

Saxony (Sachsen) -- The State Of Arts

Saxony (German: *Sachsen*) had a rich and tumultuous time, changing hands many times and gaining or losing territory over the years, which is why other states in Germany also carry the "Saxony title:" [Lower Saxony \(*Niedersachsen*\)](#) and [Saxony-Anhalt \(*Sachsen-Anhalt*\)](#).

Saxony Map

Rural Districts (Counties) in Saxony

- [Bautzen District](#)
- [Erzgebirgskreis](#)
- [Görlitz District](#)
- [Leipzig District](#)

- [Meißen District](#)
- [Mittelsachsen District](#)
- [Nordsachsen District](#)
- [Sächs. Schw.-Osterz.](#)

- [Vogtlandkreis](#)
- [Zwickau District](#)
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Urban Districts in Saxony

- [Chemnitz](#)
- [Dresden](#)
- [Leipzig](#)

With approx. 4.3 million inhabitants, it is a land of variation, a region whose scene has been described as looking like “unstable seas on earth.”

Its capital is [Dresden, the *Florence on the Elbe*](#). Big-city stylishness and small-town romance, river valley and mountains, grasslands and woods, palaces and citadels, manor houses and impressive homes, arts and skill, classical music and a sparkling bar scene, industrial architecture and industrial culture: Saxony has it all.

Of all the beautiful scenery, **the highest glory is [Saxon Switzerland](#)**. This region offers such a wealth of strange natural wonders in such a small space as the Elbe Sandstone. The [River Elbe](#) carves its way through the very heart of this exclusive landscape. And rock climbers often have the time of their life there.

Saxony offers an above-average number of very well preserved momentous smaller towns, for example [Meißen](#), [Freiberg](#), [Pirna](#), [Bautzen](#), [Görlitz](#) and others; thus tourism from within Germany is important for this state.

Besides its small towns and villages, larger cities like [Dresden](#), [Leipzig](#) and [Zwickau](#) serve very well for sightseeing for visitors from all over the world. Some good-looking regions are the ones joint with Czech Republic, counting the [Lusatian Mountains](#), [Ore Mountains \(*Erzgebirge*\)](#), Saxon Switzerland, and [Vogtland](#).

[Dresden](#) is one of the **must-see places** for any person visiting Germany with the freedom to travel at will. It is filled with some of the most fantastic structural design imaginable, the [Elbe river](#) is wonderful, and the city harbors offer many little surprises for miles in all directions. Art and music are all over the place.

[Leipzig is extremely worth a visit](#), too. It has progressed very well since [Germany's reunification](#), and has abundance enough to keep you busy for a weekend (or much longer!). If you're aiming for traditional art and harmony, you'll find Leipzig particularly pleasant.

All in all, Saxony needs definitely to be on your Germany itinerary! :-)