



## TEN GOOD REASONS FOR VISITING SAXONY

### **1: History and Stories in the Region of Leipzig**

Nowhere else in Saxony are there so many castles, palaces and parks as in the region between Leipzig and Chemnitz: The picturesque Muldental valley offers pure castle romanticism and in combination with the heathland provides an ideal terrain for hikers, cyclists and riders in one of Central Germany's largest woodlands.

### **2: Leipzig – Diverse and Vibrant**

Town of music, arts and books, trade fairs, sports and the Battle of Nations – Leipzig has many different faces. But above all, it is young, modern, vibrant, and creative. And definitely worth a visit.

### **3: Splendour Carved in Stone: Saxony's Castles, Palaces and Gardens**

Approximately 1,000 castles, palaces, gardens and mansions tell of Saxony's glamorous history – among them highlights such as Pillnitz, Moritzburg and Augustusburg, but also some treasures yet to be discovered.

### **4: Dresden Celebrates Art and Culture**

Rich in art and culture of world renown, Saxony's capital presents itself in a baroque setting. In its midst and along the Elbe river you find dance, music and festivities – in honour of famous personalities and life itself.

### **5: Saxon Switzerland: Welcome to the Elbe Sandstone Mountains**

"Spectacular" is the word you are looking for while contemplating the bizarre world of rocks in the national park of Saxon Switzerland. It is the ideal destination for hikers, climbers, culture enthusiasts and cyclists on the Elbe cycle route.

### **6: Recreation for Creative Minds in the Saxon Elbland**

Wine, porcelain, castles and parks – the Saxon Elbland unites fine delights with great history and Mediterranean flair, e.g., every year on the third weekend of August when local vineyards open their doors to visitors, offering wine tastings, tours and much more.

### **7: Always in Motion: Upper Lusatia – Lower Silesia**

East Saxony is ideal for cycling, hiking, and increasingly for water sports and bathing – due to the newly developed Lusatian Lakeland. The region surprises with its abundance in cultural treasures, be it in Görlitz, Zittau, Bautzen, or the UNESCO world heritage site of the Fürst Pückler Park in Bad Muskau.

### **8: Vogtland: Musical Delights in the Green Heart of Europe**

Excellent hiking trails, the production of musical instruments, arts and crafts, and a long tradition in spas shape the Vogtland in the south-west of Saxony. Whether in the leisure paradise of the Pöhl

dam, in the VogtlandArena, in the musical corner or in Plauen, the “town of lace” – the Vogtland people will bid you a warm welcome.

### **9: Chemnitz: Modernism, Art Nouveau and Industrial Culture**

The Gunzenhauser Museum with the most significant collection of expressionists in Germany, the Villa Esche (a station on the European “van de Velde Route”) or the Industrial Museum – Chemnitz is a modern town with rich culture.

### **10: Miners’ Traditions in the Ore Mountains**

One of Central Germany’s most beautiful low mountain range landscapes invites hikers to enjoy marvellous views, e.g. on the Kammweg trail. Steam trains, miners’ parades and wood art make the Ore Mountains a unique destination.

### Information

Saxony Tourism, [www.sachsen-tourismus.de/en](http://www.sachsen-tourismus.de/en), is part of the Cultural Heart of Germany, [www.cultural-heart-of-germany.com](http://www.cultural-heart-of-germany.com), a tourism initiative of Saxony, Saxony-Anhalt & Thuringia Tourism. The neighbouring states of Saxony, Saxony-Anhalt and Thuringia feature a unique cultural heritage and rich musical tradition that the Cultural Heart of Germany promotes in the UK.

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