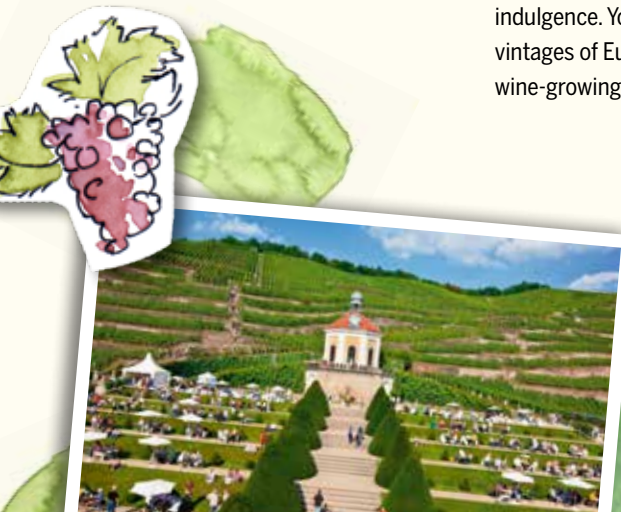


Day 3

Pearls along the Elbe

Your journey now takes you down the Elbe to **Meißen**, where you will catch your first unforgettable glimpse of the oldest castle in Germany – the magnificent **Albrechtsburg**. Discover Europe's first **porcelain factory** at the House of MEISSEN, which also boasts a splendid museum and demonstration workshops. Watch the masters at work at one of the oldest and most fascinating handicrafts around: the production of porcelain.



There is plenty to explore as you stroll through the picturesque narrow streets of this former Saxon capital: the grand town houses are as impressive as the old canons' houses and the delightful small independent stores. And the traditional wine taverns are great places to stop for a drink. Up on the **Burgberg** hill, the Albrechtsburg and the **gothic cathedral, complete with its Fürstenkapelle (Princes' Chapel)**, are popular attractions.

The stunning view over the **Historic Old Town** is best enjoyed from one of the terrace restaurants. Beer-lovers are in for a treat at the Meißner Scherwerter, the oldest private brewery in Saxony. Meißen and the picturesque vineyards dotted along the **Saxon Wine Route** provide wine connoisseurs with refined indulgence. You will want to savour the fine vintages of Europe's north-easternmost wine-growing region!

Day 4

A fairytale land of hidden treasures

Your trip through Dresden's Elbland concludes with the highlight that is **Moritzburg**. The **summer residence and hunting lodge** is well worth a visit at any time of year. In winter, the palace transforms into a true fairytale castle – whisking you away to the captivating setting of the popular film "Drei Haselnüsse für Aschenbrödel" (English: Three Wishes for Cinderella), a real spectacle for all ages! Further highlights tucked away in Moritzburg's cultural landscape include the **Landgestüt Moritzburg**, one of ten state stud farms in Germany, and the former **Pheasant Garden**, which has the country's oldest **inland lighthouse**. Enthusiasts for historical modes of transport can explore the region and be transported back to the times of the Saxon electors on the **Lößnitzdackel** steam-powered **narrow-gauge railway**, or on a charming horse-drawn carriage ride. The route returns to Dresden through **Radebeul**, the home town of fictional Native American hero Winnetou and narrator Old Shatterhand, made famous by writer Karl May, passing beautiful vineyards and Europe's first **vineyard experience**.

More wonders and rarities in the Dresden Elbland region

Culture & History

- ▷ Dresden Frauenkirche (Church of Our Lady) – has the **largest stone dome north of the Alps**
- ▷ Little Pheasant Castle – **smallest castle in Saxony**, the only remaining original rococo castle in the Dresden area
- ▷ Hartenfels Castle Torgau – **largest fully preserved early Renaissance castle still standing in Germany**
- ▷ **First public library in Germany** in Großenhain, founded in 1828 by Karl Benjamin Preusker
- ▷ Dresden Schauspielhaus theatre (built 1912/13), with the **oldest fully functional stage equipment in the country**
- ▷ Schlosskirche Torgau (castle church) – **Germany's first Protestant church** (consecrated by Martin Luther)
- ▷ Fürstenzug (Procession of the Princes) – **largest porcelain mural in the world** (25,000 Meißen porcelain tiles, created in 1907)
- ▷ Historical Wilsdruff Town Hall – **first chimes in Germany to have selectable melodies**
- ▷ Albrechtsburg Meißen – **first Renaissance palace in the German-speaking world**
- ▷ Porcelain Collection at Dresden's Zwinger – **largest and most complete collection of historical Meißen porcelain**
- ▷ "Porcelain church of Meißen" – **St. Nikolaus Church with the world's biggest porcelain figures**
- ▷ "Grünes Gewölbe" (Green Vault) – **the most important and comprehensive collection of treasury art in Europe**, with around 4,000

- pieces including the world's largest green diamond, most expensive gold coffee service and the unique Court of the Great Mogul
- ▷ **World's largest and oldest paddle steamer fleet** with nine historical steamers
- ▷ **Germany's largest steam engine event** in Dresden
- ▷ Weißeritz Valley Railway – **Germany's oldest operational public steam-powered narrow-gauge railway**

Activity & Nature

- ▷ Hellerau district, Dresden: **first garden city in Germany** (1908)
- ▷ **World's oldest scientific wood collection** (Forest Botanical Garden/State Arboretum) in Tharandt
- ▷ Porphyry block at Mohorn-Grund – natural monument in Tharandt Forest on the Geological Hiking Trail, the **largest rock surface in Saxony**
- ▷ Saxon Mt. Everest Stairs Marathon on the Spitzhaus stairs in Radebeul – **the biggest and most punishing extreme stair running race in the world** with 39,700 steps

Lifestyle & Pleasure

- ▷ **The only wine-growing region in Saxony, oldest Saxon vine** (Traminer, over 200 years old, in the Heilig Kreuz Monastery area, Meißen)
- ▷ Dresden Striezelmarkt – **oldest Christmas market in Germany** (started 1434) with annual

- slicing of the **world's biggest stollen**
- ▷ Hoflöbnitz Estate – **oldest preserved vineyard and first commercial certified organic winery in Saxony**
- ▷ Dresden International Dixieland Festival – **biggest Dixieland jazz festival in Europe**
- ▷ Glashütte – **most important location of the German watch industry**. 11 companies, including internationally known Lange & Söhne, Glashütte Original or Nomos, produce **unique luxury timepieces**.
- ▷ **Largest collection of hunting trophies in the world** at the Moritzburg summer residence and hunting lodge
- ▷ Meißen Porcelain Factory – **first porcelain factory in Europe**

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4 days of highlights in the Dresden Elbland region

Day 1

Superlative enjoyment

Discover the sheer variety on offer in the cultural metropolis of Dresden by taking a relaxed tour of the city on your arrival. Take in the impressive **Altstadt (Old Town)**, **Neustadt (New Town)** with its **lively alternative quarter with turn of the century architecture and Baroque Quarter** as well as the **elegant Blasewitz and Loschwitz residential districts**, and the monumental buildings that bear witness both to socialist urban planning and modern architecture. On a tour through the Historic Old Town, you will come across world-class points of interest at every turn – every single one a real jewel! After dinner at one of the restaurants in Dresden's Old Town, enjoy the outstanding music of the world-famous **Semper Opera House, the Dresden Philharmonic Orchestra**

at the Kulturpalast, the **State Operetta in the Kraftwerk Mitte** and many other venues. Culinary delights are guaranteed with a visit to one of the trendy, creative bars on the far side of the Elbe in Dresden's Neustadt, where the lively bar and club scene also allows night owls to party on into the early hours.

Day 2

Unique treasures

A good day to marvel at Dresden's unique treasure trove of art! Visit the **Dresden Royal Palace** to see a whole host of wonders: the most dazzling treasure chamber and biggest collection of Ottoman exhibits in Europe, not to mention the world's largest green diamond, and ceremonial weaponry and costume collections that are amongst the finest ever assembled. And that's just the beginning!

In the afternoon, head for **Pillnitz** on the world's oldest and largest **paddle steamer fleet**. The Chinese-style **palace** is surrounded by beautiful gardens and was once the summer residence of the Saxon kings. The idyllic summer home of composer **Carl-Maria von Weber**, situated nearby, and which houses a charming **Museum**, is a must for music lovers.

Take a record-breaking trip on the world's first **suspension railway**, which is 280 m long and climbs 84 m to Oberloschwitz. Passengers are rewarded with breathtaking views of the city and the **Blaues Wunder**, the famous wrought-iron bridge over the Elbe. Dinner at a terrace restaurant overlooking the Elbe Valley will put the crowning touch to a day full of spectacular experiences.



Welcome to the region of Dresden Elbland

The Dresden Elbland region at the heart of Saxony is one of the most beautiful holiday regions in Germany, spanning both sides of the Elbe from Pirna to Torgau, and presenting a unique combination of glorious natural scenery and art, culture and enjoyment.

Here you are greeted by picturesque towns, historical town centres and fascinating sights – and of course the world-famous artistic and cultural metropolis that is Dresden. Baroque palace complexes with rambling gardens are the perfect setting for a leisurely stroll. Nostalgic narrow-gauge railways and steam boats provide an especially evocative way of getting to know the region and its tradition-steeped history. The area also has a distinctive 850-year tradition of wine making. The mild climate allows fine wines, highly prized among connoisseurs, to flourish on the sun-dappled hillsides of the Elbe. It is best enjoyed in the idyllic vineyard villages that exude a touch of Mediterranean charm.

Full details on the region can be found at
www.dresden-elbland.de and www.dresden.de/tourismus.



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CITY OF WINE AND PORCELAIN

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- 5 ALBRECHTSBURG MEISSEN
- 6 ALTZELLA MONASTERY PARK AND NOSSEN CASTLE
- 7 BATZDORF CASTLE
- 8 SAXON STEAMSHIP COMPANY
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