

GRAND TOUR *Dresden*

Depending upon the time you choose for your stay in Dresden, we suggest visits to the following museums, monuments and places. Not only they are well-chosen highlights of Dresden, they also offer a good view of the richness of the collections and the majesty of this city. The choice allows you a quiet tour of Dresden and enables you to obtain a very good impression of its art-treasures.

- the Brühlsche Terrace with the stunning views of Dresden and the river Elbe.

- the Frauenkirche (Church of Our Lady), arisen like a Phoenix from its ruins and world-wide known as the symbol of the restoration of Dresden that suffered the devastating bombardment in 1945.

- the Zwinger Palace houses two museums. The Porzellansammlung (Porcelain Collection) is world-wide known for its incomparable and magnificent collections of Chinese, Japanese and Meissen porcelain. The newly re-opened Mathematisch-Physikalischer Salon houses a centuries-old collection of historical scientific instruments.



- the Residenzschloss (Royal Palace) with its outstanding treasure chamber, the Grünes Gewölbe (Green Vault), where the wealth and opulence of the former Electors and Kings of Saxony is shown with the most magnificent objects and works of art. The Residenzschloss is also the home of other grand collections that can be visited at wish (Armoury; Prints, Drawings and Photographs; Coin Cabinet).

- Gemäldegalerie Alte Meister (Old Master's Picture Gallery) with the world famous collection of paintings by Rembrandt, Vermeer, Titian, Dürer, Rubens, Poussin, Canaletto, Murillo and many, many other great painters. The most famous master-piece of the collection and the undisputed darling of the public, however, is the Sistine Madonna by Raphael with the two cheeky little angels.

- the Albertinum with the superb collection of paintings from the 19th and 20th century, highlighting Romanticism (Caspar David Friedrich), Expressionism (Ernst Ludwig Kirchner), Verism (Otto Dix) and Gerhard Richter. The Albertinum also houses the renowned Sculpture Collection.



And if you have the wish to explore the immediate surroundings of Dresden, you will find beautiful palaces just outside Dresden. The enchanted Schloss Pillnitz, a delightful chinoiserie Summer Palace of the former Saxonian kings, on the boards of the river Elbe. Schloss Moritzburg and the intimate Fasanenschlösschen, situated in a wonderful lake-landscape. In Meissen you can visit the Albrechtsburg, the impressive castle that dominates the small and dreamy town, where the world-famous Meissen-porcelain manufactory was founded in 1710. Luxury Meissen porcelain is still produced in this town, for over 300 years now, and the modern factory can be visited to obtain a view of the production, of what was called in the 18th century, the "white gold".



What you want to visit and what you would like to give your special attention, can be arranged. The examples intend to present an overview of the most important museums and monuments, however, you should bear in mind that there is much more worth seeing in and around Dresden than you could ever dream of. You can contact us with your favourite ideas.