered market that has been restored in period style as an attractive shopping venue. In the **Arts and Crafts Arcades** (18) potters, basket weavers, porcelain painters, metal designers and florists all have their wares on display. In the courtyard you will find the **Societaetstheater** (40). Next door, the **Kügelgenhaus** (20) is home to the Museum of Dresden Romanticism. At the end of the Hauptstrasse, we come to the Neustädter Markt, dominated by the Goldener Reiter, a golden statue of Augustus the Strong mounted on a horse. It is worth taking a small detour to visit the Saxon Folk Art Museum in the **Jägerhof** (22).

Hellerau Garden City

Hellerau Garden City, together with the Hellerau furniture workshops, was laid out in 1909 to plans by Richard Riemerschmid. It combines an architecturally sophisticated factory complex, which also met the highest standards in working conditions, with a modern garden suburb.

The cultural centrepiece was the Festival Theatre designed by Heinrich Tessenow where, between 1912 and 1915, Europe's cultural elite gathered every year. Following extensive refurbishment, the Festspielhaus is once again open for experimental modern art, such as the TonLagen festival of contemporary music, the CYNETart festival of computer-based art and performances by the Forsythe Company.

Elbe Palaces

You can enjoy a magnificent view of Dresden from the three **Elbe Palaces** (35), situated high above the river on the Loschwitz Hang. Schloss Albrechtsberg was built for Prince Albrecht of Prussia. Lingerschloss, in the centre, originally belonged to the Prince's chamberlain before Karl August Lingner, the inventor of Odol mouthwash and founder of the Deutsches Hygiene-Museum (German Museum of Hygiene), took up residence there.

Schloss Eckberg, a former merchant's villa, is now a luxury hotel. Once a year in July, this unique backdrop plays host to the Dresden Palace Night

Photo below: Neumarkt with the Frauenkirche | Photo above: Concert at the Semper Opera House

Photo below: View of the three Elbe Palaces | Photo above: The Historic Green Vault

Outer Neustadt: The Alternative Quarter

Nowhere is the spirit of old Dresden to be felt more vividly than in the quarter on the other side of Albertplatz. With its charming contrasts between imposing facades and narrow alleyways, the smart town houses and the maze of back yards, it has preserved its originality to the present day. The extensive quarter around Alaunstrasse and Louisenstrasse, built in the boom years of the late nineteenth century (known in German as the Gründerzeit), is full of contrasts between the lovingly refurbished buildings and older houses, the elegant cocktail bars and the traditional pubs, upmarket boutiques and trendy clothes shops. Here, too, are the largest number of bars, the hottest clubs, cinemas, cafés, art galleries and much, much more besides.

Between Alaunstrasse and Görlitzer Strasse, five imaginatively designed interconnected themed courtyards in uniquely colourful architecture make up the **Kunsthof Passage** (25) Here you will find cosy bars, restaurants, modern crafts, design studios and wonderful collectables.



Martin Luther Church (28) was built in Romanesque style between 1883 and 1887 to mark the 400th birthday of the founder of the Reformation in Germany. To the left, behind the church in Pulsnitzer Strasse, you will find the oldest **Jewish Cemetery** (26) in Saxony.

You should definitely not miss the opportunity to visit the 'Most Beautiful Dairy Shop in the World' situated in Bautzner Strasse. Firstly, because of its magnificent interior, and secondly, of course, because of its huge selection of cheeses. The uniqueness of **Plund's Dairy** (27) is confirmed by an entry in the Guinness Book of Records.

Cable cars in Dresden

From Körnerplatz, near the Blaues Wunder bridge over the Elbe, you can take two cable cars: the Schwebebahn, built between 1898 and 1900, is the oldest suspension railway in the world and carries its passengers to the Oberloschwitz viewing platform. The Standseilbahn, or funicular railway, goes to the Luisenhof, a tourist restaurant in the Weisser Hirsch district, some 100 metres higher.

Sächsische Dampfschiffahrt (Saxon Steamship Company)

With nine historic paddle steamers and two cruise vessels, Sächsische Dampfschiffahrt has the oldest fleet of paddle steamers in the world. It offers, among other things, scenic trips to the so-called 'Saxon Switzerland' and along the Saxon wine route, trips to Pillnitz Palace, city tours, jazz and Dixieland outings as well as summer evening trips with dancing.

Departs: Terrassenufer
Timetable information: Tel. +49 351 86 60 940

Pillnitz Palace and Park

Augustus the Strong built his summer residence on the eastern edge of the city. The Wasserpalais and Bergpalais are surrounded by an extensive park, and the grapes for the delicious, dry Elbe Valley wine ripen on the sunny Pillnitzer slopes. Carl Maria von Weber and Richard Wagner both chose this idyllic rustic location for their summer retreat. (It can be reached by bus from the city centre in 45 to 60 minutes).

