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INTRODUCTION

Were Luther, Cranach, and Wieland the first »influencers«? In Weimar, the year **2022** focuses on that question. 2022 marks the 500th anniversary of the religious reformer Martin Luther's translation of the New Testament at the Wartburg Castle. Luther's translation made the Bible accessible to a much larger group of people, probably changing many people's lives. The paintings of Luther's close friend Lucas Cranach have become known as »visual bible stories«. His workshop in Wittenberg designed and printed hundreds of flyers that spread the message of the Reformation at what seemed like lightning speed in those days, centuries before the Internet evolved. Finally, unless you are a German scholar, the name Christoph Martin Wieland is probably new to you. But when Wieland arrived in Weimar in 1772, he was celebrated like a popstar:

He was one of the most popular German philosophers, translators, and writers of his time! Wieland's fame also played a part in attracting famous writers and philosophers like Goethe, Schiller and Herder to make Weimar their home, thus giving the residence city the nickname »Court of Muses« in the late 1700s.

In **2023**, Weimar will be celebrating the **100th Anniversary of the International Bauhaus Exhibition in 1923 and the House »Am Horn«**. After Gropius founded the avant-garde school of design in 1919, it was subject to massive criticism. Soon, the state government demanded that it justify its existence. The resulting International Bauhaus Exhibition in 1923 made the school famous around the world, and the revolutionary model »Haus Am Horn« became the very first authentic Bauhaus architecture.





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**»The spiritual activity of millennia
is deposited in language.«**

Friedrich Nietzsche

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// Weimar Luther Bible © Klassik Stiftung Weimar, Herzogin Anna Amalia Bibliothek

2022 – TRANSLATING THE WORLD: IN LANGUAGE, IMAGES, AND MUSIC

LUTHER'S BIBLE, WIELAND'S WORDS

In 2022 the state of Thuringia will commemorate Martin Luther's translation of the New Testament in 1522. Weimar for its part will also pay tribute to the author and translator Christoph Martin Wieland, who arrived shortly before Goethe, in 1772, and played a prominent role in making Weimar an internationally renowned cultural center.

EXPERIENCING LANGUAGES, EXPLORING TRANSLATIONS

This year's program juxtaposes outstanding works of art with contemporary debates, setting the stage for exciting dialogues.

Together with the public, prominent guests, civic interest groups, universities and schools, the Klassik Stiftung Weimar will address such questions as: How can we adequately translate between media and across different periods in history? What role do translation and education play in the face of growing political complexity and social inequality? In what ways can we overcome the speechlessness that currently hinders civic debate? How can we benefit artistically and socially from the wealth of practiced multilingualism? A language lab, artistic interventions and performances in public venues will accompany the events of the theme-based year.

➔ www.klassik-stiftung.de

INFO

Polyglot Luther

Presentation in the Study Center of the Herzogin Anna Amalia Bibliothek (HAAB)

The Cranach exhibition in the Historic Library will be supplemented by a presentation in the Study Center honoring Luther as a translator and author. The presentation marks the 500th anniversary of the »September Testament«. Following the publication of his translation of the New Testament, Martin Luther became one of the most influential translators of the Holy Scripture. The presentation depicts the significant impact of the German translation – dependent on and inspired by translation processes.

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Enter the world of Weimar Classicism with the Weimar+ app

Guests, residents, schools and students are invited to revisit the birth of Weimar Classicism 250 years ago using the Weimar+ App featuring all new theme-based tours. Wieland's arrival to Weimar marked the beginning of a new era. Two new tours are planned for 2022; the first, an expedition through town highlighting Christoph Martin Wieland's extensive cultural and literary network, and the second, a tour through the manor house and park grounds.

CRANACH'S TORRENT OF IMAGES

A new exhibition of Lucas Cranach the Elder, the Younger, and their shared workshop, which was one of the most prolific in art history.

In spring 2022, the Klassik Stiftung Weimar will present a major Cranach exhibition in the Renaissance Hall of the Herzogin Anna Amalia Bibliothek (HAAB). The exhibition will feature valuable Reformation-era works by Lucas Cranach the Elder, the Younger, and their shared workshop. The famous Weimar Luther Bible from 1534 will also be displayed for a short time under especially protective conditions.

Cranach's workshop was one of the most prolific in art history. It produced thousands of artworks – more than any previous artist. There was no medium that Cranach did not excel at, and each will be represented in the exhibition – paintings, graphic works, illustrated books and medals – an overwhelming and unprecedented torrent of images for Cranach's contemporaries.

Today, Cranach's legacy fascinates us more than ever and forges a connection to those who lived during the Reformation. How was public opinion shaped by images? How were pictures used to present someone in a better light, or to ridicule one's enemies? And how was it possible to produce and distribute so many pictures in such a short time?

// Sibylle von Cleve, Cranach d.Ä., 1526
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2023 – 100th ANNIVERSARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL BAUHAUS EXHIBITION IN 1923 AND THE HOUSE »AM HORN«

From the very beginning, when it was founded in Weimar by Walter Gropius in 1919, the State Bauhaus school existed in an atmosphere of massive criticism. Soon, the state government demanded that the school organize an international exhibition to justify its existence. The International Bauhaus Exhibition opened with a »Bauhaus Week« in August 1923, featuring lectures, concerts, and ballet performances.

The exhibition lasted until the end of September and featured three venues: the workshops and the school building of the Bauhaus campus, the Landesmuseum (now Museum Neues Weimar), and the House »Am Horn«, which was built especially for the exhibition. The model home was a revolutionary example of affordable, modern living, completely furnished by the Bauhaus workshops. One hundred years later, the Bauhaus is recognized as the most

famous design school in the world. So, it's not surprising that modern art museums like the Tate Gallery in London and the MoMa in New York hold significant Bauhaus collections. But the most authentic Bauhaus collection is still in Weimar at the Bauhaus Museum.

More information at:
www.weimar.de/en

// Haus Am Horn © Thomas Müller, weimar GmbH



An aerial photograph of Belvedere Park, showcasing its formal garden design. The park is characterized by a central axis with symmetrical garden beds, a large rectangular garden with a geometric pattern of paths and flower beds, and a circular pond at the top. A complex maze is visible in the bottom right corner. The entire park is surrounded by dense green trees.

TAKE A BREAK.
ENJOY OUR PARKS.



// Goethe's Garden House © Martin Fehrer

Weimar is rich in beautiful parks and gardens. Here are few of them. You can discover the others on your walks through the city or your day trips around Weimar. Take the time to relax and to marvel.

GOETHE'S GARDEN HOUSE

Goethe's close attachment to the outdoors, especially the Ilm valley, is reflected in many of the poems he wrote here, and he often visited the house even until shortly before his death. It was in the Garden House that he crafted famous works such as »Iphigenie«, »Egmont« and »Torquato Tasso«. Weimar's extensive landscape parks are well known, particularly the park on the banks of the Ilm River with its classical characteristics that Goethe helped to design, Belvedere Castle Park with its Baroque origins, and Tiefurt Castle Park. This trio of parks, along with Goethe's gardens and Herder's house garden, are all part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site. One shouldn't forget Ettersburg Castle Park with the Pücklerschlag forest meadow – a gem of Thuringian landscape gardening. These parks are a testimony to Weimar's unparalleled tradition of parks and gardens, which is complemented by an array of open areas, green havens throughout town, and public gardens.

PARK ON THE ILM WITH ROMAN HOUSE

The 48-hectare landscaped park on the edge of Weimar's old town is part of the many kilometer-long green Ilm river valley. The park was developed between 1778 and 1828 and features both sentimental, classical, and post-classical/romantic styles. The Roman House gives the impression of a temple built on the ruins of an ancient edifice and was in fact inspired by the villas surrounding Rome.

BELVEDERE PARK, ORANGERY, AND RUSSIAN GARDENS

Belvedere Castle stands on a hill just south of Weimar and is surrounded by 43 hectares of parkland. Duke Ernst August of Saxe-Weimar-Eisenach had a Baroque summer residence here including an orangery, leisure garden, and labyrinth.



// Belvedere Castle © Marcus Glahn, Schatzkammer Thüringen

GUIDED TOURS

Weimar Parks and Castles

Weimar's surroundings boast a number of enchanting castles and arcadian parks. Belvedere, Ettersburg, and Tiefurt are all on UNESCO's World Heritage List – and the beauty and harmony of these horticultural and architectural monuments are captivating.

Duration: 2 hours (for each park)

Price: 105 € per group up to 25 people (admissions not included)

Foreign language surcharge:
20 €

Languages:





// Tiefurt Mansion © M. Glahn, Schatzkammer Thüringen

TIEFURT PARK

Tiefurt Park covers an area of 21 hectares on both sides of the Ilm. Gently sloping fields with beautiful groups of trees stretch to the bank of the river. A steep slope covered with dense forest rises on the far side. Numerous memorials and park structures invite visitors to linger.



// Goethe's Home Garden © Maik Schuck, weimar GmbH

GOETHE'S HOME GARDEN

The garden was mainly looked after by Goethe's wife Christiane and it served above all to supply the large household with fruits and vegetables. Today, it is maintained as it looked during the 1820s, with the exception of the vegetable gardens that were replaced by lawns.



// Herder Church © Maik Schuck, weimar GmbH

HERDER'S GARDEN

Behind the parsonage of the Sts. Peter and Paul church there is a beautiful garden. For many years, the famous theologian and philosopher Johann Gottfried Herder inhabited the superintendent's quarters together with his large family, and the garden was used extensively.



// Ettersburg Castle © M. Glahn, Schatzkammer Thüringen

ETTERSBURG PARK

The castle grounds, a jewel of Thuringian horticulture, are adjoined by the Pückler-schlag (»Prince Pückler's Swath«) – an elongated glade with beautifully fashioned contours. One of the woodland alleés laid out 250 years ago has been opened again, connecting Ettersburg Castle to Buchenwald Memorial.



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HISTORIC CEMETERY

This graveyard with a park-like atmosphere was opened in 1818 and is one of the most beautiful places in Weimar, recalling both the classical and post-classical eras. The coffins of Goethe and Schiller can be viewed in the Ducal Vault, and many other Weimar celebrities are also buried here.



// House Garden of the Kirms-Krackow Family © Andre Mey, weimar GmbH

HOUSE GARDEN OF THE KIRMS-KRACKOW FAMILY

Privy councilor Franz Kirms was one of Weimar's floral enthusiasts and bred many botanical rarities. This garden is over 400 years old and comprises two houses with a courtyard and flanking arcades. There is a private flower garden with a small pavilion dating from 1754.



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CLASSICAL WEIMAR

*»One should, at least every day, hear a little song,
read a good poem, see a fine picture, and, if possible,
speak a few reasonable words.«*

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

Over twenty years ago, in 1998 in Kyoto, »Classical Weimar« was added to the UNESCO World Heritage List as a unique testimony with a total of eleven ensembles. Parks, castles, the residences of the famous poets Goethe and Schiller, as well as the city church and the historic cemetery have since been a part of humanity's global memory. In the 18th and 19th centuries, Weimar experienced a remarkable time of cultural blossoming and became the center of intellectual life in Germany, attracting famous people, including writers and artists. Johann Wolfgang Goethe and Friedrich Schiller are the most famous representatives of the Weimar Classical period, the humanist cultural epoch with a lasting influence up to the present day.



// Goethe Residence © Jens Hauspurg, weimar GmbH

GOETHE RESIDENCE

One of the most important figures of Classical Weimar, Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, lived in this Baroque house for almost fifty years. The poet redecorated and furnished the rooms, installing his rich collections here, e.g. in the Juno Room. The furnishings and fittings from the last few years of Goethe's life have largely been preserved. Please note that there is only a limited number of tickets available each day.

HISTORICAL LIBRARY

The Herzogin Anna Amalia Bibliothek is one of the most famous libraries in Germany. Anna Amalia had the »Green Castle« turned into a library comprising a unique combination of books and artworks within its outstanding architecture. The Rococo Hall is especially famous. After the library was devastated by fire in September 2004, it was reopened in October 2007, reinstating this jewel of Weimar. Please note that there is only a limited number of tickets available each day.



// Rococo Hall © Maik Schuck, weimar GmbH



// Belvedere Castle © Marcus Glahn, Schatzkammer Thüringen

BELVEDERE CASTLE

Belvedere Castle stands on a hill just south of Weimar and is surrounded by 43 hectares of parkland. The castle contains an exquisite collection of arts and crafts from several European countries and the Far East including precious porcelain from Meißen, Fürstenberg, Berlin and Saint Petersburg.

WITTUMSPALAIS

After a fire in the Weimar City Castle, the so-called Wittumspalais was turned into the dowager residence of Duchess Anna Amalia. The two-winged building is an important document of noble interior design in Weimar. Luminaries of Classical Weimar used to meet in the »Round Table Room« for lively discussions, and the »Friday Society« set up by Goethe also used this venue for their meetings.



// Wittumspalais © Thomas Müller, weimar GmbH

GUIDED TOUR

UNESCO World Heritage (for groups)

Weimar has three entries on the World Heritage List: Classical Weimar, the State Bauhaus, and Goethe's handwritten manuscripts in the »Memory of the World«. They're all covered in depth by this tour.

Duration: 2 hours

Price: 105 € per group up to 25 people

Foreign language surcharge: 20 €

Languages:    

Possible visits (not included):
Herzogin Anna Amalia Bibliothek with Rococo Hall / Goethe Residence with original, preserved furnishings and fittings / Schiller Residence with historical wallpaper and furnishings

For a complete listing of Weimar's UNESCO World Heritage Sites see:

www.weimar.de/en



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// Ettersburg Castle © Marcus Glahn, Schatzkammer Thüringen

EVENT

Pentecost Festival.

Ettersburg Castle

The aesthetic-intellectual history and the creative aura of this sociable venue are combined in this festival, which offers an ambitious and diverse program.

Theater, readings, early and classical music, jazz, soul, pop, and experimental music can be experienced in the theater hall of the Old Castle, the room that has been called the »Weapon Hall« since Duke Carl August's day, the baroque »White Hall« and the »Castle Church«.

» Spring 2022

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Updates / program:

➤ <https://schlossettersburg.de/kultur/pfingstfestival>

Reservations and information:

➤ tourist-info@weimar.de

SCHILLER RESIDENCE

Friedrich Schiller spent the last three years of his life in this home on the former Weimar Esplanade. Including some of the original furnishings, it reflects the living style prevalent in Schiller's day.

ETTERSBURG CASTLE

The Ettersburg Castle complex consists of the old castle itself, the adjacent church, and the newer castle in the front and was originally used as Anna Amalia's summer residence. During this time, a literary and artistic circle met here, including Wieland, Goethe and Herder.

STs. PETER AND PAUL (HERDER CHURCH)

The origins of the Herder Church go back to when the city was founded. This urban settlement dating from the mid-13th century formed its own church parish. In 1953, it was newly consecrated. Thomas Mann donated the prize money of the Goethe Award he had received in Weimar in 1949 towards the refurbishment of the church after it had been severely damaged during WWII. It is exquisitely furnished with works of art, including an altar painting by Lukas Cranach the Elder.



// Herder Church © Thomas Müller, weimar GmbH

MY DAY IN WEIMAR

» CLASSICAL WEIMAR

MORNING

A **guided walking tour** is a great way to start the day and see all the highlights of the city. A more comfortable alternative: **Belvedere Express** – discover Weimar on an air-conditioned bus tour with moderation in your language. For lunch, we recommend you try authentic **Thuringian cuisine** at the Gasthaus zum Goethebrunnen, the Sächsischer Hof, or at the Scharfe Ecke.

AFTERNOON

After a good lunch, it's time to follow in **Goethe's** footsteps: Start with his home on Frauenplan and the adjacent **Goethe National Museum**, which will both take you back to the era of Weimar Classicism. If you prefer something more secluded, take a walk through the **Park on the River Ilm**. It is centrally located and is a favorite place among both guests and locals. At the end of the 18th century, Duke Carl August and Goethe realized their dream of creating a landscape park here in the style of an English garden, and today, like the other parks around Weimar, it belongs to **UNESCO World Heritage**.

EVENING

After freshening up at the hotel, perhaps you would like to talk about today's experiences in a comfortable atmosphere over dinner. Do you prefer **elegance and charm**? Then we recommend **Anno 1900**, Geleitstrasse 12a. In the historic winter garden of the former Hotel Chemnitz, you enjoy a delicious meal in a stylish turn-of-the-century atmosphere. The cuisine is light and international, with a touch of France here and a bit of Italy

there – but the Thuringian origins are never forgotten. For night owls, there is even more to discover. How about getting to know a unique Weimar venue? The **ACC Café Galerie** combines art with conversation, paintings with patio evenings, video art with vintner's sparkling wine, and a theater-performance with a toast. In the summertime, you can sit on the terrace under the leafy old linden trees and enjoy the view of the city palace, a cool drink, and conversations with friends. The renowned gallery upstairs attracts art-lovers from all over with its exhibitions of contemporary art and interesting events.

» WEIMAR MODERNISM

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AFTERNOON

After a good lunch, it's time to go investigate the **Bauhaus**. As the birthplace of the Bauhaus, Weimar offers numerous modernist attractions. That is why a **Bauhaus Walk** or a tour of the **Bauhaus Museum** are essential parts of your visit to Weimar. Beforehand, see the **Museum Neues Weimar**, where the development of Modernism leading up to the Bauhaus is impressively explained.

EVENING

After freshening up at the hotel, perhaps you would like to talk about today's experiences in a comfortable atmosphere over dinner. Would you like to try **Weimar's Michelin-Star cuisine accompanied by exclusive wines**? If so, then there is no way around an evening at the **Weinbar Weimar** run by two professionals: Star cook Marcello Fabbri and the wine connoisseur Philipp Heine. The furnishings very effectively mix classical and modern, just like Weimar's culture. Coffee house chairs are set off by lightbulbs hanging on cords, and there are extravagant bouquets and wine bottles everywhere. Stylish yet cozy. A five-course meal with accompanying wines is the great conclusion of a perfect day. Afterwards, take a leisurely walk through town and enjoy the completely different impression of the streets and squares by night.

TIP

MORE TIPS FOR YOUR EVENING


- » German National Theatre Weimar
- » Weimar's Festivals
- » Symphony concerts by the Staatskapelle Weimar
- » Theater im Gewölbe

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WEIMAR MODERNISM



The new human being and modern times. Weimar Modernism has many different facets; many famous figures played important roles. During this period, cultural and political life in Weimar was going through exciting transitions: provocative exhibitions organized by Count Harry Kessler showed the works of modern artists, Henry van de Velde was active in Weimar, the Weimar Republic and the Bauhaus School were founded, the first Bauhaus exhibition took place in 1923. The young democracy was a turbulent period, followed by the pre- and post-war eras and finally the German Democratic Republic. They all left their marks on Weimar. You can experience this whole story of Modernism at the Quarter of Modernism and at other sites throughout Weimar.



// Bauhaus Museum Weimar © Thomas Müller, weimar GmbH

BAUHAUS MUSEUM WEIMAR

The Bauhaus Museum Weimar with its contemporary architecture and innovative exhibition design presents treasures from the world's oldest Bauhaus collection. The collection, selected to remain in Weimar in 1925 by Walter Gropius with just 168 workshop pieces, has steadily grown over the years to comprise 13,000 objects. The exhibition not only presents iconic designs and historical documents, some of which have never been shown before, but also highlights the lifestyle issues, utopias, and experiments prevailing at the early Bauhaus and during the 1920s.

» Weimar+ App

This app is an ideal multimedia guide that will take you through the Bauhaus Museum, the Museum Neues Weimar and the Haus Am Horn. [➔ Weimar+ App](#)



BAUHAUS-UNIVERSITÄT WEIMAR

The State Bauhaus was founded in Weimar in April 1919. Its precursors were the Grand Ducal Art School established by the Grand Duke of Saxe-Weimar-Eisenach Carl Alexander in 1860 and the Grand Ducal School of Arts and Crafts established in 1907. The Belgian painter, architect and interior designer Henry

van de Velde, designed the two central buildings that comprise the main campus of today's university. When van de Velde had to leave Germany during World War I, he recommended the architect Walter Gropius as his successor. The latter subsequently founded the new school of design after the war. The Bauhaus remained in Weimar until 1925 when it moved to Dessau.

» Bauhaus-Walk

Take a walk through Weimar, follow the traces of the early Bauhaus and experience the exciting past and present of the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar.

[➔ Bauhaus-Walk](#)





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MUSEUM NEUES WEIMAR

The former Grand Ducal Museum, built in 1869, was one of the first purpose-built museums in Germany. Since 1999, the museum has primarily housed temporary exhibitions, but in April 2019, it reopened with a permanent exhibition on early Modernist art ranging from the Weimar Painting School to Henry van de Velde. A large museum workshop invites guests to experiment with the techniques of the arts and crafts movement.



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NIETZSCHE ARCHIVE

An ailing Friedrich Nietzsche spent his final years at the »Villa Silberblick« in the care of his sister Elisabeth Förster-Nietzsche. After his death, she commissioned Henry van de Velde to remodel the rooms of the archive. The interior designs and furnishings are among the most exquisite creations ever made by the Belgian architect and designer.

HAUS AM HORN

The Haus Am Horn is the only building designed and constructed by the Bauhaus in Weimar. This model house was built especially for the 1923 Bauhaus exhibition. It provided an opportunity for the Bauhaus masters and students to publicly present their visions of modern living and architecture for the first time.

HOUSE HOHE PAPPELN

The Haus Hohe Pappel (House High Poplars), built in 1907/08, was the private residence of the Belgian architect and designer Henry van de Velde and his family. Van de Velde drafted the plans for the entire house down to the last detail. The result was an extraordinary Gesamtkunstwerk, whose representative living area and garden can still be visited today.



// © Thomas Müller

EDUCATIONAL TRIPS TO WEIMAR: GERMAN HISTORY AND CULTURE IN A NUTSHELL

Weimar may be small, but here the contradictions of Germany's 19th and 20th century history can be discovered and understood more fully than almost anywhere else. The story of Weimar is a two faced story of great humanist and modernist ideas on the one hand and Nazi barbarism on the other. It is about language, literature, art and architecture as well as politics, philosophy, ideology and historiography.

UNDERSTANDING GERMANY'S PRESENT

How did Germany become what it is today? The legacies of German classicism, of Germany's first democratic constitution, of National Socialism, of Soviet occupation, of communism and reunification can be discovered here. In Weimar students can



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consider fundamental questions about how we record and learn from our »human story«: Who writes history? What do we remember and what do we want to forget?

WEIMAR THE »CITY OF MODERNITY«

The Constitutional Assembly taking place in Weimar in 1919 proved that it is possible to create a freer and fairer social order. Modernity however is contradictory. The new democracy was weakened from within and, in 1933, the Nazis established a society based on racism and the cult of a leader. Weimar became one of the symbolic cities of this movement, one of the largest concentration camps was built nearby. Today the city invites us to reflect upon the order we want to live in: What values are essential to us? What kind of society, what kind of future do we want to shape? Freedom, justice, a good life: What does that mean for us?



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POLITICAL WEIMAR

The Weimar Republic existed from 1919 to 1933 and was Germany's first democracy. It emerged after World War I in the midst of utterly desolate circumstances yet offered hope and fostered progress. Much of what we take for granted today was created during those years. Yet the foes of the democracy fought it in every way they could, which ultimately led to its demise in 1933.

THE FIRST DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

WEIMAR REPUBLIC

It was a significant milestone: The first German democratic constitution was ratified in 1919, building the cornerstone for the post-WWII democratic German national government in 1949. From February 6 to August 21, 1919, the National Assembly convened in Weimar. Weimar had been chosen because it was far away from the politically instable city of Berlin. Germany's first President, Friedrich Ebert, named yet another important reason: »The whole world will find it pleasant to have the spirit of Weimar be connected to the making of a new German Empire.« Weimar itself was confronted with exceptional circumstances: Not only was the first German flight route, instituted between Weimar and Berlin, a spectacular development, but other novelties also quickly transformed Weimar into a temporary political center.

» PLACES TO SEE

THE STADTMUSEUM

The Stadtmuseum (Municipal Museum) of Weimar illustrates one of the most important events in German history: the founding of the Weimar Republic that was sealed by the ratification of the constitution by the National Assembly in 1919 at the German National Theater in Weimar. A new and comprehensive exhibition here portrays this chapter of history more elaborately and within the context of World War I.



// Stadtmuseum © Maik Schuck, weimar GmbH

GERMAN NATIONAL THEATER

A plaque designed by the Bauhaus founder Walter Gropius was mounted on the theater facade in memory of these months during the year 1919.

➔ www.nationaltheater-weimar.de



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// House of the Weimar Republic © Thomas Müller, weimar GmbH

GUIDED TOUR

WEIMAR DEMOCRACY. NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF 1919

An exciting chapter of German history was written in Weimar 100 years ago:

With the ratification of the constitution at the German National Theater, Germany's first democracy was born and named after Weimar.

Duration: 2 hours

Price: 105 € for up to 25 people (admissions not included)

Foreign language surcharge: 20 €

Languages:    

THE HOUSE OF THE WEIMAR REPUBLIC TOUR

This tour will help you get a first orientation during the unrest era of the Weimar Republic.

Duration: 1 hour

Price: 60 € in German language for up to 15 people, 70 € in English language for up to 15 people

Languages:  

Information: Tours are provided during opening hours and reservations are required.

HOUSE OF THE WEIMAR REPUBLIC

Modern architecture and contrasting exhibitions

» PLACES TO SEE

THE HOUSE OF THE WEIMAR REPUBLIC

A Forum for Democracy

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Much of what we take for granted today was created during those years. Yet the foes of democracy fought it in every way they could, which ultimately led to its demise in 1933. The modern, multi-media House of the Weimar Republic tells this story and demonstrates how relevant the Weimar Republic is for today's world.

While connecting the Weimar era to the 21st century, it serves as a Forum for Democracy, providing room for exhibitions, research, and education. Moreover, the House is authentically located in Weimar, the city that gave birth to the first German democracy.

There is a pulsating space right in the heart of Weimar, a place to reflect on the first German democracy – an authentic location to experience the past, the present and the future of democracy.

The House of the Weimar Republic is growing: A modern annex will soon span beyond the historic walls of the fragments of the former »Zeughaus« or Armory, looming upwards, over three floors. The enlargement of the old building, which had already been refurbished in 2019, will make it possible to expand the permanent exhibition and offer space for the visitors' center, providing our guests with space for deeper exploration. At the same time, it opens opportunities for innovative, interactive formats. This new event center under the name »Forum for Democracy« and the bright, light-flooded garden level will offer space for seminars, workshops, and debates, as well as a special space for temporary exhibitions, and a study center. In the coming years, our guests can look forward to a myriad of events as well as impulses from research projects, and activities for the promotion of democracy.

The temporary exhibition hall will be opened as early as Spring 2022 with an exhibition that allows visitors to enter the political interdependences of the Weimar Republic, its controversies, and contrasts: Friedrich Ebert and Paul von Hindenburg.

In their opposition, these two Reich-Presidents of the Weimar Republic stand for the political polarization in Germany during the 1920s and 1930s: Civilian versus military, (social) democrat versus nationalist, parliamentary versus commander. As the heads of state, they had a decisive influence on Germany's fate between the two World Wars. While Ebert did much to build and establish the democracy, his successor undermined and destroyed the Weimar Republic. It promises to be an exciting, dynamic exhibition, rich in images, which will trace the heartbeat of the republic of the time and offer insights into an era shaped by a spirit of action, new beginnings, and ambivalence.



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MUSEUM OF FORCED LABOR UNDER NATIONAL SOCIALISM



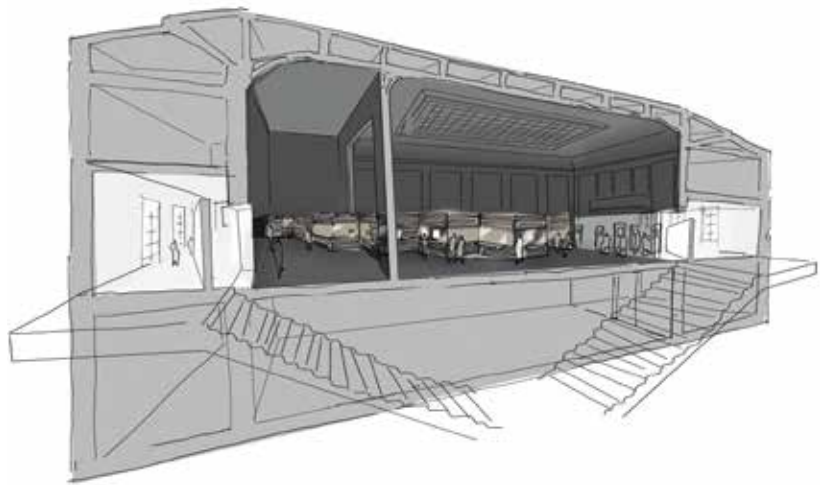
// Gauforum © Thomas Müller, weimar GmbH

In May 2023, the Museum Zwangsarbeit im Nationalsozialismus (Museum of Forced Labor under National Socialism) will open at the former Gauforum in Weimar. It will reveal forced labor as a racist and collective criminal offence. Altogether, more than 20 million people, including many women and children, carried out forced labor throughout the German Reich and the occupied European countries. German companies profited and numerous Germans participated in the exploitation of forced laborers: in the armaments industry, on construction sites, in agriculture, in trades, in public institutions and private households. In Germany, forced laborers, especially from Eastern Europe, were subjected to racist and abusive discrimination. The

place of work and the employer, accommodation and food supply determined their living conditions and chances of

survival. About two and a half million people, in particular Soviet prisoners of war and inmates of concentration camps from all over Europe, did not survive the forced labor in the German Reich.

According to National Socialist plans, the Weimar Gauforum was to become the prestigious headquarters of the Thuringian Gauleiter Fritz Sauckel. As General Plenipotentiary for Labor Deployment since 1942, Sauckel was responsible for the deportation of millions of forced laborers from all over Europe to the German Reich. In 1946, he was sentenced to death for this reason at the Nuremberg trials. After the war, the Gauforum building complex was completed and has since been used for various purposes.



// Cross-sectional drawing of the future Museum of Forced Labor under National Socialism: exhibition spaces. Drawing © gewerkdesign



// Buchenwald Memorial © Claus Bach

BUCHENWALD MEMORIAL

The inscription above the main gate of the Buchenwald concentration camp »Jedem das Seine« (»To each his own«) was what the prisoners saw day in and day out when they had to line up on the roll call square. These words are the manifestation of the National Socialist demolition of equal rights and human dignity. Based on the Roman legal maxim for preserving justice, this basic principle is turned completely around to mean the opposite and proclaims that the so-called foreigners in society be brutally eliminated for political, social, or biological-racist reasons.

That is the basic point of departure for the permanent exhibition. It analyzes the Buchenwald concentration camp, which the SS operated less than ten kilometers away from the center of Weimar as a part of the history of Germany's society during the period of National Socialism – a society that predominantly accepted concentration camps as justified and necessary instruments. After all, the country was almost completely infiltrated with camps during the »total war« – Buchenwald alone had over 130 sub-camps.

Thematically the new exhibition builds a bridge that begins with the foundation of the camp on 15 July 1937 in the context of war preparations and extends to cover the post-liberation history and the influence of Buchenwald after 11 April 1945. Altogether, the SS imprisoned a quarter-million people from more than 50 countries at the complex. More than 56,000 of them, including 11,000 Jews, were murdered by the SS or died of exhaustion, starvation, torture, or medical experimentation.

The permanent exhibition covers a range of topics, from the consequences of the transfer of power to the National Socialists in 1933, including the founding of the Buchenwald concentration camp on 15th July 1937, as part of the war preparations, to the actual history of the camp, up to the aftermath following the liberation of the prisoners on 11th April 1945. One striking aspect is how smoothly the concentration camp fit into the neighborhood of the city: Buchenwald easily became part of Weimar. The hospital and crematorium were at the disposal of the SS for their purposes; craftsmen, shipping companies, and dealers in Weimar did business with them. One example was the forced labor by prisoners working in the joinery of the concentration camp to produce replicas of furniture from the study and death room of Friedrich Schiller in April 1942 for Weimar and the Goethe National Museum.

From 1945 until 1950 the Soviet occupying power used the former concentration camp as a prison camp (Soviet Special Camp No. 2). 28,000 people had been interned here by 1950, and over 7,000 died. The National Buchenwald Memorial was completely revamped in the 1990s. Today there are diverse programs offered to individuals and groups.

PERMANENT EXHIBITIONS:

- » Buchenwald. Ostracism and Violence 1937 to 1945
- » Soviet Special Camp No. 2, Buchenwald 1945–1950
- » Art exhibition »Means of Survival – Testimony – Artwork – Visual Memory«
- » The History of the Buchenwald Memorial

For more information please contact the Buchenwald Memorial Information Office at the Weimar Tourist Information Center (Markt 10, Weimar) or on the Internet at:

➔ www.buchenwald.de



➔ Buchenwald Memorial © Claus Bach

PUBLIC TOURS OF BUCHENWALD MEMORIAL

OVERVIEW TOURS

Meeting point: Buchenwald Visitor Information Center

- » April to October, Tuesday to Sunday: 10 am to 3 pm every 30 minutes
- » November: 10 am, 11 am, 12 pm and 1 pm
- » December to February: 11 am and 1 pm
- » March: 10 am, 11 am, 12 pm and 1 pm

Participants: from 6 to max. 20 people

Duration: 90 minutes

Price for the tour: 8 €, reduced 5 €. Minimum age for participation is 15 years.

MULTIMEDIA GUIDE

Available at: Buchenwald Visitor Information Center

Price per person: 5 € (discounts for groups)

The following languages are currently available:



TOURS FOR GROUPS

(upon prior registration)

Participants: from 1 to max. 30 people

Duration: 120 minutes

Price: 80 €, reduced 40 €

The minimum age is 15; the size of the group should be between 15 and 30 people.

Languages:



are available on a limited basis.

Public transport: Bus No. 6, towards Buchenwald

DISCOVER MARKETS





// Flower Market © Maik Schuck, weimar GmbH



// Easter Market © Maik Schuck, weimar GmbH

In Weimar, people know how to celebrate. Whether it is the Onion Market in October, the Potters' Market in late summer, the Christmas Market during Advent, or the Wine Festival on Goethe's birthday – there are plenty of occasions. And the background couldn't be more scenic: the historic Old Town offers plenty of room and always seems to have the right atmosphere. The Market Square is one of the favorite places for Weimar's markets and festivals. If you aren't lucky enough to be in Weimar for the weekend of the Potters', Flower, or Easter market, you don't have to miss out on the typical market hustle and bustle. Every day, from Monday to Saturday, the farmers and flower merchants gather and offer their wares at the farmers' market directly in front of the courthouse. Strolling along between stands and admiring the fresh produce while picking up bits of market conversations is a wonderful way to slow down.

EASTER MARKET

Spring's awakening: the downtown merchants and restaurants in Weimar spread the Easter spirit.

Along with regional specialties, the selection is broadened by arts and crafts sold by creative locals and designers from out of town. A nice opportunity to enjoy the first warm weather and browse for little gifts.

» 9 to 10 April 2022 » 1 to 2 April 2023

FLOWER MARKET

Weimar has a special tradition here, too. In Goethe's day, Weimar became a center for botanists. At that time, it became fashionable to trade rare plant cultures that were true curiosities then. Even for market visitors not interesting in planting, the flower market is a feast for the senses with its colorful sea of blossoming potted plants, aromatic herbs, and perennials of all kinds.

» 15 May 2022 » 14 May 2023



// Wine Festival © Maik Schuck, weimar GmbH

WINE FESTIVAL

Surrounding Goethe's birthday on 28 August, the Wine Festival is celebrated at Frauenplan across from the famous poet's home. The festive wine »village« with its many visitors is the main attraction at Goethe's birthday celebration.

Many a glass is raised to his health. Wine makers from all over Germany come to present their products, and they never tire of praising the unique atmosphere at Goethe's Wine Festival.

» 26 to 28 August 2022

» 25 to 26 August 2023



// Potters' Market © Heiko Hellmann, weimar GmbH

POTTERS' MARKET

Potters from all over Thuringia offer their precious and fragile wares and demonstrate their age-old craft at the Market Square. The multifarious selection and the good quality guaranteed by the Thuringian Potters' Guild have become the trademark of the Weimar

Potters' Market. More than 40 stands are set up in rows on the first weekend in September. The highlight of the Guild's Potters' Market is the presentation of the journeymen's pieces and the traditional ceremony where apprentices are declared journeymen.

» September 2022 » September 2023



// Weimar Onion Market and Folk Festival © Maik Schuck, weimar GmbH

ONION MARKET

For three days every October, the seven-layered vegetable becomes Weimar's focal point. Nothing goes without onions: in onion tarts, in the frying pan, as a braid or arrangement, and as the name-giver for Thuringia's largest folk festival. The Weimar Onion Market

(German: Zwiebelmarkt) is almost 370 years old. The Heldrungen onion farmers set the tone of the traditional market activity with their onion braids, dried flowers, and onion decorations. The traditional market is three days of hustle and bustle, music, dance and folk entertainment.

» 7 to 9 October 2022 » 6 to 8 October 2023



// Weimar Christmas Market © Marcus Glahn, weimar GmbH

WEIMAR CHRISTMAS

Weimar dressed for winter: a festively decorated town awaits visitors during Advent. The Old Town is transformed into a Christmas Market bathed in glowing lights, and its vendor stands, huts and mulled-wine cabins extend from the Theater Square with the famous Goethe and Schiller monument to the histori-

cal Market Square. Even after the Christmas Holidays, Weimar welcomes its visitors with festive decorations and market activity. After New Year's the magic continues: the huts on Market Square are inviting places to linger during the first days of January.

» 23 November 2022–4 January 2023

» 22 November 2023–4 January 2024

ENJOY FESTIVALS

A photograph of an open-air concert stage at night. The stage is illuminated with vibrant purple and blue lights, creating a dramatic atmosphere. It is situated in a park with large, leafy trees that frame the scene. In the foreground, a body of water reflects the stage lights and the surrounding greenery. The sky is a deep blue, suggesting twilight. The overall mood is serene and festive.

// Open air concert in the weimarhallenpark © André Mey, weimar GmbH



// Thuringia Bach Festival © Thuringia Bach Festival

In Weimar, the festival line-up traditionally begins in the month of April with the Thuringian Bach Festival, and then the cabaret season begins at the Köstritzer Spiegelzelt in May/June along with the festival at Ettersburg Castle around Pentecost. Weimar's cultural offering doesn't even take a break during the summer: the »Weimar Summer« combines all of these highlights into a program that offers a different surprise each evening

WEIMAR SUMMER

Artists and audiences alike populate Weimar's parks and squares, meet up for art and culture, celebrate and dance, listen and enjoy.

The Weimar Summer has established itself as one of the most diverse event-series in town. Along with the large-scale highlights such as the Classic Open-Air concert performed by the Staatskapelle Weimar symphony orchestra that draws an audience of more than 4,000

people, or the Kunstfest Weimar (Weimar Art Festival) with 17,000 visitors for contemporary fine arts, there are also smaller series that set entertaining accents, whether outdoors under the night sky or in concert halls.

June to September 2022 and 2023

➔ www.weimarer-sommer.de/en

THURINGIA BACH FESTIVAL

The Thuringia Bach Festival is the largest classical music festival in Thuringia.

Specializing in Baroque music and the performance of Johann Sebastian Bach's works in authentic Bach venues around the state, the festival attracts artists and tourists, from both Germany and abroad.

8 April to 1 May 2022

31 March to 23 April 2023

➔ www.thueringer-bachwochen.de/en

PASSION FOR BACH

Thomas Dunford, a lutist from France, will be an artist-in-residence of the 2020 Thuringia Bach Festival. He shares with us his passion for Bach music.



// Thomas Dunford
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Thüringer Bachwochen

» As a musician, you are focused, of course, on many composers from different periods. You seem to return, however, to Johann Sebastian Bach regularly. What is it that fascinates you about Bach's music again and again? Is he more special than other composers?

TD: To me Bach is unique. He manages to synthesize and revolutionize the music of his time. To me he is one of the greatest musical geniuses that has ever lived. His music is an unlimited source of inspiration and humility; I would consider him to be the »god« of musicians and an extraordinary guide.

» Johann Sebastian Bach did spend a couple of his most productive years in Weimar. You will perform in this very church where Bach had at least 3 of his sons baptized. Do you expect to experience a special kind of »spirit« when you play in an historic Bach location? Or doesn't it matter where you perform?

TD: It has significance for me to play in this place where Bach created with such inspiration and to let his music resonate in the very walls that first came into contact with his music three centuries ago. I hope that Bach's spirit will join in that very special place as we play.

» Bach's music was composed three centuries ago. As an artist who specializes in early music – why is this music still worth discovering?

TD: Bach wrote his music three centuries ago, but to me it remains some of the most modern and extraordinary music ever conceived. I believe his music will never age because of its complexity, its humanity, and because of its respect for the fundamental principles of nature.

» Today especially the younger generation seems to be heavily influenced by YouTube, Netflix, and social media. How would you argue that we're still in need of live performances of classical music? What difference does it make?

TD: The digital world has taken us by storm, but we cannot reject our nature and our will to share. While the internet provides us with extraordinary possibilities, it can never be a substitute for the natural world and its complexity. A digital capture of the music such as CD, YouTube, etc... will only remain a pale reflection of the real world, which has much greater complexity and depth. The moment that we share with an audience during a concert is something we can't see or record but clearly has a profound impact. For me music reaches its ultimate potential when performed in the »real« world as we connect through music.

» Finally: Is it the first time you'll come to Weimar? Any plans yet as to what you will discover?

TD: It will be my first time and I am thrilled to be able to discover the city where such beauty was created!

TIPP

Jupiter Ensemble
Thomas Dunford –
Bach und Vivaldi
Friday, 22. April 2022
Weimar

WEIMAR ON STAGE

German National Theater Weimar

It is one of the oldest theaters in Germany with a long tradition and a history dating back to the 18th century when the most famous German author of the classical period – Johann Wolfgang von Goethe – was its director. The German National Theater Weimar is one of very few German theaters that can look back on such a renowned list of artists who worked on their stage: Goethe, Schiller, Bach, Hummel, Liszt, and Strauss, to name a few. The neoclassical structure that exists today was completed in 1908. Over the decades since then, it has been rebuilt a number of times and also hosted several important political events, the best-known of which is the founding

of the Weimar Republic. Nowadays the German National Theater is home to the most important theater company in Thuringia, an excellent opera ensemble, as well as the Staatskapelle Weimar orchestra.

➔ www.nationaltheater-weimar.de

KUNSTFEST WEIMAR ARTS FESTIVAL

The Weimar Arts festival is a celebration of the arts straight from the heart: the perfect opportunity to bring together audiences and artists, locals and tourists, young and old, and encourage their dialogue with one another. Finally, the city of Weimar itself is the theme, venue, and main protagonist of this

Arts Festival. Weimar not only stands for cultural heritage, Weimar's cultural offerings are also on the cutting edge. The festival presents contemporary artistic positions which, in their various ways, take up numerous themes in the tradition of Weimar. The program includes contemporary dance as well as plays, exhibitions, and concerts, all inviting the audience to look, listen and perhaps even join in and dance.

August to September 2022

August to September 2023

➔ www.kunstfest-weimar.de

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THURINGIAN FOOD & DRINKS

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THÜRINGER ROSTBRATWURST

There is not a market or festival anywhere in the region that doesn't boast a typical smell: the authentic Thuringian bratwurst. It just belongs to the atmosphere. Luckily you don't need to have a special reason to enjoy a delicious bratwurst clutched in a fresh roll.

// Thuringian Bratwurst © Thomas Mueller, weimar GmbH



ONION TART À LA WEIMAR

It belongs to the Onion Market just as much as the skin belongs to the onion, but local bakers offer it for sale both before and after the October festivity as well. This savory baked good is also a favorite in Weimar homes – especially in the fall season. Every bakery and every home cook has his or her own recipe.

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But they all have the savory yeast crust and the onions in common. We have a recipe for you below. And remember: onion tart tastes best while warm. Just surprise your friends and make your own!

» Recipe for the Onion Tart à la Weimar:
➔ www.weimar.de/en/tourism/eating-anddrinking/specialities



// Thuringian potato dumplings © Klosswelt Heichelheim

THURINGIAN POTATO DUMPLINGS

Of course, Thuringian potato dumplings are also enjoyed in Weimar, although not every Sunday, as used to be customary in the region. If you don't have time to learn how to make these potato dumplings yourself, you can find them on the menus in Weimar restaurants.

THURINGIAN POTATO DUMPLING MUSEUM IN HEICHELHEIM

There are lots more stories and much more information about Thuringian dumplings at the Thuringian Potato Dumpling Museum in Heichelheim (about 10 km from Weimar). The museum offers some cooking courses and live demonstrations. You can also try all dumpling variations in the museum café.

➔ www.thueringer-kloss-welt.de

THURINGIAN SHEET CAKE

At family celebrations in Thuringia there is more than just one cake – there are many different kinds of sheet cakes. They are cut into tiny pieces, about three to four centimeters in size, so that you can try as many different ones as you like.

Thuringian sheet cakes are simple and especially tasty when, like the Streuselkuchen, they are served fresh, right out of the oven. It is worth a sin and at its best when drizzled with melted butter and sprinkled with powdered sugar while it is still warm. The Thuringian sheet cake has amazing toppings to indulge in, including pudding, cream, chocolate, nuts, honey, egg liqueur, buttercream, almonds, raisins, cinnamon, and all kinds of fruit; and everyone raves about the poppy-seed cake. The multitude of recipes are

passed down through the generations, often written down by grandmother and carefully preserved.

There are several bakeries in Weimar where these cakes are ready to enjoy with a cup of coffee.



// Thuringian sheet cake © Maria Suckert



// Park Tiefurt © Thomas Müller, weimar GmbH

ACTIVITIES & RELAXATION

Throughout the parks and river valleys, cycling and walking paths are inviting ways to actively discover your surroundings. On your bicycle, the favorite route is the Ilm Valley Bicycle Path, awarded four (!) stars by the German Bicycle Association; it leads from Weimar to the surrounding parks and castles, or from the Thuringian Forest through the beautiful landscape of the Ilm Valley to Weimar. The Thuringian City-Chain bicycle path leads through the Thuringian cities of Eisenach, Gotha, Erfurt and Jena, each of which also have attractive historic centers to offer. Many Weimar hotels have rental cycles for their guests. If you prefer to walk, Weimar's surroundings can also be explored in hiking boots: the castles, observation towers, small villages, and traditional inns are worthwhile destinations.

CYCLING THROUGH THE ILM VALLEY

The complete route leads from the Rennsteig hiking path to the wine region Saale-Unstrut. For Weimar's guests, the most attractive part is the part of the route that passes through Weimar. You can use it to explore the Park on the Ilm, Tiefurt Mansion and Park, the Wieland Estate in Oßmannstedt, and Kromsdorf Castle by bicycle. [➤ www.ilmtal-radweg.de/de/cycle-route](http://www.ilmtal-radweg.de/de/cycle-route)

OTHER CYCLE ROUTES

» Thuringian City-Chain

The long-distance bicycle path Thuringian City-Chain connects seven of the most beautiful cities in Thuringia, leading through appealing landscapes that show a wealth of Thuringian history. Altenburg, home of the »skat« card game, is the starting point for this tour through Thuringia, leading through Weimar and Erfurt to Eisenach. Along the 225 km, the historic city centers, renowned sights, and cultural highlights offer rewarding goals for the various legs of the trip. [➤ www.thueringer-staedte.de/en](http://www.thueringer-staedte.de/en)

» Feininger Bike Path

We invite you follow the bike trail of the painter Lyonel Feininger along 26 km through the surroundings of Weimar and see his favorite motifs with your own eyes, as well as the cultural monuments on the way. Explore the appealing surroundings of the villages south of Weimar that belong to the landscape protection area »Central Ilm Valley«. This is where Feininger spent many hours on foot or riding his bicycle between 1906 and 1937. [➤ www.weimarer-land.travel/feininger-radweg](http://www.weimarer-land.travel/feininger-radweg)

» Laura Bicycle Path

Part of the Laura Bicycle Path follows the former route of the Laura narrow-gauge railway. It also leads along seldom-used country and farm roads. Signs with a symbol of the Laura locomotive mark the route. [➤ www.lauraradweg.de](http://www.lauraradweg.de)

AVENIDA THERMAL SPA AND LEISURE PARK

This idyllic pool complex at the heart of the Hohenfelden Reservoir leisure park is a place for fun, enjoyment, relaxation and well-being, whether with family, friends, or just by yourself. With its indoor and outdoor thermal baths totaling approximately 1,000m² of water area, keen swimmers of all ages will be in their element.

» Distance: 20 km

TOSKANA THERMAL SPA, BAD SULZA

Do you want to know why the Toskana Thermal Spa is listed as one of the 100 Best Spas in the World? We don't have the biggest pools, nor do we have the longest water ride (actually, we don't have a water ride at all).

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» Distance: 30 km

LINDNER SPA & GOLF HOTEL

Near Weimar, at one of the most spectacular golf courses in Germany, the Lindner Spa & Golf Hotel Weimarer Land welcomes both young and old to a magnificent natural setting. It is a spectacular hideaway that fulfils wellness dreams as well as children's wishes, an on-course hotel in a class of its own and a spectacular, unrivalled event location. Its tribute to nature and the region in its beautiful and timeless design conveys a feeling of well-being from the first moment on.

» Distance: 20 km

GOLF

One of the finest golf courses in Germany is located just outside Weimar on the historic property of Gut Krakau – the Lindner Spa & Golf Resort Weimarer Land. The 36-hole course melts perfectly into the landscape and offers first-class training and match conditions. The combination of the two greens allows three 18-hole variations. The golf course is complemented by facilities such as the practice driving range, the 3-hole short course, putting green, practice area, and practice bunkers.

[➤ www.golfresort-weimarerland.de/en](http://www.golfresort-weimarerland.de/en)

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TOP 10 IN WEIMAR



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// Neues Museum © T. Müller, weimar GmbH

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// Goethes Residence © A. Clemens, weimar GmbH

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// Goethe Gartenhaus © Nivre & Studio, weimar GmbH

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1 GUIDED CITY TOUR

Start your visit to Weimar with a guided tour. Whether on a weekday, weekend or public holiday – our licensed guides will show you around and tell you more about famous figures and historic buildings. A good way to get your first informative and amusing impression of Weimar.

2 BAUHAUS MUSEUM WEIMAR

The Bauhaus School was opened in April 1919 in Weimar, was relocated to Dessau beginning in 1925 and closed by the National Socialists in Berlin in 1933. The Bauhaus Museum Weimar displays the treasures of the world's oldest Bauhaus collection. As a place of open encounter and discussion, the museum highlights the early phase of the most influential school of art and design of the 20th century, tying its history to questions of how we envision our living environment today and in the future.

3 MUSEUM NEUES WEIMAR

The former Grand Ducal Museum, built in 1869, was one of the first museums established in Germany. In years past, the museum mainly served as a venue for temporary exhibitions, but in April 2019, it reopened with a permanent exhibition on early modernist art from the Weimar Painting School to Henry van de Velde.

4 GOETHE RESIDENCE

One of the most important examples of Classical Weimar, Johann Wolfgang von Goethe lived in this Baroque house for almost fifty years. The furnishings and fittings from the last few years of Goethe's life have largely been preserved. For conservation reasons, the number of visitors is limited.

5 PARK ON THE RIVER ILM & GOETHE'S GARDEN HOUSE

The 48-hectare landscaped park on the edge of Weimar's Old Town is part of a kilometer-long green area along the Ilm. It was developed between 1778 and 1828 and features both sentimental, classical and post-classical/romantic styles.

6 WITTUMSPALAIS

After a fire in the residence palace, this luxurious mansion became the dowager residence of Duchess Anna Amalia. The two-winged building is an important document of noble interior design in Weimar.



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// Wittumspalais © Thomas Müller, weimar GmbH

7 OPERA, THEATRE AND DANCE

The German National Theater evolved from the court theater where Goethe was the director more than 200 years ago. Hardly a day goes by without some festival or exciting event taking place in Weimar: Classical concerts and theater pieces on indoor and outdoor stages, and many exhibitions at Weimar's museums.



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// German National Theater © Candy Welz, DNT

8 BUCHENWALD MEMORIAL

This is an important place to recall the crimes committed during the Nazi period. 500,000 visitors come here every year. The infamous Nazi concentration camp known as Buchenwald existed between 1937 and 1945 on Ettersberg Hill. More than 250,000 people from almost 50 nations were imprisoned here – and over 56,000 of them did not survive. In August 1945, the site was converted by the Soviet occupying forces into an internment camp. Known as Special Camp No. 2, over 28,000 people were held here by the Soviets between 1945 and 1950, of whom 7,000 died.



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// Buchenwald Memorial © P. Hansen, Buchenwald Memorial

9 LISZT MUSEUM

Franz Liszt lived here during the summers from 1869 until 1886. This is where he gave lessons to many young and talented pianists from Germany and abroad. It was opened as a museum in 1887. All the furnishings in the music salon and study are authentic, including the Bechstein grand piano.



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// Liszt Museum © J. Hauspurg, KSW

10 HERZOGIN ANNA AMALIA BIBLIOTHEK

The Herzogin Anna Amalia Bibliothek is one of the most famous libraries in Germany. Anna Amalia had the so-called ›Little Green Castle‹ turned into a library comprising a unique combination of books, artworks, and architecture. On September 2nd 2004, a devastating fire broke out here and developed into the largest library fire in Germany since WWII.



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// Herzogin Anna Amalia Bibliothek © J. Hauspurg, TTG

BEYOND WEIMAR



If you stay in Weimar a bit longer, you can enrich your visit with other interesting places in the region: from the Luther room at the Wartburg Castle and the Bach house in Eisenach to the medieval cathedral and old-town atmosphere in Erfurt and the summer castles in Dornburg, from the oldest continuously operating planetarium in the world in Jena to the Baroque castle and Renaissance historic center in Rudolstadt.

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JENA (20 KM)

Science center, high-tech location, cultural hub, student paradise ... the city of Jena is all this and more. It lies nestled in a picturesque landscape with Mediterranean-style charm, surrounded by delightful shell limestone hills and diverse varieties of orchids that have long made it a popular destination among those interested in culture, history, botany, and geology alike. Visit the world's oldest continuously operating planetarium or the historic Zeiss workshop, Schiller's garden house or the Romantikerhaus literature museum in Jena.

THE DORNBURG CASTLES (30 KM)

On the edge of a shell limestone plateau a unique ensemble of three castles looks over the beautiful Saale landscape, each one built during a different era, inviting you to embark on a unique journey through time. The Old Castle is reminiscent of Emperor Otto I. At the Renaissance Castle, visitors can relive the hours Johann Wolfgang von Goethe spent working there, while at the Rococo Castle they can immerse in royal dining culture. The park, designed in French and English landscaping style, is also unique, laid out on five terraces with steeply sloping vineyards, rose trellises, and arcades.



// Wartburg Castle © Thüringer Tourismus GmbH

WARTBURG (85 KM)

When he first visited the Wartburg in 1777, Goethe rhapsodized to Charlotte von Stein that »The area is simply magnificent ...«. St. Elisabeth of Thuringia lived at the castle, which has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1999, and Martin Luther translated the New Testament here. The Bach House in Eisenach – the melodious museum in the composer's home town – boasts the world's largest exhibition on the life and work of Johann Sebastian Bach.

RUDOLSTADT (38 KM)

In one of the most beautiful landscapes of Thuringia, a charming, lively town welcomes its visitors with unique historical sights. Its majestic landmark – the Heidecksburg castle towers high above the town. At its feet, the historic center with its winding streets, churches, and Renaissance town houses is an inviting place to linger. At the end of the 18th century, the art-loving duchy attracted well-known philosophers and poets to the small residence city. These included Goethe and Schiller, who met here in 1788.



// Leuchtenburg Castle © Daniel Suppe

LEUCHTENBURG CASTLE (45 KM)

This beautiful castle in the mountains, set in a picturesque location, 400 meters above the valley is famous for its breath-taking panoramic views. The »Queen of the Saale Valley« – as it is fondly called – is also a highlight from a historical point of view: The almost 1,000-year-old castle ensemble is unique in its preserved state as well as its further development. A treasure that is not immediately seen from outside is hidden within the strong castle walls and makes this place a very special one: a magic world of wishes and enigmas associated with porcelain, or »white gold«. Go be inspired there!

ERFURT (25 KM)

Be enchanted by the more than 1200-year history of Erfurt. Stroll over the Krämerbrücke bridge and enjoy the delightful, cozy atmosphere of the medieval city center. Follow in the footsteps of great personalities such as Luther, Bach, and Goethe, and explore the city's landmark, St. Mary's Cathedral. You can find out about medieval Jewish life in Erfurt in the Old Synagogue. As a masterpiece of garden architecture, the egapark Erfurt is one of the most beautiful and largest landscape parks in Germany.



GETTING HERE

ARRIVAL

Not all roads lead to Weimar, that may be true. It used to take Goethe two full days to get from Frankfurt to Weimar; these days the journey can be done in two hours.

BY CAR AND BUS

Motorway A4 Dresden – Frankfurt:

Exit No. 49 Weimar (5 km to city center; 7 km to bus parking) or Exit No. 50 Apolda for bus drivers towards the Welcome Center (11 km to bus parking)

Motorway A71: Schweinfurt –

Erfurter Kreuz (25 km from motorway junction Erfurt)

Motorway A9 Berlin – Munich:

30 km from motorway junction Hermsdorfer Kreuz

B7: Kassel – Eisenach – Erfurt –

Weimar – Jena – Gera

B85: Bayreuth – Kulmbach – Kronach – Saalfeld – Rudolstadt – Weimar – Kyffhäuser

(Bier- und Burgenstraße or Beer and Castles Road)

BY TRAIN

... you can choose between regional trains or the fast ICE train via ICE-hub Erfurt (15 min from Weimar). Whichever way you choose – it is always a pleasure to arrive at Weimar main station.

www.bahn.com and www.flixbahn.com

BY BUS (LONG-DISTANCE BUS)

from: Amsterdam, Berlin, Dresden, Hamburg, Hanover, Karlsruhe, Munich, Nuremberg, Osnabrueck, Stuttgart, Würzburg, Zurich

BY AIR

Erfurt-Weimar airport: 25 km

Leipzig airport: 120 km

Dresden airport: 200 km

Berlin airports: 280 km

Nuremberg airport: 240 km

Frankfurt airport: 270 km

Munich airport: 390 km

PARKING & SERVICE

PARKING IN TOWN

Try to use our parking guide system – it will help you find a space.

P+R-CAR PARK

Large parking lot at Marcel-Paul-Straße

for cars, busses and RV's coming from route B7 towards Weimar-Nord (Weimar North)

An der Sackpfeife

for cars, off of route B85

BUS PARKING

Welcome Center, Friedensstraße 1 (only busses, free of cost, max. 1 hour)

PARKING LOT FOR CARAVANS AND RV'S

Hermann-Brill-Platz (near the stadium)

CAR PARK

Am Friedhof, Berkaer Straße

UNDERGROUND PARKING AND PARKING GARAGES

Am Goethehaus, Beethovenplatz

Atrium, Friedensstraße 1

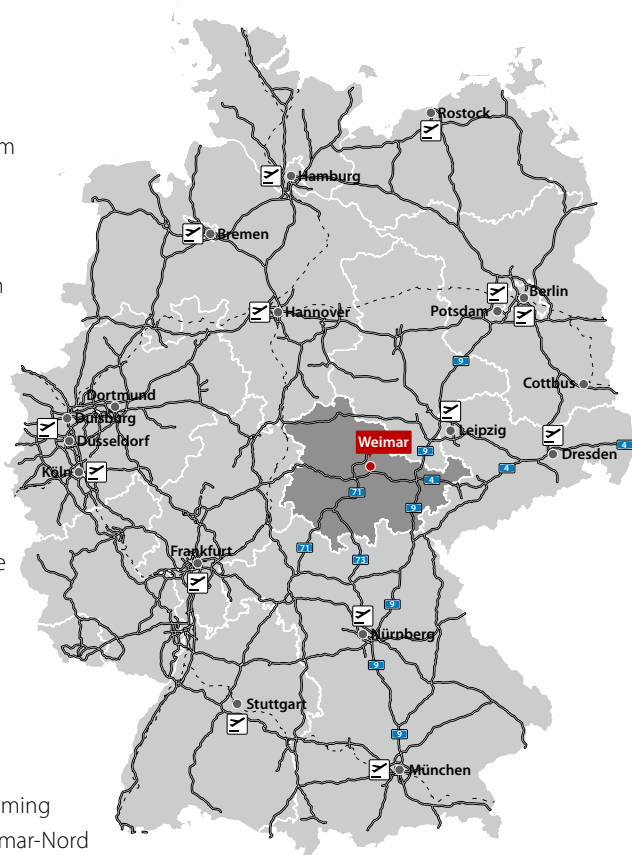
Hauptpost, Gerhart-Hauptmann-Straße

congress centrum weimarhalle,

Bertuchstraße (all charge parking fees)

Schillerkaufhaus, Schillerstraße 11A

Please note: There is no free parking in the city center.

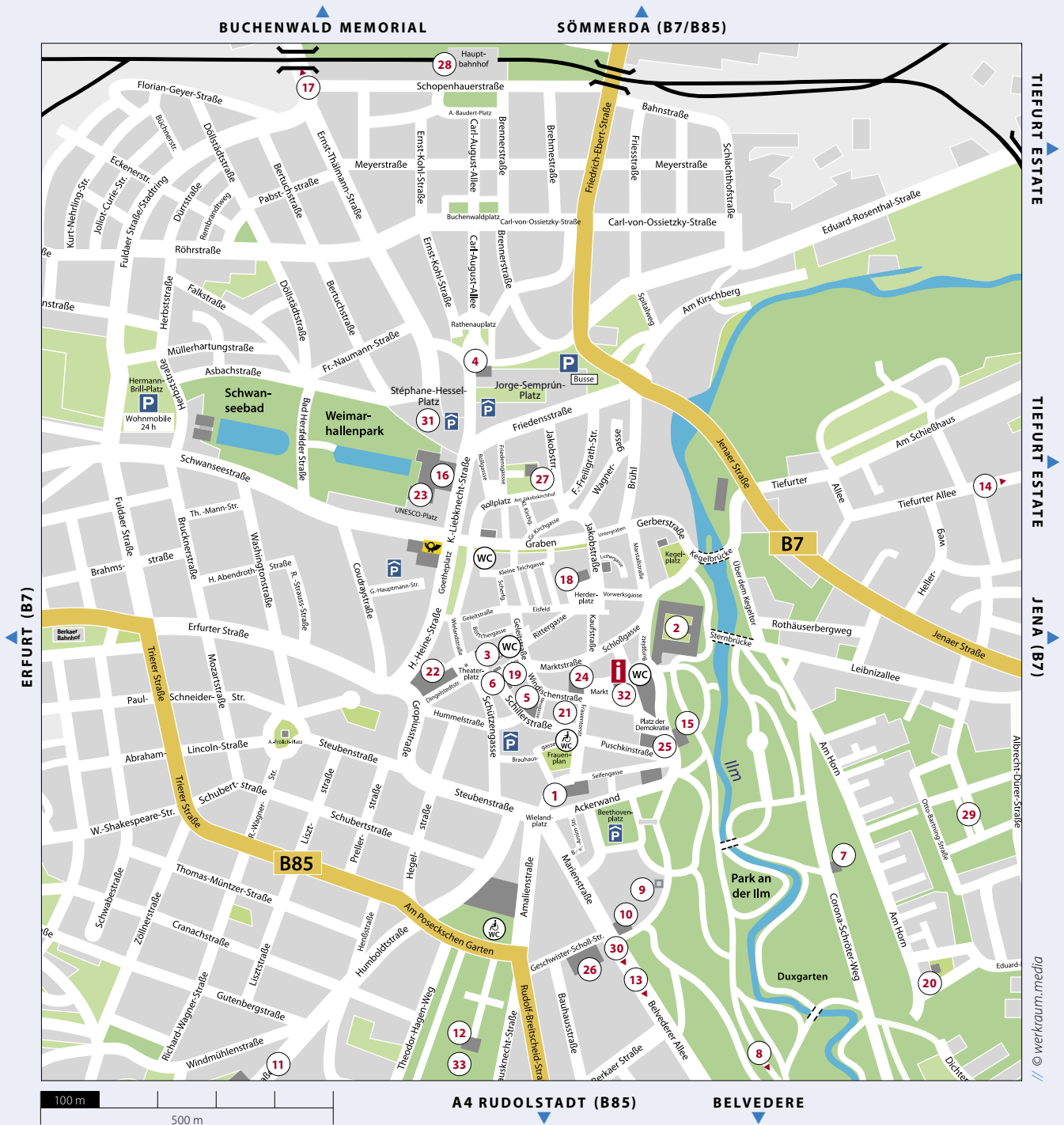


PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Weimar has a well-developed city public transportation network. All bus lines pass through the central hub at Goetheplatz. From here, there are several lines that travel to the Hauptbahnhof (Main Rail Station); electronic marquees inform about departure times of the various bus lines. Children under 6 years of age and Weimar card holders can ride for free. Information subject to change

DISTANCES

Leipzig	130 km
Dresden	200 km
Berlin	270 km
Frankfurt/Main	270 km
Stuttgart	370 km
Cologne	380 km
Munich	390 km
Hamburg	450 km



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| 1 Goethe National Museum, Goethe Residence | 10 Liszt Museum | 19 Weimar House | 28 Weimar Main station |
| 2 City Castle | 11 Nietzsche Archive | 20 Haus Am Horn | 29 Bauhaus-Settlement »Neues Bauen Am Horn« |
| 3 House of the Weimar Republic | 12 Historical Cemetery, Ducal Vault | 21 Ginkgo Museum | 30 Haus Hohe Pappeln |
| 4 Museum Neues Weimar | 13 Belvedere Castle | 22 Deutsches Nationaltheater Weimar | 31 Bauhaus Museum Weimar |
| 5 Schiller Residence, Schiller Museum | 14 Tiefurt Mansion | 23 Convention centre weimarhalle | 32 Tourist information, market square |
| 6 Wittumspalais | 15 Herzogin Anna Amalia Bibliothek | 24 Historical Town hall | 33 Russian Orthodox Church |
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| 8 Roman House | 17 Buchenwald Memorial | 26 Bauhaus University Weimar | |
| 9 Park Cave | 18 City Church St. Peter & Paul | 27 St. Jacob's Church | |

SIGHTSEEING (SELECTION)

Tourist Information Weimar

Markt 10



City Castle

Burgplatz 4



Herzogin Anna Amalia Bibliothek

Platz der Demokratie 1



Goethe National Museum

Frauenplan 1



Bauhaus Museum Weimar

Stéphane-Hessel-Platz 1



Museum Neues Weimar

Jorge-Semprún-Platz 5



Schiller Residence

Schillerstraße 12



Museum of the Earliest and Ancient History of Thuringia

Humboldtstraße 11



Municipal Museum Weimar

Karl-Liebknecht-Straße 5–9



Buchenwald Memorial

99427 Weimar



KEY TO SYMBOLS



Entrance completely accessible for wheelchairs Access: ground level, up to 6 % incline by elevator or ramp, Door width: minimum 90 cm



Entrance only partly accessible for wheelchairs Access: maximum 1 step, from 6 % to 12 % incline by elevator or ramp, Door width: minimum 80 cm



Limited access to WC for wheelchairs Door width: minimum 80 cm, space to the left or right of WC: min. 90 cm wide, depth of WC-bowl: min. 70 cm, free space in front of WC: min. 120 x 120 cm



Designated handicapped parking available Size: 3.5 x 5 m



Elevator available



Elevator completely accessible for wheelchairs Door width: min. 90 cm, floor space: min. 110 cm wide, min. 140 cm deep, Height of controls: 85 to 105 cm



Special and personal support for people with disabilities



Support for the blind and visually impaired Large print, tactile instructions, listening cassettes, etc.



Support for the hard of hearing Induction loops, sign-language translators, etc.

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GUIDED TOURS FOR GROUPS



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// Herder Square © Thomas Müller, weimar GmbH



// Tiefurt © Marcus Glahn, Schatzkammer Thüringen

CITY TOURS

BIG CITY TOUR

This walking tour can be booked by travel groups, clubs, conference participants, companies, and families. During the tour, the licensed city guides give you an insightful overview of Weimar, with plenty of anecdotes and entertaining details from Weimar's wealth of city history. The length and content of the tour can be extended on request.

Tours: only after prior written agreement

Duration: 2 hours

Price: 90 € for max. 25 people per group

Foreign language surcharge: 20 €

Languages:



where Goethe, Schiller, Herder, and Wieland worked. You receive an informative overview of the main attractions in Weimar's historic center. Route: Market, City Castle, the City Church of Sts. Peter and Paul, Theater Square, Schiller Residence, Goethe Residence, alongside the Park on the Ilm River and Goethe's garden house, Democracy Square, Herzogin Anna Amalia Bibliothek.

Duration: 1.5 hours

Price: 85 € for max. 25 people per group

Foreign language surcharge: 20 €

Languages:



THEMED TOURS CLASSICAL WEIMAR

TOUR OF THE CLASSICAL WEIMAR OLD TOWN

Discover Classical Weimar in an hour and a half: this walking tour is limited to the old town and will lead you to the highlights of the classical era and the places

UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITES IN WEIMAR

Three places are entered as the »Bauhaus and its sites in Weimar and Dessau« on the UNESCO World Heritage List in Weimar, while the »Classical

Weimar« entry comprises 13 sites. Goethe's manuscripts are entered as part of the »Memory of the World«.

Duration: 2 hours

Price: 110 € for max. 25 people per group

Foreign language surcharge: 20 €

Languages:

CLASSICAL CASTLES AND PARKS

Enchanting castles and lush parks await you in the immediate vicinity of Weimar. Belvedere, Ettersburg, and Tiefurt – all three are UNESCO World Heritage sites. Let yourself be whisked away to the extraordinary gardens and monuments. The guided tour can be customized to fit your interests.

Duration: 2 hours (for each park)

Price: 110 € for max. 25 people per group

Foreign language surcharge: 20 €

Languages:

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// Bauhaus Lantern Walk © weimar GmbH

WEIMAR MODERNISM

THE EARLY BAUHAUS

The Bauhaus (1919–1933) was Germany's most famous school of classical Modernist art and design. In 1919 the Grand Ducal Saxon School of Art was fused together with the Arts and Crafts Seminar founded by Henry van de Velde in 1907. Under its new name, the »State Bauhaus Weimar«, the school moved into van de Velde's premises. The influence of the Bauhaus was so great that the term »Bauhaus« is often equated with Modernist architecture and design. At the Bauhaus, areas which were traditionally kept separate – fine arts, applied arts and performing arts – were brought together under one umbrella concept, which in turn profoundly influenced painting, performing arts and music.

Duration: 2 hours

Price: 110 € for max. 25 people per group

Foreign language surcharge: 20 €

Languages:    

WEIMAR MODERNISM AND THE BAUHAUS

This tour focuses on Weimar at the beginning of the 20th century, putting the cultural developments of the time into a political and sociological context. It describes van de Velde's Seminar for Arts & Crafts and the founding of the Bauhaus, as well as the Weimar Republic and the National Socialist sentiments in the city. The »Quarter of Modernism« illustrates how the city now deals with its multi-faceted history.

Duration: 2 hours

Price: 110 € for max. 25 people per group

Foreign language surcharge: 20 €

Languages:   

Meeting point: subject to advance agreement

BAUHAUS LANTERN WALK

Experience interesting details about the early Bauhaus in Weimar on an evening walk. You are guided by lanterns through the streets and the atmospheric Ilm Park to the former

residences and ateliers of the Bauhaus masters. On the way, you learn historical facts and hear anecdotes about the Bauhaus beginnings. The Lantern Walk follows the tradition of the annual lantern festival celebrated by the Bauhäuslers back in the day. The 90-minute walk begins at Theater Square. From there it goes by the former residences of Gropius and Schlemmer, the main building of the Bauhaus Universität Weimar and on to the Tempelherrenhaus, through the Ilm Park to the House Am Horn and on to the houses where Klee, Itten and Moholy-Nagy lived. The tour ends at the Sternbrücke (stone castle bridge), and the guests are left to explore the night on their own. The Lantern Walk was developed by the Bauhaus Walk team at the Bauhaus Universität Weimar in 2009.

Duration: 2 hours

Price: 195 €, in English: 215 € for max. 25

people per group

Languages:  

Meeting point: German National Theater, Theater Square



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// Quarter of Weimar Modernism © T. Müller, weimar GmbH

MUSIC TOURS

THE MUSIC SCENE

Weimar has experienced important periods as a city of music: when Johann Sebastian Bach came to Weimar in 1708, it not only marked the beginning of a highly productive era for him, but Weimar itself also gained in importance. This significance was revived many years later when Franz Liszt was appointed court conductor. The music scene remains an important component of the city of culture to this day.

Duration: 2 hours

Price: 110 € for max. 25 people per group

Foreign language surcharge: 20 €

Languages:

ja cent to the Hotel Elephant. Nowadays a plaque denotes where Bach's home once stood and also mentions his two sons Wilhelm Friedemann and Carl Philipp Emanuel, who were both born here. The route leads on towards the Ilm river, past the City Castle to the City Church Sts. Peter and Paul (Herder Church), where Bach and his cousin Johann Gottfried Walter played the organ and four of Bach's children were baptized.

Duration: 2 hours (unless arranged otherwise in advance)

Price: 110 € for max. 25 people per group

Foreign language surcharge: 20 €

Languages:

Meeting Point: as arranged in advance

CELEBRATED AND ABUSED – WEIMAR AS AN INSTRUMENT OF POLITICS

The darkest chapter in Weimar's history is closely entwined with the Buchenwald concentration camp. Yet National Socialism also left its mark in the form of the architectural remains of the so-called Third Reich right in the middle of town. The tour visits the sites where large political events took place, including the former Grand Ducal Marstall, which became the headquarters of the Gestapo under the National Socialists. Along with the provisional administration barracks with its double-walled interrogation room there was an improvised prison with twelve jail cells in the former carriage house of the Marstall that had been constructed by prisoners of Buchenwald. There is an exhibition there today in memory of this part of Weimar's history.

Duration: 2 hours (unless otherwise arranged in advance)

Price: 110 € for max. 25 people per group

Foreign language surcharge: 20 €

Languages:

Meeting point: Subject to advance arrangement

BACH – A BAROQUE GENIUS

It is a little-known fact that Johann Sebastian Bach lived in Weimar for almost ten years. He actually lived in Weimar twice during his life. The first time, in 1703, he spent six months in the residence city just after he returned from Lüneburg. After organist positions in Arnstadt and Mühlhausen, he returned to Weimar in 1708, in the meantime 23 years old, and was employed by Duke Wilhelm Ernst until 1717. The themed walking tour begins at Market Square, where the composer lived while in Weimar, directly ad-

HISTORIC TOURS

HISTORIC SITES OF THE REFORMATION IN WEIMAR

Luther visited Weimar several times. A licensed city guide will lead you in his footsteps, to sites such as the Jakobskirchhof cemetery, the Franciscan monastery, the Lutherhof building, and the City Church of Sts. Peter and Paul.

Duration: 2 hours

Price: 110 € for max. 25 people per group

Foreign language surcharge: 20 €

Languages:

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// German National Theater © T. Müller, weimar GmbH

WEIMAR DEMOCRACY. NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF 1919

The tour leads you to the main places of interest in regard to the National Assembly in Weimar. The sites include the City Castle as the headquarters of the Reich government with room for meetings of the parliamentary parties, the Marstall with accommodations for civil servants, the Hotel Elephant, where the parliamentary parties stayed and which was also the headquarters of the Reich's Nutritional Office, and the German National Theater, where the constitution was negotiated and ratified. The exhibit at the Municipal Museum (Stadtmuseum), »Weimar Democracy. The National Assembly of 1919« with numerous original objects, documents, photographs and film footage documenting the period of the National Assembly in Weimar is included in the tour. Note: On Mondays the Stadtmuseum is closed, so the tour does not include the exhibition.

Duration: 2 hours (unless otherwise arranged in advance)

Price: 110 € for max. 25 per group

Foreign language surcharge: 20 €

Languages:

Meeting point: as arranged in advance



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BARRIER-FREE

BARRIER-FREE CITY TOUR

This tour for visitors with impaired mobility, people with disabilities, and wheelchair users is not only available with an individually tailored route and pace, but the topics are also adapted to the respective route. The routes have been tested in advance by experienced city guides in collaboration with the disability association.

Duration: 2 hours

Price: 90 € for max. 25 people per group

Foreign language surcharge: 20 €

Languages:

MORE TOURS

The following tours are not suitable for visitors with limited mobility

JEWISH LIFE IN WEIMAR

The first traces of Jewish life in Weimar go back to the 14th century. During the subsequent centuries, Jewish life in Weimar existed between a state of distress and development. The freedom of Jewish citizens, insofar as they were permitted to consider themselves as such, was always limited. Nonetheless, the Jewish culture that developed over the centuries left traces that we will pursue on this walking tour. Where can you find these traces of almost 700 years of Jewish life in Weimar? This is the



// Walking Tour For Children © Andre Mey, weimar GmbH

question we will explore on this two-hour walking tour through the easily accessible areas of Weimar's historical center.

Duration: 2 hours

Price: 110 € for max. 25 per group

Foreign language surcharge: 20 €

Languages:

Meeting point: at the city palace in front of the lion portal (Burgplatz)

DISCOVER THURINGIA IN WEIMAR

What would Thuringia be without Weimar – and Weimar without Thuringia? This tour focuses on this question and offers many examples to answer it. The spectrum ranges from remarkable places of cultural and social historical importance, to the court culture of literature and ducal residence life. The tour ends at the Weimar *Erlebnisportal*. Its interactive installation offers visitors the opportunity to discover seven tour highlights on their own and to experience Thuringia in Weimar in a brand-new way.

Duration: 2 hours (other durations possible upon advance notice)

Price: 110 € for max. 25 per group

Foreign language surcharge: 20 €

Languages:

Meeting point: Platz der Demokratie (equestrian statue)

End: Erlebnisportal, Platz der Demokratie


GROUP HOTELS & YOUTH HOSTELS (SELECTION)	Stars	Beds	Facilities
Best Western Premier Grand Hotel Russischer Hof Goetheplatz 2, 99423 Weimar www.russischerhof-weimar.de	★★★★plus	220	
Dorint Am Goethepark Weimar Beethovenplatz 1/2, 99423 Weimar www.dorint.com/weimar	★★★★	284	
Hotel Elephant Weimar Markt 19, 99423 Weimar www.hotelelephantweimar.de	no classification	99	
Youth hostel »Am Poseckschen Garten« Humboldtstraße 17, 99423 Weimar www.weimar-posgarten.jugendherberge.de	youth hostel	101	
European Youth Education Centre (EJBW) Jenaer Straße 2/4, 99425 Weimar www.ejbweimar.de	youth hostel	162	

KEY TO SYMBOLS	P	Parking lot	Restaurant
Shower / WC	Garage	Restaurant	TV lounge
Bath / WC	Balcony / Terrace	TV lounge	Credit card acceptance
Extra bed on request	Bike rental	Credit card acceptance	Wheelchair accessible
Reduction for children	Conference rooms	Wheelchair accessible	For allergic persons
Breakfast buffet	Sauna	For allergic persons	Internet access
Diet Diet cuisine	Solarium	Internet access	WiFi
Minibar on room	Jacuzzi	WiFi	Hair dryer
Radio on room	Swimming pool	Hair dryer	Pets allowed
Phone on room	Fitness area	Pets allowed	Pets on request
Room service	Wellness area	Pets on request	TV on room
Air condition	Bar	TV on room	Non-smoking room
Lift	Café	Non-smoking room	Smoking lounge

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GROUP RESTAURANTS (SELECTION)	Opening hours	Cuisine	Vegan cuisine yes, on request	Vegetarian cuisine yes, on request	Number of seats		
					inside	outside	
Restaurant Anna Markt 19 99423 Weimar	12pm–10pm	authentic, regional, creative	yes	yes	80	62	yes
Köstritzer Schwarzbierhaus Scherfgasse 4 99423 Weimar	Thu–Mon: 11am–9pm Tue/Wed: closed <i>Changes are possible at any time</i>	regional	no	no	160	16	no
Gasthausbrauerei Felsenkeller Humboldtstraße 37 99425 Weimar	Sat/Sun/holidays 5pm	regional Thuringian	no	yes	160	60	yes
Residenz Café & Restaurant Grüner Markt 4 99423 Weimar	Tue–Wed: 9am–10pm Thu–Fr: 9am–11pm Sat, Mon: 9am–11pm Sun: 8am–5pm	regional, classic, Mediterranean	no	yes	120	60	no
Sächsischer Hof Weimar Eisfeld 12 99423 Weimar	11am–11pm	regional	yes	yes	70	105	yes



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WEIMAR'S WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

WEBSITE


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you can find a lot of useful information
about the city, history,
culture and the most
important information for
your visit, from events to
brochures.




SOCIAL MEDIA

 Weimar erleben (in German)
Weimar guide (in English)



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OPENING DAYS FOR WEIMAR MUSEUMS**

Classical Weimar	from	to	closed
Belvedere Castle and Orangery*	Tue	Sun	Mon
Goethe Residence and National Museum	Tue	Sun	Mon
Goethe's Gartenhaus	Tue	Sun	Mon
Herzogin Anna Amalia Bibliothek	Tue	Sun	Mon
Schiller Residence	Tue	Sun	Mon
Wittumspalais	Tue	Sun	Mon
Ducal Vault	Wed	Mon	Tue
Kochberg Castle*	Wed	Mon	Tue
Park Cave	Wed	Mon	Tue
Roman House*	Wed	Mon	Tue
Tiefurt Mansion*	Wed	Mon	Tue
Wieland Estate in Oßmannstedt*	Wed	Mon	Tue
Dornburg Castles*	Thu	Tue	Wed
Goethe-Schiller Archive	open daily		
Bauhaus & Modernism	from	to	closed
Kunsthalle Harry Graf Kessler	Tue	Sun	Mon
Municipal Museum	Tue	Sun	Mon
Bauhaus Museum Weimar	Wed	Mon	Tue
Haus Am Horn	Wed	Mon	Tue
Haus Hohe Pappeln	Wed	Mon	Tue
Museum Neues Weimar	Wed	Mon	Tue
Nietzsche Archive	Wed	Mon	Tue
House of the Weimar Republic	open daily		
Other sites	from	to	closed
Palais Schardt	Tue	Fri	Mon, Wed, Thu, Sat, Sun
Museum for Pre- and Early History of Thuringia	Tue	Sun	Mon
Bach in Weimar. Experience Site	Tue	Sun	Mon
Kirms-Krackow-Haus*	Fri	Sun	Mon–Thu
German Bee Museum	Wed	Sun	Mon, Tue
Pavillon-Press	Mon	Fri	Sat, Sun, holidays
Railway Museum	Thu	Sat	Sun–Wed
Liszt Museum	Wed	Mon	Tue
ACC Galerie	open daily		
Ginko Museum	open daily		
Weimar Haus	open daily		

* Closed in winter from October till end of March, ** Subject to change without notice

WEIMAR'S APPS

APPS

These apps will help you to discover more in the city.



The Topography of Modernism

Experience the diversity of Weimar Modernism by visiting its venues – the app takes you to the places

in Weimar where the first German democracy and revolutionary new art developed. Discover the town and the buildings, which reflect the founding of the Weimar Republic and the State Bauhaus. Learn about the modern and trail-blazing ideas on freedom and the unity of art and technology that emerged here.



Zeitfenster Weimar

»Zeitfenster Weimar« accompanies you on a journey through time to Weimar Modernism.



Weimar+

The Weimar+ app offers a wide array of multimedia information on Weimar Modernism and audio tours of the exhibitions at the Bauhaus Museum Weimar, the Museum Neues Weimar, Nietzsche Archive and the Haus Am Horn. This app is the perfect guide to take with you to the museums and Weimar's parks. It helps you prepare for and follow up your visit with in-depth information, interviews with the curators, video features of the artists and event recommendations.



Where is Walter?

The students of the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar examined the inheritance and the traces left by the Weimar Bauhaus in an

artistic way. They compiled an Audio Walk to familiarize visitors with the historical founding location and the history and stories surrounding the Weimar Bauhaus and its founder Walter Gropius.



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your personal cultural travel guide by selecting your favourite tours and sight-seeing tips within the app.



[Weimar Apps](#)

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

General Terms of Business as Accommodation Agency and Agency for Package Holidays

General Terms of Business of Weimar Tourism Board (weimar GmbH) for accommodation agency services and other tourist services

Dear Visitor,

Please note the following terms. They govern the agency work of WEIMAR GMBH and, if you make a booking, they become part of the accommodation contract made between you (Guest) and the Service Provider, in addition to the statutory regulations.

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1.1 WEIMAR GMBH acts as an agency for accommodation and other associated subsidiary services (packages) in the name and for the account of third parties, hereinafter called Service Providers. WEIMAR GMBH is liable to the Guest exclusively on the basis of the agency contract made in this context.

1.2 The contract for the services booked is made directly between the Guest and the Service Provider. WEIMAR GMBH is not liable for the services to be rendered by the Service Provider or for its service descriptions and classifications or for any defaults in performance that may occur.

2. Booking and entering into the contract

2.1 By making a booking request, the Guest makes a binding offer to the Service Provider for an accommodation contract or other contract. The basis is solely the lists published by WEIMAR GMBH with the Service Provider's service descriptions.

2.2 The booking request can be made by post,

fax or telephone or verbally or on the internet. The Guest who books for others or for fellow travelers is liable for all contractual obligations of the participants listed in the booking request.

2.3 The contract is made upon receipt by the Guest of acceptance by WEIMAR GMBH, which requires no particular form. This means that verbal and telephone confirmation is also legally binding for the Guest. The making of the contract will be confirmed by immediate forwarding or furnishing of booking confirmation, unless arrival is on the same or next day. Electronic bookings will be confirmed to the Guest immediately by electronic means.

2.4 If the Guest does not wish to make a firm booking immediately or if WEIMAR GMBH can, in response to a booking request, suggest several Service Providers or can only suggest providers other than the desired Service Provider, WEIMAR GMBH will submit an appropriate written offer by which it is bound for the period stated in said offer. The Guest must notify WEIMAR GMBH of acceptance in writing or by fax within the said period. The making of the contract will be confirmed by immediate forwarding of booking confirmation, unless arrival is on the same or next day.

2.5 The legally binding scope and content of the contractual services result solely from booking confirmation. However, the particulars of the services offered are based exclusively on the information supplied by Service Providers and thus do not represent an undertaking made to the Guest by WEIMAR GMBH itself. WEIMAR GMBH provides no warranties or undertakings relating to the correctness, completeness or up-to-date nature of the information or to the suitability and quality of the services offered.

3. Prices and payment

3.1 The prices quoted in the WEIMAR GMBH lists are final prices and include statutory value-added

tax and all subsidiary costs, if nothing is stated to the contrary. There may be additional costs for visitors' tax, tourism and culture dues, charges for services calculated on the basis of consumption (electricity, water, gas, firewood, etc.) and for selected and additional services.

3.2 Despite having made careful checks, WEIMAR GMBH accepts no liability for the correctness of the prices quoted. Only the price entered in the offer or booking confirmation is binding for both parties.

3.3 No increase in prices is permitted during the period of application of the lists issued by WEIMAR GMBH. This does not include adjustment based on a change in statutory or public-authority dues and taxes.

3.4 Payment of the price entered in booking confirmation for the booked services must be made directly to the Service Provider. The right to specify payment terms (advance payments, non-cash payment, time of payment) is reserved by the Service Provider. The Guest must make advance enquiries directly to the Service Provider about such terms and the binding times of arrival and departure.

4. Cancellation and changes in bookings

4.1 The Guest can cancel the booked services at any time before they are rendered. Notice of cancellation must be given to the Service Provider in writing and must quote the booking number.

4.2 If the contract is cancelled or the booked services are not used, the Service Provider retains the right to payment of the agreed full price. However, the expenses usually saved and the alternative uses of the contractual services usually possible are to be deducted. Both the Guest and the Service Provider have the right to provide evidence of a smaller or greater deduction.

4.3 The Service Provider has the right to charge a flat rate for its compensation claim, taking into consideration the following classification based on the time of cancellation in relation to the date of arrival as a percentage ratio to the total price as given in booking confirmation. The criterion is receipt of the cancellation notice by the Service Provider:

* for holiday flats/holiday houses/packages:

- 25 % for 44–30 days in advance,
- 60 % for 29–22 days in advance,
- 80 % for 21 days in advance or less

* for guest rooms/bed and breakfast:

- 25 % for 28–11 days in advance,
- 50 % for 10 days in advance or less

The Service Provider has the right to charge lower cancellation fees based on its own General Terms of Business.

4.4 A booking amendment due to a change in Service Provider is deemed to be a cancellation and new booking, so that nos. 4.1–4.3 and no. 2 apply. A change in the scope of services, number of participants, time and length of holiday can be made with the booked Service Provider as far as existing capacities permit. However, for a reduction in the scope of services, the Service Provider has claims to compensation as specified in nos. 4.1–4.3.

4.5 Until the day of arrival, the Guest can request that a third party be allowed to enter into the contractual rights and obligations instead of said Guest. WEIMAR GMBH and the Service Provider can refuse to allow the third party to enter into the contract if he or she does not meet the special requirements of the services booked or such action is contrary to statutory/public authority rulings.

4.6 WEIMAR GMBH recommends that a travel cancellation insurance policy be taken out.

5. Liability for deficiencies and termination

5.1 On the basis of the agency contract, WEIMAR GMBH is responsible for the careful processing and forwarding of the Service Providers' offers and for the forwarding of bookings to Service Providers. However, its liability in this context is restricted to intent and gross negligence.

5.2 If the rendering of the service is impossible from the onset despite booking confirmation because of so-called double booking, the Guest has a right to provision of an equivalent service at the price quoted in the booking confirmation. If WEIMAR GMBH can make an adequate alternative offer, the Guest will not hold any further compensation claims, irrespective of whether he or she accepts this offer or not. If the Guest has already arrived, additional travelling costs are also subject to reimbursement. If WEIMAR GMBH cannot make any alternative arrangements, it will be liable to the Guest for the necessary additional costs of booking an equivalent service or, respectively,

wasted travelling costs but to no more than the value of the unsuccessful booking confirmation.

5.3 The Guest must report any deficiencies and default in performance immediately to the Service Provider on the spot and require a remedy. It is not adequate to report deficiencies to WEIMAR GMBH. If notice of deficiencies is not given through the fault of the Guest, said Guest may lose compensation claims in whole or in part. In addition, when default in performance occurs, the guest has an obligation to co-operate within the limits of statutory rulings to reduce damage, in particular to avoid foreseeable damage or keep it to a minimum. The Guest can only terminate the contract in the event of substantial deficiencies or default and only after giving prior notice of deficiencies and allowing the Service Provider a period to remedy the same, unless a remedy is impossible or is refused by the Service Provider or continuation of the stay cannot reasonably be expected by the Guest and the Service Provider recognizes this fact. The Service Provider has the right to specify the above terms in greater detail and to stipulate restrictions of liability based on its own General Terms of Business or house and utilization regulations.

5.4 The Service Provider is not liable for default in performance of services which were brokered during the Guest's stay and were clearly identifiable by the Guest as third-party services. The same applies to services brokered when the accommodation was booked and expressly identified as third-party services.

5.5 In the interest of its quality management, WEIMAR GMBH requests that information be provided about default in performance which occurs or has occurred in connection with services for which WEIMAR GMBH acted as agent.

6. Final terms

6.1 All claims resulting from the agency contract are subject to a time limitation of six months, beginning on the date on which the last booked service was to be rendered according to the contract. If the Guest has submitted claims, limitation is suspended until the date on which WEIMAR GMBH rejects the claims in writing.

6.2 The Guest agrees to the storage, processing and forwarding of personal data for all processes associated with said Guest's booking. WEIMAR GMBH gives assurance that there will be compliance with the terms of data protection law.

6.3 Exclusively German law shall apply to all contractual relations between WEIMAR GMBH, the Guest and the Service Provider.

6.4 The Guest can only take legal action against WEIMAR GMBH or the Service Provider at their respective seat of business. The Guest's place of residence is the criterion for legal action by WEIMAR GMBH or the Service Provider against the Guest, unless legal action is taken against registered traders or persons who have moved their place of residence or habitual abode to a foreign country since entering into the contract. In such cases, WEIMAR GMBH's seat of business constitutes the criterion for the legal venue.

6.5 If any provisions in the above General Terms of Business are ineffective, the effectiveness of the rest of the General Terms of Business will not be prejudiced thereby.

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