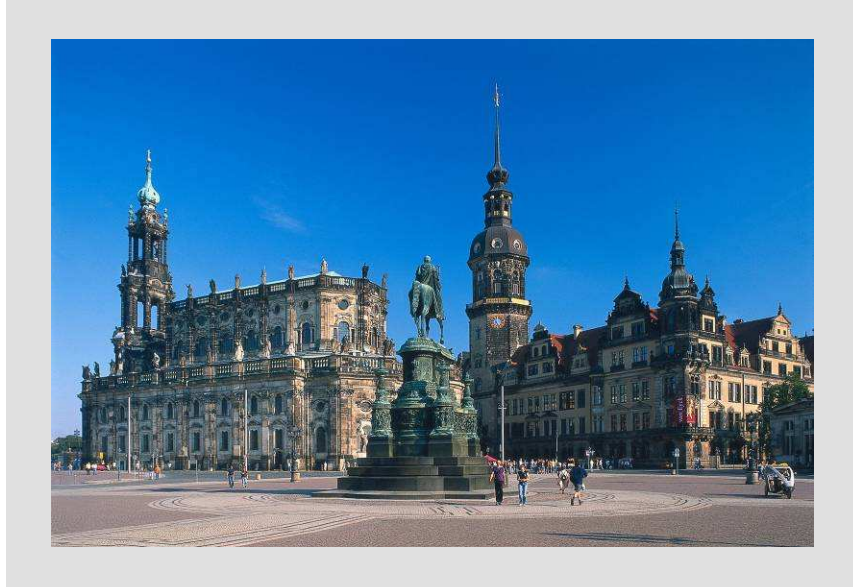


Sample Itinerary

Dresden – Unique Art Treasures on the Elbe (5 days)

Dresden – Meissen – Moritzburg – Pillnitz – Königstein – Bastei/Lohmen – Dresden



DAY 1 **USA – Dresden**

Departure from the USA (overnight flight)

DAY 2 **Dresden**

Arrival in Dresden

Transfer to the hotel and check-in

Guided city tour

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**DAY 2
Cont'd**

Dresden

Places of Interest:

- Zwinger
- Old Masters Gallery
- 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 treasuries, to the Royal Palace of Dresden, its historical place of origin.



Zwinger



Semper Opera

Dinner

Overnight in Dresden

DAY 3

Dresden – Meissen

Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to Meissen – 15 miles (by car, coach, or train)

DAY 3
Cont'd **Meissen – Dresden**

Guided city tour

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01662 Meissen

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www.touristinfo-meissen.de

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

Tour of the Meissen porcelain factory and museum

Staatliche Porzellan-Manufaktur Meissen

Talstrasse 9

01662 Meissen

Tel: +49 (3521) 468 233

Fax: +49 (3521) 468 804

E-Mail: museum@meissen.de

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DAY 3
Cont'd **Meissen – Dresden**

Lunch at Café Restaurant Meissen

Café Restaurant Meissen

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01662 Meissen
Tel: +49 (3521) 468 730
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E-Mail: info@gastronomie-meissen.de
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Transfer to Dresden – 15 miles (by car, coach, or train)

Visit to 'Alte Meister' (Old Masters) paintings gallery

Gemäldegalerie Alte Meister

Semperbau am Zwinger
Theaterplatz 1
01067 Dresden
Tel: +49 (351) 4914 2000
Fax: +49 (351) 4914 2001
E-Mail: besucherservice@skd.museum
www.skd.museum

Visit to 'Grünes Gewölbe' (Green Vault) including around 1,000 selected masterpieces of treasury art. (Note: Tickets should be purchased in advance as admission is only granted to a limited number of visitors each day for conservational reasons)

Grünes Gewölbe

Residenzschloss Dresden
Taschenberg 2
01067 Dresden
Tel: +49 (351) 4914 2000
Fax: +49 (351) 4914 2001
E-Mail: besucherservice@skd.museum
www.skd.museum

Dinner

Visit to the Semper Opera

Semper Oper Dresden

Theaterplatz 2
01067 Dresden
Tel.: +49 (351) 491 1705
Fax: +49 (351) 491 1700
E-Mail: bestellung@semperoper.de
www.semperoper.de

DAY 3 **Meissen – Dresden**
Cont'd

Overnight in Dresden

DAY 4 **Dresden – Moritzburg – Pillnitz – Königstein**

Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to Moritzburg – 9 miles (by car or coach)

Visit to Moritzburg Castle

Schloss Moritzburg

August-Böckstiegel-Strasse 10

01468 Moritzburg

Tel: +49 (35207) 8730

E-Mail: moritzburg@schloesserland-sachsen.de

www.schloss-moritzburg.de

Transfer to Pillnitz – 16 miles (by car or coach)

Visit to Castle Hotel Pillnitz

Schlosshotel Pillnitz

August-Böckstiegel-Strasse 10

01326 Dresden

Tel: +49 (351) 26140

Fax: +49 (351) 261 4400

E-Mail: reservierung@schlosshotel-pillnitz.de

www.schlosshotel-pillnitz.de

Transfer to Königstein – 13 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.

Festung Königstein

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**DAY 4
Cont'd**

Königstein – Bastei/Lohmen

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.



Aerial view of the fortress

Guided Tour of the Fortress

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

Lohmen Tourist Office

Schloss Lohmen 1

01847 Lohmen

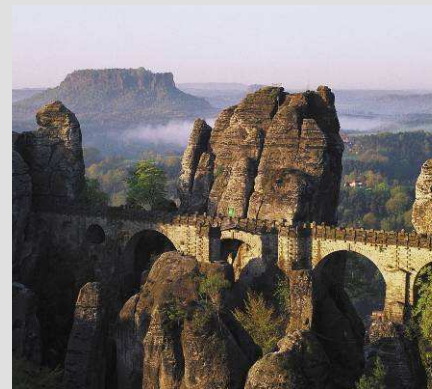
Tel: +49 (3501) 581 024

Fax: +49 (3501) 581 042

E-Mail: touristinformation@lohmen-sachsen.de

www.lohmen-sachsen.de

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.



Bastei Bridge

DAY 4
Cont'd **Bastei/Lohmen – Dresden**

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.

Sächsische Dampfschiffahrt

Hertha-Lindner-Strasse 10

01067 Dresden

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Dinner at the Feldschlösschen brewery restaurant (with beer museum)

Feldschlösschen-Stammhaus

Budapester Strasse 32

01069 Dresden

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www.feldschloesschen-stammhaus.de

Overnight in Dresden

DAY 5 **Dresden – USA**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Dresden Airport

Departure to the USA