

Sample Itinerary

Car Country Germany 2: Volkswagen, BMW, Audi, Trabant, Wartburg (6 days)

Wolfsburg – Leipzig – Zwickau – Eisenach



DAY 1 **USA – Hanover (Hannover)**

Departure from the USA (overnight flight)

DAY 2 **Hanover – Wolfsburg**

Arrival in Hanover

Transfer to Wolfsburg – 55 miles (by car, coach, or direct connection with ICE high speed train)

Hotel check-in

Free time at leisure

Dinner

Overnight in Wolfsburg



DAY 3 Wolfsburg

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Short guided city tour

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Places of Interest:

- Autostadt
- Phaeno Science Center
- Allerpark
- Planetarium
- Wolfsburg Castle
- Fallersleben Castle
- Fortress Neuhaus
- Designer Outlets Wolfsburg in the city center

Wolfsburg – Located between Berlin, Hamburg and Hanover, Wolfsburg, is between the Lüneburger Heide region in the north and the Harz mountains in the south. Volkswagen's 'Autostadt' automobile theme park (see also front page) has enchanted millions of visitors with its exceptional concept. Imbedded in the unique architectural landscape designed by Zaha Hadid, the Science Center 'phaeno' presents 250 interactive exhibits dealing with nature and technology. Recently, more than 50 prestigious trend shops have opened their doors in Wolfsburg's new outlet center. Wolfsburg Castle, the Fallersleben Castle and other sights provide plenty of opportunities to spend a few days in this city.



Volkswagen Autostadt



Wolfsburg Castle

DAY 3 **Wolfsburg – Leipzig**

Visit to Autostadt theme park incl. tour of Volkswagen production plant, CarTowers and GroupForum with exhibitions

Autostadt

Stadtbrücke
38440 Wolfsburg
Tel: +49 (5361) 400
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E-Mail: service@autostadt.de
www.autostadt.de

Opening hours: 9:00am-6pm daily. Closed on Dec 24 and 31.
(Note: Please confirm opening hours prior to booking)

Lunch at one of the Autostadt restaurants

Test drive with a Volkswagen Tiguan or Touareg on the Autostadt's challenging all-terrain tracks

Transfer to Leipzig – 127 miles (by car, coach, or train)

Hotel check-in

Dinner

Overnight in Leipzig

DAY 4 **Leipzig**

Breakfast at the hotel

Visit to BMW Plant Leipzig

BMW Werk Leipzig

Besucherbetreuung (visitor service)
BMW Allee 1
04350 Leipzig
Tel: +49 (341) 4450
E-Mail: info.leipzig@bmw-besucherwesen.de
www.bmw-werk-leipzig.de

Lunch at the BMW Plant's canteen

DAY 4
Cont'd **Leipzig**

Guided city tour (Optional: Guided city tour in a 'Trabi' convoy. The Trabant or 'Trabi' was the GDR's cult car, produced until 1991)

Leipzig Tourist Office

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www.ltm-leipzig.de

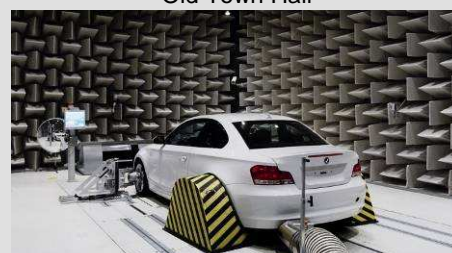
Places of Interest:

- St. Thomas Church with Bach's tomb
- St. Nicholas Church
- Luther House
- Luther Hall
- Old City Hall
- Former German Supreme Court
- Mendelssohn House
- Mädler Passage
- Monument of the Battle of the Nations
- Stasi-Museum in the "Round Corner"
- Grassi Museum with Museum of Musical Instruments, Museum of Applied Arts, and Ethnological Museum

Leipzig – The city of Leipzig has been an important influence in European commercial and intellectual life for centuries, and its sights are all part of the Leipzig experience. Johann Sebastian Bach was choirmaster in St. Thomas's Church, and many other composers spent time in Leipzig: Richard Wagner, Robert Schumann, Mendelssohn-Bartoldy, and the world famous St. Thomas Choir. Today many new artists live in Leipzig where a peaceful demonstration led to the reunification of Germany. Historical shopping arcades, lovingly restored, are typical of the architecture in the city centre. There are great shops, a vibrant cultural scene and lively bars that stay open very late, all within a relatively small area. In 2005, BMW opened a new plant, mainly for the BMW 1.



Old Town Hall



Acoustic measurements at BMW



DAY 4
Cont'd **Leipzig**

Dinner

Overnight in Leipzig

DAY 5 **Leipzig – Zwickau**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Zwickau – 52 miles (by car, coach, or train)

Guided city tour

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Places of Interest:

- Market Square (,Hauptmarkt')
- Town Hall
- Cathedral of St. Mary
- August Horch Automobile Museum
- Robert Schumann House
- Priests Houses
- Concert Hall ,Neue Welt'
- Historic Old Town

Zwickau – In the foothills of the Erzgebirge mountains, Zwickau's lovingly restored town centre has many fine places of interest, dating back through various centuries. Highlights include the town hall, the priests' houses and the Cathedral of St. Mary. Music lovers meanwhile can find out all about the life and works of the composer Robert Schumann in the house where he was born. Motoring enthusiasts should head for the August Horch Museum. Zwickau's automotive heritage began with Horch, founder of Audi, and continued with the Trabant, the typical GDR car. The museum is housed in the old Audi factory.



Historic gas station at the August Horch Museum

DAY 5
Cont'd **Zwickau – Eisenach**

Visit to August Horch Automobile Museum at the former Audi Plant

August Horch Museum Zwickau

Audistrasse 7
08058 Zwickau
Tel: +49 (375) 2717 380
Fax: +49 (375) 2717 3811
E-Mail: info@horch-museum.de
www.horch-museum.de

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 9:30am-5pm. Closed on Dec. 24, 25 and 3.
(Note: Please confirm opening hours prior to booking)

Lunch

Transfer to Eisenach – 114 miles (by car or coach)

Hotel check-in

Visit to the Automobile World Eisenach

Automobile Welt Eisenach

Friedrich-Naumann-Strasse 10
99817 Eisenach
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www.eisenach.info

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 11:00am-5pm. (Note: Please confirm opening hours prior to booking)

Guided city tour

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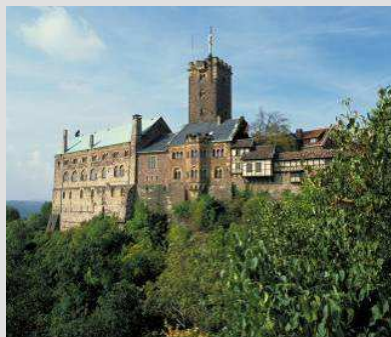
**DAY 5
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Eisenach

Places of interest:

- Wartburg Castle
- Luther House
- Bach Family House and Museum
- Old Town
- Automobile World Eisenach
- Reuter Wagner Museum
- Nikolai Church and Nikolai Gate
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Eisenach – Since its founding in the 12th century, Eisenach has made an unmistakable mark on German culture and history. The Wartburg Castle, majestically overlooking the forests of Thuringia, has witnessed 900 years of history and culture. Martin Luther hid in the castle in 1521-22, during which time he translated the New Testament from Greek into German. The Luther memorials have been lovingly preserved. Set in the gently rolling hills of the Thuringian Forest, Eisenach is home to a beautiful medieval center, and the Bach House with a fascinating collection of historic musical instruments. Set on the site of Eisenach's former car manufacturing plant, the Automobile Museum documents more than 100 years of car manufacturing in Eisenach. The "Automobile World Eisenach" exhibition consists of twelve sections illustrating Eisenach's car manufacturing history. Along with historical items used in car manufacturing, the museum also depicts living conditions in the different eras and the history of the legendary Wartburg car.



Wartburg Castle



Automobile World Eisenach

Dinner

Overnight in Eisenach

DAY 6 Eisenach – Frankfurt – USA

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Frankfurt Airport – 124 miles (by car, coach, or direct connection with ICE high speed train)

Departure to the USA