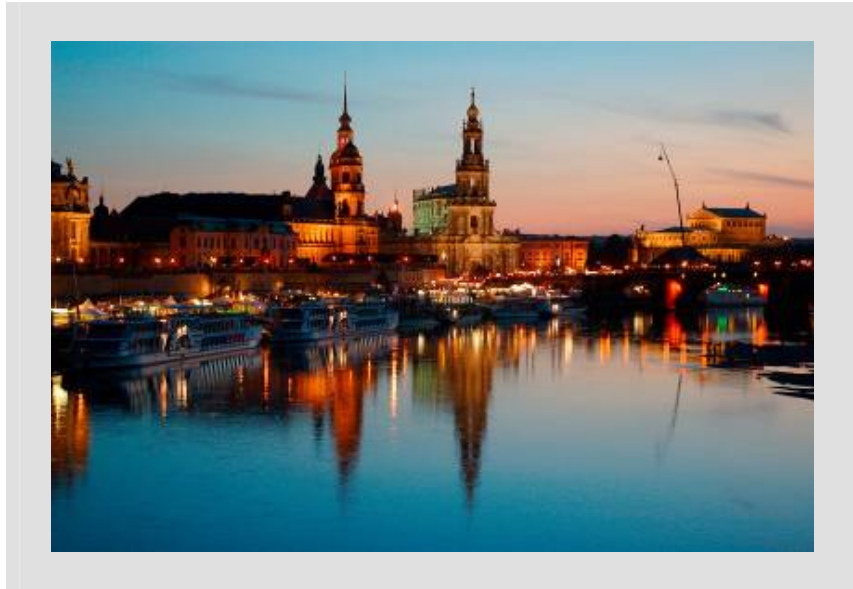


Sample Itinerary

Along the River Elbe (7 days)

**Berlin – Potsdam – Magdeburg – Wörlitz – Dessau-Rosslau – Wittenberg –
Torgau – Meissen – Dresden – Königstein – Bastei/Lohmen – Dresden**



DAY 1 **USA – Berlin**

Departure from the USA (overnight flight)

DAY 2 **Berlin**

Arrival in Berlin

Transfer to the hotel and check-in

Guided city tour

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DAY 2
Cont'd **Berlin**

Places of Interest:

- Museum Island with Berlin Cathedral
- Brandenburg Gate
- Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church
- Charlottenburg Palace
- Museums along the Wall incl. Checkpoint Charlie
- Schonenberg Town Hall
- Olympic Stadium
- TV Tower
- Potsdamer Platz
- Government district and Reichstag
- Avenue 'Unter den Linden'
- New National Gallery

Berlin – The events of the past have left their mark on Berlin's cityscape – and the city is still changing today. "Berlin is always in the process of becoming", remarked historian Karl Scheffler, and this is one of the traits that makes it one of Europe's most vibrant, exciting and colorful capitals. One is spoilt for choice with more than 1,500 events every day as well as numerous parks, museums, operas, and historical sites such as the Brandenburg Gate or the Berlin Wall. The five museums on the Museumsinsel in Berlin (UNESCO site), built 1824-1930, are the realization of a visionary project and show the evolution of approaches to museum design over the course of the 20th century. Strolls through the modern government district provide new perspectives to modern architecture, while the elegant Kurfürstendamm promenade in the former West still attracts well-heeled shoppers from all around the world.



Berlin Cathedral on Museum Island



Government District

Dinner

Overnight in Berlin

DAY 3 **Berlin – Potsdam**

Breakfast at the hotel check-out

Transfer to Potsdam – 23 miles (by car, coach, or train)

DAY 3
Cont'd **Potsdam – Magdeburg**

Guided city tour

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Places of Interest:

- Sanssouci Palace and Parks
- Old Market Square
- Dutch Quarter
- Movie Studios Babelsberg
- Lakes and Rivers around Potsdam

Potsdam – An island amidst the chain of lakes on the Havel and the beautiful wooded countryside that surrounds it. Idyllic lakes and rivers, combined with the fabulous palaces and gardens, make a visit to Potsdam an experience to remember. With 500 ha of parks and 150 buildings constructed between 1730 and 1916, Potsdam's complex of palaces and parks forms an artistic whole, whose eclectic nature reinforces its sense of uniqueness. Voltaire stayed at the Sanssouci Palace, built under Frederick II between 1745 and 1747.



New Palace in Sanssouci Park

Lunch

Transfer to Magdeburg – 79 miles (by car, coach, or train)

Hotel check-in

Guided city tour

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**DAY 3
Cont'd**

Magdeburg

Places of Interest:

- St. Mauritius Cathedral
- Green Citadel (Hundertwasser House)
- Monastery of Our Lady
- Old Market Square
- Old Town Hallo
- Lukasklause Fort
- St. John's Church
- Millennium Tower in the Elbauenpark
- Rotehorn Park
- Hasselbach Square
- Fürstenwall Promenade

Magdeburg – First mentioned in records in 805 and now the regional capital of Saxony-Anhalt, Magdeburg has an incredible array of monuments that serve as reminders of its turbulent history. The townscape has been shaped by Magdeburg's cultural heritage and features historical monuments as well as the massive buildings dating from the period of communist town planning. Throughout its colorful history this town on the River Elbe has been subjected to devastation and destruction and enjoyed frequent periods of prosperity, and this is still very much reflected in the current townscape. Architectural monuments dating from all the historical periods such as the imperial cathedral and Monastery of Our Lady hark back to the former glory and wealth of this former centre of imperial power.



St. Mauritius Cathedral



Green Citadel

Dinner

Overnight in Magdeburg

DAY 4 Magdeburg – Dessau-Rosslau

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Dessau-Rosslau – 37 miles (by car, coach, or train)

**DAY 4
Cont'd**

Dessau-Rosslau – Wörlitz

Visit to Bauhaus (UNESCO site)

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Dessau-Rosslau – Between 1919 and 1933, the Bauhaus School, based first in Weimar and then in Dessau, revolutionized architectural and aesthetic concepts and practices. The buildings put up and decorated by the school's professors (Walter Gropius, Hannes Meyer, Laszlo Moholy-Nagy and Wassily Kandinsky) launched the Modern Movement, which shaped much of the architecture of the 20th century.



Bauhaus

Transfer to Wörlitz – 11 miles (by car, coach, train, or bus)

Guided gondola tour through the Wörlitz Park of the Garden Kingdom of Dessau-Wörlitz (UNESCO site)

Gartenreich Dessau-Wörlitz

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www.gartenreich.com

Wörlitz – The Garden Kingdom of Dessau-Wörlitz is an exceptional example of landscape design and planning of the Age of the Enlightenment, the 18th century, and has therefore been added to the UNESCO list. Its diverse components - outstanding buildings, landscaped parks and English gardens, and subtly modified expanses of agricultural land - serve aesthetic, educational, and economic purposes in an exemplary manner.



Gondola ride in Wörlitz Park

DAY 4 **Wörlitz – Wittenberg**

Lunch

Transfer to Wittenberg – 22 miles (by car or coach)

Hotel check-in

Guided city tour

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Places of Interest:

- “Augustine” Monastery
- Luther Hall
- Luther House
- Melonchton House
- Town Church with Lucas Cranach Alter
- All Saints Castle Church

Wittenberg – It is best known as the place where Luther did most of his work, and you will feel his presence everywhere. Luther launched the Reformation in Wittenberg, an act of the greatest importance in Europe. Visit the All Saints Castle Church on whose door Luther hung his 96 theses and where Luther and Melancton are buried.



Town square

Dinner

Overnight in Wittenberg

DAY 5 **Wittenberg – Torgau**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Torgau – 31 miles (by car or coach)

DAY 5
Cont'd **Torgau – Meissen**

Guided city tour

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Places of Interest:

- Church of St. Mary
- Hartenfels Castle
- Historical Old Quarter

Torgau – the City of Renaissance and Reformation. In Torgau the first Protestant church was established in 1544. Here the Torgau Articles were drawn up, and essential part of the Augsburg Confession. Martin Luther's wife is buried at the Church of St. Mary.



Castle and St. Mary's town church

Transfer to Meissen – 40 miles (by car or coach)

Lunch at Café Restaurant Meissen

Café Restaurant Meissen
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01662 Meissen
Tel: +49 (3521) 468 730
Fax: +49 (3521) 409 240
E-Mail: info@gastronomie-meissen.de
www.gastronomie-meissen.de

Tour of the Meissen porcelain factory and museum

Staatliche Porzellan-Manufaktur Meissen
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DAY 5
Cont'd **Meissen – Dresden**

Short Guided city tour

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Places of Interest:

- Cathedral
- Porcelain Factory
- Albrechtsburg Castle
- Old Town
- Town Museum in the former Franciscan Monastery

Meissen – The Saxon town of Meissen is inextricably linked with porcelain. Before it could be made in Europe, porcelain had been imported from China since the beginning of the 13th century. In the early 18th century in the town of Meissen, research was begun to discover the keys to porcelain manufacturing. In 1708, for the first time in Europe, white porcelain was manufactured in the town of Meissen. Visit the manufacturer, where you can view historic pieces of porcelain, learn how it is created, and view the demonstration workshop to discover how Meissen pieces are individually designed and hand created. However, this charming town has many other attractions to offer including architectural highlights such as Meissen Cathedral with its characteristic towers.



View on Albrechtsburg castle



Porcelain painter

Transfer to Dresden – 20 miles (by car, coach, or train)

Hotel check-in

Dinner

Overnight in Dresden

DAY 6 **Dresden**

Breakfast at the hotel

Guided city tour

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Places of Interest:

- Zwinger
- Church of our Lady
- Semper Opera
- Green Vault
- Great Garden
- Royal Palace
- Cathedral
- Procession of the Princes
- Brühl Terrace
- Kreuzkirche Church
- Academy of Arts and Art Society

Dresden – Unique art treasures, internationally renowned resonating bodies, buildings of outstanding beauty – those are just a few highlights the Saxon capital has to offer. Tradition and modern spirit are equal components of Dresden’s cultural flair. There are also charming landscapes alongside the Elbe river with cast meadows, exclusive residential areas and magnificent castles. The great enthusiasm for the resurrected Church of our Lady is still unbowed. Another highlight was the reopening of the Historic Green Vault in 2006. This marks the return of the famous collection of the princes of Wettin, one of Europe’s richest treasures, to the Royal Palace of Dresden, its historical place of origin.



Cathedral and Royal Palace



Semper Opera

**DAY 6
Cont'd** **Dresden – Königstein – Lohmen/Bastei**

Transfer to Königstein – 25 miles (by car or coach)

Lunch at Königstein Fortress - Choose between the 'Officer's mess' with great panorama views, the eventful restaurant 'In the Casemates' offering exciting time travel through the previous centuries with culinary highlights (booking in advance), or the historic bar "Ye Olde Musqueteer" with solid meals in cozy atmosphere.

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Guided Tour of the Fortress

Königstein Fortress – A unique monument to the art of European fortress construction. Its 750 years' history has made it an impressive configuration of late Gothic, Renaissance, Baroque and 19th century architecture. Amidst the extraordinary rock formations of the 'Saxon Switzerland' the fortress stands towering 1184 feet above sea-level on a table mountain, easily visible from afar. It is not only a magnet for people interested in military history, but also for nature-lovers, who have a fantastic view of the picturesque Elbe Sandstone Mountains and the foothills of the Osterz Mountains from the mile-and-a-half long fortified walls. On a guided tour, you will also get a chance to see the deep, 400-year-old cellars and underground casemates.



Aerial view of the fortress

Transfer to Bastei Rock/ Lohmen – 13 miles (by car or coach)

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**DAY 6
Cont'd**

Lohmen/Bastei – Dresden

Bastei – Saxon Switzerland's strangely eroded rock formations, which date from the Cretaceous period, are an unforgettable experience for visitors. With its chalky sandstone cliffs, deeply carved valleys, table mountains and gorges, this fascinating landscape is the only one of its kind in central Europe. Rock climbing in the national park is an excellent way to see Saxon Switzerland in all its glory, but there are also more leisurely ways to enjoy the breathtaking scenery, such as a trip to the Bastei rocks with stunning views over the mountains and the Elbe River.



Bastei Bridge

Transfer back to Dresden – 25 miles (by car or coach)

Alternative program for the day: Roundtrip Dresden-Königstein-Dresden by steamboat with the Saxon Steamboat Company including a lunch break in Königstein and view of the Bastei rock from the river.

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Dinner

Overnight in Dresden

DAY 7

Dresden – USA

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Dresden Airport

Departure to the USA