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### 1. Geographical location

Dresden is the capital city of Saxony, one of the sixteen states in Germany. It lies on the banks of the Elbe River, close to the border with the Czech Republic. Dresden is the third largest city in eastern Germany after Berlin and Leipzig. It has the Elbe Sandstone Mountains to the east and the Lusatian granitic crust to the north. The highest point in the city is Triebenberg, standing at 1,260 feet.



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### 2. Neighbouring cities/countries

The Cities/ Towns Lying Close To Dresden Are Bannewitz, Germany (7 Kms), Niederau, Germany (20 Kms), Chemnitz, Germany (63 Kms), Leipzig, Germany (103 Kms), Prague, Czech Republic (119 Kms), Berlin, Germany (165 Kms), Wrocław, Poland (200 Kms) And Nuremberg (260 Kms).



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### 3. Significance

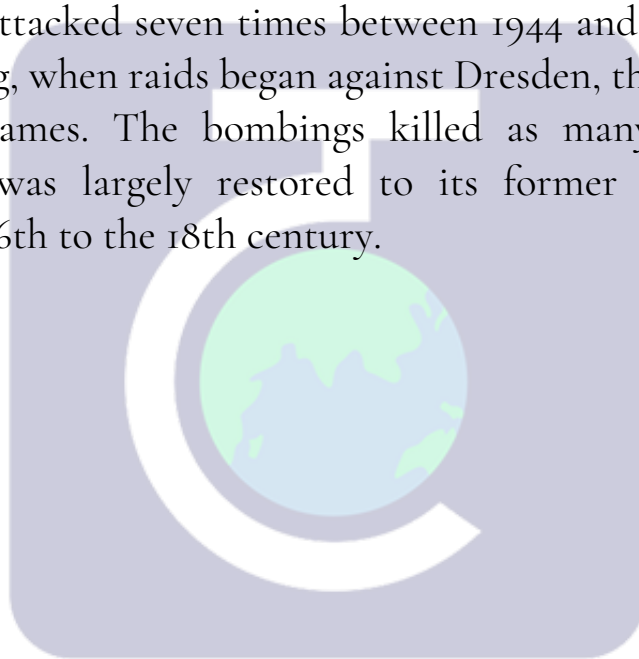
With a wonderful location, pleasant climate (thanks to river Elbe), world renowned Baroque and Rococo style of architecture and countless museums and art collections, Dresden is rightly called "Elbflorenz" (Florence of the Elbe). The city is also one of the greenest cities in the entire Europe, with 63% of the city being green areas and forests.



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### 4. History

Dresden has seen both splendid eras and tragic times. The earliest mention of Dresden dates back to 1216. During this time, a Slavic settlement by the name Drežďany had started to develop on the southern bank of the Elbe River, while another settlement called Antiqua Dresdin existed on its northern bank. From 1485, Dresden was the seat of the dukes of Saxony, electoral princes and later kings. Dresden was attacked seven times between 1944 and 1945. During a series of Allied firebombing, when raids began against Dresden, the city was reduced to sheer rubble and flames. The bombings killed as many as 135,000 people. However, the city was largely restored to its former splendour. The city prospered from the 16th to the 18th century.



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### 5. Cultural identity

Dresden is not only the cultural centre of the country but also a city that has had tremendous impact on Europe's cultural heritage as a whole. The rich culture of the city can be seen in its various museums, churches, medieval buildings and Christmas traditions. The architecture of the city is influenced by more than one style, baroque predominantly. There are various religious and historic buildings in Dresden that exhibit an impressive monumental style. Not just this, there are various, colourful festival and events that lace up the calendar in Dresden all year round. The people of Dresden are simple, hardworking and extremely friendly. The city is also synonymous with delicious local food and great hospitality.





**Index****6. Natural resources**

Natural resources in Dresden include bituminous coal, lignite (brown coal), copper, nickel, natural gas, iron ore, uranium, salt and construction materials. The country imports most of its raw materials.



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### 7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)

#### 7.1. Paid

##### 7.1.1. Albertinum

Dating back to 1887, Albertinum is a popular art museum situated in the historic center of the city housing wonderful paintings and sculptures from Romanticism to the present. The atrium, also known as "an ark for the art", which is a recent improvement in the inner roofing is also architecturally very attractive. If you are a fan of contemporary art, this museum is definitely worth your time.

Address : Tzschirnerpl. 2, 01067 Dresden, Germany

Zipcode : 01067

Location : 51.052059, 13.744384999999966

Contact : +49 351 49142000

Website : <http://www.skd.museum/>

Nearest Public Transport : Synagoge Light Rail Station

Entry Fee : Adults: €10 Reduced (Disabled, unemployed): €7.50 Children less than 17 years: Free admission

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Sunday: 10:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

##### 7.1.2. Frauenkirche Dresden

Dresden Frauenkirche (Church of Our Lady) is an enchanting Lutheran church in Dresden and a sublime landmark of the city. Built in the 18th century, the cathedral was reduced largely to just a deteriorating pile of rubble during World War II, having been reconstructed back in 1993. Tagged as an outstanding citation of Protestant sacred architecture, this church has one of the largest domes in all of Europe.

Address : Frauenkirche Dresden, 01067 Dresden, Germany

Zipcode : 01067

Location : 51.05187340000001, 13.741521599999942

Contact : +49 351 65606100

Website : <https://www.frauenkirche-dresden.org>

Nearest Public Transport : Altmarkt and Pirnaischer Platz Light Rail Stations  
Entry Fee : Cupola and tower: €8 Audio guides in English: €2.50  
Open & Close Timing : Monday to Friday: 10:00hrs-12:00hrs and 13:00hrs-18:00hrs  
Time Required : 1  
Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.3. Verkehrsmuseum Dresden

Constructed as the Royal Mews, Johanneum is a quaint Renaissance building from the 16th century. It is now home to the transport museum (Verkehrsmuseum) and displays the history of transportation in Europe. Visitors can find an interesting collection of old trams, trains, bicycles, planes, cars and model ships.

Address : Augustusstraße 1, 01067 Dresden, Germany

Zipcode : 01067

Location : 51.05206399999999, 13.739467999999988

Contact : +49 351 86440

Website : <https://www.verkehrsmuseum-dresden.de>

Nearest Public Transport : Altmarkt Light Rail Station

Entry Fee : Adult: €7 Groups: €5/ person Reduced (Disabled, unemployed): €4

Guided tour: €4/person

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Sunday: 10:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

### 7.1.4. Kreuzkirche Dresden

Heading forward from a turbulent history, the Kreuzkirche (Church of the Cross) is an Evangelical church in this beautiful city. Founded as the Nikolaikirche (Church of St. Nicholas) in 1215, it was reconsecrated as the Kreuzkirche in 1388. It is the main church and seat of the Landesbischof of the Evangelical-Lutheran Church of Saxony.

Address : An der Kreuzkirche 6, 01067 Dresden, Germany

Zipcode : 01067

Location : 51.0487302, 13.739205599999991

Contact : +49 351 4393920

Website : <http://www.kreuzkirche-dresden.de/start.html>

Nearest Public Transport : Altmarkt Light Rail Station

Entry Fee : €2 (€1 with the Dresden Card)

Open & Close Timing : November to March: Weekdays 10:00hrs–16:00hrs Sunday 11:00hrs–16:00hrs April to October: Daily 10:00hrs–18:00hrs

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.5. Zwinger

Tagged as one of the most striking Baroque buildings in Germany, Zwinger (also known as Zwinger Palace) is a sandstone palace devised by court architect Matthäus Daniel Pöppelmann between 1710 and 1719 under the reign of Augustus the Strong. Like other historic buildings in Dresden, Zwinger Palace burned down owing to the aerial bombardments in 1945 and was rebuilt later during the 1950s and 1960s. Today, Zwinger is a museum complex built in Rococo style visited by innumerable visitors all throughout the year.

Address : Sophienstraße, 01067 Dresden, Germany

Zipcode : 01067

Location : 51.05300200000001, 13.733756999999969

Contact : +49 351 49142000

Website : <https://der-dresdner-zwinger.de>

Nearest Public Transport : Theaterplatz Light Rail Station

Entry Fee : Adults: €10 Reduced rate: €7.50

Open & Close Timing : November to March: Daily 06:00hrs-20:00hrs April to October: Daily 06:00hrs-22:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.6. Residenzschloss

One of the oldest buildings in the city, the Royal Place or Residenzschloss (Dresden Castle) had been the residence of the kings and electors for almost 400 years. Known far and wide for various architectural styles ranging from Baroque to Neo-renaissance, this castle today is an abode to 5 museums: the Historic

Green Vault and New Green Vault, the Numismatic Cabinet, the Collection of Prints, Drawings and Photographs and the Dresden Armory. Dive into history by paying a visit to this castle and do not miss the art library.

Address : Taschenberg 2, 01067 Dresden, Germany

Zipcode : 01067

Location : 51.0524975, 13.736660400000005

Contact : +49 351 49142000

Website : <http://www.skd.museum/de/museen-institutionen/residenzschloss/index.html>

Nearest Public Transport : Theaterplatz Light Rail Station

Entry Fee : Adults: €12 Reduced: €9 Children under 17 years: Free admission

Groups of 10: €11 per person Audio Guide: Free Combination ticket: €21

Open & Close Timing : Wednesday to Monday 10:00hrs–18:00hrs (Historic Green Vault by appointment only)

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.7. Japanisches Palais

Standing tall on the Neustadt bank of the river Elbe, the Japanisches Palais or the Japanese Palace is a marvelous Baroque building. It takes its name from the shape of the roof, borrowed from Japanese architecture. Abode to many of the art treasures of the city, this palace is a cultural institution of the first order. It is definitely a must-visit for those who are inclined towards art and architecture.

Address : Palaispl. 11, 01097 Dresden, Germany

Zipcode : 01097

Location : 51.0597911, 13.737406400000054

Contact : +49 351 49142000

Website : <http://www.skd.museum/de/museen-institutionen/japanisches-palais/index.html>

Nearest Public Transport : Palaisplatz Light Rail Station

Entry Fee : Adult: €2.5 Reduced (Unemployed, retired, students etc): €2 Groups (10 people): €2/ person Children under 17: Free

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Sunday: 10:00hrs–18:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

### 7.1.8. Zoo Dresden

Located on the southern edge of the Großer Garten, Dresden Zoo is the fourth oldest zoo in the country having been opened in the year 1961. Spread over an enormous area, this zoo is a home to around 3,000 animals of almost 400 different species. The highlights of the zoo include the Africa House, a zone for elephants, Brandes House that houses lion-tailed macaques, and the Giraffe House where visitors get a chance to view animals from a raised gallery. Don't miss out on this wildlife tour, especially if you are traveling with kids!

Address : Tiergartenstraße 1, 01219 Dresden, Germany

Zipcode : 01219

Location : 51.03734599999999, 13.7546580000000063

Contact : +49 351 478060

Website : <http://www.zoo-dresden.de/>

Nearest Public Transport : Zoo Light Rail Station

Entry Fee : Adult: €12 Reduced (primary, secondary and college/vocational students and the severely disabled): €8 Children (3-16 years): €4 Family ticket (Preferred): €30.

Open & Close Timing : Daily 08:30hrs–18:30hrs

Time Required : 2.5

Expected Wait Time : 15-20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

### 7.1.9. Green Vault

Possessing one of the largest collection of treasures across the whole of Europe, the Green Vault or Grünes Gewölbe is an exclusive historic museum situated in the western section of Dresdner Residenzschloss. It contains over 4,000 pieces of enchanting European art displayed in a baroque setting spread over 2 floors spanning 2,000 square meters each. The museum was completely reconstructed after its destruction because of World War II. Note: Wheelchair access and multilingual audio guides are available.

Address : Residenzschloss, Taschenberg 2, 01067 Dresden, Germany

Zipcode : 01067

Location : 51.0526834, 13.736300099999994

Contact : +49 351 49142000

Website : <http://www.skd.museum/>

Nearest Public Transport : Theaterplatz Light Rail Station

Entry Fee : Admission fee (including audio guide): €12 Children until 17 years:

Free admission

Open & Close Timing : Wednesday to Monday: 10:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

### 7.1.10. Brühl's Terrace

Popularly known as the "Balcony of Europe", Brühl's Terrace is a riveting terraced promenade located north of the recently rebuilt Neumarkt Square. It falls among the most iconic landmarks of the city. A historical ensemble, stairs leading to Brühl's Terrace are flanked by 4 bronze sculptures, each exemplifying one reason. It runs for about 500 meters along the banks of Elbe and is a great place for a refreshing walk in the backdrop of the Elbe Valley.

Address : Georg-Treu-Platz 1, 01067 Dresden, Germany

Zipcode : 01067

Location : 51.0532409, 13.743673100000024

Contact : +49 351 501501

Website : <http://www.dresden.de/de/tourismus/sehen/sehenswuerdigkeiten/altstadt/bruehlsche-terrasse-und-festung-dresden.php>

Nearest Public Transport : Synagoge Light Rail Station

Entry Fee : Adult: €5 50% discount for students Kids 6-16 years: Free admission (Includes audio guide)

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.11. Semperoper - Sächsische Staatsoper Dresden

A world-renowned opera house, Semperoper is home to the Semperoper ballet

and is located in the historic center of the city near the river Elbe. Originally built by the architect Gottfried Semper in 1841, it was partly rebuilt again by Semper post a devastating fire in 1869. The architecture of the opera is marvelous and is considered as one of the world's finest. It is also the main venue for Dresden's Saxon State Orchestra.

Address : Theaterplatz 2, 01067 Dresden, Germany

Zipcode : 01067

Location : 51.0544862, 13.7352762

Contact : +49 351 4911705

Website : <https://www.semperoper.de/>

Nearest Public Transport : Theaterplatz Light Rail Station

Entry Fee : Regular tours: Adults: €11 Reduced (Pupils, Students, People with a registered disability): €7 Families (2 adults with up to 5 children under the age of 18): €25 Photo fee per person: €3 Children below 6 years of age and person accompanying the disabled: Free admission

Open & Close Timing : Kindly refer to the website to find out the timings of the guided tour on the day of your visit.

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No



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### 7.2. Free

#### 7.2.1. Katholische Hofkirche

Standing as one of Dresden's foremost landmarks, the Katholische Hofkirche (Catholic Court Church) or Cathedral of St. Trinitatis is the largest church in Saxony. This beautiful baroque church is historically important and indicative of the tension between the Catholics and Protestants. It was heavily damaged during World War II and was restored during the mid-1980s. Featuring a restored organ and Rococo pulpit, this church definitely makes a place on every traveler's list.

Address : Schloßstraße 24, 01067 Dresden, Germany

Zipcode : 01067

Location : 51.053509, 13.737358800000038

Contact : +49 351 4844712

Website : <http://www.bistum-dresden-meissen.de/>

Nearest Public Transport : Theaterplatz Light Rail Station

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Thursday: 09:00hrs–17:00hrs Friday: 13:00hrs–17:00hrs Saturday: 10:00hrs–17:00hrs Sunday: 12:00hrs–17:30hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

#### 7.2.2. Gemäldegalerie Alte Meister

The museum, also known as Old Masters Gallery, is famed for its unique collection of paintings from the 15th to the 18th centuries. Housing beguiling Italian Renaissance works as well as Dutch and Flemish paintings, there are also some galleries with works by French, Czech, English, Austrian and Spanish artists. The most famous work of the museum is Raphael's Sistine Madonna, widely known for the romantic depiction of two little angels.

Address : Theaterplatz 1, 01067 Dresden, Germany

Zipcode : 01067

Location : 51.0533882, 13.734706700000006

Contact : +49 351 49142000

Website : <http://www.skd.museum/>

Nearest Public Transport : Theaterplatz Light Rail Station

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Sunday: 10:00hrs–18:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.3. Großer Garten

Spread across a lavish area of 147 hectares, Großer Garten (Greater Garden) is a baroque-style park in Dresden. Standing as a masterpiece of landscaping design, it is also the biggest and most stunning park in the city. The garden turns into a stage for many cultural events as well as festivals and includes numerous open air stages. It was vandalized after being hit by an aerial bombardment in 1945 but was reconstructed later.

Address : Hauptallee 5, 01219 Dresden, Germany

Zipcode : 01219

Location : 51.0370901, 13.763133299999936

Contact : +49 351 4456600

Website : <https://grosser-garten-dresden.de>

Nearest Public Transport : Querallee Light Rail Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.4. Augustusbrücke

Also known as Augustus Bridge, this is a gorgeous large arch bridge across River Elbe connecting the Old and New Towns of Dresden. It was built between 1907 and 1910 and is considered to be the oldest bridge in the city presenting wonderful views of the river. Since the 12th century, there has been a bridge at this location, which was recently replaced by a sandstone bridge with 9 arches to proffer a wider opening for river traffic.

Address : Augustusbrücke, 01097 Dresden, Germany

Zipcode : 01097

Location : 51.0552629, 13.739567599999987

Nearest Public Transport : Theaterplatz Light Rail Station  
Neustädter Markt Light Rail Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.5. Neumarkt

Neumarkt Square is the principal and culturally notable square in Dresden's downtown, characterized by the typical gabled houses. It developed its structure and peculiar charm during the Renaissance period. It was almost completely wiped out during the World War II bombings and was later restored back to its pre-war look. A lot of top city attractions are located within a short walking distance from the square.

Address : Neumarkt, 01067 Dresden, Germany

Zipcode : 01067

Location : 51.0510402, 13.741488699999999

Nearest Public Transport : Altmarkt Light Rail Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.6. Altmarkt-Galerie Dresden

Located in the historic district of the city, Altmarkt-Galerie is the biggest shopping mall and is frequented by a large number of locals as well as tourists. The stupefying design and architecture of the mall beautifully combine a historic grandeur with a modern twist. Spread over an area of 200 square meters, there are over 200 shops catering to every buyer's needs.

Address : Webergasse 1, 01067 Dresden, Germany

Zipcode : 01067

Location : 51.0489909, 13.735473899999988

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.7. Kaufpark Dresden

Located in the suburbs, this is the second largest shopping center in the city. You will find the best of high-end fashion and lifestyle brands here, few of them being H&M, Street One, Thalia, and Deichmann. Occupied by more than 72 shops, the range of clothing stores is complemented by various other stores like perfumes,

watches, accessories, and footwear. It serves as a one-stop shop and also provides dining options that cater to different taste buds.

Address : Dohnaer Str. 246, 01239 Dresden, Germany

Zipcode : 01239

Location : 50.99733610000001, 13.799649799999997

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.8. SchillerGalerie Dresden

From jewelry and watches to sweets and meat products, this mall promises something for everyone. SchillerGalerie provides an amazing shopping experience, good Asian food, a cinema and various services to make sure your visit is worthwhile.

Address : Loschwitzer Str. 52A, 01309 Dresden, Germany

Zipcode : 01309

Location : 51.05182199999999, 13.804836900000055

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.9. Elbe Park Dresden

Located in the northwest of the city, Elbe Park opened in 1995 and further expanded in 2010. The mall houses various attractive shops and a colossal range of offers and discounts in over 180 shops spread across an area of 83,000 square meters. Be it electronics, clothing, perfumes, furniture, groceries, footwear, toys - this mall has it all.

Address : Peschelstraße 33, 01139 Dresden, Germany

Zipcode : 01139

Location : 51.084884, 13.694924000000015

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.10. Centrum Galerie

Marking its name on the list of biggest shopping malls in the city, Centrum Galerie is spread over 4 floors and offers a huge range of well-known brands.

Many other services are also provided here, specifically with a great array of options for food-lovers. It is located centrally and can be reached easily using public transport.

Address : Prager Str. 15 - 17, 01069 Dresden, Germany

Zipcode : 01069

Location : 51.04569420000001, 13.735377800000037

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.11. Fürstenzug

Situated on the outer wall of Stallhof of the amazing Dresden Castle, Fürstenzug or commonly known as "Procession of Princes" is an enormous 101-meter-long mural representing the history of Wettins and rulers of Saxony. Over 24,000 tiles were used to show the 35 margraves, princes as well as kings and 59 artisans, farmers, craftsmen, and scientists.

Address : Augustusstraße, 01067 Dresden, Germany

Zipcode : 01067

Location : 51.0528079, 13.738814999999999

Contact : +49 351 501501

Website: [https://www.dresden.de/en/tourism/attractions/sights/old\\_town/stallhof-and-procession-of-princes.php](https://www.dresden.de/en/tourism/attractions/sights/old_town/stallhof-and-procession-of-princes.php)

Nearest Public Transport : Theaterplatz Light Rail Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.12. Goldener Reiter

One of the best-known landmarks of Dresden, Goldener Reiter or the Golden Rider is an equestrian statue of Augustus - the Strong. The statue was contrived from copper by the smith, Ludwig Wiedemann and was then fire-gilded. Having been restored several times, the recent changes make the statue shine in renewed glory with roughly 500 grams of gold leaf.

Address : Neustädter Markt, 01097 Dresden, Germany

Zipcode : 01097

Location : 51.0589975, 13.7406565

Contact : +49 351 501501

Website : <http://www.dresden.de/de/tourismus/sehen/sehenswuerdigkeiten/neustadt/goldener-reiter.php>

Nearest Public Transport : Palaisplatz Light Rail Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No



## 8. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

Football is the most popular sport in Dresden. Horse racing is also one of the big sporting events in the city. Dresden is home to some of the most popular sport centers.

- **DDV Stadion:**

Address : Lennéstraße 12, 01069 Dresden, Germany

Location : 51.0407752,13.747912600000063

Contact No : +49 351 25088100

Website : <https://www.ddv-stadion.de/>

- **EnergieVerbund Arena Dresden:**

Address : Magdeburger Str. 10, 01167 Dresden, Germany

Location : 51.062352,13.722354999999993

Contact No : +49 351 4885252

Website : [http://www.dresden.de/de/leben/sport-und-freizeit/sport/energieverbund-arena/A\\_00\\_Oeffentliche\\_Aangebote.php?shortcut=eislaufen](http://www.dresden.de/de/leben/sport-und-freizeit/sport/energieverbund-arena/A_00_Oeffentliche_Aangebote.php?shortcut=eislaufen)

- **Sportpark Ostra:**

Address : Magdeburger Str. 10, 01067 Dresden, Germany

Location : 51.06267159999999,13.724282000000017

Contact No : +49 351 4885252

Website : [https://www.dresden.de/index\\_de.php](https://www.dresden.de/index_de.php)

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## 9. Spas and relaxation

Dresden has a large number of spas that offer amazing facilities. From sauna, steam bath, swimming pool and massages, they have it all. It's all about rest and relaxation as you pamper yourself in a Dresden Hotel with a spa!

- **Hotel Pullman Dresden Newa:**

Address : Prager Str. 2C, 01069 Dresden, Germany

Location : 51.042205,13.735208000000057

Contact No : +49 351 48140

Website : <http://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-1577-pullman-dresden-newa/index.shtml>

- **The Westin Bellevue:**

Address : The Westin Bellevue Dresden, Große Meissner Straße 15, 01097, Dresden

Location : 51.0585488,13.738414000000034

Contact No : +49 4935 18050

Website : <http://www.westin-dresden.de/en/spa/>

- **Tilo Weidig – Massagen & Wellness:**

Address : An der Frauenkirche 13, 01067 Dresden, Germany

Location : 51.05191,13.742729999999938

Contact No : +49 162 4220795

Website : <http://www.tiloweidig.de/>

- **Swissôtel Dresden Am Schloss:**



Address : Schloßstraße 16, 01067 Dresden, Germany

Location : 51.052197,13.737802999999985

Contact No : +49 351 501200

Website : <http://www.swissotel.com/hotels/dresden/>

- **Royal Thaimassage:**

Address : Muenzgasse 2 | 1st floor, 01067 Dresden, Saxony, Germany

Location : 51.052455,13.741320999999997

Contact No : +49-35132257491

Website : <https://www.royal-thaimassage-dresden>




## 10. Events calendar

### Month

### Events

#### Dixieland Festival



It is the biggest Jazz Festival in Europe and the oldest in Germany. It takes place in the second week of May and lasts for 8 days and 7 nights. The riverboat shuffle on the Elbe is one of the major highlights of this festival and attracts millions of jazz fans to the city.

#### Bunte Republik Neustadt (BRN)

The street festival is organized by Neustadt residents in the third weekend of June and takes place at 'alternative quarter', across the river in Neustadt. Visitors are treated to lots of music, beer and food stalls everywhere.

#### Elbhangfest

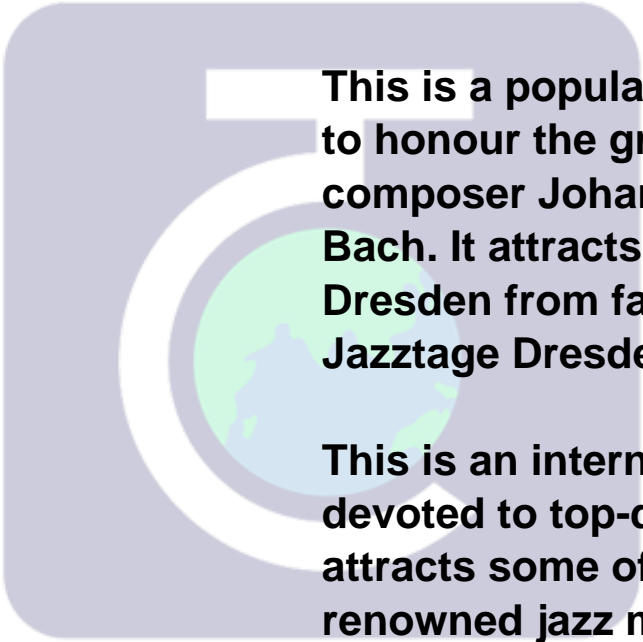
This is a lovely folk festival going strong since 1990. The fairground is a 7 kms long strip extending from the bridge Blaues Wunder up to Pillnitz. The fest happens in the last weekend of June and offers 200+ events including rock concerts,

**theatrical performances, dance, recitals and special activities for children.**

### **Filmnächte**

**This is a beautiful open air cinema and concert on the waterside of the river Elbe.**

### **Bach Festival**



**This is a popular music festival to honour the great German composer Johann Sebastian Bach. It attracts music lovers to Dresden from far and wide.**

### **Jazztage Dresden**

**This is an international festival devoted to top-quality jazz. It attracts some of the most renowned jazz musicians to Dresden!**

### **Striezelmarkt**

**Founded in 1434, Striezelmarkt is among the oldest documented Christmas markets in Germany. It is celebrated throughout the Advent season until Christmas Eve. The bustling marketplace, Christmas music, local delicacies and mulled wine - all add to the holiday cheer!**

### **Stollenfest**

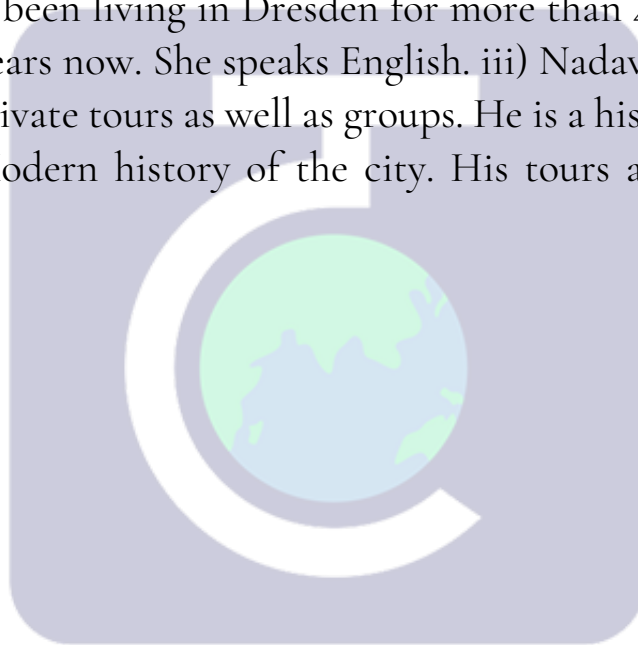
**This is when the bakers and pastry makers of Dresden celebrate their Dresdner Christstollen. The festival is attended by hundreds of thousands of guests from all across the globe. It is a major highlight of the pre-Christmas period in Dresden.**



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### 11. Key local guides and tours

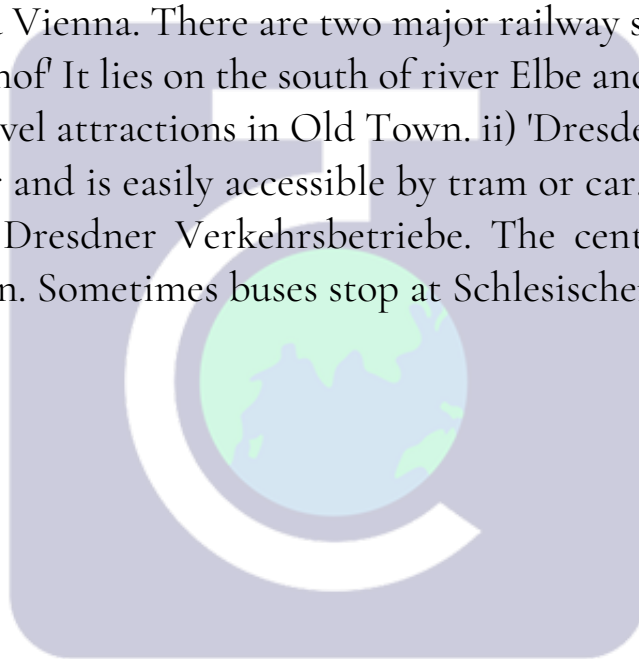
Dresden has many layers of history and its charms are abundant. Having a friendly guide by your side just helps to make the most of your stay in the city. Some of the most popular private guided tours in the city are listed below: i) Silvia Tröster - She is a licensed tourist guide specializing in culture, music and art trips. ii) Heidi Paizs - She is a native Dresden citizen and can guide you all over Saxony. She has been living in Dresden for more than 40 years and has been tour guiding for 35 years now. She speaks English. iii) Nadav Gablinger - He is an excellent guide for private tours as well as groups. He is a historian and specialises in the Jewish and Modern history of the city. His tours are available in many languages.



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### 12. Transportation hubs

Airport Dresden-Klotzsche Airport is located in the north of the city and is just 9 kms from the city centre. From the airport, you can reach the city centre by taking a train (S-Bahn), bus (line 77 and 97) or a tram. Single fare costs €2.20. Taxis charge €20 approximately. Railway Station Dresden has direct international train connections to major European cities including Prague, Zürich, Budapest and Vienna. There are two major railway stations in Dresden: i) 'Dresden Hauptbahnhof' It lies on the south of river Elbe and is at a short walking distance from key travel attractions in Old Town. ii) 'Dresden Neustadt' It lies on the north of the river and is easily accessible by tram or car. Bus Station Buses in the city are run by Dresdner Verkehrsbetriebe. The central bus station is at Hauptbahnhof station. Sometimes buses stop at Schlesischer Platz in front of the Neustadt station too.



### 13. Transportation cost

The public transport system of Dresden is very well-structured and smoothly operated by the Dresdner Verkehrsbetriebe AG/DVB. Trams: The tramway system is the backbone of public transport in Dresden and the origins of the city tramway can be traced back to the year 1872. There are 12 tram routes in the city. You can check all timetables and connections from the official website of the company. A day ticket can be purchased from €5.00 while a week ticket from only €19. Trams are also known as Light Rails. Buses: There are 27 bus routes in Dresden that make travelling and exploring the city easy. You can buy tickets at the stops, on the trams or buses and at service points. You must then stamp your tickets in the machines on the vehicle. A day ticket can be purchased from €5.00 but a good buy is the "family ticket" which allows unlimited travel all day for 2 and children for €5.50. Taxi: It is not common to stop a taxi by motioning from the side of the street. Instead, book a taxi from a taxi rank or a stand. The fares are comprised of a basic rate (€2.50) plus the rate per kilometre (€1.50/kilometre). Dresden City Card Visitors can avail benefits of the Dresden City Card. It is offered as a 24 or 48 hour pass and entitles you to complimentary public transport, discounted (sometimes free) admission to museums and discounts at more than 80 tourist attractions and partners in Dresden. One day ticket can be purchased at €9.50.

## **14. Baggage allowance**

Free baggage limit for most buses/ trains in Dresden is one item of hand luggage and two items of baggage (30 kgs combined weight approximately). Backpacks, however, are easy and most comfortable to carry around the city.

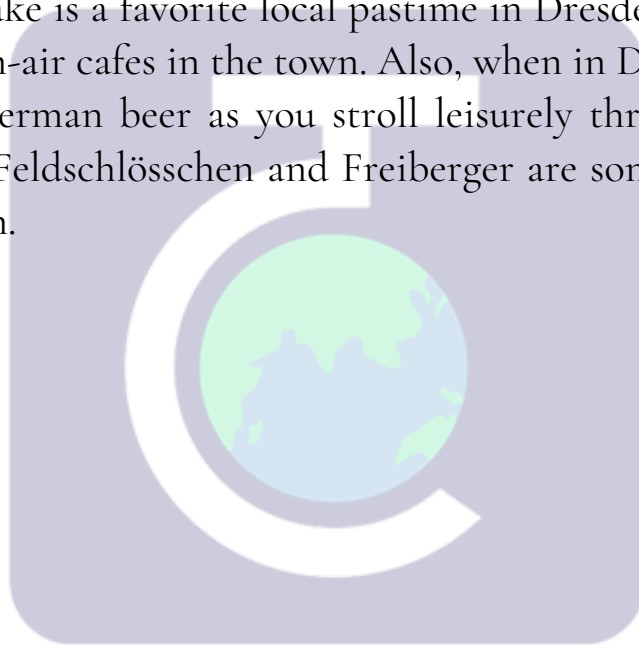




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### 15. Must try food and local savouries

Meat (grilled/ roasted) is an important component of local cuisine in Dresden and people prefer pork over beef. Poultry dishes are also enjoyed depending on the season. Bread, potato dumplings, rice and noodles are commonly had as sides. Curry sausages, kebabs, pizzas and ice cream are the most enjoyed street food dishes in Dresden. The city, just like other German cities is known for its baked goods. Coffee and Cake is a favorite local pastime in Dresden. You can have it at one of the many open-air cafes in the town. Also, when in Dresden, do not forget to try the famous German beer as you stroll leisurely through its cobblestone streets. Radeberger, Feldschlösschen and Freiberger are some of the best known beer types in Dresden.



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### 16. Restaurant & Nightlife

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- **Coselpalais - Restaurant & Grand Café:**

Address : An der Frauenkirche 12, 01067 Dresden, Germany

Location : 51.0521309,13.7426021999999

Contact No : +49 351 4962444

Website : <http://www.coselpalais-dresden.de/>

Open / Close Time : Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday  
11:00hrs-00:00hrs Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday 10:00hrs-00:00hrs

- **Curry & Co:**

Address : Louisestraße 62, 01099 Dresden, Germany

Location : 51.0657968000000,13.7557507999999

Contact No : +49 351 2093154

Website : [http://www.curryundco.com/Curry\\_%26\\_Co/Home.html](http://www.curryundco.com/Curry_%26_Co/Home.html)

Open / Close Time : Sunday to Wednesday: 11:00hrs-22:00hrs Thursday:  
11:00hrs-00:00hrs Friday and Saturday: 11:00hrs-02:00hrs

- **Die Scheune:**

Address : Alaunstraße 36-40, 01099 Dresden, Germany

Location : 51.009109999999999,13.783180000000016

Contact No : +49 351 8026619

Website : <http://scheunecafe.de/>

Open / Close Time : Saturday and Sunday 09:00hrs-00:00hrs, Monday to Friday 11:30hrs-00:00hrs

- **Ball- Und Brauhaus Watzke:**

Address : Kötzschenbroder Str. 1, 01139 Dresden, Germany

Location : 51.07756,13.715820000000000

Contact No : +49 351 852920

Website : <https://www.watzke.de/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 11:00hrs-00:00hrs

- **LadenCafé aha:**

Address : Kreuzstraße 7, 01067 Dresden, Germany

Location : 51.049069699999999,13.739383699999999

Contact No : +49 351 4960673

Website : <https://www.ladencafe.de/>

Open / Close Time : Monday to Saturday 09:00hrs-00:00hrs Sunday 09:00hrs-22:00hrs

- **Lesage:**

Address : Lennéstraße 1, 01219 Dresden, Germany

Location : 51.0452004,13.755246199999999

Contact No : +49 351 4204250

Website : <https://www.lesage.de/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 10:00hrs-16:00hrs

- **Kastenmeiers:**

Address : Tzschirnerpl. 3-5, 01067 Dresden, Germany

Location : 51.0513495,13.7449670999999

Contact No : +49 351 48484801

Website : <https://www.kastenmeiers.de/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 16:00hrs-23:00hrs

- **Münzgasse:**

Address : Münzgasse, 01067 Dresden, Germany

Location : 51.0529961999999,13.7413043999999

Open / Close Time : Open 24 hours

- **Eva's Pizza:**

Address : Görlitzer Str. 29, 01099 Dresden, Germany

Location : 51.0681601,13.7548775999999

Contact No : +49 172 6002199

Website : <https://www.evaspizza.de/>

Open / Close Time : Monday to Saturday 11:00hrs-22:00hrs Sunday 17:00hrs-22:00hrs

- **Café Komisch:**

Address : Bischofsweg 50, 01099 Dresden, Germany

Location : 51.0695215,13.7564922000000

- **Downtown Dresden Diskothek:**

Address : Katharinenstraße 11-13, 01099 Dresden, Germany

Location : 51.0668997000000,13.7495917999999

Contact No : +49 351 8115587

Website : <https://downtown-dresden.de>

Open / Close Time : Friday and Saturday 22:00hrs-05:00hrs

- **Katy's Garage:**

Address : Alaunstraße 48, 01099 Dresden, Germany

Location : 51.0667609,13.7516993000000

Contact No : +49 351 6567701

Website : <http://katysgarage.de/>

Open / Close Time : Monday to Saturday 11:00hrs-05:00hrs

- **Karl May Bar:**

Address : Taschenberg 3, 01067 Dresden, Germany

Location : 51.0516589999999,13.7360008000000

Contact No : +49 351 4912720

Website : <https://www.kempinski.com>

Open / Close Time : Daily 18:00hrs-02:00hrs

- **Club Koralle:**

Address : Rothenburger Str. 30, 01099 Dresden, Germany

Location : 51.064989,13.7533424000000

Website : <https://www.club-koralle.de/>

Open / Close Time : Friday and Saturday 22:00hrs-05:00hrs

- **SchillerGarten:**

Address : Schillerpl. 9, 01309 Dresden, Germany

Location : 51.0525321999999,13.8085917999999

Contact No : +49 351 811990

Website : <https://www.schillergarten.de/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 11:00hrs-01:00hrs



**Index****17. Average meal cost**

● 3-course meal at an inexpensive Restaurant: €9-10 ● 3-course meal at a mid-range restaurant (for 2 people): €35 ● Combo meal at McDonalds or equivalent: €7.00 ● 0.5 liter draught beer: €3.00



**Index****18. Shopping**

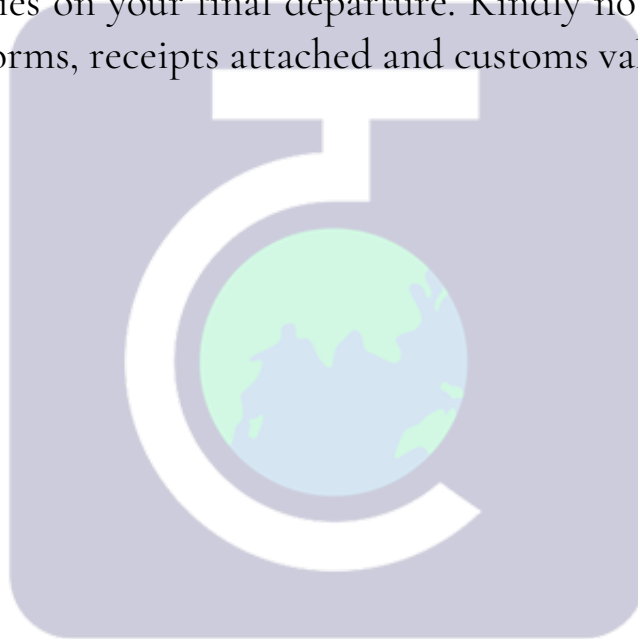
In Dresden, most of the shops are located in the city centre. Every type of shopper will find something to buy from here. Every street is loaded with bakeries, butchers and at least one supermarket. Dresden also has weekly markets and the biggest one takes place on Lingner-Allee on Fridays in the city centre.





## 19. Tourist benefits

In Germany, the VAT rate is 19%. If you are a non EU citizen, you are eligible for a VAT refund provided you spend a minimum of € 25 on goods that you export within 90 days of your purchase. To avail this benefit, all you are required to do is look for stores with tax free shopping signboard, get the VAT refund form from the store at the time of your purchase, fill it out carefully and get it stamped from the customs authorities on your final departure. Kindly note, there is no refund without completed forms, receipts attached and customs validation.



## 20. Essential local apps

FahrInfo Dresden is a mobile timetable information service for the public regional transport. It is available on Google Play and App Store.



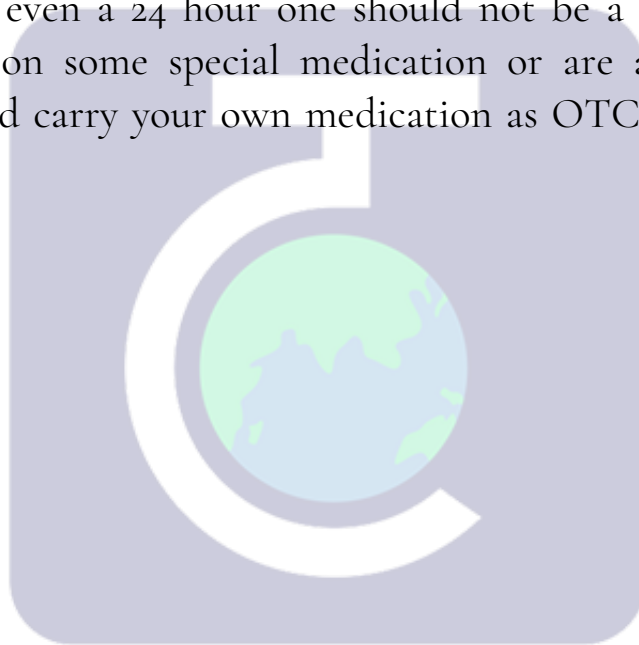
## 21. Driving

The legal driving age in Dresden is 18. However, drivers must usually be over 21 (sometimes even older) to rent a car in the city. Before driving in Europe, you will need an International Driving Permit (IDP) in addition to your driving license. While driving in the city, make sure you do not cross the cobblestone bike path. The locals take biking very seriously and it may cause a quarrel on the street.



## 22. Travel essentials

Like most of continental Europe, Germany is on the 220-240 Volts. Electrical sockets (outlets) in the country are of "Type E" French style CEE 7/5 Schuko. If the plug of your appliances does not match the shape of these sockets, you will need a travel plug adapter during your stay in Dresden. Most battery chargers have a built-in voltage converter, but you will need a socket adapter anyway. Finding a pharmacy even a 24 hour one should not be a problem in Dresden, however if you are on some special medication or are allergic to particular medicines, you should carry your own medication as OTC's (Over the counter) are not allowed.



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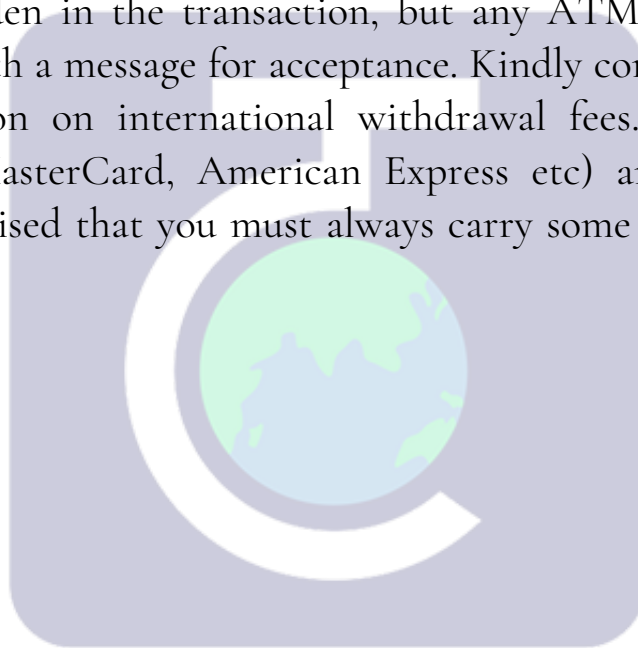
## 24. Local currency

The official currency of Germany is Euro (€). 1 USD = €0.90.



**Index****25. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges**

For international money transfers and currency exchange, you must check out exchange bureaux located in the various banks. ATM machines are scattered all around the city and it is not difficult to find one for cash withdrawals. ATM withdrawals and credit card charges are likely to incur a 1.5-5.0% conversion factor plus possible other charges such as ATM withdrawal fees. These conversion fees are usually hidden in the transaction, but any ATM withdrawal fees are usually presented with a message for acceptance. Kindly connect with your bank for more information on international withdrawal fees. Major credit cards (including VISA, MasterCard, American Express etc) are accepted but not everywhere. It is advised that you must always carry some cash handy for small purchases.



## 26. Staying connected

There are several Wi-Fi spots in the city and also you can get free Wi-Fi in most hotels and hostels. There are 4 major mobile network providers in Dresden: ● Telekom ● Vodafone ● E-Plus ● O2 There is a standard mobile network (GSM/GPRS/3G) in the country and you should check beforehand if your phone is compatible, especially if you're coming from the US. If you plan to stay in Dresden for a longer period of time, you might as well consider buying a German SIM card.





## 27. Time Zone

Dresden follows CET (UTC/ GMT +1 hour). Daylight Saving Time is in effect from March till October.



## 28. Languages

The official language of Dresden is German, but a lot of people in the city speak and understand basic English. Most restaurants in Dresden also offer English menus/ translations. Hence, you should not find it difficult to find someone who can give you direction or assistance.



## 29. Political Scenario

Dresden is the capital of Saxony, one of the 16 states of Germany and is hence home to the ministries of the Saxon Government and most of the Saxon state authorities. The city is divided into 10 districts called "Ortsamtsbereich" and nine former boroughs. The head of Government is the chancellor who is elected by an absolute majority of the Federal Assembly for a term of four years. The city is also home to a military subdistrict command.



**Index****30. Economic Scenario**

Dresden has developed faster than the average for Eastern Germany. The city's economy is predominantly dominated by three sectors: pharmaceutical industry, semiconductor industry as well as mechanical and electrical engineering. Flowers and shrubs grown in Dresden are also exported. Dresden is also a noted site for heritage tourism which gives a solid boost to the city's economy.



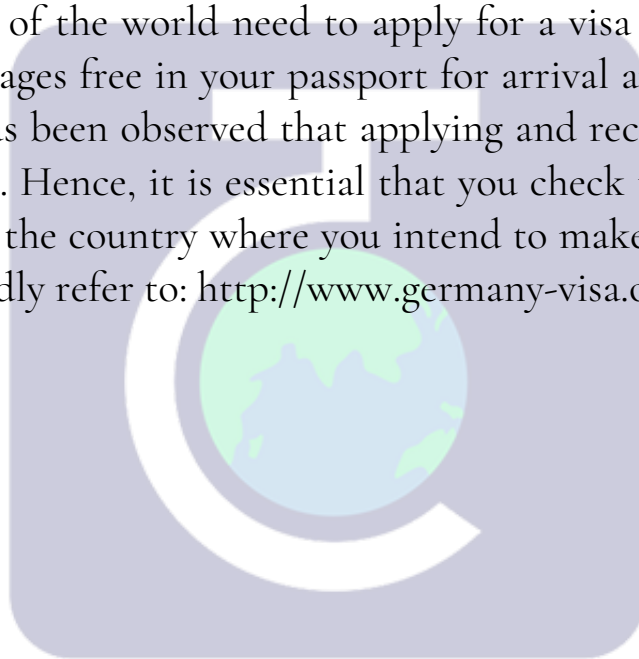
## 31. Religious belief

One can find different religious communities in Dresden. Of the total population, 45% are Protestant, 37% Catholic, 18% Muslim and other religions.



## 32. Visa requirements

If you have a Schengen visa, you can stay (but not work) in Dresden for 90 days. EU nationals with residence permit may stay for as long as they like and can enter with a valid EU identity card too. However, registration is mandatory for stays exceeding a few months. Nationals of Australia, New Zealand, Canada, USA and a few others can visit Dresden with a valid passport for a period of 90 days. Nationals of the rest of the world need to apply for a visa to visit the city. It is advisable to keep 2 pages free in your passport for arrival and departure stamps. In certain cases, it has been observed that applying and receiving a visa can be a process of 20-30 days. Hence, it is essential that you check the timeline with the relevant authority in the country where you intend to make the visa application. For more details, kindly refer to: <http://www.germany-visa.org/>.



### 33. Essential vaccination

Before your visit to Dresden, make sure you are up-to-date on routine vaccines like measles-mumps-rubella (MMR), varicella (chickenpox, polio and seasonal flu. Depending on the duration of your stay and the country you are traveling from, you might need vaccines for Hepatitis A and B.



## 34. Theft and Safety

Dresden is a safe city and the crime rate is not alarming at all. However, when dealing with strangers, it makes sense to keep your wits about you. The city is never really abandoned (ever at night) but petty crimes such as pickpocketing and snatching can be often heard of. If you keep tabs on your possessions and apply common sense you should not face any problems. If you are travelling alone, avoid secluded places at night. It is also advised you do not keep too much cash with you.





## 35. Embassy/Consulate

For any emergencies, foreign tourists can get assistance at their embassies in Dresden. You can find the complete list of foreign representations in the city at: <http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-in/germany>



## 36. Accessibility

The public transport network in the city is mostly accessible for people with disabilities. A majority of trains, trams and other forms of public transport are low-floor and designed to be wheelchair friendly for the disabled. The old quarter of Dresden sometimes has cobblestones but otherwise it should not be a big problem. Museums and other tourist attraction in Dresden also try to provide complete accessibility to the disabled by offering various special facilities. For information on Dresden Driving Service for handicapped people, you may dial 0351 8500222/-23.



## 37. Emergencies

Having a valid European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) will provide you access to Dresden's public healthcare system at greatly reduced cost. Since the EHIC will not cover medical repatriation, ongoing medical treatment or non-urgent treatment, it is advised that you sign up for an adequate travel insurance and accessible funds to cover the cost of any medical treatment and repatriation. Visitors who come from a country outside of the EU are advised to take out a valid, private medical insurance to cover medical expenses in Dresden. Krankenhaus Dresden- Friedrichstadt Städt is a major hospital in Dresden. Emergency numbers: Police - 110 Medical emergency/ accident services; fire brigade - 112

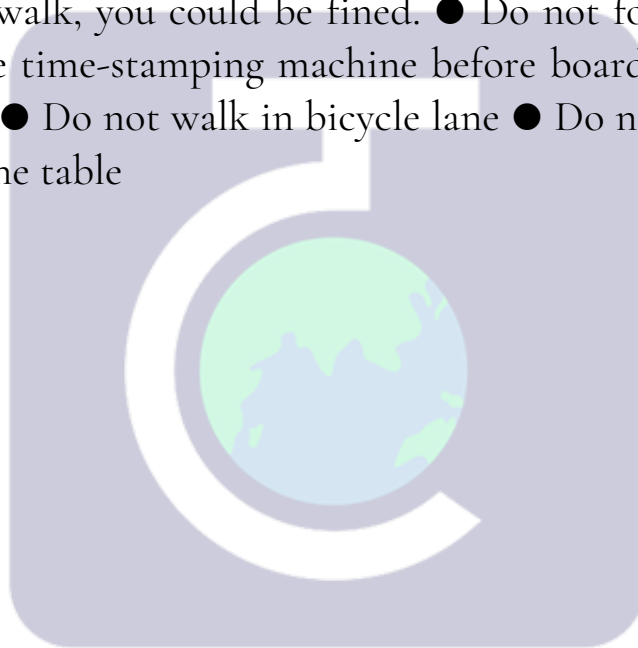


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### 38. Do's and Don'ts

Do's ● Do carry your passport and ID card at all times ● Do lock your bike properly ● Do carry some cash. A lot of restaurants and shops do not accept credit cards. ● It is advisable to carry a certified doctor's prescription along with the medicines to ensure hassle free import clearance. ● It is advisable that do not carry unsealed/ unbranded food articles as the same may be banned for import.

Don'ts ● Do not jaywalk, you could be fined. ● Do not forget to validate your ticket in the separate time-stamping machine before boarding the train, or you can be fined heavily. ● Do not walk in bicycle lane ● Do not spit on the road ● Do not leave tip on the table



## **39.Tipping basics**

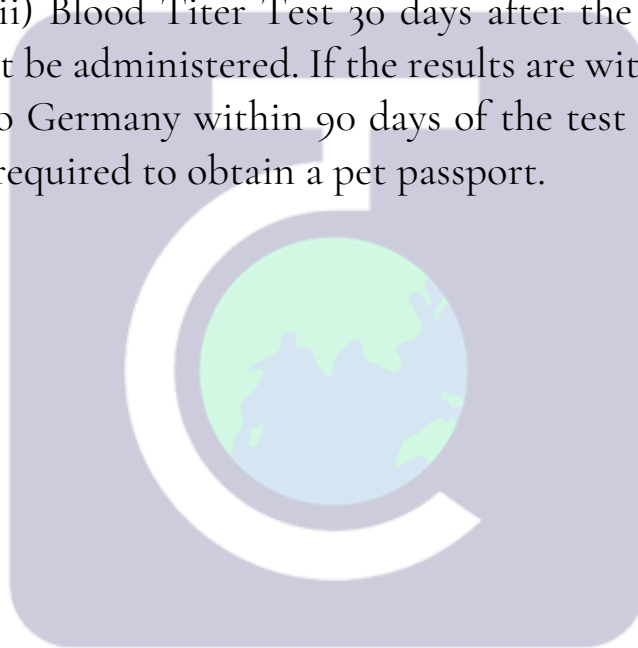
Tipping is customary in Dresden. You could tip 5% or round off the bill to the nearest Euro. A 10% tip generally means exemplary service. It is advised that you do not leave the tip on the table and rather hand it over to the waiter directly.



## 40. Pet info

Germany is an extremely pet friendly country. There are, however, certain rules and regulations that you must adhere to before bringing pets into the country.

- i) Pet Microchip Your pet should be microchipped with an ISO 11784 pet microchip
- ii) Proper Vaccination After the microchip, your pet will need a rabies vaccination, especially if you're traveling with them from a rabies-free or rabies-controlled country.
- iii) Blood Titer Test 30 days after the rabies vaccination, a Blood Titer Test must be administered. If the results are within acceptable limits, your pet can travel to Germany within 90 days of the test conducted. Note: Pet owners from EU are required to obtain a pet passport.



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### Conclusion – Why to select this destination

*Dresden is rightly called "Elbflorenz" (Florence of the Elbe) because of its wonderful location, pleasant climate (thanks to river Elbe), world renowned Baroque and Rococo style of architecture and countless museums and art collections. History and architecture aside, the city has a lot to offer to lovers of art, fashion, music and cinema. It has various high quality boutiques and shopping malls. The annual calendar is lined up with concerts and music festivals of global acclaim. Dresden is among the top 10 cities in Germany to live. The people are warm and friendly and you will always feel at home!*



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