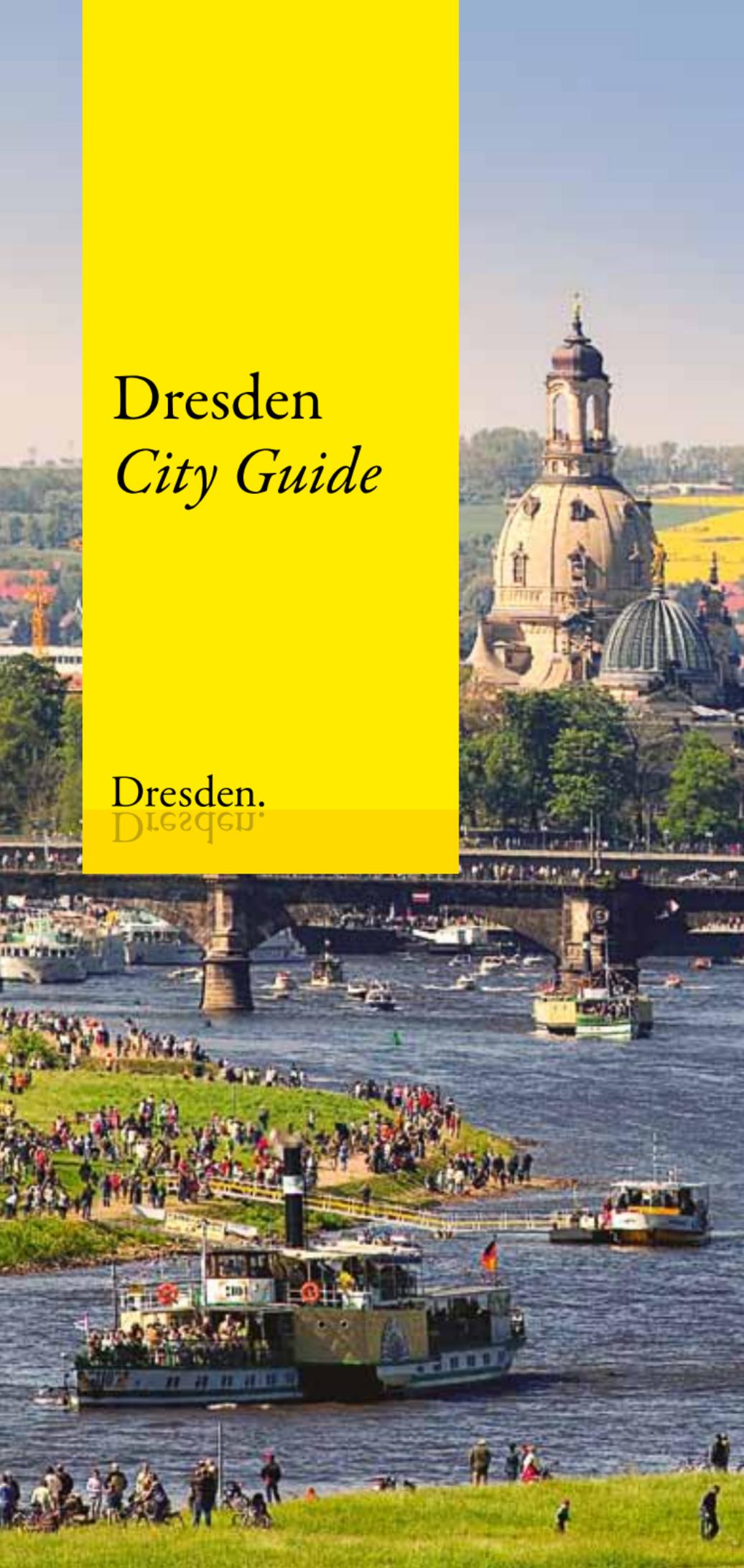


# Dresden *City Guide*

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View across to the Old Town (1)

## Come and see for yourself *Museums in Dresden*

### Welcome!

First impressions of Dresden are that it is a glittering metropolis but by no means one that has been polished smooth. Here in midst of the beautiful Elbe valley, you encounter one of the most enchanting Baroque cities in Europe. Although Dresden's rich history accompanies the visitor every step of the way, its inhabitants are firmly rooted in the present; they also pride themselves on their hospitality.

Join us on a stroll through the ages. Just like a detailed historic painting, the Old Town unfolds before your eyes – Frauenkirche, the Royal Palace, the Zwinger and the Semperoper together with their wealth of world-famous art treasures.

Yet despite its long history, Dresden has always had its sights firmly fixed on the future. This vibrant, cosmopolitan city is constantly changing, coming up with surprising discoveries and attracting energetic newcomers whilst still remaining true to itself.

Eras, styles, limitless focuses of interest. The jewels of the treasury. The world famous Sistine Madonna. Scientific phenomena. Contemporary art, experimental ideas, amazing discoveries. Dresden's museums are in a class of their own and impress by virtue of their fascinating collections. Exciting special exhibitions offer inspiring new insights for visitors of every age and interest group. We have marked those museums which we specially recommend for children with an asterisk. Ready to explore?

#### **Panometer Dresden with 360° mural**

Gasanstaltstrasse 8b | [www.asisi.de](http://www.asisi.de)  
Closed Mondays

#### **The Volkswagen Transparent Factory (31)**

[www.glaesernemanufaktur.de](http://www.glaesernemanufaktur.de)  
Open daily

#### **Deutsches Hygiene Museum\* (29)**

with children's section | [www.dhmd.de](http://www.dhmd.de)  
Closed Mondays

#### **Erich Kästner Museum\* (23)**

[www.erich-kaestner-museum.de](http://www.erich-kaestner-museum.de)  
Closed Thursdays and Saturdays

### **Dresden Fortress (4)**

www.schloesser-dresden.de  
Open daily

### **Military History Museum of the Bundeswehr (33)**

www.mhm.bundeswehr.de  
Closed Wednesdays

### **Richard Wagner Museum**

Richard-Wagner-Strasse 6 (Graupa)  
www.wagnerstaetten.de  
Closed Mondays

### **Senckenberg Natural History Collections (15)**

www.snsd.de | Closed Mondays

### **Dresden State Art Collections**

www.skd.museum

### **Royal Palace (9)**

Closed Tuesdays  
- Historic Green Vault  
- New Green Vault  
- Armoury  
- Collection of Prints, Drawings  
and Photographs  
- Coin Cabinet

### **Zwinger Palace (11)**

Closed Mondays  
- Old Masters Picture Gallery  
- Porcelain Collection  
- Royal Cabinet of Mathematical and  
Physical Instruments

### **Albertinum (5)**

Closed Mondays  
- New Masters Gallery  
- Sculpture Collection

### **Jägerhof (22)**

Closed Mondays  
- Museum of Saxon Folk Art and  
Puppet Theatre Collection

### **Pillnitz Palace**

Open May - October, closed Mondays  
- Museum of Decorative Arts

### **City Museum | Dresden City Art Museum (2)**

www.museen-dresden.de  
Closed Mondays

### **Dresden Technical Collections\***

with 'Maths Adventure Land',  
scope for experimentation etc  
Junghansstrasse 1-3  
www.tsd.de | Closed Mondays

### **Transport Museum\* (14)**

with opportunities to conduct  
experiments in the physics of  
aviation and a large indoor practice  
driving circuit for children  
www.verkehrsmuseum-dresden.de  
Closed Mondays

All Dresden museums are  
listed at  
**www.dresden.de/museen**

# Working up an appetite

## *Cafes and restaurants*

A quick espresso. A light lunch. A refined four-course meal. Crossover cuisine from Michelin-starred chefs. The region's favourite dish or international specialties. The sheer variety is enough to make the mouth water. In the Old Town, you are never far away from a new dining experience. You will find some fantastic restaurants within the walls of beautiful historic buildings. Or do you prefer small bistros, pubs and trendy restaurants? Then Outer Neustadt is the destination for you.

### **Dine in the style of Augustus the Strong**

In the Pulverturm (Powder Tower) next to the Frauenkirche, it's like a throwback to the reign of Augustus. Your meal is served in a rustic vaulted cellar. Crispy knuckle of pork and spit-roasted suckling pig are brought piping hot to your table. Also worth a recommendation is the Sophienkeller in the Taschenbergpalais.

### **Restaurants with a view**

The former cigarette factory known as the **Yenidze** (32) with its oriental glass dome is more than just an architectural curiosity. The panoramic view from the terrace is utterly unique. Another fantastic vantage point is to be found on the hillside above Loschwitz on the Elbe where you can partake of a glass of wine in the Strausswirtschaft at Albrechtsberg Castle, just around the corner on the Lingnerterrassen or at Schloss Eckberg. A historic funicular railway whisks you from Loschwitz on the right bank of the Elbe up to the Luisenhof.

### **Beer gardens on the Elbe**

The Elbe valley is a paradise for fans of the typical German beer garden. We recommend a wine spritzer or a fine draught lager at the Elbsegler next to the Augustus Bridge or at the Schillergarten next to the Blue Wonder Bridge. Whatever your favourite tippel may be.

### **Michelin-starred restaurants**

- „The Carrousel“ in the Hotel Bülow Palais, Königstrasse 14
- „bean & beluga“, Bautzner Strasse 32 (Weisser Hirsch district)
- „Elements DELI & Restaurant“, Königsbrücker Strasse 96



Transport Museum (2)



## Out and about

### *Attractions in the area*

#### **The wine village of Radebeul**

How about a stroll through the romantic vineyards of Lössnitz district? You can explore the historic Hoflössnitz Wine Museum and the Wackerbarth estate which is open to the public. In addition to classic wine tasting sessions, you are sure to find the guided tours most entertaining. Fans of the Wild West will make a beeline for the Karl May Museum which is located in the former home of this master of the fictional genre. (Tram number 4 | Journey time 30 - 40 mins)

#### **Moritzburg Palace**

From the station in Radebeul, the historic narrow-gauge railway affectionately known as the Lössnitzdackel (= Dachshund) wends its way through lakeland scenery to Moritzburg, 30 minutes away at the other end of the line. The Baroque palace, familiar to fans of the cult film *Three Wishes for Cinderella*, is one of the most beautiful moated castles in Europe. An atmospheric walk leads from here to the Fasanschlosschen (Pheasant Lodge) and the castle lake with pier and lighthouse. (Regional bus from Dresden-Neustadt station | approx 30 mins)

#### **Meissen – famed for its porcelain**

The Meissen Porcelain Manufactory enjoys a worldwide reputation. On display in the museum and exhibition workshop are masterpieces in 'white gold', both classic and contemporary. An essential part of any visit to Meissen is a walk through the historic Old Town and up the castle hill to the cathedral and Albrechtsburg.

(S-Bahn | Journey time approx 40 mins)

#### **Saxon Switzerland**

The relaxed way to explore the Elbe Sandstone Mountains – aboard a 100-year-old paddle steamer sailing from Pirna. From the Bastei Rock, you get a panoramic view of the Elbe Valley and beyond. On the opposite bank of the river stands 750-year-old Königstein, the largest fortress in Germany. A great summer destination for families is the cliffside amphitheatre of Felsenbühne Rathen.

(S-Bahn | Journey time approx 40 mins)

#### **Bautzen**

Founded 1,000 years ago, Bautzen is the main urban centre of the Oberlausitz (Upper Lusatia) region. Ancient Sorbian (Slavonic) traditions live on here, such as the Easter procession on horseback. The historic old town with its many towers is enchanting at any time of year.

(Regional rail service | Journey time approx 60 mins)

#### **The silver town of Freiberg**

A fully preserved, medieval town centre. One of the world's most impressive and comprehensive exhibitions of minerals. The famous Silbermann organ in the magnificent Freiberg Cathedral. And all within easy reach of Dresden. (S-Bahn | Journey time approx 45 mins)

#### **Christmas wonderland: Erzgebirge**

It would be hard to name any other region that has such a strong tradition of woodcarving as the scenic Erzgebirge (Ore Mountains). During Advent, the village of Seiffen with its workshops becomes a place of pilgrimage for lovers of wooden ornaments.

(Bus from Freiberg | Journey time approx 90 mins)

### **MUSEUMS AND SIGHTSEEING IN THE REGION**

#### **Hoflössnitz wine museum**

Radebeul, closed Mondays  
[www.hofloessnitz.de](http://www.hofloessnitz.de)

#### **Schloss Wackerbarth wine estate**

Radebeul, open daily  
[www.schloss-wackerbarth.de](http://www.schloss-wackerbarth.de)

### **Karl May Museum in Radebeul**

with children's adventure playground  
Closed Mondays  
[www.karl-may-museum.de](http://www.karl-may-museum.de)

### **Moritzburg Palace**

Open daily from April to October  
Closed Mondays from November  
to February  
[www.schloss-moritzburg.de](http://www.schloss-moritzburg.de)

### **Museum of Meissen Art®**

in the porcelain manufactory  
Open daily  
[www.meissen.de](http://www.meissen.de)

### **Meissen Cathedral**

Open daily  
[www.dom-zu-meissen.de](http://www.dom-zu-meissen.de)

### **Albrechtsburg Meißen**

Open daily  
[www.albrechtsburg-meissen.de](http://www.albrechtsburg-meissen.de)

### **Königstein Fortress**

Open daily  
[www.festung-koenigstein.de](http://www.festung-koenigstein.de)  
(April-Oktober ab Bhf. Königstein  
Festungsexpress | ca. 10 Min.)

### **Bastei Rock – panoramic views**

(S-Bahn to Rathen, ferry, approx  
40-minute walk up the hill or catch  
a regional bus from Pirna to Bastei.

Alternatively, Park & Ride site at  
Rathelwalde, followed by shuttle bus  
| Journey time approx 20 mins)

### **Felsenbühne Rathen**

Mid-May to mid-September  
[www.landesbuehnen-sachsen.de](http://www.landesbuehnen-sachsen.de)  
(S-Bahn to Rathen, ferry and then  
approx 15 minutes' walk)

### **Sorbian Museum in Bautzen**

Closed Mondays  
[www.museum.sorben.com](http://www.museum.sorben.com)

### **Erzgebirge Toy Museum in Seiffen**

Open daily  
[www.spielzeugmuseum-seiffen.de](http://www.spielzeugmuseum-seiffen.de)

### **Terra Mineralia at the TU Bergakademie Freiberg**

Open daily  
[www.terra-mineralia.de](http://www.terra-mineralia.de)

### **Cathedral of St Maria in Freiberg**

Open daily  
[www.freiberger-dom.de](http://www.freiberger-dom.de)

### **Horological Museum in Glashütte**

Open daily  
[www.uhrenmuseum-glashuette.com](http://www.uhrenmuseum-glashuette.com)  
(S-Bahn to Heidenau, then by  
Müglitztal narrow-gauge railway |  
Journey time approx 50 mins)

# Lasting impressions

## *Itineraries and tours*

By bus? By Velotaxi? The romantic way in a horse-drawn carriage?  
Using pedal power on a bike? Or maybe just on foot? Dresden can be  
explored in many ways:

### **Sightseeing tours**

Architecture, history, culture, the future – take a seat on one of the  
double-decker sightseeing buses and discover the many facets of  
the city. There are several options, e.g. a tour with running commen-  
tary by a city guide (1½ hrs) or in combination with cable car and  
river steamer (3 hours). Or, you can hop off the bus to spend more  
time exploring a particular place and then hop on one of the next  
buses – they come along at regular 30-minute intervals. Tickets for  
different events and attractions can be obtained at the Dresden In-  
formation Office and at various kiosks in the city centre.

### **Guided tours on foot**

Organised tours are your best option in the historic city centre. The-  
se commence several times a day, many of them setting off from  
Theaterplatz. Of course, there are also numerous tours that focus on  
a particular topic or theme. Dresden Information will be pleased to  
provide details and recommendations.

### **Vantage points**

Great views of the city can be had from the towers and balconies of  
the **Kreuzkirche** (1), the **Frauenkirche** (3), the **Royal Palace** (9) and  
the **Dreikönigskirche** (19).

### **Saxon Steamship Company**

With nine historical paddle steamers and two elegant cruise ships, the  
Saxon Steamship Company is the world's oldest paddle steamer fleet  
still in operation. There are regular trips to Saxon Switzerland, to Meis-  
sen and to Schloss Pillnitz, sightseeing tours, jazz and Dixieland ex-  
cursions, summer night cruises with dancing and much more besides.

Departure: Terrassenufer | [www.saechsische-dampfschiffahrt.de](http://www.saechsische-dampfschiffahrt.de)  
Timetable information phone +49 (0) 351 8660940



Saxon Switzerland, Bastei Bridge (4)



Semperoper (5)

And in the evening?  
*It's your choice...*

#### MUSIC | THEATRE

**Semperoper (10) and  
 Staatskapelle Dresden**  
[www.semperoper.de](http://www.semperoper.de)

**Dresden Philharmonic  
 Orchestra**  
 Various venues  
[www.dresdnerphilharmonie.de](http://www.dresdnerphilharmonie.de)

**Dresdner Kreuzchor**  
 Kreuzkirche –  
 Church of the Holy Cross (1)  
[www.kreuzchor.de](http://www.kreuzchor.de)

**Dresden State Theatre**  
 Schauspielhaus (37),  
 Kleines Haus (48)  
[www.staatsschauspiel-dresden.de](http://www.staatsschauspiel-dresden.de)

**Dresden State Operetta**  
 Pirnaer Landstrasse 131  
[www.staatsoperette-dresden.de](http://www.staatsoperette-dresden.de)

**Landesbühnen Sachsen theatre**  
 Meissner Landstrasse 152, Radebeul  
[www.dresden-theater.de](http://www.dresden-theater.de)

**Comödie Dresden (38)**  
[www.comoedie-dresden.de](http://www.comoedie-dresden.de)

**Centrum Theater (44)**  
[www.centrumtheater.de](http://www.centrumtheater.de)

**Boulevard Theater (46)**  
[www.boulevardtheater.de](http://www.boulevardtheater.de)

**Societaetstheater (40)**  
[www.societaetstheater.de](http://www.societaetstheater.de)

**Theatre Barge (36)**  
[www.theaterkahn-dresden.de](http://www.theaterkahn-dresden.de)

**Junge Generation theatre**  
 Meissner Landstrasse 4  
[www.tjg-dresden.de](http://www.tjg-dresden.de)

#### VARIETY | CABARET

**Carte Blanche  
 Drag theatre (47)**  
[www.carte-blanche-dresden.de](http://www.carte-blanche-dresden.de)

**Sarrasani Trocadero  
 theatre (50)**  
 During the winter months  
[www.sarrasani.de](http://www.sarrasani.de)

**HERKULESKEULE cabaret (42)**  
[www.herkuleskeule.de](http://www.herkuleskeule.de)

**Breschke & Schuch  
 cabaret (43)**  
[www.kabarett-breschke-schuch.de](http://www.kabarett-breschke-schuch.de)

#### OTHER VENUES

**Kulturpalast – Palace  
 of Culture (39)**  
 closed for renovation

**Alter Schlachthof (51)**  
[www.alter-schlachthof.de](http://www.alter-schlachthof.de)

**Hellerau Festival Theatre**  
 Karl-Liebnecht-Strasse 56  
[www.hellerau.org](http://www.hellerau.org)

**MESSE DRESDEN (56)**  
[www.messe-dresden.de](http://www.messe-dresden.de)

**Ostrapark (52)**  
[www.ostrapark.de](http://www.ostrapark.de)

**TheaterRuine St. Pauli (53)**  
[www.theateruine.de](http://www.theateruine.de)

#### DISCOS, NIGHTCLUBS, PARTIES

[www.dd-inside.com](http://www.dd-inside.com) | [www.banq.de](http://www.banq.de)

#### TICKET OUTLETS

**Dresden Information**  
 Neumarkt 2 | Tel. +49 (0) 351 501501

**SZ-ticket service in Karstadt**  
 Prager Strasse  
 Tel. +49 (0) 351 8611650

**SZ-ticket service**  
 in the Altmarktgalerie  
 Tel: +49 (0)351 4810318

# Highlights of the calendar

## **SemperOpernball SemperOpenairball**

February | [www.semperopernball.de](http://www.semperopernball.de)

## **Operetta Ball**

March  
[www.staatsoperette-dresden.de](http://www.staatsoperette-dresden.de)

## **Filmfest Dresden**

International Short Film Festival  
Mid-April | [www.filmfest-dresden.de](http://www.filmfest-dresden.de)

## **Fleet Parade**

1st May  
[www.saechsische-dampfschiffahrt.de](http://www.saechsische-dampfschiffahrt.de)

## **Long Night of Dresden Theatres**

Early May | [www.lange-nacht-der-dresdner-theater.de](http://www.lange-nacht-der-dresdner-theater.de)

## **International Dixieland Festival**

Mid-May | [www.dixieland.de](http://www.dixieland.de)

## **Dresden Music Festival**

Late May to early June  
[www.musikfestspiele.com](http://www.musikfestspiele.com)

## **Karl May Festival in Radebeul**

Late May or early June  
[www.karl-may-fest.de](http://www.karl-may-fest.de)

## **Bunte Republik Neustadt**

Third weekend in June  
[www.brn-dresden.de](http://www.brn-dresden.de)

## **Film Nights on the Elbe embankment**

June - August  
[www.filmnaechte-am-elbufer.de](http://www.filmnaechte-am-elbufer.de)

## **Dresden Riverside Festival**

Last weekend in June  
[www.elbhangfest.de](http://www.elbhangfest.de)

## **OSTRALE – International Ex- hibition of Contemporary Art**

June - September | [www.ostrale.de](http://www.ostrale.de)

## **Dresden Long Night of Science**

Early July  
[www.wissenschaftsnacht-dresden.de](http://www.wissenschaftsnacht-dresden.de)

## **Dresden Summer Night of Museums**

July  
[www.dresden.de/museumsnacht](http://www.dresden.de/museumsnacht)

## **Night of the Dresden Palaces**

July  
[www.dresdner-schloessernacht.de](http://www.dresdner-schloessernacht.de)

## **CANALETTO – The Dresden City Festival**

August | [www.dresdner-stadtfest.com](http://www.dresdner-stadtfest.com)

## **Moritzburg Festival**

International Chamber Music Festival  
August | [www.moritzburgfestival.de](http://www.moritzburgfestival.de)

## **Open days at local wine estates**

Last weekend of August  
[www.elbland.de](http://www.elbland.de)

## **Wine festivals in Radebeul and Meissen**

Last weekend of September  
[www.weinfest-radebeul.de](http://www.weinfest-radebeul.de)  
[www.meissner-weinfest.de](http://www.meissner-weinfest.de)

## **Unity.Dresden.Night**

November  
[www.unity-dresden-night.de](http://www.unity-dresden-night.de)

## **Jazz Days**

November | [www.jazztage-dresden.de](http://www.jazztage-dresden.de)

## **Dresden Striezelmarkt**

Late November - 24th December  
[www.dresden.de/striezelmarkt](http://www.dresden.de/striezelmarkt)

## **New Year's Eve on Theaterplatz**

31st December  
[www.silvesterstadt.de](http://www.silvesterstadt.de)

## **[www.dresden.de/highlights](http://www.dresden.de/highlights)**

# Retail therapy *Shoppers' paradise*

Meissen porcelain, unusual designer wear, antiques, second-hand items, souvenirs: Dresden's shopping trail starts at the main railway station, proceeds via the Prager Strasse and the Altmarkt (Old Market Square) to the Frauenkirche and then continues across the Augustus Bridge to the Neustadt side of the river into the Baroque and Alternative Quarters.

## **Wiener Platz, Prager Strasse, Altmarkt, Wilsdruffer Strasse**

This long shopping boulevard is where you will find branches of major international fashion chains, the Karstadt department store and the largest bookshop in eastern Germany. Also the Centrum Galerie and the Altmarkt Galerie with 200 shops, cafes and restaurants, including one of the four Apple Stores in Germany.

## **Around the Frauenkirche**

Luxury! Fashion! Top brands! The square surrounding the Frauenkirche is the ultimate seduction for shopaholics. If you have an eye for the special, you will be fascinated by the fashion and lifestyle stores here. Or do you collect art and antiques? Then you've come to the right place.

## **The Baroque Quarter between Hauptstrasse and Königstrasse**

The Baroque Quarter on the right bank of the Elbe is regarded as a top address for upmarket shopping. The town houses lining the Königstrasse are the perfect premises for elegant boutiques, sole traders, art galleries and restaurants. A special tip for your visit to the Hauptstrasse: the **Arts and Crafts Arcades** (18) and the historic **Market Hall** (21) dating back to the late 19th century.

## **Outer Neustadt Alternative Quarter**

Outer Neustadt begins at Albertplatz. Jostling for your attention are classy boutiques, charming second-hand shops and designer outlets spanning the full range from flashy to elegant. And while you're there, don't miss the **Kunsthof Passage** (25) and the 'world's most beautiful dairy shop', namely **Pfunds Molkerei** (27).



## A breath of fresh air *Green Dresden*

### **Grosser Garten with Zoo and Botanical Gardens**

Lush flower beds, emerald-green lawns, magnificent avenues to stroll or roller-skate along, Baroque fountains and sculptures, a lake with gondolas: the Grosser Garten is Dresden's largest and most beautiful public park. A half-hour circuit on the miniature railway takes you past the zoo and a **Baroque palace** (30) purpose-built for summer festivities.

### **The riverside meadows and the Elbe Cycle Route**

A major attraction of Dresden is its expansive riverside meadows – great for sunbathing, relaxing and daydreaming. Or do you prefer a more active type of holiday? How about a bike tour? The Elbradweg runs for a total distance of 860 kilometres alongside the Elbe river, ma-

king it one of the most attractive and varied cycling routes in Europe.

### **The Elbe palaces**

A magnificent view can be enjoyed from the three Elbe palaces on the hillside above Loschwitz. A word of caution, however: their grounds are so extensive that you may quickly lose track of time and space... The triple ensemble forms a magical backdrop for Dresdner Schlössernacht – Night of the Dresden Palaces – which is held every year in July. (Tram number 11 from the city centre | Journey time approx 20 mins)

### **Loschwitz hillside railways**

From Körnerplatz close to the Blue Wonder Bridge, you have a choice of two mechanised ascents. The funicular takes you up to Weisser Hirsch district. The oldest suspension railway in the world (built 1898 – 1900) connects the riverside to Oberloschwitz. (Tram number 12 from the city centre to Schillerplatz, journey time approx 20 mins, then cross the bridge on foot)

### **Pillnitz Palace and Park**

The two picturesque palaces with their curving roofs were built for Augustus the Strong as a summer residence. They are surrounded by a large park with intricate parterres and some rare trees, including a 200-year-old camellia. (Tram number 4 and ferry, or bus number 63 from the city centre | Journey time approx 45 mins)

# Dresden in one hour

## *The historic Old Town*

Departure point: Theaterplatz. Standing by the equestrian statue of King Johann, you are surrounded by famous buildings. The **Semper Opera House** (10) was built in the years 1871 – 1878 to plans drawn up by Gottfried Semper. Regular guided tours of its magnificent interior. ([www.semperoper-erleben.de](http://www.semperoper-erleben.de))

The **Zwinger** (11) was where Augustus the Strong liked to celebrate with his court. The magnificent baroque palace was built between 1710 and 1738 under the direction of Matthäus Daniel Pöppelmann. Tucked in between the Wallpavillon and Semper Gallery is the Nymphenbad, a beautiful fountain which provides a wonderfully cool retreat in the summer months. The Zwinger houses the Dresden Porcelain Collection, the Royal Cabinet of Mathematical and Physical Instruments and the Old Masters Picture Gallery where Raphael's Sistine Madonna is on display.

The **Royal Palace** (9) on the other side of the street was the seat of government for the elector princes and kings of Saxony for several centuries. The sgraffito wall decor in the large courtyard is a wonder to behold. A tour of the interior will take visitors via the New Green Vault, the Collection of Prints, Drawings and Photographs, the Coin Cabinet, the Armoury and the magnificent original rooms of the Historic Green Vault which formerly served as the Royal Treasury.

The **Cathedral** (8) was built between 1738 and 1755 in the late Baroque style. The exquisite interior includes an altarpiece by Anton Raffael Mengs, a Rococo pulpit by Balthasar Permoser and a Silbermann organ. The crypt holds the sarcophagi of the Wettin royal family and a casket containing the heart of Augustus the Strong.

Stepping out of the large church portal, we continue along Augustusstrasse towards Neumarkt square. A 100-metre-long mural of 24,000 Meissen porcelain tiles known as the **Fürstenzug – Procession of the Princes** – (13) depicts all the rulers of Saxony from 1123 to 1904. At the far end is the **Johanneum** (14). Formerly the stables and later an art gallery, it now houses the Transport Museum.



To the rear of the Johanneum is the **Stallhof** (12), a well-preserved medieval jousting arena. The main attraction on Neumarkt is the **Frauenkirche** (3) – the baroque Church of Our Lady – which was rebuilt thanks to generous donations from all around the world. It is surrounded by other post-reunification reconstructions.

A few metres further along, on Georg-Treu-Platz, is a set of steps leading up to **Brühl's Terrace** (4). The former fortified river embankment was transformed into a private garden for Count Brühl, an 18th century Prime Minister of Saxony, and subsequently became the most popular promenade in Dresden.

The **Albertinum** (5) served as an arsenal for military equipment. It was later turned into a museum. Nowadays, it houses the New Masters Gallery with works from the Romantic period to the present plus the Sculpture Collection.

Located between the Albertinum and the Carola Bridge and constructed in the form of a cube rotated to the east is Dresden's **New Synagogue** (7) which opened in 2001. The original house of worship was destroyed by the Nazis in 1938.

On the left is a glass cupola topped off with a golden angel. Underneath this dome is the **Academy of Fine Arts** (6). Our tour continues in the direction of the Augustus Bridge and back down the sweeping stone steps to Theaterplatz (Theatre Square).



In the Alternative Quarter (8)

## The other side *Neustadt Baroque Quarter*

Inner Neustadt is actually Dresden's oldest district, having been rebuilt by Augustus the Strong as a Neue Königliche Stadt (New Royal City) following a major conflagration.

The **Japanese Palace** (15) was built to house the porcelain collection of Augustus the Strong. It owes its name to the curved slope of the roof and the pediment relief which depicts Saxons and Asians collaborating in the manufacture of porcelain. The Japanese Palace now houses the Senckenberg Natural History Collections and the Ethnographical Museum.

On the other side of the square is a splendid fountain which marks the start of **Königstrasse** (16). The Baroque town houses with their romantic courtyards and passages have been faithfully restored and are now used as upmarket shops, restaurants and modern art galleries.

The facade of the **Dreikönigskirche** church (19) has been well preserved, but the interior has been completely redesigned. One feature that has been returned to its customary place is the Baroque altar which was severely damaged in the war.

Opposite the church, your attention will be drawn to the **Neustadt Market Hall** (21), an attractive shopping centre dating back to the late 19th century.

In the **Arts and Crafts Arcades** (18), potters, porcelain artists, metal designers and florists display their wares. Take a look into the courtyard where you will see the **Societaetstheater** (40). This was built in the 18th century as a bourgeois counterpart to the royal Hoftheater. The adjacent **Kügelgenhaus** (20) now houses the Museum of Dresden Romanticism.

At the end of Hauptstrasse is the square known as Neustädter Markt which is dominated by the famous 'Golden Rider' statue of Augustus the Strong – not surprisingly one of the most photographed attractions in the city. And it would be highly remiss to omit the oldest preserved Renaissance building in Dresden from our itinerary. The small museum of Saxon Folk Art in the west wing of the **Jägerhof** (22) is definitely worth a visit.



Baroque buildings in Hauptstrasse (9)

# Burning the midnight oil

## *Neustadt Alternative Quarter*

The extensive district beyond Albertplatz looks very much the way it was when first laid out. Impressive rows of buildings punctuated by narrow alleys, distinguished-looking mansions interspersed with secluded inner courtyards – the block delineated by Alaunstrasse and Louisenstrasse is a contrasting mix of lovingly restored residential and commercial buildings, of elegant cocktail bars and traditional pubs, exclusive boutiques and fashionable outfitters. Highly recommended for an evening's entertainment are Outer Neustadt's music clubs, bars and cafés – the antithesis of Dresden's genteel Old Town.

If you are planning a visit in summer, bear in mind that the third weekend in June is set aside for the best-known of Dresden's district festivals, the Bunte Republik Neustadt – the 'Multicoloured Republic of Neustadt' – a name which captures the spirit behind the event.

Don't miss the **Kunsthof Passage** (25) between Alaunstrasse and Görlitzerstrasse. Its colourful architecture provides the setting for five highly individual and imaginatively used courtyards. Pubs, restaurants, modern arts and crafts, designer studios and a wonderful selection of jumble for sale attract patrons from near and far.

The **Martin Luther Church** (28) was built in the Romanesque style in just four years (1883 - 1887) to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the birth of the founder of the Reformation. Behind it on the left, in Pulsnitzerstrasse, is Saxony's oldest **Jewish cemetery** (26).

And to round off the tour, something delicious: **Pfunds Molkerei** (27) reputed to be 'the world's most beautiful dairy shop'. It has earned this accolade firstly for its magnificent interior with wall tiles by Villeroy & Boch and secondly for its huge selection of cheeses.



### Dresden at a glance:

- Capital of the Free State of Saxony
- Metropolitan area of 328km<sup>2</sup>, approx 64% of which is forest and parkland
- Population: approx 530,000

### Arrival by air:

- Dresden International Airport (Dresden-Klotzsche)
  - 9km from city centre
  - 20 mins approx to city centre by S-Bahn (local rail), with a service frequency of 30 minutes
- [www.dresden-airport.de](http://www.dresden-airport.de) | Tel: +49 (0)351 8813360

### Arrival by car:

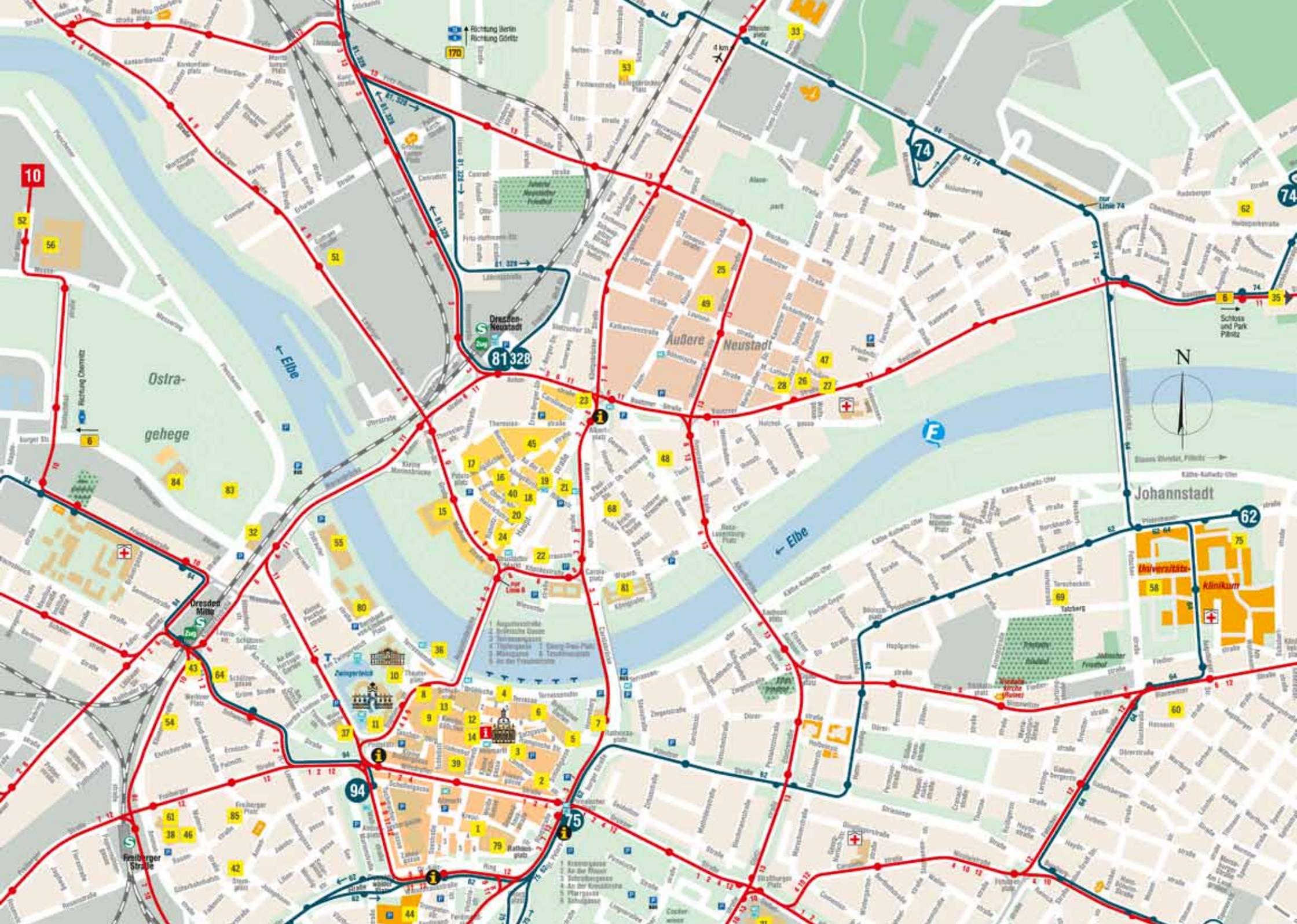
- From the north, A13 via Berlin
- From the east, A4 via Görlitz
- From the south, A17 from Prague, A9 and A72 via Nuremberg, Chemnitz
- From the west, A4 via Hermsdorfer Kreuz autobahn junction

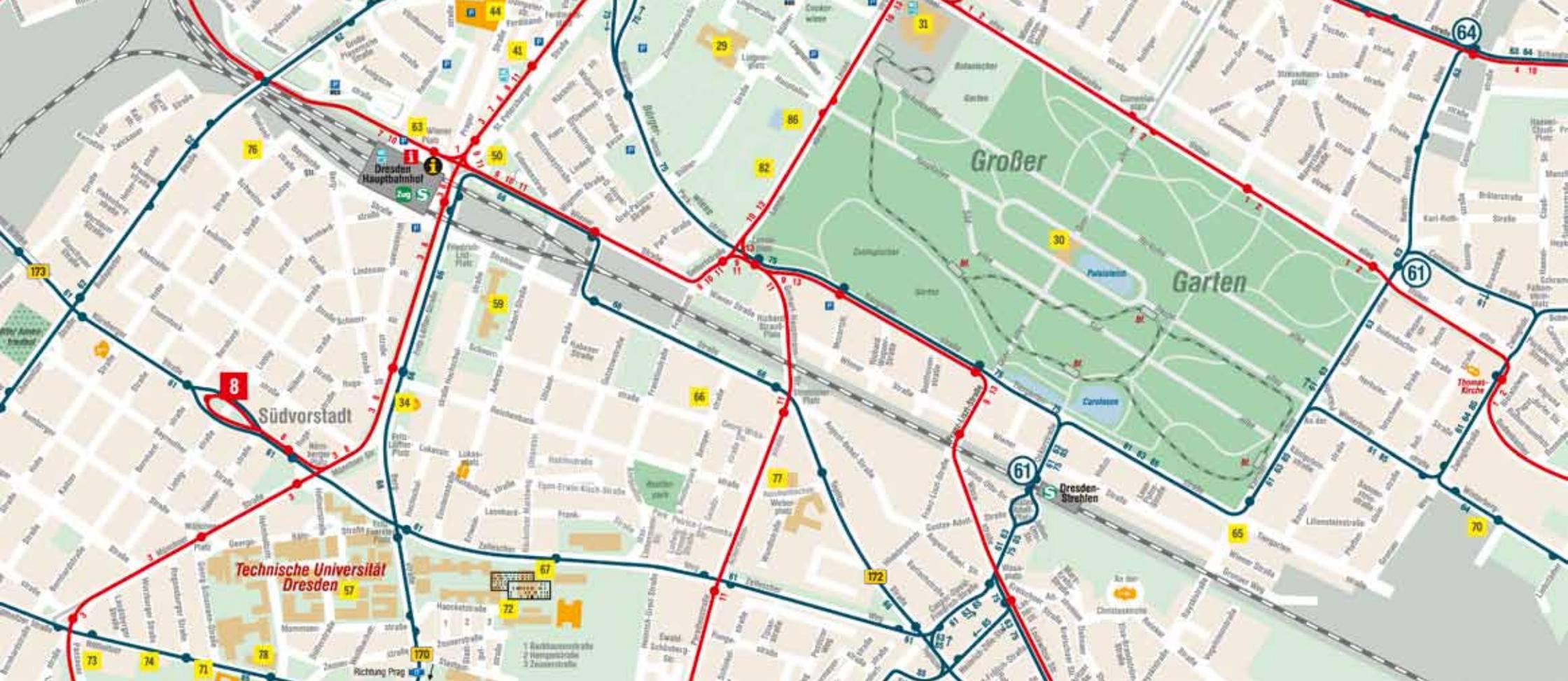
### Arrival by bus:

- Connections to national and international long-distance bus network
- Pick up and drop off behind the main railway station in Bayrische Strasse

### Arrival by rail:

- Two railway stations served by the ICE and EC/IC network
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  - Direct international connections to Prague, Budapest, Bratislava, Vienna, Zurich
- [www.bahn.de](http://www.bahn.de) | Tel: +49 (0) 180 5996633





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