

Dresden, Germany Pamphlet sent by Wolfgang May to Jeanette Mary Parquette in 1937.  
In 1945 during WWII Dresden was bombed by the Allied Forces. I am sure the city is much different today.



# DRESDEN

is one of the most beautiful large cities in the world. The lovely silhouette of the city itself indicates that Dresden is a rich centre of art and culture. A walk through the centre of the town reveals on all sides true miracles of German baroque architecture. The light and festive building of the Zwinger, the former Court Church, the venerable Church of Our Lady with its stately dome—these are only a few of the poems in stone, unequalled throughout the whole history of architecture.

In the world-famous museums of the city art treasures of incalculable worth are housed, amassed for the most part some 200 years ago by August the Strong and his son.

Dresden's world fame as a city of dramatic art also goes back to this period, and to-day flourishes once more in the two State Theatres. Music and the art of the dance are further artistic spheres in which Dresden occupies a leading position.

The visitor meets beauty at every step. This impression is helped by the exemplary way in which the streets and squares are kept and by the numerous parks, to which a notable addition was recently made by the magnificent gardens laid out on the Königsufer on the New Town embankment of the Elbe. It was no mere chance that the first Museum of Hygiene in the world, that model exhibition of public health measures, was opened in Dresden.

On the wooded heights outside the town lies the idyllic health resort Bad Weißer Hirsch, with its world-famous sanatoria (Lahmann etc.). From here the forest landscape of Dresden Heath stretches for miles.

As the principal centre for important industries (cigarettes, chocolate, cosmetics, cameras), Dresden is also of outstanding importance from an economic point of view. But the character of the city is still determined to-day by the festive influence of the old and stately princely residence. And herein lies, perhaps, the secret of the magic power of attraction which for centuries Dresden has exerted over travellers from all parts of the world.



Dresden, General View

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The State Opera House

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The Zwinger, Knechtsteden

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Stallhof (Royal Menage)

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Shrub Garden, Königsufer

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## Walk through the Town

(See plan opposite)

From Main Railway Station (1) through Prager Strasse to Altmarkt (13th cent.); r. Holy Cross Church (2) (choral vespers Saturdays 6 p. m.); l. Old Town Hall (3), built 1741-45. Through Schloss Strasse to Schloss (4), state rooms, Green Vault, 15th cent., much rebuilt; on to former Catholic Court Church (5), built 1738-51 by Chiaveri, late Roman baroque, (church music Sunday mornings); l. to Zwinger (6), Germany's most graceful baroque edifice, built 1711-22 after plans by M. B. Pöppelmann. Fine view of whole lay-out from roof galleries. On N. W. side galleries built by Gottfried Semper (1855). Important Picture Gallery - Sistine Madonna - (for other museums in Zwinger see under "Places of Interest"). Back to Adolf-Hitler-Platz, city's finest square, with famous Opera House (7), built by Semper 1872. Via Schlossplatz to Brühl Terrace (8); r. of steps Governor's House, on Terrace new section of Picture Gallery, Academy of Arts, Collection of Sculptures (9). View of the town and new gardens laid out on Königsufer on New Town side. Via Augustus Bridge to New Town; l. Blodthaus (10), formerly New Town Guard Headquarters, built 1735-51; on Neustädter Markt equestrian statue of Augustus the Strong, wrought copper, heavily gilt. L. through Grosse Meissner Strasse (baroque houses)



Palace of the Electors  
Garten  
D. August

to Körner Museum (11). Via Körnerstrasse to the Elbe, up stream along Königsufer Promenade to Japanese Palace (12), built by Pöppelmann 1715, rebuilt 1729-41, now Saxon State Library. Through Palace garden to the Kaiser-Wilhelm-Platz, along Königstrasse to Church of the Magi (13), then r. via Hauptstrasse (built by Augustus the Strong) through Ritterstrasse to St.-Privat-Platz/König-Albert-Strasse. L. Main State Archives (14); r. Sarrasani's Circus (15); in Asterstrasse Ministry of Finance (16); opposite Oskar-Seyffert-Museum (17), State Museum for Saxon folk-art. Turn l. into Arminstrasse. R. communal ministerial buildings (18); at intersection of Düppelstrasse r. into Shrub Garden, (19), ornamental park on Königsufer. Hence down to the Elbe, along embankment promenade towards the town to Augustus Bridge (magnificent view of town); back to Old Town.

From Schlossplatz l. via Augustus Strasse ("Procession of Princess" on 25,000 Meissen porcelain tiles) to Neumarkt. L. Our Lady's Church (cathedral) (20), built 1726-43 by George Bähr, r. Johannism (21). From Augustus Strasse through Stallhof (fine Renaissance courtyard) to Historical Museum and Collection of Porcelain. Via Moritzstr. - Gewandhausstr. to Town Hall (22), built 1905-10. Contains state rooms and Municipal Museum, fine view from tower. Via Ringstrasse - Johann-Georgen-Allee to German Museum of Hygiene (23).



Green Vault, Jewel Room

opened 1930, Public Health Exhibition, National Academy of Eugenics, To State Grosser Garten, one of the largest and oldest parks in Europe, laid out 1676. Palace (24) built 1678-93. In N.W. corner Municipal Exhibition Grounds (25) (large exhibitions during summer months), on S.W. side Zoo (26). Back to town or by tram to Main Railway Station.

Licensed guides are available for tours of the town and places of interest.

**Free Information and Advice** may be obtained through the Dresden Tourist Association (Verkehrsverein) (two offices: Main Railway Station, "Beisedienst" and Tourist Agency Altmarkt). Plans and guides for Dresden and environs; hotel and boarding-house agency; tickets booked - no extra charge - for circular tours and excursions, steamer trips on the Elbe, theatres, concerts etc.



Bad Wörner Hirsch - Schloss Ludwigsburg



### Most important Museums and Collections

Figures refer to walk round the town according to plan opposite.

**Picture Gallery (5)** (10 pf.)

Sun. 10-1, Mon.-Sat. 9-4

**Collection of Engravings (6)** (10 pf.)

Sun. 10-1, Mon. 10-12, Tues., Thurs. 9-5, Wed. & Fri. 2-7

**Green Vault (4)** (50 pf.)

Sun. 10-1, Mon.-Sat. 9-5

**Former Royal Palace (4) State Rooms**

(1-3 pers. Rm. 150, each additional pers. 50 pf., children 10 pf.) Sun. 10-1, Mon.-Sat. 10-2

**Historical Museum (21)** (10 pf.)

Sun. 10-1, Mon.-Sat. 9-2

**Collection of Porcelain (21)** (10 pf.)

Sun. 10-1, Mon.-Sat. 9-2

**Collection of Sculptures (6)** (10 pf.)

Sun. 10-1, Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri. & Sat. 10-5, Thurs. 1-7

**Museum of Zoology and Ethnology**

(6) (free). Sun. 11-1, Mon.-Sat. 10-1

**Town Hall (22)**

State rooms week days hourly 8-10 and 2-5, Sun. hourly 8-12; Municipal Museum (free) 11-1; Ascent of tower (10)

**German Museum of Hygiene (23)**

(Adults 50 pf., students, schoolchildren, parties etc. reductions) Sun. 10-2, Mon.-Sat. 10-4

**Japanese Palace (12) Book Museum**

(free). Sun. 11-1, Mon.-Sat. 12-1 & 5-7

**Körner Museum (11) (free)**

Sun. 11-1, Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs. & Sat. 10-3, Fri. 10-1 & 3-5

**Oskar Seyffert Museum (7) (25 pf.)**

Sun. 11-1, Mon., Tues., Thurs. & Fri. 9-2, Wed. & Sat. 9-2 & 4-6

**Zoolog. Gardens (26) (Adults Rm. 1,**

children 50 pf., students, schoolchildren, parties etc. reductions) Open daily from dawn to dusk

# D R E S D E N

is surrounded by country of incomparable and varied beauty. The finest beauty spots are easily accessible by tram, train, motor coach or steamer. Going up the Elbe, the idyllic pleasure palace of Pillnitz, with its magnificent gardens, attracts the visitor; further the dreaming baroque park of Großsedlitz, and finally the wild and romantic rocky scenery of Saxon Switzerland. Going downstream, the favourite tourists' goals are the sunny vineyards of the Lößnitz and the thousand-year-old town of Meißen, with the famous Albrechtsburg and the no less famous

Moritzburg Castle— S. Landesbildstelle



Porcelain Manufactory. A little off the beaten track, but easily reached by motor coach and, surrounded by lakes and woods, lies the picturesque hunting seat of Morigburg, which no visitor to Dresden should miss. It is impossible to enumerate all the excursions worth making. Mention should be made only of one other district, the Eastern Erzgebirge, whose ridge, rising to altitudes of from 2,600 to

Pillnitz Palace S. Landesbildstelle



2,950 feet, may be reached from Dresden by motor coach in about an hour.

This popular centre for summer visitors and winter sports has thus come under the spell of the Saxon capital, and forms the southern link in the chain of landscape beauties round Dresden. What other great city could claim lovelier surroundings?



Saxon Switzerland, Barthele S. Ldt.