

Magdeburg -- One Of Europe's Top Medieval Cities

Magdeburg is a German city which lies on the [Elbe River](#) and was one of the most important medieval cities of Europe. It is the capital city of the *Bundesland* of [Saxony-Anhalt \(Sachsen-Anhalt\)](#) and a vital part of the [Romanesque Route](#), or *Straße der Romanik*.

Records suggest that Emperor Otto I, the first Holy Roman Emperor, stayed throughout his reign in this city and was buried in the cathedral after his death.

This city boasts of its glorious past and also faced the fury of wars. Subsequent to the wars, several of the remaining pre-[World War II](#) city buildings were destroyed, with only a few buildings near the Cathedral restored to their pre-war state.

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From the time of 1949 to the time of [German reunification](#) on October 3rd, 1990 the city belonged to the German Democratic Republic (GDR). It was only in the year 1990 when it became the capital of the new state of Saxony-Anhalt within reunified Germany.

Magdeburg offers numerous sights and a culture to its visitors. Here, you might discover spell of buildings. The city's most remarkable building, the Cathedral of Saints Catherine and Maurice, has a height of 104m (341ft). It is considered to be the highest church building of eastern Germany and is distinguished for its stunning and unique sculptures, especially the "Twelve Virgins" at the Northern Gate.

Along with these sights, the depictions of Otto I the Great, and his wife Editha as well as the statues of St Maurice and St Catherine, will put forward a delight to watch. The statue of St Maurice is a strange sight, as it is the place where Maurice is displayed as a black man with African

features, holding a sword and wearing chain mail. This is astonishing when we come to know that Maurice was an Egyptian!

You might take delight by seeing the place in front of the cathedral which is sometimes called "New Marketplace." This place was engaged by an imperial palace. *Unser Lieben Frauen*, which is also known as Our Beloved Lady, is an 11th century Monastery, containing the church of St. Mary.

Town hall building is equally mesmerizing as this building stood on the marketplace since the 13th century. It was smashed in the [Thirty Years' War](#). Later, the new town hall was put into place in a Renaissance style influenced by Dutch architecture.

The Magdeburg Water Bridge is a spectacular set to watch as it is Europe's longest water bridge.

In the field of literature, particularly in fiction, Magdeburg has earned its reputation. This city has witnessed the works of authors like *David Weber*, *Eric Flint*, and many others.

In later years, Magdeburg became the capital of the Confederated Principalities of Europe.