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Discovering the Erzgebirge/Krušnohoří Mining Region



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WELCOME TO THE ERZGEBIRGE/KRUŠNOHOŘÍ MINING REGION

UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE

What shapes a region, its people and traditions? In the Erzgebirge, this question is easy to answer: for over 850 years, everything here has revolved around mining, and not just under the ground – far from it. Discover a region with a heritage that is still very much alive today. Mining towns, landscapes and culture vividly portray the history of a unique area with treasures – silver, tin, cobalt, iron and uranium – that once made Saxony a rich and world-renowned destination. Awarded UNESCO World Heritage status in 2019, the Erzgebirge/Krušnohoří Mining Region is a treasure just waiting to be discovered!



A DISCOVERY TOUR

OF HISTORICAL MINING TOWNS

There are many ways to experience the UNESCO World Heritage Erzgebirge/Krušnohoří Mining Region. Our tips below will take you to Saxon towns and villages offering a special combination of history, nature, craftsmanship and early industrial culture. They open up fascinating insights into World Heritage and a region in which centuries of mining and its industrial traces have forged a unique cultural landscape. A landscape in which technical expertise, creative skills and a deep connection between people and their environment are still apparent today. Step by step, they paint a vibrant picture of this special region.



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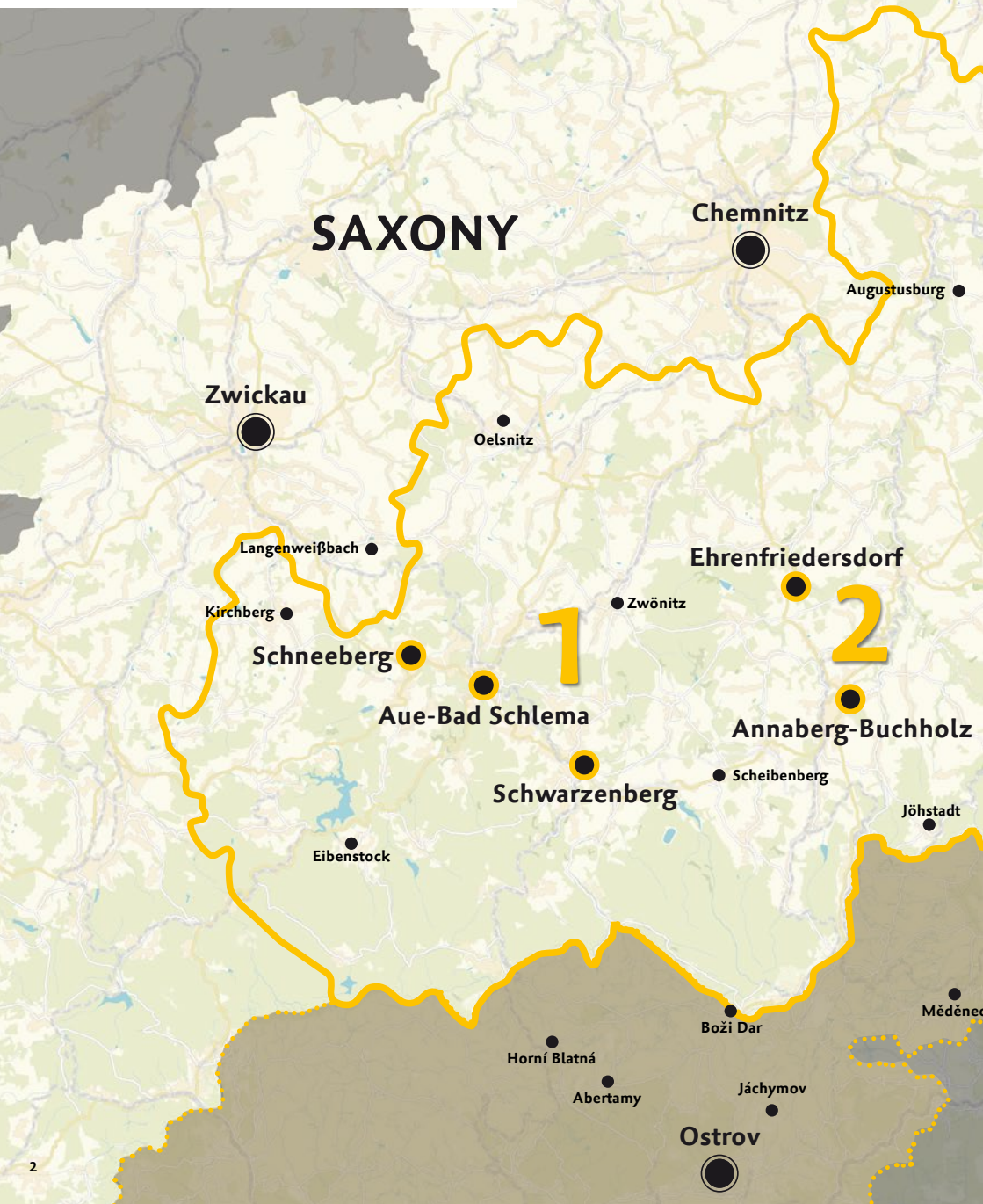


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ROUTES





**ERZGEBIRGE/
KRUŠNOHOŘÍ
MINING REGION**

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Good to know.

Detailed descriptions of the tours and towns are available online.

To find out more about the towns and villages on this route, visit:

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3 DAYS IN THE UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE

SCHNEEBERG, AUE-BAD SCHLEMA AND SCHWARZENBERG

Baroque townscape, ecclesiastical art and vestiges of mining history testify to the transformation of a region that has constantly reinvented itself over the centuries. Rising up above the town of Schneeberg, St. Wolfgang's Church is home to Saxony's largest winged altar from the famed Cranach workshop. Aue-Bad Schlema presents an impressive juxtaposition of mining history and spa culture, while Schwarzenberg, the "Pearl of the Erzgebirge", boasts an impressive old town, castle and remnants of early ironworking. This is a tour that illustrates our World Heritage Site's special blend of culture, landscapes and technological history – and how work, faith and creative skills continue to shape the face of the Erzgebirge to the present day.



DAY 1



© Schneeberg Town Hall, © TVE/Marko Borrmann

SCHNEEBERG – BAROQUE TOWN WITH CRANACH ALTAR

St. Wolfgang's Church is an impressive landmark on the horizon and home to a major work from the Reformation period – a winged altar from the prestigious Cranach workshop. Schneeberg is notable for its baroque townscape and the wealth accumulated from the production of cobalt-blue pigment. Wide squares and town houses give the town its special character. The Museum of Mining Folk Art presents the different facets of mining life. On the Schneeberg Neustädtel mining discovery trail, walkers can enjoy beautiful sweeping views of the town as they pass former mines and other vestiges of mining history on the way to the Siebenschleher Stamp Mill Technical Museum, a major monument to cobalt mining.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Train



PLACES OF INTEREST

- › Tourist-Info Schneeberg
- › Siebenschleher Stamp Mill Technical Museum
- › St. Wolfgang's Church
- › Museum of Mining Folk Art



HIKING

Schneeberg Neustädtel mining discovery trail | 10.6 km



ART ON THE PURPLE PATH

Sean Scully "Coin Stack 2"



DAY 2



© Bad Schlema Spa Gardens, © TVE/Katja Fouad Volmer

AUE-BAD SCHLEMA – A SPA TOWN WITH MINING HISTORY

Aue-Bad Schlema offers a special experience combining mining history and spa culture. The Oberschlema radium baths once made the town world-famous before uranium mining marked the end of the spa business. Today, the state-approved therapeutic radon spa continues this tradition. The Museum Uranbergbau (Museum of Uranium Mining) takes visitors on an impressive journey through mining history in one of the most comprehensive exhibitions on the theme in Germany. The ZeitFenster circular trail, which leads through the spa gardens in Bad Schlema, and the Wismut GmbH mining and rehabilitation trail offer deep insights into the history of mining and remediation.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Bus, train



PLACES OF INTEREST

- › Town Information Aue
- › City Museum Aue
- › Tourist Information Bad Schlema
- › Museum of Uranium Mining
- › ACTINON Health Spa



HIKING

ZeitFenster circular trail
Wismut GmbH mining and rehabilitation trail | 9.6 km



ART ON THE PURPLE PATH

Tony Cragg "Stack"



SCHWARZENBERG – PEARL OF THE ERZGEBIRGE

Schwarzenberg boasts an impressive blend of history, craftsmanship and landscapes. The compact old town with its castle and St. George's Church gives this place its special character. At the Perla Castrum museum, visitors can explore remnants of mining history, craftsmanship and one of Saxony's largest collections of bobbin lace. The panoramic trail around the town offers a varied hike with sweeping views and a landscape dotted with traces of World Heritage. The Erlahammer manor house presents a detailed portrayal of the development of iron processing through to industrial culture.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Bus, train



PLACES OF INTEREST

- › Schwarzenberg Information
- › Perla Castrum museum
- › Erlahammer manor house



HIKING

Schwarzenberg
Panoramic Trail | 13.8 km



ART ON THE PURPLE PATH

Bettina Pousttchi "42 Tage"



📷 Schwarzenberg Castle, © Philipp Herfort

DAY 3







Good to know.

You can select
and book your
accommodation
and explore offers
conveniently online.

To find out more about the
towns and villages on this
route, visit:

**[www.erzgebirge-
tourismus.de/welterbe](http://www.erzgebirge-tourismus.de/welterbe)**



3 DAYS IN THE UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE

ANNABERG-BUCHHOLZ AND EHRENFRIEDERSDORF

Annaberg-Buchholz and Ehrenfriedersdorf shed a unique light on the UNESCO World Heritage site. In Annaberg-Buchholz, magnificent buildings such as St. Anne's Church, museums and visitors' mines serve as impressive reminders of the town's former silver wealth. They tell stories of technical innovations and the seeds of modern science that were sown here. Ehrenfriedersdorf complements this picture with a centuries-old tin mine that provides fascinating insights into this industry. Historic waterways and a distinctive landscape shaped by intensive mining operations add a final dimension. Both sites demonstrate how the deeply intertwined influences of knowledge, faith and craftsmanship forged the development of this unique cultural landscape and the entire mining region.



ANNABERG-BUCHHOLZ – WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

Annaberg Buchholz combines faith, mining and knowledge in a multifaceted picture of the mining region. St. Anne's Church and its mining altar clearly illustrate the close connections between hope, work and religious beliefs. The Museum of the Ore Mountains and the Im Gößner visitors' mine offer insights into the subterranean world and the experiences that shaped the town's development over the centuries. The Adam Ries Museum brings to life the work of the mathematician whose arithmetical principles structured trade and mining and created a new understanding of knowledge.

© St. Anne's Church, Annaberg-Buchholz, © Philipp Herfort

DAY 1

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Bus, train



PLACES OF INTEREST



- › Tourist Information
- › St. Anne's Church
- › Museum of the Ore Mountains and mine
- ⚠ **Approx. 10 °C underground – Sturdy footwear required!**
- › Adam Ries Museum
- › Every Thursday – “Annaberg World Heritage Tour”

ART ON THE PURPLE PATH



REDFORT ARCHITECTURAL
FABRICS “Braided Journey”



DAY

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© Frohnauer Hammer Technical Monument, © Dirk Rückschloss

FROHNAU – CRAFTSMANSHIP AND HYDROPOWER

The Frohnau district of Annaberg illustrates the close links between mining and traditional crafts. The Markus Röhling Stolln visitors' mine offers impressive insights into the underground working world of centuries past. Not far from here, Germany's oldest blacksmithing museum, the Frohnauer Hammer, shows how the extracted ore was processed above the ground. Water-powered hammers are still used here today to demonstrate the transformation of metal into art and tools. The Frohnauer Weg mining discovery trail links these two places, taking walkers through a landscape of meadows and heaps accompanied by beautiful views of the mining town of Annaberg.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Bus, train



PLACES OF INTEREST

› Markus Röhling Stolln
visitors' mine

⚠ **Approx. 10 °C underground – Sturdy footwear required!**

› "Frohnauer Hammer"
Technical Museum



HIKING

Frohnauer Weg mining
discovery trail | 8.3 km



ART ON THE PURPLE PATH

REDFORT ARCHITECTURAL
FABRICS "Braided Journey"



DAY

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© Historic pipe trench, © TVE/Uwe Meinhold

EHRENFRIEDERSDORF – ON THE TRAIL OF TIN

Ehrenfriedersdorf invites visitors to experience one of the oldest tin mining regions in Central Europe. The “Zinngrube” visitors’ tin mine tells the story of the invention of mine drainage with the “Ehrenfriedersdorfer Kunstgezeug” water system and its preserved wheel chamber. On the Silver Road mining discovery trail, walkers can discover distinctive traces of historical mining and follow the pipe trench that once supplied the mines with water. The landscape tells an impressive story of labour, knowledge and a long mining tradition.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Bus



PLACES OF INTEREST

- › Greifensteine
- › Tourist Information
- › “Zinngrube” visitors’ mine
- ! **Approx. 10 °C underground – Sturdy footwear required!**



HIKING

- › Silver Road mining discovery trail | 13 km
- › “Ehrenfriedersdorfer Geschichten” town tour | 5.5 km



ART ON THE PURPLE PATH

Carl Emanuel Wolff
“Wildschweine”







Good to know.

Cycling and hiking route information is available online to help you plan your trip.

To find out more about the towns and villages on this route, visit:

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2 DAYS IN THE UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE

MARIENBERG AND OLBERNHAU

Between Renaissance town planning and scientific metallurgy, Marienberg and Olbernhau showcase a fascinating side of the World Heritage Site. They show the converging influences of humanism, order, welfare, administration and technical innovation on centuries of life in the Erzgebirge. The town of Marienberg boasts a typical Renaissance layout, planned for mining and with a clear structure that is still apparent today. From this orderly townscape, the route continues to Olbernhau, where the Saigerhütte Grünthal presents central smelting structures, its own administration building and the mine factory as a historical function room. Although the “Saigern”, or liquation, process was not invented here, it was described precisely by local medieval scholar and metallurgist Georgius Agricola and spread all over Europe, enabling important knowledge transfers. Both places illustrate the close connections between landscape, work and community.





© Zschopauer Tor (city gate) Marienberg, © TVE/Uwe Meinhold

MARIENBERG – AN IDEAL RENAISSANCE TOWN

Founded in the 16th century, Marienberg reflects Renaissance principles for an ‘ideal town’. Its clear layout and harmonious structure testify to Ulrich Rülein von Calw’s far-sighted planning. The only surviving 19th-century mining store house brings history to life, while the Museum of the Saxon-Bohemian Ore Mountains illustrates the shared mining tradition on both sides of the mountain range. From here, walkers can discover relics of old mines and insights into the working worlds of bygone days on the mining discovery trail. Finally, the “Pferdegöpel” horse gin in Lauta provides an impressive illustration of the horse-driven process used to transport ore from the depths of the earth – an authentic example of early engineering and human ingenuity.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Bus



PLACES OF INTEREST

- Marienberg
Tourist Information
- Museum of the
Saxon-Bohemian
Ore Mountains 
- Horse gin at the 
Rudolph Mine



HIKING

Marienberg mining
discovery trail | 9.2 km



ART ON THE PURPLE PATH

Corina Gertz
“Das abgewandte Portrait”



SAIGERHÜTTE AND THE ART OF LIQUATION

In Olbernhau, the Grünthal Saigerhütte marks the start of a unique chapter in mining history. The complex “Saigern”, or liquation, process was once used here to separate silver-bearing copper ore into pure silver and copper. The fully preserved smelting complex, with its accessible technical systems and water-powered copper hammer, brings this era impressively to life. A hike along the Hüttenmatths circular trail leads through the surrounding countryside, past works of art and stations recounting legendary tales of courage, knowledge and inventive spirit from centuries past. A place for reflection and a real immersion into the history of the World Heritage Site – with its blend of curiosity, community and creative energy.

© Saigerhütte Grünthal, © TVE/Dirk Rück Schloss

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Bus, train



PLACES OF INTEREST

- Tourist Information
Olbernhau
- Saigerhütte Olbernhau
(Liquation Works)
museum



HIKING

- Kammweg trail stage 04
“From Seiffen to
Olbernhau” | 11.2 km
- “Der Hüttenmatths”
Erzgebirge legend trail |
7 km



ART ON THE PURPLE PATH

Jay Gard “PLYWOOD”



DAY 2



Good to know.

Regional train and bus services provide easy access to the Erzgebirge.

To find out more about the towns and villages on this route, visit:

www.erzgebirge-tourismus.de/welterbe



3 DAYS IN THE UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE

FREIBERG AND BRAND-ERBISDORF

Freiberg is a shining example of the glorious heritage of Saxon silver mining. For centuries, mines, thriving trade and pioneering research forged the town's appearance and character. To this day, Freiberg combines fascinating medieval town structures with magnificent Renaissance and Baroque buildings in a townscape that clearly reflects centuries of mining and the resulting affluence. In Brand-Erbisdorf, mines, technical monuments and museums add another dimension and illustrate the close links between knowledge and innovation. An area that demonstrates the enduring influence and character of this World Heritage Site in the present day, beyond its testament to past centuries.





Untermarkt Freiberg, © Philipp Herfort

FREIBERG – FROM SILVER TO SCIENCE

Founded in the 12th century specifically for the silver mining industry, Freiberg rapidly became a centre of knowledge and progress. Below the ground, the Reiche Zeche silver mine offers authentic insights into miners' working lives. As a research and visitors' mine, it also impressively demonstrates the link between history and modern science. At terra mineralia in Freudenstein Castle, visitors can discover one of the largest mineral collections in the world, with over 3,500 exhibits showcasing the diversity of geological treasures. Finally, a tour of the old town reveals the former prosperity of the "Silver City" – with affluent town houses, the Cathedral of St. Mary and the famous Silbermann organ as cultural highlights.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Bus, train



PLACES OF INTEREST



➤ Tourist Information

Freiberg 

➤ terra mineralia 



➤ Cathedral of St. Mary 

➤ City and

Mining Museum 

➤ "Reiche Zeche" silver mine

⚠ **Approx. 10 °C underground – Sturdy footwear required!**

TOUR



Guided tour of the old town
of the "Silver City" of Freiberg

ART ON THE PURPLE PATH



Wilhelm Mundt
"Trashstone 689"



© terra mineralia, © TVE/Eva Schalling

FREIBERG – DISCOVERIES AND EXPERIENCES

Around the town, traces of World Heritage are omnipresent in the blend of landscape, technology and culture. Covering a distance of around 10 kilometres, the “Schachthüpfen” circular hiking trail explores the origins of mining in Freiberg, while the “Entdecker-Spur” discovery trail appeals to families in particular with its interactive stations. Both trails tell the story of centuries of mining and illustrate the close ties between nature and technology in the Erzgebirge. For those who prefer to travel on two wheels, a cycle tour along the Mulde river offers a scenic exploration of industrial culture.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Bus, train



HIKING

- › “Schachthüpfen” trail
for the whole family in
Freiberg | 10.9 km
- › “Entdecker-Spur”
family discovery trail |
4.7 km



CYCLING

- › Cycling around the Silver
City of Freiberg | 28.6 km
- › Tour de Lichtloch | 21.7 km



BRAND-ERBISDORF – AN EXPLORATION OF TECHNOLOGY AND NATURE

The area around Brand-Erbisdorf and Zug reveals a landscape sculpted over centuries by traces of mining and nature. A cycle tour through this diverse scenery unfolds the enduring influence of old mines, heaps, water ditches and ponds on the present-day terrain. An exhibition in the historic “Huthaus Einigkeit” museum brings the world of silver mining to life. It also commemorates the discovery of the element germanium, which was first identified here. Along the route, the “Erzengler” pond with its natural swimming area invites visitors to pause for a moment and experience the special blend of history and tranquillity.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Bus



PLACES OF INTEREST

Huthaus Einigkeit Museum



CYCLING

“Rund um Zug”, a mining discovery tour | 22.8 km



HIKING

Brand-Erbisdorf-Zug
mining landscape and
district water management
system | 12.3 km



© Cycling along the man-made ditch, © TVE/Frank Gaetz







Good to know.

Many facilities are free to visit and some sites offer online booking.

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2 DAYS IN THE UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE

ALTENBERG AND DIPPOLDISWALDE

The area between Zinnwald, Altenberg and Dippoldiswalde reveals a landscape characterised by traces of historic tin and silver mining. Visitors' mines, museums and trails illustrate the historic ties between the Saxon and Bohemian mining industries. In Altenberg, relics of tin mining testify to technical developments and the close connection between landscape and labour, while in Dippoldiswalde, medieval silver mine sites offer insights into early mining work. At Lauenstein Castle, visitors can learn about mining administration, while the area's churches reflect the associated flourishing cultural development. This tour offers a special combination of history, landscape and science.





© Zinnwald visitors' mine, © TVE/Studio2media

ALTENBERG – FROM TIN TO KNOWLEDGE

The history of tin mining comes to life between Zinnwald and Altenberg. Situated in the original tin processing plant, the Mining Museum Altenberg uses the wet stamp mill to demonstrate how ore was processed above the ground. The huge Altenberger Pinge (Altenberg sinkhole) conveys the sheer scale of the subterranean deposit and remains a striking landmark to this day. A hike along the “Kleine Welterbe-Tour” (Short World Heritage Tour) trail passes the Pinge sinkhole and the meridian stone before leading back to the town centre through the spa gardens. A visit to the nearby Eastern Ore Mountains Museum at Lauenstein Castle completes the picture. The former administrative seat of the von Büнау family clearly illustrates the cultural and social importance of mining in the eastern Erzgebirge.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Bus, train



PLACES OF INTEREST



› Tourist Information
Altenberg 

› Mining Museum
Altenberg



Zinnwald visitors' mine

⚠ **Approx. 10 °C under-
ground – Sturdy footwear
required!**

› Eastern Ore Mountains
Museum at
Lauenstein Castle



› Lauenstein Church

HIKING

Short World Heritage
Tour | 10.4 km





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© MiBERZ (Museum for Medieval Mining in the Ore Mountains), © TVE/Studio2media

DIPPOLDISWALDE – TRACES OF MEDIEVAL HISTORY

Dippoldiswalde boasts an extraordinary hidden treasure: the discovery, concealed below the old town, of completely preserved 12th and 13th century mining installations – unique in Central Europe. The MiBERZ Museum in Dippoldiswalde Castle presents these finds alongside original tools, models and digital reconstructions that trace the beginnings of mining operations here. A stroll through the old town leads to marked points of archaeological research and signs of early mining traditions. The Weißeritztalbahn (Weißeritz valley railway) takes passengers on an atmospheric journey through the landscape between Freital and the eastern Erzgebirge and offers special insights into a place where the roots of mining are still in evidence today.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Bus, train



PLACES OF INTEREST

- › MiBERZ (Museum for Medieval Mining in the Ore Mountains)
- Lohgerber Museum & Gallery
- › City Church of St. Mary and St. Lawrence



TOUR

Dippoldiswalde
mining discovery trail | 1.4 km





© Tour route of the "Starý Martin adit" mine in Krupka, © J. Watzeka

JUSTIFIED WORLD HERITAGE STATUS – EXTRAORDINARY UNIVERSAL VALUE

- For over 800 years, the mining region was the global centre for outstanding technological innovations and scientific accomplishments in mining.
- The mining region is an extraordinary testament to the industry's far-reaching influence on all aspects of society. A mining training system, state-controlled mining administration and a European monetary system all developed here and become worldwide standards.
- The mining region reveals a cultural landscape with an economy that was significantly influenced by mining and metallurgy from the 12th to the 20th centuries. The mining landscapes reflect the extraction of the most important ores (silver, tin, cobalt, uranium, iron) at different times.

TWO COUNTRIES – ONE WORLD HERITAGE SITE

The UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Erzgebirge/Krušnohoří Mining Region comprises 22 component parts – 17 on the Saxon side and 5 on the Czech side. Taken together, they demonstrate the extraordinary universal value of this area. The components encompass larger mining landscapes and provide comprehensive insights into the extraction and processing of the most important ores. They represent the region's global significance. In combination, they document the major milestones of mining history and the dynamics of a cross-border mining region.



MARIENBERG WORLD HERITAGE VISITOR CENTRE

In Marienberg, visitors can discover how around 55 mining towns and complex infrastructures above and below ground have shaped the mining cultural landscape of the Erzgebirge over the centuries. Opening: summer 2026



SCHNEEBERG WORLD HERITAGE VISITOR CENTRE

Schneeberg shows how the Erzgebirge achieved worldwide significance through technological innovations in mining and metallurgy. Cobalt and uranium ores played a special role in this development. Opening: summer 2027



ANNABERG-BUCHHOLZ WORLD HERITAGE VISITOR CENTRE

A visit to Annaberg-Buchholz reveals how an industry based on early mining codes shaped society and the vibrant traditions of Erzgebirge culture. Opening: winter 2026



JÁCHYMOV WORLD HERITAGE VISITOR CENTRE

Find out how Jáchymov became the world's most important silver mining area in the 16th century thanks to advances in mining and coinage.

Opening: TBD



FREIBERG WORLD HERITAGE VISITOR CENTRE

Freiberg invites visitors to discover the significant impetus the first discovery of silver in the Erzgebirge generated for technology, water management, science and administration. Opening: TBD



KRUPKA WORLD HERITAGE VISITOR CENTRE

Discover the remaining hidden traces of mining in Krupka and the influence of tin mining knowledge on other regions. Opening: TBD



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WORLD HERITAGE VISITOR CENTRES

SIX LOCATIONS – ONE STORY

The visitor centres are the first port of call for anyone wishing to discover the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Erzgebirge/Krušnohoří Mining Region. They provide central information and guidance. Each of the six locations has its own thematic focus. Like pieces of a jigsaw, they combine to create a multifaceted picture of the cross-border World Heritage Site. As sources of information, inspiration and preparation, they are the ideal starting point for personal explorations of the region's World Heritage.



TIP: You can easily combine a visit to the associated objects with one of the five adventure routes above.

A list of all 19 associated objects in the Erzgebirge/Krušnohoří Mining Region can be found here:





ASSOCIATED OBJECTS

DELVE EVEN DEEPER INTO THE ERZGEBIRGE/KRUŠNOHOŘÍ MINING REGION

The picture of the mining region on both the Saxon and Czech sides is complemented by “associated objects” that are not part of the Erzgebirge/Krušnohoří Mining Region World Heritage Site but represent other important aspects of mining heritage. These monuments play a key role in presenting a complete overview of developments beyond mining influences. The associated objects therefore complement the Erzgebirge/Krušnohoří Mining Region World Heritage Site and the mining history in the Erzgebirge, and allow visitors to gain a comprehensive view of the area’s mining heritage. Many of these sites are open to the public and invite visitors to delve even deeper into the different facets of the mining region.

ASSOCIATED OBJECTS



Augustusburg Hunting Lodge

Museum

 www.augustusburg-schloss.de

Getting there: Bus and train

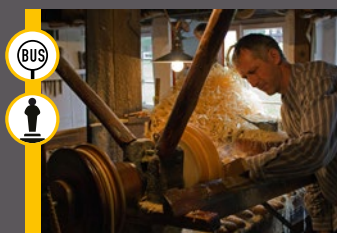
Art on the Purple Path: Axel Anklam "Inside"



Lengefeld Limeworks

Technical monument

 www.kalkwerk-lengefeld.de



Art and craft-related artefacts in Seiffen

Open-air museum | Toy museum

 www.spielzeugmuseum-seiffen.de

Getting there: Bus and train

Art on the Purple Path: Alice Aycock "Twister"



Niederzwönitz Paper Mill

Technical monument

 www.zwoenitz.de

Getting there: Bus and train

Art on the Purple Path: Nevin Aladağ "Color Floating"



Coal Mining in Oelsnitz/Erzg.

Museum

 www.kohlewelt.de

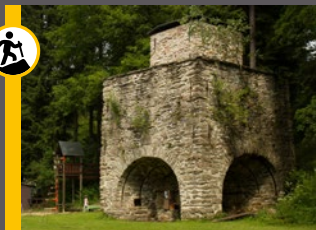
Getting there: Bus and train

Art on the Purple Path:

James Turrell "Ganzfeld - Beyond Horizons 2025"



ASSOCIATED OBJECTS



Schmalzgrube Ironworks

Hiking trail

Steinbach via Lustiger Hans

to the Schmalzgrube Ironworks | 14.3 km

📍 Am Hammerwerk, 09477 Jöhstadt OT Schmalzgrube

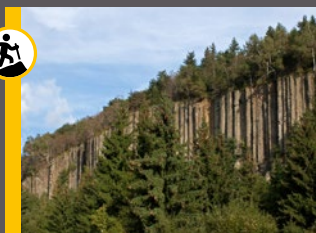


Roter Kamm Geotope

Hiking trail

Bad Schlema mining and rehabilitation trail | 9.6 km

📍 Zechenplatz, 08280 Aue-Bad Schlema



Scheibenberg Geotope

Hiking trail

Along the basalt educational trail to the summit
of the Scheibenberg | 2.8 km

📍 Car park, Parksiedlung 1B, 09481 Scheibenberg



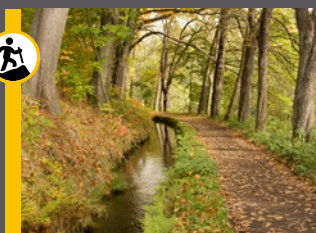
Grüner Graben Water Ditch, Pobershau

Hiking trail

Through the Schwarzwassertal valley (Pobershau) | 13.5 km

📍 Hinterer Grund hikers' car park

09496 Marienberg OT Pobershau



Schneeberg Man-Made Ditch

Hiking trail

Floßgrabenwanderweg –

from the Rechenhaus to Bad Schlema | 15.3 km

📍 Schindlerswerk 1, 08321 Zschorlau



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THE PURPLE PATH

The PURPLE PATH art and sculpture trail was created for Chemnitz, European Capital of Culture 2025 and integrates contemporary art into landscapes shaped by centuries of mining history. It leads from Chemnitz through Central Saxony to the Erzgebirge and the Zwickau region. Along the paths, art and history converge in new perspectives. Many of the installations are located close to World Heritage sites, inviting visitors to explore these places and experience the connection between landscape, history and art at first hand.



Friedrich Kunath, Include me out, 2020; Courtesy: Friedrich Kunath and König Galerie Berlin, Seoul, Vienna, © Ernesto Uhlmann



Alice Aycock, Twister Again, 2022; Courtesy: Galerie Thomas Schulte © Ernesto Uhlmann



Olaf Holzapfel: Zwei in ein ander Gewobene, Courtesy: Olaf Holzapfel, © Johannes Richter



Accessible Saxony

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