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Weimar: UNESCO World Heritage City from classical to modern

Weimar. Weimar owes its excellent reputation for culture, art and modernity to many famous personalities: the German classical poets Goethe and Schiller, the musicians Johann Sebastian Bach and Franz Liszt, and the avant-garde artists of the Bauhaus. The sites of these great eras bear the UNESCO World Heritage label. A total of 16 ensembles are on the UNESCO list.

The cityscape is characterised by classical architecture, historic parks and magnificent palaces. Hundreds of thousands of visitors come to the city every year just to explore these sights, flocking to more than 25 museums.

This year, there are particularly good reasons to visit the city: In October, part of the magnificent city palace will open after extensive restoration. If you want to feel the spirit of the place once again in Goethe's house, you only have until the beginning of November – then it will close for renovation.

Modernism and the Weimar Republic are showcased in four museums. The Bauhaus Museum Weimar presents the founding history of the famous design school and the oldest Bauhaus collection. In the immediate vicinity, Weimar Modernism is featured in an exhibition entitled 'Paths to the Bauhaus' at the Museum Neues Weimar. The 'House of the Weimar Republic' is dedicated to the dawn of Germany's first democracy in 1919. However, Weimar is also marked by the Nazi era: the memory of the crimes committed between 1933 and 1945 is kept alive at the former concentration camp, Buchenwald Memorial. The Museum of Forced Labour under National Socialism tells the story of the deportation of millions of people.

Visitors to Weimar can enjoy great visual art and light entertainment, concerts and theatre, exhibitions and performances. The festival season opens in April with the Thuringian Bach Festival. During the Weimar Summer, culture takes to the streets, squares and open-air stages. The Weimar Art Festival offers a stage for contemporary artists from all over the world until the beginning of September. In the autumn, Thuringia's oldest city festival, the Weimar Onion Market, is a unique attraction. Like the Weimar Christmas Market, it is a popular reason for visitors to travel to the city. An essential part of any visit to Weimar is discovering the more than 40 owner-operated shops and manufacturers in the city centre – Weimar's craft shops are unique.

Visitors also enjoy the city's culinary delights: Thuringian bratwurst is the traditional answer to fast food, and the Thuringian dumplings are a must. And both can be washed down with a Weimar craft beer or local wine from the "Poetenweg".

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