



LEIPZIG REGION

Dresden, the Elbland and Saxon Switzerland

Upper Lusatia/ Oberlausitz

Chemnitz, the Ore Mountains and the Vogtland

The diversity of the LEIPZIG REGION is worth more than just one visit. The venerable fair city, also considered to be the heart of trade and commerce, is worth visiting at any time of the year. There are numerous destinations in the region for railfans, such as Europe's largest terminus station in terms of area in Leipzig, a miniature railway around Lake Auen/ Auensee and the activities offered at the Bayerischer Bahnhof zu Leipzig e.V. railway museum. The region around Leipzig also boasts a large number of cultural treasures, a modern recreational area with many new lakes and sports activities, as well as idyllic heathlands. The warmth of the Saxons with their proverbial Saxon cosiness will make your stay special. The historic Döllnitz narrow-gauge railway, referred to as "Wilder Robert" by the locals, begins its steam and diesel train adventure in Oschatz, a lovingly restored town approx. one hour from Leipzig. Also worth visiting, but only accessible on certain dates, are the railway museums in Nossen and Glauchau, which are home to many historical locomotives.

The Elbland is characterised by its mild climate and scenic beauty. In the region between Meissen and Pillnitz, along the vineyards and Elbe floodplains, and crowned by the baroque metropolis of Saxony's capital, Dresden, an enchanting cultural landscape has developed. Dresden has world-famous, historico-cultural and technical buildings, an unsurpassable music scene and is home to many masterpieces of art. At the Dresden Transport Museum/ Verkehrsmuseum Dresden, the history of transportation comes alive, whereas the miniature railway in the park offers steam engine rides led by the Liliput locomotive. Take the funicular railways up to the top of the Elbe slopes, where a fantastic panorama view of the Elbe valley greets you. There are also two narrow-gauge railways operating daily at full steam in the surrounding area. The Lössnitzgrundbahn (railway) steams past Radebeul's vineyards, taking you to the world-famous Moritzburg baroque castle. Just as romantic is a ride on the Weisseritzalbahn (railway) into the Eastern Ore Mountains/ Osterzgebirge. A few kilometres on in the picturesque Saxon Switzerland the sandstone rocks are not the only impressive feature. Fans of historic modes of transport can take a trip with the world's oldest and largest fleet of paddler steamers or with the historic trams in the Kinnitzschtal.

Germany's most eastern tourist region extends from the Zittau Mountains, Germany's smallest nature preserve, to the Muskau Heath in north-eastern Saxony. Well-kept, traditional half-timbered houses can be seen in the Zittau Mountains. Zittau's narrow-gauge railway offers visitors daily steam train rides. On board the historic trains, which are in part equipped with a bar wagon or an observation car in the summer, visitors can experience the most beautiful way of travelling through a magical holiday region. There are many ways to enjoy the natural beauty while actively discovering the region. The Herrnhut Stars (Herrnhuter Sterne) exhibition workshop gives visitors great insight into how these pointy masterpieces are made. Traditional craftsmanship, century-old churches and monasteries in the six-city legion of Upper Lusatia – for example Löbau with its cast-iron tower and the railway museum, or Bautzen with the nearby Saurierpark, a park dedicated to dinosaurs –also look forward to your visit. A must-see for guests of the region is the one-of-a-kind landscape garden in the Fürst Pückler Park in Bad Muskau, which was designated by UNESCO as a world heritage site. Another sight not to miss is the Rhododendron Park in Kromlau. Both of these parks can be reached with the Muskauer Waldeisenbahn (forest steam railway).

In the Ore Mountains "Glück auf" (literally good luck) is a traditional miners' greeting that has been used since the 16th century. Thanks to the tradition-minded locals in the Ore Mountain region, mining traditions are kept alive in many exhibition mines. Christmas time is the annual highlight; magnificent pyramids and windows lit up by Christmas arches create an inimitable atmosphere. The unique old traditional craft of musical instrument making can be experienced in the Vogtland, where craftsmen ply their trade in exhibition. The city of Chemnitz with its industrial heritage is also worth visiting. It offers renowned art collections and cultural offers. Also part of SAXONY'S STEAM RAILWAY ROUTE are the Fichtelbergbahn (railway) in the Ore Mountains with daily steam-train services, as well as the Preßnitzalbahn (railway), the museum railway in Schönheide or the Wisentatalbahn (railway). Particularly impressive and memorable is a ride on the ERZGEBIRGISCHE AUSSICHTSBAHN (Ore Mountain sightseeing railway) that crosses the Markersbach Viaduct. This can be easily combined with a visit to one of the train museums along the route.

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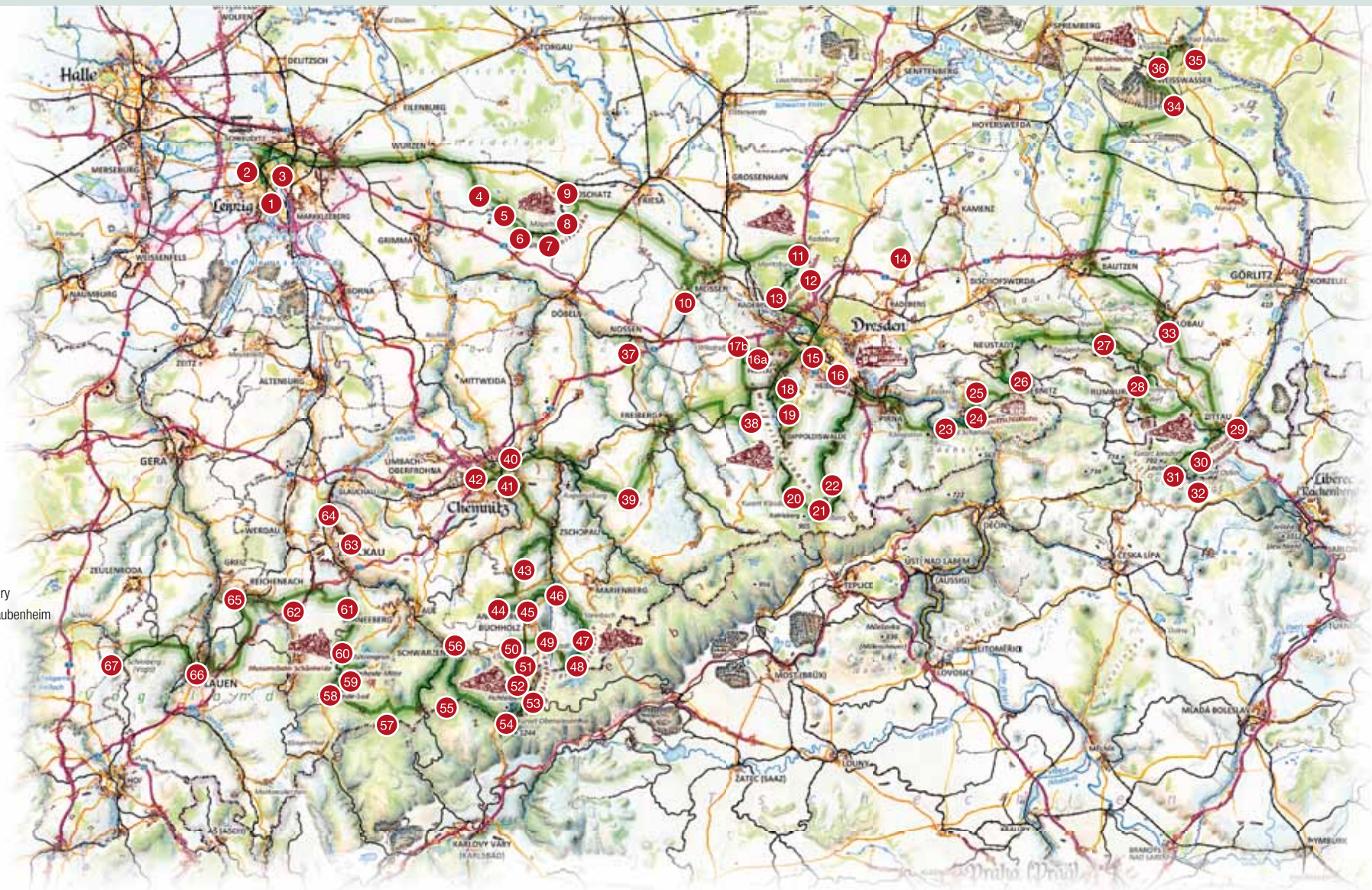
Welcome to Saxony – the land of steam railways!

Saxony, land of the steam railways in Germany's south east, is rich in tradition and home to many unique historico-technical treasures. The Saxon, the first steam locomotive built in Germany, drove along the first German long-distance track between Leipzig and Dresden, which opened in 1839. Today, the replica of the locomotive, which is true to the original, can be viewed in Dresden's Transport Museum. In 1837, "Königin Maria" (Queen Mary) was the first German steamboat to be launched in Dresden. This was the birth of what is today the largest and oldest paddle steamer fleet in the world, and which still sails down the Elbe River daily. In western Saxony, the world's largest brick bridge can be found. Built in 1851 and taking five years of construction to complete, the monumental Göltzschtal Bridge is the landmark of the Vogtland. The state's outstanding milestones in the history of transport are thanks to Johann Andreas Schubert, a brilliant engineer, entrepreneur, professor and later director of the technical school in Dresden. Starting in 1881, Saxony began connecting the towns off the main corridor onto the more than 500 km-long narrow-gauge rail

networks. Some of the railroads served important routes right from the start, bringing overnight guests and day-trippers into the holiday regions along the tracks. Reminiscent of the time when narrow-gauge railways were first made is the I K Train, a joint venture of many partners. The I K No. 54 locomotive, which was built in 2009 according to the original plans, and the respective train car that dates back to royal times nowadays can be witnessed at selected events. Four different trains still offer daily steam service as a special attraction in the state. Along the steam route, art and culture, world-famous traditional handicrafts, premium spas and distinct natural beauty make you want to extend your stay. Whether it's the Ore Mountains with their winter sports activities, traditional wooden art and handicraft traditions, the fascinating natural beauty of Saxon Switzerland or Upper Lusatia with the Zittau Mountain Nature Reserve, the half-timbered houses or the traditional customs: Saxony as a holiday destination has much to offer you and your vacation.



1. Leipzig-Plagwitz Railway Museum
2. Lake Auen Miniature Railway, Leipzig
3. Leipzig Main Station
4. Wernsdorf Station
5. Glossen Station
6. Kemnitz Station
7. Mügeln Station
8. Schweta Station
9. Oschatz Süd Station
10. Lößthain Museum Station
11. Radeburg Station
12. Moritzburg Station
13. Radebeul Ost Station
14. Inn at the Station, Ottendorf-Okrilla
15. Dresden Transport Museum
16. Dresden Miniature Railway
- 16a Wilsdruff Station
- 17b Wilsdruff Stop
18. Freital-Hainsberg Station
19. Rabenau Station
20. Kurort Kipsdorf Station
21. Altenberg Station
22. Bärenstein Station
23. Kimitzschtal Tramway, Bad Schandau
24. Goßdorf-Kohlmühle Station
25. Lohsdorf Station
26. Tillig Model Railways / Model Railway Gallery
27. "Klimperch" Exhibition Railway Oppach / Taubenheim
28. Seiffennersdorf Railway Museum
29. Zittau Station
30. Bertsdorf Station
31. Kurort Jonsdorf Station
32. Kurort Oybin Station
33. Löbau Railway Museum
34. Weißwasser Station
35. Bad Muskau Station
36. Kromlau Station
37. Nossen railway junction
38. Edle Krone Station
39. Eppendorf Station
40. Saxon Railway Museum Chemnitz-Hilbersdorf
41. Chemnitz Miniature Railway
42. Saxon Industrial Museum in Chemnitz
43. Oberherold Station
44. Geyer Station
45. Ore Mountains Model Railway Park, Schönfeld-Wiesa
46. Wolkenstein Station
47. Steinbach Station
48. Schmalzgrube Station
49. Schlössel Station
50. Jöhstadt Station



51. Schlettau Station
52. Saxon Museum Station, Walthersdorf
53. Cranzahl Station
54. Neudorf Station (Incense manufacture) „Zum Weirichkarzl“
55. Kurort Oberwiesenthal Station
56. Rittersgrün Narrow-Gauge Railway Museum
57. Schwarzenberg Railway Museum
58. Carlsfeld Station
59. Schönheide Süd Station
60. Schönheide Mitte Station
61. Rothenkirchen Station
62. Kirchberg Station
63. Oberheinsdorf Station
64. Niedermülsen Stop
65. Glauchau Maintenance Depot
66. Göltzschtal Railway Bridge Netzschkau
67. Syratal/Plauen Miniature Railway



**Saxon STEAM RAILWAY ROUTE –
Your holiday road through Saxony**



Spend the night, enjoy and discover

The Saxon STEAM RAILWAY ROUTE all through the Free State and with more than 160 partners in the meantime is not just a destination for adventure hungry guests; it is also home to many railways and railway museums. There are also many great places to spend the night, delicious restaurants and memories for the entire family along the way. Many inns and hotels offer bookable offers that combine overnight stays and steam rail tours, day trips with great scenery and a chance to enjoy the regional specialties. These include specialised rides on the "Braumeisters Dampfzug" ("Brewmasters Steamtrain") on the Weißeritztal Railroad, or "Wine on the narrow track" on the Löbnitzgrund Railroad. Partners of the STEAM RAILWAY ROUTE also offer overnight stays in railroad cars, such as in the Wolkenstein train hotel. It is also possible to spend the night in the two guest apartments located in the wagons of Zittau's narrow-gauge railway.

