

European Route of Historic Theatres

German Route

Tour proposals across Germany



Tour A <i>Journey in km</i>	Court Theatres in Northern Germany Art intimate North German princes crowned their residences and resorts with theaters and used a wide variety of styles.
Day 01	<i>Arrival in Schwerin.</i> Historic residence of Schwerin
	Mecklenburg State Theatre Schwerin (1886) A theater with historical rarities: the figure-rich jewelry curtain from 1886, the oldest stage organ in Germany and acoustic effect machines from the 19th century.
	<i>Overnight stay in Schwerin</i>
Day 02 <i>220 km</i>	Residence town Putbus (Rügen)
	Putbus Theatre (1821/1826) A jewel of the North German Classicism. The theater of 1821/1826 was simultaneously theater of citizens, spa theatre of bathers and court theater of the Prince of Putbus.
<i>140 km</i>	Playhouse Neubrandenburg (1794) The summer theatre of the Dukes of Mecklenburg-Strelitz is a baroque half-timbered building of mud brick. Like a miracle it survived the flames of the 2nd World War.
	<i>Overnight stay in Neubrandenburg</i>
Day 03 <i>160-180 km</i>	Short visit of Berlin or Potsdam (Palace Theatre in New Palace of Potsdam Sanssouci Palace currently closed)
	<i>Overnight stay in in Berlin or Potsdam</i>

Tour B <i>Journey in km</i>	Theatre and life's dreams Theatres in the 18th and 19th century enabled the fulfillment of life's dreams for both, aristocrats and the middle class. New opera houses, theatres and festival halls were created. And new expression forms for acting, innovative production styles and new stage designs were developed that continue to have effects to this day.
Day 04	<i>If only Tour B: Arrival over Berlin or Leipzig</i>
<i>190-220 km</i>	Bad Lauchstädt with spa gardens
	Goethe Theatre (1802) The summer venue of the Weimar court theatre was designed according to Goethe's specifications. The reconstructed stage machinery still enables stage magic as in Goethe's time.
<i>120 km</i>	<i>Overnight stay in Weimar</i>
Day 05	UNESCO World Heritage Classical Weimar
<i>60 km</i>	Residence town Gotha with Palace Friedenstein (around 1650)
	Ekhof Theatre (1681/1775) Conrad Ekhof, the "father of German dramatic art", made this completely preserved castle theatre to the birthplace of modern German theatre. The exhibition "Baroque Magic Stage" illustrates the history of Ekhof theatre.
<i>60 km</i>	<i>Overnight stay in Weimar</i>
Day 06 <i>35 km</i>	Private Theatre at Kochberg Palace (1800) The classical theatre on the former estate of Goethe's love Charlotte von Stein presents authentic the private side of Goethe's time.
<i>140 km</i>	<i>Bad Elster, Saxony's most traditional state spa</i>
	King Albert Theatre Bad Elster(1914) Germany's last court theatre was designed as a modern building mixing Art Nouveau and Neoclassicism to meet the expectations of international and royal guests in the glamorous spa.
	<i>Overnight stay in Bad Elster</i>
Tag 07 <i>200 km</i>	Theatre town Meiningen with Palace Elisabethenburg (1692)
	Meiningen Museums - Theatre Museum Duke Georg II (1826 – 1914) brought Historicism on stage and created a Europe-wide respected production style. The exhibition "The Enchanted World of Scenery" presents fascinating stage settings of the "Theatre Duke" himself.

170 km	Festival town Bayreuth
	<i>Overnight stay in Bayreuth</i>
Day 08	Richard Wagner Festival Hall (1876) The only Festival Hall in the world that presents works of a single composer only. Richard Wagner fulfilled his life's dream: The performance of his opera cycle "The Ring of the Nibelungen" in a purpose built theater.
	UNESCO World Heritage Margravial Opera House (1748) Exhibition on the history of the Margravial Opera House and the current restoration of this unique baroque monument of European festival and music culture.
4 km	"Ruin Theatre" in the Hermitage (1744) The Hermitage is one of the first parks with artificial ruins as design elements.
30 km	"Cave Theatre" in the Rock Garden of Sanspareil (1744) Nestled in bizarre rock formations lies the cave theater, which is preserved intact since 1744.
270 km	<i>Journey to Ludwigsburg, Overnight stay in Ludwigsburg</i>

Tour C <i>Journey in km</i>	Theatre for Amusement The historic theatres on Rhine, Main and Neckar are surrounded by spa and palace gardens. Here you can find nature theatres, historic carousels and other distractions that still invite to stroll around and to amuse oneself.
Day 09 20 km	<i>If only Tour C: Arrival from Stuttgart</i>
	Ludwigsburg Palace Theatre (1759/1812) This theatre situated in the magnificent Summer Palace is unique in Germany and a rarity in Europe. From around 1800 are preserved in their original form: auditorium, stage including the complete stage machinery, theatre curtains and a treasure of 140 decoration parts.
100 km	Palace Garden Schwetzingen with nature theatre (1770)
	Schwetzingen Rococo Theatre (1753/1770) The Palace Theatre is the oldest balcony theater in Europe. Originally decorated in Rococo style, it was designed by its architect Pigage few years later once again.
	<i>Overnight stay in Schwetzingen</i>

Day 10 <i>110 km</i>	<i>Spa garden Wilhelmsbad with carousel, ruin and pyramid (18th cent.)</i>
	Wilhelmsbad Playhouse (1781) Germany's oldest spa theatre is a neoclassical gem situated in the well-preserved 18th-century spa garden.
<i>140 km</i>	Koblenz Theatre (1787) Built as a "Comedy, Opera, Ball and Assemblé House", it was a multi-functional theatre without differences of rank: all balconies were created equally, which was revolutionary at the time.
	<i>Koblenz old town with Koblenz Palace (1786). Return journey</i>