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Our heart beats for Europe. Can you hear it? We are a city of culture with an industrial pulse, and in 2025 we proudly hold the title European Capital of Culture. We want to show you what sets us apart, what our strengths and our weaknesses are.

Prepare to be surprised by a strong city with undiscovered gems and great people – ordinary yet defiant, and always full of life, except perhaps on Mondays.

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A very warm welcome to Chemnitz – welcome to the European Capital of Culture 2025!

When the international jury announced on 28 October 2020 that Chemnitz would hold the title European Capital of Culture 2025, there was huge excitement, but it also still seemed a long way off. While this title is not a beauty contest, there have been some noticeable changes in the city. In our bid for the title, we consciously focused on the people who live here and on the local neighbourhoods. Our goal was not just to be attractive for one year, but to create something lasting. Something for everyone – for the people who call Chemnitz home and for our guests.

It all starts with curiosity and a chat. Not just in Chemnitz, but also in and with the cultural region made up of 38 municipalities, most of which are within quick and easy reach. Yet visiting Chemnitz is by no means a foregone conclusion. Very few guests come because they've heard that the city's so beautiful. It isn't. At least not at first glance. But if you give it some time, you will soon discover spots that are hard to find in other cities. And then all of a sudden the city becomes beautiful – because beauty is ultimately very subjective. If you like, you can set off on your own. Or you can explore the city and the region on a themed tour. The Erzgebirge mountains at Christmas, the architectural highlights between art nouveau and East German modernism, guided tours for children... There's a huge range of possible programmes for your visit, and Tourist-Information Chemnitz is happy to answer any questions and provide further information.*

This booklet is an invitation to discover, a source of initial inspiration – for you to embrace the Capital of Culture motto “C the Unseen” and give the unknown a chance. Make the city your city and become an honorary Chemnitzer!



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This year, Chemnitz is devoted to being European Capital of Culture. Throughout this magazine, you'll find lots of programme highlights marked with this symbol.

*Tourist-Information Chemnitz is located on the Markt (Market Square) and is open from Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. You can contact the team in the office by dialling +49 (0)371-690680.

European Capital of Culture 2025

a few important side notes



Let's suppose you are visiting Chemnitz or the Capital of Culture region surrounding it and are asked if you could say a few words about the Capital of Culture off the top of your head. We'd like to prepare you in case this happens. For this reason, we've put together a few handy facts that will see you safely through any conversation.



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You'll find an overview of the programme for the Capital of Culture year 2025 on the following pages. Key highlights are also presented again elsewhere in the magazine.

In the **bid process**, Chemnitz beat off some stiff competition from many other cities. Among them: Dresden, Hanover and Nuremberg. This is largely down to the fact that the title is about treading your own path and boosting urban development through culture. The competition for the title of European Capital of Culture is no beauty pageant.

The city's motto for its year as Capital of Culture is "**C the Unseen**". This captures the idea of Chemnitz as an overlooked city, hidden in the shadows of larger metropolises such as Leipzig and Dresden. Secondly, it's an invitation: "Behold the undiscovered!" Then there's the subtitle: "European Makers of Democracy".

The programme book for the European Capital of Culture is **over 500 pages long** – which gives you an idea of the sheer quantity of things happening in Chemnitz and the surrounding cultural region. But that's not all: the programme also has a lot to offer in terms of its content. The focus is on **unusual places**, a diversity of actors and a variety of themes. Drawing on the various **programme pillars**, there will be something going on almost every day. The **European Workshop for Democracy** brings participatory processes to life; projects focusing on the **Eastern State of Mind** show that Chemnitz is an Eastern European city in a Western European country; **Generous Neighbours** is an invitation to join the conversation; **Maker²** is the place to be for those who like to get involved; and **It's Moving!** gets people active and out and about in the region.

The **cultural region** primarily consists of the municipalities on the train/tram network that operates on the "Chemnitz model". There are 24 of them. Then there are three somewhat larger associated cities: Zwickau, Freiberg and Zschopau. Even more municipalities have now joined the region, and a total of 38 make up the Capital of Culture

region, added to which there is Chemnitz itself. Eight **Maker Hubs** are designed to breathe new life into vacant spaces, as well as drawing attention to the attractiveness of rural areas and developing networking hubs for local stakeholders. Various topics provide the framework for hatching ideas, implementing projects or maybe just baking an apple cake.

When Chemnitz takes the **international stage** as the European Capital of Culture, that's when the fun really starts. The buses rarely depart without a bingo set, a model of a garage and a wheel of fortune on board. Because the Capital of Culture is supposed to be fun, and the best foundation for lifelong relationships is getting together with others and doing something.

And the year of festivities in 2025 won't be the end of it all. The plan envisages that the city's development will move forwards with **intervention areas** playing a special role. The Garagen-Campus (Garage Campus) is one such place, along with the Stadtwirtschaft complex in the Sonnenberg district and the Hartmannfabrik (Hartmann Factory) at the edge of the city centre. The idea is to actively initiate development in these districts because, after all, our year as Capital of Culture starts right on our own doorstep.

Find out more
about the European Capital
of Culture 2025 at:



chemnitz2025.de

The programme — some highlights



We can't possibly list all the highlights lined up for the Capital of Culture year. But in keeping with the motto "C the Unseen", we've picked out a few special projects – alongside the opening and closing events – that are well worth a visit. And if you can't make it to Chemnitz or the region in 2025 – not to worry. The city and its people will still be around afterwards, as will good projects and exciting things to talk about.



As there is not enough space here for all the events, further information can be found throughout this magazine. The full calendar is available at:



chemnitz2025.de/veranstaltungen

OPENING CEREMONY 18 JAN '25

Chemnitz city centre

The programme is already under way in some places, but the official opening will take place in the city centre in January.

chemnitz2025.de

JOHN CAGE 31 JAN – 18 MAY '25

Industriemuseum Chemnitz (Chemnitz Museum of Industry)

The Museumcircle project connects more than 30 museums in the region in a single exhibition.

industriemuseum-chemnitz.de

LESELUST GOES EUROPE 1 – 21 MAR '25

Various locations

Literary festival with texts, people and discussions from Europe.

kulturforum.info/en

INTERVENTIONS IN LENT 5 MAR – 20 APR '25

Annaberg-Buchholz, Zwickau, Chemnitz

Altar veilings in various churches.

kulturkirche2025.de

40 YEARS OF EUROPEAN CAPITALS OF CULTURE 4 APR '25

Garagen-Campus (Garage Campus) Chemnitz

Anniversary conference.

chemnitz2025.de

SUN SEEKERS! 10 APR – 10 AUG '25

Former Baumwollspinnerei (Cotton Spinning Mill), metaWERK Zwickau

An exhibition on art and mining at Wismut.

sonnensucher-ausstellung.de

EUROPE WEEK 7 – 10 MAY '25

Chemnitz

A wide range of events centred around Europe.

chemnitz.de

#3000 GARAGES – THE EXHIBITION 9 MAY – 31 DEC '25

Garagen-Campus (Garage Campus) Chemnitz

The garage phenomenon at a glance in almost all its facets.

chemnitz2025.de

GARAGE FESTIVAL 6 – 8 MAY '25

Garagenhof Harthweg 7

The big celebration of garage culture(s) for all ages, young and old alike.

chemnitz2025.de

MUNCH. ANGST. AND WHAT ABOUT YOU? 10 AUG – 2 NOV '25

Chemnitz

An intervention to accompany the major Munch exhibition at the Kunstsammlungen am Theaterplatz (Art Collections on Theaterplatz).

chemnitz2025.de

THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF THINGS 23 AUG – 14 SEP '25

Chemnitz

Theatre of objects found in Chemnitz garages.

theater-chemnitz.de

IBUG 23 AUG – 7 SEP '25

Chemnitz

A festival of urban art in former industrial wastelands.

ibug-art.de

HEYM'S HYMN 12 – 14 SEP '25

Chemnitz

A conference dedicated entirely to the author Stefan Heym.

stefan-heyms-gesellschaft.de

SPARE PARTS STORAGE UNTIL 29 NOV '25

Museum für sächsische Fahrzeuge Chemnitz (Saxon Motoring Museum)

A collective installation with items on loan from Chemnitz garages.

fahrzeugmuseum-chemnitz.de

RUMMELPLATZ 20 – 21 SEP '25

Chemnitz

An opera about the (im)possibilities of life, premiering in Chemnitz.

theater-chemnitz.de

FRITZ51 26 SEP – 18 OCT '25

Wirkbau Chemnitz (Wirkbau Complex)

A festival between, about and with concrete.

institut-ostmoderne.de

CREATE.U YOUNG CULTURE MADE IN CHEMNITZ 13 – 19 OCT '25

Chemnitz

Young people design their own Capital of Culture programme.

chemnitz2025.de

PLANTING FESTIVAL: HARVEST 19 – 26 OCT '25

Chemnitz

Living neighbourhoods, condensed and full of fun.

chemnitz2025.de

HALLENKUNST 24 OCT – 8 NOV '25

Markthalle (Market Hall), Kraftverkehr (Event Centre), Chemnitz

A contemporary exhibition.

hallenkunst.de

CLOSING CEREMONY 29 NOV '25

Chemnitz

The end or a new beginning? Maybe a little bit of both.

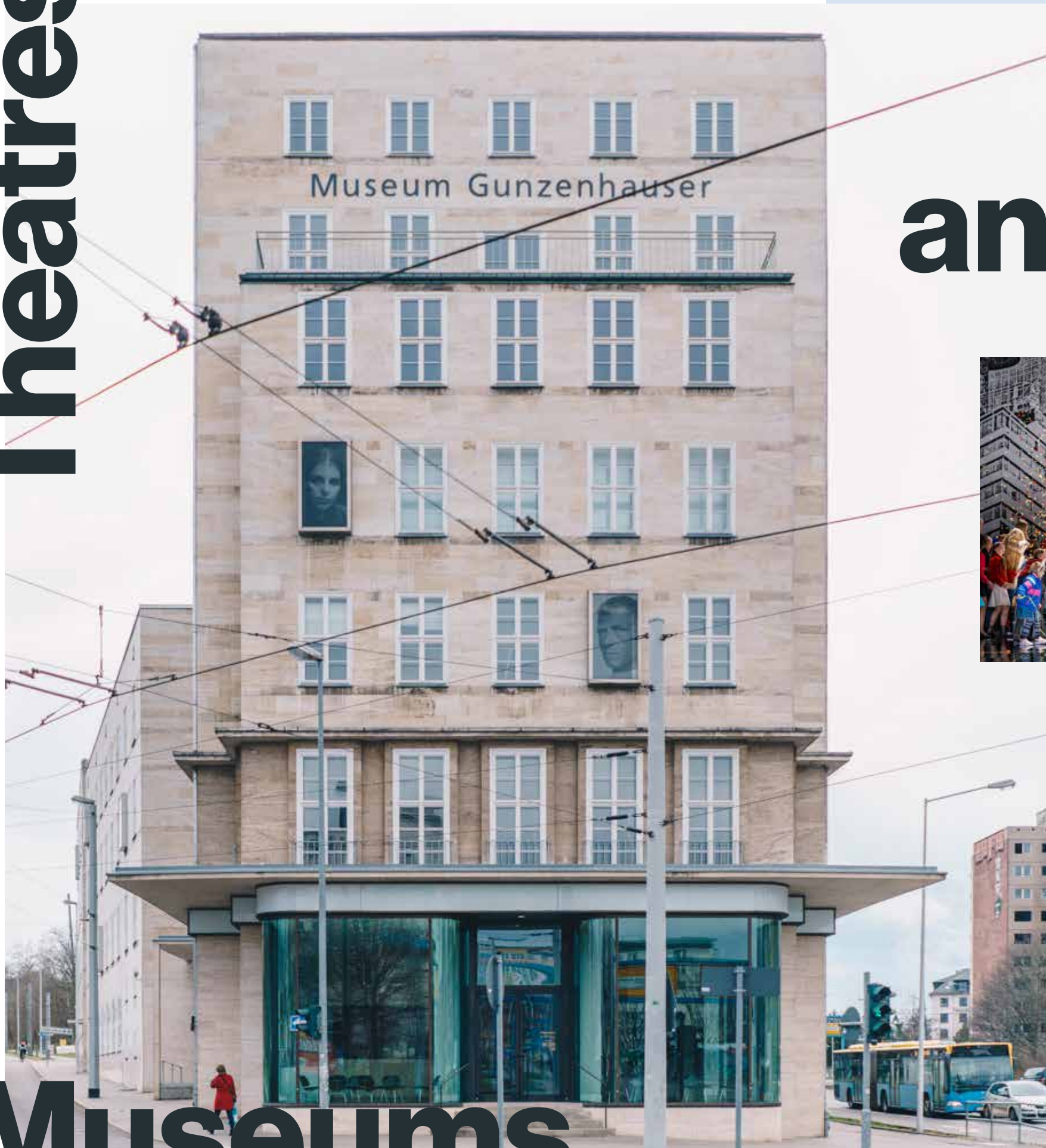
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The full programme is available at:

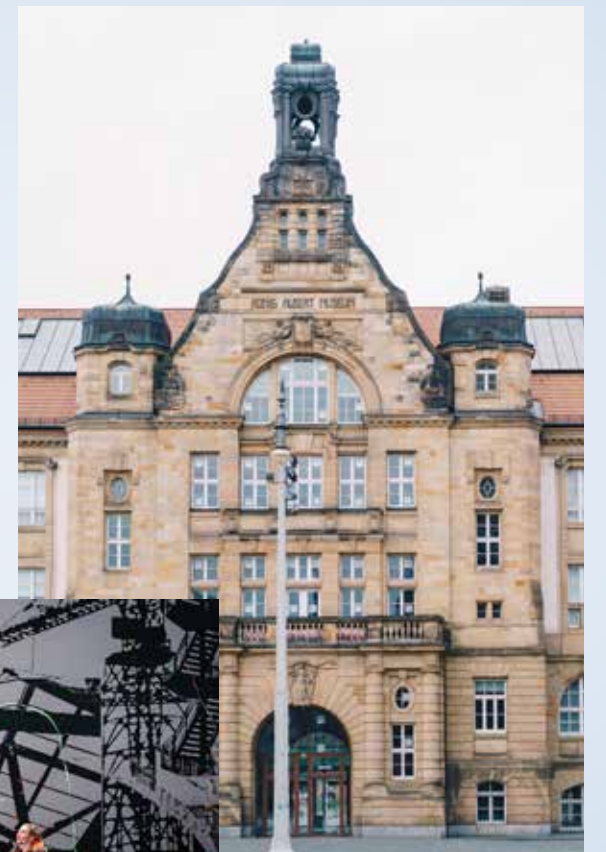


chemnitz2025.de/programm

Theatres and Museums



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European Capital of Culture! That sounds like spectacular exhibitions in big venues and lots of glitter on the city's stages. And that is exactly what you'll find. The city's museums and theatres have pulled out all the stops to select, curate and prepare special highlights. The variety of topics is vast, spanning fear, transformation and social relevance. And the venues are as diverse as the people behind the projects, so it's worth taking a look behind the scenes, too, to find out what makes the people of Chemnitz tick.

The 5 facets of Theater Chemnitz

The cultural heart of the city is where the five artistic strands of Theater Chemnitz come together: opera, philharmonic orchestra, theatre, ballet and puppet theatre. Powerful productions, daring interpretations, spectacular set designs and international collaborations draw many connoisseurs of the arts to Chemnitz full of anticipation. Every season, Theater Chemnitz succeeds in maintaining an internationally acclaimed standard of artistic performance. It is enriching the programme for the Capital of Culture year with five projects. Some of them are included in this magazine, but please look online for more information and the full programme!

www.theater-chemnitz.de

1 — Oper (Opera)

Right from its opening programme in 1909, the ensemble of the Opernhaus Chemnitz has performed works by Richard Wagner. And so commenced a tradition that saw Chemnitz nicknamed the “Bayreuth of Saxony” and reach new artistic heights in recent years: in 2018, four female stage directors presented a new staging of the entire *Ring des Nibelungen* (Ring of the Nibelung). Stage director Elisabeth Stöppler won the leading German theatre award, DER FAUST, in the Musical Theatre Direction category in 2019 for *Götterdämmerung* (Twilight of the Gods). The repertoire of Oper Chemnitz is extremely broad, ranging from

children's operas such as *Hansel and Gretel* and musicals such as *Cabaret* through to classical operas and operatic literature such as Puccini's *La Bohème* and Verdi's *La Traviata*. To mark the European Capital of Culture year 2025, Oper Chemnitz is presenting a three-part project based on Werner Bräunig's novel *Rummelplatz*. Ludger Vollmer and Jenny Erpenbeck's operatic adaptation will present a critical reflection on people's relationship to society, politics and the zeitgeist. The work will premiere on 20 September 2025.

You're So Happy It's Scary



3 — Figurentheater (Puppet Theatre)

On strings, sticks or their own hands, the performers of the Figurentheater use all manner of puppets and objects to tell fascinating stories. The repertoire of the puppet ensemble ranges from classic fairy tales by Grimm or Andersen and adaptations of popular children's books to utopian or historical productions for young people and adults. Director Gundula Hoffmann and her team address socially relevant issues such as diversity, or refugees and migration, as well as intergenerational projects. With the project Inside Outside Europe, the Figurentheater will explore the complex topic of Europe together with three other West Saxon theatres in April 2025. Four different productions, all performed on the same stage set, will tell of clowns and laughter in Europe, of entanglements in German fascism, of home and migrant experiences in the Erzgebirge region.

4 — Ballett (Ballet)

Formed of more than 20 dancers from across the world, Chemnitz's prestigious ballet ensemble has been led by director Sabrina Sadowska since 2017. Her programme appeals not only to fans of classical ballet with *Swan Lake* and *The Nutcracker*, but also attracts the interest of a mainly young audience with contemporary evening performances by internationally successful choreographers. This approach has made Ballett Chemnitz a permanent fixture on the city's cultural scene. TANZ | MODERNE | TANZ, the annual festival of contemporary dance, hosts renowned companies from all over the globe, who also perform in public spaces. In keeping with the Chemnitz Capital of Culture motto, “C the Unseen”, in 2025, it will take its special stages beyond the urban setting and create unusual encounters in other places.



Robert-Schumann-Philharmonie (Robert Schumann Philharmonic Orchestra) in 2024

2 — Schauspielhaus (Playhouse)

Director in residence Carsten Knödler not only invites well-known guest directors to join him at his home theatre; he, too, directs productions. He is partial to the American and Russian realists, such as Miller and Williams or Chekhov and Dostoevsky, as well as the German classics and adaptations of world literature and musical productions. Knödler recently staged a literary discovery of explosive power with his production of *Der große Hanussen* (The Great Hanussen), which was written by Stefan Heym in 1941 while he was in exile in the United States but first performed over 80 years later. Light entertainment for the whole family, such as the traditional Christmas tales, and the annual open-air summer performances on the Küchwald-bühne (Küchwald Open-Air Theatre) have also become established favourites. Due to renovation work on the Schauspielhaus, which dates back to the 1980s, the ensemble has been temporarily relocated to an alternative venue in the Spinnbau since spring 2022. Three fully functional stages have been set up in the building on Altchemnitz Straße that once housed the company VEB-Spinnereimaschinenbau Karl-Marx-Stadt, offering the ensembles of the Schauspiel and the Figurentheater a temporary home that opens up completely new opportunities.



Swan Lake

5 — Robert-Schumann-Philharmonie (Philharmonic Orchestra)

The Robert-Schumann-Philharmonie is one of Germany's longest-standing orchestras. The philharmonic orchestra plays in the orchestra pit of the Opernhaus, accompanying operas, operettas and ballet performances. Its concerts demonstrate its broad repertoire of symphonies and chamber music. The orchestra's guest appearances include New York, Venice, Salzburg, various Spanish concert halls and recently the Musikverein Wien (Vienna Music Society). As part of concert projects, such as the Klasse Klassik! series, the orchestra shifts to unusual locations in Chemnitz – they have even played in the Eisenbahnmuseum (Railway Museum). In summer 2025, the Philharmonie will transform Chemnitz's central square Theaterplatz with a series of open-air concerts featuring exciting highlights such as an Italian opera night, a Symphonic Swing with Tom Gaebel, a first-time collaboration with KOSMOS 2025, and much more besides. The Robert-Schumann-Philharmonie will also welcome its new general music director Benjamin Reiners at the start of the 2025/2026 season.

BEHIND THE SCENES

In addition to Theater Chemnitz with its stately Opernhaus (Opera House) and Schauspiel (Playhouse), which is currently temporarily housed in the Spinnbau, Chemnitz has even more stages for telling stories. They are found in unusual places and might not be recognisable at first glance – but every venue has tales that are waiting to be told and deserve to be in the spotlight...

Fritz Theater

One example is the story of Isabelle Weh, Alica Weirauch, Hardy Hoosman and Lena Schulze, the theatre people behind the Fritz Theater. Isabelle and Hardy came here from Munich in 2010 – and ended up liking Chemnitz so much they decided to stay. They are now a team of four and not only manage the theatre, which was converted from a former cinema; they also take to the stage themselves and do absolutely everything it takes to make an evening an unforgettable one for the audience. The Fritz Theater might be the loveliest example of what can happen when you bring courage, passion and creativity to Chemnitz and simply make your own dreams come true. Ranging from classics to comedies and crime thrillers, the theatre's programme is very diverse. But what makes it really shine is the red satin curtains that conjure up a tiny bit of the magic that makes the people behind the scenes believe in the immortality of theatre – the magic they want to share with the audience.

Programme at: www.fritz-theater.de

The Fritz Theater is located in the centre of the residential area of the Rabenstein district. A few parking spaces are available at the theatre, but you can also take bus 42 to Klingerstraße and then walk the two minutes to the venue.



OFF-Bühne KOMPLEX

The OFF-Bühne KOMPLEX alternative theatre is located in the rear courtyard of Zietenstraße 32 in the Sonnenberg district. What's special about the theatre is that it offers a platform for productions of very different genres, from dance to performance art through to theatre, music and film. And then there are residencies, guest appearances, workshops and a children's programme – all of which are regulars on the bill at the KOMPLEX. The Taupunkt e.V. association puts together the programme, while Klub Solitaer e.V. provides the space. The best way to describe it all might be as a venue for contemporary, experimental performances: get ready to be surprised!

Programme at: www.chemnitzkomplex.de

It takes around half an hour to walk to the OFF-Bühne KOMPLEX from the centre of Chemnitz. The nearest bus stop is Zietenstraße.

FRESSTheater (Dining Theatre)

FRESSTheater's slogan is "Mund-art mit Klößen" – literally: "Dialect with dumplings". And delectable entertainment is exactly what you'll find here in the truest sense of the word. Seated at tables, the audience is served delicious dishes during the plays. The venue – a luxurious banqueting hall in the Bernsdorf district – is no less surprising. Unforgettable evenings here include everything from live music to a singing landlady.

Programme at: www.fresstheater.de

It's easy to make your way here from the Zentralhaltestelle (Central Tram and Bus Stop) – just take tram line 2 to the last stop.

Chemnitzer Kabarett (Chemnitz Cabaret)

Located a five-minute walk from the Markt (Market Square), the Chemnitzer Kabarett is housed under the former Markthalle (Market Hall). The Kabarett stages amusing performances for its guests nearly every day, from pieces created by the fixed ensemble to guest appearances – to be enjoyed with a drink at the bar if you so wish. The Kabarett has been a fixture on the Chemnitz theatre scene for a good 20 years.

Programme at: www.das-chemnitzer-kabarett.de

The Chemnitzer Kabarett is located at the edge of the city centre. It's worth noting that it can be reached from the Markthalle by taking a flight of stairs down to the basement, with access for people with disabilities from the underground car park.



Küchwaldbühne (Küchwald Open-Air Theatre)

The Küchwaldbühne would no longer exist without the dedication of a number of Chemnitz residents. The volunteer-run open-air theatre in Küchwaldpark offers a varied programme, primarily in summer, with both amateur and professional theatre performances, concerts by local artists and bands known throughout Germany, as well as large festivals. The striking building complex was built in classic 1950s style and features a large open flight of steps leading up to the 800 seats.

Programme at: www.kuechwaldbuehne.info

To reach the Küchwaldbühne by bus, use lines 21 (Ludwigstraße stop), 82 (Hechlerstraße) or 79. You can also take the C13 line from the central railway station to Küchwald station.





Kunstsammlungen am Theaterplatz (Art Collections on Theaterplatz)

KUNST SAMMLUNGEN CHEMNITZ

Stemming from various civic associations, the Kunstsammlungen Chemnitz (Chemnitz Art Collections) are one of the biggest and most significant public art collections in Germany. They were first brought together under the roof of the König-Albert-Museum (King Albert Museum) in 1909 and have been run as a municipal museum since 1920. Industrial development in the early 20th century brought wealth to the city, leading to the establishment of a culturally important tradition of patronage. The Kunstsammlungen Chemnitz owe many of their treasures to this tradition.

Today, the Kunstsammlungen Chemnitz encompass a complex of various museums: the Kunstsammlungen am Theaterplatz with the Carlfriedrich Claus-Archiv, the Museum Gunzenhauser (Gunzenhauser Museum), the Schloßbergmuseum of city history with Burg Rabenstein (Rabenstein Castle), the Henry van de Velde Museum in Villa Esche, and the Karl Schmidt-Rottluff Haus (Karl Schmidt-Rottluff House).

www.kunstsammlungen-chemnitz.de



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Exhibition highlights at the Kunstsammlungen Chemnitz (Chemnitz Art Collections) in the Capital of Culture year: From **27 April until 10 August 2025**, the Museum Gunzenhauser (Gunzenhauser Museum) will turn its attention to European realist movements in the 1920s and 1930s. Works by Edvard Munch will be on show in the Kunstsammlungen am Theaterplatz (Art Collections on Theaterplatz) from **10 August to 2 November 2025**.



Museum Gunzenhauser (Gunzenhauser Museum)

Kunstsammlungen am Theaterplatz (Art Collections on Theaterplatz)

The museum's most significant collections include Romantic and expressionist works, the textile collection, Karl Clauss Dietel's bequest and the Carlfriedrich Claus Archiv. The collections also include a large body of work by Karl Schmidt-Rottluff, who grew up in Chemnitz, as did his fellow artists Ernst Ludwig Kirchner and Erich Heckel. The special exhibition *Edvard Munch. Angst* in summer 2025 is dedicated to this important pioneer of modernist painting, who spent several weeks in Chemnitz in 1905. It will centre on the emotion of fear, both from a historical perspective through Munch's art and through contemporary artistic interpretations.

Museum Gunzenhauser (Gunzenhauser Museum)

The Museum Gunzenhauser, named after its benefactor, the art collector and gallery owner Alfred Gunzenhauser, is located in the former head office of the Chemnitz Sparkasse savings bank. Designed by Fred Otto in the New Building style, it complements the collection perfectly: in addition to numerous pieces by Conrad Felixmüller,



Schloßbergmuseum (Museum of City History), Holy Sepulchre

Ernst Ludwig Kirchner, Paula Modersohn-Becker and Gabriele Münter, the museum also houses 380 works by Otto Dix – making it the world's largest collection of his work – as well as one of the largest holdings of works by the expressionist Alexej von Jawlensky. As part of the European Capital of Culture year 2025, the exhibition *European Realities* is the first to focus on the diverse realist movements that emerged almost everywhere in Europe in the 1920s and 1930s.

Schloßbergmuseum (Museum of City History)

As a museum of city history, it goes without saying that the Schloßbergmuseum is housed in a historic building: originally a monastery and then the site of the city's founding, later a hunting lodge and now an exhibition space – the history behind the museum's site is just as fascinating as its unique collection. Perhaps the most interesting object on display is the "Holy Sepulchre" – there are very few such ensembles in Europe. Starting in May, the exhibition *The New City* will trace the brief but intense and momentous era during which Chemnitz was known as Karl-Marx-Stadt, with a special focus on developments in urban planning and architecture.

Burg Rabenstein (Rabenstein Castle)

Believed to be the smallest medieval castle in Saxony, Burg Rabenstein is the second site of the Schloßbergmuseum. The interior is open for viewing from May to October, and the medieval festival draws a crowd every Easter. The castle's most famous former resident is probably Hans Carl von Carlowitz, the "founder of sustainability", who was born there in 1645.

Henry van de Velde Museum

In 1902, the textile manufacturer Herbert Eugen Esche commissioned the designer and architect Henry van de Velde to design a whole villa, complete with interior. Today, this art nouveau masterpiece houses the art collections of the Henry van de Velde Museum, event rooms and a restaurant.

Karl Schmidt-Rottluff-Haus (Karl Schmidt-Rottluff House)

A new museum will open in Chemnitz in 2025. Together with the neighbouring mill where the artist spent his childhood, the Karl Schmidt-Rottluff Haus is one of the intervention areas for the European Capital of Culture. The two buildings at Limbacher Straße 382 are among the hotspots of expressionism in Chemnitz and significant beyond the city as well. On display are numerous originals, sketches, works of graphic art, handcrafted pieces and historical documents.



Villa Esche

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A place of hidden treasures

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WHAT TREASURES ARE BURIED BENEATH THE GROUND? AND WHAT CAN THEY TELL US ABOUT OUR PAST? AT THE STAATLICHES MUSEUM FÜR ARCHÄOLOGIE CHEMNITZ (CHEMNITZ STATE MUSEUM OF ARCHAEOLOGY), ORSMAC FOR SHORT, YOU CAN FIND ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS. BECAUSE WHAT YOU SEE ISN'T ALWAYS WHAT IT ACTUALLY IS. LEGENDARY STORIES ARE OFTEN CONCEALED BEHIND OLD CLAY POTS OR BROOCHES. THE EXHIBITION ITSELF IS ALSO LOCATED IN A HISTORICALLY FASCINATING BUILDING.



Opened in 1930 as a department store, this icon of New Building architecture has been home to the Staatliches Museum für Archäologie Chemnitz (Chemnitz State Museum of Archaeology), or smac, since 2014.



smac presents almost 300,000 years of cultural history in a modern, multimedia exhibition.

THE BUILDING

The first thing you notice about the smac building is the graceful curve of its façade. It instantly impresses with its striking arced shape; architect Erich Mendelsohn is the man responsible for turning the building into such a prominent part of the cityscape. Look more closely and you'll notice the name "Schocken" inscribed in large letters above the entrances. This comes from the time when the building was still a department store. If you'd like to learn more about this history, you can visit the permanent exhibition on the Kaufhaus Schocken (Schocken Department Store) behind the bay windows.

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The special exhibition *Silberglanz & Kumpeltod (Treasures & Tragedies)* will be on display at smac until 29 June 2026 as a special Capital of Culture project.

THE HISTORY OF HUMANITY

To many people, it's just a fragment of clay. But to an expert archaeologist, it can be the window to a whole world. And visitors to the permanent exhibition at smac can take a look through that window, too. Multimedia exhibits bring the stories behind the objects to life and illustrate how they relate to one another. No special knowledge is required – all you need is a bit of curiosity. You can spend a good half day immersed in the past here, enjoying three floors of interest. Fascinating special exhibitions on specific themes, which in the past have included *City*, *Money* and *Death & Ritual*, complete the programme and ensure that you'll want to keep coming back for more.

www.smac.sachsen.de



Invaluable for archaeology: over 7,000 years old, the well reveals details about life in the Neolithic period.

JULIUS IM SCHOCKEN

The café and bistro Julius im Schocken recently took up residence in autumn 2024. Hostess Nirit Sommerfeld not only brings Mediterranean flair to the former department store – she also shares a piece of her own personal history. Her grandfather Julius lived in Chemnitz and was a frequent (and keen) customer of the department store. On Thursdays from 5 p.m., Nirit invites you to enjoy an aperitif with live music and delicious canapés.



Treat yourself to a delicious break at Julius.

SPECIAL EXHIBITIONS

In the spirit of the museum's slogan, "Discovering cultures – understanding history", the special exhibitions at smac link archaeological topics with current issues. Taking the world around them as their starting point, visitors to the special exhibitions can explore the past and earlier cultures. Since the end of October 2024, smac has been exploring the mysteries of the underground world in the mining exhibition *Silberglanz & Kumpeltod (Treasures & Tragedies)*. The Erzgebirge region on the border between Saxony and the Czech Republic, with its centuries-old mining history and traditions, takes centre stage here.



Inside the special exhibition *Silberglanz & Kumpeltod (Treasures & Tragedies)*

INDUSTRIEMUSEUM CHEMNITZ (CHEMNITZ MUSEUM OF INDUSTRY)



WHERE IRON CASTING AND MACHINE CONSTRUCTION ONCE SHAPED PEOPLE'S LIVES, A RESTORED MUSEUM COMPLEX NOW BEARS WITNESS TO THE SUCCESSFUL CONVERSION OF A LISTED INDUSTRIAL PREMISES. THE INDUSTRIEMUSEUM CHEMNITZ HOUSES A PERMANENT EXHIBITION ON SAXONY'S INDUSTRIAL HISTORY IN THE FACTORY HALL BUILT BY HERMANN AND ALFRED ESCHER IN 1907. ON DISPLAY ARE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS AND CONSUMER GOODS, EVERYDAY OBJECTS AND LUXURY ITEMS THAT WERE - AND STILL ARE - PRODUCED AND BOUGHT BY THE PEOPLE OF SAXONY. LEGENDARY VEHICLES AND MACHINES MADE IN SAXONY BRING THE FREE STATE'S INNOVATIVE SPIRIT AND ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENTS TO LIFE.



TRANSFORMATION

Following extensive restoration and building work, the former foundry premises and its listed buildings have had a new occupant since 2003: the Industriemuseum Chemnitz. Inside the restored factory hall with its striking round-arch façade, visitors can experience the sheer diversity of three centuries of Saxon industrial heritage. The museum places a special emphasis on presenting working historical machines, with demonstrations by expert staff. In addition to the permanent exhibition, there are always special exhibitions on display. In the European Capital of Culture year, two smaller satellite exhibitions will appear alongside the main exhibition: *Textile! The Future!* and *fit. A Saxon Success Story*.

www.industriemuseum-chemnitz.de

SPECIAL EXHIBITION TALES OF TRANSFORMATION

CHEMNITZ - GABROVO - ŁÓDŹ - MANCHESTER - MULHOUSE - TAMPERE

25 APRIL TO 16 NOVEMBER 2025

Experience the exciting development of the city of Chemnitz up to its current transformations. Chemnitz signalled the start of industrialisation in Saxony and grew to become the "Saxon Manchester". But such "Manchesters" can be found all over Europe and show that Chemnitz is not alone in the challenges it faces: the French Manchester Mulhouse, Tampere in Finland, Gabrovo in Bulgaria, Łódź in Poland and, of course, the Manchester in northern England that lends its name to these industrial centres. How are these cities approaching their industrial heritage? What strategies do they have for their future, and what can we learn from each other?

Immerse yourself in the development of these cities from the 19th century to the present day, experience the past, the present and visions of the future in an exhibition enhanced with digital technologies. Discover the stories of people who are breathing new life into 19th-century industrial buildings. Foundries are being converted into universities, spinning mills into luxury lofts, and factory halls into studio complexes. While the special exhibition is on display, there will be an extensive accompanying programme, both at the Industriemuseum Chemnitz and in the city, including guided tours, project days, circular walks and workshops, as well as readings, film screenings, concerts, talks and much more.

THE STORY

The listed factory halls situated on the site of today's Industriemuseum Chemnitz were built in the late 19th/early 20th centuries for two modern foundries and mechanical engineering companies. In 1942, Auto-Union purchased the entire site and manufactured housings for tank engines here. After the war, the complete dismantling of the armaments factory and the plant's subsequent reconstruction, the buildings were used by the VEB Gießerei Rudolf Harlaß (a nationally owned foundry) until 1982.



EVENTFUL SITES OF INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE

THERE ARE QUITE A FEW OF THEM IN CHEMNITZ AND THE REGION. WE'VE TAKEN A LOOK AROUND AT WHAT USED TO BE HERE, WHAT SIGNIFICANCE THESE PLACES HAVE TODAY, AND WHAT IS PLANNED FOR THE FUTURE.

Wirkbau Complex Chemnitz

What was it?

The foundation stone of what was once the largest textile machine plant in Germany was laid in 1883. The clock tower from 1927 by architect Erich Basarke, with its unique art deco design, became the company's emblem.

What is it?

More than 50 companies, educational facilities, creative professionals, start-ups as well as cafés and restaurants are currently based in the Wirkbau. The roof garden on Hall G invites you to linger at any time of year. This green oasis in the industrial monument is open to both tenants and visitors alike. New residents in the complex include the Atomino cultural centre, where you can dance the night away or experience the thrill of a bingo evening, and two galleries that also sell local art.

What's next?

There is always something new to be discovered in the Wirkbau. Not all the halls have been rented out yet, and there is no end to the new uses that are being found for Hall G as an exhibition and event space. It's well worth dropping by.

www.wirkbau.de



Stadtwirtschaft Complex Chemnitz

What was it?

The Chemnitz Stadtwirtschaft was built in around 1923 as a depot for the municipal cleaning services and was actively used until 1994 to house the vehicle fleet and administrative offices, as well as for maintenance and storage. Covering a total area of around 12,000 square metres, the site has been undergoing redevelopment since 2017.

What is it?

The Stadtwirtschaft is currently home to a car repair workshop, a stonemason and several companies from the cultural and creative scene, such as the Erika e.V. writing and printing workshop and the Stadtfabrikanten FabLab, an open workshop for collaborative making. In addition, a city workshop known as the 'Stadtwerkstatt' has already been established as a venue for open workshops on location and neighbourhood development and for curated events.



What's next?

As a Capital of Culture intervention area and Maker Hub, the Stadtwirtschaft is currently being further developed into a meeting place for manufacturing, creative work and entertainment. A total of five buildings with a usable area of around 6,000 square metres are currently undergoing low-key refurbishment to preserve the site's character and leave plenty of scope for its use. Plans include a canteen and a large event hall.

www.stadtwirtschaft.org/en

Schauplatz Eisenbahn Exhibition Railway/Chemnitz-Hilbersdorf

What was it?

Until 1990, the historical railway depot in Chemnitz-Hilbersdorf was one of the most important marshalling yards in eastern Germany. Goods and merchandise from Chemnitz and the Erzgebirge region were handled here and sent out all over the world.

What is it?

After being decommissioned, the valuable technical plants and numerous buildings, such as the rope-and-pulley shunting system and the steam engine depot, remained intact. Spanning 26 hectares, the Schauplatz Eisenbahn (Exhibition Railway) is Germany's largest railway museum. It is also one of the most significant, thanks to the over 50 historical railway vehicles housed there.



What's next?

Over the next few years, the Schauplatz Eisenbahn is set to become one of the most important railway museums in Germany and Europe. Its core mission is to teach people about railway history first-hand and at an authentic site.

www.schauplatz-eisenbahn.de

Museum für sächsische Fahrzeuge Saxon Motoring Museum/Chemnitz

What was it?

In 1928, it was an unimaginably modern and advanced car park with a motel, where goods lifts transported over 300 cars and motorbikes up and down six floors, where they could be stored, serviced and repaired.

What is it?

A ground floor crammed with Saxon vehicle production history, commemorating over 40 regional bicycle, motorcycle and car manufacturers and the people that built them and used them and accompanied by many special exhibitions and events for young and young-at-heart vehicle enthusiasts.



What's next?

A well-networked museum, with its future assured and a suitable exhibition and storage space that brings together people who are interested in Saxon mobility history – and a museum housed in an architectural monument that is highly regarded by the public.

www.fahrzeugmuseum-chemnitz.de

Tuchfabrik Gebr. Pfau Pfau Brothers' Cloth Factory/Crimmitschau

What was it?

The Tuchfabrik Gebr. Pfau (Pfau Brothers' Cloth Factory) was one of the many cloth factories in Crimmitschau, the "town of 100 chimneys". One of Germany's foremost textile industry centres thrived here for 150 years. However, the workers produced cloth under sometimes inhumane conditions.

What is it?

Today the Tuchfabrik, an impressive monument to industrial history, is open to visitors. The original, still functioning machines bring to life the process of turning wool into a finished product.



What's next?

The new permanent exhibition will shine a light on the present and the future of the textile industry. The Tuchfabrik will also be a hub for experimentation, textile companies and research facilities – a textile laboratory of the future!

www.tuchfabrik-crimmitschau.de

Garagen-Campus

Garage Campus/Chemnitz

What was it?

The former depot of the Chemnitzer Verkehrs-AG (CVAG) in the Kappel district of the city is the oldest such site in Chemnitz's local transport network. The first horsecar line opened here in 1880. After a century of mobility history, operations at the main workshop in Kappel came to an end in the 1980s.



What is it?

Currently, some construction work is still under way, as the listed complex is being renovated to serve as an intervention area for welcoming guests to the European Capital of Culture in 2025 and beyond. However, the site is also home to two museums, the Uhrenmuseum (Clock Museum) and the Straßenbahnmuseum (Tram Museum), which are still open.

What's next?

Over the next ten years, the entire site is to be transformed into a major cultural hub of local, national and European importance. Numerous stakeholders were invited to get involved, producing a development concept with detailed usage scenarios designed to sustainably revitalise the Garagen-Campus.

www.garagen-campus.de

Limbach-Oberfrohna

Esche-Museum

What was it?

Traugott Reinhold Esche, a scion of the many-branched family of entrepreneurs, established a knitted goods factory in 1854; this was one of the first factories in Limbach, which already had a strong textile trade at the time. A special architectural feature of the building is the wooden balcony running around the first floor.



What is it?

Today, the former factory houses the Esche-Museum. Machines still run here, as the exhibition has a collection of historical technology from the textile industry and stocking trade. Knitting machines, including self-acting machines, and a Malimo 500 provide the material for many different stories.

What's next?

The Textile Maker Hub is creating a space for new ideas: a creative and competence centre that expands the museum and taps into the region's textile know-how. In future, textile makers will work and collaborate in the Maker Hub, one of Limbach-Oberfrohna's contributions to European Capital of Culture Chemnitz 2025.

www.esche-museum.de

Universitätsbibliothek

University Library/Alte Aktienspinnerei Chemnitz

What was it?

The building was constructed between 1857 and 1859 as a spinning mill. As the company was organised as an Aktiengesellschaft (joint stock company), it was also known as the "Aktienspinnerei". Cotton was processed there until the beginning of the 20th century. After the Spinnerei moved to a larger premises, the building had an eventful history and was put to a variety of different uses, including as a department store, library, gallery and puppet theatre. In 2015, refurbishment began to turn it into the Universitätsbibliothek (University Library).



What is it?

Since 1 October 2020, the Universitätsbibliothek has welcomed inquisitive minds to its refurbished building. The Universitätsbibliothek is open to everyone, not just students and employees of TU Chemnitz (Chemnitz University of Technology). Covering more than 12,500 m², the library has plenty of space for both people and books.

What's next?

The Universitätsbibliothek is not only a place of knowledge, but also a meeting place for science and culture enthusiasts. In the Capital of Culture year 2025, it will therefore host special events addressing current scientific and political issues. Plans for this are currently under way.

www.tu-chemnitz.de/ub

Schönherrfabrik

Schönherr Factory/Chemnitz

What was it?

First a mill, then a spinning works, and finally a machine construction plant – where Louis Ferdinand Schönherr launched the industrial series production of weaving looms in 1851. Boasting its own in-house foundry, a company fire brigade and over 1,600 employees in 1914, the site was pivotal in Chemnitz's industrial development. It was temporarily expropriated, used by the Kombinat Textima (a state combine) and later underwent extensive renovations.

What is it?

Spanning over 82,000 m² with around 53,800 m² of leasable space, the Schönherrfabrik (Schönherr Factory) today offers a wealth of experiences. Around 100 tenants employing some 1,000 staff have found a new professional home here. Having been under renovation since 2019, the former Künstlerhaus (Artists' House) hosts various events, including sparkling entertainment in the courtyard.

What's next?

The new Kreativhaus K40 has over 4,000 m² of space available for creative businesses and studios. The Schönherr 200 e.V. association is based here, too, with an artists' workshop in a homely and creative atmosphere. Its members and projects seek to preserve the legacy of Louis Ferdinand Schönherr, thus keeping the industrial heritage of the Schönherrfabrik and Chemnitz alive.

www.schoenherrfabrik.de



Horch Museum

Zwickau

What was it?

The building that today houses the August Horch Museum was originally built between 1910 and 1912 for automobile production. Audi and Trabant both had manufacturing plants at this site in Zwickau until quite recently. The first renovation works began in 2002, and development work on the building has continued since the museum's opening.

What is it?

Today the building is home to the August Horch Museum. Across 6,500 m² of space, it tells an authentic story, enthraling visitors with its high aesthetic standards and the excellent renovation of these largely listed buildings.



What's next?

The August Horch Museum is showing the special exhibition *Audi in Le Mans. 24 hours at the Limit* until November 2025. To mark the 25th anniversary of Audi's participation in the legendary 24-hour race, the special exhibition takes visitors on a turbo-powered journey through the history of this classic endurance race.

www.horch-museum.de

Wasserkraftwerk

Hydroelectric Power Plant/Mittweida

What was it?

Wasserkraftwerk Mittweida (Mittweida Hydroelectric Power Plant) on the River Zschopau was built as a steam power station in 1908 and expanded just a few years later with a run-of-river power plant, which commenced operation in 1923. This was followed in 1928 by the pumped-storage plant, which was used until 1988. Combining pumped-storage, steam and hydroelectric power made the power plant the most modern of its time.



What is it?

Wasserkraftwerk Mittweida is currently a multifunctional event centre with modern technical equipment and a variety of spatial arrangements. Expert meetings, conferences, concerts and much more are held here regularly. Hochschule Mittweida (Mittweida University of Applied Sciences) runs labs dedicated to high-voltage technology and renewable energies in the premises. The run-of-river plant is still in operation today, having been renovated in 2014, and supplies around 1,200 households with green energy.

What's next?

Thanks to its proximity to nature and unique atmosphere, the hydroelectric power plant is becoming an increasingly popular location for parties. The outdoor area in the inner courtyard is also perfect for open-air events.

www.wasserkraftwerk-mittweida.de

FESTIVALS

NONSTOP EUROPA!

1 – 3 May 2025

Chemnitz

For several years now, international productions have guested at the NONSTOP Europa! theatre festival in the spring – previously at Chemnitz Schauspielhaus (Playhouse) and now at the Spinnbau. Europe's policy of open borders makes us all neighbours. And what this means for democratic values such as respect and tolerance is something that Theater Chemnitz wants to explore artistically with guest productions from neighbouring Poland and the Czech Republic. The German Theatre from Almaty (Kazakhstan) – a theatre that has made a name for itself with its experimental and modern productions – will also be a guest in the Capital of Culture year. The festival will be complemented by a varied fringe programme and a drama school meet-up.

www.theater-chemnitz.de/schauspiel/nonstop-europa



Fuego a la Isla

6 – 7 June 2025

Chemnitz

Most days of the year, the island in Schloßteich (Castle Pond) not far from Chemnitz city centre is really just that: an island in a pond on a castle's grounds. But one weekend a year, this island is transformed into a total work of art. The people behind it even talk about a "cultural parallel world outside the mainstream". Great attention to detail goes into setting up the spaces for playing, trying things out and discovering here, but there's no commercial input. Put simply, the island is scarcely recognisable during Fuego a la Isla. The festival isn't just family-friendly; young people are also involved in the preparations and can gain their first experiences of festival and event planning. International bands, performance art and hip-hop artists play, sing and bring the stages to life. Added to which, there's a kids' space and, of course, fire shows.

www.fuegoalaisla.de



KOSMOS EUROPE

13 – 15 June 2025

Chemnitz

KOSMOS Chemnitz turns social discourse into something visible. As a festival for democracy, it's about creating a stage for regional and international projects, views and ideas. People from the fields of art, music, sport, business, politics and society will come together in Chemnitz in a variety of formats to discuss the big issues: How do we want to live in the future? How can we deal with global challenges? Sprinkled with elements of pop culture, the festival creates unique connections. Jump into a lively debate in disused shop premises, see a kebab shop turned into a dance floor, or attend a reading at a car park – or maybe even a workshop at a launderette!

www.kosmos-chemnitz.de

TANZ I MODERNE I TANZ

18 – 29 June 2025

Chemnitz

The whole of Chemnitz becomes a stage when the international festival of contemporary and urban dance fills the city with life. Renowned companies from all over the world are invited to thrill audiences beyond the confines of the classic stage, taking public spaces by storm with guest appearances, workshops and performances. The highlight of this year's festival is set to be Odyssey in C, a dance discovery tour across Chemnitz. In keeping with the Chemnitz Capital of Culture motto "C the Unseen", it will take its special stages beyond the urban setting and create unusual encounters in other places.

www.tanzmodernetanz.eu

Begehungen

(Inspections)

18 July –

17 August 2025

Chemnitz

Once a year, the Begehungen art festival opens up a vacant space in Chemnitz or the region. The 22nd edition of the festival will take place in 2025 on the site of Braunkohle-HKW Nord, a decommissioned lignite-fired power plant in Chemnitz. Amidst this impressive industrial architecture, the festival organisers set out to address pressing issues such as resource consumption, biodiversity and climate change with a forward-looking approach. The chimney of the combined heat and power plant is familiar far beyond the city limits. At a good 300 metres, it is the tallest building in Saxony and, since 2013, has been a widely visible work of art by French artist Daniel Buren and one of Chemnitz's most popular landmarks. The Begehungen art festival is conceived as an inclusive and accessible festival. Admission to all the events on the programme and the exhibition is free of charge.

www.begehungen-festival.de

Slackfest

29 – 31 August

2025

Chemnitz/Euba

For more than 15 years, Chemnitz has reached for new heights in the summer when the Slackfest takes place at Walden e.V. in Euba, a district of the city. For a number of years now, very special highlights have been put on as a taster: highlines in the city, giving professional slackliners the opportunity to experience it from a completely different perspective. But all those who prefer to stay on the ground are also welcome to watch.

www.abenteuer-walden.de



Schlingel International Film Festival

27 September – 4 October 2025

Chemnitz

During Saxony's autumn holidays, Chemnitz is transformed into a big film screening as the SCHLINGEL Film Festival presents the latest international productions for children and young audiences. A children's jury made up of members from across Europe awards the Europäischer Kinderfilmpreis der sächsischen Kunstministerin (European Children's Film Prize of the Saxon State Minister of Art), and the festival is a fixture on the calendar at most schools in Chemnitz. The programme for this year's edition includes over 150 films from around 60 countries – with new treasures to discover in the line-up!

www.ff-schlingel.de



IT'S ALL ABOUT GETTING OUTSIDE!

WHETHER IT'S YOGA IN THE PARK, BUILDING A ROBOT TOGETHER OR MAKING CULINARY DISCOVERIES, EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE IN CHEMNITZ AND THE CULTURAL REGION IN THE SUMMER. HERE ARE A FEW IDEAS TO INSPIRE YOU ON BALMY NIGHTS AND HOT DAYS.



30 May to 1 June 2025 | City centre

HUTFESTIVAL (HAT FESTIVAL)

Street art, street food and the market of beautiful things: during the Hutfestival, countless musicians, artistes, jugglers, clowns, magicians, dancers, and craftspeople transform Chemnitz city centre into a giant stage. Visitors can also become part of the spectacle and are, of course, welcome to wear a hat or throw a little something into one. www.hutfestival.de

21 and 22 June 2025 | Stadthallenpark, Stadthalle

MAKERS UNITED

Tinkering, inventing something new or controlling robots – it's all possible during summer at the Makers United Festival. Stands featuring over 50 exhibitors turn the area around the Stadthalle (Culture and Congress Centre) into much more than just a street dedicated to handicrafts. Even the youngest visitors can express their love of technology and IT here, and exciting workshops put the finishing touch on the programme for older guests as well. www.makers-united.de

21 June 2025 | City centre

FÊTE DE LA MUSIQUE

Originating in Paris as the brainchild of a French minister of culture, the Fête de la Musique is celebrated on 21 June every year around the world. In both Chemnitz and the cultural region, you can enjoy musical performances on every street corner and along every street – wherever there is a place for people to listen, sing along and applaud, there is music. www.fete-chemnitz.de



26 June to 27 July 2025 | City centre, Stadthallenpark

PARKSOMMER CHEMNITZ (CHEMNITZ PARK SUMMER)

Parksommer in the Stadthallenpark is now a fixture on the calendar and has won the hearts of the people of Chemnitz. The whole thing can be experienced and enjoyed every day (except Mondays, typical Chemnitz) as an ideal start to the evening or as a light cultural intermezzo on a stroll. A yoga mat or a picnic rug are very handy accessories to have, as this is just the place to get comfy. www.parksommer.de

16 to 20 July 2025 | Innere Klosterstraße & Jakobikirchplatz

BRAUEREIMARKT (BREWERY MARKET)

With its laid-back atmosphere, the Brauereimarkt is far removed from any Oktoberfest booziness. The market showcases more than 100 beers in total from local and international breweries. Adventurous followers of the continuing trend for craft beers will also find plenty to delight them here. And at this market, tasting is a must. www.brauereimarkt.de

25 July to 17 August 2025 | Markt and Neumarkt

CHEMNITZER WEINFEST (CHEMNITZ WINE FESTIVAL)

Every year in the summer, more than 25 well-known German vintners visit the city, bringing their outstanding wines with them. And the residents of Chemnitz and their guests show their appreciation in their own way – by turning up in large numbers to enjoy a relaxed drink on the Markt and Neumarkt squares. www.weinfest-chemnitz.de

1 to 3 August 2025 | Industriemuseum Chemnitz (Chemnitz Museum of Industry)

EUROBEAN: CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL

An event no chocolate lover should miss! This festival sheds light on the process of chocolate production – from the cultivation of cocoa beans to the end product – and, of course, offers up lots of tasty delights. It is being held in Chemnitz for the first time in the Capital of Culture year. www.eurobean-festival.org



24 to 27 September 2025 | Station, city centre, varying buildings

LIGHT OUR VISION

Once a year, international light artists turn the façades of buildings in Chemnitz into their stage. From the central railway station to the city centre, they bring to life ideas for the design of public spaces. Combined with sounds, the colours are sure to draw the viewer's eyes to one gem or another. www.lightourvision.de



Winter visits



Starting in mid-November, it's become tradition in Chemnitz to celebrate the arrival and setting up of the city's Christmas tree with mulled wine and grilled sausages – at an event that comes together almost spontaneously. The opening of the Christmas Market then follows a couple of weeks later. Over 200 stalls encourage guests to browse, feast and discover, with the market's combination of music, the scent of mulled wine and aesthetic appeal captivating young and old alike with the Christmas spirit each year. Another tradition is the Mining Parade on the Saturday of the first weekend of Advent, with over 1,000 participants from 30 miners' guilds and associations joining together in a splendid procession through Chemnitz city centre.

If you're in Chemnitz at Christmastime, it's well worth making a trip into the Erzgebirge region. Sparkling lights and handicrafts mingle in tiny villages, creating the epitome of Christmas cheer with their cosy ambience. Everywhere you look, traditions are merged with the modern, and classic nutcrackers sit side by side with cheeky "Räuchermann" incense smokers that go by the name of "boys from the wood". Creative, innovative and simply beautiful – this is what makes Christmas in Chemnitz and the region. Some districts of Chemnitz also host their own smaller Christmas markets during Advent, such as the 100 Meter Kaßberg. For the exact dates, you can also visit: www.chemnitz.travel/en/.

TIP

CHEMNITZ CHRISTMAS MARKET

Where: around Chemnitz Town Hall, 09111 Chemnitz

When: 28 November – 23 December 2025

Opening hours: Mon. – Thu.: 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. | Fri.: 11 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Sat.: 10 a.m. – 9 p.m. | Sun.: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

TIP

MÄNNELMARKT CHRISTMAS MARKET IN AUGUSTUSBURG

Where: Old Town, 09573 Augustusburg

When: 13 – 14 December 2025

Opening hours: Sat. – Sun.: 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

TIP

ANNABERG-BUCHHOLZ CHRISTMAS MARKET

Where: Marktplatz, 09456 Annaberg-Buchholz

When: 28 November – 23 December 2025

Opening hours: Sat. – Thu.: 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. | Fri. – Sat.: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

TIP

FREIBERG CHRISTMAS MARKET

Where: Schlossplatz 9, 09599 Freiberg

When: 25 November – 22 December 2025

Opening hours: Mon. – Thu.: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. | Fri. – Sat.: 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.
Sun.: 10:30 a.m. – 8 p.m.

TOURING A CHRISTMAS WONDERLAND OF LIGHTS

Anyone who visits the Erzgebirge Mountains at Christmas experiences a magnificent festival of lights: "Schwibbögen" candle arches in all the windows, glowing pyramids on the market squares of picturesque mining towns, and gloriously decorated streets and alleys stretching as far as the eye can see. Experience the unique beauty of this region during Advent with a trip to Christmas wonderland while you learn about mining culture and customs in the Erzgebirge along the "Silberstraße" (Silver Road).

Dates: 3rd Sunday in Advent, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Tourist-Information Chemnitz will be happy to provide further information on:

+49 (0)371-690680 or info@chemnitz-tourismus.de

Dates subject to change. Please double-check the dates and opening hours before setting off!



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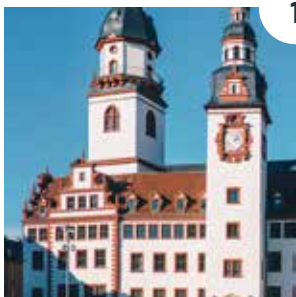
CHEMNITZ MINING PARADE

Where: Chemnitz city centre

When: 30 November 2025

Over 1,000 participants from 30 mining brotherhoods and miners' organisations march through the city with Christmas in the air.

20 must-sees



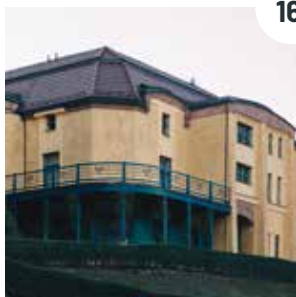
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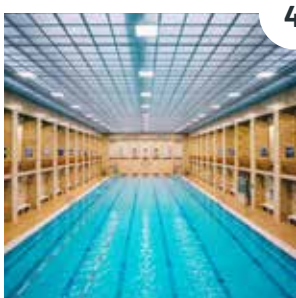
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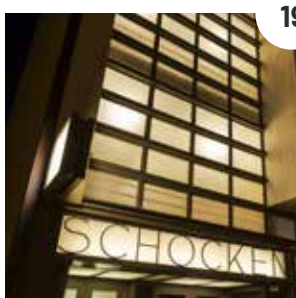
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1 - The Old and New Town Halls

The New Town Hall escaped the bombings in 1945, but the Old Town Hall and the St. Jakobikirche (St Jacob's Church), which stood behind it, did not. Take a tour of the two town halls and their tower to explore the treasures inside and discover just how high the tower is. [Markt 1, 09111 Chemnitz](#)

2 - Roter Turm (Red Tower)

The name "Roter Turm" comes from Middle High German, so in this case, "ruth" actually meant "law" rather than "red". Chemnitz purchased high and low jurisdiction as well as the customs office from the sovereign in 1423, which is how the tower got its name. In everyday use, the name is derived from the colour of the cut stone that makes up the tower, namely porphyry from Rochlitz. Apparently, the tower also inspired the imagination of a designer who used it for a popular washing-up liquid in 1968. [Straße der Nationen 3, 09111 Chemnitz](#)

3 - Siebertsches Haus (Siebert House)

This building on the edge of the Markt (Market Square) stands out thanks to the pink colour of its ornate baroque façade. And it was the building's namesake, Johann Georg Siebert, who paved the way for seven merchants from Macedonia to establish themselves in the city and thereby set a milestone for Chemnitz's textile industry. [Markt 19, 09111 Chemnitz](#)

4 - Stadtbad (Public Baths)

Anyone visiting the Stadtbad may find it difficult to hold back their astonishment. The clean lines of the façade are carried over into the interior and turn a visit to what was once the biggest and most modern indoor swimming pool in Europe into an experience. [Mühlenstraße 27, 09111 Chemnitz](#)

5 - Schloßviertel District

Below the former Benedictine Monastery are the oldest surviving residential buildings in the city. We recommend building up an appetite and giving yourself plenty of time because the restaurants here are certainly worth a visit. [Schloßberg, 09113 Chemnitz](#)

6 - Bunte Esse (Colourful Chimney)

Measuring 302 metres high, the chimney is known as the "Lulatsch", meaning "beanpole", and is probably the tallest artwork in the world. The 18,000-square-metre exterior of the power station chimney was designed by French artist Daniel Buren. Ranging from aquamarine to bright traffic yellow, its colours catch the eye far beyond the city's limits.

7 - Schönherrfabrik (Schönherr Factory)

A clever combination of industry and culture, work and play: this is the Schönherrfabrik. Fitness or spa, followed by a culinary experience – the historic building complex offers all this and more. [Schönherrstraße 8, 09113 Chemnitz](#)

8 - Theaterplatz

Surrounded by the main building of the Kunstsammlungen Chemnitz (Chemnitz Art Collections), the Opernhaus (Opera House), the St. Petri-kirche (St Peter's Church) and the Hotel Chemnitzer Hof, Theaterplatz is a wonderful place for open-air concerts and movie nights in summer. [Theaterplatz, 09111 Chemnitz](#)

9 - Wasserschloß Klaffenbach (Klaffenbach Moated Castle)

The 16th-century Renaissance castle is crowned by a park and a splendid courtyard that features small studios and creative stores, not to mention the excellent restaurants and cafés you can try. An 18-hole golf course is located right next to the grounds, and the Saxon section of the Way of St James also passes right nearby. [Wasserschloßweg 6, 09123 Chemnitz](#)

10 - Industriemuseum Chemnitz (Chemnitz Museum of Industry)

This lavishly converted former foundry of Hermann und Alfred Escher AG is now a museum that takes a modern approach to exhibitions, presenting over 220 years of industrial history, and really has the wow factor. [Zwickauer Straße 119, 09112 Chemnitz](#)

11 - Karl-Marx-Monument

It has certainly seen a lot over the years – and despite everything, the Karl-Marx-Monument, popularly known as the "Nische", has somehow become the city's emblem. Having provided the backdrop for socialist celebrations between 1971 and 1989,

the 40-tonne colossus is now the most popular photo opportunity in Chemnitz.

[Brückenstraße 10, 09111 Chemnitz](#)

12 - Versteinerter Wald (Petrified Forest)

Formed over 291 million years ago when a volcano erupted, these petrified tree trunks are among the most ancient of natural monuments. Today, the 25 trunks rise in the atrium of the Kulturkaufhaus DASTietz (DASTietz Cultural Centre), which also has many discoveries waiting to be explored over its other floors. [Moritzstraße 20, 09111 Chemnitz](#)

13 - Kulturhaus Arthur (Culture House Arthur)

Located above the Markthalle (Market Hall) on the upper edge of the Kaßberg neighbourhood, Kulturhaus Arthur is a venue for a variety of projects. From theatre and debates to bingo, concerts or political education, there's never a dull moment here. And an after-work drink at the aaltra on the Arthur's ground floor is definitely a must. [Hohe Straße 33, 09112 Chemnitz](#)

14 - Museum Gunzenhauser (Gunzenhauser Museum)

Museum Gunzenhauser's collection comprises almost 2,500 works by 270 modern artists. The museum is housed in a former bank, built by Fred Otto with the clear lines of the New Building style. [Stollberger Straße 2, 09119 Chemnitz](#)

15 - Kaßberg District with Passages

On top of the Kaßberg, you'll find villas, richly decorated façades, the home of Bauhaus designer Marianne Brandt... In short, a neighbourhood with one of the largest cohesive examples of art nouveau and "Gründerzeit" architecture in Europe. At the bottom of Kaßberg hill, not far from the historical Markthalle (Market Hall), a small door allows you to enter the thrilling underground realm of the city's subterranean passageways. [Entrance to the underground passageways: Fabrikstraße 6, 09111 Chemnitz](#)

16 - Villa Esche

Originally surrounded by fields, the Esche family's villa sits regally atop the Kapellenberg hill above Chemnitz's Stadtpark (City Park). Pros-

perous textile manufacturer Esche commissioned Henry van de Velde to design the house, which is a work of art in itself.

[Parkstraße 58, 09120 Chemnitz](#)

17 - Rabenstein - Burg, Felsendome, Stausee (Rabenstein Castle, Caverns and Reservoir)

Hans Carl von Carlowitz, the "founder of sustainability" – in connection with forestry – was born in Burg Rabenstein. This is the smallest Saxon castle and makes for a great day out – directly nearby are plenty of forests, including the Kletterwald (Treetop Rope Course), as well as the popular reservoir and the Felsendome Rabenstein caverns. [Oberfrohaer Straße 149, 09117 Chemnitz](#)

18 - Clubkino Siegmund and Kino Metropol (Cinemas)

Get comfy in a swivel chair and make yourself at home before the film starts. Showing carefully selected German and international films, Clubkino Siegmund sets itself apart from mainstream cinemas. The Metropol, situated on the edge of the city centre, is a picture house with at least as much charm. Its historic façade and atmospheric foyer set the scene for a unique cinematic experience. [Clubkino: Zwickauer Straße 425, 09117 Chemnitz](#)
[Kino Metropol: Zwickauer Straße 11, 09112 Chemnitz](#)

19 - smac

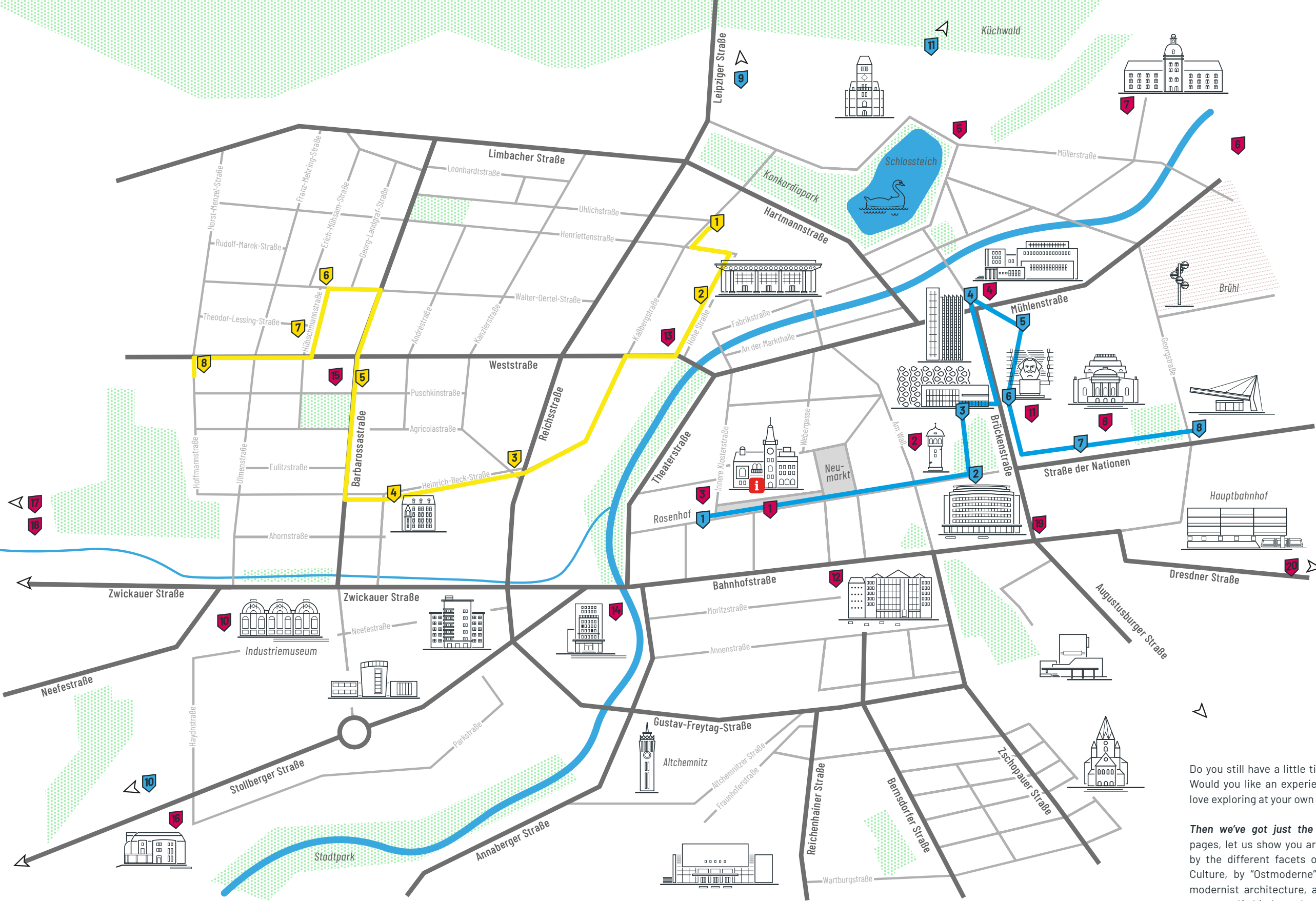
Visitors are immediately struck by smac's spectacular façade. Built as a department store for the Schocken brothers to plans by the famed architect Erich Mendelsohn, this "icon of classical modernism" is today home to smac – the Staatliches Museum für Archäologie Chemnitz (Chemnitz State Museum of Archaeology). [Stefan-Heym-Platz 1, 09111 Chemnitz](#)

20 - Schauplatz Eisenbahn (Exhibition Railway)

Richard Hartmann, also known as the "Saxon king of the railways", truly left his mark on the industrial heritage of Chemnitz. Some of his steam engines form part of the collection at the largest functioning steam engine depot in Europe. [Frankenberger Straße 172, 09131 Chemnitz](#)

STROLLING

THROUGH CITY HISTORY



Do you still have a little time free before your show? Would you like an experience before dinner? Do you love exploring at your own pace?

Then we've got just the thing: Over the next few pages, let us show you around the city – be inspired by the different facets of the European Capital of Culture, by “Ostmoderne” buildings – East German modernist architecture, and by the elegance of art nouveau. If this has whetted your appetite, you can also experience special highlights on a guided tour. Further information is available from Tourist-Information Chemnitz on **+49 (0)371-690680** or at **info@chemnitz-tourismus.de**.

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GRÜNDERZEIT & ART NOUVEAU

As an industrial metropolis, Chemnitz attracted many industrialists, who made their homes here. They expressed their success by building prestigious company headquarters, elegant art nouveau villas and elaborately decorated buildings in the “Gründerzeit” style. Often translated as “Founding Epoch”, this term refers to a period of economic growth in the 19th century. As a result, the Kaßberg neighbourhood is now one of the largest cohesive examples of art nouveau and “Gründerzeit” architecture in Europe. Entire streets are resplendent with lovingly detailed decorative façades. In a central and elevated location, today the district is a sought-after residential address, and not only for young families – because here every culinary desire is catered for.

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1 - VILLA RICHARD HARTMANN Kaßbergstraße 36

One of the city's most famous industrialists was Richard Hartmann. He has gone down in history as the “locomotive king”, and his legacy includes the industrialist's villa, erected in 1868. This glorious symbol of the Hartmann empire served as a director's villa from 1890 until 1930. From 1956 onwards, it has been used as a youth centre.

2 - KARL-SCHMIDT-ROTTLUFF-GYMNASIUM (KARL SCHMIDT-ROTTLUFF GRAMMAR SCHOOL) Hohe Straße 25

The former Königliches Gymnasium grammar school was built by district architect Hugo Nauck in the historicist style in 1871-72. Former pupils include Karl Schmidt-Rottluff, Stefan Heym and Stephan Hermlin. In the evenings, you can enjoy a cosy drink and a good chat in the aaltra bar in the Kulturhaus Arthur (Culture House Arthur) directly next door.

3 - OBERPOSTDIREKTION (POST OFFICE HEADQUARTERS) Reichsstraße 11

Dating from 1904, this building is a masterpiece of Gothic façade ornamentation. Intricate glass mosaics, the coats of arms of Saxony and Chemnitz, and postal and telegraphic symbols reference its history.

4 - MARIANNE-BRANDT-HAUS (MARIANNE BRANDT HOUSE) Heinrich-Beck-Straße 22

The property in which Bauhaus artist Marianne Brandt lived from 1954 to 1976 was built by Paul Doederlein in 1889 in the neo-Renaissance style. Today, it is home to the offices of the Marianne-Brandt-Gesellschaft, the society devoted to preserving the artist's legacy, with two gallery rooms presenting a multifaceted account of her life and work.

5 - MAJOLIKA-HÄUSER (MAJOLICA HOUSES) Barbarossastraße 48-52

The architect and property developer Reinhold Siebert built the so-called “Majolika-Häuser” in 1897-98 almost on the summit of the Kaßberg as early art nouveau buildings. These townhouses are amongst the most striking buildings in the city and gems of urban architecture.

6 - HELENENHOF W.-Oertel-Straße/E.-Mühsam-Straße/G.-Landgraf-Straße

The Helenenhof housing complex was built in 1926-27 by a cooperative of craftsmen and architects. It is considered a forerunner of the lavish buildings built in the 1920s.

7 - KYFFHÄUSERBURG (KYFFHÄUSERBURG APARTMENTS) Hübischmannstraße 19

This ensemble was erected in 1909-10 in the Wilhelminian spirit – with allusions to the legend of Barbarossa, the great emperor said not to be dead but asleep under the Kyffhäuser Hills. The art nouveau “fairy-tale houses” are located very close by (Gustav-Adolf-Straße 23-25).

8 - STEFAN-HEYM-HAUS (STEFAN HEYM HOUSE) Hoffmannstraße 58-60

Constructed in 1912, the building in Hoffmannstraße contained luxurious apartments of up to 300 square metres in size. From 1919 to 1931, one of the city's most famous sons, the writer Stefan Heym, lived on the ground floor.

More than architecture

The Kaßberg is worth visiting not only for its outstanding architecture. Small shops, such as the Lessing und Kompanie bookshop or the stationer Haamit, are great places to browse and pick up a souvenir or two. In autumn 2023, the **Lern- und Gedenkort Kaßberg-Gefängnis (Kaßberg Prison Learning and Memorial Association)** also opened with a permanent exhibition in the former prison wing B on Kaßbergstraße. This former processing centre operated by the East German regime for the release of prisoners to the West is now an important remembrance site for GDR injustice and the division of Germany.

www.gedenkort-kassberg.de

OST MODERNE

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The centre of Chemnitz – or rather of Karl-Marx-Stadt, as the city was known between 1953 and 1990 – was intended to be a model of socialist urban planning. Up to 80 per cent of the city had been destroyed in the war, and little remained of the centre's once glorious architecture, formerly distinguished by its prestigious buildings and numerous small alleys. The prompt reconstruction and restoration of some buildings – such as the Siegertsches Haus (Siegert House) on the Markt (Market Square), or the Opernhaus (Opera House) on Theaterplatz – led to the proliferation of architectural styles that we now see along the Straße der Nationen. Among them are, of course, outstanding examples of “Ostmoderne” (East German modernism), dating from precisely the time when the city centre was intended to serve as an example for other cities: with space, structure, corners and edges. Enjoy the fascination and inspiration of straight lines, architectural art and floating roofs on an architectural heritage tour.

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1 - Rosenhof *Rosenhof*

Constructed as a residential and shopping district in the city centre, the area of the former timber market was renamed Rosenhof (Rose Court) in 1965. The name was taken from the rose bushes planted here, which came from twin cities and various historical regions involved in the Second World War, as a symbol of reconciliation between the cities destroyed by Hitler's fascism and to commemorate the suffering and wrongs they had experienced.

2 - Rawema-Gebäude (Rawema Building)

Straße der Nationen 12

Before the property behind the Karl-Marx-Monument was built, the Rawema-Gebäude was constructed in the same style. The building has since been refurbished and today houses a hotel, conference facilities and the teacher training centre for the TU Chemnitz (Chemnitz University of Technology). The selection of shops on the ground floor tempts visitors to browse and enjoy awhile.

3 - Stadthalle (Culture and Congress Centre)

Theaterstraße/Brückenstraße

This multifunctional complex, built in 1974, includes the Stadthalle with its two halls and inviting foyer as well as the Stadthallenpark in front of the building and the 26-floor Congress Hotel. The imposing exposed concrete façade defines the face of Chemnitz's city centre. The Carlowitz Congresscenter for large events and conferences opened in the complex at the end of 2020.

4 - Architectural Art *Brückenstraße 21*

The diversity of the forms of artistic expression employed in the GDR era is particularly clearly reflected in the architectural art it produced. In this example, lead inlays on porphyry were affixed to all four residential blocks at the end of Brückenstraße. The work *Friedensfahrt* (Journey of Peace) is by Johannes Belz.

5 - Wall mosaic: *Industrie und Landschaft des Bezirkes Karl-Marx-Stadt*

(Industry and Landscape of the Karl-Marx-Stadt District)

Carl-Heinz Westenburger created this work between 1980 and 1983. It was once displayed in the foyer of the Forum as a large-scale wall mosaic – but today nothing remains to be seen except for a frame resembling a ventilation shaft. The wall mosaic is a listed monument, and its future is currently unclear.

6 - Karl-Marx-Monument *Brückenstraße 10*

The most famous head in the city can't be missed: 40 tonnes in weight and 7.10 metres tall, the bust of Karl Marx is prominently located on Brückenstraße, close to the city centre. The sculpture designed by Lev Kerbel is framed by the relief wall by Volker Beier and Heinz Schumann which stands behind it. Both were ceremonially dedicated in 1971.

7 - Fountain Ensembles *Straße der Nationen*

Four fountains created by different artists can be found on the stretch of Straße der Nationen between Brückenstraße and Theaterplatz. Entitled *Jugend* (Youth, 1965, Johannes Belz), *Spielende Kinder* (Children Playing, 1965, Hanns Diettrich), *Völkerfreundschaft* (Friendship between the Peoples, 1966, Gottfried Kohl) and *Hochzeitsbrunnen* (Wedding Fountain, 1980, Peter Fritzsche), they express typical socialist themes through art in public space.

8 - Omnibusbahnhof (Omnibus Station) *Georgstraße/Straße der Nationen*

The Karl-Marx-Stadt Omnibusbahnhof was considered one of Europe's most modern. Its roof, erected in 1968, is truly outstanding: suspended from pylons and covering a good 1,200 square metres, it offers waiting passengers protection from rain and snow. Juxtaposed with the Alte Aktienspinnerei behind it, where the Universitätsbibliothek (University Library) is now located, the Omnibusbahnhof forms an ensemble filled with the tensions between architectural epochs.

Beyond the city centre

9 - Eissportzentrum Chemnitz (Ice Sports Centre) *Leipziger Straße*

The Eissportzentrum on Leipziger Straße was constructed from 1955 as a sports and training centre. In 1964–65, the artificial ice rink was given a covered roof based on plans by architect C. Merkel. The hall structure is self-supporting for more than 60 metres and provides space for up to 4,700 visitors.

10 - Wohngebiet Fritz Heckert (Fritz Heckert Residential District)

The residential district colloquially known as the “Heckert-Gebiet” (Heckert District) incorporates a total of five Chemnitz urban districts. It was one of the GDR's largest urban development projects. Surviving original architectural art and traditional garage yards, as well as restructuring and reconstruction work, can still be seen on a walk around the area today.

11 - KÜCHWALDBÜHNE (Küchwald Open-Air Theatre)

As part of the national reconstruction after the Second World War, this open-air stage was erected based on designs by Roland Hühnerfürst. It is the product of 130,000 hours of volunteer labour. Opened in 1960 for the second Free German Trade Union Federation workers' festival, the theatre once accommodated up to 5,000 visitors. Today it once again welcomes summer performances thanks to the committed work of the Küchwaldbühne e.V. association.

WELCOME TO THE PURPLE PATH®

2025 is the European Capital of Culture year in Chemnitz – and in the surrounding region! A total of 38 municipalities around Chemnitz make up the Capital of Culture region. Many of them are already linked by what is known as the “Chemnitz model”, which means you can travel by rail without having to change. There are no changes on the route from Aue to Burgstädt, for example. Or from Mittweida to Thalheim. But this isn’t the only link between them – the PURPLE PATH is designed to be a pathway of art, culture and sculptures that creates connections between these places. Impressive works by different artists await visitors in unusual locations. Here we present just a small selection of them.



Include Me Out by Friedrich Kunath in Thalheim



Oben-Mit (Above-With) by Osmar Osten in Chemnitz



Wildschweine (Wild Boars) by Carl Emanuel Wolff in Ehrenfriedersdorf

THALHEIM/ERZGEBIRGE

In August 2022, a group of sculptures entitled *Include Me Out* by artist Friedrich Kunath was installed in the Buntsockenpark at Villa Neukirchner in Thalheim in the Erzgebirge. Six spruce trees made of bronze extend their low-hanging branches to one another to form a circle. They are complemented by a seventh tree that stands on the periphery. With his installation, the sculptor and painter invites viewers to ask themselves: “Is there such a thing as being outside in the outdoors?”

Location: Buntsockenpark, Robert-Koch-Straße, 09380 Thalheim/Erzgebirge



Stack by Tony Cragg in Aue-Bad Schlema

CHEMNITZ

Slim, elegant and towering – this is how Osmar Osten’s sculpture stands on Chemnitz’s Schillerplatz. Delicately coloured columns nestled together form the supports for a whole group of silver-coloured cast aluminium figures: depictions of Erzgebirge nutcrackers, angels and miners as well as incense smokers stand side by side and in some cases quite literally head to head on top of each other. The “good spirits of my home region” is how Osten ambiguously expands on the title of the *Oben-Mit* figures. They can be understood both as a homage to the Erzgebirge region and as an attempt at distancing from the appropriation of local identities for tourism and commercial purposes.

Location: Schillerplatz, 09111 Chemnitz

AUE-BAD SCHLEMA

The sculpture *Stack*, by artist Tony Cragg, has been installed in the Kurpark in Bad Schlema since autumn 2022. This is right next door to the former Shaft 7.0, where the company Wismut mined uranium for the Soviet Union from 1947 at a depth of up to 278 metres. Cast from bronze, the abstract sculpture measures 3.8 metres high.

Location: Kurpark in Bad Schlema, starting point: Wendestelle bus stop at the Kurpark, 08301 Bad-Schlema

EHRENFRIEDERSDORF

The story of the boars who brought tin to the surface while rooting for food is part of the founding myth of the mining industry in Ehrenfriedersdorf. This is how the location of the subsequent tin mine got the name Sauberg, or Sow Mountain, and this is the exact location where the bronze boars created by Carl Emanuel Wolff, born in Essen in 1957, now stand. His works have been exhibited in a host of museums, such as the Lehmbruck Museum in Duisburg, for which he produced his first group of wild boars.

Location: Museum Zinngrube (Tin Mine Museum), Am Sauberg 1, 09427 Ehrenfriedersdorf



Twister Again by Alice Aycock in Seiffen



Heimat Ensemble II (Home Ensemble II) by Jan Kummer in Gersdorf

GERSDORF

Equally sized round elements reminiscent of enlarged bottle caps form the main components of the work *Heimat Ensemble II* by Chemnitz artist Jan Kummer. The various elements in black, red, blue and green curve inwards at their edges and have 21 teeth. They are assembled vertically and horizontally or folded along their midlines to immediately bring to mind Mickey Mouse. Through playful and ironic exaggeration, allusion and scaling, the artist elevates disposable products made of thin sheet metal – which are designed to be used just once – into a permanent work of art.

Location: Am Hegebach, Hauptstraße 244, 09355 Gersdorf



One Million - ITEMS 3501 / 3502 by Uli Aigner in Löbnitz

LÖSSNITZ

Items 3501 and 3502, made of porcelain by artist Uli Aigner, are larger than life and weigh a good 800 kilograms each. They have been in place in Löbnitz since 2023, one in its full size, the other fractured, having shattered during the manufacturing process. They are both pieces from the One Million project and were produced in Jingdezhen, China, in 2019. A world map on the artist’s website shows the locations of her items in a global archive.

Location: Alte Dampfbrauerei Schwartz (Old Schwartz Steam Brewery), Niedergraben 11, 08294 Löbnitz

Please note: Unfortunately, the works will be removed from display during the winter.

ZWÖNITZ

Nevin Aladağ’s sculptures dazzle softly above the surface of the water in the Austelpark in Zwönitz. The objects are appropriated everyday items: designer lamps from the 1960s, covered with tights in different colours and textures. With a captivating lightness and beauty, *Color Floating* brings sensuality, fantasy and a spectrum of shades and hues to this town steeped in mining and the textile industry.

Location: Austelpark (car park: An der Austel-Villa, Rathausstraße 14, 08297 Zwönitz)

Note: The artwork will not be on display during the winter.



Color Floating by Nevin Aladağ in Zwönitz

More information about the project can be found at:



chemnitz2025.de/purplepath

More information about the region can be found at:

chemnitz.zwickau.region.de



Maker²



COOKING, KNITTING, CROCHETING, CARVING, DRAWING, POTTERY: the culture of “making” is one of the central elements of the Capital of Culture programme. But it is the people behind these activities who are actually the centre of attention. People who not only possess a certain expertise but also want to share it with others. Anyone who enjoys learning something new or trying out a new technique is invited to look over the shoulders of the makers in Chemnitz and the cultural region, talk to them and take home more than just impressions.

Maker²



Makers, Business & Arts

The main project Makers, Business & Arts, part of the European Capital of Culture Chemnitz 2025 programme, builds bridges between creative makers, art, business and tourism. The programme develops opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration, promotes the development of creative centres and is committed to expanding creative tourism in the region.

Nine Maker Hubs in Chemnitz and the region

The establishment of nine Maker Hubs in Chemnitz and the Capital of Culture region is creating “places for us”: open workshops where people can let their creativity loose – whether they’re crafting, exploring new technologies, cooking or gardening.

www.chemnitz2025.de/makerhubs

Maker Advent

During the Maker Advent, workshops, clubs and creative minds in Chemnitz and the Capital of Culture region invite visitors to join them in crafting, woodturning, lace-making, printing, baking, socialising and singing. For those who want to discover and try things out, there are courses and events every day of Advent.

www.chemnitz2025.de/maker-advent

Creative impetus for crafts and industry

Innovations arise when people with different expertise and perspectives come together. These are exactly the kind of encounters that the Makers, Business & Arts project creates with the Spielzeugmacherfestival (Toymakers’ Festival) in Seiffen. Toymakers from Seiffen and across Europe will gather at the event in August 2025 to exhibit wooden kits, music boxes, fairytale figures, “Räuchermännchen” incense-burning figurines and much more. Trying out the toys and joining in the fun and games is expressly encouraged!

www.chemnitz2025.de/spielzeugmacher-festival



Nadine Knödler

LEHNGERICHT AUGUSTUSBURG MAKER HUB

“For me, MAKING means turning visions into reality and using creativity and technology to create something new. The maker culture in Chemnitz and in our Maker Hub in the Lehngericht Augustusburg brings people together, connects ideas and technologies and creates a space that brings community to life. Especially in 2025, with Chemnitz taking centre stage as the European Capital of Culture, it is shining a light on how enriching creating something together can be for the region and beyond.”

CAPITAL OF CULTURE MAKER PROJECTS



A SELECTION



Pia Hackner

KULTURWERK SCHNEEBERG/NEUSCHNEE MAKER HUB

“Capital of Culture Chemnitz 2025 – for me, the years leading up to it and the year itself are all about MAKING THINGS POSSIBLE. There are so many opportunities to get involved and bring your ideas to life with others. I see maker culture in many small, often hidden things. Whether it’s classical 3D printing, tourist attractions drawing on folk art or simply volunteering to spend time together: I think ‘C the Unseen’ is a wonderful motto.”

MEHRWERT: SCHÖPFUNG 28 MAR – 30 APR ’25

Lößnitz Makers – #diemacherei

Exhibition with upcycling week at the Maker Hub in Lößnitz.

loessnitz-makers.de

UWE MAKERS’ FESTIVAL 21 – 22 JUN ’25

Kulturnetzwerk UW Etdorf

A makers’ festival of creativity and innovation.

uw-etzdorf.de

48-HOUR COOKING MARATHON 15 – 17 AUG ’25

NETZ-Werk Neukirchen/Erzgebirge

A delicious community weekend full of creative cuisine.

netzwerk-neukirchen.de

LOOP! 22 – 24 AUG ’25

ESCHE LAB Limbach-Oberfrohna

The knitting festival at the Textile Hub in the Esche Museum.

esche-museum.de

MADE IN – PLATFORM FOR CONTEMPORARY CRAFTS & DESIGN 23 OCT – 31 DEC ’25

Kulturwerk Schneeberg Maker Hub

An exhibition of innovative design and craft ideas.

chemnitz2025.de/made-in

MAKER ADVENT 24 NOV – 30 DEC ’25

Chemnitz & the cultural region

A Christmas do-it-together.

chemnitz2025.de/maker-advent

FIT & ACTIVE

Get moving in the city and the region

With over 220 sports clubs and more than 80 sports on offer, Chemnitz lives up to its reputation as a sporting city. Footballer Michael Ballack and figure skater Katarina Witt grew up here, and sportsmen and women from Chemnitz have won more than 90 Olympic medals to date. The Capital of Culture 2025 programme will also put sports culture in the spotlight. The European Peace Ride, which passes through Eastern Europe on its way to Chemnitz every September, is just one example of this. You don't have to join a club straight away if you're visiting Chemnitz – but popping a few bits of sports gear and a pair of trainers in your suitcase might not be a bad idea, because watching and getting involved are very much encouraged!



Splish
splosh
splash

You should also bring a towel with you because the Stadtbad Chemnitz (Public Baths) was designed in the New Building style, and you can still swim laps in the elegant 50-metre pool near the city centre today. A slightly smaller indoor swimming pool is directly adjacent. When it's really hot outside, the outdoor pools in the city and the region give you the chance to cool down. They include the Stausee Oberrabenstein (Oberrabenstein Reservoir), the Naturbad Niederwiesa (Niederwiesa Natural Pool) and the Talsperre Kriebstein (Kriebstein Reservoir). If you prefer your water frozen, you should pay a visit to the Eissportzentrum Chemnitz (Ice Sports Centre) in the north-west of the city. With over 7,400 square metres of ice surface and more than 4,500 seats, there is plenty of space for ice skating, for the annual ice fairy tale in winter, and for the home games of the Chemnitz Crashers ice hockey team.



Cheering until you run out of breath



The Niners Chemnitz basketball team played in what is known as the Hartmann-Halle for many years. As the fans really gave cheering their team on everything, it was unofficially renamed "Hartmann-Hölle" (Hartmann Hell). Since the men's team was promoted to the first division, they've played at Messe Chemnitz, and the fans are every bit as passionate. But this success isn't just limited to the men's team: Chemnitz is also a leading contender in the women's basketball league. Whether the Niners or the ChemCats are playing, a home game is not to be missed. And this isn't the only place where you'll find one. Whether you're cheering on the Floor Fighters or Athletic Sonnenberg, watching the top or bottom league, bringing a European flag with you is a great idea if you're visiting Chemnitz for a sporting event.



Through the **halfpipe** and back or up and away

Konkordiapark at the bottom of the Kaßberg hill is so much more than just a park. A parkour facility, two basketball courts, table-tennis tables, a skatepark, a dirt track and a playing field are open invitations to exercise, play and have fun in the fresh air, all completely free of charge. This spot is particularly popular among young sports enthusiasts. The Kletterzentrum Chemnitz (Chemnitz Climbing Centre) is right next door. Beginners and professionals alike can practise there, and the little ones are very welcome, too. And those who prefer to keep their feet on the ground can sit and watch with a cup of

coffee. If bouldering is more your style, you should head over to the Boulderlounge (Bouldering Lounge) in Altchemnitz. A day spent here will fly by: with more than 900 square metres of bouldering space, the lounge is steeped in industrial heritage, as it is located in a complex that was once a spinning machine factory. Around 150 routes in six different levels of difficulty are waiting to be discovered, while at the Jump House trampoline park in the Vita-Center young and old alike fly into the air almost by themselves – a sight you might be able to see on a rainy day.



Out and about on foot: **Hiking and pilgrimages**

There are several urban forests in Chemnitz: Kūchwald, for example, or Zeisigwald. Chemnitz Stadtpark (City Park) is even longer than Central Park in New York, and there is also plenty of walking to be had beyond the city limits, for instance in the Rochlitz Muldental Valley or along the Zwickauer Mulde River. Several pilgrimage routes also pass through Chemnitz and the region. They are an invitation to reflect and find inner peace. The Saxon section of the Way of St James on Frankenstraße covers around 300 kilometres from Bautzen to Eich and thus passes directly through Chemnitz for around 19 kilometres. The route is marked with the international Way of St James logo and is overseen by the Sächsischer Jakobsweg an der Frankenstraße e.V. association, which provides pilgrims' credentials in addition to a brochure for pilgrims. There is naturally the opportunity to collect stamps along the way, for example at the Tourist-Information Chemnitz at Markt 1. A Capital of Culture project invites you to explore the region from the perspective of art – including on foot. Known as the PURPLE PATH, the route is an art and hiking trail that connects the individual municipalities. *More information can be found on pages 40/41.*



The unexpected **sporting moments**

It may not be what you'd expect from Chemnitz, but you can also play golf here. A picturesque 18-hole golf course awaits fans of English turf at Wasserschloß Klaffenbach (Klaffenbach Moated Castle). Beginners can also learn all the important points on a taster course. And something else you wouldn't expect: once a year, the nationwide slacklining scene gathers in Chemnitz and has also set about conquering the city centre in recent years. Be it over Theaterplatz, Brückenstraße or the river – nowhere is off limits for the highline experts. Those who find their interest piqued can then try out the techniques at the International Slackfest, which usually takes place afterwards at the Walden-Basencamp in Euba.

Cycling highlights



If you prefer a more leisurely ride at your own pace, you can try out the Chemnitztalradweg (Chemnitz Valley Cycling Trail) or the Muldetalradweg (Mulde Valley Cycling Trail) with friends, family or on your own. A number of castles, palaces and more besides are waiting to be discovered along picturesque river courses. The route from Chemnitz into the Erzgebirge is a little sportier. Chemnitz and the region are the perfect place for anyone who likes action and competition with their cycling. Getting in the saddle or watching from the sidelines – you can do either at these events:

Porphyry King

26 April 2025 – Rochlitzer Berg

If you ride up the summit of Rochlitzer Berg 80 times, you've climbed as high as Everest. In the Porphyry King race, you have 15 hours to complete the "Everesting" challenge, as it's known. But there are also other categories you can participate in here.

www.fit4bike.de/porphyry-king

Heavy24

19–22 June 2025 – Stausee Oberrabenstein (Oberrabenstein Reservoir), Chemnitz

Twenty-four hours on a mountain bike – not everyone can handle it. This race, considered to be one of the toughest in Germany, threads around the Stausee Oberrabenstein reservoir. It goes without saying that you can also enter as a team.

www.mtb-chemnitz.de

(Fichtelberg Cycling Marathon) Fichtelberg Radmarathon

15 June 2025 – Chemnitz

Starting in Chemnitz, riders tackle Saxony's highest mountain, the Fichtelberg. The route covers a total of around 90 kilometres and 1,800 metres of elevation gain.

www.fichtelberg-radmarathon.de

Sports highlights in the **Capital of Culture**



♥ C2025



ECOC Curling Cup 2025

11–13 April 2025 – Jutta Müller Eissportzentrum (Ice Sports Centre), Large Ice Rink

This year marks the 21st Chemnitz Curling Tournament, and to celebrate the European Capital of Culture 2025, the long-standing curling tournaments in Trutnov (Czech Republic), Świdnica (Poland) and Chemnitz are joining forces to host the ECoC Curling Cup 2025. Teams that take part in all three tournaments will be included in the overall ranking for the ECoC Curling Cup and will compete for the title of First ECoC Curling Cup Winner at the grand final in Chemnitz – and for the prize money that awaits the top-placed teams overall.

www.ecoc-curling-cup.eu/de

Kulturhauptstadt–Marathon (Capital of Culture Marathon)

18 May 2025 – City centre, Chemnitz

Past the Karl Marx Monument and Theaterplatz, around the Schloßteich (Castle Pond) and through green parks – the first ever Kulturhauptstadt–Marathon will take place in May. Sport and culture are to be combined in a unique event: Quarter marathon, half marathon, marathon or relay – anything is possible. The race will be held in tandem with the traditional Sparkassen Marathon for all employees of Germany's Sparkasse savings banks.

www.sparkassenmarathon-chemnitz.de

European Peace Ride

10–13 September 2025 – destination: Chemnitz

The International Peace Race, also known as the Course de la Paix, was the most highly regarded amateur cycling event behind the Iron Curtain. First held in 1952, it led across Eastern Europe every year. It was last held in this form in 2006. Drawing on this past, the European Peace Ride is conceived as a reinterpretation of the historic original and as an event for all parts of society. Together with neighbouring Poland and the Czech Republic, the aim is to create a project of European relevance that brings people together. Tours have been held every year since 2021, with the destination always being Chemnitz.

www.peace-ride.com



8 conference and convention centres with capacity for up to 1,000 people
Biggest venue: Messe Chemnitz exhibition hall with an area of 7,500 m²
 2,500 beds in 21 hotels, 15 of which are conference hotels

CHEMNITZ, AN EVENT AND CONVENTION VENUE

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EVENT LOCATIONS

The selection of venues is as abundant as it is unique. Unconventional events in unusual places are a special strength of ours. Looking for a couple of examples? How about... a workshop in a heavy goods lift, a get-together in a spacious rooftop garden, an association conference in an industrial monument with underfloor heating, a creative exchange in a former orchestra rehearsal room, a disabled-accessible meeting in the midst of museum treasures, a historical tram wagon converted into a stage, a festival in a launderette, a professional all-inclusive, worry-free package at a conference hotel, a seminar in an elegant art nouveau villa or a standing reception on the 26th floor with a view over the city. From traditional to experimental locations, we'd love to help you find the perfect backdrop to an event that makes an impact!



PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE

Once a traditional industrial centre, Chemnitz today is focused on pioneering research and high-tech developments. Numerous examples demonstrate this: the National Hydrogen Centre, one of four sites in Germany, is being set up right next door to TU Chemnitz (Chemnitz University of Technology) and other research institutions. CADA, a network of innovative technology companies unlike any other in Germany, is developing the future of automated driving here. In the space of just eight years, software company Staffbase has gone from a small start-up to a unicorn that's valued at over 1 billion US dollars. The thing that Chemnitz can definitely do, time and time again, is connect topics, bring stakeholders together, create synergies and inspire new motivation to exchange ideas and collaborate.

PEOPLE

For many decades, a wide range of cultural actors from Chemnitz and the surrounding region have put incredible passion and dedication into making the local event and creative sector what it is. Active across Germany and well connected, the city's scene enjoys a good reputation as a reliable and professional partner. Thanks to Chemnitz's many years of experience in live entertainment, the city's know-how is on display at nearly every major festival in Germany. This is coupled with wide-ranging expertise in event organisation and equipment, from logistics, catering and entertainment through to graphic design. The feats that this exceptional network is capable of were plain to see back in 2018, when the sector joined forces and brought **#wirsindmehr** (we are more) to life in just a week. This concert attracted some 65,000 guests, who together sent an international signal for tolerance and democracy – in response to extreme right-wing rallies in Chemnitz city centre. The result of this was the KOSMOS CHEMNITZ festival, which offers initiatives, artists, cultural creators, associations and companies a platform for dialogue and discourse.



PROGRAMME

Industrial heritage. Museums of technological history. East German modernism. City tours. High culture. Sports. Open-air events. Food and drink. Airport. Subculture. Recreational facilities. Nature. Galleries. Castles. Once you've visited Chemnitz, you'll see the city in a whole new light! Themed programmes of accompanying events are always an option for all kinds of conferences – authentic experiences are guaranteed.





Around the European Capital of Culture 2025

Where urban and rural areas merge seamlessly, culture and industry come together amid fascinating landscapes. We present the unique trio that makes **CHEMNITZ. ZWICKAU. REGION.** a worthwhile holiday destination all year round.

Steam. Machine. Engines.

A holiday in the industrial region – it's well worth it because there are things to experience here that you won't find anywhere else. For example, taking a ride on the "Schienentrabi" – a Trabant on rails, visiting a narrow-gauge tram museum or admiring rumbling weaving machines and steam engines from bygone days in majestic palaces of industry. The region has been profoundly shaped by mining, textiles and the automotive industry. Traces of these times can be found everywhere, and many outstanding exhibitions in historic industrial buildings are devoted to these themes.

The four rings of the Audi automotive brand have their origins here; around 120 years of automobile construction have been lovingly recreated in the August Horch Museum, often tracing their links to the bastion of international racing that is the Sachsenring in Hohenstein-Ernstthal. This is where the champions of motorbike racing gather for the MotoGP and thrill hundreds of thousands of visitors from all over the world every year. Two special highlights from the history of mobility, and not just for railway enthusiasts, are the Schauplatz Eisenbahn (Exhibition Railway) in Chemnitz-Hilbersdorf and the Museumsbahnhof (Museum Station) in Markersdorf-Taucha. A tour on the historical rails takes you around the Chemnitz valley in an open carriage. The Esche-Museum in Limbach-Oberfrohna, the Textil- und Rennsportmuseum (Textile and Racing Museum) in Hohenstein-Ernstthal, and the Tuchfabrik (Cloth Factory) in Crimmitschau provide a glimpse of the heyday of the textile industry that has influenced the region so profoundly.

Palaces. Castles. Artistic delights.

The palaces and castles in CHEMNITZ. ZWICKAU. REGION. impress not only in their number, but also through their quality. Stately parks, distinctive façades, historical interiors: it's no surprise that they have served as the backdrop for a number of films. For an introduction to the world of castles and palaces, we recommend visiting one of the following castles: Schloss Augustusburg, Schlösser Glauchau, Schloss Wolkenburg or Schloss Waldenburg. Every year during the Nacht der Schlösser (Night of the Castles), the buildings of bygone times enchant young and old alike.

Life in the Late Middle Ages takes centre stage high up on the hill at Burg Kriebstein (Kriebstein Castle), while Wasserschloß Klaffenbach (Klaffenbach Moated Castle) impresses with its unique Renaissance architecture. A visit within the historic walls of Rochsburg Castle can easily be combined with savouring the delicious chocolate creations of Choco Del Sol. With discovery tours, hands-on activities and guided tours, even our youngest visitors will find that boredom is simply not an option.



Picnic. Paddling. Porphyry tuff.

Nature in CHEMNITZ. ZWICKAU. REGION. is breathtaking and diverse. The red-violet Rochlitz porphyry tuff, found nowhere else in the world and currently Germany's only World Heritage Stone, shapes the landscape and architecture throughout the region. It tells of times of huge volcanic eruptions millions of years ago. The volcanic past and the centuries of mining activity visible on the summit of Rochlitzer Berg exert a fascination to this day. They can be explored in the Geoportal Porphyryhaus (Porphyry House Geology Portal) or on the Porphyrylehrpfad (Porphyry Education Trail) and in the Museum für Naturkunde Chemnitz (Museum of Natural History).

Gentle hills and wildly romantic valleys offer many opportunities for outdoor activities such as cycling and hiking. The reservoirs and dams are ideal for swimming and canoeing. At several reservoirs – such as Stausee Oberwald, Koberbachtalsperre, Stausee Oberrabenstein and Talsperre Kriebstein – you can also stay overnight at a neighbouring campsite. Also worth checking out: The Amerika-Tierpark (America Zoo) in Limbach-Oberfrohna, a trip around the world at Miniwelt Lichtenstein (Lichtenstein Miniature World) and the Irrgarten der Sinne (Maze of the Senses) in Frohburg.



**CHEMNITZ. ZWICKAU.
REGION.**

Zwickau – Explore the undiscovered

Zwickau is an important part of the Capital of Culture region 2025. Under the banner of “Explore the undiscovered”, which echoes the motto of the Capital of Culture, it invites visitors to discover the city of automobiles and Robert Schumann in a completely new way. To this day, Zwickau lends the entire region a great deal of appeal. The city is incredibly diverse, especially when it comes to its rich museum landscape. The museums cover an impressive range of topics, from art and music to the history of technology and automobiles. In the Kunstsammlungen Zwickau (Zwickau Art Collections), visitors can admire a digital presentation of the work of the famous Zwickau-born expressionist Max Pechstein, while the August Horch Museum tells the fascinating story of automobile production in Zwickau. The late medieval Priesterhäuser (Priests’ Houses) in Zwickau are among the oldest preserved stone residential buildings in Germany and provide insights into the city’s fascinating history spanning more than 900 years. Themed city tours invite you to explore the city, and signposted circular routes



take you in the footsteps of Martin Luther and Robert Schumann. Speaking of whom, music lovers from all over the world are drawn to the Robert-Schumann-Haus (Robert Schumann House) in Zwickau. The museum, known for its musicological research, concerts and the impressive permanent exhibition on the life and work of the famous musi-

cal couple Clara and Robert Schumann, is embarking on an exciting transformation from spring 2025. In future, the museum will present the story of Robert and Clara Schumann in mixed reality using fascinating technologies, from artificial intelligence to augmented reality.



22/03/2025 | CHILDREN’S MUSEUM NIGHT

10/04/ – 10/08/2025 | SUN SEEKERS! – ART AND MINING AT WISMUT METAWERK

17/05/ – 14/09/2025 | BUILDING BRIDGES: THE ART COLLECTIONS IN CHEMNITZ & ZWICKAU – A PEEK INSIDE THE COLLECTIONS: KUNSTSAMMLUNGEN ZWICKAU (ZWICKAU ART COLLECTIONS), MAX-PECHSTEIN-MUSEUM IN THE TEMPORARY VENUE ZWISCHENRAUM

5 – 15/06/2025 | SCHUMANN FESTIVAL

20/09/2025 | LONG NIGHT OF TECHNOLOGY WESTSÄCHSISCHE HOCHSCHULE ZWICKAU (ZWICKAU UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES)

13/09/ – 26/10/2025 | JOURNEYS THROUGH LIFE ZWICKAU-CHEMNITZ PRIESTERHÄUSER ZWICKAU (ZWICKAU PRIESTS’ HOUSES)

13/09/2025 | COURTYARD MOMENTS VARIOUS VENUES IN ZWICKAU

20/09/2025 | NIGHT OF THE OPEN CHURCHES VARIOUS CHURCHES IN THE CITY

25/10/2025 | MUSEUM NIGHT ZWICKAU VARIOUS VENUES



Sachsen Classic Classic car rally through Saxony 14 – 16 August 2025

START AND FINISH: DRESDEN

No other classic car rally attracts as many people to its route as the Sachsen Classic. In the Capital of Culture year 2025, this event will be held for the 22nd time. The route naturally leads through Chemnitz – and into the cultural region. The Free State of Saxony was and still is a centre for automotive engineering, and it cultivates this history with a very special dedication. The Sachsen Classic is home to spectacular vehicle collections that pay tribute to the region’s immense importance in automotive history. Good vibes are guaranteed when the almost 200 vehicles pass through the picturesque towns and villages along the scenic route. Cheering spectators lining the streets and roadsides are very much part of the event, making the Sachsen Classic rally a truly special experience.



More information is available at:



event.motorpresse.de/auto/rallyes

EAT SLEEP VISIT REPEAT

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. Join us as we explore the city's many delicious locations.



LUNCH BREAK OR FOR A QUICK BITE IN BETWEEN

Exploring works up an appetite. If you are out and about in Chemnitz during the week, there is no shortage of places to stop for a good lunch. Such as here, for example:



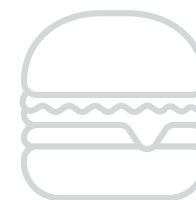
NOMAD AND BOHNENMEISTER

Lunch in Altchemnitz is an excellent choice, because the Nomad offers a marvellous selection of salads, wraps and soups in an ambience steeped in industrial heritage. Just a few steps further on you'll find Bohnenmeister, the perfect place for dessert or an espresso. Bohnenmeister is located directly in the Wirkbau complex, so you can also order your food or coffee to go and then enjoy it on the roof garden, weather permitting.

Nomad, Lothringer Straße 11, Mon. – Fri. 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Bohnenmeister, Lothringer Straße 11, Mon. – Fri. 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

FALSCHER HASE



If you are looking for a good lunch with regional dishes, you should plan a visit to this restaurant on the Kaßberg. Its name comes from the butcher's called "Haase" that used to be on the premises. Today it offers vegetarian and vegan dishes as well – including takeaways. In summer, you can savour your meal on the terrace and enjoy the view of the art nouveau district.

Falscher Hase, Puschkinstraße 15, Tue. – Fri. 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.



COFFEE AND...

You shouldn't pass up the opportunity for a good afternoon coffee in Chemnitz. And it doesn't have to stop there. The Kaßberg and Sonnenberg neighbourhoods offer much more to experience and discover than just coffee. For example...

GOOD PAPER

The Haamit stationery shop attracts people who come for the paper, pens, pads, lamps, cups and little odds and ends. And then there are those who come for the coffee. Both options are highly recommended in this store, which describes itself as a cabinet of beautiful things and everyday culture.

Haamit, Ulmenstraße 61,
Tue. – Fri. 2 – 7 p.m., Sat. 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

BEST BREAD

If you're looking for delicious cinnamon rolls to enjoy with your coffee, head to Nomad Bakery 37 on Kanzlerstraße. This is the perfect place to make plans for the day, warm up your feet or grab a loaf for your tea.

Nomad Bakery 37, Kanzlerstraße 37,
Mon. – Fri. 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Sat. 8 – 11 a.m.



BEING SEEN

Emmas Onkel (Emma's Uncle) lives at the intersection of Weststraße and Ulmenstraße. Okay, so nobody knows exactly who Emma was or is – and her uncle, well, nobody's ever seen him either. But this is definitely the best spot to be seen and to sit and watch the Kaßberg neighbourhood go by while enjoying a cup of coffee and a piece of cake.

Emmas Onkel, Ulmenstraße 48,
Tue. – Thu. 2 – 10 p.m., Fri. + Sat. 2 – 11 p.m.,
Sun. 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

BROWSING UNDISTURBED

If that's a bit too much hustle and bustle for you and you prefer to enjoy your coffee in peace, you should stop by on Fürstenstraße on the Sonnenberg. Browse at your leisure in the Katapult-Buchhandel (Katapult Bookshop) and enjoy a hot drink while you're at it.

Katapult-Buchhandel, Fürstenstraße 19,
Mon. – Sat. 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

ZERO-WASTE SHOPPING

Peacefood describes itself as a vegan zero-waste shop and is therefore very much in tune with the times. But the former butcher's is more than just a place to shop: you can also have lunch, drink coffee and eat cake. Bags and jars are usually available in store, too!

Peacefood, Umlandstraße 30,
Tue. – Fri. 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Sat. 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

CHEERS! A SHORT PUB TOUR

Whether it's an after-work beer, a lemonade with bingo or a cocktail with a view of the city's industrial heritage: there may not be many pubs in Chemnitz, but the ones that it has are excellent and quite unusual. And it doesn't matter whether you head out with familiar faces or make new friends on your night out – either is possible.

AALTRA

The aaltra on the summit of the Kaßberg in Kulturhaus Arthur (Culture House Arthur) is much more than just a pub. The website promises a bar, culture and a beer garden, but even that's not all. Concerts, talk shows, pub quizzes or bingo in the garden – you'll find all this high up above the city centre.

aaltra, Hohe Straße 33,
Tue. – Thu. from 6 p.m., Fri. – Sat. from 8 p.m.

LOOP ROOFTOP BAR

With a bit of luck, you can watch beautiful sunsets over the rooftops of Zwickauer Straße. And the location itself is worth a visit, as the bar is housed in the former Tüllfabrik (Tulle Factory), now simply known as "die Fabrik" ("the factory").

Loop Rooftop Bar, Zwickauer Straße 145,
Thu. – Sun. from 5 p.m.

MAROON

Cocktail bar Maroon on the Kaßberg specialises in one thing: especially good cocktails. Guests can pop in with their requests and perhaps discover a special new treat or two in the process.

Maroon Bar, Ulmenstraße 16,
Wed. – Sat. from 6 p.m.

BALBOA

It wouldn't be an exaggeration to describe this corner pub on the Brühl as the city's living room. Because especially in summer, when the chairs and tables are clustered together outside, you can't help but stop for just one last glass. And you can play skat there, too.

Balboa Bar, Zöllnerstraße 33,
Wed. – Sat. from 6 p.m.





CULINARY SPECIALITIES

Chemnitz gastronomic establishments cater for international, Mediterranean, exotic and, if desired, even for traditional hearty tastes. Numerous extremely diverse restaurants have won a loyal following in Chemnitz in recent years or delight new diners with their charming individuality. Take your taste buds on a trip through Chemnitz.

LA BOUCHÉE BRASSERIE. BISTRO

France comes to Chemnitz. It sounds crazy, but it's true. If you've worked up an appetite for frogs' legs and crêpes in between visiting the penguins and the St. Jakobikirche (St. Jacob's Church), we recommend stopping off at La bouchée. As you sit here overlooking the square beside the St. Jakobikirche, it's easy to lose yourself for a while.

ALEXXANDERS RESTAURANT

Tucked away in a snug location on the Sonnenberg, this restaurant shines with outstanding cuisine: alexxanders. Seasonal dishes, a stylish ambience and first-class service make any visit an experience. If you don't want to go home just yet, you can even stay overnight at the hotel located above.

VILLA ESCHÉ RESTAURANT

Fine dining at its best, in a former coach house overlooking the art nouveau building designed by Henry van de Velde as a total work of art. The airy space offers a panoramic view and is perfect for spending a relaxed few hours. The restaurant also offers highly sought-after cookery courses for those who prefer to try their hand themselves. Of course, a trip to the restaurant can be combined with a visit to the Henry van de Velde Museum in Villa Esche.

RESTAURANTS AND PUBS ON THE SCHLOSSBERG RESTAURANTS

The district at the foot of the Schloßberg hill is the oldest in the city. There's a whole host of restaurants tucked away in pretty half-timbered buildings for all guests who like cosy, traditional dining. In the **Kellerhaus** and in the **An der Schloßmühle** and **Schloßvorwerk** inns, home-cooked food is served in a historical ambience. The **Speisekammer** offers slightly more modern cuisine – choosing is not easy. If you are looking for a view of the city from above, **Miramar** is definitely the place for you. And after your meal, you can either take a stroll around the Schloßteich (Castle Pond) to help your food go down or learn all there is to know about the history of the city at the Schloßbergmuseum. The Küchwald forest is also not far from the Schloßberg hill, and if you are travelling with kids, you should stop off at the **Parkeisenbahn (Park Railway)** or the **Kosmonautenzentrum (Cosmonaut Centre)**.



TURM-BRAUHAUS RESTAURANT

Everywhere needs one of those restaurants where you can get exactly what you need when you've just arrived in a new city: a good supper and an after-work beer to wash it down. The Turm-Brauhaus opposite the Town Hall is one such place. Some of its home-brewed craft beers have even achieved European recognition.



HECK-ART RESTAURANT

Named after the man born in this very building – Fritz Heckert – Heck-Art is situated rather whimsically directly in front of the large prefabricated construction buildings found here, virtually in the heart of the city. Gastronomically superb cuisine is paired with enjoying a bit of art on the side. The upper floor houses a gallery, where you can view various temporary exhibitions by regional artists.

SCHALOM RESTAURANT

There aren't many restaurants in Germany that serve kosher dishes. But Schalom, near the Brühl, is one of them. Boasting a stylish atmosphere, it has seen many prominent guests pass through its doors – not least because the food is absolutely delicious. Every visit is accompanied by a story or anecdote about Jewish life.

JANSSEN RESTAURANT · CAFÉ · BISTRO

Gastronomic pleasures in surroundings steeped in industrial heritage? It's possible in Chemnitz! Situated right beside the river, Janssen delights diners with a spacious terrace and Euro-Asian-inspired gourmet dishes. That's to say: it's delectable, you can easily while away a few hours here, and absorb the ambience of the former hosiery factory, the Strumpffabrik.



MAX LOUIS RESTAURANT

Named after a son of the entrepreneur Louis Ferdinand Schönherr, the restaurant Max Louis is situated in the historical premises of his father's business, the Schönherrfabrik. The sense of history is strong here, as exquisite delicacies are served up against the backdrop of industrial heritage. The spacious venue is also ideal for hosting cultural events.



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Business Hotel Artes

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