

Guide for LEIPZIG



Leipzig is located in the north-western part of Saxony and with its approximately 590,000 inhabitants it is the city with the highest population density of the new states of Germany. The city is historically important since from 16 to 19 October 1813 the Battle of the Nations was fought there, after which Napoleon I had to retreat to France. More recently, in autumn 1989, the people of Leipzig contributed to the fall of the Berlin Wall, when over 300,000 people peacefully demonstrated in the so-called Monday demonstrations (Montagsdemonstrationen) for the reunification of Germany. Endowed with city and market privileges since 1165, Leipzig carries a rich trade tradition and the Leipzig Trade Fair is one of the oldest in Europe. Since 2000, numerous leading companies such as BMW, Porsche, DHL, Schenker and others have settled around the airport, contributing to its economic development.

Also from an artistic and cultural point of view it has an ancient tradition; the University of Leipzig, founded in 1409, is the second oldest university in Germany. The musical tradition of Leipzig can list artists such as Bach and Mendelssohn. And not to forget the Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra, the Thomanerchor as well as the University of Music and Theatre "Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy".

The city centre, filled with shops, is pleasant and captivating; and while it is encircled by a ring road and is still entirely accessible on foot.

The entire city is intersected by green areas consisting of parks, canals and cycle paths, while the south of the city is surrounded by a riparian forest.

In the last few years an ambitious land restoration project has taken place. In the south of Leipzig, the old open-cast lignite mines have been converted into artificial lakes, offering the inhabitants large green areas to relax or play sports of all kinds. And therefore, allowing the development of the tourism and leisure sectors.



A few useful links:

<http://www.leipzig.de/> <http://it.wikivoyage.org/wiki/Lipsia>

<http://www.leipzig.de/freizeit-kultur-und-tourismus/tourismus/>

<http://www.virtualcityleipzig.de/en/start>

<http://www.leipzig-sachsen.de/>

<http://www.leipziginfo.com/>

<http://www.urbanite.net/de/leipzig>

How to get there:

It is possible to fly to Leipzig with a stopover in Munich or Frankfurt. From Leipzig Airport "Flughafen Leipzig-Halle" you can reach the central station of the city "Leipzig Hauptbahnhof" in approximately 20/30 min. by taxi (about 35 euros) or by train (about 5 euros). The train station is under the airport, just follow the signs. Tickets can be bought at the Deutsche Bahn ticket office:

<http://www.bahn.de/i/view/ITA/it/index.shtml> - located on the first floor of the airport (Check-in) or at the ticket machine at the tracks.

For information on timetables and prices:

<http://reiseauskunft.inasa.de/bin/query.exe/en>

Another possibility is to fly to Berlin and reach Leipzig by train (about 1 hour) or by bus (about 2.5 hours). Depending on the chosen airline, you can land at Berlin-Tegel or Berlin-Schönefeld:

From Berlin-Tegel:

To reach Leipzig by train, open the Deutsche Bahn website

<http://www.bahn.de/i/view/ITA/en/index.shtml> and use the station as your departure point: Berlin-Tegel Flughafen and as arrival station: Leipzig Hauptbahnhof. From Tegel take the bus to Berlin Central Station, from there you continue by train to Leipzig.

On the DB website it is possible to buy the bus ticket together with the train ticket.

From Berlin-Schönefeld:

To reach Leipzig by train, open the Deutsche Bahn website

<http://www.bahn.de/i/view/ITA/en/index.shtml> and use the station as your departure point: Berlin-Schönefeld Flughafen and as arrival station: Leipzig Hauptbahnhof, via Berlin-Südkreuz. From Schönefeld you can easily reach the Berlin Südkreuz station with the S-Bahn number S 45 in about 30 min, according to the time of arrival the

website offers. On the DB website you can buy the S-Bahn ticket together with the train ticket!

From Berlin it is also possible to arrive by bus. The company is called "Mein FernBus / FlixBus" <http://meinfernbus.de/en> and shuttles between Berlin and Leipzig, the journey takes about 2 hours and costs 8/10 euros. It stops at the terminal at Leipzig Hauptbahnhof.



Documents not to be forgotten:

- health card
- identity document
- student card (if in possession)
- 1 photo card for public transport subscription

Calls with a mobile phone

- to landlines in Leipzig: 0049-341 + telephone number
- to German mobile phones: 0049 + German mobile number (without zero)

You can buy a German SIM card at several mobile phone shops like Telekom, Vodafone, E-Plus and others. Several supermarkets such as Aldi, Lidl or Rewe offer prepaid cards.

Attention: from 1 July 2017 a new standard came into force: to get a prepaid card it takes about a week as well as a passport!!

Cash machine:

In the city centre are numerous cash machines. They are usually located inside the bank. We do not recommend using Sparkasse cash machines to withdraw money as the service is more expensive. It is better to use the Dresdner-, Hypovereins- Commerz- and Deutschebank ones. Most shops usually accept Mastercard.

Getting around in the city

Public Transport: Tram

The company responsible for public transport is called Leipziger Verkehrsbetriebe (LVB) GmbH - <http://www.lwb.de/>

The site offers information on the routes and is also available in English.

Ticket prices:

- 2,70 euro valid for 1 hour and the possibility to change trams
- 1,90 euro for short distances up to max. 4 stops
- monthly ticket: reduced ticket for trainees: 60,00 euro (bring two passport photos)
- Regular: 76,00 euro



To check on the timetable and the routes, we suggest to download the app: easy.go.

Taxi

Travelling by taxi with three to four people, especially in the evening is not very expensive, the base price is 2.50 € / km.

Here are some companies:

Löwen Taxi: Tel.: 0341/982222 www.loewentaxi.de/

city-taxi-leipzig. Tel: 0341/2222-4444 <http://city-taxi-leipzig22224444.de>

You can also use the collective transport system by downloading the **CleverShuttle** app, which is much cheaper than a taxi.

Medical service:

EU citizens who go temporarily to Germany (for studies, tourism, business or work) can receive the necessary medical care provided by local public health care if they have the **European Health Insurance Card (TEAM)**, the so-called International Health Card.

It is also possible to bring the national health card with you, but you must ask the doctor for a refund form.

Main hospitals:

Universitätsklinikum Leipzig

Liebigstr. 20 - 04103 Leipzig, Tel.: 0341 / 97109

Städtisches Klinikum St. Georg

Delitzscher Str. 141 04347 Leipzig, Tel.: 0341 / 90900

Who to contact in case of emergency:

Fire brigade / Ambulance: 112

Police: 110

Emergency medical service: 0341 /19292 (working hours: Mon-Fri: 7pm-7am, Wed/Fri: from 2pm onwards, Sat, Thu: 7pm-7am)

Ambulance: 0341 / 19222

Dental first aid: <http://www.zahnaerzte-in-sachsen.de/app/patienten/notfalldienst/ort/Leipzig,%20Stadt/list>

Shopping

****Business hours:**



The shops and department stores in the centre are generally open from 9am to 8pm from Monday to Saturday. In the neighbourhoods however they close at 6pm, but to compensate that there are "Späti", small shops selling a small selection of food, beverages as well as cigarettes and which are open until late at night.

The bakeries already open at 7am and you can have breakfast there. The main supermarkets are:



Lidl lohnt sich.

Interaction

- ✓ For those who wish to deepen their understanding of German can look for a language tandem on the Tandem partner / Uni Leipzig website: <https://fszserv.philol.uni-leipzig.de/tandem/cgi/sprachpartnerboerse.cgi>
- ✓ Linguistic evenings are organised at the "Villa". Have a look at: http://villa-leipzig.de/veranstaltung/regelmaessig/Soir%C3%A9e_Polyglotte_Leipzigs_Sprachenabend

Free time

Leipzig is a young as well as a student city and there is no lack of opportunities to deepen cultural interests and having fun. We recommend consulting the site:

http://www.leipzig.travel/it/Scoprire_Lipsia_7004.html where you can find the main information about the city.

For events instead we recommend: http://www.verborgenes-leipzig.de/en/English_110.html

Do not forget to visit the "Leipziger Neuseenland", an area south of the city where a system of interconnected lakes has been created where you can do various water sports, or simply sunbathe or swim.

The closest lakes to the city are the Cospudener See (fairly easy to reach and the Markkleeberger See).



How to get to the Cospudener See using public transportation:

By bus:

- Linie 65: Markranstädt via Miltitz, Schönau, Großschocher in direction Markkleeberg
- Linie RVL 107 Zwenkau via Gaschwitz in direction Zöbiger/Schmiede
- Linie RVL 107 Connewitzer Kreuz in direction Markkleeberg, Zöbiger/Schmiede.

How to get to the Markkleeberger See using public transportation:

With tram 11 in direction Markkleeberg.

Get off at the stop: Schillerplatz (Markkleeberg-Ost), then about 5 minutes on foot along the Bornaische Straße



Other leisure activities that we recommend:

Canoe trips along the city canals. It is possible to rent the canoes at the Stadthafen (most central place). Address: Schrebestraße 20, 04109 Leipzig



Outdoor swimming pools:

The "Schreiberbad" has a surface of 2.53 hectares and is located west of the city centre and has very affordable prices.

Address: Schreiberstraße 15, 04109 LE

Orario: 09:00–21:00

You can get there with the trams: 1, 2, 14 (to Westplatz)



This site lists other swimming pools in Leipzig: <https://www.l.de/sportbaeder>.

Evening activities: The most vibrant areas in the evening are the city centre and the area in the south (Südvorstadt) along the Karl-Liebknecht-Straße and the Karl Heine Strasse, where you can find many bars and pubs (Kneipe) open until late at night. There is also no lack of clubs of all kinds and that cater for all tastes.



On this site <http://www.urbanite.net/de/leipzig/locations/kategorie/clubs-diskotheiken/> you find a list of bars and clubs.

Culture

Leipzig has many museums and art galleries to visit.

Have a look here: https://www.tripadvisor.de/Attractions-g187400-Activities-c49-Leipzig_Saxony.html

In particular we recommend a visit to:

[Zeitgeschichtliches Forum Leipzig](#)

[Museum in der Runden Ecke](#)

[Museum der Bildenden Künste](#)

[Kunstkraftwerk](#)

[Spinnerei](#)

Accommodation

Accommodation can be apartments with double or triple rooms, with families, or in guest houses depending on the project.

Sheets, blankets and towels are included as well as the basic furnishing in the kitchen and in the bathroom.

All accommodations have WiFi

IMPORTANT!!

It is absolutely forbidden to download music or films from the internet, or you may face immediate and very high fines. Streaming on the other hand is allowed.

Internship exceeding one month

For students who stay a month it is sufficient to have a Student Card, an identity document and a health card.

For stays longer than three months, it is necessary to make a declaration of residence (Anmeldung) to the City of Leipzig (Bürgeramt). Remember that at the end of your stay you must declare your departure (Abmeldung).

Address of the Bürgeramt:

Otto-Schill-Straße 2

04109 Leipzig

Webseite: www.leipzig.de/buergeramt





Schulhaus Europa

Schulhaus is responsible for your stay in Leipzig. We take care of finding companies for your internships as well as suitable accommodation in apartments, guest houses or families. We also organise German language courses for you, take care of logistics and assist you throughout your stay.

Website:

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Address:

Leopoldstr. 26, D-04277



Office hours:

From 9am until 6pm (if we do not answer, call us or send a message via mobile)

How to get to our office:

From the Central Station (Hauptbahnhof) by tram 10 or 11, direction Sommerfeld, stopping at Connewitz-Kreuz , direction "Connewitz-Kreuz (10)" – "Dölitz (11)"

Google Maps:

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Schulhaus+Europa+e.V./@51.3057865,12.3746335,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x47a6f9309f8036df:0x6f044c9951bb031f!8m2!3d51.3057865!4d12.3768222>

About the programme:

Objectives

- Improving the skills necessary for all professional profiles: the ability of building Relations as well as communication, organisational skills; and the development of computer skills and languages, creativity and readiness to change.
- Enhance the ability to find employment.
- Learning about another culture, social organisation and other ways of life.
- Promote cooperation among institutions, companies and businesses.
- Improving competitiveness: to create new employment opportunities, increase the adaptability of people to technological and organisational change.

Some suggestions

- Do not forget at any time how difficult it is to get a placement as a foreigner and that the experience is not the only important thing of the programme. You must be capable to adapt; it will be necessary for the success of your integration to the new situation and the new country.
- You should get in touch with Schulhaus or your sending organisation when you have some difficulty and we try to resolve it.

Very Important:

In order to avoid problems with the apartments and bad behaviour of participants we only want to inform you that we will keep part of the total amount of the Pocket Money as a deposit. Of course, the money will be paid to the participants the day before the departure if:

1. The apartment is clean and without damages
2. The expenses of water, light and heating are not higher than what is considered normal (of course participants can use everything, and obviously take a shower every day, as well as turn the heating on, but they cannot waste resources and money)
3. The participants fulfil the objectives of the mobility (from the point of view of the training lessons, the cultural visits and the placements; which means, they must be Pay attention to the punctuality, the attendance and the work they must do not only in the placement but also in the training lessons and visits).

See you in Leipzig!

