

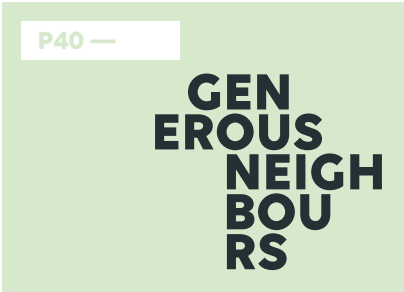
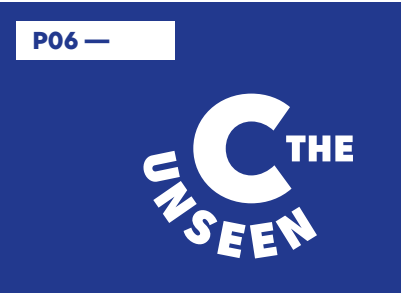


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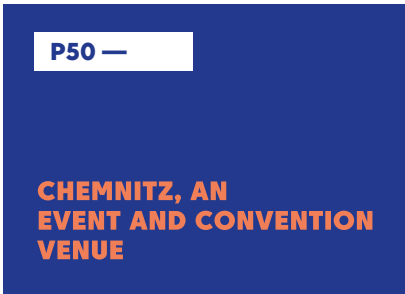
Our heart beats for Europe. Can you hear it? As a city of culture with an industrial pulse, Chemnitz is on the road to being European Capital of Culture. We want to show you what sets us apart, what our strengths and our weaknesses are.

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 Monday mornings.





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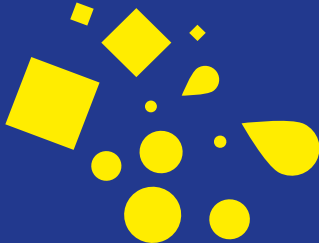


A very warm welcome to Chemnitz – welcome to the European Capital of Culture 2025

Whether you're browsing this magazine while lounging on the sofa, sitting on the edge of your hotel bed, or you picked up a copy in your dentist's waiting room, we are delighted to take you on a short **tour of Chemnitz**.



In keeping with the European Capital of Culture 2025 motto, **"C the Unseen"**, we'll be sharing undiscovered locations and real insider tips in this magazine. Come along with us as we visit the city's stages and iconic neighbourhood pubs and follow the trail of the city's industrial heritage. Here in Chemnitz, hands-on railway history is just as possible as nearly 300-million-year-old trees and a 40-tonne bronze head.



We invite you to get physically active as you explore the city and surrounding region – whether it's riding a bike, hiking along the pilgrimage routes or taking in the art on the **PURPLE PATH**. And your trip will be interesting from an architectural perspective, too. You'll find a steady stream of art nouveau and "Ostmoderne" (East German modernist) architecture in Chemnitz – which you can discover on your own or by booking a themed city tour at the Tourist-Information.*



Whether you're staying in Chemnitz just for a short while or are considering making the city or surrounding region your home, we recommend that you learn something new straight from the people here or get talking to the city's **makers and doers**. Yoga in the museum, ballet lessons with the stars of the stage or a workshop that gives you the chance to make your own souvenir...

But, of course, that's not all. Fall in love with the city's concrete heritage and generosity. And **discover the unexpected!**



Have kids along with you? That's fantastic! Many museums and theatres have programmes just for the little ones, and the summer festivals offer something for everyone in the family to experience, too. We've highlighted some of the information in this magazine with the family button. But it's also worth asking individual organisations about their offers for children and young people.

* 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.



Figurentheater

SPINNBAU

Schauspiel

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When vacant buildings are considered from a new perspective, a former dining room just might end up setting a new scene in more ways than one. The Schauspiel (Playhouse) and Figurentheater (Puppet Theatre) at Theater Chemnitz currently have to resort to an alternative venue in Altchemnitz. Thanks to the skilful handling of its industrial charm, this makeshift solution plays only a backstage role. In a place where textile machines were once produced, theatre is now woven on the stage.



All the
world's
a stage

Carmen

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 the tried-and-tested yet ever-changing shift in perspectives that makes the city's productions such triumphs. It is well worth exploring the diversity of its different stages.

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). And her next production, Tristan und Isolde, in October 2021, also took the opera world by storm.

The repertoire of Oper Chemnitz is extremely broad, ranging from the children's opera Bei der Feuerwehr wird der Kaffee kalt (The Fire Brigade's Coffee) and musicals such as My Fair Lady through to classical operas and operatic literature, including Bizet's Carmen and Strauss' Die Fledermaus (The Bat). The ensemble always keeps an eye out for newly discovered pieces and works that are seldom performed. Examples include exceptional new productions like Alban Berg's expressionist opera Wozzeck, which will be staged in June 2023, and works by Bohuslav Martinů, Peter Eötvös and Eduard Künneke in the 2023/2024 season.

Der große Hanussen (The Great Hanussen)



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 place a special focus on challenging issues like those addressed in Was das Nashorn sah, als es auf die andere Seite des Zauns schaute (What the Rhino Saw on the Other Side of the Fence), a play about the zoo opposite Buchenwald concentration camp, along with socially relevant topics such as diversity, flight and migration as well as intergenerational projects.

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.

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 Küchwaldbühne (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 Altchemnitzer 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



Robert-Schumann-Philharmonie (Robert Schumann Philharmonic Orchestra) in 2022

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. In cooperation with WDR COSMO and the KOSMOS CHEMNITZ Festival for Democracy, the Robert-Schumann-Philharmonie recorded several Machiavelli Sessions in the Opernhaus Chemnitz in 2021, accompanying hip-hop artists Nura, Max Herre and Sugar MMF as they performed their political songs. As part of other concert projects, such as the Klasse Klassik! series, the orchestra shifts to unusual locations in Chemnitz – they have even played in the tram depot.

BEHIND THE SCENES

IN ADDITION TO THEATER CHEMNITZ WITH ITS STATELY OPERNHAUS (OPERA HOUSE) AND SCHAUSPIEL (PLAY-HOUSE), WHICH IS CURRENTLY TEMPORARILY HOUSED IN THE SPINNBAU, CHEMNITZ HAS EVEN MORE STAGES FOR TELLING STORIES. THESE 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 ALSO DESERVE TO BE IN THE SPOTLIGHT...



Fritz Theater

One example is the story of Isabelle Weh, Alica Weirauch and Hardy Hoosman, the theatre people behind the FRITZ THEATER. They came here from Munich in 2010 – and ended up liking Chemnitz so much they decided to stay. The three 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 doers 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.



Family

Many theatre venues also stage performances for children and young people. And sometimes there's even the opportunity to take to the stage yourself. Visit the websites to find out more.

OFF-Bühne KOMPLEX

The OFF-Bühne KOMPLEX is located in the rear courtyard of Zietenstraße 32 in the Sonnenberg district. The banners on the side of the street point the way to the theatre – but it's important to know that it's housed in a former church. 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 – you just might be surprised at what you find.

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

FRESStheater's slogan is "Mundart 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 – the luxurious dining room in the Bernsdorf district – is no less surprising. Unforgettable evenings here include everything from live music to a singing landlady. But make sure to give yourself plenty of time to enjoy it all – it's not unusual for performances to last four hours.

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 (Chemnitz Cabaret) is housed under the former Markthalle (Market Hall). The cabaret 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.



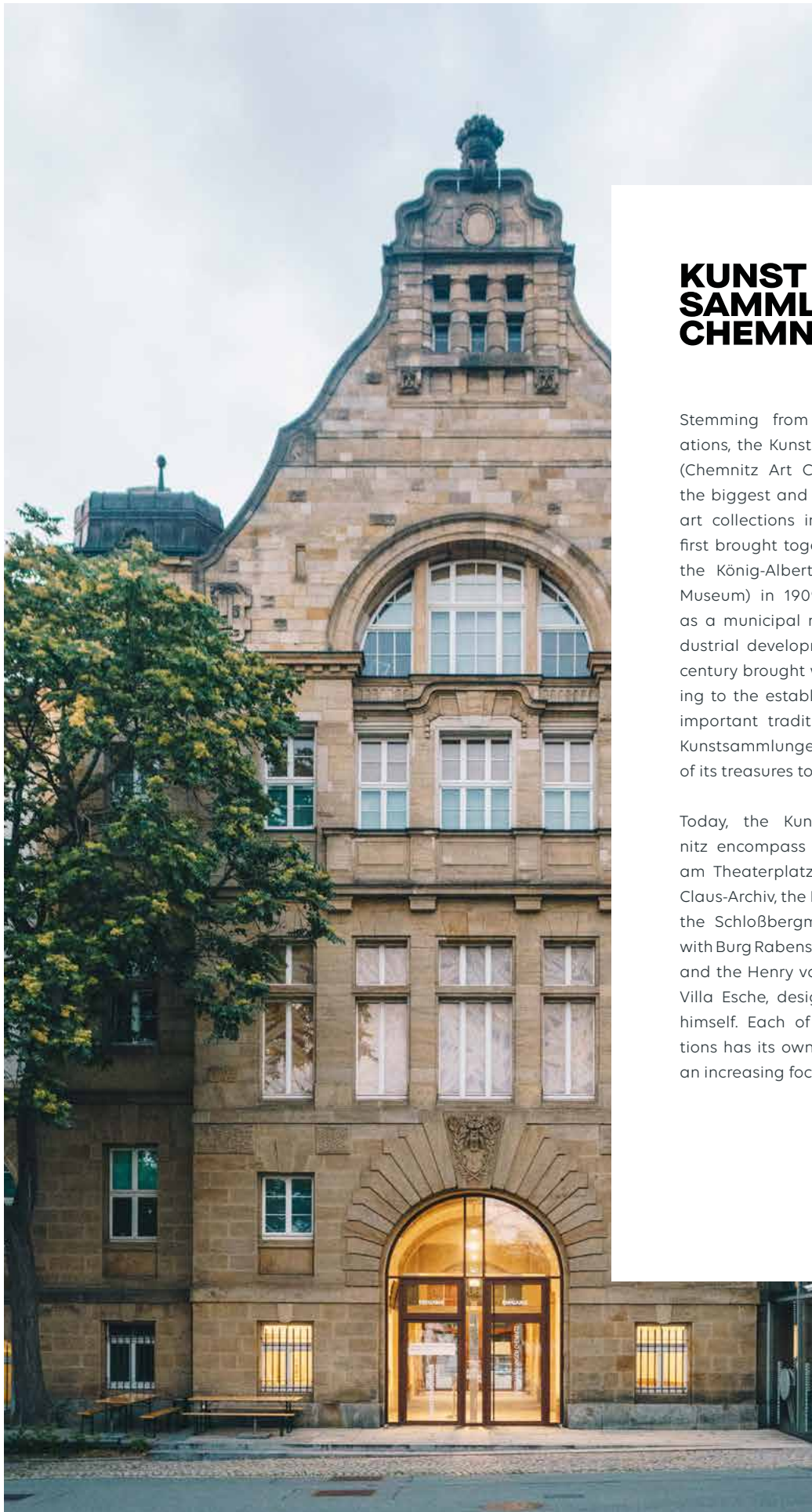
Küchwaldbühne (Küchwald Open-Air Theatre)

Summer is when the Küchwaldbühne comes into its own. With the city's main theatre taking a break and everyone wanting to be outdoors anyway, it's the perfect time for this stage located in Küchwald forest. Every year, loads of enthusiasm goes into the rehearsals held in this historic ensemble shaded by the forest's trees, and a piece featuring non-professional actors and a large group of children takes the stage. The fact that it is still standing is only thanks to the commitment of the association's members, who look after preserving its structure and stage performances here.

Programme at: www.kuechwaldbuehne.info

It takes around 15 minutes to walk to the Küchwaldbühne from the Schloßbergmuseum (Museum of City History), which can be reached by taking bus 79 to the Schloßberg stop. There are also a few parking spaces at the edge of Küchwald forest.





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 owes many of its treasures to this tradition.

Today, the Kunstsammlungen Chemnitz encompass the Kunstsammlungen am Theaterplatz with the Carlfriedrich Claus-Archiv, the Museum Gunzenhauser, the Schloßbergmuseum of city history with Burg Rabenstein (Rabenstein Castle) and the Henry van de Velde Museum in Villa Esche, designed by van de Velde himself. Each of these cultural institutions has its own style and focus – with an increasing focus on public space.



Kunstsammlungen am Theaterplatz (Art Collections on Theaterplatz)

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Some of the most significant pieces in the museum, located on what is considered the most beautiful of all the squares in the city, include the expressionist works of artists belonging to Die Brücke (The Bridge) and the works of the Romantic period. A large body of work by Chemnitz-born artist Karl Schmidt-Rottluff also forms part of the collections. He grew up here with his fellow artists Ernst Ludwig Kirchner and Erich Heckel. One special exhibition in 2023 is devoted to the Romantic period with Sehnsucht Landschaft (Longing Landscapes), while Welche Moderne? (Which Modernism?) in autumn 2023 will centre on the insiders and outsiders of the avant-garde.

Museum Gunzenhauser

Buildings in Chemnitz often take on a new use – and this is one of them. 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 nu-



Schloßbergmuseum (Museum of City History), Holy Sepulchre

merous pieces by Conrad Felixmüller, 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. The museum is focusing on the lives of artists in 2023 – and on Willi Baumeister, to whom an exhibition will be dedicated towards the end of the year.

Schloßbergmuseum (Museum of City History)

As a museum of city history, it goes without saying that the Schloßbergmuseum is also 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. But the special exhibitions are also well worth a visit and provide many fascinating insights into the city's history, parts of which still remain to be discovered.

Henry van de Velde Museum

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

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.



Villa Esche

EXPLORING THE MUSEUMS IN THE CITY AND REGION

Visit the Museum für Naturkunde (Museum of Natural History) to learn about the story behind the Versteinerter Wald (Petrified Forest).



Family

The museums in the city and surrounding region offer many highlights for little ones. Visitors can get an up-close look at specific subject areas at workshops and events dedicated to special topics. Find out more by calling the museums or visiting their websites.

In addition to the Kunstsammlungen Chemnitz (Chemnitz Art Collections) and their impressive exhibitions, there are plenty of other museums in the city and region that are worth visiting – and not just on rainy days. Many are centred on **industrial heritage**, so we have dedicated a special section of this magazine to them (starting on page 18). Those interested in archaeology and the history of humanity should definitely pay a visit to **smac (Chemnitz State Museum of Archaeology)** (pages 16–17), and **art in public spaces** is part of the PURPLE PATH, which wends its way through the cultural region (pages 38–39).

If you can't get enough of classic visual arts, check out the galleries that present temporary exhibitions by artists from the local region and across Germany. They include the **Galerie Oben**, **Galerie HINTEN**, **Galerie Weise**, **Galerie Borssenanger**, **Galerie e.artis** and the **Neue Sächsische Galerie (New Saxon Gallery)**, to name just a few. If you're still looking for a new piece for your collection or the perfect work of art for your home, you just might find it here.

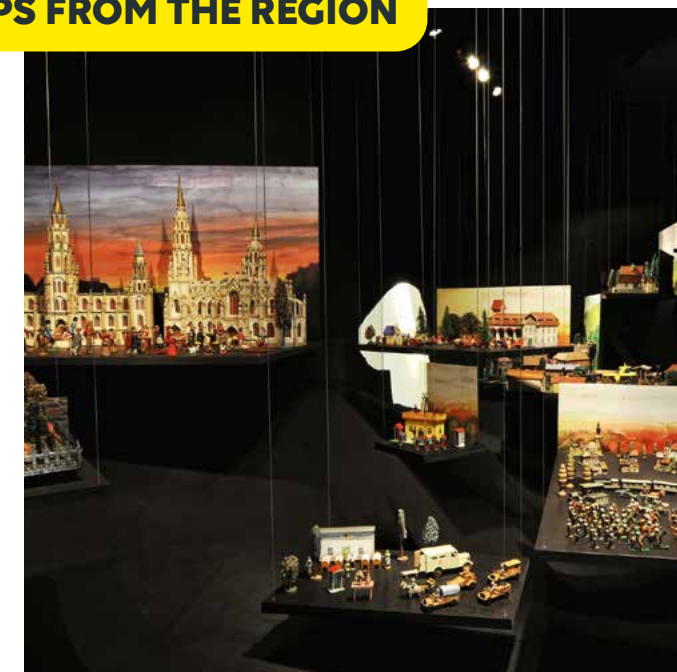
Chemnitz also has museums devoted to very special topics – just the thing for people who love learning: at the **Uhrenmuseum (Clock Museum)** on Zwickauer Straße, for example, you can find out what “Nasenuhren” (nose clocks) are, while the **Ebersdorfer Schulmuseum (Ebersdorf School Museum)** takes visitors back to school in the olden days. But the exhibit that is probably the city's oldest is in the city centre in what was once the Warenhaus Tietz (Tietz Department Store). Now repurposed into a cultural centre, the Tietz is where you'll find Chemnitz's 291-million-year-old Versteinerter Wald (Petrified Forest). The **Museum für Naturkunde Chemnitz (Museum of Natural History)**, which the forest forms part of, examines the city's history from a completely new perspective. The museum itself was founded in 1876, after the Natural Scientific Society had donated its natural history collection and library of natural scientific works to the City of Chemnitz the year before. Part of the collection can now be accessed online, while changing special exhibitions shed light on particular areas of research in palaeontology.

MANUFAKTUR DER TRÄUME (FACTORY OF DREAMS) ANNABERG-BUCHHOLZ

The Manufaktur der Träume whisks you away on a journey of discovery through the world of the Erzgebirge. Imaginatively crafted landscapes, filled with figures of all sizes, fairy-tale creatures, animals, miners and angels, along with a huge collection of historical toys, conjure up a dreamworld that captures the imagination of children and grown-ups alike. Many different opportunities to listen, look and take part bring these objects to life. Seeing, hearing, smelling, tasting, feeling – the museum's intention is for guests to take in the exhibition with all their senses and experience it through them. The exhibits don't just reflect what has been created but also reveal the process of creating itself. Visitors are invited to immerse themselves in this dreamworld and be captivated by the magic of the museum's installations.

www.annaberg-buchholz.de/manufaktur-der-traeume

TIPS FROM THE REGION



MUSEUM FÜR MITTELALTERLICHEN BERGBAU IM ERZGEBIRGE (MUSEUM OF MEDIEVAL MINING IN THE ERZGEBIRGE) DIPPOLDISWALDE

The Museum of Medieval Mining in the Erzgebirge – or MiBERZ for short – presents archaeological finds from the UNESCO World Heritage Erzgebirge/Krušnohoří Mining Region that are unique within Europe and offer an insight into the lives and work of medieval miners above and below ground. The mining museum is located in Schloss Dippoldiswalde (Dippoldiswalde Castle). Six architecturally attractive, vaulted rooms here offer vivid explanations of early technologies and equipment that were used in the mining and processing of silver ore. Plus, a wide range of media stations shed light on the underground mining complexes that lie hidden right beneath our feet.

www.miberz.de

CHEMNITZER MUSEUMSNACHT (CHEMNITZ MUSEUM NIGHT) 13 MAY 2023

Once a year, visitors have the chance to discover museums at night-time. During this event, all the museums in Chemnitz open their doors from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. and present their treasures. A single ticket grants you admission to all the participating institutions, and getting from A to B is free with the city's public transport system. Different museums in the cultural region also participate each year, extending the programme beyond the city's limits. The Nachteule (Night Owls) programme puts on special activities for families.

www.chemnitz.de/museumsnacht

TIP

smac

A place of hidden treasures

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), OR SMAC 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 bowed form; 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 its history, you can visit the permanent exhibition on the Schocken department store behind the bay windows.

Family

You won't get bored at smac!
From the quiz activity to family tours of the museum – there's so much for children and their (grand) parents to discover!

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.

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

ACCESSIBILITY

History must be accessible to everyone, regardless of physical limitations. It is therefore entirely to be expected that smac is committed to meeting the different needs of its visitors: not only in terms of barrier-free access to the exhibition, but also by making sure that it has suitable video and audio guides in German sign language and simple language, as well as a tactile guidance system. The most important content on its website can be accessed in sign language, simple language, and a number of foreign languages, making smac a pioneer in accessible museum visits.

Touch stations with Braille and raised script are provided for blind and visually impaired people.

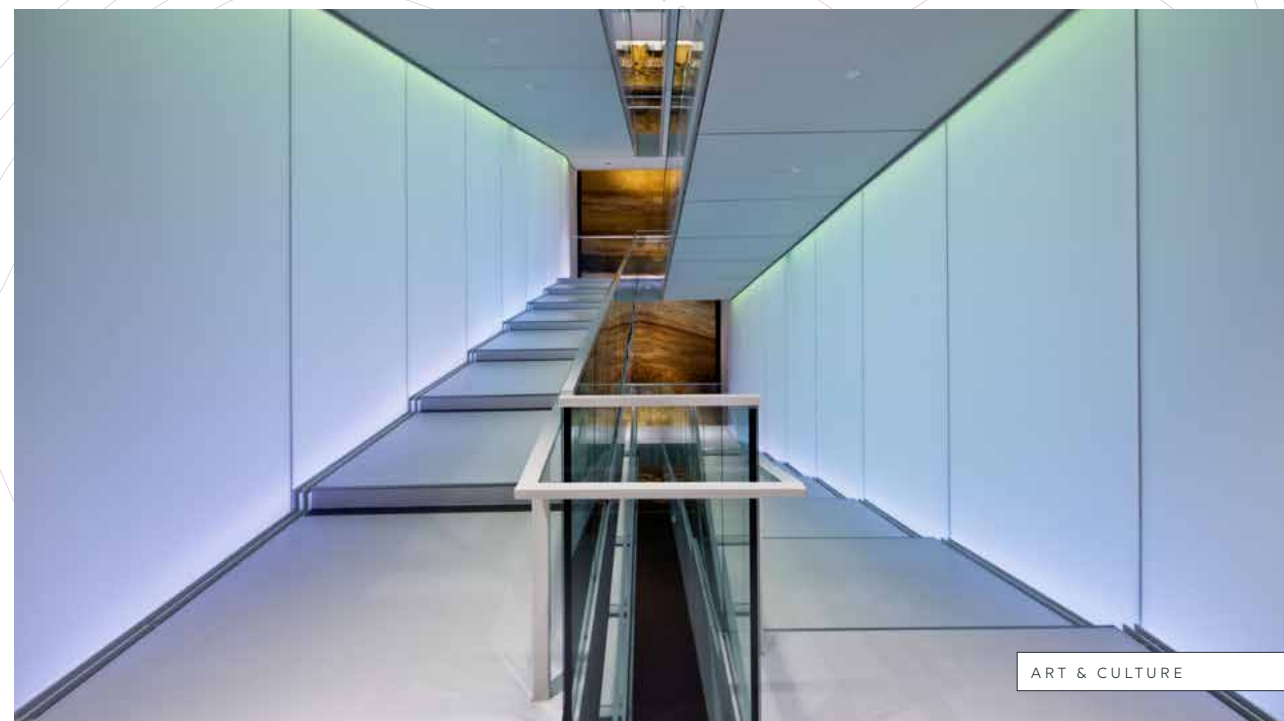


THE CONCEPT

If you don't have much time to spare, it's still worth popping in for a quick peek. Small temporary exhibitions, usually on very regional topics, can be viewed in the smac foyer, while Saxony itself rises majestically in the former department store atrium. Yes, that's right: a model of the entire state depicts 300,000 years of cultural history of the Free State using time-lapse photography. You can also – and here's a secret tip for you – just drop in for a coffee in the foyer. Views of one of the city's busiest intersections come free of charge.

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. From October 2023, smac will examine the homes in which people lived in earlier times.



An invitation to discover:

CHEMNITZ'S INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE

My name is Louisa Schwope, and I'm a big fan of industrial heritage. I'm from Berlin but live in Hamburg now and sometimes work in Chemnitz. One of the places where I work and come into contact with the fascinating world of industrial heritage is the Wirkbau Chemnitz factory complex, where I act as the contact for temporary uses of the space, exhibitions and events. Besides this, I also share photos and texts on (industrial) monuments in Hamburg on my Instagram channel, @denkmalanhamburg.



Louisa Schwope,
MIB Coloured Fields GmbH

The term "industrial heritage" often feels a bit awkward to me. Many people primarily see it as celebrating something from the past – something belonging to the industrial age and its wealth of inventions that is apparently over now. At the opening of our rooftop garden, I met an older gentleman in Halle G in the centre of the Wirkbau complex, which has been transformed into a space for exhibitions and events. He seemed to be looking for something. When we spoke, I soon found out that he had spent decades of his working life in the factory halls and floors of the Wirkbau complex when it was still used as a mechanical engineering facility. But instead of being sad about the good old times that were over now, he was clearly impressed and enthusiastic about the fact that the structure was still in a good condition and that the site lives on. He was happy about the new uses that had been found, the good coffee at the

Bohnenmeister coffee roasters, and the young and old people that the complex now attracts. I found our conversation moving because at the heart of it were key aspects of what I see as an "industrial heritage": Preserving traditions and continuing them in our current times. Taking a mindful approach to resources. Identifying with the space around us. Having standards of quality and design. And ultimately innovating and transforming because "Tradition does not mean to look after the ash, but to keep the flame alive" (these words are attributed to French politician and historian Jean Jaurès). As the saying goes, this fire burns on in many places at the Wirkbau complex. Come visit us for lunch at Nomad, for work, for a night out at the Atomino club, which is set to reopen in its new home soon, for car sharing, for a relaxing hour in the rooftop garden or for one of the upcoming exhibitions and events in Halle G!

EVENTFUL SITES OF INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE

Family

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?

Over 50 companies, educational facilities, start-ups, artists and creative professionals, an ambitious café and restaurant scene and a sophisticated exhibition programme have contributed to the Wirkbau's extremely positive public image, making it a poster child for successful regeneration.

What's next?

Following several years of building work, the rooftop garden on top of Halle G is being opened to the public, and the popular nightclub Atomino is taking up residence in the premises in spring 2023. There will definitely be some long summer nights in Altchemnitz!

www.wirkbau.de



Industriemuseum Chemnitz Museum of Industry/Chemnitz

What was it?

The listed factory halls situated on the site of today's Industriemuseum 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.

What is it?

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, guests 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.

What's next?

The Industriemuseum Chemnitz plans to overhaul the building's technical facilities in the Rasmussen-Halle so that it can be used predominantly for exhibition projects as well as for all kinds of events, such as launches, talks or receptions. The special WerkSchau – Made in Sachsen exhibition is being held at the Industriemuseum from 30 March to 29 May 2023 and will feature top designs from makers based in Saxony.

www.saechsisches-industriemuseum.com/chemnitz



Schauplatz Eisenbahn Exhibition Railway/Chemnitz-Hilbersdorf

What was it?

Until 1990, the historical railway site 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 motor-bikes 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. Workers produced cloth under sometimes inhumane conditions.

What is it?

Today you can visit the Tuchfabrik, an impressive monument to industrial history and virtually one of a kind in Germany. The original, still functioning machines demonstrate the complete process of turning wool into a finished product – and turn a visit into a memorable experience.

What's next?

The new permanent exhibition will shine a light on the present and the future of the textile industry. We also want to become a hub for experimentation, a forum and a partner for textile companies, universities and research institutes. The Tuchfabrik Gebr. Pfau will be a textile future lab!

www.tuchfabrik-crimmitschau.de



Garagen-Campus

Garage Campus/Chemnitz



Tram depot

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, the era of the main workshop in Kappel drew to an end in the 1980s.

What is it?

The listed complex encompasses several building units, most of which require some renovation. In addition to the two museums located here, the Straßenbahnmuseum (Tram Museum) and the Uhrenmuseum (Clock Museum), many of the other premises are currently being rented, sold, used as warehousing or lying vacant. As an infrastructure project for the European Capital of Culture 2025, the Garagen-Campus (Garage Campus) offers huge potential for further development – a variety of events, workshops and art activities kicked off this process in June 2021.



What's next?

Over the next ten years, the entire area 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 continue to 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 the European Capital of Culture Chemnitz 2025.

www.esche-museum.de



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?

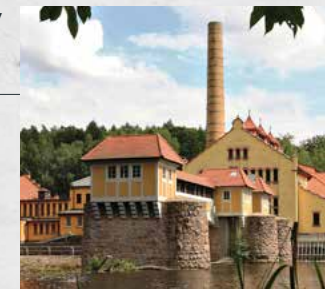
Temporary special exhibitions, periodic revamps of the permanent exhibition and attractive events will ensure that the excellent presentation of the history of automobile manufacturing in Saxony continues long into the future.

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 different forms of 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?

Wasserkraftwerk Mittweida is celebrating its 100-year anniversary in 2023 – many events are planned. 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

Begehungen (Inspections) Art Festival 17 – 27 August 2023 Lichtenstein, Saxony

The Begehungen Art Festival is an official part of the programme for European Capital of Culture Chemnitz 2025. The festival is being held in the cultural region around Chemnitz for the first time between 2022 and 2024 as part of the run-up to the city's year as the Capital of Culture. The 20th edition of the Begehungen Art Festival will take place in the cultural centre located in the former Daetz-Centrum in Lichtenstein in 2023. The old palace and its eventful history (court, prison, widow's palace, field hospital, prisoner-of-war camp, residential space) is probably unique in Germany: an empty museum is located inside it. Display cases, descriptions of objects, pedestals, museum lights and monitors – everything is still in place. What's missing are the exhibits. Artists are now inviting visitors to rediscover this space. Besides the exhibition with its international scope, the audience will enjoy an extensive festival programme featuring concerts, readings, talks and discussion panels. Admission is free.

www.begehungen-festival.de

Fuego a la Isla 2 – 3 June 2023 Schloßteich Island

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 in festival and event planning. The fact that many people with different passions come together to make the festival is also reflected in the diversity of its programme. From the kids' space and fire shows to music and performances – there's something for everyone here.

www.fuegoalaisia.de



fabulix International Fairy-Tale Film Festival 5 – 9 July 2023 Surrounding region

Every two years, Annaberg-Buchholz transforms into a town that's all about fairy-tale films – and the festival is returning in 2023. For five days, everything here in the heart of the Erzgebirge will revolve around fairy tales. In addition to classics and remakes, the fabulix Festival also celebrates film and festival premieres. Plus, all guests young and old can attend wonderfully presented plays and join in creative activities as well as a wide range of magical workshops. Fairy-tale images and figures will be on display at many locations in Annaberg-Buchholz or paraded live through the streets of the town.

www.fabulix.de

KOSMOS Conference 9 June 2023 Chemnitz

KOSMOS CHEMNITZ makes social discourse visible in Chemnitz. As a festival for democracy, its aim is to bring regional and international stakeholders together in a variety of formats. Art, sports, music, business, politics and society: all of them are presented in their diverse facets. KOSMOS is a platform for discussion about the future. As KOSMOS EUROPE 2025 approaches, the focus for 2023 is on developing structures and issues of future relevance for the festival. The questions the KOSMOS Conference will address in panels, workshops and discussions include: What are the topics that get civil society going? How relevant are they to our coexistence? What can we learn from Europe here? Or Europe from us? What will KOSMOS look like in the future?

www.kosmos-chemnitz.de



Schlingel International Film Festival 23 – 30 September 2023 Chemnitz

SCHLINGEL is an international film festival for children and young audiences. It takes place in Chemnitz every year in the week before Saxony's autumn holidays and offers an overview of the latest international productions in the field of children's and teen films. A children's jury made up of members from across Europe awards the Europäischer Kinderfilmpreis der sächsischen Kunstinisterin (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 festival has been around for nearly 30 years now, and the programme for this year's 28th edition includes over 150 films from around 60 countries – with new discoveries in the line-up.

www.ff-schlingel.de

Dates subject to change. Please check the event websites for updates.



WHEN THE WEATHER OUTSIDE IS FINE...

...there's no better time to discover the city and surrounding region. One of the great things about Chemnitz is that there's still so much space in the city. Space to get things off the ground, to make your own ideas a reality and to get creative. As Chemnitz prepares for its year as the European Capital of Culture in 2025, apple trees are being planted throughout the city, KOSMOS CHEMNITZ is transforming into KOSMOS EUROPE, and there'll be music on the streets in Chemnitz city centre, too. We invite you to top off your summer visit with one of the following highlight events.

19 – 21 May 2023 | City centre

HUTFESTIVAL (HAT FESTIVAL) HATS OFF TO YOU, CHEMNITZ!

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. The visitors become part of the spectacle and express their appreciation to the artists by filling their upturned hats with jingling coins.

21 June 2023 | 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 Chemnitz, 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. With a bit of luck, the summer weather will do the rest.

24 June 2023 | Rathaus-Passagen & Innere Klosterstraße

CITY JAZZ & FRIENDS

Jazz and swing have put down deep roots in the Chemnitz music scene. The City Jazz & Friends Street Music Festival showcases this genre's musical breadth to do justice to jazz in all its forms.



29 June – 2 July 2023 | 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 (Chemnitz Culture and Convention 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.

5 – 9 July 2023 | Innere Klosterstraße

BRAUEREI-MARKT (BREWERY MARKET)

With its laid-back atmosphere, the Brauerei-Markt is worlds away 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.

6 July – 6 August 2023 | 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. Experience and enjoy all that the festival has to offer every day throughout July and August (except Mondays: typical Chemnitz). It's the ideal way to start an evening or as a light cultural intermezzo on a stroll, sitting on a yoga mat or a picnic blanket on the lawn, dancing in front of the stage – sometimes loud, sometimes quiet, but always with a relaxed vibe.

4 – 6 August 2023 | Schloss Rochsburg, Lunzenau

EUROPEAN CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL

On the first weekend in August each year, everything revolves around chocolate at Schloss Rochsburg (Rochsburg Castle) in Lunzenau. This special festival is truly a "meet the maker" event that gives visitors the chance to not just enjoy the finest chocolates but also to learn about their origins and get to know the people who make these sweet delicacies. The main focus here is on handmade chocolates, fair trade and sustainability.

Dates subject to change. Please check the event websites for updates.



21 July – 13 August 2023 | 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.

23 September 2023 | City centre

FASHION DAY

Every year come late summer, the retailers and salespeople of Chemnitz invite guests to a fashion event that's a cut above the rest. Fashion shows and styling events are hosted across several venues on Fashion Day, to the delight of the public.



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. Around 280 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. Also traditional is the miners' parade on the first Sunday 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.

TIP

CHEMNITZ CHRISTMAS MARKET

Where: around Chemnitz Town Hall, 09111 Chemnitz

When: 1 – 23 December 2023

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

TIP

MÄNNELMARKT CHRISTMAS MARKET IN AUGUSTUSBURG

Where: Old Town, 09573 Augustusburg

When: 16 – 17 December 2023

Opening hours: Sat. – Sun.: 10 a.m. – 7 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: 1st and 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](tel:+49371690680) or info@chemnitz-tourismus.de

Dates subject to change. Please check the event websites for updates.

TIP

ANNABERG-BUCHHOLZ CHRISTMAS MARKET

Where: Marktplatz, 09456 Annaberg-Buchholz

When: 1 – 23 December 2023

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: 28 November – 22 December 2023

Opening hours: Mon. – Thu.: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Fri. – Sun.: 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.



20 must-sees

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 the 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 - Siegertsches Haus (Siegert 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 Siegert, 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. 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, 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. Petrikirche (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, Gießerei 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 "Nischel", 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 aalra on the Arthur's ground floor is definitely a must. [Hohe Straße 33, 09112 Chemnitz](#)

14 - Museum Gunzenhauser

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). Prosperous 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. [Oberfrohnauer Straße 149, 09117 Chemnitz](#)

18 - Clubkino Siegmär and Kino Metropol (Cinemas)

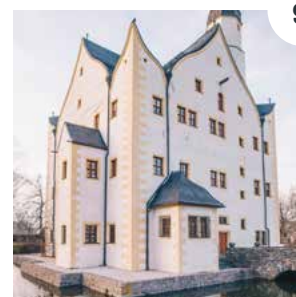
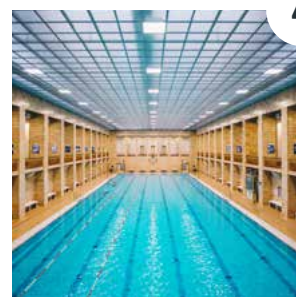
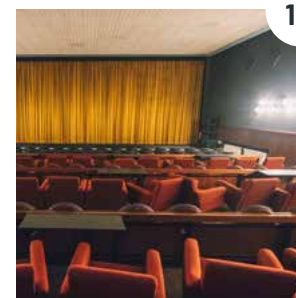
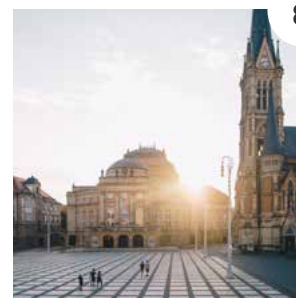
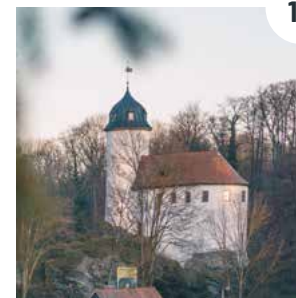
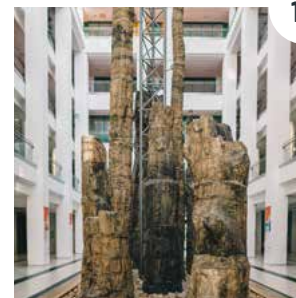
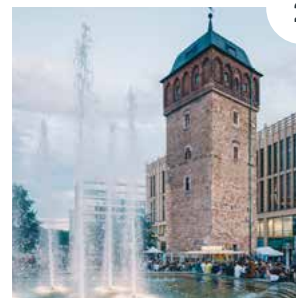
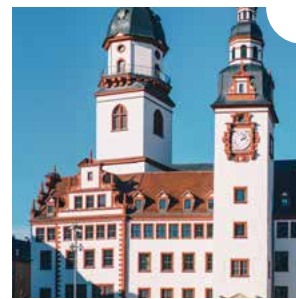
Get comfy in a swivel chair and make yourself at home before the film starts. Showing carefully selected German and international films, Clubkino Siegmär sets itself apart from mainstream cinemas. The Metropol, situated on the edge of the city centre, is a picture house with at least as much charm. Its 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](#)

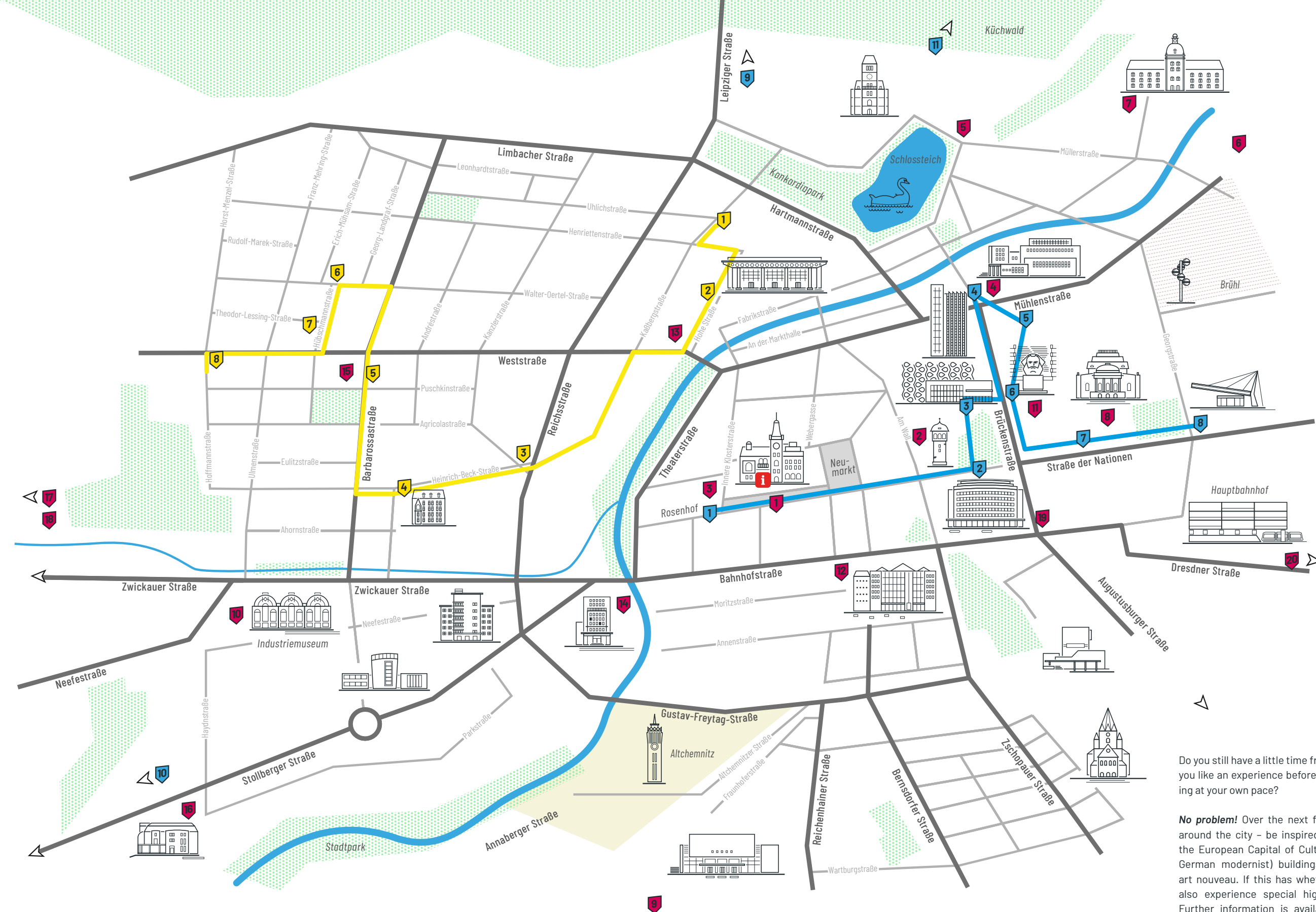
20 - Schauplatz Eisenbahn (Exhibition Railway)

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?

No problem! 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” (East German modernist) buildings 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.

experience on
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in approx. 60
minutes



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 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 the artist's life and work.

5 - MAJOLICA HOUSES

Barbarossastraße 48-52

The architect and property developer Reinhold Siebert built the “Majolica houses” in 1897-98 almost on the summit of the Kaßberg as early art nouveau buildings. These town houses 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)

Hübschmannstraße 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.

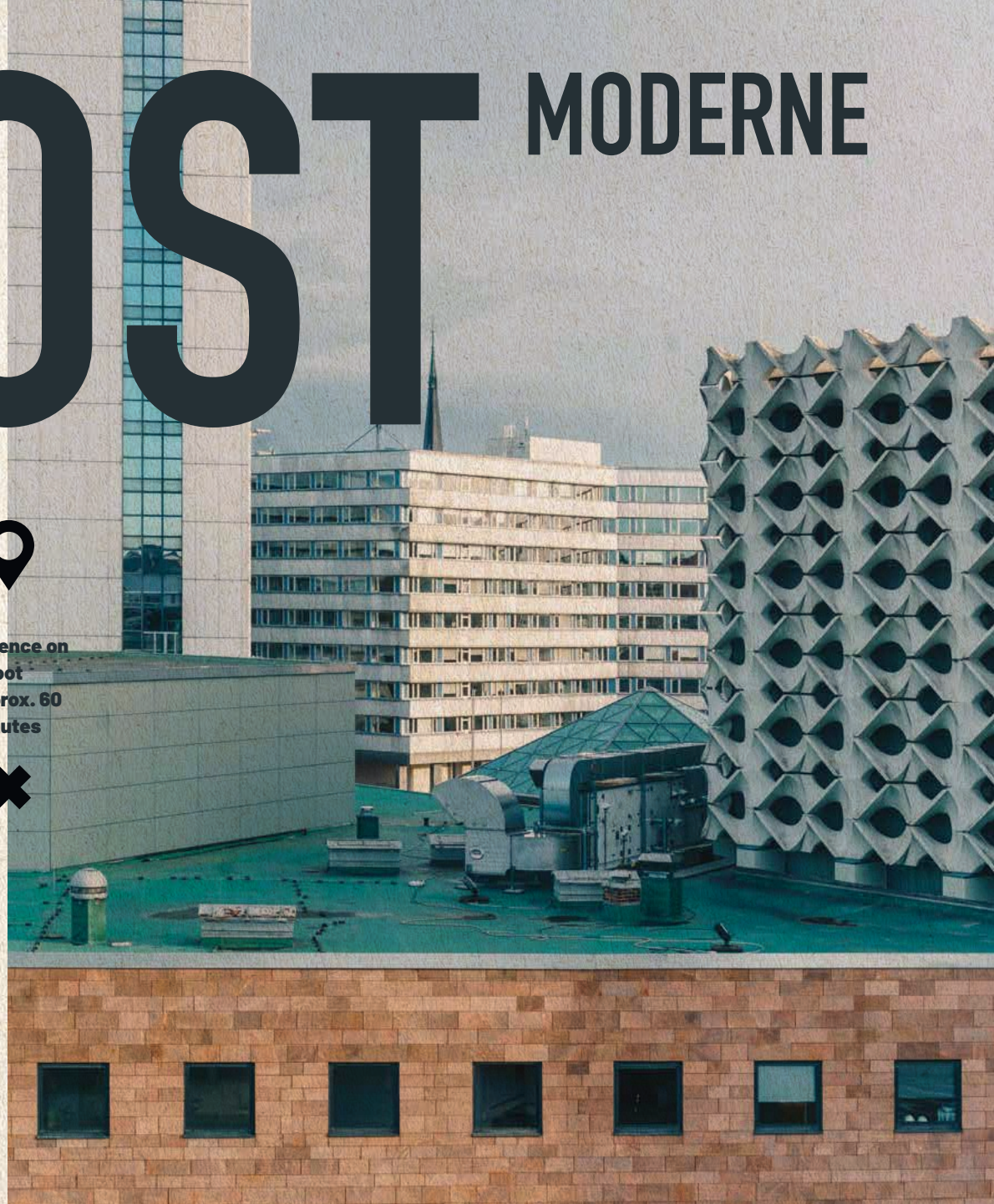
More than architecture

The Kaßberg is not only treasured for its architecture – it also enjoys great popularity as a place where people can get together. It is home to some exclusive shops and small stores, such as the stationer *Haamit*. If you have some spare time after your tour or would like to take a break along the way, then pay a visit to *Emmas Onkel*. As cosy as your living room, with food as delicious as Nana's: coffee, tea and cakes, but also hearty snacks for rumbling stomachs. And if you stay out a little later, then you're sure to find the perfect drink to round off your evening on the cocktail menu at *Maroon*.

OST MODERNE

experience on foot
in approx. 60 minutes

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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 TU Chemnitz teacher training centre. The selection of shops on the ground floor tempts visitors to browse and enjoy awhile.

3 - **Stadthalle (Culture and Convention 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 Dorint Kongresshotel. 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 - **Bus Station** *Georgstraße / Straße der Nationen*

The Karl-Marx-Stadt bus station was considered to be 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 university library is now located, the bus station forms an ensemble filled with the tensions between architectural epochs.

Beyond the city centre

9 - **Eissportkomplex (Ice Sports Complex)** *Leipziger Straße*

The Eissportkomplex 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 "Heckertgebiet" (Heckert district) incorporates a total of five Chemnitz city districts. It was one of the GDR's largest urban development projects. Surviving original architectural art and traditional garage yards, as well as re-structuring 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 result 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 Küchwaldbühnenverein association.

DISCOVERING THE CAPITAL OF CULTURE FEELING IN THE REGION – A FIRST GLIMPSE OF THE PURPLE PATH

2025 is the European Capital of Culture year in Chemnitz – and in the surrounding region! A total of 38 municipalities in a 360-degree radius around Chemnitz make up the city's cultural region. Many of them are already linked by what is known as the "Chemnitz model", which means you can travel by tram 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 makers that creates connections between these places. You can already see works by notable artists along the path and marvel at them in their unusual settings.

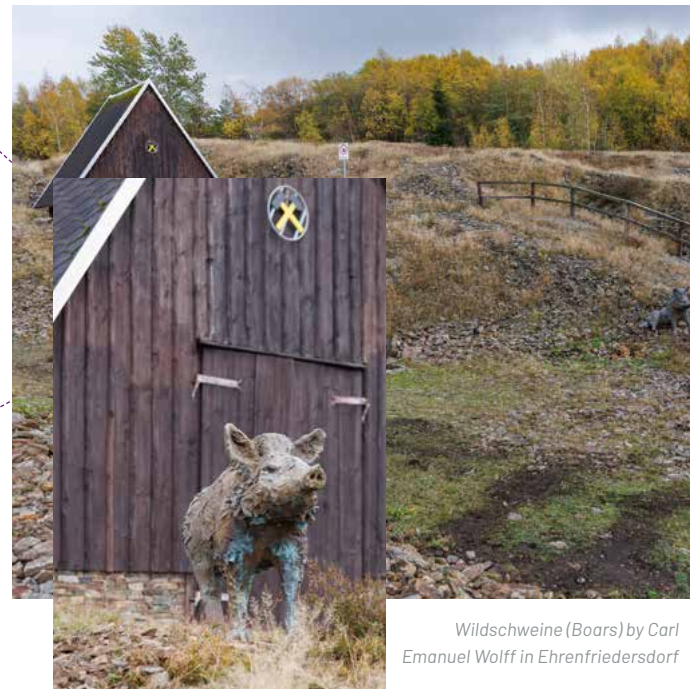
PURPLE PATH

BRONZE BOARS IN 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 – in front of the museum – where the bronze boars created by Carl Emanuel Wolff, born in Essen in 1957, took their place in November 2022. Wolff studied with Gotthard Graubner at the Kunstakademie Düsseldorf (Düsseldorf Academy of Arts) and represented Germany at the São Paulo Art Biennial back in 1986. He has exhibited at numerous museums such as the Lehmbruck Museum in Duisburg, for which he created the first group of his boars cast in bronze.

How to get there

From Chemnitz, take bus 210 from the Moritzstraße stop (near the Zentralhaltestelle) in the direction of Annaberg-Buchholz. Get off at Neumarkt in Ehrenfriedersdorf; the walk from there to Saubergstraße will then take about 20 minutes.



Wildschweine (Boars) by Carl Emanuel Wolff in Ehrenfriedersdorf

GETTING STARTED IN THALHEIM IN THE ERZGEBIRGE

The PURPLE PATH had its official opening in Thalheim in the Erzgebirge in August 2022. A group of sculptures entitled Include Me Out by artist Friedrich Kunath was installed in the Bundsockenpark at Villa Neukirchner to mark the occasion. 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 and appears to be excluded from the community. With his installation, internationally renowned sculptor and painter Kunath, who was born in Karl-Marx-Stadt in 1976, invites viewers to ask themselves: "Is there such a thing as being outside in the outdoors?"

How to get there

If you're in Chemnitz, one option is to take the City Bahn C13 tram from the Zentralhaltestelle (Central Tram and Bus Stop) to Thalheim train station. You can reach Bundsockenpark in around five minutes by walking back along Untere Bahnhofstraße in the direction the tram arrived from.



Include Me Out by Friedrich Kunath in Thalheim

A STACK OF ART IN AUE-BAD SCHLEMA

Internationally renowned artist Tony Cragg was rector of the Kunstakademie Düsseldorf from 2009 to 2013. He is also a familiar name in Chemnitz, as the Kunstsammlungen Chemnitz (Chemnitz Art Collections) presented a major solo exhibition of his work back in 2001. His sculpture Stack 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, Stack is an abstract sculpture with a height of 3.8 metres.

How to get there

Bus 383 takes you from the Zentralhaltestelle in Chemnitz to Aue-Bad Schlema. Get off the bus at Postplatz and follow the signs to the Kurpark.



Stack by Tony Cragg in Aue-Bad Schlema

MOMENTS IN FLÖHA

In the 1990s, the station building in Flöha was closed and more or less left to decay. The train station is being renovated and developed as an art space in the run-up to the European Capital of Culture 2025. The first step in this direction was taken in September 2022 with the inauguration of the work Glance by Berlin-based artist Tanja Rochelmeyer. Made up of two murals measuring a good 100 metres in length each, Glance extends along the underpass and stairs leading up to the platforms. The 38 municipalities along the PURPLE PATH are represented by 38 coloured panels featuring a rhythmic sequence of repeating motifs.

How to get there

Take the RB81 train from Chemnitz central station to the station in Flöha. The work is located directly in the railway underpass.



Glance by Tanja Rochelmeyer in Flöha

TEMPORARY ART IN CHEMNITZ

The PURPLE PATH doesn't just link up the cultural region as a whole but also connects numerous churches visited by pilgrims between Freiberg and Zwickau along the Saxon section of the Way of St James. The St. Jakobikirche (St Jacob's Church) in Chemnitz currently marks the starting point of this path and presents a work by British artist Richard Long, who was born in 1945. Petrified Wood Circle (2000) is made of cedar and redwood that turned to stone millions of years ago. It is positioned in front of the winged altar dating from the late Gothic period in the church's chancel.

How to get there

The work will be on display in the St. Jakobikirche on Innere Klosterstraße in Chemnitz city centre until September 2023. It will then move on to another church along the Saxon section of the Way of St James. Please note the churches' opening times!



Petrified Wood Circle by Richard Long in the St. Jakobikirche (St Jacob's Church) in Chemnitz

Note: All information regarding train and bus connections is provided without guarantee – we recommend that you check connections before you travel. Many other works of art as well as activities, workshops and discussions are set to follow along the PURPLE PATH in the run-up to the European Capital of Culture year in 2025. For the latest on these, please visit www.chemnitz2025.de/purplepath.



LIVING AND BREATHING COMMUNITY

Chemnitz is a city with almost 250,000 people who call it home. Added to which there are the 38 municipalities in the cultural region. Together, they form the European Capital of Culture 2025. It's impossible to know all these people, but every day is an opportunity to meet someone new. And one of the four major thematic pillars of the Capital of Culture programme centres on this getting to know each other and the neighbourhoods next door – and the people in them. Thousands of apple trees are being planted for the WE PARAPOM! project to create a parade of trees right through the city. The KOSMOS CHEMNITZ Festival encourages people to also think about attitudes and democracy while celebrating and having fun. And people will meet each other on the projects through art, sports and faith. You never know what could be around the next corner – but it could be great. And there's no reason not to go ahead and satisfy this curiosity right now.



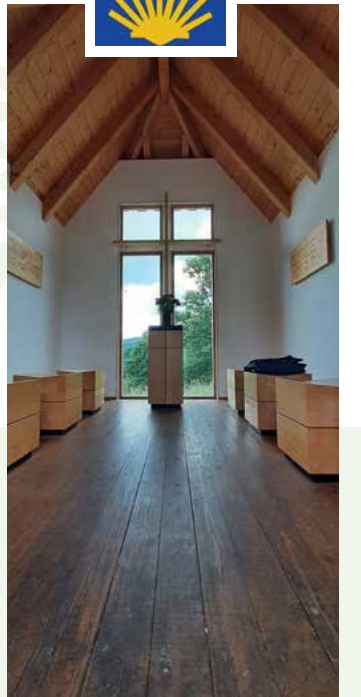
Saxon section of the Way of St James

The Saxon section of the Way of St James on Frankenstraße covers around 300 kilometres from Bautzen to Hof and thus passes directly through Chemnitz. The path is marked with the international Way of St James logo and leads through forests as well as town and city centres. The entire route is overseen by the Sächsischer Jakobsweg an der Frankenstraße e.V. association, which provides pilgrim's credentials in addition to a brochure for pilgrims. There is, of course, the opportunity to collect stamps along the way, and numerous accommodation options are available for pilgrims. We recommend ringing in advance to make a reservation. Tip: You can get a stamp by visiting the Tourist-Information Chemnitz at Markt 1.

Closest starting point to Chemnitz:

Because the route passes through Chemnitz, you can choose any starting point within the city. The section of the trail in Chemnitz alone covers around 19 kilometres, from Zeisigwald in the north via the St. Jakobikirche (St Jacob's Church) in the city centre to Wasserschloß Klaffenbach (Klaffenbach Moated Castle) in the south.

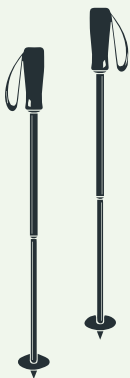
Further information: www.saechsischer-jakobsweg.de



OUT AND ABOUT AND AT PEACE WITH YOURSELF

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PILGRIMAGES IN THE REGION

Saxony is a great place for hiking. There are the city forests in Chemnitz, the Rochlitzer Muldental valley or even paths 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 – an ideal way to discover new places while learning at the same time.



Lutherweg (Luther Trail)

The Lutherweg in Saxony is a circular route that covers just under 564 kilometres in all and focuses on aspects of the Reformation that often go unnoticed. It focuses in particular on the strong women of the Reformation, such as Katharina von Bora and Elisabeth of Hesse, Hereditary Princess of Saxony.

Closest starting point to Chemnitz:

The town of Penig to the north-west of Chemnitz makes an excellent starting point. You can get there by taking bus 650 from the Omnibusbahnhof in Chemnitz.

Further information: www.lutherweg-sachsen.de

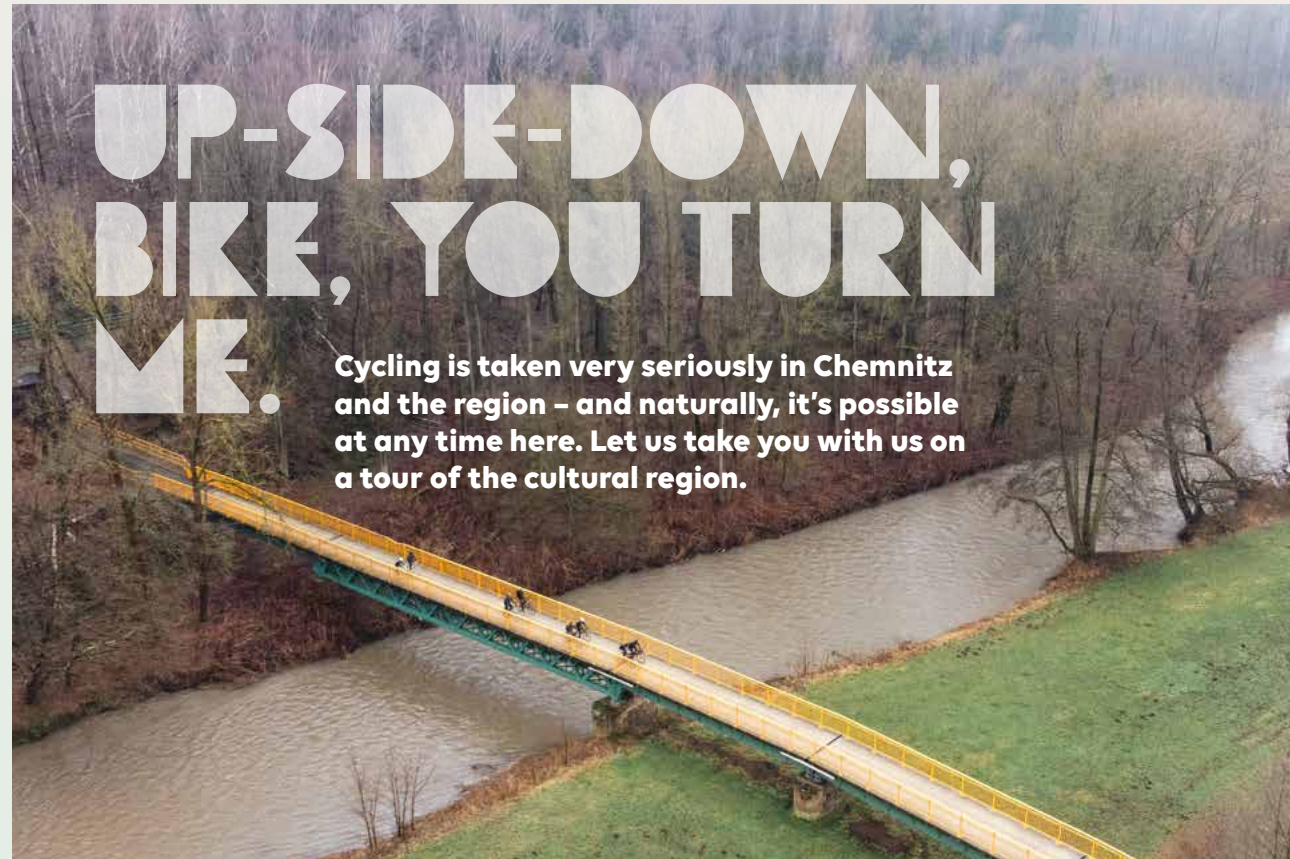
More pilgrimages...

Saxony is also home to the ecumenical pilgrimage route that leads through Leipzig and extends to Thuringia. For more on this topic, visit the website of the Church of Saxony at: www.oekumenischer-pilgerweg.de

There is also the annual ecumenical German-Czech Pilgrimage Route, which was founded around 20 years ago by Christians on both sides of the border under the motto "Border paths are paths of reconciliation". Signs in German and Czech in a number of places invite pilgrims to rest and pause briefly for reflection.

UP-SIDE-DOWN, BIKE, YOU TURN ME.

Cycling is taken very seriously in Chemnitz and the region – and naturally, it's possible at any time here. Let us take you with us on a tour of the cultural region.



A Sunday in January, 11:00 a.m. in Chemnitz: a group of very fit cyclists from Fit4Bike teams up with a group of somewhat less fit city cyclists from Fahrradkino Chemnitz e.V. (Chemnitz Bicycle Cinema). In the month of good intentions, the goal is to cycle eastward and back – a total of 57.2 kilometres. Compared to the previous few days, the weather doesn't seem so terrible, and there are some nice cycling trails outside the city. To be on the safe side, we briefly discuss any shortcuts or stops with connections to local public transport before making our way towards the Chemnitztalradweg (Chemnitz Valley Cycling Trail) under Karl's unwavering gaze.



Local recreational cyclists are very familiar with this area: the highway of Chemnitz's cycling trails leads us along the River Chemnitz for around 10 kilometres, with no concerns about ascents. On our left-hand side, the Heizkraftwerk Süd power station (yep, the one with the colourful chimney) and the wastewater treatment plant fly past us before we've had a chance to warm up and work out whether the cycling equipment we've picked out is really up to the task. After some idyllic riverside meadows with a heck of a lot of fine picnic spots, things go pitch-dark for a little while. Have we gone into a mine shaft? Is that the underground stop for the Parkeisenbahn railway? Nope, it's just a little tunnel. Then – hang on, we'd better stop chatting for a bit – we go up over a suspension bridge, following the B107 on the right towards Garnsdorf. The village looks very typical: an extended settlement along the valley floor with a stream flanked by safety barriers, little houses with all manner of garage buildings, made either from corrugated board or in very classic style with sprayed concrete façades and wooden doors.



On the first hill, there's time for our first break and costume change. As we carry on, we see charming commercial buildings in grey and beige, as well as lots of little villages with the word "Licht" (meaning "light" or "clearing") in their names: Oberlichtenau, Niederlichtenau – and to mix it up a bit – Lichtenau. The sunlit town signs made out of concrete or, in some cases, steel spread an air of cheerfulness. That's very important in atmospheric conditions like today, and it keeps a smile plastered to our faces as we glide down the popular mountain descents. Past the Bunte Kuh (oh, that's that organic farm) comes the next ascent, which some of our group tackle on foot, leading to Schloss Lichtenwalde (Lichtenwalde Castle). Rounded up optimistically, this marks the halfway point.



It's possibly the most romantic wedding venue in the area, with its baroque elegance, large park grounds and a snug umbrella heater that comes in quite handy for us. Fortified with the provisions we brought with us and spurred on by the 20 per cent gradient of the Schloßberg descent, we virtually soar down the next 10 kilometres or so towards Flöha.

In addition to XXL carports for agricultural machines, on the edge of the trail is a children's playground with a slide and the historical Schauweberei Braunsdorf (Braunsdorf Visitors' Weaving Mill) to admire. Most of this section runs by the River Zschopau, easing the strain on our tired thighs. The town of Flöha itself awaits: a touch of urbanity and scattered with industrial buildings. As we leave the town, the fitter contingent of the group decides to take on the Augustusburg.

Take a deep breath and prepare yourself because this is where things get properly energetic again. The route to the Augustusburg initially pretends to be a normal road until it begins to snake uphill in switchback fashion. We settle into a steady pace, climbing up and up through the forest. Just one more bend and then we must be there... Oh well, it'll be round the next one... Must be lovely down yonder! The petrol station on the way into town proves irresistible for some of us, and only the gluttons for punishment tackle the castle that belonged to Augustus the Strong. The final kilometre has 64 metres of altitude and a whole load of cobblestones waiting: "Why? Is that really necessary?" Yes. Because when you get to the top, you're over the moon, and then you can zoom all the way back down, past the summer toboggan run and the valley station for the cable car in Erdmannsdorf.

UPSIDE DOWN,
BIKE, YOU TURN
ME.



Those who have chosen to cycle through town stay in Flöha, where everything is flat, and pedal off towards Erdmannsdorf. After a short rest, we master the final climb of the day in true cycling tour fashion and smile to see the sign for Augustusburg proclaiming the town to be a "state-recognised rest resort". In the next section of forest, we invent musical slipstreaming. This involves someone playing some music while on their bike, thus creating a psychological boost despite the lack of a physical slipstream. We turn off towards Euba, let the bikes roll and put on a short loosening-up disco at the Walden Base Camp to relax. A phone call reveals that the fitter contingent of the group has already arrived at the Karl Marx bust – yikes, how did that happen?



Better crack on with it, let's head down (literally) the final 5-kilometre spurt: we give a quick cheer as we see the sign for Chemnitz and then turn onto a cycling trail that we only vaguely know, filled with airstream adrenalin. The trail beams us, surprisingly, to the rear part of Chemnitz's urban jungle: the district known as (New) Yorck-Gebiet. Hallelujah! At last we have urban tarmac back under our air-filled tyres. The eleven-storey prefab concrete buildings quickly become our constant companions, and Augustusburger Straße reacquaints us with traffic lights and cars. Karl welcomes us back but doesn't seem overly impressed by our cycling tour. But it has left a clear impression on our remaining provisions, however: the "country apple" that has been jostled around for over 50 kilometres is put back, and a bag of chocolates does the rounds. Now it's quickly back home to get in the tub and melt in peace like an ice cube in a cocktail glass.

If you're looking for cycling routes with a bit more action or enjoy racing, Chemnitz and the surrounding region is the perfect place for you:



Porphyry King

22 April 2023 – 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

Fichtelberg Radmarathon (Fichtelberg Cycling Marathon)

11 June 2023 – 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

Looking back a few days later, we can report the following: drizzle is good for the skin; lots of cycling doesn't give you sore muscles, and cycling tours in the cultural region are well worth a try!

This trip was taken by Chemnitz cycling enthusiasts from Fahrradkino Chemnitz e.V. (Chemnitz Bicycle Cinema), who enrich the city's cultural landscape every year. More about this and upcoming events at fahrradkino-chemnitz.de.

The cycling tour was created by the team at Fit4Bike, who have also brought their expertise to the European Peace Ride. Find more cycling routes around Chemnitz at www.radtouren-chemnitz.de.



European Peace Ride

8–10 September 2023 – Europe, destination: Chemnitz

This race is one of the activities leading up to the European Capital of Culture 2025 and is based on the historical international Peace Race. Held in September, the route starts in Görlitz before passing through Mladá Boleslav and Plzeň in the Czech Republic on the way to Chemnitz. Camaraderie and team spirit emerge as the clear winners here.

www.peace-ride.com

Straßenschlacht (Street Battle)

17 September 2023 – Limbach-Oberfrohna

The idea is to get across the city, either alone or in teams, overcoming obstacles, the tarmac, lawns and meadows, and it's all for a good cause – put simply, that's the Straßenschlacht. All you need to take part is two wheels and two brakes.

www.strassenschlacht-cx.de

Heavy 24

22 – 25 June 2023 – 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 reservoir.

www.mtb-chemnitz.de

A BASKET-BALL-CRAZY CITY

From a fan at Messe Chemnitz to an up-and-coming talent in one of the training halls all the way through to an occasional player on one of the city's courts – you'll find people, big and small, young and old, who are crazy about basketball everywhere in Chemnitz. And we have to admit, we're fans, too. It's no wonder given the atmosphere that this sport creates and the way it sees itself: open-minded, tolerant and fair.



Chemnitz's love of basketball most certainly goes back to the many different clubs in the city – and the NINERS Chemnitz first and foremost. The club has over 1,000 members, around half of whom actively play basketball. From the tiniest children who come into contact with the sport and the ball every week on a very playful basis, and who look up at the "big" primary school children with awe, to teams for youngsters covering all the age groups through to the successful NBBL youth team, which has just been promoted to the A Division, the NINERS ACADEMY is responsible for training up-and-coming basketball players in Chemnitz. And it has great conditions to work with thanks to its alliance with the city of Chemnitz sports schools, the NINERS Feel Good Club training centre and its access to the court at the Hartmannhalle. In addition to its club training programme, the NINERS also get plenty of children moving at nurseries and schools, where they share the love of basketball.

Anyone who thinks basketball is a man's sport in this city would be mistaken. Likewise an active presence in schools and club activities, the ChemCats' first team are enjoying success in the second division of the Damen-Basketball-Bundesliga women's league. Crowds of fans know they'll find a great vibe in the Schloßteichhalle and eagerly follow the team's games. Over 200 more female basketball players – a growing number – also play on the U8 junior teams leading up to the WNBL women's youth league and share their passion for the sport of basketball with the community.

There are also plenty of people who like to meet up with like-minded players on the city's courts for a game or to shoot a few hoops. Most districts in Chemnitz have suitable facilities for this.

The largest and most popular of these is and will remain Konkordiapark near the city centre. Basketball lovers cross paths here with skaters, scooter riders, dirt bikers, parkour practitioners and loads of kids, adolescents and young-at-heart sports enthusiasts. This place's energy was what spurred a few people on to think that Konkordiapark could have a new basketball court. Their ideas were met with enthusiasm and led to concrete plans, a process that also involved interested residents of the city. The plan was to create a venue that was architecturally well designed and artistically significant – a fun place to play where people could come together around the sport. When the plans bear fruit – and even while the preparations continue – you'll be able to say one thing about Konkordiapark: it's a great place for joining in or simply sitting back and enjoying the atmosphere and the sporting action. And either approach is also an option at the NINERS Chemnitz home games, where getting involved is considerably more straightforward – with fan choreographies, chants or cheering on the pros on the NINERS Chemnitz team in the first division of the Basketball-Bundesliga (Federal Basketball League). Just as they used to at the Hartmannhalle, the "best fans in the league" show up like clockwork and in full voice to cheer their team on at Messe Chemnitz. But there are also times when it's right to hold it all in, like those nail-biting seconds before the buzzer, moments of both success and disappointment, but most of all when looking back on the journey that Saxony's most successful basketball players have taken to get here. We definitely recommend picking up a ball and getting on the court – or at least experiencing a game at Messe Chemnitz during your visit to the city.



More on this topic:
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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

C THE UNSEEN. WHY CHOOSE CHEMNITZ. AN OVERVIEW.



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. Proof can be found in numerous examples: the national Hydrogen Centre that is being set up right next door to Chemnitz University of Technology and the city's research institutes as one of four national locations. 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. And this is also what Kongressbüro Chemnitz sets out to do every day, in the fields of business, culture, sports and society.

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. This gave rise to the KOSMOS CHEMNITZ festival, which offers initiatives, art and culture professionals, associations and companies a platform for exchange and discourse.

KONGRESSBÜRO CONVENTION OFFICE

Chemnitz will be the European Capital of Culture in 2025. But exploring what the city and its cultural region have in store for you in the spirit of the motto "C the Unseen" is already worth your while. Working as an interface to the city's convention network, the expertise of Kongressbüro Chemnitz is available free of charge to anyone looking for assistance with facilitation, networking, programme ideas and much more.

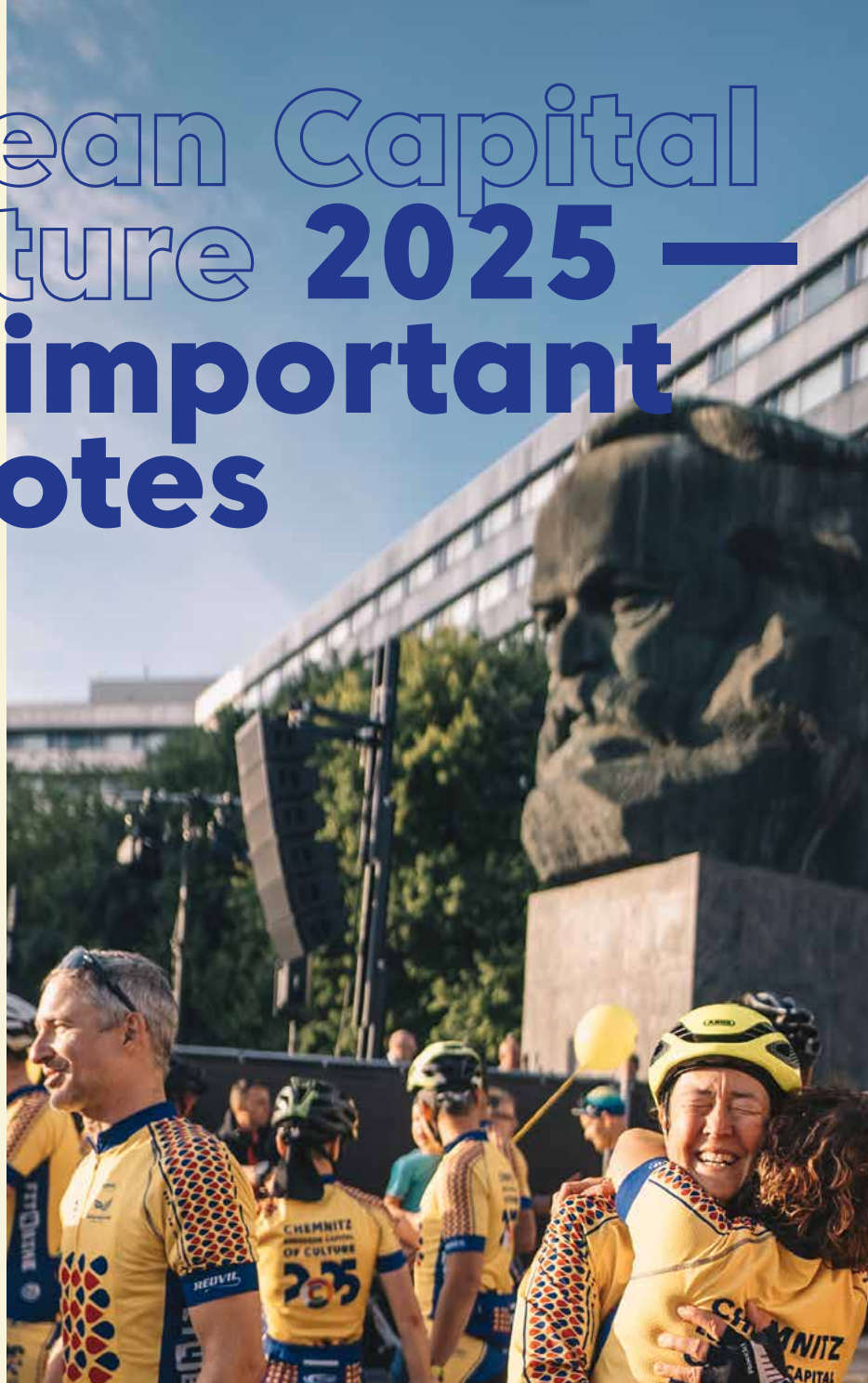
PROGRAMME

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.

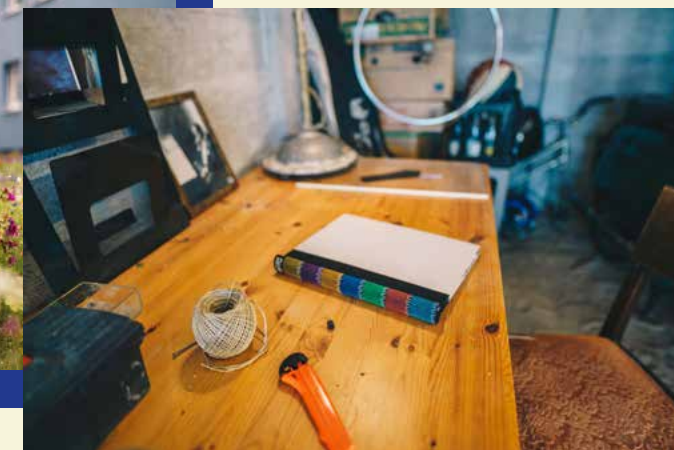


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European Capital of Culture 2025 — a few important side notes



Let's suppose you are visiting Chemnitz or the cultural 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. We've put together a few handy facts that will see you safely through any conversation.



In the **bid process**, Chemnitz beat off some stiff competition from many other cities. Among them: Dresden, Hannover 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 Chemnitz Bikinikommando collective shaped **Bid Book 2** – the final application for the title “European Capital of Culture 2025”. The young artists in this collective work with different formats, including photography, illustration, music, video, and performance and visual art. Garages are the central motif, as one of the projects is aiming to look at precisely these structures.

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 cities such as Leipzig and Dresden. Secondly, it's an invitation: “Behold the undiscovered!” Then there's the subtitle: “European Makers of Democracy”.

A total of 72 **projects** have found their way into the bid. A number of calls for proposals are still under way; there's also the opportunity to submit microprojects each year. Some projects have already got started because 2025 isn't the only time things will be happening. For example, apple trees have already been planted for the **WE PARAPOM!** art project. The goal is to have a European parade of apple trees through the city. At the **European Peace Ride**, held every September since 2021, around 90 bike riders from the city and surrounding region set off for European destinations – and back again. Cities on the route have included Prague, Wrocław and Mladá Boleslav so far – and in 2023, the ride is slated to begin in Görlitz before travelling to Chemnitz in three stages. The goal isn't to achieve personal bests or win the race – the journey is the destination, and this ride is all about enjoying the camaraderie of sport.

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. Thanks to the developments in the PURPLE PATH programme, now even more municipalities have joined the cultural region, bringing the total to 38, plus Chemnitz itself. Eight **Maker Hubs** are designed to breathe new life into vacant spaces in the city's cultural region, 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 future European Capital of Culture, that's when the fun will really start. The buses will rarely depart without a bingo set 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 won't be the end of it all. The plan envisages that the city's development will move forwards at **intervention spaces** in particular. The Garagen-Campus (Garage Campus) is one such place, along with the Stadtwirtschaft premises in the Sonnenberg district and the Hartmannfabrik (Hartmann Factory) at the edge of the city centre. The idea is to actively develop these districts because, after all, our year as a Capital of Culture starts right on our own doorstep.

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



chemnitz2025.de

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 what just might be the world's smallest pizzeria – there's something to enjoy on nearly every corner. Join us as we explore the city's many delicious locations.



TO GREAT NEIGHBOURHOODS!



While it's true that Chemnitz doesn't have a traditional "pub mile", it is home to a broad selection of pubs in the city centre and in its various districts – particularly on Innere Klosterstraße or at the foot of Schloßberg hill. We can't imagine anything nicer in the summer than sitting under the trees at **aaltra** in the Kaßberg neighbourhood or in the **courtyard of the Weltecho** near the River Chemnitz – with a cool drink and good friends. **Balboa Bar** in the Brühl district is always a great place to be as well, and it's worth paying a visit to **Späti** in Sonnenberg.



MONK NEIGHBOURHOOD PUB

But let's go back to the Kaßberg neighbourhood, where a much-loved pub first closed and has now reopened again. Why? Because it's somehow impossible to imagine a neighbourhood without a neighbourhood pub. The Monk is located on Franz-Mehring-Straße, which puts it right in the middle of the city's art nouveau quarter. This is the place to go when you want to meet up with good friends for a draught beer, a lovely glass of wine or freshly ground coffee, and your own living room isn't quite right for the occasion. But you can also go to the Monk when you want to meet new people at the bar or spend a pleasant evening in your own company. Four friends – who now run the pub – simply didn't want to accept that it was closing. Former regulars at the pub, they asked themselves, why not? Why shouldn't they take the matter into their own hands? The idea to keep the pub going grew on them, took shape, and they finally made the decision. A lick of new paint, new décor, the same laid-back vibe. Which means you can now bring your (working) day to an enjoyable close again from Wednesday through Sunday in the Kaßberg neighbourhood.



DREAMERS

COFFEE & WHOLEFOOD

The Brühl: take a stroll down it and you can feel new life and a progressive pulse, thanks in particular to the commitment of local citizens and heaps of bubbling enthusiasm. The modern, innovative urban life that can be found in many places throughout Chemnitz draws its inspiration from this boulevard, which is in the process of reclaiming its own identity. A café like Dreamers was bound to be established here, where rethinking is afoot. In Dreamers, food is not the same as something you eat; veganism is not an ideology, but rather an opportunity to enjoy consciously; coffee is not only served but rather presented by a barista, and tea is not a drink, but a ritual. Just reading the menu, you start to yearn for all these culinary ideas that exemplify this ethos of conscious and easy-going savouring.



BOHNENMEISTER

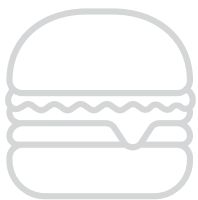
COFFEE ROASTERS

One of the most beautiful of scents: when someone in need of a caffeine fix enters the Bohnenmeister coffee roasters in the Wirkbau, they are immediately and softly enveloped in its distinctive aroma. The premises of the coffee roasters alone could be described as awe-inspiring and, above all, glassy: it can be found nestled directly under the imposing bell tower of the Wirkbau, a former industrial building that is now being reused for a diversity of cultural and commercial purposes. Bohnenmeister offers everything you could ever wish for when it comes to inspiring, steaming drinks. It principally roasts and serves raw beans of the Coffea arabica variety. Customers can also purchase special coffees for different methods of preparation, as well as extremely unusual coffee utensils. And so it is: at some point you have to leave this aromatic realm again, but not without a little longing for pleasure filling your heart even as you leave.

EMMAS ONKEL

CAFÉ & BISTRO

Now refurbished but retaining its original character, Emmas Onkel didn't have to fight hard to regain its original custom on the Kaßberg after its renovation. Home-baked cakes, home-made ice cream and spontaneous happiness are all on the menu at the corner of Weststraße and Ulmenstraße. Customers can put together a sausage snack for a merry evening from the freshly painted menu board; vegetarian and vegan delicacies are also served. The inspiration for Emmas Onkel came from the unusual idea of selling Italian coffee from a stylishly converted trailer. The trailer still exists. It is to be found at the heart of the numerous city centre events that Emmas Onkel supplies with tasty snacks and quality coffee. Speaking of events, twice a year, Emmas Onkel plays a central role in two festivals that have achieved fame beyond the Kaßberg neighbourhood: the 100-Meter-Weihnachtsmarkt Christmas market and the 100-Meter-Sommer in summer are hosted by the bookshop Lessing und Kompanie and the Badische Winzerstube wine bar in the immediate vicinity of Emmas Onkel, and are highlights on the Chemnitz events calendar.



DER FLEISCHLADEN

DELICATESSEN & RESTAURANT

Meat in all its glory: even by its very name, Der Fleischladen (The Meat Shop) differs from conventional butchers or, to put it more bluntly, meat sellers. It is more of a boutique of pleasure than a fine foods store. Located on Hermannstraße in Chemnitz, it is in close proximity to the urban hotspot of the Brühl. Products are selected for sale with what the shop terms sensitivity and understanding, or made into diverse delicacies in its in-house restaurant. And the principle that nothing is left over is not only a matter of taste, but epitomises the concept of sustainability. The products are also sourced fairly, with the meat coming directly from free-range producers. You enter this temple of carnivorous desires driven by the anticipation of pleasure and leave it with satisfying feelings in the stomach, on the tongue and on the conscience.



AUGUSTO

PIZZA – PASTA – INSALATA

Small and extremely refined: the kind of Italian pizza you can get only in Italy is also available in Chemnitz. Right at the bottom of the southern slope of the Sonnenberg is the place to discover wonderful Italian dolce vita in its most charming version north of the Erzgebirge Mountains. When you're in Augusto, you don't need to close your eyes to imagine that you are beside the Mediterranean. The atmosphere is so welcoming that it's easy to believe you are in beautiful Italy itself. Delicious pizzas made from fresh, high-quality ingredients are served straight from the oven here. Alongside cakes and delicious coffees, the menu consists solely of pizzas in a staggering range of varieties. You leave Augusto filled with sunshine and Italian enjoyment, and with the sense that your next holiday is very close at hand.



Restaurant max louis

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 around the world in Chemnitz.

RESTAURANTS AND PUBS ON THE SCHLOSSBERG

RESTAURANTS

In the small pub district in lower Schloßberg, there's a whole host of restaurants tucked away in pretty half-timbered buildings for guests who love cosy, traditional dining. All tastes are catered for here, from hearty to modern: in short, whatever you're in the mood for. The district is also a charming place for a short post-meal stroll to help your food go down: take a relaxed wander around the Schloßteich (Castle Pond) or brave the steep ascent to the Schloßkirche (Castle Church) to savour the view from the top.

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.

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.



Kellerhaus am Schloßberg

ALEXANDERS

RESTAURANT

Tucked away in a snug location on the Sonnenberg, this restaurant shines with outstanding cuisine: alexanders. 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.



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.

Turm-Brauhaus



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, you can also enjoy 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 European/Asian-inspired gourmet dishes. In other words: it's delectable, you can easily while away a few hours here, and absorb the ambience of the former hosiery factory, the Strumpffabrik.



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. Overlooking the square beside the St. Jakobikirche, it's easy to lose yourself here for a while.



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