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→ Roßlau

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100 years of  
Bauhaus in Dessau –  
celebrate with us!





Bauhaus students on the balcony of the studio building

## Welcome to Dessau-Roßlau

The mayor of Dessau, Fritz Hesse, showed foresight in 1925 when he successfully campaigned in city politics for the relocation of the Bauhaus from Weimar, where it was no longer politically wanted. His courage paid off. The former School of Design experienced its heyday in Dessau. This is the 100th anniversary of the move - a welcome occasion to celebrate and experience the iconic original buildings. A large programme of festivities by many of the city's actors offers a wide variety of entertainment.

Hesse's 'predecessor' was also a visionary. When Prince Franz of Anhalt-Dessau set off on an educational trip through Europe in 1765, he could not have foreseen that his home region would still bear the stamp of his Grand Tour to this day. After his return, filled with new impressions and inspiration, he decided to make his principality an enlightened European country. During the following decades, Englishstyle parks, Roman and Dutch edifices that had nothing to envy the originals and even Greek temples grew up here.

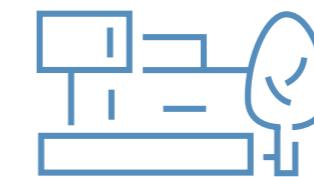
To this day, the town and its surrounding region reflect this European way of thinking in many different ways. Discover UNESCO World Heritage sites, the venues of the region's eventful history, cultural gems, gorgeous gardens, unspoiled river landscapes and much more besides.

A photograph of a modern architectural complex, likely a museum or cultural center, featuring a series of light-colored, rectangular buildings with dark-framed windows. The buildings are set against a backdrop of tall trees and a clear blue sky. The foreground is a grassy area with fallen leaves.

In search of the spirit  
of modernism.



Iconic: the balconies of the studio building



## The happiness of clean lines

**In Dessau-Roßlau, there is no escaping the Bauhaus. Nowhere else can this architectural style be experienced in such abundance. The town has more than 300 original buildings, including some, such as the Bauhaus Building, the Masters' Houses and the Houses with Balcony Access (Laubenganghäuser), which are UNESCO World Heritage sites. Wassily Kandinsky, Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, Marianne Brandt – all of them were here. When will you be coming?**

When the school of art, design and architecture designed by Walter Gropius was inaugurated in 1926, visitors came from Europe and all over the world to marvel at it. Such a Gesamtkunstwerk of glass, steel and concrete had never been seen before. The building still cogently embodies what the architect wished back then: "Together let us create the new building of the future!"

With bold blueprints, functional design and a delight in experimentation, from that time on the Bauhaus revolutionised the architecture, art and crafts of the 20th century. Out of the academies, into the workshops and into life was the artists' credo. They wanted to develop "radical solutions to the problems of our time", to create beautiful and useful things and affordable, modern living space for all. This "joy of clean lines" comes across when you visit the Master's Houses estate, where

white cubes shine out between the pine trees. But the Historical Employment Office and the idyllically situated riverside restaurant, the Kornhaus, show that functional architecture can also have sweeping, rounded lines.

Bauhaus Museum Dessau was inaugurated in 2019 to mark the centenary of the founding of the Bauhaus. The following year, the International Association of Art critics (AICA) named it Museum of the Year. The collection recounts the history of this famous school with more than 1,000 exhibits. It describes the Bauhaus as a lively place of learning and teaching, where artistic experiments were conducted and industrial prototypes developed. A must, whether for Bauhaus connoisseurs or anyone just discovering it.

**Bauhaus Building ▷ Masters' Houses ▷ Houses with Balcony Access ▷ Bauhaus Museum Dessau ▷ Kornhaus ▷ Törten Housing Estate ▷ Konsum Building ▷ Historical Employment Office**

„Es hat ausgeweimart, meine Herrn, wir gehen jetzt dessauern!“

#### Lyonel Feininger (1871–1956)

Feininger's reaction to the forthcoming move from Weimar to Dessau in 1925 is a play of words with the city's names. It can be roughly translated with "Gentlemen, 'Weimaring' is over. From now on, we are 'Dessauing'".



#### DON'T MISS A view on the Elbe from the Kornhaus terrace

In Dessau, the most beautiful view to be had is at the curve in the River Elbe called the Elbbogen. On this popular excursion destination a restaurant was built in 1930 on the site of a former granary to designs by Carl Fieger.

[kornhaus-dessau.de](http://kornhaus-dessau.de)

#### Experience architectural history in the Törten estate

Built in 1928 by Walter Gropius, the Törten housing estate was intended to quickly provide affordable living space for many people. Discover houses in their original state, the steel house and Hannes Meyer's Laubenganghäuser on a guided walk.

[bauhaus-dessau.de](http://bauhaus-dessau.de)

#### DON'T MISS Learn, explore and experiment in Bauhaus Museum Dessau

Can you dance with glass? Can light create? What is the origin of all creativity? These and other questions are investigated in the exhibition *Versuchsstätte Bauhaus* (The Bauhaus Laboratory) in Bauhaus Museum Dessau. This does more than display the treasures in one of the world's greatest Bauhaus collections.

The museum is an open stage that invites visitors young and old to actively explore, and even to become Bauhaus designers themselves, to experiment with materials and forms or be inspired to play a Bauhaus game. You can do all of this and much more besides in the new, glazed museum building.

[bauhaus-dessau.de](http://bauhaus-dessau.de)



#### DON'T MISS Open Space Gallery

You can learn more about personalities from the Bauhaus era in Dessau on 14 picture benches in the city space. The open-air gallery is freely accessible around the clock.

[visitdessau.com/en/open-space-gallery/](http://visitdessau.com/en/open-space-gallery/)

#### Bauhaus festival

The Bauhaus Festival is one of the highlights of the city's annual calendar of events. In this anniversary year, the theme of the celebrations is "Flip | Beat | Shape". The "100 Tables" banquet frames the Bauhaus Festival. It invites visitors to take a seat and celebrate together.  
03. – 05.09.2026



#### Invisible Bauhaus

The multimedia open-space exhibition takes visitors to places in the Dessau city area that no longer have an immediately recognisable connection to the Bauhaus. all year round

[bauhaus-dessau.de](http://bauhaus-dessau.de)



Performance "pupation" at the Bauhaus Festival 2025

## An icon celebrates its anniversary

**The Bauhaus left many traces behind – but in Dessau, it became a global brand. This is where ideas and implementation came together: architecture, design, stage, theory – united in a new vision of life, work and art. Discover how the Bauhaus vision became reality and celebrate a century-old legend with us.**

In 1925, the Bauhaus moved from Weimar to Dessau and made design history. The city became the centre of modernism: visionary architecture, new design ideas and a spirit of optimism characterised this period. In 2025 and 2026, Dessau will celebrate the 100th anniversary of this move.

Under the title "To the core. Bauhaus Dessau 100", the Bauhaus Dessau Foundation is focusing on modern and contemporary materials in numerous exhibitions, artistic programmes and celebrations. In addition to the original buildings, the exhibitions can be seen at various locations throughout the city, such as the former Zeeck department store and the Junkers Lamella Hall..

Two interactive walks take you back 100 years in time: the video walk "Invisible Bauhaus" focuses on lesser-known places from the early days of Bauhaus history in Dessau: where did the Bauhaus artists live, teach, work and celebrate? On the audio walk "In

the Footsteps of Paul Klee", you stroll through the Georgium Park – just as the Bauhaus master himself would have done.

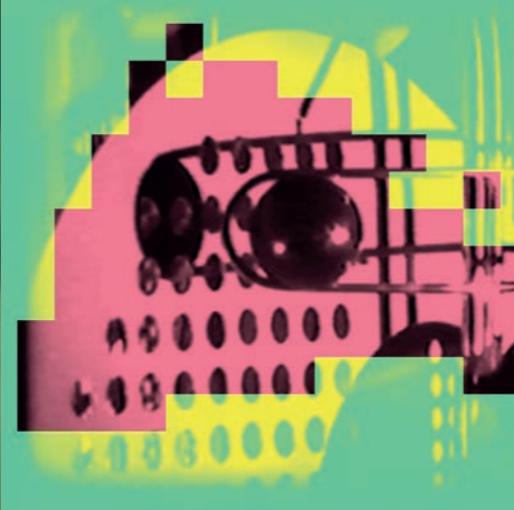
You can experience the connections between the World Heritage Sites not only in Georgium Park, but also in Oranienbaum Palace, in the exhibition "Bauhaus and Garden Kingdom in Dialogue". The origin is the gallery rooms, which were painted in colour by Hinnerk Scheper in 1927. In Georgium Palace, the Anhalt Art Gallery Dessau, together with Anhalt Art Association, is dedicating a special exhibition to the Bauhaus painter Fritz Winter.

The Bauhaus anniversary will be celebrated throughout the city. Many restaurateurs are participating with their own culinary tributes to the Bauhaus. To kick off the Bauhaus celebrations in September, the city is inviting everyone to a large banquet called "100 Tables" in the city centre.

**Kurt Weill Festival – Bauhaus Summer – Invisible Bauhaus – Bauhaus Festival – Festive banquet "100 Tables" – Staging the Bauhaus XV – Special exhibition "Fritz Winter"**



# Anniversary 2026



# Calendary 2026

Dessau  
Roßlau



## January – December

reading series  
"The world visits the Bauhaus"



## September

**01.09. – 03.09.** Warm Up for the Bauhaus festival  
**03.09.** 100 tables – Festive banquet in the city centre  
**04. – 05.09.** Bauhaus festival Flip | Beat | Shape  
**04.09. – 29.03.2027** Exhibition Gong | Bang | Whistle



**27.02. – 15.03.** Kurt Weill Festival  
**07.05. – 23.05.** Stately literature days  
**23. – 24.05.** Hugo Junkers Festival  
**June – August** Garden Kingdom Summer  
**June – September** Open Stage  
**06.06.** World Heritage Day  
**12.06. – 28.06.** Theater Open Air at the Mausoleum  
**18. – 20.06.** This is Ska-Festival  
**19.06.** Internat. athletics meeting  
**19.06. – 21.06.** Stately choir competition Saxony-Anhalt  
**04. – 05.07.** City festival Dessau



## March

**28.03. – 10.01.2027**  
Exhibition Glass | Concrete | Metal  
**28.03. – 27.09.**  
Exhibition Algae | Debris | CO<sub>2</sub>  
**28.03. – 27.09.**  
Exhibition Bricks | Roof | Power  
**28.03. – 28.02.2027**  
Ausstellung Slats | Purlins | Knots

## May

**10.05. – 29.11.**  
Exhibition "Bauhaus comes into town. Dessau in the 1920s"



## DON'T MISS Open Stage

Free open-air concerts with local artists in the cosy atmosphere of Dessau's market square.



## June

Opening of the exhibition „Bauhaus and Garden Kingdom in Dialogue“

**19.06. – 09.08.**  
Exhibition „fritz winter. bauhaus painter“



## DON'T MISS

### June – September Bauhaus summer

Four weekends with a varied family programme and other events



## October

**02.10. – 31.10.**  
Exhibition: 100 Years of Bauhaus  
Dessau – A look at private collections



## December

**04.12. – 29.03.2027**  
Exhibition  
Projections | Promises | Echo  
**04.12. – 05.12.**  
Staging the Bauhaus XV (Festival)

**14.07. – 16.08.** Summer Theatre Roßlau  
**08.08. – 09.08.** Garden Kingdom Festival  
**27.08.** Internat. Pole Vault meeting  
**28.08. – 30.08.** Hometown festival Roßlau  
**05.09.** Season Opening concert of Anhalt Theatre Dessau  
**23.11. – 23.12.** Dessau Christmas Market  
**09.12. – 13.12.** Christmas Market in St. Mary's Church  
**12.12. – 13.12.** Advent market at the Water Castle Roßlau



“Wanderer, respect  
Nature and Art  
and spare their works.”

Inscription on a Roman altar in Wörlitz Park.



View of the Mosigkau Rococo Palace from the palace garden



## The whole country a garden

**The Garden Kingdom of Dessau-Wörlitz has enraptured visitors for generations. Today, it is one of UNESCO's World Heritage sites. But even at the time of its creation in the 18th century, it was considered to be one of Europe's most beautiful man-made landscapes. Goethe visited it frequently. "It is infinitely beautiful here," he wrote to Charlotte von Stein. "It moved me deeply that the gods have allowed the prince to create a dream around himself."**

Prince Franz's European travels can be impressively traced in the Dessau-Wörlitz Garden Kingdom. Let's start our European journey in England. In our case, that's in Wörlitz Park, the first landscape garden in continental Europe created on the English model. Wörlitz Palace is one of the earliest neoclassical palace buildings outside the British Isles. It has an impressive collection of Wedgwood pottery and numerous elegant details. Another reminder of the United Kingdom is the Iron Bridge over the Georgskanal (George Canal), which is a scaled-down replica of the Iron Bridge at Coalbrookdale.

Our next stop is Italy. Insel Stein, the Isle of Stone, is a reminder of the prince's stay in the Bay of Naples. It has rocky passageways, grottoes, temples, an amphitheatre and an artificial volcano modelled on Vesuvius which, thanks to clever sound, light and water effects, can even spew out "lava". At the foot of the artificial volcano lies Villa Hamilton, remi-

scent of the Casino di Mappinola on the Posillipo coast. But an Italian flair also permeates Georgium Park – the outline of which is similar to the boot-shape of Italy – the Piedmontese farmhouse, the Weinbergschlösschen, or "wine château" in Kühnau Park, and the Pantheon on the river side of the flood wall in Wörlitz.

The journey continues to Holland. Together, Oranienbaum and the palace park are an impressive example of a largely Netherlands-inspired Baroque site with a large collection of citrus plants, one of the longest orangeries in Europe and, in Oranienbaum Palace, a summer dining room tiled entirely with Dutch tiles. Similarly, in the Gallery of Mosigkau Palace, you can discover Dutch and Flemish painters, such as Rubens and Brueghel.

Three countries in one day? You can certainly manage even more than that.

**Luisium Park and Palace ↗ Georgium Park and Palace ↗  
Grosskühnau Landscape Park ↗ Oranienbaum Park and Palace ↗  
Mosigkau Park and Palace ↗ Sieglitz Hill ↗ Wörlitz Park**

# „Combining utility with beauty.“

## Prince Leopold III. Friedrich Franz (1740–1817)

In the almost 60 years of his reign, the prince succeeded in carrying out an unparalleled programme of landscape embellishment. Back then, visitors to the parks could learn a lot about the buildings of antiquity, the fine arts and architecture, and they still can today.

## DON'T MISS Interactive park discovery

The Garden Kingdom app lets you experience the beauty and history of Wörlitz Park in a whole new digital way. It tells you everything you need to know about the history of the park and the significance of its buildings and sculptures. Fun rallies take you on playful trails through the park.

[gartenreich.de](http://gartenreich.de)

## Bauhaus and Garden Kingdom in Dialogue

The gallery rooms in Oranienbaum Palace, painted in colour by Hinnerk Scheper, are the starting point for the exhibition on the history of the "Filialgalerie". The furniture for the exhibition is designed and built by students from Anhalt University of Applied Sciences.

From June 2026  
[gartenreich.de](http://gartenreich.de)



## DON'T MISS The Art Museum in the Garden Kingdom

The Anhalt Art Gallery in Dessau is one of the most important sights in the UNESCO World Heritage Site Dessau-Wörlitz Garden Kingdom. Paintings from the late Middle Ages to the early modern period provide a rich insight into European art history. The painting collection focuses on Dutch painting from the 15th to 18th century and German painting from the 15th to early 19th century. The rich collection of prints and drawings includes drawings and prints from the 14th century to the present day.

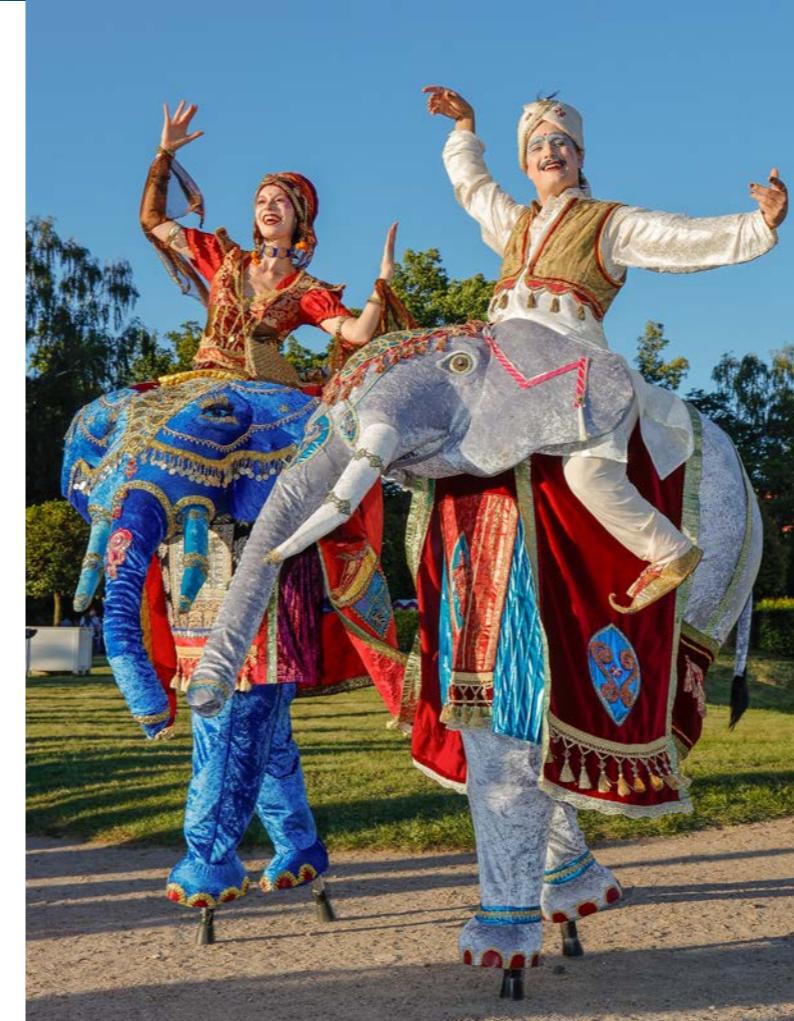
The exhibition highlights of 2026 will be marked by the centenary of Bauhaus Dessau. Among other things, they will focus on Bauhaus student Fritz Winter and the former director of the Arg Gallery, Ludwig Grote, who is closely linked to the history of the Bauhaus.

[gemaeldegalerie.dessau-rosslau.de](http://gemaeldegalerie.dessau-rosslau.de)



## DON'T MISS Gartenreichsommer festival

Concerts and theatrical performances in the palaces and parks of Dessau-Wörlitz Garden Kingdom  
May – September  
[gartenreichsommer.de](http://gartenreichsommer.de)



## Cabaret festival Oranienbaum

On two summer evenings, Oranienbaum Palace Park will host top-class cabaret on around 20 stages.  
12. and 13.06.2026

## Gondola ride at twilight

For the Garden Kingdom Festival, the lawn in front of Wörlitz Palace will be open for a festive picnic – stylish attire is requested. The day will conclude with a gondola ride at twilight on Lake Wörlitz.  
09.08.2025



European theatre  
to commemorate and  
experience.





Performance in the historic wind tunnel of the Junkers factory



## When the town becomes a stage

**While the influence of Prince Franz is clearly visible first and foremost in the Garden Kingdom, the architect and master-builder Carlo Ignazio Pozzi also left his mark on the Dessau town-scape. During his time as head of urban planning in Anhalt-Dessau in the 19th century, he drew inspiration from a large number of European influences that can still be seen today.**

Dessau's historical buildings are not only witnesses to an eventful European past. At the same time, they serve as the backdrop for a contrasting range of cultural offerings that attract numerous visitors to the town year after year. Within the space of a few square kilometres, an exceptionally large cultural diversity can be enjoyed here. In Dessau-Roßlau, only a few steps separate the princely palace from the modernist Bauhaus. Or one of the largest theatres in Saxony-Anhalt from the art gallery with its German, Dutch and Flemish paintings by Old Masters.

If you like, you can continue the European trip you began in the Garden Kingdom in the town: right in the middle of Dessau town centre, outside the Museum of Natural History and Prehistory, you are suddenly reminded of Italy. No wonder – the architecture is modelled on that of the Santo Spirito hospital in Rome. The journey continues to Greece. The

Napoleon Tower in Mildensee was modelled on the Tower of the Winds in Athens. Even Russia is represented. Haideburg hunting lodge in the south of the town is a visual relative of Königsberg Castle – Königsberg being the former name of Kaliningrad. The Fremdenhaus, or "guest house", in Georgium Park combines no fewer than four European architectural styles. Each façade presents a different country: Italy, Netherlands, Germany and England.

These different European settings really come to life during the annual festivals that take place throughout the town. These include the Kurt Weill Festival, which commemorates one of Dessau's best-known sons. During the Bauhaus Festival too, the whole town becomes a stage where culture unfolds in often the most unusual places – in St. Mary's Church, the Masters' Houses, the zoo or in historic workshops. Where will we find you?

**Hugo Junkers Engineering Museum ▷ Anhalt Theatre ▷ Johannbau Palace ▷ Federal Environment Agency ▷ Anhalt Art Gallery ▷ Moses Mendelssohn Centre ▷ Kurt Weill Centre ▷ Roßlau Navigation Museum ▷ St. Mary's Church ▷ Zoo ▷ Water Castle Roßlau ▷ Middle German Theatre**

# The performing arts, a window on the world

The theatre tradition in Dessau goes back a long way. There has been a permanent theatre company here for over two hundred years. Today, the town offers a broad and exciting range of performing arts. First and foremost among them is the Anhalt Theatre's wide-ranging programme from opera to puppet theatre for children and adults. Exciting venues and unusual backdrops for concerts can be found throughout the town. Enjoy cultural events in the Bauhaus Building, the Water Castle in Roßlau, the vehicle maintenance workshop of German Railway, and the palaces and parks of the Garden Kingdom.



## DON'T MISS Flying to the stars at the Hugo Junkers Engineering Museum

The life and work of the famous engineer Hugo Junkers has been memorialised in the original halls of the Junkers aircraft factory. The museum is dedicated to Junkers' pioneering spirit in heating technology, engine technology and aviation.

In 2026, aviation history will be a particular focus, as it was 100 years earlier that Lufthansa was founded through the merger of Junkers Luftverkehr AG and Deutscher Aero Lloyd AG.

Take the controls yourself - it's possible here! In the flight simulator, you can take off in the Junkers F13. If you want to go even higher, you can even take a virtual trip to the moon

[technikmuseum-dessau.org](http://technikmuseum-dessau.org)

## DON'T MISS Dessau Zoo

Idyllically situated in the historic Mausoleum Park, the Dessau Zoo is a popular excursion destination for young and old. The animal husbandry specialises in animals from Siberia, South America, Australia and old, endangered domestic animal breeds from Central Germany. Knowledge is imparted in a fun way at hands-on stations, in the petting zoo, in the educational farm or interactively via the Actionbound app.

[tierpark.dessau-rosslau.de](http://tierpark.dessau-rosslau.de)

## Round trip in a Double-decker bus

Discover the city from a new perspective on a tour in a historic double-decker bus.

May – October



## DON'T MISS Kurt Weill Festival

International, cross-genre cultural festival in Dessau-Roßlau in honour of composer Kurt Weill (born in Dessau in 1900, died in New York in 1950).  
27.02. – 15.03.2026



## Cultural diversity at the Water Castle Roßlau

This is Ska Festival  
Burgtheater Summer  
Christmas Market

18. – 20.06.2026  
14.07. – 16.08.2026  
12. – 13.12.2026

## Mitteldeutsches Theater

Dieter Hallervorden's theatre offers a wide range of events in the special ambience of St Mary's Church in Dessau's city centre.



Cyclists by the Kornhaus on the Elbe Cycle Route.



## Paradise on wheels

This is the ideal region for anyone wishing to explore it by bike. Thanks to the largely flat and well-developed network of cycle paths, cycling here is pure pleasure and easy even for children. But if the distance is too great for you, there's a convenient alternative: bikes can be taken free of charge on local trains.

Everything worth seeing in Dessau-Roßlau can be easily explored on two wheels, for example, by taking the Prince Franz Garden Kingdom tour, a circular route that takes in all the palaces and parks and leads you through the uniquely scenic water meadows by the Elbe. Or a tour of all the Bauhaus buildings in and around the town – from the Kornhaus by the Elbe to Törten Housing Estate.

If you prefer a more natural setting, you'll get your money's worth in the virtually unspoiled water meadows of the UNESCO Mittelelbe Biosphere Reserve. Through green pastures with grazing Heck cattle and mighty solitary oaks, through dense forests, past sleepy lakes and ponds, moments of paramount enjoyment await nature-loving visitors. The flora and fauna are both diverse and unique. If you are lucky, you might even spot some wild horses.

Even the tiniest creatures are surrounded by a hint of romanticism – such

as Brachyopa silviae, a new species of hover fly that was discovered in this region. The water meadows are also ideal for long walks. They are crossed by the E11 European long-distance hiking path, as well as the Luther Way hiking path that takes ramblers on a pilgrimage in the footsteps of the great Reformer. The water meadow nature trails, of which there are many here, are perfect for shorter rambles. They are a great way of combining restful recreation and discovery.

Do you want to set off on a long journey from Dessau? Easy! Dessau-Roßlau is a crossroads where numerous inter-regional cycle paths meet. The Mulde Cycle Route snakes its way from here to its source in the Erzgebirge, or Ore Mountains. Moreover, the route of the Elbe Cycle Route, regularly named Germany's most popular cycle path, passes through the town. And via the European Cycle Route, the more valiant cyclists can go as far as St. Petersburg or Brittany.

**Prince Franz Garden Kingdom Tour ↗ Bauhaus Buildings Cycle Route ↗ Elbe Cycle Route ↗ R1 European Cycle Route ↗ Mulde Cycle Route ↗ Fläming Cycle Route ↗ Luther Way ↗ Hiking paths through the Elbe water meadows**

# A day in the saddle

## The Prince Franz Garden Kingdom Tour

You can join the 68-kilometre circular route anywhere, but the official starting point is at the place where the Elbe Cycle Route turns off the Aken-Dessau road. From there, it takes you through Kühnau Park to the Beckerbruch water meadows in the park of Georgium Palace. It continues via Luisium Park and Palace and Sieglitz Hill, past Vockerode to Wörlitz. From there, the route takes you to Oranienbaum, then via Mildensee, Törten, Haideburg and Kochstedt to Mosigkau, from where you can return to your starting point.



## DON'T MISS Take a dip!

Several outdoor pools and bathing places in and around Dessau-Roßlau provide a chance to cool off on hot days. On the lakes in the former lignite mining area around Bitterfeld, you can have fun swimming, wakeboarding, sailing or taking out a pedal-boat.

If you prefer something less energetic, you can take a boat trip on the extensive Lake Goitzsche, or enjoy the view from the Goitzsche area's emblematic landmark, the Pegelturm tower. Or take a canoe trip on the Elbe to discover the Mittelelbe Biosphere Reserve from a whole new perspective.

[visitdessau.com/en/free-time/aktiv/](http://visitdessau.com/en/free-time/aktiv/)

## DON'T MISS Head for adventure with your caravan or motorhome

Whether in Dessau-Roßlau or any of the surrounding towns in the World Heritage region of Anhalt-Dessau-Wittenberg, on the banks of the Elbe or in the Fläming or Dübener Heide Nature Parks – the region offers caravanning fans numerous idyllic spots for a relaxing holiday in their very own house on wheels.

You can access all the not-to-be-missed tourist sights and destinations at very little cost – especially if you have your bikes with you as well. Our Tourist Information team will be glad to help you plan your trip.

[visitdessau.com/en/campground/](http://visitdessau.com/en/campground/)



## DON'T MISS Get closer to nature

In the Auenhaus Information Centre on the road between Dessau and Oranienbaum, the special features of the Mittelelbe Biosphere Reserve come to life. Numerous interactive terminals provide fascinating facts and information for all the family. Admission is free. By bike, the Information Centre is accessible from the Prince Franz cycle path. The Dessau-Wörlitz train also stops close by.

In the beaver enclosure, very close to the information centre, you can get a direct insight into a beaver lodge. The way there is made entertaining and educational with games in the Actionbound app.

[mittelelbe.com](http://mittelelbe.com)



# A wealth of experiences at any season

Dessau lies at the centre of the Anhalt-Dessau-Wittenberg World Heritage region. Nature parks, towns with a rich history and witnesses of past industrial times invite you to discover and linger – all within a radius of some 30 kilometres around Dessau.



Ferropolis – the city of iron

Not only in Dessau, but also in the Anhalt residence towns of Bernburg, Köthen and Zerbst, you can learn a lot about the history of the Princely House and important personalities such as Johann Sebastian Bach or Catherine the Great. Her rooms in Zerbst Castle can be rediscovered using augmented reality.

On excursions and explorations in the Dübener Heide and Fläming nature parks there is much to experience for young and old. Information centres introduce visitors to the local flora and fauna and explain the history of the formation of the end moraine landscape.

[anhalt-dessau-wittenberg.de/en](http://anhalt-dessau-wittenberg.de/en)



Spring walk in Wörlitz Park during the crocus blossom

Bathing fun, water sports and cultural highlights in the former coal-mining area. The structural change is tangible here. For example, in Ferropolis, where five lignite excavators form a unique backdrop for an open-air museum and festival ground.

Whether you travel back in time to the year 1517 in the Asisi Panorama or visit the original sites Castle Church, Melanchthon House, Town Church and Luther House in the historic town centre, all part of the UNESCO World Heritage: Lutherstadt Wittenberg offers many opportunities to discover the history of the Reformation.



Maze in the Altjeßnitz estate park



Wittenberg market square with Luther monument and town church



# Tourist Information offices in Dessau and Roßlau

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Have a good trip!

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**A2 Dortmund – Berlin, exit Burg**  
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Trunk roads B 184, B 185, B 187



**By air**

Leipzig-Halle **60 km**  
Berlin **130 km**  
Dessau commercial airfield **5 km**  
[flugplatz-dessau.de](http://flugplatz-dessau.de)



**By bike**

Elbe Cycle Route [elberadweg.de](http://elberadweg.de)  
R1 European Cycle Route  
[europaradweg-r1.de](http://europaradweg-r1.de)  
Mulde Cycle Route [mulderadweg.de](http://mulderadweg.de)



**By rail**

**bahn.de** Information for train connections to and from Dessau, hourly or half-hourly connections to major railway stations in Berlin, Magdeburg, Leipzig, Halle, Lutherstadt Wittenberg  
**insa.de** Information for rail, buses and trams in the city and the region



**By water**

Elbe, **river kilometre 261**  
Moorings and slipway in Leopold Harbour  
Elbe / Historical reaction ferry from Coswig to Wörlitz  
[dvg-dessau.de](http://dvg-dessau.de)



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