

# SAXONY. STATE OF THE ARTS.



## Detailed itinerary for the Virtual Fam Trip



Dresden's famous skyline

### **Day 1: Dresden**

After your pick-up from Dresden Airport <https://www.mdf-ag.com/en/>, you will be taken on a boat ride on the Elbe River from Dresden-Pillnitz, where you will visit the gardens of the former summer palace of the Saxon kings <https://www.schlosspillnitz.de/en/home/>, to the historic city center of Dresden. Not on an ordinary boat, but on one of the paddlesteamers of the oldest and largest steamboat fleet in the world <https://www.saechsische-dampfschiffahrt.de/#> (only in German).

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Having checked in at the Penck Hotel <https://www.penckhoteldresden.de/en/>, you will be given an introduction to Saxony's history and then have your welcome dinner at the restaurant „Pulverturm“ <https://pulverturm-dresden.de/en/>, which is located in the foundations of a former gunpowder tower.

**Dresden general:** <https://www.visit-dresden.travel/en/>

## Technical info:

Steam boat from Pillnitz Palace to Dresden city centre: 1 hour 10 min. Catering and English explanations available on board.



Pillnitz Palace



Dresden Zwinger

## **Day 2: Dresden and Saxon Switzerland National Park**

In the morning, you will be taken on a guided tour of Dresden's historic city center where you will encounter famous buildings like the Church of Our Lady or „Frauenkirche“ <https://www.frauenkirche-dresden.de/en/>, the Dresden Zwinger <https://www.der-dresdner-zwinger.de/en/home/> and <https://www.skd.museum/en/besuch/zwinger-mit-semperbau/> or the Semper Opera House <https://www.semperoper.de/en/>. Afterwards, you will visit some of the museums of the Dresden State Art Collections in the Royal Palace <https://www.skd.museum/en/visit/royal-palace/>. Lunch will be served at the restaurant „Dresden 1900“ in a historic tram car <https://www.dresden1900.de/en/welcome-to-the-dresden-around-1900/>.

Afterwards, you will be transferred to Saxon Switzerland National Park <https://www.saechsische-schweiz.de/en/>, a dramatic landscape with table mountains, rock formations and dense forests. The first stop will be Königstein Fortress <https://www.festung-koenigstein.de/en/welcome.html>, which covers one of the table mountains. After a scenic drive, you will reach the „Bastei“, the most famous rock formation in the national park, with its stone bridge from the 19th century <https://www.saechsische-schweiz.de/en/region/highlights/bastei-bridge.html>. Dinner will be served at the panorama restaurant <https://www.berghotel-bastei.de/en/home.html>, which offers stunning views of the Elbe Valley down below.

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## Technical info:

Dresden – Königstein Fortress by car: 45 min

Dresden – Königstein Fortress by coach: 45 min

Sufficient parking spaces available. Walking distance from parking to Fortress: 10 min uphill. Transport by elevators is also possible. Various restaurant options and audioguides in nine languages available.

Königstein Fortress – Bastei by car: 30 min

Königstein Fortress – Bastei by coach: 40 min

Dresden – Bastei by car: 45 min

Dresden – Bastei by coach: 1 hour

Sufficient parking spaces available. Walking distance from parking to Bastei Bridge: 20 min. Walking distance from Bastei Bridge to Berghotel Bastei (4\*): 10 min.



Bastei and Saxon Switzerland National Park

## **Day 3: Meissen, Mortzburg Castle, Wackerbarth State Winery**

You will be taken first to Meissen <https://www.sachsen-tourismus.de/en/city-tours/city-breaks/meissen-in-48-hours/> and <https://www.touristinfo-meissen.de/index-eng.html>, Saxony's oldest town, which has never been destroyed in its 1,100 years of history. On the Castle Hill you will visit Germany's oldest palace, the Albrechtsburg <https://www.albrechtsburg-meissen.de/en/home/>, and the gothic cathedral <https://www.dom-zu-meissen.de/start> (only in German). Lunch is served on Meissen Porcelain in the café and restaurant <https://www.erlebniswelt-meissen.com/en/cuisine/cafe-restaurant> of the Meissen State Porcelain Manufactory <https://www.erlebniswelt-meissen.com/en/experience>. On the subsequent guided tour of the demonstration workshops and the museum, you will learn all about Europe's oldest porcelain maker.

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Nearby Moritzburg Castle <https://www.schloss-moritzburg.de/en/home/> has a most scenic location. Set on an artificial island in an artificial lake, it was erected for hunts and other pleasures. Finally, you will visit the Saxon State Winery at Wackerbarth Castle <https://www.schloesserland-sachsen.de/en/palaces-castles-and-gardens/wackerbarth-castle/>, where, after a guided tour with wine tasting, dinner is served at the estate's restaurant.

## Technical info:

Little Pheasant Castle (next to Moritzburg Castle) <https://www.schloss-moritzburg.de/en/little-pheasant-castle/>

Saxon Wine Route <https://budgettraveller.org/germany-smallest-wine-region-saxony/>

Dresden – Meissen by car and coach: 45 min

Dresden – Meissen by train: 30 min

Dresden – Radebeul Wackerbarth Castle by car and coach: 30 min

Tip: take the tram no. 4 from Dresden directly to Wackerbarth Castle. It goes every 10 min, evenings, weekends, holidays every 15 minutes.

Meissen city centre to Porcelain Manufactory: driving is recommended. Meissen is a lovely town with many slopes. There is an elevator going up Cathedral Hill.

Meissen – Moritzburg by car and coach: 20 min

Moritzburg – Radebeul Wackerbarth Castle by car and coach: 25 min

Meissen – Radebeul Wackerbarth Castle by car and coach: 25 min

Sufficient free parking available right in front of the winery.

Sufficient parking available close to Moritzburg Castle – 7 min scenic walk to castle



Wackerbarth

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Meissen



Moritzburg Castle

## **Day 4: Freiberg, Seiffen, Annaberg-Buchholz**

The town center of Freiberg <https://www.sachsen-tourismus.de/en/city-tours/city-breaks/freiberg-in-48-hours/>, which will be your first stop, is part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site „Ore Mountains Mining Region“ <https://www.montanregion-erzgebirge.de/en.html>. You will visit the Terra Mineralia <https://www.terra-mineralia.de/english/collections/the-dr-erika-pohl-stroeher-collection> and <https://www.schloesserland-sachsen.de/en/palaces-castles-and-gardens/freudenstein-castle/> in Freudenstein Castle, the most beautiful collection of minerals in the world, and the cathedral, which is also one of the burial sites of the Royal family <https://www.sachsen-tourismus.de/en/regions/13-beautiful-cities/freiberg/>. Afterwards, you will carry on to Seiffen <https://en.seiffen.de/>, a picturesque village which is Germany's Christmas capital, the place where famous Christmas ornaments like the nutcracker and the smoking man were invented and are still made today <https://en.seiffen.de/christmas-in-seiffen/>.

You will be shown a demonstration workshop and the famous octagonal church, and you will also encounter a profession which is unique to this village <https://www.glaesser-seiffen.de/?s=e> and <https://www.dregeno.de/en/>. In Annaberg-Buchholz <https://www.sachsen-tourismus.de/en/city-tours/city-breaks/annaberg-buchholz-in-48-hours/> and <https://www.annaberg-buchholz.de/en/tourism.php> you will experience Germany's oldest technical monument, the Frohnau Hammer Mill <https://www.annaberg-buchholz.de/en/KulturENG/MuseenENG/frohnauer-hammer.php>, before visiting the incredibly beautiful St. Anne's Church [https://www.annaberg-buchholz.de/en/TourismusENG/places\\_of\\_interest/st.-anne-s-church.php](https://www.annaberg-buchholz.de/en/TourismusENG/places_of_interest/st.-anne-s-church.php) and the unique Miners' Church [https://www.annaberg-buchholz.de/en/TourismusENG/places\\_of\\_interest/st.-marien-mountain-church.php](https://www.annaberg-buchholz.de/en/TourismusENG/places_of_interest/st.-marien-mountain-church.php). In the restaurant „Zum Neinerlaa“ <http://www.zum-neinerlaa.de/>, the traditional Ore Mountains Christmas dinner will be served to you, consisting of nine elements, each one symbolizing a good wish for the new year.

### **Technical info:**

Dresden – Freiberg by car: 1 hour

Dresden – Freiberg by coach: 1,5 hrs.

Dresden – Freiberg by train: 30 min

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Freiberg – Seiffen by car: 45 min

Freiberg – Seiffen by coach: 1 hour

Seiffen – Annaberg-Buchholz by car: 1 hour

Seiffen – Annaberg-Buchholz by coach: 1 hour 15 min

Annaberg-Buchholz – Dresden by car: 1 hour 50 min

Annaberg-Buchholz – Dresden by coach: 2 hrs

Annaberg-Buchholz – Dresden by train: 2 hrs.



terra mineralia in Freiberg's Freudenstein Castle



Seiffen demonstration workshop

## **Day 5: Zwickau and Leipzig**

Zwickau <https://www.zwickau.de/en/tourismus/kulturfreizeit/museen.php> and <https://www.sachsen-tourismus.de/en/city-tours/city-breaks/zwickau-in-48-hours/> is the birthplace of Audi. Founded in 1909 by August Horch, the original factory has been turned into an amazing car museum <https://www.horch-museum.de/en/index.php>, which will be your first stop. Having driven on to Leipzig <https://www.leipzig.travel/en/>, you will go on a guided tour on which you will encounter the many facets of Saxony's largest city. Leipzig used to be the center of world trade, has a music history that is only rivaled by Vienna's <https://www.leipzig.travel/en/culture/music/leipzig-music-trail/> and <https://www.gewandhausorchester.de/en/> and played the decisive role in the Peaceful Revolution <https://www.leipzig.travel/en/culture/history/peaceful-revolution/sites-of-the-peaceful-revolution/> which brought the Communist regime of East Germany down in 1989. Dinner will be served at one of the world's most famous restaurants, the „Auerbachs Keller“, which started out as a wine cellar in the 16th century and was made immortal by Germany's national poet Johann Wolfgang von Goethe in his epic „Faustus“. [https://www.auerbachs-keller-leipzig.de/index.php?module=viewer&index\[viewer\]\[page\]=home&lang=en](https://www.auerbachs-keller-leipzig.de/index.php?module=viewer&index[viewer][page]=home&lang=en)

### **Technical info:**

Dresden – Zwickau by car: 1,5 hrs

Dresden – Zwickau by coach: 1 h 45 min

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Dresden – Zwickau by train: 1,5 hrs

Zwickau – Leipzig by car: 1 hour 20 min

Zwickau – Leipzig by coach: 1 hour 35 min

Zwickau – Leipzig by train: 1 hour 20 min

Leipzig – Dresden by car: 1 hour 20 min

Leipzig – Dresden by coach: 1 hour 45 min

Leipzig – Dresden by train: 1 hour



August Horch Museum



Auerbachs Keller

## Day 6: Görlitz, Bautzen and Dresden



Görlitz

In the morning you will be transferred to Görlitz, which is directly on the Polish border and is widely regarded as Germany's most beautiful town <https://www.visit-goerlitz.com/Tourismus.html>. With 4,000 buildings on the list of national monuments, Görlitz has become a famous movie location where OSCAR winners like „Grand Budapest Hotel“ or „The Reader“ have been shot <https://www.visit-goerlitz.com/Goerliwood-European-Film-Location.html>.

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Halfway back to Dresden, medieval Bautzen has an upper town on a granite rock and a lower town on the Spree River <https://www.bautzen.de/en/tourism-culture-leisure/>. Bautzen is the „capital“ of a Slavic minority, the Sorbs.

Since Bautzen is also the „mustard capital“ of Germany, your guided walk will also include a mustard tasting. Back in Dresden, your goodbye dinner will be served at the restaurant „Alte Meister“ <https://altemeister.net/#> (only in German), which is located in a former artist's workshop next to the Old Masters Picture Gallery.

## Technical info:

Dresden – Görlitz by car: 1 hour 20 min

Dresden – Görlitz by coach: 1 hour 45 min

Dresden – Görlitz by train: 1 hour 20 min

Görlitz – Bautzen by car: 40 min

Görlitz – Bautzen by coach: 1 hour

Görlitz – Bautzen by train: 30 min

Bautzen – Dresden by car: 55 min

Bautzen – Dresden by coach: 1 h 10 min

Bautzen – Dresden by train: 45 min



Bautzen



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## **General info on:**

Info for travel trade and press homepage: <https://www.sachsen-tourismus.de/en/b2b/>

Saxony's towns in 48 hours: <https://www.sachsen-tourismus.de/en/city-tours/city-breaks/>

More itineraries for Saxony: <https://www.sachsen-tourismus.de/en/travel-topics/itineraries/>

Pictures and videos: <https://tmgs.picworld.org/app.html#/?language=en>

Press background info: <https://www.sachsen-tourismus.de/en/die-tmgs/press/background-information/>

Saxony newsletter (2-3 times a year): <https://www.sachsen-tourismus.de/en/service/newsletter/>

For blogger reports and concise info on Saxony for the international traveller: <https://www.saxonytraveldreams.com/>

## **Saxony in Social Media:**

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SaxonyTourism/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/saxonytourism/>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/SachsenTourismus>

## **Fun stuff:**

Recipe for Eierschecke cake: <https://www.cultural-heart-of-germany.com/2020/04/14/taste-of-a-region-saxonys-eierschecke-cake/>

Christmas recipes: Dresden Stollen, mulled wine and cookies  
<https://www.saxonytraveldreams.com/culinary-christmas/>

and last but not least here's the info about the live studio:

### **Frank's Bar**

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