



WALKING ALONG THE ELBE SANDSTONE MOUNTAINS MALERWEG TRAIL 10 DAYS

Brief information on the tour

In the far southeast of Germany the rather small but very famous **Elbe Sandstone Mountains** are located. Just a stone's throw from Saxony's capitol **Dresden**, you can immerse into a magic **world of bizarre rock formations**, deep valleys, historical fortresses and the river landscape of the Elbe.

The **Elbe Sandstone Malerweg trail**, a 120 km long circular walking route, leads you from Pirna along the Bastei Bridge, the Brandstein view point, the Schrammsteine massif, the Fortress Königstein and charming villages back to its origin Pirna.

The region is also called "**Saxon Switzerland**" and the name dates back to the 18th century when the Swiss painters Anton Graff and Adrian Zingg felt reminded of their landscape back home.

Later, Romantics such as Caspar David Friedrich and Ludwig Richter were inspired by the fascinating views in the Elbe Sandstone Mountains and created unique works of art.

So you will hike along the **tracks of famous painters** as the name Malerweg Trail suggests (literal translation: Painter's Path or Trail). Set out to experience the fairytale-like landscape of the Elbe Sandstone Mountains yourself!

Tour dates

Travel time: 10 days/ 9 nights





Travel period: 01.04.2024 - 31.10.2024

Arrival: Daily

Bookable from: 1 person(s)

Total length of tour: 120 km

Eigenschaften der Tour:

-  Level of difficulty: average
-  Circular tour (1st and last overnight stay in the same hotel)
-  AugustusTours Original Tour (organized by AugustusTours)
-  Top-Tour (popular tour)

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Itinerary and services of the tour

Detailed tour description

Day 1: Individual arrival at Dresden/Pirna

The "Florence on the Elbe" shines with the world-famous sights of the Frauenkirche (Church of Our Lady), the Zwinger, the Semper Opera House and the Brühl Terrace and forms a picturesque silhouette. Let yourself be enchanted by the historical flair during a stroll through the baroque Old Town. *Overnight stay in Dresden*

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Day 2: Dresden/Pirna-Liebenthal –

Wehlen/Rathen (approx. 12/17 km, walking time: approx. 4/5,5 hrs, + 310/390 m, - 330/425 m) In the morning, you will take the S-bahn train and bus to Pirna-Liebenthal, the starting point of your first hiking tour along the Malerweg. During your first hiking stage you will walk through three wild and romantic ravines. Experience one of the special features of the natural landscape in the Elbe Sandstone Mountains: favoured by the microclimate, you will encounter a lush and varied flora in the deep gorges along the Malerweg Trail. The pretty resort town of Stadt Wehlen awaits you at the end of today's hike. *Overnight stay in Wehlen or Rathen*

Day 3: Wehlen/Rathen – Hohnstein (approx. 11/7 km, walking time: approx. 4/2,5 hrs, + 480/255 m, - 400/175 m)

The first highlight of today is the probably most famous view point: the Bastei Bridge. Thereafter, you descend into the Amselgrund and head for the second highlight of today's route- the Hockstein. Through the Wolfsschlucht you reach the Polenztal valley, below the village of Hohnstein with its castle, which you will have enough time to visit. *Overnight stay in Hohnstein*

Day 4: Hohnstein –

Altendorf/Kirnitzschtal/Bad Schandau (approx. 15 km, walking time: approx. 6 hrs, + 600 m, - 520 m) Today you will hike to the Brand viewpoint which is also called the 'Balcony of Saxon Switzerland'. You will continue the tour by taking roughly 800 steps down into the 'Tiefen Grund' gorge. Passing Waitzdorf you will reach Altendorf or continue along the Panorama trail to the Kirnitzschtal valley. *Overnight stay in Altendorf, Kirnitzschtal valley or Bad Schandau*

Day 5: Altendorf/Kirnitzschtal – Schrammsteine – Neumannmühle

(approx. 18,5 km, walking time: 6.5 hrs, + 700 m, - 755 m) Hike directly uphill to the Schrammstein viewpoint and along the ridge path through the Schrammstein massif. Passing the Großer and Kleiner Dom, you reach the Affensteinweg, which leads you to the Lichtenhainer Wasserfall. Via the Kuhstall with its sky ladder, you reach the stage destination - the technical monument Neumannmühle. By bus you return to the Kirnitzschtal valley or to Bad Schandau. *Overnight stay in Kirnitzschtal valley or Bad Schandau*

Day 6: Neumannmühle – Großer Winterberg – region Schmilka/ Krippen (approx. 13,5 km, walking time: approx. 5.5 hrs, + 620 m, - 720 m)

You start the day taking the bus back to Neumannmühle to continue the walking tour along the Malerweg Trail. Explore the region called "Hintere Sächsische Schweiz" with Zeughaus and Goldstein view point before climbing up the mountain Großer Winterberg, with 556 metres the second highest mountain in Saxon Switzerland. In Schmilka you take the Elbe ferry and travel by S-bahn train to your accommodation in Bad Schandau/Krippen or continue hiking the Malerweg via Schöna and Reinhardtsdorf to Krippen (another approx. 9 km). *Overnight stay in Krippen*

Bookable ExperiencePACKAGE: Make it even more beautiful! [Hike to the Prebischtor in Bohemian Switzerland](#)

Day 7: region Schmilka/ Krippen – Gohrisch (approx. 18 km, walking time: 6.5 hrs, + 640 m, - 470 m)

Take the S-Bahn to the end of yesterday's hike to Schmilka or continue directly from Krippen on the Malerweg. Climbing the table mountains Papstein and Gohrisch are on your tour plan today. You will spend the night in Gohrisch. *Overnight stay in Gohrisch*

Bookable ExperiencePACKAGE: Make it even more beautiful! [Hike to the Lilienstein table mountain](#)

Day 8: Gohrisch - Königstein (approx. 9 km, walking time: approx. 4 hrs, + 270 m, - 470 m) Today's short hike along the Malerweg leads you over the Pfaffenstein, past the Diebeskeller cave to Königstein Fortress. This leaves enough time for

Services included

- 9 x overnight stay in hotels with 3-star-standard and guesthouses
- 9 x continental breakfast
- 1 x dinner as 2-course menu or buffet
- Luggage transfer from accommodation to accommodation (up to 2 pieces of luggage per person, maximum 20 kg each)
- GPS data on request
- 1 package with maps and information material per room (in English language)
- Telephone-service-hotline during your walking holidays

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a visit to the "Impregnable". *Overnight stay in Königstein*

Day 9: Königstein – Dresden/Pirna (approx. 21,5 km, walking time: approx. 7.5 hrs, + 670 m, - 660 m) Passing Thürmsdorf and Weissig, the last hiking stage on the Malerweg trail leads you to the Rauenstein massif. From the top you can catch sight of the Bastei Bridge on the other side of the Elbe River. Over the ridge you walk on towards Pirna. Depending on availability, you will sleep in Dresden (tickets included). *Overnight stay in Dresden or Pirna*

Day 10: Departure After an unforgettable hiking trip along the Malerweg you will start your return journey today. Or you can extend your hiking vacation with an additional night in Dresden and enjoy the cultural flair of the baroque "Florence on the Elbe". We would be happy to book additional nights in Dresden or Pirna for you - just ask us!

Please note that the routes indicated in the itinerary are the hiking stages only. The places of accommodation may differ from the starting and finishing points of the hikes.

Prices for services included

incl. luggage transfer	Dbl	Sgl
01.04.2024 to 05.05.2024		
	899.00 € per person	1,219.00 € per person
06.05.2024 to 05.10.2024		
	945.00 € per person	1,265.00 € per person
06.10.2024 to 31.10.2024		
	899.00 € per person	1,219.00 € per person

Prices for additional nights

	Dbl per night/person	Sgl per night/person
Dresden	75.00 €	110.00 €
Pirna	85.00 €	115.00 €
Bad Schandau	85.00 €	115.00 €

Experience packages

	Price
FlexPLUS	39.00 € (DZ), 39.00 € (EZ) per person
Wanderung zum Prebischtor (CZ)	75.00 € (DZ), 110.00 € (EZ) per person
Wanderung zum Lilienstein	75.00 € (DZ), 110.00 € (EZ) per person
KunstPLUS: Caspar David Friedrich	100.00 € (DZ), 140.00 € (EZ) per person

Further information about the tour

Blackout dates

30.04.2024 - 19.05.2024 | 23.05.2024 - 25.05.2024 | 21.06.2024 - 23.06.2024 | 06.07.2024 - 07.07.2024 | 09.09.2024

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Title*
Name, first name*
Email adress*
Angebotener Reisezeitraum	01.04.2024 - 31.10.2024
Desired date of travel / month
Number of travellers*
Are you interested in further trips or do you have other questions?

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