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TRAVELING IN TIME ...
Saxon Steam Railway Route

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Welcome to Saxony, the land of steam railways!

Located in the east of Germany, Saxony is known for its diverse culture and imposing buildings in the cities of Leipzig, Dresden and Chemnitz. At the same time, Saxony stands for ingenuity and a diverse industrial culture. In addition, railway traditions are a special trademark of Saxony. In 1839, the first German long-distance railway between Leipzig and Dresden was opened; and in subsequent years, a dense railway network was developed all over Saxony. From 1881, numerous 750 mm (2 ft 5½ in) narrow gauge steam railways were built. Several of these have survived to this day, offering daily steam train journeys. The Saxon Steam Railway Route connects railways with many other tourist attractions. No other region in Germany has such a lively cultural heritage of historic railways with five narrow gauge railways running daily, three steam-powered museum railways, numerous museums and monuments from more than 180 years of railway history.

Immerse yourself in the world of railways of a bygone era. Enjoy a scenic ride on Saxon narrow gauge railways by traveling on a train unit dating from around 1900. In recent years, the Saxon I K train shown here has been built as a joint venture of several Saxon narrow gauge railways. It is operated along the Saxon Steam Railway Route during special railway events. You can also experience vehicles from the 1920s or 1950s on the Saxon narrow gauge railways.

Or just leave behind your hectic everyday life while marvelling at old technology during a steam train ride. The Löbnitzgrund, Weißeritztal, Fichtelberg and Zittau narrow gauge railways run every day. In Saxony, there are not only steam trains on tracks but also the oldest and largest paddle steamer fleet in the world on the Elbe river, taking passengers from Dresden to Saxon Switzerland or to Meissen.

So let us take you on a journey of discovery through the land of steam railways. We look forward to your visit.



Preßnitz Valley Railway / I K Train © Christian Sacher



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FROM THE TRADE FAIR CITY TO THE REGION BETWEEN THE ELBE AND MULDE RIVERS ...
LEIPZIG Region

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Windmill Ballendorf © Michael Sperl



VINETA, a floating cultural island on Lake Störmitz © Bernd Görne



Beucha Mountain church © Frank Schmidt

The stately trade fair city of Leipzig is beautiful in any season of the year. Leipzig is a lively trade and transport center with a rich history of culture, music and architecture. It is, therefore, the perfect starting point for an exciting tour to the railway and other tourist attractions along the Saxon Steam Railway Route. Attractions for railway enthusiasts are not only Europe's biggest terminal station but also the Leipzig Park Railway or activities of the "Verein Eisenbahnmuseum Bayerischer Bahnhof zu Leipzig e.V." (the city's railway museum supporting association). The city of Leipzig is surrounded by the charming vacation regions of Leipzig New Lakeland, the Saxon Land of Castles and Saxon Heathland. With Leipzig New Lakeland situated just outside of town, a beautiful lake district has been developed, offering plenty of recreation

and fun activities for the whole family. In the Leipzig region, there are also the Saxon Land of Castles and the Saxon Heathland. Enjoy, for example, a hike in the woodland of the Dahlen Heath or the Wernsdorf Forest situated in the heart of the Saxon Heathland. You can also

visit the town of Oschatz with its lovingly restored historic buildings and alleyways, which will make you feel like you're stepping back in time. From here, enjoy a trip in the country on the Döllnitz Railway (Döllnitzbahn) going to the towns of Mügeln and Glossen.

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SVT Görlitz gGmbH, Leipzig / Görlitz High Speed Railcar (SVT) Company (Leipzig)	www.svt-goerlitz.de/en
Verein Kohlebahnen e.V., Meuselwitz / Coal Railway Association (Meuselwitz)	www.kohlebahnen.de
Döllnitzbahn GmbH, Mügeln / Döllnitz Railway Company (Mügeln)	www.doellnitzbahn.de
Förderverein "Wilder Robert" e.V., Mügeln / Wild Robert Friends' Association, Mügeln	www.wilder-robert.de
IG Traditionslokomotive No. 583047 Interest Group	www.dampflok-glauchau.de

Discovering the region

Leipzig Tourismus und Marketing GmbH / Leipzig Tourism and Marketing Company	www.leipzig.travel/en
Mitteldeutscher Verkehrsverbund GmbH / Middle German Transport Association	www.mdv.de
Messe modell-hobby-spiel, Leipzig / model - hobby - game Trade Show, Leipzig	www.modell-hobby-spiel.de/en
Große Kreisstadt Oschatz / Oschatz (a major district town)	www.oschatz-erleben.de
O-Schatz-Park, Oschatz / O-Schatz Family, Animal and Leisure Park, Oschatz	www.lebenshilfe-oschatz.de
Gemeinde Naundorf / Municipality of Naundorf	www.naundorf-sachsen.de
Stadtverwaltung Mügeln / Municipality of Mügeln	www.stadt-muegeln.de
Geopark Porphyryland, Grimma / Porphyryland Geopark, Grimma	www.geopark-porphyrland.de
Bahn Reise-Club Sachsen e. V. / Saxon Railway Travel Club	www.bahn-erlebnisreise.de/bahnreise-club/

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Pension am Park, Oschatz / Guest House at the Park (Oschatz)	www.lebenshilfe-oschatz.de
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TRADITION WITH A FUTURE ...

Döllnitz Railway (Döllnitzbahn) Oschatz – Mügeln – Glossen/Kemmlitz

Nicknamed as the “Wild Robert“, the Döllnitzbahn is one of the most popular tourist attractions in the Saxon Heathland. The puffing sound of the old steam locomotive makes children’s and adults’ hearts leap for joy. According to tradition, the name “Wild Robert“ was derived from a train driver working in Mügeln in the early years of railway operation and known for his sporty driving style.

The Döllnitzbahn has a long history (since 1884), with Mügeln station (located along the line) having once been among the largest narrow gauge stations in Germany. It was even the center of a wide narrow gauge railway network. At first, the line was used provisionally for beet transport. Over the following years, the Mügeln network was extended to reach a total length of 57 miles (91.7 km). Some 12.5 miles (20 km)

of track of the former network have been preserved, with daily service offered on the route from Oschatz to Glossen via Mügeln. During special events, also the branch line from Neitzschen to Kemmlitz is used.

The Döllnitzbahn starts in Oschatz on the route from Leipzig to Dresden. Passing the venerable old town of Oschatz, the narrow gauge railway then runs along the meadow landscape of the Döllnitz river to Mügeln. The town is over 1,000 years old. From there, the journey continues to the terminus in Glossen, where a tourist field railway facility can be visited. Diesel locomotives are used on weekdays; and heritage steam locomotives are used at some weekends, running between Oschatz and Glossen, as well as to Kemmlitz. So, all railway enthusiasts, families and excursionists are invited to

explore the region; for example, during station festivals, narrow-gauge railway festivals, events held on Open Monument Day or events with other associations.

Station numbers in the overview map (pp. 4/5): 5-10

For more information, please visit www.steam-route-saxony.com www.doellnitzbahn.de



Dresden Park Railway © Christian Sacher

THE SMALLEST AMONG THE BIG ONES ...

Park Railways in Saxony

Saxony boasts a remarkable variety of historic narrow gauge steam railways running on 750-mm (29.5-in) tracks or, in the case of the Muskau Forest Railway, on 600-mm (23.6-in) tracks. Five park railways provide visitors with the enjoyment of both the unique railway atmosphere and many attractions along the route. The Dresden Park Railway is among the best known and largest park railways, which can be enjoyed in the “Grosser Garten“ park. The 381-mm (15-in) gauge miniature trains are hauled by steam and diesel locomotives. Along the route, the park offers plenty of leisure, dining and sportive activities for all ages, ranging from Dresden Zoo to the Baroque Palace. Another 381-mm (15-in) gauge park railway runs through the traditional Leipzig Auensee lake recreation area. The recreation area around the lake in the northwest of Leipzig used to be an amusement park some 90 years ago. In addition to a battery-powered locomotive, a Lilliput steam locomotive built in 1925 is used. You can start your train ride either at Auensee station or at one of the three stops of the line. Still another attraction is the Küchwald Park Railway, operated in Chem-

nitz, in the romantic Küchwald Park near the city center. Since 1954, the small 600-mm (23.6-in) steam and diesel trains have run on a 2.3-km (1.4-mile) circuit, comprising two stops and one station. The modern rail yard, including an engine and coach house, rooms for events, a café and a large garden railway layout along the track, is another attraction you should not miss during your stay. If you visit Görlitz, the easternmost city of Germany, you can take a ride on another 600-mm (23.6-in) park railway. The diesel-powered locomotive of the Vintage Park Railway in Görlitz is a replica of the “Adler“, which was the first steam locomotive operated in Germany. Even the carriages are based on the first German passenger train, which ran between Nuremberg and Fürth. Moreover, you can visit the town of Plauen in the Vogtland region and take a ride on the Syratl Park Railway with a total track length of 1.1 kilometers (0.68 miles), which has been operated in the leisure area of Syratl since 1959. As a special feature, the railway uses electric locomotives (converted mining locomotives) recalling Saxony’s rich mining heritage.

For more information, please visit www.steam-route-saxony.com www.grosser-garten-dresden.de/en www.parkeisenbahn-auensee-leipzig.de www.parkeisenbahn-chemnitz.de www.goerlitzerparkeisenbahn.de www.freizeitanlage-plauen.de



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VISIT THE CULTURAL CITY OF DRESDEN AND ITS SURROUNDING REGION ...

Regions of Dresden, Saxon Elbeland, Eastern Ore Mountains and Saxon Switzerland



Moritzburg Palace © Arvid Müller (DML-BY)

The Saxon Elbeland is marked by its mild climate and scenic beauty. Especially the area between Meissen and Pillnitz is an extraordinary cultural landscape, boasting vineyards or untouched Elbe meadows, completed with the baroque splendor of Dresden, the capital city of the Free State of Saxony. Yet, the so-called Florence on the Elbe and its surroundings have much more to offer. With its artistic vibe and unique lifestyle, the residential city of Dresden is world-famous for its cultural, historic and technical buildings; great concerts; and masterpieces of art. If you are interested in railways and technology, visit, for example, the Dresden Transport Museum or take a scenic ride on the suspension or funicular railways. Another highlight is the Railway Museum in Dresden-Altstadt, holding a steam engine festival every year. Two narrow gauge railway lines offer daily service in the surrounding area of Dresden. So, the Lössnitzgrund steam train puffs along the Radebeul vineyards to the world-famous Moritzburg Castle. Or enjoy a ride on the Weißeritz Valley Railway (Weißeritztalbahn) to the enchanted Eastern Ore Mountains with

their unique landscape, unspoiled countryside and mining tradition. Just a few miles farther, the picturesque landscape of Saxon Switzerland will enchant you with wonderful sandstone formations as well as quaint vacation towns and villages like the spa town of Bad Schandau with great spa facilities, or the popular Elbe Cycle Route – all you need for a perfect vacation. Those who love historic vehicles will enjoy an Elbe river tour aboard the oldest and largest paddle steamer fleet in the world or a ride on the Kirnitzschtal tramway running through the valley of the Kirnitzsch river. Another attraction is the Schwarzbachbahn Railway with Lohsdorf station in Saxon Switzerland, a section that has been rebuilt recently. In addition, the network of “Bahnerlebnis Sächsische Schweiz” (Railway Adventure in Saxon Switzerland) offers train rides on different gauges.



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- Traditionsbahn Radebeul e.V. / Radebeul Traditional Railway Association
- Bergbahnen Dresden – DVB AG / Dresden Hillside Railways – DVB Municipal Transport Company
- Straßenbahnmuseum Dresden / Dresden Tramway Museum
- Parkeisenbahn Dresden / Dresden Park Railway
- Initiative Sächsische Eisenbahngeschichte e.V., Dresden / Saxon Railway History Initiative
- Sächsische Dampfschiffahrt, Dresden / Saxon Paddle Steamer Fleet, Dresden
- MRB Mitteldeutsche Regiobahn / Middle German Regional Railway (MRB)
- IG Bahnbetriebswerk Dresden-Altstadt e.V. / Interest Group of the Dresden-Altstadt Locomotive Depot
- Stiftung Sächsische Schmalspurbahnen / Saxon Narrow Gauge Railway Foundation
- Windbergbahn e.V., Dresden / Windbergbahn Railway Association, Dresden
- IG Verkehrsgeschichte Wilsdruff e.V. / Wilsdruff Transport History Interest Group
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- Förderverein Edle Krone e.V. / Edle Krone Support Association
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- Schwarzbachbahn e.V., Lohsdorf / Schwarzbachbahn Railway Association, Lohsdorf
- TILLIG Modellbahnen GmbH, Sebnitz / TILLIG Model Railway Company, Sebnitz

- www.loessnitzgrundbahn.de
- www.traditionsbahn-radebeul.de
- www.dvb.de/en-GB/
- www.strassenbahnmuseum-dresden.de
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- www.edlekrone.de
- www.eisenbahnwelten-rathen.de
- www.feldbahnmuseum-herrenleite.de
- www.rvsoe.de
- www.schwarzbachbahn.de
- www.tillig.com



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Discovering the region

- Tourismus Marketing Gesellschaft Sachsen GmbH - Familienurlaub in Sachsen/ Saxon Tourism Marketing Company – Family vacation in Saxony
- Tourismusregion Dresden Elbland/ Dresden Elbeland tourism region
- Tourismusverband Sächsische Schweiz e.V. / Saxon Switzerland Tourist Association
- Verkehrsverbund Oberelbe, Dresden / Public transport authority Upper Elbe, Dresden
- Kulturlandschaft Moritzburg / Moritzburg cultural landscape
- Karl-May-Museum Radebeul / Karl May Museum, Radebeul
- Tourist-Information Radebeul / Radebeul Tourist Information Center
- Tagungszentrum der Sächsischen Wirtschaft, Radebeul / Conference Center of the Saxon Economy, Radebeul
- Hochseilgarten Moritzburg / High Rope Course in Moritzburg
- Heimatemuseum Radeburg / Radeburg Local Museum
- Verkehrsmuseum Dresden / Dresden Transport Museum
- Ev.-Lutherische Kreuzkirchgemeinde Dresden Musikbüro/ Parish of the Evangelical-Lutheran Church of the Holy Cross in Dresden, music office
- Große Kreisstadt Freital / Freital, a major district town
- Tourist-Information Altenberg / Tourist Information Center in Altenberg
- Netzwerk Bahnerlebnis Sächsische Schweiz / Railway Adventure Network in Saxon Switzerland

- www.sachsen-tourismus.de/en
- www.visit-dresden.travel/en/
- www.saechsische-schweiz.de/en/
- www.vvo-online.de/en
- www.kulturlandschaft-moritzburg.de
- www.karl-may-museum.de/en
- www.radebeul.de
- www.tsw-radebeul.de
- www.hochseilgarten-moritzburg.de
- www.radeburg.de
- www.verkehrsmuseum-dresden.de/en
- www.kreuzkirche-dresden.de
- www.freital.de
- www.altenberg.de/en
- www.saechsische-schweiz.de/region/veranstaltungen/bahnerlebnistage.html

Stay overnight and enjoy

- Hotel “Goldener Anker”, Radebeul / Goldener Anker Hotel, Radebeul
- “Löbnitztal-Schänke” Radebeul / Löbnitztal-Schänke restaurant, Radebeul
- Schäferwagenurlaub Moritzburg / Shepherd’s Caravan, Moritzburg
- Gasthaus zum Bahnhof, Ottendorf-Okrilla / Restaurant at Ottendorf-Okrilla Station
- Hotel “Rabenauer Mühle” Rabenau / Rabenauer Mühle Hotel, Rabenau
- Hotel zum Bären, Altenberg OT Oberbärenburg / Hotel zum Bären (bear) in Oberbärenburg
- Waldschänke Altes Raupennest, Altenberg / “Old Caterpillar Nest” Forest Restaurant, Altenberg

- www.goldener-anker-radebeul.de
- www.loessnitztalschaenke.de
- www.schaeferwagenurlaub.de
- www.rabenauer-muehle.de
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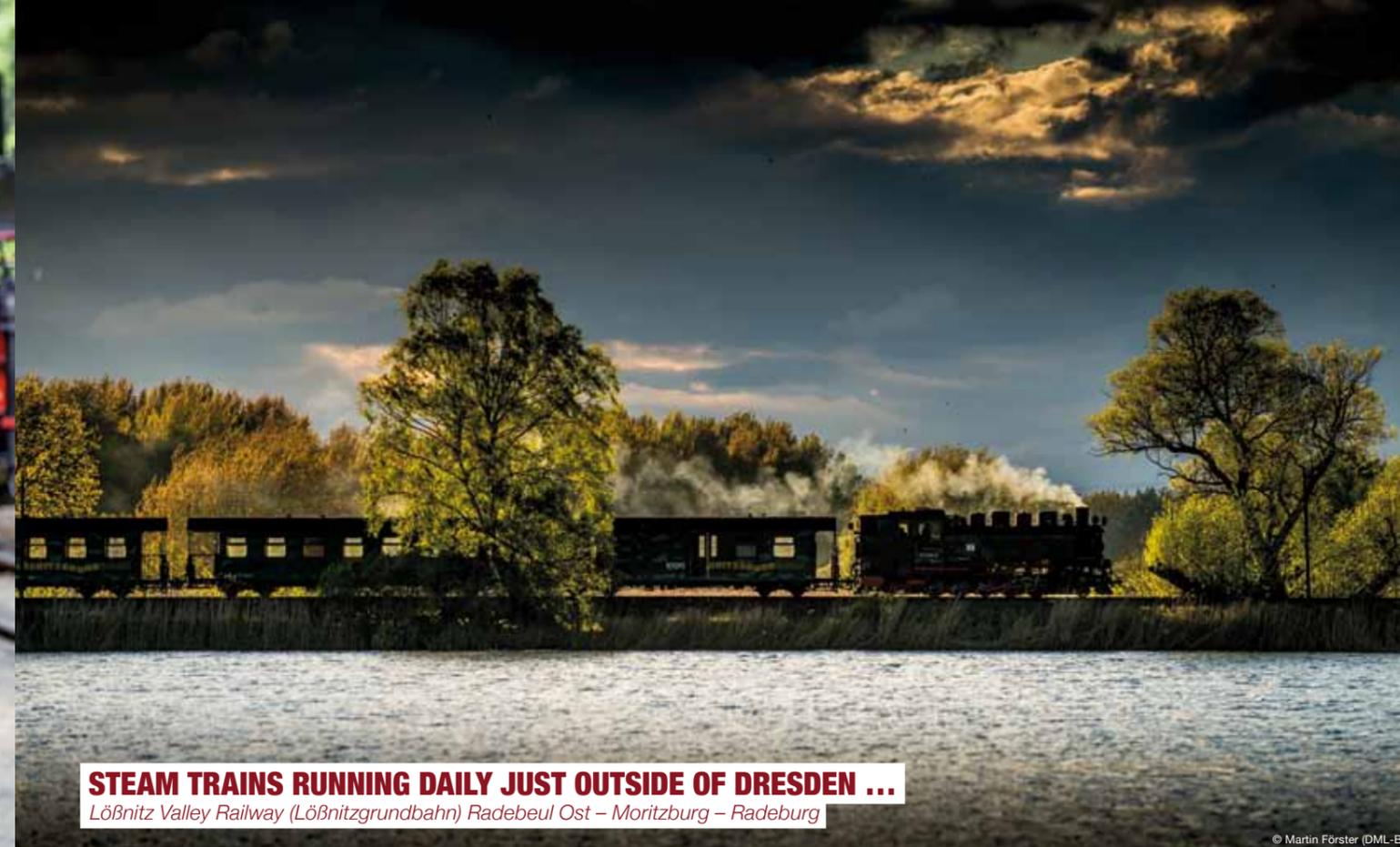
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FUN TRIPS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY ...

Family Adventure

Enjoy an exciting family trip along the Saxon Steam Railway Route! You can choose from a wide variety of activities, such as riding on a steam train with your family just like in the old days or marvelling at lovely railways in miniature. There are also plenty of museums with interactive exhibits and stories for the whole family. In Saxony, family-friendly businesses and places are immediately recognizable by their "Family Badge". These badges are awarded, among others, to leisure facilities suitable for children, children's play areas at hotels or kids' menus in restaurants.

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STEAM TRAINS RUNNING DAILY JUST OUTSIDE OF DRESDEN ...

Lößnitz Valley Railway (Lößnitzgrundbahn) Radebeul Ost – Moritzburg – Radeburg

Several steam trains operate on the outskirts of Dresden. On the one hand, the Lößnitz Valley Railway runs in the northwest of the Saxon capital city; and on the other hand, the Weißeritztalbahn Railway starts puffing in the south of the city. Well, let us first go on a pleasant journey on the Lößnitzdackel (dachshund), as the Lößnitzgrundbahn is nicknamed. The steam railway departs from the Radebeul Ost (east) narrow-gauge railway station in Radebeul – a town famous for its vineyards and the Karl May Museum. The railway then saunters through town. Before its first stop, Weißes Roß, it crosses the tram tracks of the so-called culture line No. 4, running from Dresden to Weinböhla via Radebeul and Coswig. On the train, you can enjoy the amazing view of the Hoflößnitz vineyard estate. After leaving the station, the narrow

gauge railway winds its way into the picturesque Lößnitzgrund valley. Lößnitzgrund stop is a great starting point for a circular walk through the Radebeul vineyards. It then requires even more steam once the train is passing Friedewald and leaving the valley.

What to expect now is an impressive ride across the Dippelsdorf ponds via a dam 689 feet (210 meters) in length. The journey continues through the unique Moritzburg forest and pond landscape. Shortly afterwards, the narrow gauge railway arrives at Moritzburg station – an ideal starting point for many cultural activities. We recommend visiting Moritzburg Castle and Little Pheasant Castle, built in its present shape under Elector Augustus the Strong. On its way to the terminus in Radeburg, the line runs through the heathland of Radeburg. The town

is known for its annual Carnival celebrations and the local history museum with a graphic cabinet that displays works by Heinrich Zille. In addition to the steam trains that run daily, the Radebeul heritage train operates on various weekends and holidays, using vehicles of the early days of Saxon narrow gauge railways.

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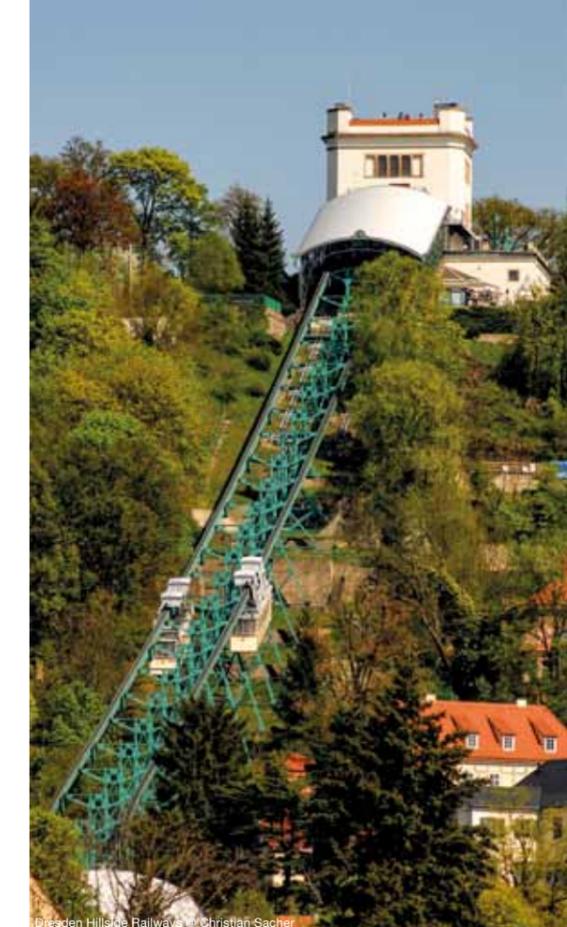


EXPERIENCING THE HISTORY OF TRANSPORT ...
Transport Museum, Hillside Railways and Paddle Steamer Fleet

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Visit Dresden Transport Museum next to the Frauenkirche for an exciting and fascinating journey through the history of transport and technology! Historic automobiles, locomotives, aircraft and ships illustrate how means of transport have influenced society and shaped people's everyday lives. More than 200 locomotives and wagons run on a 3,498 ft² (325 m²) O gauge model railway layout. In addition, kids can test their knowledge of traffic rules on our fun indoor Bobby Car circuit.

The latest highlight of the Transport Museum is the new permanent exhibition on railway transport. When looking at our remarkable carriages and locomotives or even entering some of them, you may immerse in the atmosphere of different epochs. The Saxonia was the first functional steam locomotive built in Germany, representing

the early days of railways and the beginning of an era of acceleration. Another section describes the history from the Deutsche Reichsbahn (German State Railways) to the railways in a divided country as well as the present and future of railway transport. We thus invite you to view the many exhibits that have never been on public display before.

Just a few steps away from Dresden Transport Museum are the steamers of the oldest and largest paddle steamer fleet in the world. They depart from Terrassenufer to take passengers through the scenic landscape of the Saxon Elbe valley and Saxon Switzerland. In addition, Dresden boasts two historic cable cars, which go up the Loschwitz hill from Körnerplatz square near the "Blaues Wunder" (Blue Wonder) bridge. The "Standseilbahn", a funicular railway, takes

a steep ascent to Louisehof, a former restaurant. The "Schwebebahn", a heritage suspension railway, starts from the base station just around the corner from Körnerplatz and goes uphill to Oberloschwitz, where a viewing tower allows visitors to enjoy a fabulous view of the Elbe valley. Another attraction is the tramway museum in Trachenberge (a district of Dresden), where you can get an insight into the rich history of Dresden's public transport. The museum is open on selected days.

For more information, please visit
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www.verkehrsmuseum-dresden.de/en
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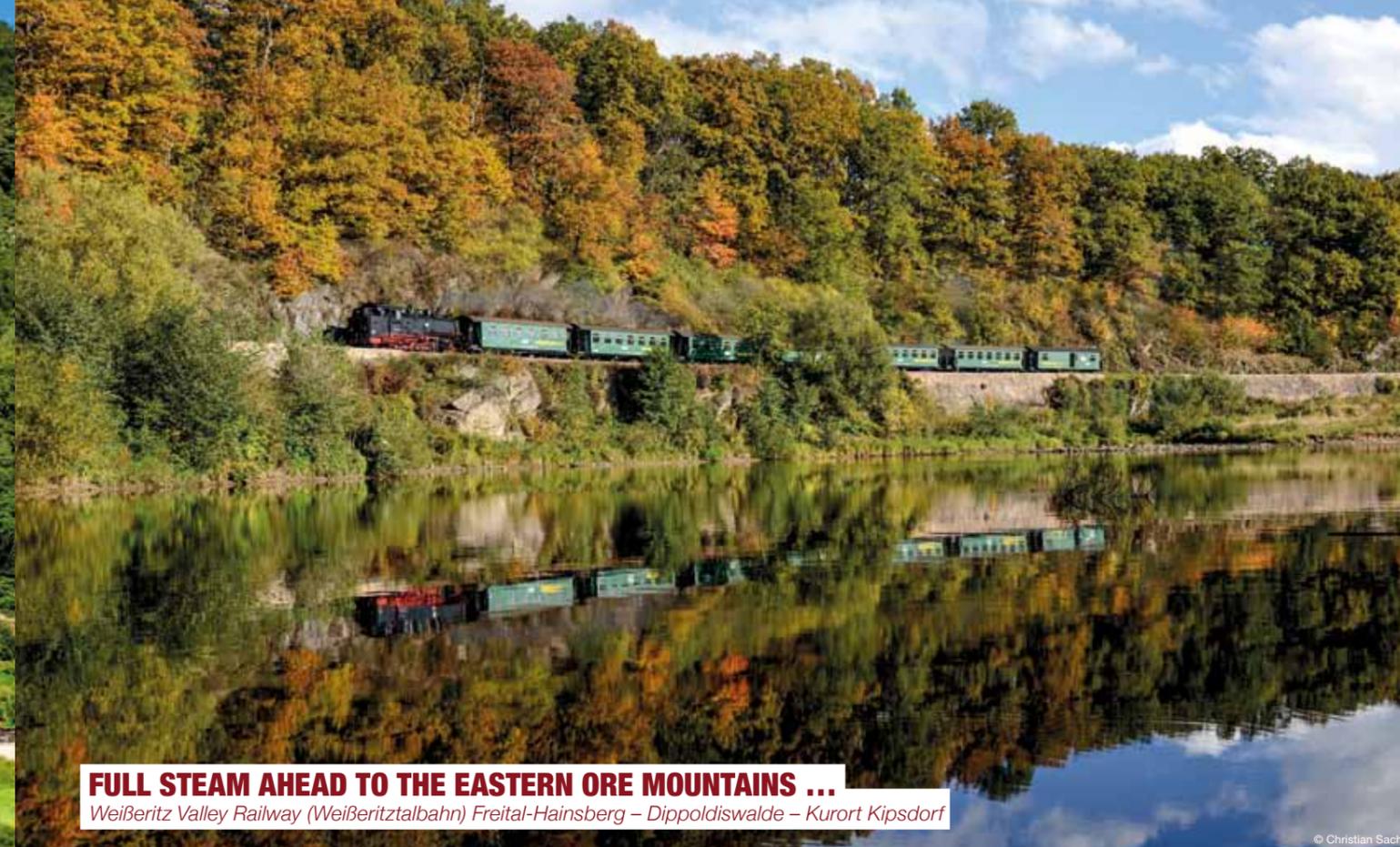
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FULL STEAM AHEAD TO THE EASTERN ORE MOUNTAINS ...
Weißeritz Valley Railway (Weißeritztalbahn) Freital-Hainsberg – Dippoldiswalde – Kurort Kipsdorf

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The Weißeritztalbahn has been operated by steam locomotives every day since 1882. Thanks to the diverse landscapes, the railway is one of Germany's most scenic railway lines. The departure station in Freital-Hainsberg lies just off Dresden, the capital city of Saxony. The route (over 16 miles/26 km) runs to the health resort of Kipsdorf via Dippoldiswalde. Right after leaving Freital-Hainsberg station, the trains follow the confluence of Rote (Red) and Wilde (Wild) Weißeritz rivers before steaming into the wild, romantic Rabenauer Grund valley. While crossing the small Rote Weißeritz river several times, the steam train winds through a deeply carved rock valley. The beautiful Rabenauer Grund valley is a paradise for hikers, who can enjoy the easy trail running parallel to the railway track and the river.

Nestled within the valley is Rabenau train station with the historic hotel and restaurant called Rabenauer Mühle. Also worth visiting is the German Chair Building Museum in Rabenau. The train route then leads past Malter Dam. This area is perfect for those who love doing sports, such as swimming, hiking or cycling. The next train stop is Dippoldiswalde, where you can explore the historic town center with the Lohgerbermuseum (tannery museum) and the Osterzgebirgsgalerie, featuring people and landscape portrayals in the castle. The route continues uphill to Kurort Kipsdorf. From the terminus, hikers can head for the ridge region of the Eastern Ore Mountains.

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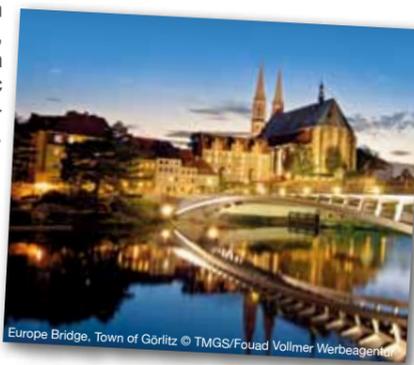
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WELCOME TO THE EASTERNMOST VACATION REGION IN GERMANY ...
Region of Upper Lusatia and Lower Silesia

The region of Upper Lusatia and Lower Silesia stretches from the Zittau Mountains – the smallest nature park in Germany – to Muskau Heath in the northeast of Saxony. Come and enjoy a perfect vacation in a wonderful region! The local people of the Zittau Mountains will await you in their lovingly maintained Upper Lusatian half-timbered houses, spoiling you with culinary delights in charming places. The region offers plenty of activities for visitors to explore the amazing natural and cultural landscape. Here you will find remarkable craftsmanship, centuries-old churches and monasteries as well as historic town centers with delightful architecture. Another special feature of Upper Lusatia are the famous Herrnhuter Sterne (Stars). Visitors of the demonstration workshop

in Herrnhut will get to know how the lovely Christmas stars are manufactured. On your way to Muskau Heath (between Bautzen and Bad Muskau), you can see and experience Sorbian traditions such as the “Vogelhochzeit“ (Bird Wedding) and “Osterreiten“, a horseback Easter procession. Besides, do not miss the opportunity to relax or be active in the recently developed Lusatian Lake District – Europe’s largest artificial lake district. Marvel also at the gorgeous landscaped gardens such as Muskau Park (Fürst-Pückler-Park) in Bad Muskau, which was added to the list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites; or the Rhododendron Park in Kromlau. The Muskau Forest Railway offers a heritage steam train service to Kromlau on selected days. If you plan to go to the Zittau Mountains, you can take the Zittau–Oybin–

Jonsdorf Railway (Zittauer Schmalspurbahn), operating every day of the week. Railway enthusiasts will also be thrilled with the Railway Museum in Löbau, housed in a historic locomotive shed.



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Eisenbahnmuseum/Modellbaumanufaktur Wolfgang Frey, Seiffenhennersdorf/ Railway Museum/Model Railway Workshop of Wolfgang Frey, Seiffenhennersdorf	www.eisenbahn-fleischer.de
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ODEG – Ostdeutsche Eisenbahn GmbH/ East German Railway Company (ODEG)	www.odeg.de
trilex – Die Länderbahn GmbH/ trilex – regional railway company	www.laenderbahn.com/trilex/
Waldeisenbahn Muskau GmbH/ Muskau Forest Narrow Gauge Railway	www.waldeisenbahn.de

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Städtische Museen Zittau/ Municipal museums of Zittau	www.zittau.de/en
Gemeinde Olbersdorf/ municipality of Olbersdorf	www.olbersdorf.de
Gemeinde Kurort Oybin/ municipality of Oybin health resort	www.oybin.com
Gemeinde Kurort Jonsdorf/ municipality of Jonsdorf health resort	www.jonsdorf.de
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Herrnhuter Sterne Manufaktur / Herrnhut Stars Manufactory	www.herrnhuter-sterne.de/en
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Hotel Am Berg Oybin, Kurort Oybin / Oybin Mountain Hotel, Oybin health resort	www.hotel-oybin.de
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Ferienwohnung Zum Wasserhäuschen und FerienWaggons der Zittauer Schmalspurbahn/ “Zum Wasserhäuschen“ vacation apartment and vacation carriages of the Zittau Narrow Gauge Railway	www.zittauer-schmalspurbahn.de/en
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Speisewagen der Zittauer Schmalspurbahn/ Dining Car of the Zittau Narrow Gauge Railway	
Café im Bahnhof Oybin / Café at Oybin Station	www.jonsberg-huetten.de
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Gasthof & Pension Weißer Stein, Kurort Jonsdorf / “Weißer Stein“ restaurant and guest house, Kurort Jonsdorf	www.dammschenke.de/cs/
Gasthof zur Dammschenke, Kurort Jonsdorf / “Dammschenke“ Inn, Kurort Jonsdorf	www.kurhaus-jonsdorf.de
Hotel & Restaurant Kurhaus Jonsdorf / Kurhaus Jonsdorf hotel and restaurant	zittauer-huette.de
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Pension Villa Sonnenseite, Kurort Jonsdorf / “Villa Sonnenseite“ guest house, Kurort Jonsdorf	www.villa-sonnenseite.de
KIEZ Querxenland, Seiffenhennersdorf / KIEZ Querxenland, a resort for family and school trips, Seiffenhennersdorf	querxenland.de
Pension Steffi / Steffi’s guest house	www.pension-steffi-loebau.de
TRIXI-Ferienpark, Großschönau / TRIXI Vacation Park, Großschönau	www.trixi-park.de
Hotel Kristall, Weißwasser / Kristall Hotel, Weißwasser	www.hotelkristall.de
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STEAMING TO THE MOUNTAINS ...
Zittau Narrow Gauge Railway. Zittau – Bertsdorf – Oybin and Jonsdorf

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As early as 1890, steam trains started taking visitors to the romantic Zittau Mountains, the smallest low mountain range in Germany. The Zittau–Oybin–Jonsdorf Railway Company (ZOJE) was the first operator of the line. Since then, countless day-trippers have enjoyed relaxing steam train trips to the mountains. Numerous hotels and restaurants have sprung up along the route, offering a wide range of accommodation and delicious local cuisine to summer vacationers. The narrow gauge railway line begins at Zittau station, which is within a short distance of the lovely old town, a true gem in Upper Lusatia. The trains then pass around the historic town before running along the route close to the “Leisure Oasis” of Olbersdorf Lake, a recreational area in Upper Lusatia. The museum train station in Bertsdorf is an 8-kilometer (5-mile) train ride

from here. In Bertsdorf, you have the choice between going to the health resorts of Oybin or Jonsdorf. During the high season, you might even witness the simultaneous departure of two trains from Bertsdorf. The journey to Oybin ends at the foot of Mount Oybin, topped with romantic castle and monastery ruins. Jonsdorf, however, is equally worth going to. The charming health resort with its quaint half-timbered houses is the ideal starting point for sportive activities, pleasant walks or interesting explorations. As a distinctive highlight, the Zittau Narrow Gauge Railway features rail vehicles of different epochs, operating in turns on the weekends from May to October. The “Sachsenzug” (historic Saxon steam train) will take you on a journey back to the early days and prosperous times of the Saxon narrow gauge railways around 1900. Perhaps you will take a

trip on the “Reichsbahnzug” (a train of the German State Railways) like your grand- or great grandparents did in the Golden Twenties or 1930s. You can also enjoy a delicious meal in the dining car during a scenic ride to Oybin or soak in the beauty of the landscape in the panoramic car available from May to October. Our steam trains operate daily, and one car is wheelchair accessible.



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EXPERIENCES AND DISCOVERIES ...

En route along the Saxon Steam Railway Route in Upper Lusatia

East Saxon Railway Friends Association Löbau © OSEF

On a discovery tour along the Saxon Steam Railway Route, you will find many natural and cultural attractions in Upper Lusatia. Apart from the Zittau Narrow Gauge Railway and Muskau Forest Railway, railway enthusiasts also love the historic engine house in Löbau. This engine shed was built in 1859 and has been used by the Association of East Saxon Railway Enthusiasts. Here you will find a varied collection of historic rail vehicles and other exhibits. Another highlight is a special train hauled by the association's operational steam or diesel locomotives. Among further attractions along the Saxon Steam Railway Route are Wolfgang Frey's railway museum in Seiffhennersdorf, where railway remnants and numerous pieces of model railways can be admired. For those interested in industrial culture, Knappenrode Energy Factory is a must-see. The former briquette factory provides an impressive insight into the former lignite opencast mining in Lusatia. In addition, the outdoor area has many historic rail vehicles of coal railways to explore. Other museums along the Saxon Steam Railway Route in Upper Lusatia are the Museum of Automobiles and Technology in Cunewalde, the Zittau Municipal Museums as well as the Sele-

sian Museum in Görlitz. A special attraction for families is the demonstration workshop of the Herrnhuter Sterne (stars) Manufactory. The Herrnhut Star originated in the Herrnhuter Brüdergemeinde church over 160 years ago. It is regarded as the source of all Christmas stars; and even today, it is a wonderful tradition to begin the Christmas season with a Herrnhut Star.

Of course, you can visit the demonstration workshop all year round.
For more information, please visit www.steam-route-saxony.com zittau.de www.schlesisches-museum.de www.herrnhuter-sterne.de/en www.osef.de



Herrnhuter Sterne Manufaktur



IT IS THE LAST FOREST RAILWAY IN GERMANY THAT IS PRESERVED IN ITS ORIGINAL STATE ...

Muskau Forest Railway. Weißwasser – Bad Muskau or Kromlau

Waldeisenbahn Muskau GmbH

The 23.6-in (600-mm) forest railway was founded in 1895. Initially, it was drawn by horses and used for transporting coal. The railway expanded greatly and became one of the largest forest railway systems in Central Europe, with a total track length of some 50 miles (80 kilometers). After it had ceased operation, railway friends started to preserve and repair many carriages and locomotives in 1985. For those interested in the history and technology of the forest railway, a visit to the permanent exhibition at the museum station of Weißwasser ("Anlage Mitte") is a must-do. In the adjacent visitor center, you will find a lot of information on tourist attractions of the region and the newest UNESCO Geopark: "Muskauer Faltenbogen" (Muskau fold arch). So, during a trip on the forest railway, you can experience this

fascinating glacial landscape with its colorful lakes and sunken forests in the former coal mining region. At Easter and selected weekends from May to the beginning of October, the trains take visitors on a 20-minute ride from Teichstraße Station in Weißwasser (the operational center) to Kromlau, which has the largest rhododendron and azalea park in Germany. It was laid out in the 19th century. Several historic buildings, such as the famous Rakotzbrücke (bridge), render a special atmosphere to the park. Besides, we absolutely recommend you take the 4.3-mile (7-km) train ride to the cultural park town of Bad Muskau. Muskau Park, laid out starting in 1815, is the largest English landscape garden in Central Europe. It was added to the list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites in July 2004. The park's pedest-

rian bridges across the Neisse river were rebuilt; and, in October 2012, the castle nursery was reopened. Pineapples grow there again – just like in times of Prince Hermann von Pückler. Since 2017, an additional branch to the "Schwerer Berg" observation tower in Weißwasser has been operated.

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INDUSTRIAL CULTURE, NATURE EXPERIENCES AND TRADITIONS IN HARMONY ...

Chemnitz, Ore Mountains and Vogtland regions

Saxon Railway Museum Association © Ralph Kuntz

Travel back in time to the 16th century, when large ore reserves were found in the Ore Mountains, giving the charming low mountain range its name. The wealth created through mining back then led to the development of many lovely mountain villages and towns with splendid townhouses in the old town centers. Visit one of the tourist mines to experience the mining tradition of the down-to-earth people of the Ore Mountains, who are deeply rooted in their traditions. A highlight is, of course, the traditional Ore Mountain Christmas time, connected with mining customs. Splendid pyramids and windows decorated with beautiful candle arches (Schwibbogen) create the unique atmosphere of the German "Christmas land". You can also experience Vogtland's unique tradition of musical instrument making

in the workshops of the instrument makers and look over their shoulders. In addition, whether hiking in summer or skiing in winter, the Ore Mountains and Vogtland region is a great place for an outdoor vacation. Nevertheless, also the city of Chemnitz is well worth visiting during your stay in the region. Industrial culture left many marks in Chemnitz, the "Saxon Manchester", which is also a modern city that has renowned art collections and a varied cultural life to offer. Another attraction in the Ore Mountains and Vogtland not to forget to mention is, of course, the Saxon Steam Railway Route. Visitors can choose from a wide variety of narrow gauge railways, railway museums and railway adventure offers. There are several steam railways in operation, such as the Fichtelberg Railway running daily, the Preßnitztal

Railway and the Schönheide Museum Railway. Interesting collections of remarkable locomotives and objects of railway history are on display in the Saxon Railway Museum located in Chemnitz-Hilbersdorf as well as in the Railway Museum in Schwarzenberg. Of course, the region is also the perfect place for taking a ride on a heritage railway such as the scenic "Erzgebirgische Aussichtsbahn" railway, the Augustusburg cable railway or the Wisentatal Railway (Schönberg – Schleiz) in Vogtland. Furthermore, charming park railways operate in Chemnitz and Plauen. The Fichtelberg Cable Car runs to the top of Fichtelberg Mountain: the highest mountain in Eastern Germany. It is the oldest aerial cableway in Germany.



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- Straßenbahnmuseum Chemnitz / Chemnitz Tramway Museum
- Sächsisches Eisenbahnmuseum Chemnitz-Hilbersdorf e.V. / Saxon Railway Museum Association, Chemnitz-Hilbersdorf
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- MRB Mitteldeutsche Regiobahn / Middle German Regional Railway (MRB)
- Drahtseilbahn Augustusburg / Augustusburg Cable Railway
- Eisenbahnfreunde Chemnitztal e.V., Clausnitz-Markersdorf / Chemnitztal Railway Friends' Association, Clausnitz-Markersdorf
- Erzbahn Schönborn-Dreiwerden e.V. / Hornický vláček Schönborn-Dreiwerden e.V.
- Modellbahnland Erzgebirge, Schönfeld-Wiesa / Ore Mountains Model Railway Park
- ExPRESSzugreisen / ExPRESS Railway Transport Company
- Preßnitztalbahn – IG Preßnitztalbahn e.V., Jöhstadt / Preßnitz Valley Railway Association
- Fichtelbergbahn – SDG mbH / Fichtelbergbahn Railway – SDG Company
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- Sächsisches Schmalspurbahnmuseum Rittersgrün / Saxon Narrow Gauge Railway Museum
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- Eisenbahnnostalgie Vogtland / Vogtland Railway Nostalgia
- Vogtländischer Eisenbahnverein Adorf e.V. / Vogtland Railway Association, Adorf
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REBUILT AS A MUSEUM RAILWAY ...
Pressnitz Valley Railway (Preßnitztalbahn) Steinbach – Jöhstadt

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The narrow gauge railway line from Wolkenstein to Jöhstadt was opened during a festive ceremony at Whitsun of 1892. Until 1984, the trains ran to Jöhstadt station on a route 15 miles (24 km) in length. From then on, freight trains were operated regularly from Wolkenstein to the transit station in Niederschmiedeburg before this service was terminated as well in 1986 and the line was gradually dismantled. Everybody thought this was the end of the Preßnitz Valley Railway – one of the most romantic railway lines in Saxony. However, the members of the society for the preservation of the railway, the “Interessengemeinschaft Preßnitztalbahn“, founded in 1990, started with the restoration of the engine shed in Jöhstadt. New track was gradually laid, and rolling stock was purchased. In 1992, on the 100th anniversary

of the former Preßnitz Valley Railway, the first tracks were laid in front of the engine shed in Jöhstadt. In the following years, the track to Steinbach station was gradually laid, so that the 5-mile (8-km) museum railway line could be opened in 2000. Four small train stations allow a diverse and simultaneous train operation. The trains and stations restored with great attention to detail will make you feel like you have traveled back in time. A tourist mine and several restaurants near the train stations invite guests to stay. Moreover, there is a great biking and hiking trail that runs parallel with the railway line. The museum steam railway operates on over 90 days a year. A special event for railway enthusiasts is also the annual Station Festival held at Whitsun. In addition, romantic train journeys during the Christ-

mas season or at the turn of the year offer the opportunity for the whole family to enjoy the magical Christmas atmosphere of the Ore Mountains.

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TRAVELING TO GERMANY'S HIGHEST TOWN BY STEAM TRAIN ...
FFchtelberg Steam Railway (Fichtelbergbahn) Cranzahl – Kurort Oberwiesenthal

In the south of the Free State of Saxony, not far away from the mountain town of Annaberg-Buchholz, lies the village of Granzahl in the heart of the Ore Mountains. Granzahl station is a place where old meets new: the modern railcars of the Erzgebirgsbahn railway and the steam trains of the Fichtelberg Steam Railway. We look forward to welcoming you soon on board our vintage steam trains for an unforgettable ride from Granzahl to Germany's highest town, Kurort Oberwiesenthal. The 750 mm (2 ft 5½ in) narrow-gauge railway runs from Cranzahl through Sehmatal valley, along picturesque Ore Mountain houses. Once the train has reached Neudorf, it is passing through the so-called "Soup Land" – never heard of it? So we recommend you visit the local soup museum. And it can have several reasons if it is

steaming in Neudorf - apart from steam locomotives and hot soup: the incense cones! Right next to the train station, the rustic demonstration workshop run by Jürgen Huss shows visitors how the original Neudorf incense cones are made; and if you do not mind getting dirty hands, you can even make such tiny cones yourself. A "Steam and Smoking Tour" on the Fichtelberg Steam Railway even gives you the opportunity to experience both – steam and smoke. From Neudorf, it requires a well-prepared train driver and team when facing the long, partly steep ascent. At the next station (Vierenstraße), a large continuous forest stretches around Fichtelberg. From the station, hikers can climb 1,640 feet (500 meters) in altitude to Saxony's highest peak, the Fichtelberg (3,986 feet/1,215 m). Before reaching the terminus in Oberwiesenthal after a wonderful ride

through the low mountain landscape, you will cross Hüttenbach Viaduct. So, come and experience an amazing railway adventure on the scenic Fichtelbergbahn Railway, with many sporting activities offered along the route. Outdoor enthusiasts can choose among hiking, Nordic Walking, mountain biking – or downhill skiing and sledding in winter. For example, you may walk or cycle at a leisurely pace on the "Erlebnispfad Bimmelbahn", a trail along the narrow gauge railway. Or enjoy the fun experience of sledding or skiing downhill before warming up in a comfortable wagon of the Fichtelbergbahn. Station numbers in the overview map (pp. 4/5): 65-67
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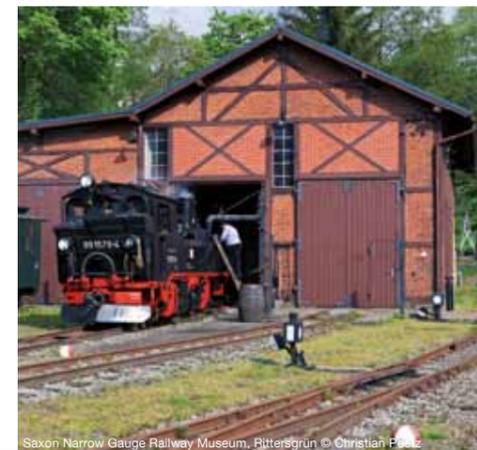
TAKE IN THE BREATHTAKING, PANORAMIC VIEWS OF THE ORE MOUNTAINS WHILE SITTING IN THE TRAIN ...
Railway adventure in the Western Ore Mountains and Vogtland

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When the first railway lines were built in Saxony in the second half of the 19th century, it was particularly challenging to extend the lines into the low mountain ranges. The particular topography of the Ore Mountains complicated the planning and construction of railways, making it necessary to build many artistic structures such as railway bridges and supporting walls. After some 1,880 railway lines had been built in many river valleys, it was only a matter of time before branch lines to the towns and villages located between the lines would be planned. For example, a particular transport demand – between Annaberg-Buchholz and Schwarzenberg, two major towns in the Ore Mountains – needed to be satisfied. The route running on ridges of the Ore Mountains was built in 1889 and offers impressive panoramic views, which is why it is called "Erzgebirgische Aussichtsbahn". Several bridges were erected to overcome the mountains. The best known railway bridge is the Markersbach viaduct, a favorite place to take pictures while riding on the "Erzgebirgische Aussichtsbahn". The railway is operated at selected weekends, using historic rail cars, steam and diesel trains. Visit the Rail-

way Museum in Schwarzenberg or the nearby Saxon Narrow Gauge Museum in Rittersgrün. The narrow gauge railways as well have made a great contribution to the development of the Ore Mountains. The Wilkau–Kirchberg narrow gauge railway in the Western Ore Mountains was the first and longest narrow gauge railway line in Saxony. Twenty years after the closure of the railway line in the 1970s, a particularly charming landscape was developed between Schönheide and Stützengrün. Enjoy the lovely scenery while riding on a steam train. The historic change-of-gauge station in Schönheide Süd (Wilzschhaus) is another station ensemble along the former route to Kirchberg that has been restored and re-opened. In the summer, you can take a fun ride on the standard gauge "Wernesgrüner Schienen-Epress", an open-air speeder running through the scenic Mulde river valley. Further railway experiences in Vogtland are rides on historic railbuses of the Eisenbahn-nostalgie Vogtland railway association, which are housed in the historical railyard in Adorf. Journeys on the Wisentatabahn Railway from Schönberg to Schleiz are offered on several weekends by railbus, too.

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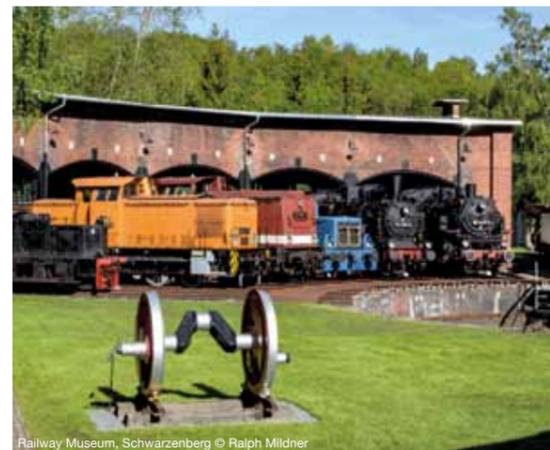
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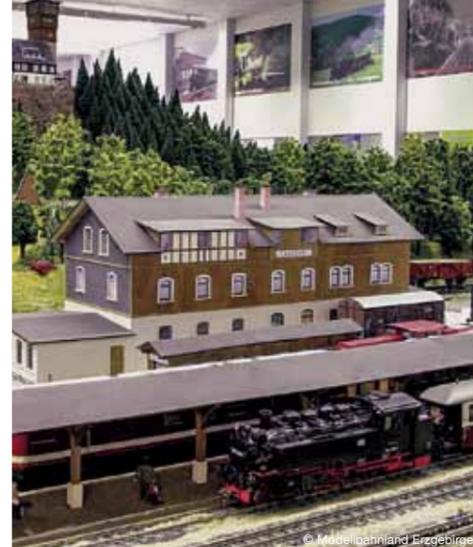
MINIATURE RAILWAY ADVENTURE ...

Model Railway

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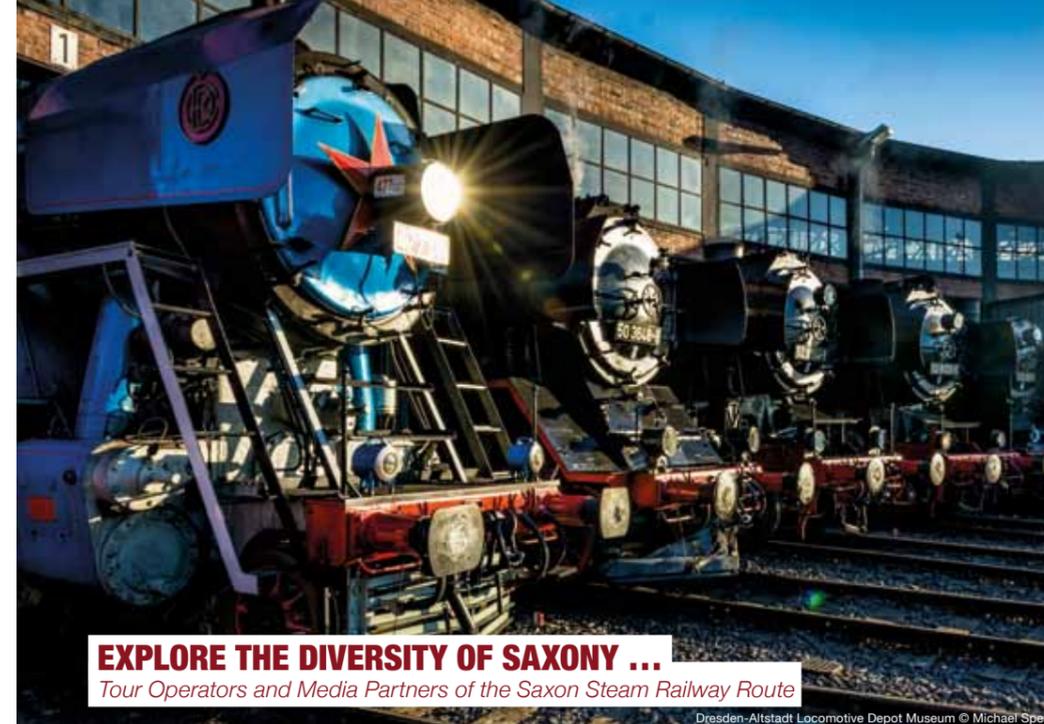
In addition to the Saxon steam railways, the partners of the Saxon Steam Railway Route include several model train manufacturers as well as retailers and operators of model railway layouts with focus on Saxon railway examples. Most of the life-size trains are operated on the Saxon Steam Railway Route; or they are on display at museums or are kept at railway as-

sociations. This is in keeping with the principle of railway modeling: the original and model. You can visit and admire several fantastic model railway layouts in Saxony, such as the "Modellbahnland Erzgebirge", a model railway park in Schönfeld-Wiesa in the Ore Mountains. Or visit the "Eisenbahnwelten", a large garden railway layout in Rathen, a village in Saxon Switzerland.



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Other attractions for life-size and model train enthusiasts are the large O-gauge model railway layout at Dresden Transport Museum and the model railway museum at the "Tillig-Modellbahn-Galerie" in the town of Sebnitz. Furthermore, Auhagen, a model railway builder in Marienberg, offers a huge range of railway buildings in addition to the large quantity of model vehicles. Visitors can admire part of the products at the company's store and exhibition. The model railways may also inspire you to visit the places where the original trains are operated. And, at the beginning of October, you can find our model railway partners at the models-hobbies-games Exhibition in Leipzig.



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