

# TOP 10 MOST INTERESTING MUSEUMS IN GERMANY



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If you are on holiday in Germany and the weather is not particularly nice, you might find yourself at a loss what to do. However, you do not have to worry since there are many interesting places that you can visit, German museums being one of the most often recommended. Tourism-Review.com brings you the list of 10 must-see museums while you are travelling in Germany. The list is based on a research from February 2009 that was made among the

## **Pergamon Museum, Berlin**

Pergamon Museum is situated on the Museum Island in Berlin. It was built between the years 1910 and 1930 and was designed by Alfred Messel and Ludwig Hoffman. Among other exhibits that are worth seeing, the museum houses original-sized, reconstructed buildings such as the Pergamon Altar and the Market Gate of Miletus. Both were transported from Turkey. The museum consists of three parts: Antiquity Collection, Islamic Art Museum and The Middle East Museum. The main display, the Ishtar Gate and the Procession Way of Babylon, is housed in The Middle East Museum.

## **German Museum, Munich**

Opened on 2 May 1925, German Museum in Munich now houses approximately 28,000 exhibits from 50 fields of science and technology. The museum is the right choice for science fans as it is the largest museum of science and technology in the world. The main part of the museum is located on a small island in the Isar River.

## **Aquazoo and Löbbecke Museum, Düsseldorf**

Aquazoo and Löbbecke Museum in Düsseldorf is not a traditional museum. Since it keeps and rears animals, it is rather a zoo than anything else. Opened in 1904, it now owns about 3,700 animals of 400 species. The main attraction is a public aquarium. The 'museum' is perfect especially for families and children.

## **Grünes Gewölbe (Green vault), Dresden**

The museum is located in the former UNESCO city of Dresden and was founded by Augustus II the Strong in 1723. Grünes Gewölbe is named after its first room that was painted in green. It houses unique and rich variety of exhibits from baroque period to classicism totalling over 4,000 pieces together. It consists of nine rooms with special exhibition theme in each of them. The museum was fully reconstructed and reopened on 1 September 2006. The most interesting exhibits are the statue of Moor with Emerald plate and the Dresden Green Diamond.

## **Porsche-Museum, Stuttgart**

Those of you who are keen on cars should not miss the Porsche Museum in Stuttgart. The

automobile museum opened in 1976 and is situated just outside the Porsche Headquarters in Zuffenhausen. The museum houses over 80 exhibits, mostly rare cars and original models.

## **Romano-Germanic Museum, Cologne**

Romano-Germanic museum is an archaeological museum in Cologne. It was opened in 1974 and houses a large collection of Roman artefacts from the Roman settlement called Colonia Claudia Ara Agrippinensium on which the city of Cologne was built. The museum itself is situated on a place of an original Roman villa parts of which are still preserved and now protected by the museum.

## **Pinakothek der Moderne, Munich**

Pinakothek is one of the most famous art galleries in Germany. It contains paintings of European masters that lived between the 14th- 18th century. Albrecht Dürer's Christ-like Self-Portrait, his Four Apostles, Raphael's paintings The Canigiani Holy Family and Madonna Tempi as well as Peter Paul Rubens's two-storey-high Judgment Day belong among the highlights of the gallery.

## **Goethe House and Museum, Frankfurt**

Goethe House is the birthplace of the most famous German poet Johann Wolfgang von Goethe. There are many original pieces of furniture that Goethe and his family actually used. The exhibition includes manuscripts written by Goethe's own hand. The original house was destroyed in the Second World War but was carefully rebuilt with all its details.

## **Museumshafen Oevelgönne, Hamburg**

Museumshafen Oevelgönne situated in an old harbour in Hamburg-Altona is a maritime museum. The river Elbe with old Captain's houses on its banks, a beach and various ships are definitely worth seeing while visiting Hamburg.

## **Übersee Museum, Bremen**

Übersee (Oversea) Museum is an ethnographic and natural history museum located in Bremen. The museum specializes in nature, culture and trading, mainly in the regions of Asia, America, Africa and South Pacific.

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