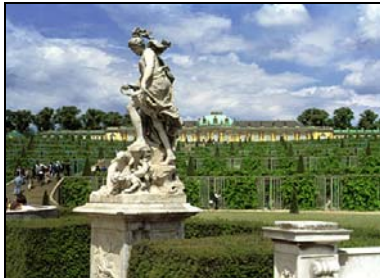


## Historic and Romantic Towns



### **POTSDAM**, next to Berlin

The palaces and gardens are among the most beautiful places to visit. Palaces such as Sanssouci and Babelsberg, Cecilienhof and the New Palace are striking reminders of Potsdam's role in German history. The historical districts such as the Russian colony of Alexandrovka, the weavers' quarter and the Dutch quarter give Potsdam a real European feel. The centre of Berlin is reached within 30 minutes by city-train.

**3 nights at Hotel Sanssouci \*\*\*\***



### **MEISSEN**, next to Dresden

The world-famous Meissen porcelain factory has been producing masterpieces since it was first founded in 1710. The Renaissance Albrechtsburg Castle, with its stone spiral staircase, is Germany's earliest example of a castle built purely as a residence. Beneath the hill on which the castle sits is the old quarter with its market square and beautiful town hall. Enjoy wine-tasting along the Saxon Wine Street.

**3 nights at Parkhotel \*\*\*\***



### **BAMBERG**, close to Nuremberg

The history of Bamberg's fascinating townscape goes back more than a thousand years. This town was built on seven hills like Rome. On one of the hills stands the imperial cathedral with its four towers, the heart of the town and the region's most important architectural monument. Other local attractions include the old town hall in the middle of the river Regnitz and the New Palace with its baroque rose garden.

**2 nights at Hotel Residence Castle \*\*\*\***



### **WEIMAR**, close to Leipzig

The cultural importance of Weimar's architecture and landscape parks, as well as the town's role as an intellectual centre in the 18th century, were the reasons for its designation as a World Heritage site. A second World Heritage site, "Bauhaus sites in Dessau und Weimar", was designated because of the foundation here of the Bauhaus School by Gropius, who had a profound influence on 20th century architecture.

**2 nights at Hotel Dorotheenhof \*\*\*\***



### **QUEDLINBURG**, next to Harz Mountains National Park

The important imperial town from the Middle Ages is one of Germany's foremost heritage sites. It is a fine example of a beautifully preserved medieval town. The historic layout boasts a wealth of art nouveau architecture and over 1,300 timber-framed houses from a period spanning eight centuries. One of the oldest of these buildings, which dates back to around 1340, houses the medieval architecture museum.

**3 nights at Hotel am Brühl \*\*\*\***

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