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# **DISCOVER EISENACH**

In the midst of four valleys, Eisenach lies picturesquely at the foot of Wartburg Castle.

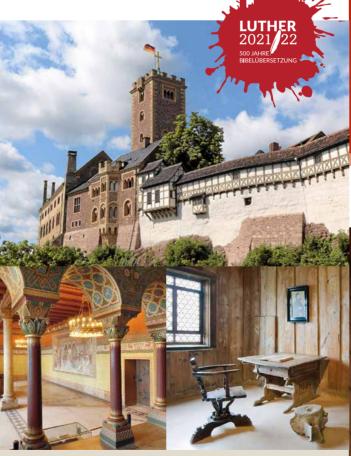


The city's rich cultural tradition is closely associated with Martin Luther and Johann Sebastian Bach, with the life and work of Saint Elisabeth, with Telemann, Goethe, Wagner and Liszt.

Culture and nature combine wonderfully in the Wartburg city. Discover the Dragon gorge or hike on the Rennsteig trail. Equally recommendable is a varied bike tour on one of the numerous bike paths.



# WARTBURG UNESCOWELTERBE





**EISENACH** 

The Wartburg City



# The Wartburg

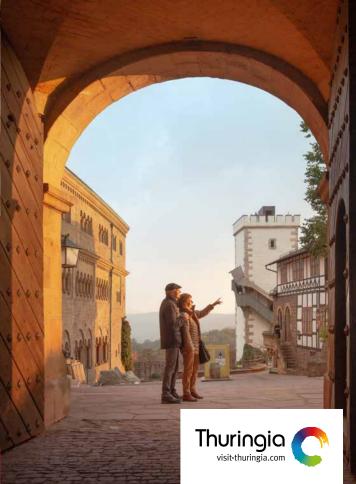
UNESCO World Heritage Site in the middle of Germany

Like hardly any other castle in Germany, the Wartburg above the Thuringian town of Eisenach is connected with German history. Because of its outstanding cultural and historical significance, it was declared a 'World Heritage Site of Mankind' by the UNESCO in 1999.

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# THE WARTBURG - UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE

The thousand-year-old Wartburg Castle is a UNESCO World Heritage Site – history manifests itself here like in no other place in the country. Opulently decorated buildings and chambers bear impressive witness to medieval and late Romanesque bulding and living culture. It is probably the most famous German castle. In the 12th century, it was scene of the legendary singing contest with Walther von der Vogelweide and, a little later, the residence of Saint Elisabeth. Here Martin Luther found shelter and inspiration for the translation of the New Testament in 1521. Later it inspired Richard Wagner to his romantic opera 'Tannhäuser'.

Auf der Wartburg 1



## **DRAGON GORGE**

Thundering water under your feet, millions of glittering water droplets on mossy rocks that are only a little more than shoulder width apart – the Dragon Gorge is one of Thuringia's most exciting geological monuments.

B 19, P "Mariental" or "Hohe Sonne"



## HIKING AND BIKING

The famous Rennsteig trail begins here on Eisenach soil, the UNESCO World Natural Heritage Hainich National Park is within reach and the hiking area between Wartburg Castle and Altenstein Landscape Park is one of the most beautiful of all. Rock gorges, beech forests and magnificent views await hikers and mountain bikers in every season.



#### **LUTHER HOUSE EISENACH**

Martin Luther is said to have spent the best and most formative part of his school years in what is probably the oldest half-timbered house in Thuringia. Today, visitors can learn more about Luther's world-historical translation of the Bible in the multiple-award winning exhibition 'Luther and the Bible'.

Lutherplatz 8



## HERITAGE AREA SOUTHERN QUARTER

Enthusiasts of Art Nouveau ornamentation, wrought-iron garden gate art or impressive oriel variations will adore Eisenach's Southern Quarter. In Germany's largest contiguous villa district, Eisenach shows itself from its most beautiful side.



#### **BACH HOUSE EISENACH**

Johann Sebastian Bach's birthplace is home to the world's largest museum dedicated to the composer. Hourly live concerts on historical instruments, more than 250 items on display, historical residential rooms, a baroque garden and a 'walk-in musical piece' await visitors.

Frauenplan 21





#### **AUTOMOBILE WORLD EISENACH**

Cars have been built in Eisenach for over 120 years. Where the Wartburg car once rolled off the assembly line, an impressive exhibition now presents the eventful history of automobile manufacturing in Eisenach – from the DIXI to BMW and Opel.

Friedrich-Naumann-Straße 10

## THURINGIAN MUSEUM

Behind the splendid façade of Eisenach's baroque City Palace you will find paintings, wrought ironwork, vestments and much more. The Preacher's Church includes an exhibition of sacred carved sculptures. The Reuter-Wagner-Villa, built in 1866 for the Low German poet Fritz Reuter, today also housed the Richard-Wagner exhibition. The Tea Room in the Carthusian Garden features French wallpaper paintings with motifs from the ancient story of Cupid and Psyche.

City palace: Markt 24 | Dominican Church: Predigerplatz 2 | Reuter Wagner Villa: Reuterweg 2 Tea Room: Waisenstraße 2



## ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH

Saint Elisabeth of Thuringia, Martin Luther and Johann Sebastian Bach are just as closely associated with the main Protestant church of St. Georgen as Georg Philipp Telemann and Johann Pachelbel. On March 23th 1685 Johann Sebastian Bach, born in Eisenach, was baptized over the originally preserved baptismal font from 1503.

Markt