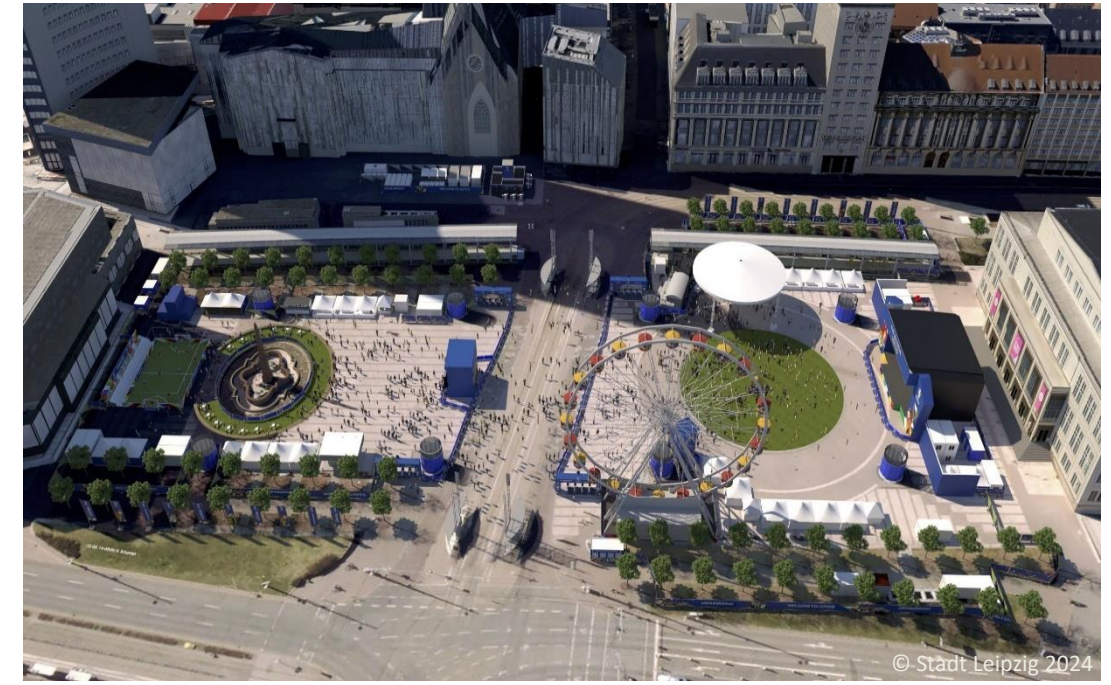


# LEIPZIG and REGION

## Event Highlights 2024 - 2026



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# 35 years of the Peaceful Revolution

## Festival of Lights Leipzig becomes an emotional highlight (09 Oct 2024)

Every year on 9 October, the first major Monday demonstration in Leipzig is commemorated with a prayer for peace, a speech on democracy and a festival of light. It is considered the beginning of the Peaceful Revolution in the GDR and led to the fall of the Berlin Wall. The 35th anniversary of the Peaceful Revolution will be celebrated in 2024. On the city centre ring road, **20 teams of artists will bring the historical events to life in an extraordinary emotional way.**



# GRASSI Museum of Applied Arts

## 150th anniversary year 2024

The important museum is celebrating its 150th anniversary this year. To mark the occasion, a variety of projects and **three special exhibitions** by top-class artists are planned, including "A CHAIR AND YOU" by American artist Robert Wilson from 8 May. It shows one of the world's most important private collections of chairs, staged in an extraordinary way. The highlight of the anniversary year is a **weekend of celebrations from 25 to 26 May 2024**.



# Auerbachs Keller

## "Triennium" 2023 to 2025

When Dr Heinrich Stromer von Auerbach first served wine to students in the cellar of his house in 1525, this marked the birth of one of the most traditional inns in Germany - Auerbachs Keller. The Leipzig physician and university professor thus laid the foundation for a success story that continues to this day. Auerbachs Keller celebrates its **500th anniversary** in 2025. This will be celebrated!



# Bach Archive Leipzig

**"Bachfest Leipzig 2024 under the motto "BACH - CHORAL TOTAL" (07 - 16 June 2024)**

The Bach Festival is one of the most important international music festivals. It will take place in 2024 under the motto "BACH - CHORAL TOTAL" and celebrates two anniversaries: **500 years of Luther chorales** and **300 years of the choral cantata cycle**. At Bach's original venues, 26 Bach ensembles from all over the world will perform the great choral cantata cycle that Johann Sebastian Bach composed in his second year in Leipzig in 1724/25.



# Memorial Museum in the "Round Corner"

## Tourist attractions to mark the 35th anniversary of the Peaceful Revolution

For 40 years, the "Round Corner" in Leipzig symbolised the oppression of the SED dictatorship and the widespread surveillance of the population. Today, it is a place of **social discourse** and has been part of the European "Iron Curtain" cultural heritage since 2012. The museum in the "Round Corner" and the museum in the Stasi bunker commemorate the events of 35 years ago with an **extensive programme of events**.



# Gewandhaus zu Leipzig

**244th Season 2024/25 and Shostakovich Festival 2025** (15 May - 1 June 2025)

To mark the 50th anniversary of Dmitri Shostakovich's death in 2025, the Gewandhaus is hosting an unrivalled showcase of his works. The programme includes **all fifteen of Dmitri Shostakovich's symphonies** as well as the six solo concertos for piano, violin and cello. Under the direction of chief conductor Andris Nelsons, these will be performed by the **Gewandhaus Orchestra** and the **Boston Symphony Orchestra**, among others.



# GRASSI Museum of Ethnology

„RE:OPENING NO. 04 “ 2024

As part of the **future programme RE:OPENING NO. 04 and REINVENTING GRASSI.SKD**, the museum is gradually transforming into a **network museum**. Since November 2023, the new exhibition area has been focussing on the museum and ethnology before 1990. A peace pipe from the prairie, a Mexican construction worker's helmet, a coffee pot from Baghdad or a bus woven from grass - they are all part of the GDR history of the GRASSI Museum für Völkerkunde zu Leipzig.





# International German Gymnastics Festival Leipzig 2025



Leipzig is the host city for the 13th time (28 May - 1 June 2025)

With **80,000 athletes and hundreds of thousands of visitors**, it is the world's largest competitive and popular sports event. First appearing as the host of the third General German Gymnastics Festival in 1863, Leipzig will host a gymnastics festival for the 13th time in 2025. A wide variety of sporting competitions, spectacular shows and hands-on activities can be experienced at various locations in the city.



# Kunstkraftwerk Leipzig

**"Claude Monet: Master of Colours and Lights"** (08 February - June 2024)

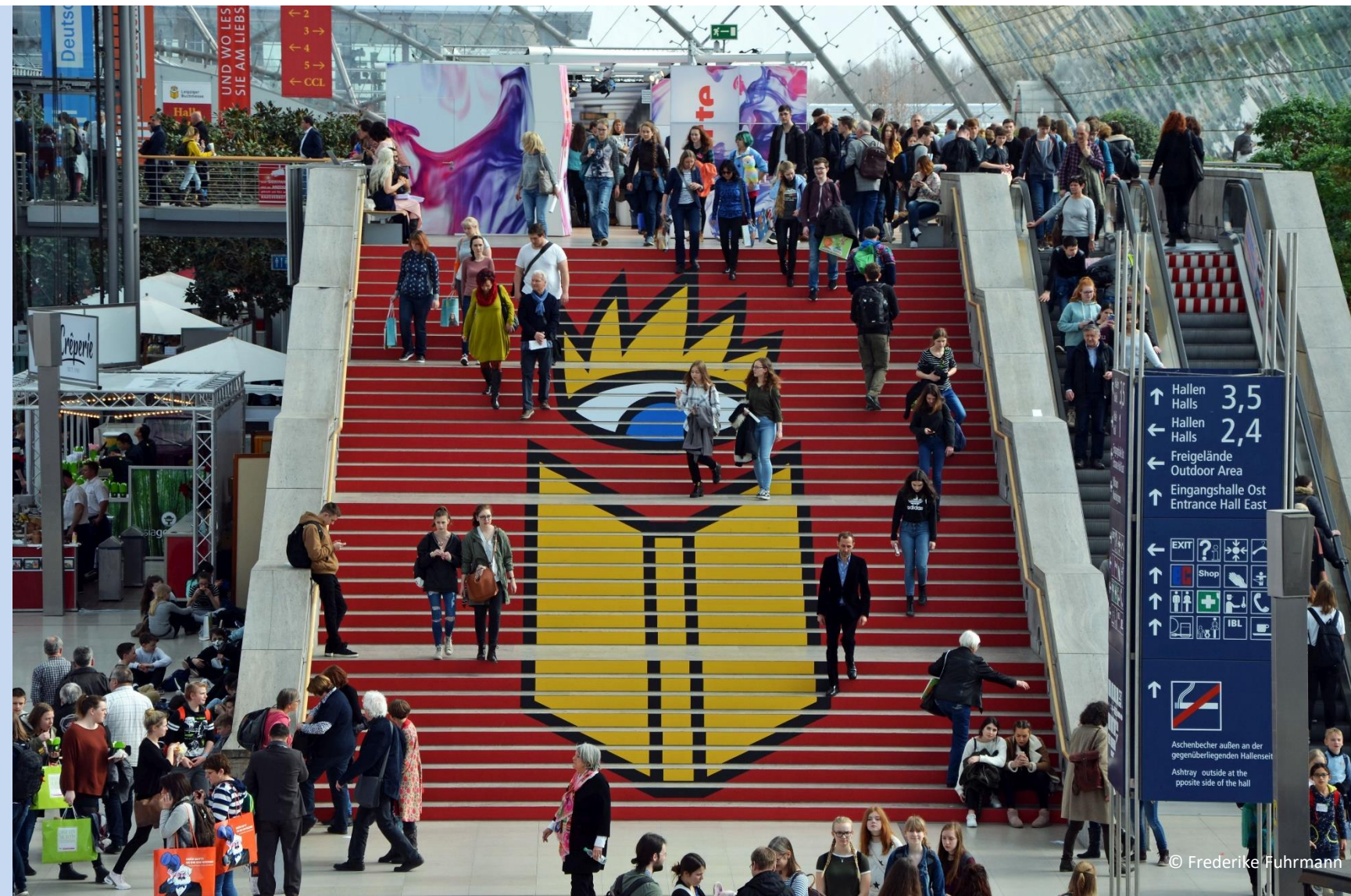
Light, colours, music and movement - since 8 February 2024, Kunstkraftwerk Leipzig has been showing the new exhibition "Claude Monet: Master of Colors and Lights". Monet's art is reinterpreted in a playful, creative way in **immersive multimedia shows**, installations and rooms on the old factory site. Visitors can immerse themselves in another world for 90 minutes and forget the grey winter days.



# Leipzig trade fair

"Leipzig Book Fair" 2024 and "Leipzig reads" (21 - 24 March 2024)

The Leipzig Book Fair and the largest European reading festival "Leipzig reads" are the **spring event for the book and media industry**. This year's guest country is the Netherlands & Flanders. Fans of comics, manga & co. can visit the Manga-Comic-Con at the same time. The 30th Leipzig Antiquarian Book Fair will also take place at the same time. With more than 2,500 events at 300 different locations, Leipzig will be transformed into one big reading festival.



# Leipzig Christmas Market (26 Nov - 23 Dec 2024)

The tradition of the Leipzig Christmas market dates back to 1458. This makes it the second oldest Christmas market in Germany. The approx. **300 stalls** invite visitors to linger in **seven market areas**. The range of goods on offer is accompanied by concerts by the St. Thomas Boys Choir, performances by the tower brass band on the balcony of the Old Town Hall, Santa's consultation hour and a festive programme of events.



# Mendelssohn House

"Mendelssohn Festival" (29 Oct – 04 Nov 2024)

The Mendelssohn Festival is an important pillar of the international "City of Music: Leipzig" brand. In cooperation between the Gewandhaus and the Mendelssohn House, there is **an exquisite festival programme** with symphony concerts, chamber music and discussion formats every year around the anniversary of Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy's death on 4 November. Mendelssohn's masterpieces and the music of the Romantic period take centre stage.



# Museum of Fine Arts Leipzig

## Rembrandt, Tübke, BMW Photo Award and many more

Founded in 1858, the museum is one of the most extensive art collections in Germany. After more than 150 years, it is rich in history and at the same time reflects Leipzig's history as a city of art. In addition to the collections, there are special exhibitions throughout the year, including **Tübke and Italy** (17 March -16 June) and **Impulse Rembrandt: Teacher Stratege Bestseller** with around 120 works by Rembrandt van Rijn (03 Oct 2024 – 26 Jan 2025).



# Museum Night in Halle and Leipzig

"Motto 2024 - Open your eyes!" (04 May 2024)

The joint Museum Night in Leipzig and the neighbouring city of Halle has been a highlight of the two cities' annual calendar since 2009. From 6 pm to midnight on 4 May 2024, impressive exhibitions, guided tours and concerts will be presented in **86 museums, galleries and collections**. From history and music to nature and technology, there will be a varied evening programme for the whole family.



# Oper Leipzig

## Ballet Festival "Leipzig dances!" (21 - 29 June 2024) / 225th birthday of Lortzing 2026

In June 2024, the opera house will host the international ballet festival "Leipzig tanzt!", where visitors can experience the multifaceted art form of dance for ten days. In 2026, the Opera House and Musikalische Komödie will celebrate the famous composer Albert Lortzing, whose compositions are inextricably linked to Leipzig. An **extensive anniversary programme is planned for 2026** to mark the 225th anniversary of his birth.





# Panometer Leipzig

## THE CATHEDRAL OF MONET (from 16 March 2024)

Visitors to the Panometer Leipzig can marvel at the **world's largest 360-degree panorama**. The new exhibition "Monet's Cathedral" will be presented from 16 March 2024. Yadegar Asisi is breaking new ground in his oeuvre: for the first time, a panorama measuring 6 x 2 metres was painted in oil on canvas before being digitised in high resolution, printed and finally staged in the Panometer as a 32-metre-high 360° installation.



# QUARTERBACK Immobilien ARENA

P!nk, Roland Kaiser, Kontra K, Peter Maffay...

With over **100 events**, the QUARTERBACK Immobilien ARENA is set for a full year of events in 2024. From **major show productions and sporting events** to pop hits and metalcore, visitors can look forward to the usual variety. Guests this year will include: P!nk, Roland Kaiser, Kontra K, Peter Maffay, Paul Panzer, James Blunt, Apache 207, Lea, Nena, Deichkind, Die Fantastischen Vier, Ayliva - and...and...and...



# Schumann House Leipzig

**"Con spirito - the Leipzig Chamber Music Festival"** (14 Sep - 22 Sep 2024)

Renovated in 1999, the Schumann House is the first museum dedicated to an artist couple. The Schumanns spent their first four years of marriage here. Visitors can discover the life of Clara and Robert Schumann in the varied permanent exhibition "Experiment Artists' Marriage". In addition to regular concerts, the "Con spirito" festival with international stars of the chamber music scene takes place every September in the European cultural heritage sites.



# Leipzig city harbour

## Reopening after renovation on 1 April 2026

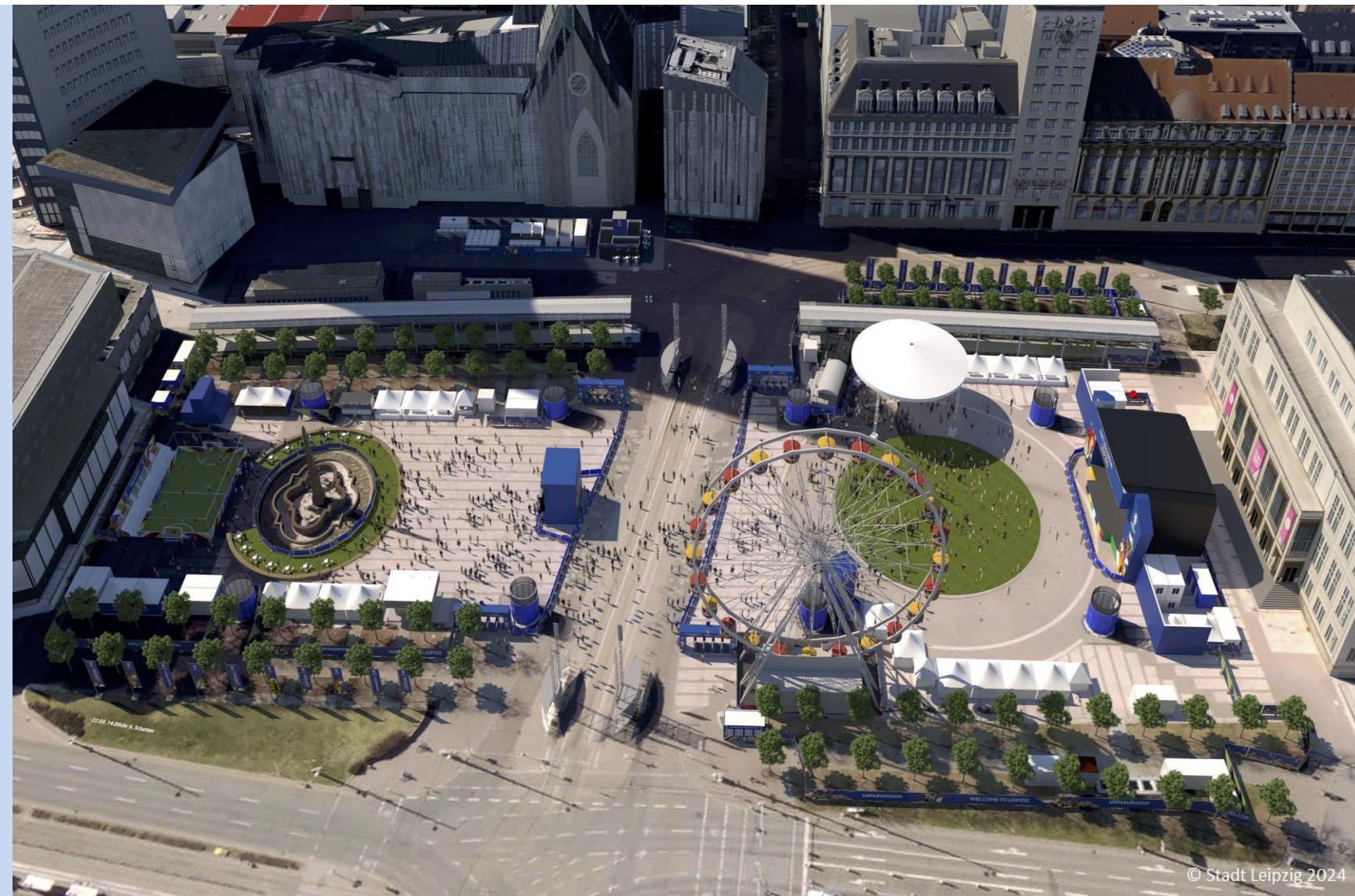
Leipzig city harbour will be expanded until 2026 during ongoing operations. This will make it even more the centrepiece of the tourist waterway network. The **4,000 square metre harbour basin** will offer berths for four passenger ships, 40 sports and family boats and moorings for 100 canoes. There will also be a **service building for catering**, which will also serve as an exclusive event location in this maritime ambience.



# UEFA EURO 2024 in Leipzig

## Fan Zone on Augustusplatz

The 17th edition of the UEFA European Football Championship will take place in Germany. Leipzig is one of the ten selected host cities. **Three preliminary round matches and one round of 16 match** will be played at Leipzig Stadium: on 18, 21 and 24 June and on 2 July 2024. The Augustusplatz **Fan Zone** will be the central meeting point for football fans and will offer an attractive programme of sport, culture, gastronomy and hands-on activities.



# Leipzig Zoo: On the trail of nature

## Winner of the German Sustainability Award 2024

Leipzig Zoo offers six impressive adventure worlds. The **Gondwanaland** tropical adventure world with around 24,000 tropical plants and hundreds of exotic animals is one of the highlights of a visit to the zoo. It was also the first zoo in Germany to receive the German Sustainability Award 2024 for its environmental management system and global species conservation. The aim is to create an almost gridless, near-natural **zoo of the future** by 2027.



# 7 Lakes Hike

**Unique hiking experience celebrates its 20th anniversary (03 - 05 May 2024)**

There are **79 hiking tours** to choose from on this year's 7 Lakes Hike. On offer are (long-distance) hiking classics, such as the 105 km long **Neuseenland XXL**, but also shorter guided and unguided tours. Alone, with family or friends - there is something for everyone! Tours combined with boat trips are also on offer. With a bit of luck, participants can experience spectacular sunsets at sea.



# Biedermeierstrand - Schladitzer See

## Musical "Journey to the Centre of the Earth" (August 2024)

After seven acclaimed events, the Musik- und Theaterförderverein Priester e.V. is once again taking its audience on a new adventure in 2024 - on the "Journey to the Centre of the Earth". An ensemble of around 40 people will bring Jules Verne's novel to life in this **two-hour open-air spectacle** in front of the unique panorama of Lake Schladitz. The play will be performed on eight evenings in August from 8 pm.





# Colditz

## Colditz Castle as an interactive "lost place" in 2024

From 17 April 2024, Colditz Castle will be brought to life in an extraordinary new way: with the **HistoPad**, an interactive tablet guide, large parts of the famous castle that were previously hidden from guests will come to life. For the first time, visitors can enter and interactively discover the stately rooms as well as the asylum rooms. **Ten time gates** open up unforgettable insights into the castle's history.



# Döbeln - Opening of Karl's Adventure Village

## Amusement park Döbeln in Central Saxony (23 March 2024)

The sixth Karl's Adventure Village in Germany is currently under construction in Döbeln. From 23 March, visitors of all ages will be able to enjoy the new leisure attraction. The main building alone will cover 6,000 square metres. Numerous attractions are planned, including rides and special catering facilities such as a Bratwurstland. The investors expect up to 300,000 visitors a year to the Saxon Strawberry Land.



# Markkleeberg Canoe Park

"10th XXL Paddle Festival" (04 - 05 May 2024)

Just a few kilometres south of Leipzig, the canoe park on Lake Markkleeberg is one of the most modern whitewater facilities in the world. On 27 and 28 April 2024, the canoe park will host the Olympic qualifiers in canoe slalom. At the beginning of May 2024, it will then become the Mecca of canoeing: workshops, taster sessions, test drives with test boats, guided canoe tours and technical courses are planned for the 10th XXL Paddling Festival.



# Röcknitz - Supervolcano Centre

**New attraction in the Geopark Porphyryland** (August 2024)

In August, the brilliant permanent exhibition "**Supervolcanoes in Saxony**" will open in the National Geopark Porphyryland at the Geoportal Röcknitz site. It takes visitors back more than 290 million years to the Permian geological era, a time of highly explosive volcanism. On display are the phases of the super-eruptions, their triggers, the effects on flora and fauna and the formation of the various types of porphyry.



# Wernsdorf - Hubertusburg Castle

Special exhibition "Water School Hubertusburg" (26 May - 13 Oct 2024)

The Kunstgewerbemuseum der Staatlichen Kunstsammlungen Dresden presents the exhibition **Water School Hubertusburg. A Speculation in Four Seasons** as a DESIGN CAMPUS project at Hubertusburg Castle in Wernsdorf. It examines the castle and its surroundings in terms of its potential for a better life in rural areas. Water plays a central role in terms of resources and sustainability.



# Leipzig loves Regional

## Art and food crafts can be experienced by tourists

The project of Leipzig Tourismus und Marketing GmbH focuses on the special work of craftspeople. Around **30 artisan** and food manufacturers that produce in the Leipzig region are integrated. Whether sweet baked goods, savoury specialities, musical instruments or jewellery: the manufactories and studios show how the products are made during guided tours and workshops. Info: [www.leipzig.travel/regionale-produkte](http://www.leipzig.travel/regionale-produkte)



# ITB Berlin 2024: Leipzig-Presence (05 - 07 March 2024)



## Stand: Hall 27/ Stand 201

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