

4-Days Leipzig



Day 1 – Leipzig Old Town & Musical Heritage

- **Morning**
 - Begin at Marktplatz – admire the Old Town Hall (Altes Rathaus), one of Germany’s finest Renaissance buildings.
 - Visit St. Thomas Church (Thomaskirche), where J.S. Bach worked as cantor; if possible, catch a motet performance by the St. Thomas Boys Choir.
 - Have lunch at the “Coffe Baum” – one of the oldest coffee houses in the world, where Saxony’s favourite beverage, coffee, has been served since 1711.
- **Afternoon**
 - Explore the Bach Museum opposite the church.
 - Stroll through Mädler Passage and other historic arcades with elegant shops and cafés.
 - Visit St. Nicholas Church (Nikolaikirche), famous for its role in the Peaceful Revolution of 1989.

- **Evening**
 - Dinner at Auerbachs Keller (a historic restaurant featured in Goethe's Faust), which is celebrating its 500th anniversary this year.
 - **Option:** attend a performance at the Gewandhaus Orchestra or the Opera House.

Day 2 – Museums, Monuments & Modern Leipzig

- **Morning**
 - Visit the Museum of Fine Arts (Museum der Bildenden Künste) – impressive mix of old masters and contemporary works.
 - **Alternative:** Zeitgeschichtliches Forum (Leipzig Forum for Contemporary History) – an excellent museum on East German history.
- **Afternoon**
 - Take a tram to the Monument to the Battle of the Nations (Völkerschlachtdenkmal) – climb to the top for sweeping views.
 - Relax in Clara-Zetkin Park or stroll Leipzig's New Lake District (Neuseenland), where former coal mines are now lakes with beach bars and restaurants.
- **Evening**
 - Explore the KarLi (Karl-Liebknecht-Straße) district with its trendy bars, restaurants and live music venues.

Day 3 – Day Trip to Colditz Castle

- **Morning**
 - Drive to (~1 hr) to Colditz Castle, the famous WWII prisoner-of-war camp o Take a guided tour or use the HistoPad to discover Colditz Castle – hear about dramatic escape stories.
- **Afternoon**
 - Return to Leipzig or Visit the Leipzig Zoo- one of the most modern zoos in the world. Especially the tropical adventure world, Gondwanaland is a great highlight for every visitor.
- **Evening**
 - Relaxed dinner back in Leipzig at a cozy Saxon restaurant (try Sauerbraten or Leipziger Lerche, a local pastry).

Day 4 – Art, Alternative Culture & Hidden Corners

- **Morning**
 - Visit Spinnerei Art Center – a former cotton mill turned into a hub for contemporary art galleries and studios.
 - Explore Plagwitz district with its canals, street art, and industrial-chic cafés. If the weather permits, try discovering Leipzig’s waterways with a canoe. It will show you a different perspective of the city.
- **Afternoon**
 - Visit the Grassi Museum Complex (applied arts, ethnology, and musical instruments).
- **Evening**
 - Final dinner in Barfußgässchen, a lively alley full of restaurants and pubs.
 - Toast your Leipzig stay with a local Gose beer, a sour wheat beer specialty originally from the region.

Tips For First-Time Visitors

- Get the Leipzig Card for free public transport & museum discounts.
- The city center is walkable, but trams are great for longer distances.
- Many museums close on Mondays – plan accordingly.
- Colditz Castle tours are best booked in advance, especially in English.