

# Many roads lead to Luther – and where better to start than Leipzig

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## Luther in Leipzig

2017 is an important year for commemorating Martin Luther and the Reformation. For Leipzig too, of course. The trading city in Saxony was a significant place for Luther: The Leipzig Disputation between Luther, the reformer, and the Catholic theologian, Johannes Eck, in 1519 was a decisive turning point for the Reformation movement – the debate finally sealed Luther’s break with Catholicism. Would you like to find out more about Luther? Visit Leipzig and its historical sites, including St. Thomas Church: Luther once preached here at the start of the Reformation, and 200 years later, the avowed Lutheran Johann Sebastian Bach held the office of cantor and choirmaster. The St. Thomas Boys Choir can still be heard regularly in the church today, singing God’s praises just as in Bach’s time.

## Make Leipzig your headquarters!

For the anniversary of the Reformation in 2017, Leipzig will host numerous exhibitions, music festivals such as the Leipzig Bachfest, the “Kirchentag on the Way”, and many other events, which will bring the history of the Reformation to life. The city is also the perfect starting point for day trips to other key Reformation sites in Central Germany such as Torgau, Erfurt and Wittenberg. Leipzig’s central location, excellent road and rail connections and large range of accommodation and eating and drinking options make it the ideal choice for those who want to follow in Luther’s footsteps. We look forward to seeing you!

Find out more on the website:  
[www.luther-in-leipzig.de](http://www.luther-in-leipzig.de)

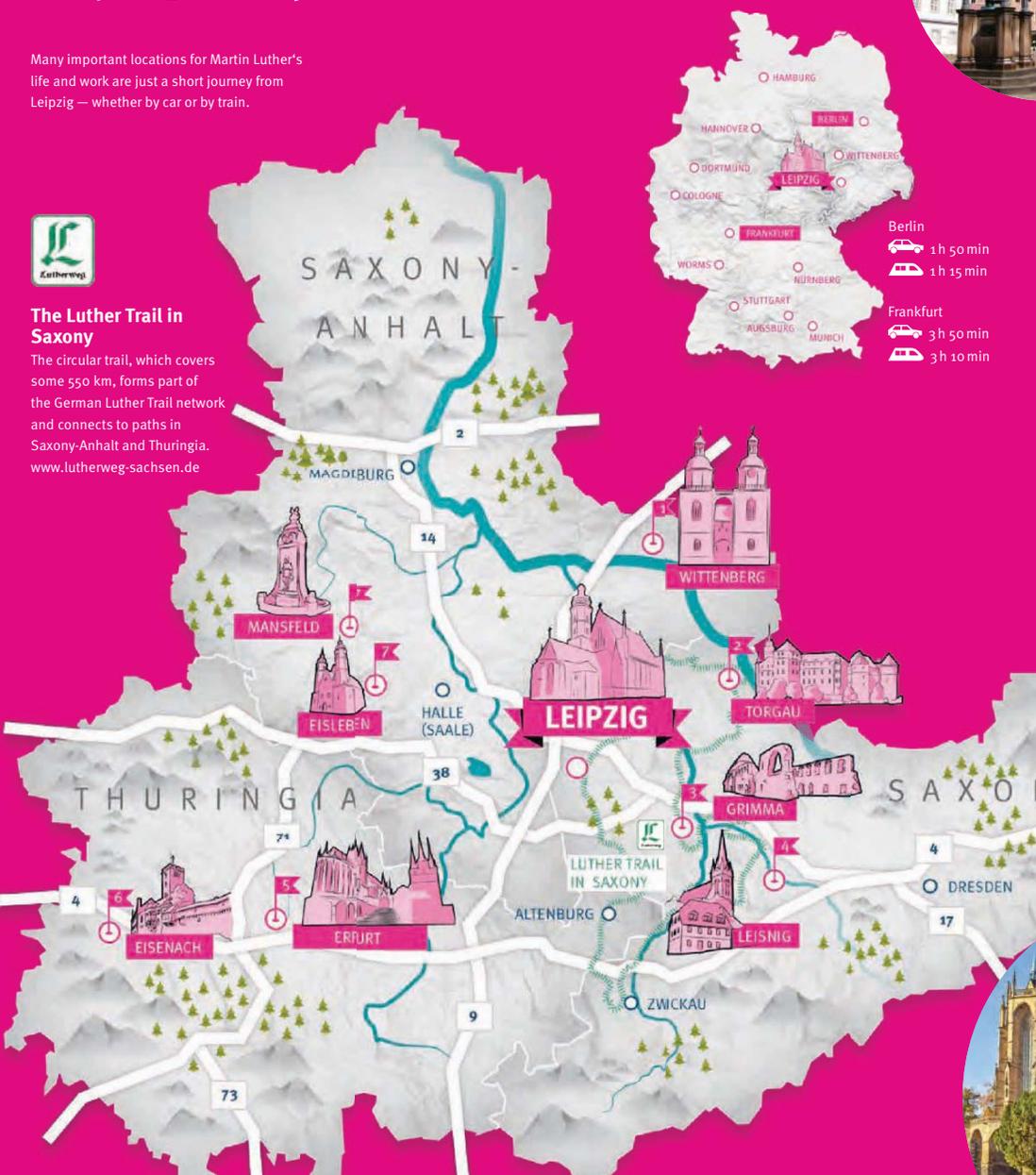
# Follow Luther beyond Leipzig's city limits

Many important locations for Martin Luther's life and work are just a short journey from Leipzig – whether by car or by train.



## The Luther Trail in Saxony

The circular trail, which covers some 550 km, forms part of the German Luther Trail network and connects to paths in Saxony-Anhalt and Thuringia. [www.lutherweg-sachsen.de](http://www.lutherweg-sachsen.de)



## 1 Wittenberg

1 h 20 min 35 min

Wittenberg is truly the home of the Reformation. Martin Luther is said to have nailed his 95 theses attacking the practice of the sale of indulgences to the door of the castle chapel in the residence city of Frederick the Wise in 1517. The former homes of Luther and Melancthon, St. Mary's Church, and the castle chapel all form part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site commemorating Luther. St. Mary's Church was not only the site of the first Evangelical church service; it is also unmissable thanks to its impressive Cranach altar, commonly known as the "Reformation Altar". [www.lutherstadt-wittenberg.de](http://www.lutherstadt-wittenberg.de)

## 3 Grimma

approx. 30 min by car or train

Luther stayed in the city on the Mulde several times and preached in the Augustine monastery church, amongst others. Katharina von Bora lived as a nun in the Cistercian Nimbschen Convent until she fled in 1523 with eight other nuns, and two years later married Martin Luther. You can still visit the impressive convent ruins near Grimma today. [www.grimma.de](http://www.grimma.de)



## 2 Torgau

1 h 50 min

The glorious town centre is a jewel of the Renaissance. The Elector of Saxony, John Frederick the Magnanimous, a supporter of Luther, once lived in the imposing Hartenfels Castle. The castle church, dedicated by Martin Luther in 1544, was the first ever church built as a Protestant church. Luther's wife Katharina died in Torgau in 1552 and was buried in St. Mary's Church in the town. Katharina Day is held every year in her honour. [www.tic-torgau.de](http://www.tic-torgau.de)



## 4 Leisnig

approx. 50 min by car or train

When Martin Luther visited Leisnig in 1522 and 1523, he lodged in the "Stadtgut", the town hall. With the "Leisnig Chest Order", he created the first ever Evangelical church order, and the oldest social document in the world. It became an important condition for the development of Evangelical church communities. The Leisnig Stadtgut with its permanent exhibition "LUTHER. LEISNIG. STADT. GUT." is well worth a visit. [www.leisnig.de](http://www.leisnig.de)



## 6 Eisenach

1 h 48 min 1 h 12 min

Eisenach will always be associated with the most dramatic episode in Martin Luther's life: After his staged kidnapping, he spent 10 months under the assumed name of Junker Jörg at the Wartburg Castle in 1521 and 1522, where he translated the New Testament into German. Visit the thousand year old Wartburg Castle, which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with its unique view high over the Thuringia forest, with the town of Eisenach down below. In the town, you should also visit the Luther House, where Luther lived during his school years. [www.eisenach.de](http://www.eisenach.de)



## 5 Erfurt

1 h 30 min 45 min

Luther laid the foundations for his reforming activities in the university and monastic city: Shortly after receiving his master's degree from the Faculty of Arts in 1505, he entered the Augustine monastery at Erfurt as a novice. Two years later, he was ordained as a priest in Erfurt Cathedral. You can still visit many of the original sites today, including the Augustine monastery, the Georgenburse (the hostel where Luther lived as a student), and the churches where he once preached. In the picturesque medieval city centre you can really feel what it was like during Luther's time as a student and monk. [www.erfurt.de](http://www.erfurt.de)



## 7 Eisleben and Mansfeld

1 h 1 h 21 min | 1 h 20 min

Eisleben was the place of Luther's birth and death. You can visit his birthplace in the Lange Gasse, as well as the house in which he died, where there is an exhibition on how Luther approached death and dying. Discover other historical sites on a walk through Eisleben, such as the Late Gothic St. Andreas Church, in which Luther preached his final four sermons. Luther grew up in nearby Mansfeld; his parents' house is now a museum open to visitors. [www.lutherstaedte-eisleben-mansfeld.de](http://www.lutherstaedte-eisleben-mansfeld.de) [www.mansfeldsuedharz.de](http://www.mansfeldsuedharz.de)



# Event highlights for the Reformation Anniversary in Leipzig (selection)

## Exhibition “Worlds of Belief”

27 January – 25 June 2017

Reformation Jubilee cabinet exhibition, Leipzig Bach Museum

## Exhibition “Luther in Dispute. Leipzig and the Consequences”

12 April 2017 – 28 January 2018

Leipzig Museum of City History

## Exhibition “Luther and Printing”

4 May – 24 September 2017

Museum of Printing Arts, Leipzig

## Kirchentag on the Way “Music. Dispute. Life”

25 – 28 May 2017

Various event locations

## Leipzig Bachfest 2017 “A Beautiful New Song: Music and Reformation”

9 – 18 June 2017

Various event locations

## More information is available at:

[www.luther-in-leipzig.de](http://www.luther-in-leipzig.de) or in the new brochure

“Leipzig – in the footsteps of Luther and Bach”

## Themed tours:

“In the footsteps of Luther through Leipzig”

“Luther and Bach”

“Via Thomana – 800 years of church, choir and school”

These tours and many more, as well as excursions to Luther landmarks, can be booked via:

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## Our tour package:

If you want to follow in the footsteps of Martin Luther and the Reformation in Leipzig, a tour package from Leipzig Tourismus und Marketing GmbH is the ideal choice.

### 3 days – Martin Luther and Leipzig

- 2 nights and breakfast in a hotel in Leipzig
- Public city tour on the second day of your stay (11.00 am)
- In the footsteps of Luther in the restaurant Auerbachs Keller including a guided tour of the Luther House and coffee and cake (1 cup of coffee and 1 piece of Mephisto gateau per person) on the second day of your stay (3.00 pm)
- Visit to the Leipzig Museum of City History in the Old City Hall (incl. Luther’s writings, the Luther Chalice, Katharina von Bora’s ring) on the second day of your stay (2.00 pm)
- LEIPZIG CARD 3-day ticket for free travel on local transport services within Leipzig and a range of discounts for museums, restaurants ect.
- Tourist map

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