



# GÖRLITZ

FOR MANY SIMPLY THE MOST BEAUTIFUL CITY IN GERMANY



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# Welcome to the city which for many is simply the most beautiful in Germany

When you come to Görlitz for the first time, its architectural variety will likely have you spellbound. The historic city is among the best preserved in Central Europe. Görlitz is deemed to have Germany's most extensive heritage area with a total of 4000 listed buildings. Most of them have been carefully restored, telling stories of the city's great wealth of the past.

Thanks to generous funding and private efforts since 1990, the city, where Bohemian, Saxon,

you're bound to get a very precise answer. Because of its geographic location on the 15th meridian, Görlitz time is exact Central European Time.

Since the expansion of the European Union in 2004, the city has indeed shifted into the heart of the continent. While Görlitz and its sister city, the Polish Zgorzelec on the eastern banks of the River Neisse, had been divided in the aftermath of World War II, they are growing



Prussian and Silesian influences are tangible, has regained its former look and is in fact more beautiful than ever.

For many, it is simply the most beautiful city in Germany. Yet, you will hardly ever hear a Görlitzer utter such superlatives as the people here would be much too modest. But the locals would have good reason to be proud of their city and of its famous sons. The list of great names ranges from philosopher and mystic Jacob Böhme to football star Michael Ballack. And if you're asking for the time in Görlitz,

closer again. In 1998 the two cities adopted the title "Eurocity" and together as one they show how people can bridge boundaries. The city's geographic location in the border triangle also makes it a perfect starting point for short trips to Poland or the Czech Republic, to destinations such as the Giant Mountains (Krkonoše), Wrocław or Prague.

Come to Görlitz and experience eventful days in Germany's easternmost city.

We are looking forward to welcoming you!

# An architectural work of art of European stature

A visit to Görlitz will turn you into a time traveller on the spot. Within a few hundred metres, you will pass treasures from more than half a millennium of European architectural history – all yours to discover. With its late Gothic, Renaissance, Baroque and Art Nouveau buildings, Görlitz is considered an integrated architectural work of art. In particular the buildings in the historic city centre never fail to fascinate with the richly decorated facades,

artful arches and frescoed ceilings from different epochs. Nowhere in Germany you will find such a density of lavishly restored listed buildings.

Görlitz is first recorded back in 1071. The city grew at the intersection of Europe's oldest and most important trade routes. One of them was the "via regia", which connected Kiev to Santiago de Compostela. Over the centuries, Görlitz became an influential centre of trade and science. Three of

## From Gothic period to Art Nouveau – a chronicle over five centuries in stone





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the city's mighty medieval towers have survived to this day. Along with the tower of the City Hall and the church towers of St Peter's Church and the Church of the Holy Trinity they form the typical skyline of Görlitz.

The best place to begin a walk through Görlitz would be the historic Old Town or the Nikolai suburbs, both of which are dominated by medieval architecture. The ensemble of historic buildings looks as if copied straight from an old painting. A Mediterranean influence is unmistakable, and that is not surprising since the master builders

from Bohemia learned their craft in Italy. Around the Untermarkt square, you will find several extraordinarily precious old houses and city residences. The Schönhof, for example, is the oldest civil Renaissance building in Germany. It was built in 1526 and today it houses the Silesian Museum. Typical of the city are the "Hall Houses" with their impressive crossvaults that stretch across the entire width of the entrance hall and provided enough room for a full horse-drawn cart. Thirty-five of these exceptional buildings with late Gothic and Renaissance elements have survived in the historic town centre.

# Discover history that lives in stories

Of course, Görlitz has much more than its historic architecture that is worth exploring. It is the stuff of legends which have been told here since the Middle Ages. One of them tells of a group of discontented clothiers who rallied in 1527 to depose the City Council. One day, when the Holy Trinity Church's clock happened to strike seven minutes early, the conspirators left the place where they held their secret meetings and ran straight into the arms of

dogs, walled-in monks and fantastic treasure hidden beneath Landeskrone Hill, a landmark not far from the city centre. If you want to know more about these and other happenings, we recommend joining one of the popular guided tours of the Old Town.

But it is not only legends from long ago that continue to fascinate locals and guests alike. Since 1995, the city has had an



a nightwatchman. The plot to overthrow the Council was discovered, and the Council made short work of the rebels. Henceforth, the back alley leading to their hideout would bear the name Traitors' Alley where to this day you can read the inscription which the rulers of the city had put up as a reminder. "D.V.R.T." it reads, which is short for "Der verräterischen Rotte Tor" ("The treacherous gang's gate"). Since that time the clock has been set to always strike seven minutes early, which has many visitors puzzled, of course. Görlitz knows countless such stories; tales of three-legged

anonymous benefactor. Every year in March he or she transfers half a million Euro for the refurbishment of the historic city centre. All investigations into the identity of the unknown patron were stopped short by the authorities who look after the annual bank transfers. The lawyers told the curious city fathers that source would dry up immediately if the name of the mysterious benefactor became known. Today, the city shows its gratitude towards the noble donor by marking each building renovated with the help of his or her funds with a special badge.



## A living monument of sumptuous Wilhelminian style

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Not everything in Görlitz's city centre is very old – there is a second centre here which is considerably younger: the self-contained and fully preserved Wilhelminian quarter with shopping areas and promenades. It was built during the period of rapid industrialisation at the end of the 19th century. There are stately banks and commercial buildings, impressive schools and the majestic city theatre. And there is what could be the most beautiful Art Nouveau emporium in Germany. It is the only emporium of its time surviving to this day in its original structural shape – and it radiates some

of the glorious atmosphere of the past. Another shopping highlight is the Straßburg Arcades. This beautiful Art Nouveau building offers a colourful mix of different speciality stores and wonderful areas to relax and enjoy yourself. Only a few steps away is Postplatz square, the representative centre of the Wilhelminian quarter. Back dropped by opulent administrative buildings, there is a large sculpted fountain in its middle which the Görlitzers only call the "Muschelminna" which would translate into something like "Maiden with the Shell". Another highlight is the elegant listed Art Nouveau train station.



Interesting pilgrimages retracing  
the steps of Jacob Böhme





# Impressions from the Sun Organ to the Holy Sepulchre

High above the banks of the River Neisse rises the most magnificent ecclesiastical building of Görlitz: St Peter and Paul's Church. Construction work on the church began in the 13th century, but the two slim neo-Gothic spires were only added in 1889–1891. This bestknown church of the city houses the world famous Sun Organ, one of the most beautiful organs north of the Alps. The instrument underwent an overhaul in 1997, but the organ builders carefully integrated various

among their most important influences. Today, there are Böhme Societies all over the world.

With experts the Holy Sepulchre is considerably valuable. The Görlitzer mayor Georg Emmerich had a mockup of the Holy Sepulchre built in Görlitz upon his return from a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Because it never suffered destruction or alterations over the centuries, it is almost more genuine than the original today. The Holy Sepulchre in Görlitz is



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parts they could re-use from the historic organ. No matter whether you go there for an organ concert or not – St Peter's Church is a highlight you should make sure to visit.

one of the most important sights and places of pilgrimage in Saxony. Together with St Peter's Church it makes a station on the Via Sacra, a touristic route linking 16 sacred sites.

The places where Jacob Böhme (1575–1624) lived and worked also have a great appeal to many visitors to the city. The famous Görlitz theosophist spent a large part of his life in the city. He worked as a plain shoemaker, developing theories on the "unity of man and nature" along the way. Many great thinkers of later generations, including Goethe and Leibniz, put Böhme's works

In addition to the Christian faith, Judaism had a major and permanent place in the city. The synagogue, consecrated in 1911, is one of the most important Jewish religious buildings in the region. The impressive neoclassical monument is the only synagogue in Saxony not destroyed during the November pogroms of 1938 under the Nazi regime.

# From Summer Theatre to Christmas Market – festivals with heart and soul

The Görlitz's inhabitants know how to celebrate. And they like it best when their guests join in. Not only visitors who come to the city in the summer stand a good chance of attending one of the many events that take place every year.

The traditional **open-air summer theatre** is one of the very special attractions of Görlitz. Staged in front of the impressive historical scenery the plays presented are based on traditional legends

times. And if you want to escape from the buzz for a few moments, we can recommend a stroll through the many small shops in the Old Town. These are places where you can discover real treasures of all kinds of arts and crafts, such as lovingly crafted wood carvings, precious pieces of blown glass, handcrafted jewelry and wrought precious metal – and you can in some cases even watch the making of these tasteful memorabilia. Another event highlight is the **International**



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and historic events. The lavish productions are performed every June and July. Also very popular is the **"Schlesische Tippelmarkt"** (Silesian Pottery Market) in July. Potters from the entire region transform the Obermarkt square into a gigantic pottery market. In August, the greatest festival in the region is staged on both sides of the Neisse River. While Görlitz lures visitors with its **"Altstadtfest"**, Zgorzelec stages the **"Jakuby Fest"**. It is a time when some tens of thousands of locals and visitors are entertained by medieval jesters, jugglers and medieval acts savouring the most beautiful aspects of medieval

**Street Theatre Festival "ViaThea"**. For three days in July the streets and squares of Görlitz become a stage for actors, acrobats and dancers from all corners of the world. There are many other events that have become a fixture in the event calendar of the city, such as the **the "Jazz Festival"**, the **"Europa Marathon Gorlitz-Zgorzelec"** and the **"European Heritage Day"**. The last in the cycle of annual festivals is the **"Schlesische Christkindelmarkt"** (Silesian Christmas Market) in December when arts and crafts from the region are presented in a Christmas atmosphere.

# European art and culture commemorating the Via Regia

Culture is center stage in Görlitz. In addition to many smaller museums and exhibitions, three other collections await visitors in very impressive and completely different edifices.

The Museum of Cultural History consists of three buildings. The Baroque House Neißstraße 30 presents patrician culture during the Baroque period and priceless exhibits showcasing the sciences and the arts during the Age of

teractive original exhibits, historic decorative arts and crafts, items of everyday life as well as the works of important Silesian artists representing the Breslauer Akademie movement of the early 20th century. Masterpieces made by goldsmiths from Breslau are also on display as are examples of Bunzlau ceramics, cut luxury glass from the glassworks of the Giant Mountains as well as historic testimonials of the creative genius of the poet and dramatist Gerhart



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Enlightenment. The Kaisertrutz, a circular cannon bastion which is part of the old city fortifications and was renovated in 2011, houses exhibitions displaying the cultural heritage of Eastern Upper Lusatia and the city of Görlitz. In the Reichenbach Tower, one can experience city history firsthand with exhibits of the city's defenses and historic views of the city.

Just a few minutes away on foot is the Silesian Museum in Görlitz's oldest Renaissance building, the Schönhof. The cultural history of Silesia spanning many centuries is presented with in-

Hauptmann. The museum is very interested in fostering and promoting an active dialogue about Silesia's past and future.

And finally – the Senckenberg Museum of Natural History. It unites almost 200 years of history revolving around collecting and researching and presents the extraordinary diversity and beauty of Upper Lusatia's nature in its exhibitions. Museum visitors are fascinated by the pond aquariums, the rain forest exhibition, and the model of a soil column that's been enlarged 30 times.

# The Perfect Setting for Stars and Starlets

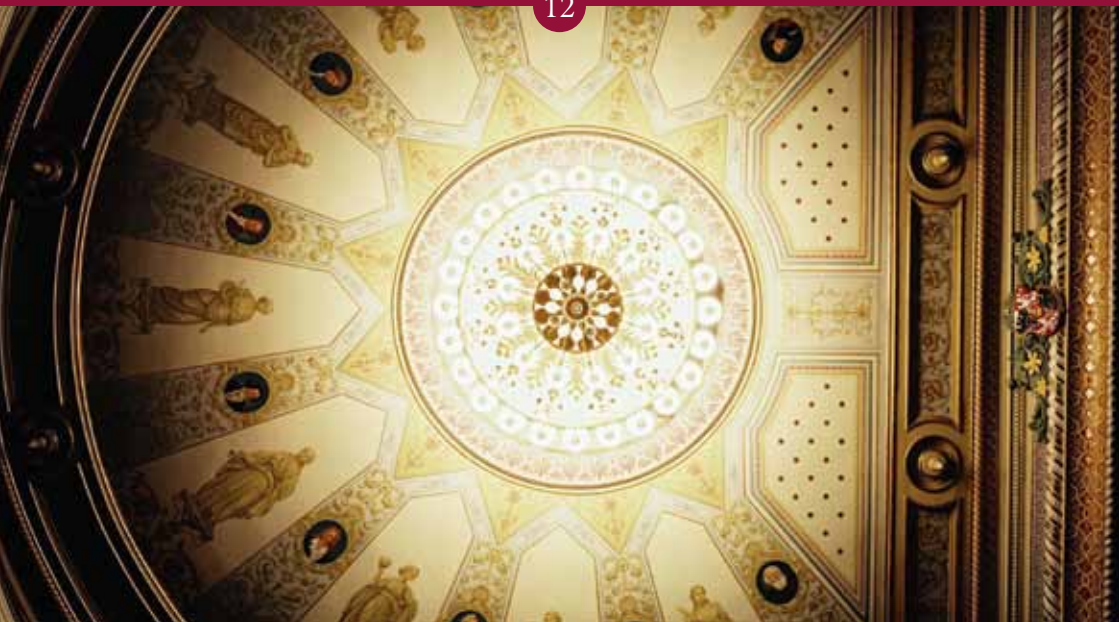
Why Görlitz's municipal theater, which opened in 1851, is nicknamed "The Little Semperoper" becomes apparent the moment visitors enter the seating area. A crystal chandelier suspended from the beautifully decorated stucco ceiling reflects the theater lights. The seating area is marvelously embellished with intricate stucco, gold decorations, painted faces and muses, and the modern acoustics assure a perfect sound experience.

As the home of the regional Musical Theater Upper Lusatia/Lower Silesia, the theater has an opera company and an orchestra, the New Lusatian Philharmonic Orchestra. After the merger with the Zittau Theater, visitors can enjoy musical theater, dance, and concert performances as well as plays.

In Görlitz, "all the world's a stage" has taken on an entirely new meaning. Because among

## And Action!

## Blockbusters from Görlitz





filmmakers of the world, the city is no longer an insider's tip. Already in the 1950s, the city was the setting for historic scenes. Even Hollywood became aware of the city on the Neiße River because here authentic sets from all historic periods are located right next to one another. For the film adaptation of Jules Verne's *Around the World in 80 Days* with Jackie Chan, entire streets were transformed into the Paris of the 19th century and the Landskron Brewery into New York Harbor. In 2008, the Oscar® winning production of Bernhard Schlink's bestseller *The Reader* was filmed in Görlitz. The city on the

Neiße River served as the location for postwar Heidelberg. That finally established Görlitz as a movie venue. From that moment on, literally one big production followed the next. Quentin Tarantino shot scenes for *Inglourious Basterds* and Philipp Stölzl for his movie *Young Goethe in Love*. In 2011, Jan Josef Liefers played in Uwe Tellkamp's movie adaptation of *The Tower and shortly thereafter Detlev Buck's Measuring the World*. 2012/13 stayed Wes Anderson with his crew for *The Grand Budapest Hotel* – just before Emily Watson and Geoffrey Rush came over to act for *The Book Thief* in April 2013.

# Exciting encounters in the new heart of Europe

In 1945 the smaller part of the city, east of the Neisse River, became the independent Polish city of Zgorzelec. In 1998, however, the city fathers signed a declaration which marked the foundation of the joint Eurocity Görlitz/Zgorzelec. Then, in 2004, the Old Town Bridge, which had been destroyed in 1945, was opened in its former place. This footbridge is a tangible expression of the desire for a cross-border daily life in the city.

Another interesting story is linked to the house in Ulica Przechodnia 8. It is the house where the famous Görlitz mathematician and mayor of the city, Bartholomäus Scultetus was born. Also worth a visit is the Baroque palace in Ulica Francuska, built in 1730. Sport enthusiasts should also consider the Zgorzelec Sports Centre, home to the Polish Premier League basketball team Turów Zgorzelec, one of the best teams in Europe.

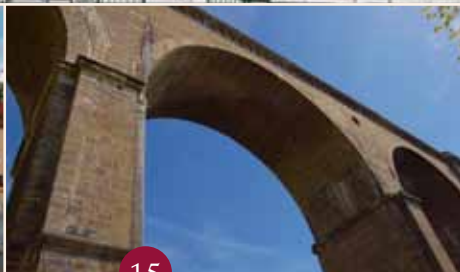
## Görlitz/Zgorzelec - laboratory for European integration

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A short trip to Zgorzelec is top of the list for many Görlitz tourists. Where else can you travel two countries during an afternoon stroll, and without leaving one and the same city? In addition to a visit to the Jacob Böhme House most guests also go to see the "Dom Kultury" (Cultural Centre), which was built as Upper Lusatian Memorial Hall. With its Wilhelminian neo-Baroque design, the stately building reminds many onlookers of the German Reichstag in Berlin. Originally, however, this "Valhalla of Upper Lusatia" was erected to honour the memory of emperor Wilhelm I.

Should you be looking for some refreshments after your tour of Zgorzelec, we recommend the traditional, rich and often very generous native Polish cuisine. Zgorzelec offers plenty of opportunity for trying regional speciality dishes. Why not try the Polish national dish Bigos?

If a daytrip to Poland is what you are looking for, we recommend taking cross-border public transport, to Lubań, for example, which is only 24 kilometres from Görlitz. The former "Lauban" was the only now Polish town to be



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part of the Upper Lusatian League of Towns. The town fathers of Lubán had founded the League together with Görlitz, Löbau, Bautzen, Zittau and Kamenz, to protect themselves from thieving barons. The league was revived symbolically in 1991. Lubań has a number of historic sights.

800-year-old Bolesławiec is only 50 kilometres from Görlitz. The town is famous for its type of ceramics that was a major economic factor for the entire Lower Silesian region until mid 20th century. Its typical designs and patterns

such as the so-called sponge stamp design were considered seminal in the trade. The oldest surviving pieces of Ceramics, dating from the 15th century, are on display in the Ceramics Museum of Bolesławiec.

If you do not have enough time to make a trip to Poland, you should at least take a look at the impressive Neisse Viaduct connecting Görlitz and Zgorzelec, built in the middle of the 19th century.

# A taste of Silesian Heavens and other delights

Whether Bohemian, Silesian or typical German – the publicans in Görlitz have plenty of tasty delights in store for you. Often, eating out is not only a culinary journey of discovery here, but at the same time an exciting excursion into our architectural past. There is a great choice of excellent restaurants and pubs all around the Untermarkt square, where nice-smelling delicacies are served in the torch-lit vaults

sure to combine their good taste with a good deal of imagination to delight your tastebuds. How about Silesian potato salad, served warm with roast bacon? Or Bohemian roast? Or would you rather prefer a Breton chowder? And how about an exquisitely cool Landskron to go with it, Görlitz' famous traditional beer? We are sure that you will be surprised by the rich culinary variety of our city.



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of historic buildings. No matter what you prefer, there are pubs and restaurants here for every taste, from rustic to nostalgic to romantic to stately or hip. You simply have to try a dish called "Schlesisches Himmelreich" (Silesian Heavens) during your stay in Görlitz. A favourite food in the city, this dish is made of lightly smoked pork loin, dried plums, apricots, savoury dumplings and some flour and butter for the sauce. You will see that it deserves its name. Whether you prefer tender or traditional food, elaborate or down-to-earth dishes, Görlitz' chefs are

When you have feasted so well, you will likely want to find a similarly excellent place to rest your tired head at night. Fans of luxury hotels will as easily get their money's worth as will the more budget-oriented traveller. You can choose from many hotels, boarding houses, numerous holiday flats and apartments. How about a hotel in one of the labyrinthine cobblestone streets of the historic Old Town? A 4 star hotel, an elegant boarding house in an Art Nouveau mansion or the quiet of the green suburb. Görlitz offers all that and much, much more.

If you would like to learn more about the





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fascinating architecture in the historic city centre in a simultaneously entertaining and informative manner, we can recommend taking one of the romantic and engaging guided tours of the Old Town. Our city guides will gladly turn into famous Görlitz for this. You can for example choose between the nightwatchman and the historical city guard. Once every month, a dozen laypeople carry Görlitz visitors away into the world of legend – and they promise you quite a few spooky moments, too. They will tell you why the eyes in the face of the city hall clock flash up by the minute, and

they will let you in on the gruesome secret of the monk “Klötzelmönch” on this tour, which ends in the cemetery in the dark of night.

Finally, Görlitz Landskron Brewery offers a guided tour of a very special kind. It is a unique opportunity for looking behind the walls of the listed brick buildings, where the multiple award-winning Landskron beer has been brewed since 1869.

# Out and about in Upper Lusatia and the Zittau Mountains

Nowhere in Germany does the sun rise earlier than in Görlitz, the republic's easternmost city. But that is not the only reason why you should explore Görlitz' more immediate surroundings. The region has some very special treats for nature-lovers. After strolling through the city your legs can relax while swimming in beautiful Lake Berzdorf, a nearly 1,000 hectares former lignite open-cast mine. The recreational area is only a few

of the River Neisse in Nová Ves in the Czech Republic. On your way, you will pass Marienthal Monastery, the oldest convent of the Order of Cistercians, dating back to the 13th century. There, the picturesque landscape of the Zittau Mountains, a mountain range popular among hikers and climbers, will already loom up right in front of you. Then there is Oybin Castle on Mount Oybin, which Charles IV, Bohemian King and Holy Roman Emperor, converted into an

## Lake Berzdorf – a water sports paradise

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minutes by car from the historic city centre of Görlitz/Zgorzelec. People looking for tranquility enjoy it as well as active ones such as cyclists, skaters and surfers.

On the outskirts of the city, there is Landeskronen Hill, one of the most popular destinations. For the half-hour climb to the top you will be rewarded with fantastic views all around.

Prefer cycling to walking? No problem! You can cycle south on the well-paved Oder-Neisse Cycle Path all the way to the source

old-age residence for himself. Not far from there is Zittau, where in the Church of the Holy Cross the famous Large Lenten Veil of 1473 can be seen.

Thousand-year old Bautzen, Rammenau Palace, Dinosaur Park Kleinwelka and the UNESCO World Heritage site Fürst Pückler Park in Bad Muskau are less than an hour away. The biosphere reserve of the Spree-wald marshes with more than 200 irrigation channels is just a little more than 100 kilometres from Görlitz.





# A journey through the border triangle of Poland, Czech Republic and Germany

Its geographic location in the border triangle makes Görlitz an excellent starting point for trips to the neighbouring countries, Poland and the Czech Republic. For example, there are the picturesque mountain ranges of the Jizera Mountains and the Krkonoše (Giant Mountains) with the 1602-metre Sněžka, the highest peak in the realm of legendary mountain spirit "Rübezahl" in the Giant Mountains. A popular destination for hikers is the source of the Bílé

middle of the 13th century and is considered to be the oldest museum castle in Central Europe. Also worth a visit is the capital of the voivodship Lower Silesia, Wrocław, which is only around 150 kilometres from Görlitz. Today the fourth-largest city in Poland, it has been restored to new splendour and radiates an exciting metropolitan atmosphere. Important listed buildings such as the Gothic city hall or St Elisabeth Church should be stations on any tour of the city.

## Prague, Dresden, Wrocław and the Giant Mountains at your doorstep

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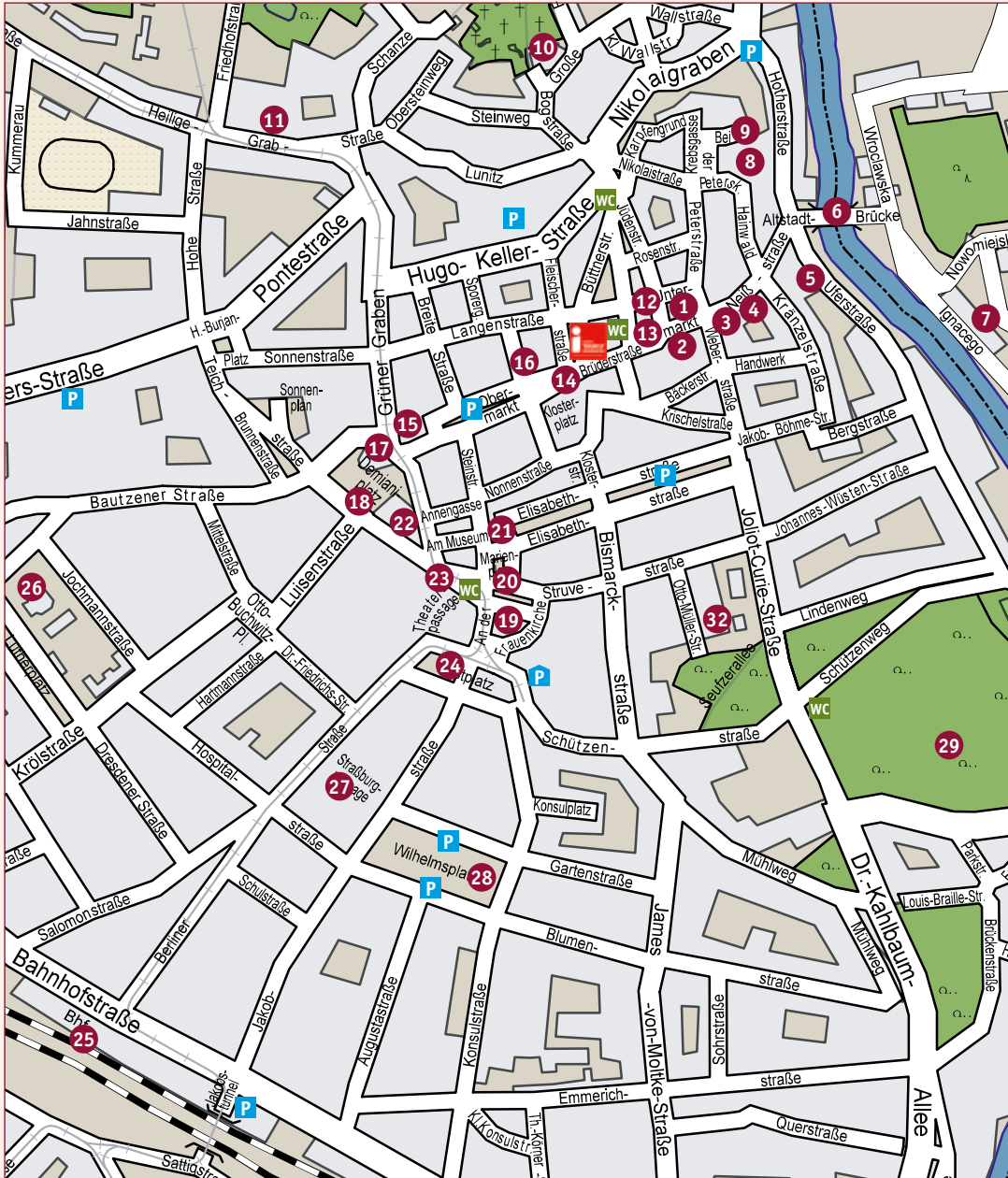
Labe (White Elbe) near the Czech mountain resort of Špindlerův Mlýn. In winter, the region attracts countless skiing fans with its excellent conditions for winter sports.

If you prefer a less mountainous environment, we can recommend the Kotlina Jeleniogórska, a valley at the foot of the Giant Mountains in Poland. The area is a real paradise for fans of palaces and ancient castles, too. One of the most impressive strongholds in the border triangle is Albrecht von Wallenstein's Frydlant Castle in Northern Bohemia. It was built around the

Only 60 km away from Görlitz you find the Czech city of Liberec with its many historic buildings, the oldest Czech zoo and the 1012-metre Jested, the city's landmark. There are also excellent connections to Prague. The "Golden City" by the Vltava River is only around two hours away from Görlitz.

Finally, what good would a journey through Saxony, Silesia and Bohemia be without a visit to Dresden? The trip to the cultural capital of Saxony takes just about 60 minutes.

# Görlitz City Map





## Görlitz-Information, Obermarkt 32



- 1 Untermarkt square, studded with the most beautiful patrician's houses in the city
- 2 Schönhof: oldest surviving Renaissance town house of a commoner in Germany, home to the Silesian Museum
- 3 Neißstraße 30 with its Baroque portal: home to the Museum of Cultural History and the Upper Lusatian Scientific Library
- 4 Neißstraße 29: the so-called Biblical House with scenes from the Old and the New Testament
- 5 Oxen Ward: garden between the well preserved ancient defence walls
- 6 Bridge Altstadtbrücke: footbridge connecting the two parts of the Eurocity of Görlitz/Zgorzelec
- 7 Jacob-Böhme-House: where the famous Görlitz shoemaker and theosophist (1575–1624) spent many years of his life
- 8 Weed House: oldest secular building in Görlitz
- 9 St Peter and Paul's Church: houses the world famous Sun Organ by Eugenio Casparini (prospect of 1703)
- 10 St Nicholas' Church
- 11 Holy Sepulchre: built in 1504 as a copy of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem
- 12 Whispering arch: words whispered in one side of the arch will be clearly audible to the listener on the other side
- 13 Old City Hall: staircase at its southern end is considered an early Renaissance masterpiece
- 14 Church of the Holy Trinity: one of the most precious church interiors in Görlitz
- 15 Reichenbach Tower: tower of the city defences
- 16 Verrätergasse (Traitors' Alley): named for the plot of Görlitz' clothiers to topple the city council in 1527
- 17 Kaisertrutz Bastion: part of the western defences, home to the Museum of Cultural History
- 18 Görlitz Theatre: known as the "little Semper Opera" for its splendid interior
- 19 Church of Our Lady
- 20 Art Nouveau emporium
- 21 Frauenturm: better known as "Dicke Turm", meaning "Fat Tower"
- 22 Dömitzplatz square
- 23 Theatre Arcade
- 24 Postplatz square: with the large sculpted "Muschelminna" fountain (Girl with the Shell)
- 25 Train Station
- 26 Luther Church
- 27 Straßburgpassage: Art Nouveau arcade with a colourful mix of small stores and boutiques
- 28 Wilhelmsplatz square with stately residential and commercial buildings
- 29 Municipal Park: pleasant landscaped park with old trees, extensive lawns and a rose garden
- 30 Meridian Stone: marking the 15th meridian, the standard meridian for Central European Time
- 31 Dom kultury (Zgorzelec): municipal "House of Culture" built in 1902 in Wilhelminian neo-Baroque style
- 32 Synagogue: impressive neoclassical monument

### Schlesisches Museum zu Görlitz (Silesian Museum)

Brüderstraße 8, Phone: +49 (0) 3581/87 91 0  
www.schlesisches-museum.de,

Opening hours:  
Tue to Sun: 10 am – 5 pm  
Jan - March: 10 am - 4 pm

The Silesian Museum gives an overview over the many-faceted cultural history of Silesia. Its exhibits include a noteworthy collection of historic crafts which once made Silesia famous throughout the world. Goldsmith's work from Wrocław, faïences from Průžkûw, cast iron decorative art from Gliwice, ceramics from Bolesławiec and porcelain from the Wałbrzych County. An important purpose of the museum is to engage in a dialogue about Silesia's past and future.

### Senckenberg Museum für Naturkunde Görlitz (Senckenberg Museum of Natural History)

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www.senckenberg.de

Opening hours:  
Tue to Fr: 10 am – 5 pm, Sa to Su: 10 am – 6 pm

The Senckenberg Museum für Naturkunde (Senckenberg Museum for Natural History) combines nearly 200 years of history of research and collections. Its exhibitions present the whole beauty and diversity of the nature in Upper Lusatia. The virtual soil column, exhibitions on the tropical rain forest or the exhibition describing selected mechanisms of evolution fascinate its visitors.

### Kulturhistorisches Museum (Museum of Cultural History)

Neißstraße 29, Phone: +49 (0) 3581/67 13 55  
www.museum-goerlitz.de

Opening hours:  
Tue to Sun: 10 am – 5 pm  
Jan - March: 10 am - 4 pm

## Museums in Görlitz

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The branches of the museum in Kaisertrutz Bastion, in the Baroque House in Neißstraße 30 and in Reichenbacher Turm are among the most important cultural venues in Saxony. Their exhibits introduce visitors to the cultural history of Görlitz and Upper Lusatia. Among the museum's most notable treasures is the Physical Cabinet, which is unique in Europe, and the Upper Lusatian Library of Sciences.

### Holy Sepulchre

Heilige-Grab-Straße 79  
Phone: +49 (0) 3581/31 58 64  
www.kulturstiftung.kkvsol.net  
www.heiligesgrab-goerlitz.de

Opening hours:  
Mon to Sat: 10 am – 6 pm,  
Sun/bank holidays: 11 am – 6 pm;  
Nov to Feb: only till 4 pm  
March / Oct: only till 5 pm

The Holy Sepulchre is part of an ensemble consisting of the Church of St. Peter and Paul and the Via Dolorosa and is an impressive document of the late medieval piety. It was built in 1504 as a copy of the Holy Sepulchre by mayor Georg Emmerich upon his return from a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. It has neither been destroyed nor altered since then which makes it almost "more original" than the original.



# Theatre, recreation, adventure

## Theater Görlitz

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[www.g-h-t.de](http://www.g-h-t.de)

Görlitz Theatre was opened in 1851 and was quickly dubbed "little Semper Opera" after its splendid cousin in Dresden. The magnificent balconies never fail to inspire awe in visitors to the theatre and the modern acoustics promise a fantastic musical experience. Because the Theatre is the traditional domicile of the Musical Theatre of Upper Lusatia/Lower Silesia, it has its own opera ensemble and orchestra, the New Lusatian Philharmonics. Moreover, the theatre also stages dance theatre and ballet performances.

## Naturschutz Tierpark Görlitz (Nature Conservation Zoo)

Zittauer Straße 43, 02826 Görlitz  
Phone: + 49 (0) 3581 / 40 74 00  
[www.tierpark-goerlitz.de](http://www.tierpark-goerlitz.de)

Opening hours:  
March to Oct: 9 am - 6 pm  
Nov / Feb: 9 am - 5 pm  
Dec / Jan: 9 am - 4 pm



Naturschutz-Tierpark Görlitz is more than just an oasis in the city, it is also a very special kind of zoo. Some 500 animals are kept in this "window into nature", in near-natural, imaginatively and lovingly designed enclosures. Though only 5 hectares in size, the animal park already won several awards and was accepted into the World Zoo Association.

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Opening hours:  
March to October / daily from 10 am

This green adventure and recreation park is an ideal place for anyone who hungers for adventure. The area of approx 5 hectares offers an imaginative adventure landscape that is yours to discover, including a magic castle, a "mountain of cheese", secret subterranean passages and many other treasures.

# Görlitz' Festivals

## **Night of the Organ** • May or June

Every year on Whit Sunday, the churches of Görlitz host the Night of the Organ where the audience can enjoy the fantastic sound of their various organ. The opening concert takes place in the Peterskirche with its famous Sun Organ.

## **Restoration Day** • June

Visitors have the exclusive chance to look at more than twenty restored, non restored, well-known and unknown houses of all architectural styles which are usually not open to the public.

## **Görlitz Jazz Festival** • May or June

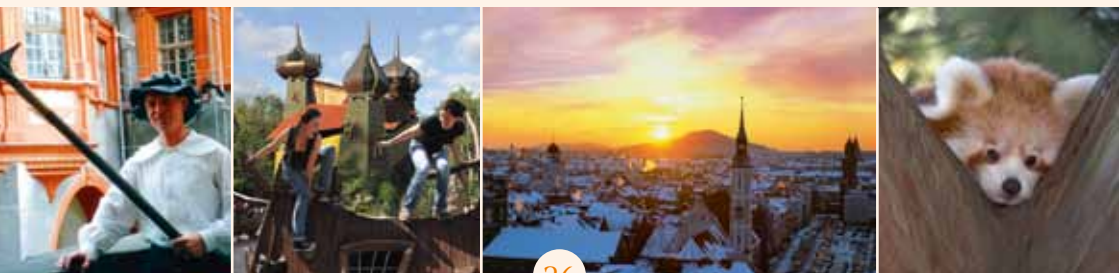
The Görlitz Jazz Festival blends concerts of different jazz styles with an experience of the exceptional architecture of our almost thousand-year-old city.

## **Europa Marathon in Görlitz** • May or June

Year after year, this marathon attracts larger numbers of participants, for the journey through two neighbouring European countries with their distinct atmospheres.

## **International Street Theatre Festival "ViaThea"** • July

Streets, squares and parks are turned into one big open-air stage for great international theatre companies.



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## **Open Air Summer Theatre** • June till July

Enjoy theater classics under the open skies amidst Görlitz's magnificent historic setting.

## **Schlesischer Toppelmarkt (Silesian Peddlers' Market)** • July

Potters from all over Germany come to Görlitz for this special market. A great variety of supporting events serve to revive Silesian traditions.

## **Görlitzer Altstadtfest (Historic City Festival)** • August

For three days, the Altstadt of Görlitz and one of the districts of Zgorzelec are turned into a stage for a historic spectacle when locals and visitors enjoy the biggest festival in the region.

## **European Heritage Day** • September

This is a great day for getting an experience of monuments and heritage sites which usually tend to be inaccessible in Görlitz.

## **Silesian Christmas Market** • December

Craftspeople and traders present commodities and delicacies from Silesia, Saxony, Poland and Bohemia in a delightful Christmas atmosphere in the historic Untermarkt.

Please find exact dates and more events on [www.goerlitz.de](http://www.goerlitz.de).

## OUR PARTNER HOTELS

Romantik Hotel Tuchmacher****	Historic Renaissance patrician house right in the centre of the Altstadt	60 rooms
Hotel Zum Marschall Duroc****S	Comfort hotel with large sun terrace at the city gates	52 rooms
Hotel Goldener Strauß***	Charming art nouveau house in the heart of the city	46 rooms
Best Western Hotel Via Regia****	Family and cyclists friendly hotel in the Südstadt	44 rooms
Hotel Europa***	Modern city hotel right next to Görlitzer Boulevard	41 rooms
Hotel Börse and Boarding House	Historic Baroque building in the Untermarkt square	35 rooms
Hotel Silesia****	Wilhelminian style hotel with restaurant	34 rooms
Hotel Nino***/Hotel Italia	Family run hotel with romantic court garden	30 rooms
Hotel Paul Otto****	Modern, family run hotel with history	24 rooms
Mühlenhotel & Alte Backstube***	Quiet country style hotel on the outskirts of the city	23 rooms
Hotel Bon Apart****	Hotel with French country house atmosphere	20 rooms
Hotel Meridian	Hotel in a historic city villa	19 rooms
Menzels Hotel & Pension Drehscheibe	Wilhelminian style house near the train station	19 rooms
Hotel garni Zum Hothertor	Cyclist-friendly hotel in the nikolai suburbs	18 rooms
Hotel Garni Alt-Görlitz	Family run city hotel at Postplatz square	18 rooms
Hotel Emmerich	Newly reconstructed hotel directly at Untermarkt square	15 rooms
Hotel & Gasthof Dreibeiniger Hund	Craftsmen's house with restaurant in the centre of the historic city centre	14 rooms
Hotel Schellergrund***S	Family-run hotel in quiet park surrounding	13 rooms
Hotel zum Klötzelmönch	Baroque house with family-friendly atmosphere	9 rooms
Kaufmannsburg Hotel Frenzelhof	Late Gothic hall house in the historic Untermarkt square	4 rooms



## HOW TO GET TO GÖRLITZ

**By car:** When travelling from the west, you will get to Görlitz via the A4 motorway (Erfurt, Dresden). From here the route travels on under the name of E40 across the border into Wrocław (Breslau) in Poland. Coming from the north, you can take the A15 (exit Roggosen or Forst) and then take the B115 to Görlitz. B6 and B99 will also take you to the European City of Görlitz/Zgorzelec.

**By train:** Görlitz has railway links to the German rail network.

**By plane:** The international airport Dresden is around 90 kilometres away from Görlitz.

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