

VISIT THURINGIA

Discover the cradle of Bauhaus and Modernism

Are you anyway in the area? Or on your way from Frankfurt to Berlin? Take the time to discover one of the less known but nevertheless unique regions in Germany! Various themed routes cross Thuringia, connecting culturally interesting cities, historical sites, and other highlights.

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



Money-Saving Tip

Buy the **ThüringenCard** to enjoy great discounts on admissions to the area's attractions and

SCOPE OF TRAVEL	Culture, Cuisine, History, Design, Architecture
ACCOMODATION	Hotel (3–4*, mainly with a/c)
TRANSPORTATION	Self-drive car
DURATION	4 days/5 nights
DESTINATIONS	Weimar – Apolda – Gera – Jena – Gotha – Erfurt

DAY 1 WEIMAR

MORNING



Drive to Weimar. Immerse yourself in all things Bauhaus by joining a [guided Bauhaus Walking Tour](#). You'll see what is now the **Bauhaus University Weimar**: A highlight is **Walter Gropius' office**, still used by visiting professors. Across a park is the flat-roofed **Haus am Horn**, the oldest Bauhaus building. More Bauhaus can be seen at **Haus Hohe Pappeln**, the family home of **Henry Van der Velde**, who recommended Walter Gropius for the position of director of the Bauhaus School Weimar in 1919.

LUNCH

Order **Thuringian sausage** and a beer at the 450-year-old [Gasthaus 'Zum weißen Schwan'](#). Celebrities that have stayed here over the centuries include painter Lucas Cranach the Elder and singer Marlene Dietrich.

AFTERNOON

Visit the new [Bauhaus Museum Weimar](#) (opening on April 6, 2019). Explore the charming old city. Even before the Bauhaus, it was a hive of creativity and home to musicians Bach, Liszt, and Berlioz, as well as literary giants Goethe and Schiller.

DINNER

Dine at the [Imschlösschen Tavern](#), where Gropius, Schlemmer, and fellow “Bauhauslers” celebrated the 1924 Bauhausfest.

OVERNIGHT

The [Alt Weimar](#) is a small hotel furnished in Bauhaus-style.

- www.uni-weimar.de/en/university/profile/bauhausatelier/bauhaus-walk/
- www.weisserschwan.de/
- www.bauhausmuseumweimar.de/en
- www.imschloesschen.info
- www.alt-weimar.de

INFO AND WEBSITES

DAY 2 WEIMAR to APOLDA (10 miles/15 km) and back

MORNING



Cycle the 18-mile [Feininger Cycle Trail loop](#), which follows the quiet lanes walked by German-American artist Lyonel Feininger. He is best known for his “Gelmeroda” series of paintings of local church spires. Gelmeroda’s church exhibits his works. Allocate three hours for this trail. You can rent a bicycle from DB’s [Call a Bike](#). **Please note:** Those who prefer traveling by car are in for a 10-minute drive to the little village, which is easy to find.

LUNCH

After the ride, relax at the Zum [Schwarzen Bären](#) on the market square. This is Weimar’s oldest pub, dating back to 1540.

AFTERNOON

Drive to [Apolda](#). Visit the “**Kunsthaus Apolda Avantgarde**” (closed on Mondays; please check the calendar). Although it did not open until 1995, the Apolda art gallery is already well-known far beyond the state of Thuringia. Numerous talks, events, and projects with and for children make art tangible to them and incorporate visitors in the design process.

DINNER

Enjoy traditional Thuringian cuisine and a beer brewed at the [Gasthausbrauerei Felsenkeller](#), a restaurant and brewery back in Weimar.

OVERNIGHT

Return to the [Alt Weimar](#).

INFO AND WEBSITES

- www.visit-thuringia.com/travel-hotel-holiday-tour/feininger-radweg-105920.html
- www.schwarzer-baer.de
- www.visit-thuringia.com/travel-hotel-holiday-tour/apolda-102205.html
- www.kunsthausapolda.de
- www.felsenkeller-weimar.de
- www.alt-weimar.de

DAY 3 WEIMAR to GERA (45 miles/70 km) to JENA (28 miles/45 km)

MORNING



Drive to [Gera](#). Take the city tour and visit [Haus Schulenburg](#), an outstanding example of Art Nouveau architecture designed by Henry van de Velde. Spend some time at the Museum of Applied Arts in the 18th-century “Ferbbersche Haus” and explore collections of Bauhaus ceramics by artists Otto Lindig and Theodor Bogler, and architectural designs by Thilo Schoder.

LUNCH

Head to the charming, family-run [Hotel-Restaurant Zwergschlösschen](#) right at a wood’s edge.

AFTERNOON

Drive to [Jena](#). Take the “Henry van de Velde & the Bauhaus artists in Jena” guided tour. See **Haus Zuckerkandl** as well as [Haus Auerbach](#), which was designed by Gropius and is still a private home. Tour the Bauhaus-style Abbeanum university building (1930) and **Zeiss-Planetarium Jena**, the oldest of its kind in the world.

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT

[Restaurant and hotel “Zur Noll”](#) is a typical authentic Thuringian inn.

INFO AND WEBSITES

- www.gera.de/sixcms/detail.php?id=10372&_lang=en
- www.hotel4you.de/en/
- www.city-hotel-halle.de/en/home-2/www.jenaturismus.de/en/homepage/355766
- www.zurnoll.com



DAY 4 JENA to GOTHA (50 miles/80 km) to ERFURT (15 miles/25 km)

MORNING



Drive to [Gotha](#). Enjoy something that is most definitely not Bauhaus: Visit the special exhibition at the **Schloss Friedenstein Gotha Foundation’s** Ducal Museum, which includes Egyptian antiquities, antiques, paintings and drawings by the Cranachs, works by Dürer, Rubens, and C. D. Friedrich, Meissen porcelain, fans, and rare treasures from Asia.

LUNCH

Enjoy Thuringian specialties in the traditional restaurant “[Weinschänke](#)”. In honor of Saint Gothardus, the patron saint of the city of Gotha, they combine the Thuringian dumpling with a dash of Gothaer beer, Thuringian bratwurst, red cabbage, apple, and various secret ingredients, and form delicious little patties, which are then fried in butter.

AFTERNOON

Drive to Erfurt. Tour the city on the trail of Bauhaus in Erfurt, ending at the [Margaretha Reichardt House](#) to watch a hand-weaving demonstration by an original Bauhausler. **Please note:** Prior arrangement is necessary; service is in German only; and parking at the house is limited. You could

end the day either in the historic old town or at the [egapark Erfurt](#).

DINNER

In the middle of the ancient city, close to the “Krämerbrücke”, you will find one of Erfurt’s oldest restaurants, the “[Feuerkugel](#)”. Enjoy excellent Thuringian dishes, including homemade dumplings. In summer, the beer garden is definitely worth a visit.

OVERNIGHT

[Hotel Krämerbrücke](#) is a house with a history. Formerly the “Old Swan”, it was already the place to stay in the medieval city of Erfurt. Today, the historic building has been converted into a tastefully appointed and beautiful hotel.

INFO AND WEBSITES

- www.visit-thuringia.com/travel-hotel-holiday-tour/gotha-ducal-museum-140860.html
- www.visit-thuringia.com/travel-hotel-holiday-tour/gotha-102339.html
- www.restaurant-weinschaenke.de/
- www.erfurt-tourismus.de/en/
- www.erfurt-tourismus.de/en/all-about-erfurt/places-of-interest/egapark-erfurt/
- www.feuerkugel-erfurt.de
- www.hotel-kraemerbruecke.de/
- www.erfurt-tourismus.de/en/all-about-erfurt/culture/museums/magaretha-reichardt-house/

IF YOU HAVE TIME ...

... before returning home



... drive to the village of **Probstzella** and check in at the “[Haus des Volkes](#)” [Bauhaushotel](#). Designed by architect Alfred Arndt in 1927, it is Thuringia’s largest Bauhaus complex. The small museum traces the story of the building from Bauhaus days, through World War Two and the Cold War, when it was in the German Democratic Republic (**GDR**) or **East Germany**.

... see the only Bauhaus outpost in idyllic **Dornburg (Saale)**, about half an hour away from Weimar. Established in 1920, it is also the only [ceramics workshop](#) in the Bauhaus tradition still in use today. In 2019, an area of the museum will display original tools and exhibits. There is also the beautiful [Dornburg Rococo Palace](#) where you could enjoy a local wine while admiring the unique view of the Saale river.

INFO AND WEBSITE:

- www.bauhaushotel.com
- www.bauhaus-keramik.de/en/bauhaustoepferei
- www.visit-thuringia.com/travel-hotel-holiday-tour/dornburger-schloesser-103657.html

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.

At a glance: Bauhaus in Thuringia

In 2019, together with partners all over the world, Germany will celebrate the centenary of the foundation of the Bauhaus school. From its humble beginnings in Weimar, the Bauhaus quickly made a name for itself and became the center of the international avant-garde movement. In 1919, architect Walter Gropius founded the world-famous art and design school “Staatliches Bauhaus zu Weimar”. The early years of Bauhaus art and design in particular were therefore strongly influenced by curiosity and a desire for change. Masters and students experimented with material, form, and color, but also with new housing concepts and teaching methods.

Bauhaus concepts were adopted, enhanced, critiqued, discarded, and rediscovered. The influence of the Bauhaus movement on the evolution of modern architecture, industrial design, and modern art in the 20th century was substantial. Its ideal was to enable all the arts and crafts to interact, build the future together, and design a better, modern lifestyle. Today, several Bauhaus buildings in Weimar have been included on the list of UNESCO World Heritage sites.

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