CITY GUIDE
DRESDEN

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Cover picture:
The Lipsius Building, between the Frauenkirche and the Brühlinsche Terrasse. (Photo: Dietrich)
Did you know?

Dresden – basic facts

Dresden in figures
- Size: 328.31 km²
- Inhabitants: approx. 530,000 (2011)
- Capital of the Free State of Saxony
- Fourth largest city in Germany
- 62% green spaces and wooded areas
- Length of the Elbe within the borders of the city: 30 km
- More than 25 fountains
- 13,000 cultural monuments
- 36 theatres
- 44 museums
- Length of the city borders: 139.65 km
- 9 Elbe bridges in the city

Geographical location:
- 51° 02' 55'' north, 13° 44' 29'' east
- Highest point: 383 m above sea level
- Lowest point: 101 m above sea level
- Climate: transition area between temperate and continental climate
- Temperatures: summer 22–23 ºC on average, winter 2–3 ºC on average

History
- 1206: first recorded mention
- 13th century: Dresden Kreuzchor choir founded
- 1485: Saxon royal seat
- 1548: Court orchestra founded, today Dresden’s Saxon State Orchestra
- 1560: Kunstkammer art collections founded (since 2009: Staatliche Kunstsammlungen Dresden)
- 1870: Gewerbehausorchester founded (today Dresden Philharmonic Orchestra)
- 1990: Capital of Saxony
- 2004–2009 World Heritage site (Dresden Elbe Valley)

City twinnings
- Since 1959: with Coventry, UK
- Since 1959: with Wrocław, Poland
- Since 1961: with St. Petersburg, Russia
- Since 1967: with Skopje, Macedonia
- Since 1971: with Ostrava, Czech Republic
- Since 1975: with Brazzaville, Republic of Congo
- Since 1978: with Florence, Italy
- Since 1987: with Hamburg, Germany
- Since 1988: with Rotterdam, Netherlands
- Since 1990 with Strasbourg, France
- Since 1991 with Salzburg, Austria
- Since 1992 with Columbus, USA
- Since 2009 with Hangzhou, China

Tourism
- Roughly 10 million visitors a year of whom 8.2 million stay for the day and 1.8 million stay overnight
- Souvenirs: Dresdner Stollen, Meissen® porcelain, Saxon wines and Ore Mountain folk art
Traffic Links and Arrival
How to get here

By air
The airport is located nine kilometres to the north of the city centre. There are very good non-stop services between Dresden and airports in Germany (Frankfurt, Dusseldorf, Munich, Cologne/Bonn, Stuttgart, Hamburg), Switzerland (Basel, Zurich), Great Britain (London Heathrow) and Russia (Moscow Sheremetyevo).
The airport is directly accessible by car and by public transport. A taxi ride to the city centre takes 15 to 30 minutes, depending on the time of day, and costs 16 to 20 Euros. The S-Bahn line no. 2 connects the airport with Dresden-Neustadt station (approx. 15 min.) and Dresden main station (approx. 22 min.).

By rail
Dresden has two intercity train stations – Dresden main station and Dresden Neustadt station – and is connected to all major German cities via the ICE and EC/IC Deutsche Bahn network. Aarhus, Budapest, Bratislava, Prague, Vienna and Zurich are directly accessible on an international level. The Eurostar makes connections to Great Britain possible through the Channel Tunnel via Paris or Brussels.

By road
Dresden can be reached easily by car via the motorways A4 (Cologne–Eisenach–Chemnitz), A 13 (Rostock–Berlin) and A 17 (Prague). The city is also connected to the transport network via the main roads B6, B97, B170, B172 and B173. Bus lines provide a fast, inexpensive direct connection between Dresden and major cities such as Berlin, Munich, Vienna and Prague. Most buses go several times a day, depending on the line, with stops at various points along the route.

Tips for Your Stay
Specific local features

Money
The legal tender in Germany is the Euro. In addition to bureaux de change, all major banks can be found in the city, with numerous branches. Cash machines are available outside opening hours.

Tips
Service and VAT are generally included in the prices. However, in many service sectors tips are traditionally given. 10 percent is usual, with the amount depending on the level of satisfaction with the service provided.

Taxi
It is not usual for taxis to be hailed whilst driving. Instead, you can find a number of taxi ranks in the city. Taxis can also be requested by phone. The final price consists of a base price and a kilometre rate.

Opening hours
In Dresden, shops in the city centre are usually open Monday to Saturday from 10 am to 8 pm. Large supermarkets and shopping centres open until 10 pm, in some cases. Most shops are closed on Sundays, with the exception of bakeries, train stations and petrol stations.

Public transport
Dresden has a well-developed public transport system. You can buy tickets at stops, on the transport and at service points. Random ticket checks take place – travelling without a valid ticket is punished with a fine. There is also an S-Bahn network in Dresden and the surrounding area.
Places of Interest
A brief overview of some must-see sights

14 Brühl’s Terrace
Also known as the Balcony of Europe, built 1739–48. Access to Kunstkademie and Albertinum art gallery. (Tram Nos. 3/7 to “Synagoge”)

24 Dresden Fortress
Beneath Brühl’s terrace lie hidden remnants of the Renaissance, which visitors can explore on a tour. Georg-Treu-Platz (Tram Nos. 3/7 to “Synagoge”)

10 Royal Palace
Built in the late 15th century; destroyed in 1945; reconstructed as a museum complex Schlossplatz (Tram Nos. 4/8/9 to “Theaterplatz”)

19 Frauenkirche
Monumental culmination of Protestant church architecture; built 1726–43; official reconsecration in 2005 Neumarkt (Tram Nos. 1/2/4 to “Altmarkt”, Tram Nos. 4/8/9 to “Theaterplatz”)

6 Semper Opera House
Built 1838–41 by Gottfried Semper; reopened in 1985 Theaterplatz (Tram Nos. 4/8/9 to “Theaterplatz”)

12 Procession of Princes
Mural painted on tiles of Meissen® porcelain; 101 metres long Augustusstraße (Tram Nos. 4/8/9 to “Theaterplatz”)

11 Zwinger
Built 1710–1728; most perfect example of Baroque architecture in Germany (Tram Nos. 1/2/4/6/8/9/11/12 or Bus Nos. 62/75/94 to “Postplatz”)

9 Cathedral
Built 1738–54 by Gaetano Chiaveri; largest church in Saxony; Cathedral of the Dresden-Meißen Diocese since 1980 Schlossplatz (Tram Nos. 4/8/9 to “Theaterplatz”)

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Yenidze
Built in 1907 in the Neo-Oriental style as a tobacco factory.
Weißeritzstraße/Magdeburger Straße
(Tram Nos. 1/2/6/10 or Bus No. 75 to “Bahnhof Mitte”)

New Synagogue
Official reconsecration in 2001; built on the site of the Semper synagogue destroyed in 1938
Am Hasenberg 1
(Tram Nos. 3/7 to “Synagoge”)

State House
Baroque building from the 18th Century, houses the Dresden Municipal Museum and Municipal Gallery.
Wilsdruffer Straße/Landhausstraße
(Tram Nos. 1/2/3/4/7/12 or Bus Nos. 75/62 to “Pirnaischer Platz”)

Golden Horseman
Famous statue of August II; one of the town’s landmarks
Hauptstraße
(Tram Nos. 4/9 to “Neustädter Markt”)

Japanese Palace
“Porcelain Castle” of August II.; built in 1715 as Dutch Palace; between 1727 and 1737 the roof was modelled in the style of Japanese architecture
Palaisplatz 11
(Tram Nos. 4/9 to “Palaisplatz”)

Baroque Quarter
Faithfully restored Baroque townhouses with fine inner courtyards and the “Craft-Art Passages”
Königstraße/Hauptstraße
(Tram Nos. 4/9 to “Neustädter Markt” or Tram Nos. 3/6/7/8/11 to “Albertplatz”)

Riverside Palaces
Albrechtsberg Palace, Lingner Palace, Eckberg Palace; built in the middle of the 19th century
Bautzner Straße 130, 132, 134
(Tram No. 11 to “Schloss Albrechtsberg”)

Blue Wonder Bridge
Ironwork construction built 1891–1893, connecting the quarters of Blasewitz and Loschwitz
(Tram Nos. 6/12 or Bus Nos. 61/62/63/65 to “Schillerplatz”)

Pillnitz Palace and Park
Popular destination with Baroque park grounds and Museum of Decorative Arts.
Schlossplatz
(Bus No. 63 to “Leonardo-da-Vinci-Straße”)

Hellerau Garden Suburb
Founded in 1909 as the first German garden city. The houses, Festival Theatre and German Workshops are well worth a visit.
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Colours of Dresden

Picture galleries and museums

**Old Masters Picture Gallery**
World-famous collection of paintings from the Italian Renaissance and by seventeenth-century Dutch and Flemish artists.
*Semper Building at Zwinger Palace Theaterplatz 1 (Tram Nos. 4/8/9 to “Theaterplatz”)*

**New Masters Picture Gallery / Sculpture Collection**
Art from Romanticism to today and sculptures from over five millennia.
*Albertinum, entrances at Brühl’sche Terrasse and Georg-Treu-Platz (Tram Nos. 3/7 to “Synagoge”)*

**Historic and New Green Vaults**
Together, the two treasure vaults present over 4,000 masterpieces of gold, amber, ivory and bronze.
*Royal Palace, Taschenberg 2 (Tram Nos. 4/8/9 to “Theaterplatz”)*

**Cabinet of Prints, Drawings and Photographs**
One of the world’s most important art museums for drawings, prints and photography.
*Royal Palace, Taschenberg 2 (Tram Nos. 4/8/9 to “Theaterplatz”)*

**Coin Cabinet**
Some 300,000 coins dating from ancient times to the present.
*Royal Palace, Taschenberg 2 (Tram Nos. 4/8/9 to “Theaterplatz”)*

**Armoury / Turkish Chamber**
Collection of valuable weapons and costumes designed for show, including the Turkish Chamber, the oldest and most important collection of Ottoman art outside Turkey.
*Royal Palace, Taschenberg 2 (Tram Nos. 4/8/9 to “Theaterplatz”)*

**Porcelain Collection**
The most extensive collection of porcelain specialties in the world.
*Zwinger Palace, entrance at Glockenspielpavillon (Tram Nos. 1/2/4/8/9/11/12, Bus Nos. 62/75/94 to “Postplatz”)*

**Dresden Municipal Museum and Municipal Gallery and Art Collection**
City collections on the history of culture, everyday life and politics.
*Wilsdruffer Straße 2, entrance at Landhausstraße (Tram Nos. 1/2/3/4/7/12, Bus No. 62/75 to “Pirnaischer Platz”)*
**Dresden Transport Museum**
Visitors to the museum can find and explore every historical form of transport.
Johanneum, Augustusstraße 1
(Tram Nos. 1/2/4 to “Altmarkt”)

**Erich Kästner Museum**
This literary museum is devoted to the life and works of the Dresden-born writer.
Antonstraße 1
(Tram Nos. 3/6/7/8/11 to “Albertplatz”)

**Forum for Science, Culture and Society**
Alongside the permanent collection on the “Human Adventure” there are special exhibitions on subjects from the fields of science and society, art and culture.
Lingnerplatz 1
(Tram Nos. 10/13 to “Großer Garten/Deutsches Hygiene-Museum”)

**Federal Army Museum of Military History**
Connects military history to research into politics, society, human mentality and cultural history.
Olbrichtplatz 2
(Tram Nos. 7/8, Bus No. 91 to “Stauffenbergallee”)

**Richard-Wagner-Stätten Graupa**
Exhibition on the years spent by Richard Wagner as kapellmeister in Dresden between 1842 and 1849. In 2013, Wagner’s anniversary year, a new permanent exhibition is to be opened in Graupa.
Richard-Wagner-Straße 6
01796 Pirna OT Graupa

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**Sounds of Dresden**
Selected orchestras and venues

**Dresden Kreuzchor boys’ choir**
At 700 years old, this is one of Europe’s oldest boys’ choirs. Traditionally at home in Dresden’s Kreuzkirche church.
Altmarkt/Kreuzstraße
(Tram Nos. 1/2/4 to “Altmarkt”)

**Messe Dresden trade fair**
Venue for trade fairs, corporate events, conventions, conferences, concerts, shows, sports events, family celebrations and various special events.
(Tram No. 10 to “Messe Dresden”)

**Hellerau Festival Theatre**
Consists of the Festival Theatre, a forecourt with a fountain, an open-air arena and surrounding glazed-ceiling galleries. Home of the European Centre for the Arts, Dresden.
Karl-Liebknecht-Straße 56
(Tram No. 8 to “Festspielhaus Hellerau”)

**Alter Schlachthof**
Industrial heritage site whose main building has been used as a concert venue since 1988.
Gothaer Straße 11
(Tram Nos. 4/9 to “Alter Schlachthof”)

**Beatpol**
Concert hall and club in the old Gasthof Altbriesnitz inn.
Altbriesnitz 2a
(Tram No. 1, Bus No. 94 to “Gottfried-Keller-Straße”)
Selected Events and Festivals 2013

1/2/2013
Dresden Semper Opera House Ball
www.semperopernball.de

until 4/3/2013
“Between Orient and Occident – Treasures of the Kremlin from Ivan the Terrible to Peter the Great” Exhibition
www.skd.museum

15/3/2013
19th Operetta Ball at the Taschenbergpalais Kempinski Hotel
www.staatsoperette-dresden.de

27/3/2013
Reopening of the Old Masters Picture Gallery after renovation
www.skd.museum

1/4/2013
Reopening of the Royal Cabinet of Mathematical and Physical Instruments after renovation
www.skd.museum

5–7/4/2013
5th Dresden Steam Railway Meet, Dresden Altstadt railway museum
www.dresden-dampfloktreffen.de

5–14/4/2013
Dresden Industrial Heritage Festival, Events and exhibitions
www.meisachsen.de

6/4/2013
2nd Dresden Theatre Open Night, Programme on more than 40 stages
www.staatsschauspiel-dresden.de

13–21/4/2013
7th International Theatre Festival
www.societaetstheater.de

16–21/4/2013
25 years of Dresden Film Festival, International Short Film Festival
www.filmfest-dresden.de

27/4/2013
10th Dresden Waltz Night
www.dresdner-walzernacht.de

1/5/2013
Steamship parade
www.saechsische-dampfschifffahrt.de

4–12/5/2013
3rd Johann Strauss Festival
www.staatsoperette-dresden.de

10–12/5/2013
22nd Karl May Festival Radebeul
www.karl-may-fest.de

11–26/5/2013
36th Dresden Music Festival entitled “Empire”
www.musikfestspiele.com

12–19/5/2013
International Dixieland Festival
www.dixieland.de

June–Aug 2013
22nd Dresden Film Nights on the bank of the Elbe
www.dresden.filmnaechte.de

July–Sept 2013
OSTRALE, International exhibition of contemporary arts
www.ostrale.de

1/7/2013
Klassik picknickt, Open-air classics by Dresden’s Saxon State Orchestra
www.glaesernemanufaktur.de

5/7/2013
11th Dresden Long Night of the Sciences
www.dresden-wissenschaft.de

13/7/2013
Dresden Museums Open Night
www.dresden.museumsnacht

13/7/2013
Dresden Palaces Night
www.dresdner-schloessernacht.de

11–25/8/2013
20th Moritzburg Festival
www.moritzburgfestival.de/english

16–18/8/2013
Dresden City Festival
www.dresden.de/stadtfest

27/9–29/9/2013
Celebrating autumn and the wine season with international festival of travelling theatre
www.weinfest-radebeul.de

1–13/10/2013
TonLagen contemporary music festival
www.hellerau.org

1/11/2013
UNITY.DRESDEN.NIGHT city-centre party
www.cm-dresden.de

8–17/11/2013
Dresden Jazz Festival
www.jazztage-dresden.de

28/11–24/12/2013
Dresden’s Striezelmarkt christmas market
www.striezel-markt.de

31/12/2013
Open-air New Year celebrations on Theaterplatz square
www.silvester-theaterplatz.de
Wagner in Dresden

In 2013 the 200th anniversary of the composer’s birth is being celebrated in Dresden

He is considered one of the most important innovators in nineteenth-century music, founded the Bayreuth Festival in an opera house of his design and changed the musical foundations of opera by recreating it as a Gesamtkunstwerk, or total work of art. For Richard Wagner was not just a composer and director; he was also a dramatist, philosopher and theatre producer and wrote texts, music and stage directions for his work.

Richard Wagner is linked to the city of Dresden at two stages in his life: firstly his childhood and youth, from 1814 to 1827, and secondly the years from 1842 until he fled the town after taking part in the Dresden Uprising of 1849.

From 1831, Richard Wagner studied music in Leipzig, taking composing lessons. This was followed by various engagements in Würzburg, Magdeburg, Riga, Königsberg and Paris, before he once again returned to Dresden.

In 1842 he was in Paris when he received news that the Dresden Court Opera House wanted to perform his opera Rienzi. Just a year later he was appointed Royal Saxon Kapellmeister for the Dresden court and The Flying Dutchman was being staged. At the same time, he was working hard on Tannhäuser, exploring the Nibelung myth and making some initial notes for Lohengrin. He also pressed for reform at the court theatre and laid out in writing his thoughts on the value placed on art in society. Some articles, including Die Revolution, appeared in the Volkblätter, published by August Röckel, a man he had come to know and appreciate in Dresden. It was here, too, that his intense friendship with Franz List began; at the time, List was Court Kapellmeister in Weimar.

In 1849 Wagner had to drop everything and flee Dresden, wanted by the police for taking part in the Dresden May Uprising along with his friends Gottfried Semper and August Röckel.

The Dresden years are the time of Richard Wagner’s musical breakthrough and the basis for his later fame around the world. It was here that he made important connections and premiered three of his operas: Rienzi (1842), The Flying Dutchman (1843) and Tannhäuser (1845). He also came up with the name “Wunderharfe”, or “magical harp” to describe today’s Saxon State Orchestra, one of the world’s oldest and most famous orchestras.

To celebrate the 200th anniversary of Richard Wagner’s birthday there will be a series of events in and around Dresden.
Richard Wagner Highlights

year-round
Permanent exhibition on Wagner's “Lohengrin” opera
Richard Wagner Museums, Lohengrinhaus, Graupa
www.wagnerstatten.de

from 13/1/2013
Permanent exhibition on Richard Wagner in Saxony
Richard Wagner Museums, Jagdschloss, Graupa
www.richardwagnermuseum.de

20/4/2013 and 21/4/2013
Concert in the Schauspielhaus theatre by Dresden Philharmonic Orchestra
www.philharmoniedresden.de

Special exhibition: Richard Wagner in Dresden. Myth and History
Stadtmuseum Dresden
www.stmd.de

22/5/2013 and 26/5/2013
Richard Wagner Anniversary Concert by Dresden Philharmonic Orchestra
Schloss Albrechtsberg
www.philharmoniedresden.de

8/6/2013
Richard Wagner: Parsifal
Dresden Philharmonic Orchestra
various venues
www.philharmoniedresden.de

16/6/2013
Festival concert
Großer Garten Palace
www.saechsisches-vocalensemble.de

from 28/6/2013
2013 Richard Wagner Festival
Jagdschloss, Graupa
www.richard-wagner-spiele.de

1/7/2013 – 31/7/2013
Wagner’s opera “The Flying Dutchman”
Semper Opera House
www.semperoper.de

10/11/2013 and 17/11/2013
Wagner’s “Tannhäuser” opera
Semper Opera House
www.semperoper.de

8/12/2013 and 14/12/2013
Wagner’s opera “Tristan and Isolde”
Semper Opera House
www.semperoper.de
**Bessergold GmbH**

BESSERGOLD.com, a trading portal for gold, silver, platinum and palladium, offers a high-quality range of good-value precious metals in the form of globally accredited bullion coins and bars meeting the “London Good Delivery Standard” (LBMA & LPPM). The site focuses on selling precious metals for long-term capital investment, preservation of purchasing power and savings protection. The automatic price adaptation is based on current stock exchange prices, making pricing transparent at any time. Besides using the standard means of online ordering – paying in advance via bank transfer, fully insured delivery by a valuables courier – an increasing number of customers are using the option of paying in cash and collecting items personally. Such “over-the-counter” transactions can be carried out at the BESSENGOLD offices, right by the Frauenkirche, anonymously if preferred. Further branches are located in Prague and Wroclaw.

**The Frauenkirche Shop**

Just a few steps from the impressive Church of Our Lady, at No. 3 Georg-Treu-Platz, a special shop offers the famous Frauenkirche wristwatches together with a great variety of other Frauenkirche souvenirs, e.g. DVDs, CDs, books, jewellery, accessories and pieces of art. The assortment relates to the church or its reconstruction – at the time the most exciting building project in the world. In addition, the shop informs visitors about the history and reconstruction of the church, about concerts, church services and prayers, about the ascent to the cupola and about the “Open Church”. On top of that, a free film presentation (30 minutes) enables guests to gain magnificent impressions of the reconstruction project either before or after their visit to the Frauenkirche.

The Frauenkirche shop is the top address for information and products relating to Dresden Frauenkirche. Working with the Frauenkirche Foundation and the fundraising association “Gesellschaft zur Förderung der Frauenkirche Dresden e.V.”, the shop helps to maintain and run master builder George Bähr’s unique church through its profits and the raising of donations.
SHOPPING AND RECREATION

Verkehrsmuseum Dresden

Dresden Transport Museum holds all manner of land, air and sea transportation. The impressive variety of vehicles, including one-of-a-kind pieces and imposing models, offers a sweeping overview of technology, e.g. Germany’s first fully functional steam locomotive, the Saxonia of 1839 (replica). The Johanneum, where the Saxon kings “parked” their coaches and horses over 400 years ago, provides a splendid setting.

Augustusstraße 1 · 01067 Dresden · Tel +49 (0)351 86 44-0 · Fax 86 44-110
www.verkehrsmuseum-dresden.de · info@verkehrsmuseum-dresden.de
Tue–Sun 10am–6pm, closed Mon

Segway Tour Dresden

The Frauenkirche, the Blue Wonder or the Semper Opera House: discover Dresden in a whole new way on a Segway. Literally set the wheels in motion, give your feet a break and explore the loveliest sights in the Saxon metropolis with a professional guide.
Choose from two tour routes, with registration online or by phone. Tours usually take approx. 3 hours (safety briefing included).

Reitbahnstraße 35 · 01069 Dresden · Tel +49 (0)351 486 71 01
www.seg-tour-dresden.com · info@segwaytour-dresden.de
Daily tours at 9am, 10am, 2pm, 4pm and 8pm (driving/motorcycle licence required)

Dresdner Philharmonie

In the 2012/13 season, Dresden Philharmonic Orchestra will be moving to a new concert hall; the sound of Dresden is travelling through the city. When renovations are over, the orchestra is looking forward to a concert hall that can compete on an international level. During the renovations, which are now beginning, the orchestra will be playing other venues, some new, some familiar. New: the Albertinum’s atrium and the large theatre of the Staatsschauspiel playhouse; familiar: the large hall at the Hygiene Museum, the Frauenkirche and Kreuzkirche churches, the Kronensaal hall at Albrechtsberg Castle and the large hall at the ICC. Visitors can look forward to musical highlights with guests of international renown: on 16 and 17 March 2013 they can plunge into the world of Beethoven with Reinhard Goebel and Viktoria Mullova at the ICC Dresden, while on 13 and 14 April a concert at the Albertinum will be prefaced by discussion with principal conductor Michael Sanderling. On 8 June Ingo Metzmacher, a frequent guest at the Philharmonic Orchestra, will be conducting Anton Bruckner’s Symphony No. 8 in the Frauenkirche.

Dresden Philharmonic Orchestra visitor service: Weiße Gasse 8 · 01067 Dresden
Tel +49 (0)351 486 68 66 · Fax 486 63 53 · www.dresdnerphilharmonie.de
Mon–Fri 10am–7pm, Sat 10am–6pm

www.dresdeninformation.com
Reopening April 14, 2013:
Mathematisch-Physikalischer Salon
Set in the Zwinger since 1728, the Mathematisch-Physikalischer Salon has been more integral to Dresden’s famous landmark than any other collection. The refurbished permanent collection features apparatus and instruments demonstrating princely mechanics and mathematics from the era of August, Elector of Saxony; a world-famous collection of time-pieces and an exhibition of globes which are extremely sensitive to light.

Opening February 19, 2013:
The new Riesensaal
The Dresden Rüstkammer (Armoury), which gradually grew out of items once in the personal possession of Saxon dukes and electors, is one of the world’s most opulent collections of ceremonial arms, armour and costumes. In the new Riesensaal at the Residenzschloss (Dresden Palace) visitors can discover splendid and ornately decorated weapons and suits of armour dating from the 15th to the 17th century.

This charming shop on Rähnitzgasse sells first-class fashion at second-hand prices. High-quality labels such as Escada, Armani, Dolce & Gabbana, Strenesse or Marc Cain are a guarantee of quality and offer exceptional style for fashion-conscious women. As well as second-hand pieces in excellent condition there are also half-price new goods from last season. From clothes to accessories and bags, this is a fashion dream come true for brand-conscious women. As the baroque Königstrasse is just around the corner, the shop is also a special tip for tourists.

Second Season

ARMANI · DOLCE & GABBANA · ESCADA · JOOP! · MARC CAIN · PRADA · RENÉ LEZARD · STRENESSE GABRIELE STREHLE · VERSACE

Staatliche Kunstsammlungen Dresden

Residenzschloss
Taschenberg 2 · 01067 Dresden
Tel +49 (0)351 49 14 20 00
www.skd.museum
daily 10am–6pm, closed Tue

Zwinger
01067 Dresden
Tel +49 (0)351 49 14 20 00
www.skd.museum
daily 10am–6pm, closed Mon

Second Season

Rähnitzgasse 22 · 01097 Dresden · Tel +49 (0)351 801 14 32
Mon–Fri 10am–7pm, Sat 10am–4pm

www.dresdeninformation.com
Dresden Zoo

Distant worlds brought close! In the state capital of Saxony, discover the fourth oldest zoo in Germany with more than 2,000 animals of approximately 300 species. As part of the Großer Garten, only a few minutes away from the baroque city centre, Dresden Zoo offers a fascinating journey through the animal kingdom. The zoo’s highlights include the walkthrough Lemur Island, the Africa House, the Lion and Caracal Ravine, the Zebra Enclosure and the new Professor Brandes House with monkeys, sloths, tolypeutes and the visitors’ favourite: Max, the 4.50 metre long saltwater crocodile. At the start of 2013 a new enclosure will be opened for meerkats and rock hyraxes. A visit to the zoo is an unforgettable experience for children. There is the underground zoo, a petting enclosure, seven playgrounds and the free performances of the zoo puppet show.
**WeinErlebnisWelt Meißen**

Meißen’s wine-themed WeinErlebnisWelt centre gives visitors a close-up experience of the taste and tradition of wine. The lovely surroundings are the perfect setting for absorbing tours of the cellars, cheery wine tastings, fascinating cultural events and much more. The modern vinothèque is placed in attractive contrast with the historical atmosphere of the old princely wine-growing estate and its spacious arcades.

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www.winzergenossenschaft-meissen.de · Jan–March: Mon–Fri 8am–6pm, Sat 10am–4pm, April–Dec: Mon–Fri 9am–6pm, Sat 10am–6pm

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**German Watch Museum Glashütte**

Glashütte has been an important centre for the German art of watchmaking for more than 165 years. After the German reunification in 1990, this small town to the south of Dresden once again became a synonym for top quality, precision and perfect craftsmanship.

The Glashütte Original manufactory and Glashütte town council founded the German Watch Museum to tell the town’s rich story. Its modern exhibition “Fascination of Time – Bringing Time to Life” not only reveals the traditional art of watchmaking in Saxony but also creates an emotional link to the phenomenon of time. It is designed not only for watch enthusiasts but for anyone interested in learning more about the secrets of timekeeping.

Specials: themed guided tours, museum shop, special exhibitions

Schillerstraße 3a · 01768 Glashütte/Sachsen · Tel +49 (0)35053 462 83 · Fax 462 85
www.uhrenmuseum-glashuette.com · info@uhrenmuseum-glashuette.com
daily 10am–5pm, guided tours by previous arrangement

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**Museums in Dresden**

A pocket-sized magazine packed with information, opening times, admission prices and special exhibitions for 47 Dresden museums.

Available at Dresden museums and tourist information centres.

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Schloss Moritzburg & Fasanenschlösschen

Picturesquely situated on an island, in a unique cultural landscape just outside Dresden is the castle used by Augustus the Strong for hunting and recreation. It still contains precious leather wall hangings, furniture, porcelain, hunting trophies and the legendary Moritzburger Federzimmer (feather room), a work of art made up of over a million coloured feathers.

The castles also rose to fame as the setting for the Czech film *Three Gifts for Cinderella*, which has gained cult status in Germany. An exhibition of the same name is always shown here in the winter.

Just a romantic stroll away from the castle is the charming Fasanenschlösschen (Little Pheasant Castle). Probably the smallest royal castle in Saxony, it still offers enough space for courtly life “en miniature”.

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01468 Moritzburg · Tel +49 (0)35207 873-18 · www.schloss-moritzburg.de
Summer Palace (Baroque exhibition and Feather Room):
28 March – 27 Oct 2013 daily 10am–5:30pm
Winter Palace (exhibition “Three Gifts for Cinderella”):
16 Nov 2013 – 2 March 2014 Tue–Sun 10am–6pm, 24/31 Dec 9am–1pm
Henricus an der Frauenkirche

The Henricus restaurant, with its elegant ambiance and view of the Frauenkirche church, is a fine example of exquisite cuisine. Its varied range of dishes combines tradition and extravagance. First-class service and professional event management are a matter of course, whether you enjoy a business meal or private dinner, in the living quarters or on the spacious terrace on Neumarkt square. The restaurant lounge, with its two open fireplaces and comfortable sofas, creates a pleasant atmosphere for conversation.

Next to it, the simple yet elegant Heinrich Schütz hall, equipped as it is with the latest technology and various flexible room combinations, is the perfect venue for all kinds of events seating up to 180 people. In the original vaulted cellar dating back to the sixteenth century, the smokers' lounge makes an inviting spot for a civilised cigar and select spirits.

Hot Wok

“Food and art, good and smart” is the motto of this stylish Asian restaurant on Neumarkt square. Not only does it serve simple, delicious Asian delicacies prepared with fresh ingredients following original recipes; there is also an exceptionally stylish atmosphere, with numerous oil paintings by Vietnamese artists. Enjoy the aroma of curries, lemongrass and roast sesame in a unique atmosphere.

Piazza Nova

“Piazza Nova” means “New Square”, referring to the square of Neumarkt. Fresh products and frequent menu changes provide a wide choice of meals for both sophisticated connoisseurs and those in a hurry, of course including pizza, baked the traditional Italian way on a pizza stone. The range also includes a wide selection of high-quality wines from Italy, Spain, Portugal, Austria and France.
EATING AND DRINKING

Italienisches Dörfchen

The Italienisches Dörfchen (Italian Village) has graced Theaterplatz square, in Dresden’s historical city centre between the Semper Opera House and the Elbe, for 100 years. Guests can enjoy Saxon cooking and Italian specialities with a view of the river or the square. There are five different restaurants in all: the Caffee, the Wine Room, the Beer Saloon and Elector’s Room, the Ristorante Bellotto and the Kleiner Italiener, in the next-door Bastei Schlösschen (Bastei Castle). The Elbe terraces and large beer garden are a great summer gathering place. The simple, speedy, relaxed cuisine puts guests in a peaceful frame of mind for spending time under the shade of the trees in what must be one of the loveliest spots in Europe.

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daily 11am–1am

Radeberger Spezialausschank

With its consecration, the Frauenkirche became the most prominent building in the historical old town again. After seeing it, impressions are best digested over a beer – in the Radeberger Spezialbierausschank round the corner. In the former bridge master’s house next to Brühl’s Terrace, four special tanks of shiny copper hold the golden yellow beer. One of the specialities is the Radeberger Zwackelbier, an unfiltered, naturally cloudy Pilsner available nowhere else.

Guests sit in rooms imbued with history. What is now the Radeberger Spezialbierausschank was built as early as 1848. Both locals and newcomers feel at home in the painstakingly restored sandstone vaults and enjoy whatever goes with beer, from Saxon potato soup or crispy knuckles of pork to Harz cheese. The highlight among all these mouth-watering delicacies are Saxon “Eierschecke” and “Quarkkeulchen”, one cold and one hot dessert made to traditional local recipes. A staircase housed in glass leads up to the terrace, which commands a breathtaking view of the River Elbe and the Theaterplatz. Towering high above all this is the dome of the Frauenkirche. Another famous neighbour is the Semper Opera House. Even famous statesmen do not miss out on this beer highlight: Vladimir Putin and Gerhard Schröder are two of those who have clinked their glasses here.

Theaterplatz 3 · 01067 Dresden · Tel +49 (0)351 498 16-0 · Fax 498 16-88
www.italienisches-doerfchen.de · kontakt@italienisches-doerfchen.de
daily from 10am
Altmarktkeller & Altmarktcafé

In the heart of Dresden, on the historical Altmarkt square, lovers of the local cuisine are in for a treat. On the menu at the Altmarktkeller are typical Saxon and Bohemian dishes, freshly prepared from regional products. The constantly varying weekly menu features seasonal specialties served with Radeberg Pilsner on tap and Krušovice, one of Bohemia’s finest beers. The wine list is also a matter of pride, with Saxon and international wines from the best cultivation areas.

Up to 320 people can be accommodated beneath the Altmarktkeller’s stylish cross-vaulted ceilings. The wine and beer lounge offers a cozy atmosphere, with three other separate beer rooms for small groups, their names reflecting the city’s history.

On request, special bespoke events can be arranged for family celebrations, corporate dos or travel groups.

Next door, in the Altmarktcafé, breakfasts, cakes and coffee specialties are served every day from 10 am.

Paulaner’s in the Taschenbergpalais

This is the place to relax after a visit to the legendary Green Vault. This gastronomic treasure-trove is opposite the entrance to the treasury in the Royal Palace. Similarly, people like to meet at Paulaner’s before or after the opera – Semper’s masterpiece opera house is nearby, too.

They feel welcome in a cozy atmosphere with excellent beer and good plain cooking. This is the recipe for success which has made Paulaner’s a widely popular address in the historical old town of Dresden.

Apart from authentic Munich veal sausages and fried slices of meat loaf, the proven Bavarian classics, there are of course specialties such as braised knuckles of lamb or boiled round of beef. Add to this the varying meals of the day, including fresh salads and light meals. An especially great temptation is the lengthy list of desserts.

Paulaner wheat beer is also served in the original vaulted beer cellar, which is very well suited for tourist parties. During the day, the ground floor restaurant is also very busy. Later in the day, one drops in at the bar where refreshing cocktails are mixed. Cheers!
Eating and Drinking

Weber’s im Gewandhaus

In the restaurant Weber’s eating is guaranteed to be a real culinary experience. Gourmets find a changing seasonal menu offering German and regional delicacies as well as local wine specialities. Historical accessories such as robes, old sewing machines and utensils lend Weber’s its unique atmosphere. In summer, the lovely, central terrace entices guests to stay just a while longer in the Weiße Gasse alleyway.

Le Buffet Restaurant & Café

Visitors to Karstadt department store can look forward to culinary variety with a panoramic view over Dresden, visiting the various self-service counters to select their own choice of dishes featuring a wide range of fresh ingredients.

The varied range is complemented by set meals which change on a daily basis. Perfect for a quick snack, a cosy break for coffee and cake from the varied buffet or a big family meal, in summer you can eat on the spacious terrace.

Morning (from 9:30am):
Six items from the varied breakfast buffet accompanied by a hot drink.

Lunch (Mon–Fri 11am–3pm):
Refined or traditional: different daily specials to please your palate and your pocket.

Afternoon (from 2pm):
Daily coffee special: one piece of cake with a coffee speciality of your choice.

Evening (from 4:30pm):
A hearty meal: two steaks of your choice and fresh side dishes from the buffet.
Kuppelrestaurant in der Yenidze

This restaurant, with its fantastic view of the city, is set in the Yenidze, one of Dresden’s more exotic sights. It seats 120 on two floors and offers a wonderful outlook over the city as far as the Elbe Sandstone Mountains. The menu features good, plain Saxon food and seasonal specialities. In the summer, Dresden’s highest beer garden opens up, with another 100 seats. In the torchlight, enjoy a very special view of the floodlit Altstadt, with the Royal Palace, Court Church, Semper Opera House, Zwinger Palace and Frauenkirche.

Guests will find parking in the courtyard and receive exit tokens in the restaurant.

Schillergarten

This thoroughly restored restaurant and café by the Blue Wonder bridge is a gem of Saxon gastronomy. The Art Nouveau elements, dark wood, sophisticated leather furniture and grand chandeliers of the interior indicate a famous French influence. At the same time, many details speak of the history of the restaurant, which itself influenced the history of the districts of Loschwitz and Blasewitz. The Schillergarten came into existence as early as 1730. The poet Friedrich Schiller, after whom it is named, was a regular. Apart from Schillergarten specialities such as Saxon style Sauerbraten and other hearty dishes there is good plain cooking, enriched by seasonal food. And there is the in-house patisserie with a great variety of coffee specialities. The local Feldschlößchen brewery has its Feldschlößchen-Spezial-Bier served in the Schillergarten. A beer bottled specifically for the Schillergarten is the traditional Männel-Bier. With its rooms and its breathtaking situation the Schillergarten is well suited for ceremonies, family celebrations and wedding parties. In the summer, with the garden in full bloom, the beer garden is open, and guests enjoy the grand view of the River Elbe and the hill slopes of Loschwitz across the river. The Saxon steamer fleet has its landing stage next to the Schillergarten.
EATING AND DRINKING

La Villetta

What gives the La Villetta that special something is its combination of a restaurant and an open-plan shop area. With a timeless modern style and open-plan kitchen, the restaurant serves its guests fresh Italian cuisine with regional influences. The select menu, which changes daily, features seasonal ingredients. A catering service also provides food, drinks and equipment for celebrations.

Augsburger Straße 43 · 01309 Dresden · Tel +49 (0)351 315 99-0 · Fax 315 99-17
www.la-villetta.com · info@la-villetta.com
Mon–Sat 10am–11pm, Sun 10am–2pm, closed on public holidays

Villa Marie

This Tuscan villa enjoys a distinctive location and atmosphere, with a view of the Loschwitz hillside and the occasional paddle steamer floating past – but the main attraction is the delicious Italian cuisine. Fresh ingredients and creativity are top priority for the mainly Italian food, which is complemented by wines selected by connoisseurs.

Fährgässchen 1 · 01309 Dresden · Tel +49 (0)351 315 44-0 · Fax 315 44-14
www.villa-marie.com · restaurant-bar@villa-marie.com
daily 11:30am–1am, Sun/public holidays, brunch from 10am, cooking until midnight

ACCOMMODATION

HOTELS AND GUESTHOUSES

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ACCOMMODATION

Radisson Blu Gewandhaus Hotel  

The Radisson Blu Gewandhaus Hotel is a centrally located Boutique Hotel in the Baroque Quarter. All of the ninety-seven rooms and suites are furnished in charming Biedermeier style, and most of them have an airpool bathtub. Sights such as the Frauenkirche, the Zwinger and the Semper Opera House are within walking distance. Guests can use the exclusive spa for free and relax in the sauna, the pool and the fitness room.

SR from €127  DR from €138

L Hotel Dresden Altstadt  

The L Hotel Dresden Altstadt is located right in the centre of the capital of Saxony. Thus, it is an attractive starting point for cultural trips through the Elbe metropolis, for city tourists and business travellers. 162 rooms with modern facilities leave nothing to be desired in terms of comfort and design. A banquet service and modern conference rooms make the hotel an ideal place for individual occasions.

SR €71–€191  DR €91–€213

ANDOR Hotel Europa  

The “ANDOR Hotel Europa” is situated near the historical city centre and links conveniently to public transport. Its 94 very spacious and well-appointed rooms are equipped with shower/WC, hairdryer, desk, lounge seating, telephone, satellite TV, radio and mini bar. The in-house lobby bar is a cozy and inviting place. Free parking is available right in front of the hotel. Friendly staff and a 24-hour reception service are part of the hotel’s standard.

SR €56–€97  DR €66–€117

NH Hotel Dresden  

Its modern ambiance and good transport links make this hotel the perfect setting for your trip to Dresden. Enjoy your stay in one of 269 comfortably appointed rooms and relax in the spa area. The bar and restaurant offer specialities ranging from Spanish tapas to Saxon classics. The individual, flexible service and well-trained staff will make your stay a special experience.

SR €75–€151  DR €91–€167
A&O Dresden Hauptbahnhof ★★

A&O, at Dresden’s main station, has the right accommodation for everyone. Just 400 metres from the city centre, it is the perfect base from which to explore Saxony’s capital city with its many galleries, museums and sights. A&O’s very own roof terrace bar, the SkyBar, provides panoramic views of Dresden’s fantastic Altstadt.

Jugendgästehaus Dresden

Just a short walk from the Dresden Zwinger is Germany’s third-largest youth hostel. Guests can choose from among 480 beds in single, two- and four-bed rooms, full board included. The house is open all year round and offers not just accommodation but also tailored city tours, both general and themed. Whether an excursion to Pillnitz, to the Meißen vineyards or, around Christmas, to the Ore Mountains – the team of the Jugendgästehaus makes it possible.

The Westin Bellevue Dresden

Right in the city centre, among picturesque gardens on the banks of the Elbe, the Westin Bellevue Dresden offers guests the famous Canaletto view of Dresden’s Altstadt skyline. Dresden’s landmarks – the Semper Opera House, Frauenkirche and Zwinger Palace – are only a step away. The Westin Bellevue, with its 340 rooms and suites, makes the perfect base for sightseeing, shopping and trips to the opera. The Bellevue gardens and terraces, with their lovely view of the baroque Old Town, make a great place to spend time, or you can let it all go and give your body a treat at the Bell’Acqua Spa, with its pool, sauna, gym, beauty farm and hair salon.

The Canaletto restaurant, Pöppelmann café bar and the Elbsegler beer garden (from April to September) all offer culinary delights.
With its intimate atmosphere, the BEST WESTERN Macrander Hotel Dresden opens up the doors to one of Germany’s most fascinating cities. Centrally located in the heart of the Neustadt district, you can get to the station, the airport, the motorway and the Altstadt district quickly and easily. Free amenities such as sky TV, WiFi, a coffee and tea bar, parking spaces at the hotel (acc. to availability) and use of the neighbouring body&soul™ spa complex are the icing on the cake.

Holiday Inn Dresden

The First Class Hotel Holiday Inn Dresden features 121 stylish rooms, a modern conference area, a restaurant, a bar and the body&soul™ spa complex. From the heart of the Neustadt, Dresden’s trendy Wilhelminian district, you can get to the airport, station, motorway, the baroque Altstadt district or public transport in just a few minutes. Includes free use of sky TV, a coffee and tea bar, parking by the hotel (acc. to availability) and the body&soul™ spa complex.

The Kim Hotel im Park is set in romantic palace grounds, its 103 cheerful rooms and picturesque gardens making it a relaxing place to stay. In the evening guests can enjoy international specialities in the LUCKNER Park Restaurant, or in warm weather of course on the spacious summer terrace. The 188 square metres of the “Dresden” function room are available for conferences or seminars.

The hotel is on the western outskirts of Dresden just a twenty-minute drive from the historical city centre. Close to the motorway, it guarantees mobility. The 126 rooms have a naturally refined, individual atmosphere. The hotel has a gym with a sauna, a restaurant with regional and international specialities and a bar.
Hotel Chart
Services, amenities and prices

| Hotel Name                  | Address                        | Number of Beds | Superior Suite | Lift | Restaurant | Meeting Room | Indoor Swimming Pool | Garage | Cuisine | Parking | Basement | Lift Elevator | Spa  | Fitness | Parking Basement | Garages | Suitable for Disabled | Air Conditioning | Apartments Available | Credit Cards Accepted | Dogs Allowed | TV in the Room | Rooms for Non-Smokers | WiFi Hotspot | Prices SR | Prices DR | Prices ER |
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| A&O Dresden Hauptbahnhof    | Freiberger Straße 2-6c        | 438            | 2             |     | •          | •             |                    |        | •       | •       | •        | •                 | •   | •       | •                 | •       | •                   | •                 | •               | •                   | •                 | •             | 50               | 55          | 46            | 52                 |
| ANDOR Hotel Europa         | • 438                        | 188            | 3             |     | •          | •             |                    |        | •       | •       | •        | •                 | •   | •       | •                 | •       | •                   | •                 | •               | •                   | •                 | •             | 50               | 56          | 66            | 45                 |
| BEST WESTERN Macander Hotel Dresden | Freiberger Straße 2-6c | 99             | 4             |     | •          | •             | •                  |        | •       | •       | •        | •                 | •   | •       | •                 | •       | •                   | •                 | •               | •                   | •                 | •             | 50               | 89          | 113           | 48                 |
| Holiday Inn Dresden        | • 438                        | 171            | 4             |     | •          | •             | •                  |        | •       | •       | •        | •                 | •   | •       | •                 | •       | •                   | •                 | •               | •                   | •                 | •             | 50               | 106         | 133           | 48                 |
| Jugendgästehaus Dresden    | • 438                        | 480            | -             |     | •          | •             | •                  |        | •       | •       | •        | •                 | •   | •       | •                 | •       | •                   | •                 | •               | •                   | •                 | •             | 50               | 315          | 43            | 46                 |
| KIM Hotel im Park          | • 438                        | 206            | 3             |     | •          | •             | •                  |        | •       | •       | •        | •                 | •   | •       | •                 | •       | •                   | •                 | •               | •                   | •                 | •             | 50               | 58          | 69            | 49                 |
| L Hotel Dresden Altstadt   | • 438                        | 252            | 3             |     | •          | •             | •                  |        | •       | •       | •        | •                 | •   | •       | •                 | •       | •                   | •                 | •               | •                   | •                 | •             | 50               | 71          | 91            | 44                 |
| NH Hotel Dresden           | • 438                        | 538            | 4             |     | •          | •             | •                  |        | •       | •       | •        | •                 | •   | •       | •                 | •       | •                   | •                 | •               | •                   | •                 | •             | 50               | 75          | 91            | 45                 |
| Quality Hotel Dresden West | • 438                        | 198            | -             |     | •          | •             | •                  |        | •       | •       | •        | •                 | •   | •       | •                 | •       | •                   | •                 | •               | •                   | •                 | •             | 50               | 39          | 59            | 49                 |
| Radisson Blu Gewandhaus Hotel Dresden | Freiberger Straße 2-6c | n/a            | -             |     | •          | •             | •                  |        | •       | •       | •        | •                 | •   | •       | •                 | •       | •                   | •                 | •               | •                   | •                 | •             | 50               | 127         | 138           | 44                 |
| The Westin Bellevue Dresden | Freiberger Straße 2-6c        | n/a            | -             |     | •          | •             | •                  |        | •       | •       | •        | •                 | •   | •       | •                 | •       | •                   | •                 | •               | •                   | •                 | •             | 50               | 124         | 139           | 47                 |

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