

**Porcelain circling the Globe. International Trading Structures
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Porzellansammlung, Staatliche Kunstsammlungen Dresden

Wednesday, 13 – Thursday, 14 June 2018

Recommended sights in and around Dresden

Staatliche Kunstsammlungen Dresden

🌐 www.skd.museum

✉ besucherservice@skd.museum

Staatliche Kunstsammlungen Dresden (Dresden State Art Collections) is one of the most renowned and oldest museum institutions in the world, originating from the collections of the Saxon electors in the 16th century. Today, the Dresden State Art Collections consists of fifteen museums. Most of them are located in the Residenzschloss (Royal Castle), the Zwinger and the Albertinum.

Zwinger (Old Masters Painting Gallery, Porcelain Collection, Royal Cabinet of Mathematical and Physical Instruments)

Sophienstraße, 01067 Dresden

Open daily 10:00 – 18:00, closed on Mondays

Admission fee: regular €10.00, reduced €7.50, children under 17 free, group €9.00

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Residenzschloss (Green Vault, Collection of Prints, Drawings and Photographs, Coin Cabinet, Armory)

Taschenberg 2, 01067 Dresden

Open daily 10:00 – 18:00, closed on Tuesdays

Admission fee: regular €12.00, reduced €9.00, children under 17 free, group €11.00

Albertinum (New Masters Gallery, Sculpture Collection)

Tzschirnerplatz 2, 01067 Dresden

Open daily 10:00 – 18:00, closed on Mondays

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Jägerhof (Saxon Folk Art Museum and Puppet Theatre Collection)

Köpckestraße 1, 01097 Dresden

Open daily 10:00 – 18:00, closed on Mondays

Admission fee: regular €5.00, reduced €4.00, children under 17 free, group €4.50

Kunstgewerbemuseum Schloss Pillnitz (Arts and Crafts Museum)

August-Böckstiegel-Straße 2, 01326 Dresden

Open daily 10:00 – 18:00, closed on Mondays

Admission fee: regular €8.00, reduced €6.00, children under 17 free, group €7.00

GRASSI Museum Leipzig (GRASSI Museum/Leipzig Museum of Ethnography)

Johannisplatz 5-11, 04103 Leipzig

Open daily 10:00 – 18:00, closed on Mondays

Admission fee: regular €8.00, reduced €6.00, children under 17 free, group €7.00

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Völkerkundemuseum Herrnhut (Museum of Ethnography Herrnhut)

Goethestraße, 02747 Herrnhut

Open daily 9:00 – 17:00, closed on Mondays

Admission fee: regular €3.00, reduced €2.00, children under 17 free, group €2.50

Schloss Moritzburg (Moritzburg Castle)

Schloßallee, 01468 Moritzburg

🌐 www.schloss-moritzburg.de

✉ moritzburg@schloesserland-sachsen.de

Moritzburg Castle lies about 13 kilometres (8.1 mi) northwest of Dresden. It is named after Duke Moritz of Saxony, who had a hunting lodge built there between 1542 – 1546. In 1723, Augustus the Strong acquired a four-poster bed for his Japanese palace, which had approximately a million peacock, pheasant, guinea hen and duck feathers woven into the canvas. Upon acquisition,

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Augustus had the curtains removed and turned into wall hangings, inspiring the room's name, Federzimmer, or "feather room". Examples of Chinese, Japanese and Meissen porcelain are shown in the historical Porzellanquartier ("porcelain quarter"). This exhibition displays porcelain depicting hunting, exotic and mythological motifs as well as animal figurines that are relating to Moritzburg's original determination as a hunting lodge.

Baroque Exhibition (with Treasure Find & Feather Room) open March 20 to November 4, 2018

Open Tue – Sun 10:00 – 17:00 (until March 31, 2018)

Open daily 10:00 – 18:00 (as of April 1, 2018)

Admission: Regular €8.00, reduced €6.50

Schloss und Park Pillnitz (Pillnitz Palace and Park)

August-Böckstiegel-Straße 2, 01326 Dresden

🌐 www.schlosspillnitz.de

✉ pillnitz@schloesserland-sachsen.de

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Pillnitz Castle was the summer residence of many electors and kings of Saxony. Today, the palace houses the Kunstgewerbemuseum (Arts and Crafts Museum) of the Dresden State Art Collections and the Schlossmuseum (Palace Museum). The castle complex consists of the Wasserpalais (Riverside Palace) on the riverfront; the Bergpalais (Upper Palace) on the hillside, both Baroque with Chinoiserie elements; and the later Neoclassical Neues Palais (New Palace), which links them together on the east side. The buildings enclose a Baroque garden and are surrounded by a large public park. The Arts and Crafts museum holds an important collection of lacquer furniture and Japanese katagami.

Opening hours

Pillnitz Park: Open all year round from 6:00 to nightfall.

Admission fees charged daily from 9:00 – 18:00 (March 29, 2018 – November 4, 2018)

The Museums: Open Tue – Sun and on public holidays from 10:00 – 18:00 (April 28 – November 4, 2018)

The Palm House

Open 10:00 – 16:00 (November 6, 2017 – March 28, 2018)

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Open 9:00 – 18:00 (March 29 – November 4, 2018)

The Camellia House

Open daily during its time of blossom from mid-February to mid-April from 10:00 – 17:00

The Visitor Center “Old Guard House”

Open 10:00 – 16:00 (November 06, 2017 – March 28, 2018)

Open 9:00 – 18:00 (March 29 – November 4, 2018)

Admission day ticket “Pillnitz Palace and Park” (includes admission for Pillnitz Park, Museums (Tue – Sun) and Palm House): Regular €8.00, reduced €6.00 (children under 17 free), group rate (from ten people): €7.00

Semperoper (Opera House)

Theaterplatz 2, 01067 Dresden

🌐 www.semperoper.de

The Semperoper is the opera house of the Sächsische Staatsoper Dresden (Saxon State Opera) and the concert hall of the Staatskapelle Dresden (Saxon State Orchestra). It is also home to the Semperoper Ballett. It was originally built by the architect Gottfried Semper in 1841. After a devastating fire in 1869, the opera house was rebuilt, partly again by Semper, and completed in 1878. The opera house has a long history of premieres, including major works by Richard Wagner and Richard Strauss.

Playing schedule: <https://www.semperoper.de/spielplan/kalendarium.html>

Guided tours through the Semperoper can be booked at <https://www.semperoper-erleben.de/book-tour.html>

Tour fees: regular €11.00, reduced €7.00, family €25.00

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Katholische Hofkirche Dresden (Dresden Cathedral)

Schloßstraße 24, 01067 Dresden

📄 www.bistum-dresden-meissen.de/pfarreien/dresden-kathedrale/index.html

Opened in 1751, the church was originally dedicated to the Bohemian Saint John of Nepomuk. Since 1976, it serves the memory of the victims of February 13, 1945. The Dresden sculptor Friedrich Press (1904 – 1990) created the altar and Pietà in the Cathedral's Gedächtniskapelle (memorial chapel), made out of Meissen porcelain. In the crypt, the heart of King Augustus the Strong is buried along with the last King of Saxony and the remains of 49 other members of the Wettin family.

Opening hours Mo – Thu 9:00 – 17:00

Fri 13:00 – 17:00, Sat 10:00 – 17:00, Sun 12:00 – 16:00

Admission free

Frauenkirche (Church of Our Lady)

Neumarkt, 01067 Dresden

📄 www.frauenkirche-dresden.de

✉ stiftung@frauenkirche-dresden.de

The Church of Our Lady was built between 1726 – 1743 after the plans of George Bähr (1666 – 1738) as a Lutheran church. It was nearly completely destroyed in the bombing of Dresden during World War II, and the remaining ruins were left for 50 years as a war memorial, following decisions of local East German leaders. Starting in 1994, after the reunification of Germany, the church was rebuilt. The reconstruction of its exterior was completed in 2004, and the interior in 2005.

Opening hours daily 10:00 – 12:00 and 13:00 – 18:00

Admission to the Church: free

Access to the Dome

Opening hours November – February

Mon – Sat 10:00 – 16:00, Sun 12:30 – 16:00

Opening hours March – October

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Mon – Sat 10:00 – 18:00, Sun 12:30 – 18:00

Admission fee for the dome: regular €8.00, reduced €5.00, Family €20.00,

Fürstenzug (Procession of Princes)

Augustusstraße, 01067 Dresden

The Fürstenzug (Procession of Princes) is a large mural of a mounted procession of the rulers of Saxony. It was originally painted between 1871 and 1876 to celebrate the 800th anniversary of the Wettin Dynasty, Saxony's ruling family. In order to make the work weatherproof, it was replaced with approximately 23.000 Meissen porcelain tiles between 1904 and 1907. With a length of 102 meters (335 ft.), it is known as the largest porcelain artwork in the world. The mural displays the ancestral portraits of the 35 margraves, electors, dukes and kings of the House of Wettin between 1127 and 1904.

Open daily

Admission free

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Chinesischer Pavillon (Chinese pavilion)

Bautzner Landstraße 17 A, 01324 Dresden

🌐 www.chinesischer-pavillon.de

✉ info@chinesischer-pavillon.de

The Chinese Pavillon in Dresden is the only historic original building of the Chinese imperial period in Germany. On the occasion of the first international Hygiene Exhibition in Dresden, the pavilion was built 1911 in Shanghai, and was then shipped in parts to Germany and rebuilt in Dresden. After the exhibition, the Chinese government gave the complete pavilion with interior decoration to the city of Dresden as a gift. The building almost completely burnt down in 1997, but was rebuilt and renovated between 2007 – 2015.

For information on events and admission fees, please visit www.chinesischer-pavillon.de/aktuell/

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Schloss Albrechtsburg (Albrechtsburg Castle)

Domplatz 1, 01662 Meißen

📍 www.albrechtsburg-meissen.de

✉ albrechtsburg@schloesserland-sachsen.de

The Albrechtsburg is a late Gothic castle that dominates the town center of Meißen. It stands on a hill above the river Elbe, adjacent to the Meißen Cathedral. In 1710 King Augustus II the Strong established the Königlich-Polnische und Kurfürstlich-Sächsische Porzellan-Manufaktur (Royal-Polish and Electoral-Saxon Porcelain Manufactory), which was the first European hard-paste porcelain manufacture, at the castle under the supervision of Johann Friedrich Böttger (1682 – 1719). Meißen porcelain was produced at the Albrechtsburg until manufacturing moved to its present location in 1863.

Opening hours November 6, 2017 – February 28, 2018

daily 10:00 – 17:00

Opening hours March 1 – November 4, 2018

daily 10:00 – 18:00

Admission fee: regular €8.00, reduced €6.50, children (6-16yrs) €1.00, group €6.50

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Nikolaikirche Meißen (St. Nicholas' Church Meißen)

Neumarkt 29, 01662 Meißen

📍 www.sankt-afra-meissen.de/unsere-gemeinde/kirchen-und-kapellen/50-st-nikolai-kirche

The Nikolaikirche is one of Meißen's early Christian churches, which served as a church to the traveling merchants, as well as the resident fishermen of Meißen. After the end of the First World War, the interior was transformed into a memorial site for the victims of this war. Today, the Nikolaikirche houses not only the world's largest figures from Meißen porcelain, but also porcelain wall panels bearing the names of the 1.800 victims of the city.

Opening hours May – August

daily 10:00 – 17:00

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Opening hours September

daily 10:00 – 17:00, closed on Tuesdays

Admission free

Porzellanmanufaktur MEISSEN® (MEISSEN® Porcelain Manufactory)

Talstraße 9, 01662 Meißen

🌐 www.meissen.com

✉ museum@meissen.com

Established in 1710 as the Königlich-Polnische und Kurfürstlich-Sächsische Porzellan-Manufaktur (Royal-Polish and Electoral-Saxon Porcelain Manufactory), the Meissen manufactory was originally owned by the King of Saxony and the first company in Europe to produce hard-paste porcelain. Since 1990, the company is owned by State of Saxony, which is the sole owner. While its products are expensive, the high quality and artistic value make Meissen porcelain very desirable by collectors and connoisseurs.

Open daily

9:00 – 18:00 (May 5 – October 31)

9:00 – 17:00 (November 1 – April 4)

10:00 – 16:00 (December 31 and January 1)

Admission fee: regular €10.00, reduced €6.00, children under 6 free, family €23.00

GRASSI Museum für Angewandte Kunst (GRASSI Museum of Applied Arts)

Johannisplatz 5-11, 04103 Leipzig

🌐 <http://www.grassimuseum.de/ausstellungen.html>

✉ grassimuseum@leipzig.de

Founded in 1874, the Grassi Museum of Applied Arts is the second-oldest museum of applied arts in Germany. Today, it ranks one of the foremost museums of applied art around the world.

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The collections of European and non-European arts and crafts comprise more than 90,000 objects from antiquity to the present day, covering items from the classical fields of collection, such as ceramics, porcelain, glass, textiles, gold and silverware, decorative and utilitarian pewter, common metals, wrought iron, wood and stone sculptures, particularly late Gothic wood carvings, furniture and wooden implements, coins, medals and badges. The museum's textile collection is particularly rich and boasts a wide spectrum ranging from early Coptic textiles to Bauhaus and present-day fabrics. Art Nouveau, Art Deco and Functionalism are focal points in nearly all fields and lend the collection its unique profile. Other major areas of the collection are 20th century arts and crafts and design.

Open daily 10:00 – 18:00, closed on Mondays

Admission fee: regular €8.00, reduced €6.00, children under 17 free, group €7.00

How to get to Dresden and around

The Dresden Airport is located 9 km north of the city center. The Dresden Airport railway station is in the basement of the terminal building. It is served by the S2 line of the Dresden S-Bahn, which runs every half-hour to Dresden-Neustadt and Dresden main station, with journey times of 13 and 23 minutes respectively.

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Further helpful links include:

Website of the city of Dresden http://www.dresden.de/index_en.php

Dresden Welcome Cards <http://www.dresden.de/en/tourism/dresden-welcome-cards-neu.php>

Dresden public transport <https://www.dvb.de/en-gb/>

German railway: <https://www.bahn.com/en/view/index.shtml>
