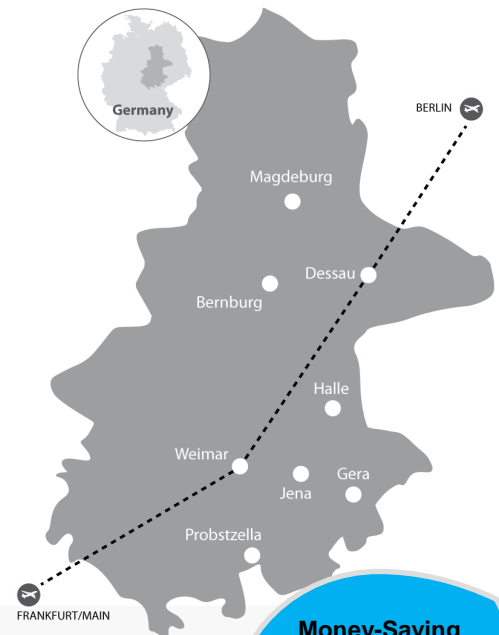


# #moderndenken-Tour

## Discover Bauhaus Dessau and Modernism

Are you anyway in the area? Or on your way from Munich or Frankfurt to Berlin? Take the time to discover one of the less known but nevertheless unique regions in Germany! Various themed routes cross Saxony-Anhalt, connecting culturally interesting cities, historical sites, and other highlights. Dessau is the city most closely associated with the Bauhaus. This is where the school of design was active for the longest period of time, during its golden age between 1925 and 1932.

Since the Bauhaus centenary is being celebrated throughout 2019, why not follow, or even adapt, our recommended **4-DAY SELF-DRIVE TOUR “Discover Bauhaus Dessau and Modernism in Saxony-Anhalt”**. This links a series of Bauhaus highlights you can visit at your own pace!



SCOPE OF TRAVEL	Culture, Cuisine, History, Design, Architecture
ACCOMMODATION	Hotel (3–4*, mainly with a/c)
TRANSPORTATION	Self-drive car
DURATION	4 days/5 nights
DESTINATIONS	Dessau – Lutherstadt Wittenberg – Wörlitz – Halle (Saale) – Bernburg – Magdeburg

**Money-Saving Tip**

Buy the **WelterbeCard** to enjoy great discounts on admissions to the region's UNESCO World Heritage sites.

### DAY 1 DESSAU



MORNING

**Spend a whole Bauhaus day in Dessau.** Visit the [Bauhaus Dessau Foundation](#) and take a tour of the Bauhaus building designed by Walter Gropius: The glass curtain wall and steel-frame construction are trademarks of 1926 Modernism. **Tour the [Masters' Houses](#)** where the masters, including architects **Mies van der Rohe** and **Gropius** himself, lived. The furniture was designed by **Marcel Breuer**, whose Wassily Chair is still a classic. The painter **Paul Klee** jazzed up the stark white interior of his home with yellow ceilings, blue walls, and red doors. One building now houses the Kurt Weill Centre, with video and audio recordings of works of **The Threepenny Opera** by the Dessau composer.

LUNCH

Try [der klub im bauhaus dessau](#), a fun café and bistro. If you like their Wilhelm Wagenfeld egg coddler, you can buy one to take home with you! Otherwise, take a stroll to the Bauhaus Canteen, where Bauhaus legends lunched. The chairs pay homage to Marcel Breuer.

AFTERNOON

**Visit the new [Bauhaus Museum Dessau](#)** (scheduled to open on September 8, 2019).

DINNER

Sit on the terrace of the Bauhaus [Kornhaus](#) restaurant overlooking the Elbe.

OVERNIGHT

The 1926 student dorms at the [Prellerhaus](#) are simple but evocative. Please note: There are no elevators!

INFO AND WEBSITES

- [www.bauhaus-dessau.de/en/](http://www.bauhaus-dessau.de/en/)
- <http://klubimbauhaus.de/>
- [www.bauhaus-dessau.de/en/architecture/bauhaus-museum-dessau-1.html](http://www.bauhaus-dessau.de/en/architecture/bauhaus-museum-dessau-1.html)
- <https://kornhaus-dessau.de/>
- <https://www.bauhaus-dessau.de/en/service/sleeping-at-bauhaus-1.html>

**Tip**

Kurt Weill Fest in Dessau  
March 1–17, 2019

Dessau commemorates composer Kurt Weill, one of the city's best known residents, for two weeks.

## DAY 2 DESSAU to Lutherstadt-WITTENBERG (22 miles/35 km) to WÖRLITZ Garden Kingdom (14 miles/23 km)

### MORNING



Take a leisurely city walk and **discover the sights of [Lutherstadt Wittenberg](#)**. See where Martin Luther changed world history in 1517 when he nailed his 95 theses to the Schlosskirche door. Then visit **Piesteritz factory settlement**, designed by Georg Haberland and Otto Rudolf Salvisberg: It is one of the first car-free neighborhoods in Germany.

**Drive to the [Garden Kingdom of Dessau Wörlitz](#).**

### LUNCH

Enjoy lunch on the “**Rock of Wonders**” (**Felseninsel Stein**) in the eastern section of the Wörlitz Gardens: The only artificial volcano in Europe at this UNESCO World Heritage Site is a particularly spectacular monument.

### AFTERNOON

Take a **Gondola trip in Wörlitz Park**. Skim across the lake and canals of the Wörlitz Gardens, one of the favorite destinations of the Bauhaus masters: The Kandinsky and Klee families were chauffeured to Wörlitzer Park in a Landau carriage when the lilacs bloomed in May.

### DINNER AND OVERNIGHT

**Hotel Landhaus Wörlitzer Hof**

### INFO AND WEBSITES

- [www.bauhaus-dessau.de/en/](http://www.bauhaus-dessau.de/en/)
- [www.lutherstadt-wittenberg.de/en/culture/sehenswuerdigkeiten/piesteritzer-werkssiedlung/](http://www.lutherstadt-wittenberg.de/en/culture/sehenswuerdigkeiten/piesteritzer-werkssiedlung/)
- [www.gartenreich.com/en/garden-kingdom/index.html](http://www.gartenreich.com/en/garden-kingdom/index.html)
- [www.woerlitzer-hof.de/](http://www.woerlitzer-hof.de/)

## DAY 3 HALLE (SAALE) (50 miles/80 km)

### MORNING



**Drive to [Halle \(Saale\)](#)** and take a city **tour**. In a letter to his wife Julia, Lyonel Feininger wrote “Halle is the most delightful town.” In 1928, the city of Halle commissioned the Bauhaus master to paint a cityscape.

### LUNCH

**MahnS Chateau** is a gastronomic treasure in Halle. Its mix of fine cuisine and cozy hospitality makes for a lovely atmosphere.

### AFTERNOON

Spend time in the **Kunstmuseum Moritzburg** with works by Paul Klee, another famous Bauhaus artist. Please note: The museum is closed on Wednesdays.

### DINNER

Order dishes with a Mediterranean influence at the 145-year-old [Alchimistenklause](#).

### OVERNIGHT

The 100-year-old [City Hotel Am Wasserturm](#) is in the vicinity of the giant water tower in the city's center.

### INFO AND WEBSITES

- [www.halle-tourismus.de/en/home/](http://www.halle-tourismus.de/en/home/)
- [www.stiftung-moritzburg.de](http://www.stiftung-moritzburg.de)
- [www.mahns-chateau.de](http://www.mahns-chateau.de)
- [www.alchimistenklause.de](http://www.alchimistenklause.de)
- [www.city-hotel-halle.de/en/home-2/](http://www.city-hotel-halle.de/en/home-2/)

## DAY 4 HALLE to BERNBURG (25 miles/40 km) to MAGDEBURG (30 miles/50 km)

### MORNING



Leave Halle for the town of [Bernburg](#). The [Zickzackhausen](#) factory settlement in the northern outskirts of Bernburg was built between 1928 and 1929. Designed by the architects Fischer and Migge, the garden town was soon given the nickname “Zickzackhausen” due to its 90-degree rotated and staggered structures.

### LUNCH

The **Alter Markt Bernburg** is a typical restaurant serving regional dishes.

### AFTERNOON

After Lunch proceed to [Magdeburg](#). The capital of Saxony-Anhalt was one of the first cities to introduce innovation and new architecture. Under the direction of mayor Hermann Beims, the spirit of

the Magdeburg Modernism of the 1920s was clearly expressed in various projects all over the city, many of which can be visited today. A **guided city tour** to the buildings of modern times, such as the colorful Otto Richter Street, the **Cracau neighborhood** and the **Green Citadel**, show the city in a whole new light.

#### DINNER

Before heading to your next stop, enjoy a piece of cake at the Café Alt Magdeburg in the Green Citadel. Alternatively, if your Magdeburg visit takes a little longer, opt for dinner at Landhaus Hadrys. Please note: Landhaus Hadrys is closed on Mondays and Sundays; reservation is required.

- [www.bauhaus-entdecken.de/orte/netzwerk/zickzackhausen/](http://www.bauhaus-entdecken.de/orte/netzwerk/zickzackhausen/)
- [www.bernborg.de](http://www.bernborg.de)
- [www.altermarktbernborg.de](http://www.altermarktbernborg.de)
- [www.magdeburg-tourist.de/index.php?La=2](http://www.magdeburg-tourist.de/index.php?La=2)
- [www.cafealtmagdeburg.de/](http://www.cafealtmagdeburg.de/)
- [www.landhaus-hadrys.de/start](http://www.landhaus-hadrys.de/start)

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## IF YOU HAVE TIME ...

... before returning home



... visit the **Dessau-Törten housing estate**. Like many other cities in Germany, Dessau also had a housing problem in the 1920s. Here too, rapid industrial development led to a population boom, which in turn led to an extreme housing shortage. A quick solution was needed: Affordable housing that met the requirement for more light, air, and sun. Walter Gropius built a housing estate in the neighborhood of Törten.

... stop by the **Industrie- und Filmmuseum Wolfen**, where the first color film was invented in 1941. Or head for the **city of Köthen**, not only because it is the place where Johann Sebastian Bach had one of his most creative periods, but also because it is the capital of homeopathy—the founder of this modern science lived and worked here for 14 years—both of them back in the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

- [www.bauhaus-dessau.de/en/architecture/bauhaus-buildings-in-dessau/dessau-toerten-housing-estate.html](http://www.bauhaus-dessau.de/en/architecture/bauhaus-buildings-in-dessau/dessau-toerten-housing-estate.html)
- [www.ifm-wolfen.de/de](http://www.ifm-wolfen.de/de)
- [www.bachstadt-koethen.de/](http://www.bachstadt-koethen.de/)

#### INFO AND WEBSITES

## How we can help

Whether you're looking for detailed information on Bauhaus sites or need the perfect picture, we're happy to help! We recommend driving routes through BauhausLand and help you organize it or find the right contact person. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to get in touch at [info@gobauhaus.com](mailto:info@gobauhaus.com).

## At a glance: Bauhaus in Saxony-Anhalt

In 2019, together with partners all over the world, Germany will celebrate the centenary of the foundation of the Bauhaus school. Although it was established in Weimar in 1919, Dessau is the city most closely associated with the Bauhaus. This is where the school of design was active for the longest period of time and where it experienced its golden age between 1925 and 1932. All three directors of the Bauhaus, Walter Gropius, Hannes Meyer, and Mies van der Rohe, lived and worked here. This period was also the heyday of Bauhaus architecture, which is why most Bauhaus buildings are located in Dessau-Roßlau.

Today, Saxony-Anhalt is not only representative of the Bauhaus movement, but the dawn of Modernism itself. Visitors can search for fascinating historical references in the original Bauhaus sites, meet people who still live the Bauhaus ideology today, and visit the new Bauhaus Museum (opening in September 2019). More than 39 constructions and countless institutions and sites are relevant to Bauhaus and Modernism. Here is where creative and revolutionary ideas in architecture, art, design, photography, and dance were established.



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