Frankfurt am Main and its Museumsufer (Museum Embankment)

Avant-garde and old masters, spectacular exhibitions, a rich town history, Goethe and his creative heirs, world culture and finance culture, design and prehistory – Frankfurt brings cultural opposites together. Its ensemble of buildings of nationally and internationally important museums and art houses, the Museumsufer Frankfurt, is unique in Europe. The image of the bridging of cultures finds its actual correspondence in Frankfurt. New aspects of the metropolis on the river Main are revealed with each change from riverbank to riverbank – between Schirn Kunsthalle and Städel Museum, Senckenberg Natural History Museum and zoo, German Museum of Architecture and German Film Museum, Goethe House and MMK Museum of Modern Art, to name but a few.

Those who still associate Frankfurt stereotypically with the cliché of a banking metropolis will miss out on a city that attaches as much importance to cultural variety of a high standard as on its business dynamics.

This brochure is a clear, informative compilation of central themes for a visit to Frankfurt and its Museumsufer – for comfortable and enjoyable travel planning.

Welcome to the river Main and the Museumsufer!

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MUSEUMS

1. **Domuseum (Cathedral Museum) and Dom Sankt Bartholomäus (Cathedral)**
   - Frankfurt’s Cathedral Museum, opened in 1987, presents the cathedral treasury in the medieval cloister of Bartholomäus cathedral.
   - Amongst the outstanding exhibits of the annexed Cathedral Museum are valuable finds from a late-Merovingian girl’s grave and the rich collection of the cathedral treasury. Frankfurt cathedral, a late-gothic masterpiece, goes back to a chapel built in 680 and was designated in the Golden Bull of 1356 as the place where kings were elected, later on also as coronation place.
   - INFO: Domplatz 14 | Phone +49(0) 69 13 37 61 86
   - www.domuseum-frankfurt.de
   - Cathedral: open daily 8 a.m. to noon (closed on Friday morning) and 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m.
   - Cathedral museum: Tue–Fri 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Sat–Sun 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed on Mon

2. **historisches museum Frankfurt (Historical Museum)**
   - The Historical Museum at the Römerberg was founded in 1878 and is Frankfurt’s oldest museum. It is housed in a unique ensemble of buildings from five eras whose structural pattern traces the town history. The considerable collections contain more than a million objects from the Middle Ages to the present.
   - The museum is at present being rebuilt and converted and is scheduled to be reopened in 2013/2014. For a transition period, the permanent exhibition on Frankfurt’s history can be seen in the concrete building at the Römerberg, until it is demolished and rebuilt. After this, the collections will be open to the public in the old building until the total complex is reopened.
   - INFO: Saalgasse 19 | Phone +49(0) 69 21 23 55 99
   - www.historisches-museum-frankfurt.de
   - Tue–Sun 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Wed 10 a.m.–9 p.m., closed on Mon

3. **Archäologisches Museum Frankfurt (Archaeological Museum)**
   - The Archaeological Museum is located in the restored Carmelite Church and is one of the few German museums dedicated exclusively to archaeology. It informs about live and death, work, everyday life and festivals, war and peace, art and religion in different cultures. It also houses collections on the prehistory of the Frankfurt region, on Roman times and early Frankfurt town history.
   - INFO: Karmelitergasse 1 | Phone +49(0) 69 21 23 58 96
   - www.archaeologisches-museum-frankfurt.de
   - Tue-Sun 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Wed 10 a.m.–8 p.m., closed on Mon

4. **Jüdisches Museum (Jewish Museum)**
   - The museum at the Rothschild-Palais illustrates historical developments and the social and religious life of Jewish communities in Frankfurt from the 12th to the 20th century. It builds a bridge from the beginnings of Jewish settlement in Germany to the end of the Frankfurt ghetto, documents the fight for emancipation and integration as well as the resurgence of Jewish communities after the Nazi regime.
   - The Museum Judengasse at Borneplatz is a branch of the Jewish Museum in the historic centre of Jewish life. Central points are the foundations of buildings at the former Judengasse.
   - INFO: Jüdisches Museum: Untermainkai 14–15 | Phone +49(0) 69 21 23 50 00
   - Museum Judengasse: Kurt-Schumacher-Straße 10 | Phone +49(0) 69 29 77 419 | www.juedischesmuseum.de
   - Tue-Sun 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Wed 10 a.m.–8 p.m., closed on Mon

5. **Institut für Stadtgeschichte im Karmeliterkloster (Institute of Town History)**
   - The Institute of Town History is the city’s memory. Apart from safeguarding Frankfurt’s historic heritage, it also serves as active reminder by staging numerous events and exhibitions.
   - One priceless exhibit is the Golden Bull of Emperor Karl IV from 1356, the ‘constitution’ of the medieval kingdom that regulated the elections of German kings. The institute is located at the Karmeliterkloster (Carmelite Monastery), the city’s only conserved medieval monastery. Outstanding wall paintings by Jörg Rathgeb (approx. 1480 – 1526) decorate the monastery cloister.
   - INFO: Münzgasse 9 | Phone +49(0) 69 21 23 84 25
   - www.stadtgeschichte-ffm.de
   - Mon–Fri 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Sat/Sun 11 a.m.–6 p.m. (exhibitions)
   - Mon–Fri 8.30 a.m.–5.30 p.m. (Carmelite Monastery/reading-room)

As measured by political, economic and cultural occurrences, Frankfurt has been a point of culmination of German and European history ever since it was first mentioned in documents in 794.

Royal privileges, clergy, merchants and free citizens marked the town history: in 1240, Friedrich II placed visitors to the Frankfurt trade fair under royal protection. In 1356, the Golden Bull designated Frankfurt as the election place for kings and emperors; in the 16th century it also became the emperors’ coronation place. In 1848 the first German National Assembly was constituted at the Paulskirche in Frankfurt. In parallel with the political course of time, culture, trade, finance and commonwealth developed around the Römerberg. The upheavals of two world wars did not prevent Frankfurt from becoming what it is today: one of the most modern and multifarious metropolises in Europe – future history included.

Dom (cathedral) and Dommuseum (Cathedral Museum), the Historical Museum, Archaeological Museum and the Jewish Museum, as well as historical buildings such as the Paulskirche, the Römer, the Alte Oper and the central station are testimonies to Frankfurt’s exciting history.
GUIDED CITY TOURS AND VISITS

Historical Frankfurt
Guided walk through Frankfurt’s old town (Römerberg) with the focus on the city’s history as a place of election and coronation of kings and emperors of the Holy Roman Empire. Its tradition as a trading town and as venue of the 1st German National Assembly in 1848. Duration approx. 2 hrs.

History and present
The guided walk informs about historical Frankfurt with Kaiserdom (cathedral), Paulskirche and Römer as well as the modern city centre. Including a visit to the Goethe House and to the viewing platform of the Main Tower at 200 m height. Duration approx. 3 hrs.

Jewish Frankfurt
Until 1933 Frankfurt was home to Germany’s biggest Jewish community after Berlin. A guided theme walk reveals the history of Jewish life in Frankfurt. Duration approx. 2 hrs.

SELECT HISTORICAL SIGHTS

Römer and Römerberg
Römer and Römerberg are Frankfurt’s historic heart. The houses, acquired by Frankfurt city council, have been the city’s representative town hall since 1405. The historic city centre was reconstructed in 1986 according to ancient plans.
INFO: Römer, Römerberg 27

Paulskirche (St. Paul’s Church)
The Paulskirche is regarded as the cradle of German democracy. On May 18, 1848, the first freely elected national assembly convened at the Paulskirche in Frankfurt. After the war the Paulskirche was Frankfurt’s first historic building to be reconstructed.
INFO: Paulsplatz 1 | Mon–Sun 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Alte Oper (Old Opera House)
The Alte Oper was built from 1872 – 1880 in the style of Italian renaissance. An air raid on March 23, 1944 destroyed it almost completely. An initiative of Frankfurt citizens resulted in its reconstruction. Since 1981 it has been concert and convention centre, has gained a stable reputation in the international music scene and can be visited on guided tours.
INFO: Opernplatz | Phone +49(0) 69 13 400 | www.alteoper.de

AT NIGHT

Historic Restaurant Café Hauptwache
In 1833, the guardhouse was attacked by rebels in the rising of the pre-March era, the “Vormärz” that lead up to the failed revolution. Today the reconstructed “Hauptwache” building houses a stylish restaurant with bar that turns into a lounge with international flair at night.
INFO: An der Hauptwache 15 | Phone +49(0) 69 21 99 86 27
www.cafe-hauptwache.de

Jazzkeller Frankfurt
Frankfurt has been considered the republic’s jazz capital since the Fifties. One of Europe’s oldest and most famous jazz clubs is the Jazzkeller. Almost all the big names of Jazz have played here, and it is still THE address for live jazz in Germany.
INFO: Kleine Bockenheimer Straße 18 a | Phone +49(0) 69 28 85 37
www.jazzkeller.com | Thu–Sun 9 p.m.–4 a.m., Wed 10 p.m.–4 a.m.
More clubs at: www.kultur.frankfurt.de (Music)

INFO & BOOKING OF ALL TOURS:
Tourismus+Congress GmbH
Phone +49(0) 69 21 23 89 53
www.frankfurt-tourismus.de

PROGRAMME SUGGESTION

DAY 1
After check-in, the excursion into the town history begins with a guided tour through historical Frankfurt or a visit to the Institute of Town History. The cloister contains frescos by Jörg Rathgeb from the 15th century. Following a short coffee break, visit to the cathedral with annexed Cathedral Museum or alternatively to the Historical Museum. End the day with dinner in the ‘apple wine district’ Sachsenhausen, e.g. at the restaurant ‘Zum gemalten Haus’ (Schweizer Straße 67, www.zumgemaltenhaus.de) or with a visit to the Volkstheater (Großer Hirschgraben 21, www.volkstheater-frankfurt.de).

DAY 2
After breakfast guided theme walk through Jewish Frankfurt, followed by visit to the Jewish Museum. Kosher lunch at Sohar’s Restaurant (Savignystraße 66, www.sohars-restaurant.com). After lunch visit to the Paulskirche and then to the Main Tower (www.maintower.de) to enjoy the aerial view of the Main metropolis and perhaps end the day in the bar at the tower.
Frankfurt merchant and banker Johann Friedrich Städel set forth in his will that his collection of paintings and art objects be converted into a foundation. Nobody could know at that time that this would result in one of the world’s most important museums of art: the Städel.

The collection of Germany’s oldest and most illustrious museum foundation contains works of art from seven centuries and has gained a unique reputation in the art world by its internationally noted special exhibitions. The Städel marks the city’s self-conception more than ever and represents a part of European history of art and culture. It is complemented by a range of other kindred art museums dedicated to special disciplines of art history – such as the Liebieghaus with its collection of sculptures, the Icon museum or the Museum Giersch.

Those who are on the lookout for the archetypes of artistic pursuit will find them in Frankfurt.

### OLD MASTERS

**ARCHETYPES OF ART HISTORY**

**MUSEUMS**

#### 6 Städel Museum

The Städel, located on the Main embankment, ranks amongst the worlds most illustrious museums of art. Founded in 1815 by the banker and merchant Johann Friedrich Städel as civic foundation, the Städel is today one of Germany’s oldest museum foundations.

The collection presents works of art from seven centuries. Outstanding paintings from the Middle Ages to the present are complemented by a collection of select sculptures from the 19th and 20th centuries. Amongst the highlights of the collection of old masters are works by van Eyck, Botticelli, Dürer, Cranach or Holbein as well as Rembrandt and Vermeer. The Städel offers a unique overview of renowned impressionists (Monet, Renoir, Degas), expressionists (Kirchner, Beckmann, Marc and Macke) and the most important representatives of classical modernity (Picasso, Klee, Dix). In addition, internationally noted special exhibitions characterize the museum’s profile. The diversified offer of guided tours, art after work, art in a team, company specials and much more makes the Städel a popular meeting point.

Until the middle of 2011 the Städel will be partly renovated and will get a new extension. Meanwhile museum operations are to be run as normally as possible. During conversion works, the collection’s masterworks will remain accessible to visitors of the Städel in a special exhibition.

INFO: Schaumainkai (Museumsufer) 63
Phone +49(0) 69 60 50 980 | [www.staedelmuseum.de](http://www.staedelmuseum.de)

Tue/Fri 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Wed/Thu 10 a.m.–9 p.m., Sat/Sun 10 a.m.–6 p.m., closed on Mon.

#### 7 Liebieghaus Skulpturensammlung (Sculpture Collection)

The Liebieghaus, located in one of the most beautiful villas at the Museumsufer, provides an overview of 5000 years of sculpture from ancient Egypt to classicism. The sculpture collection contains approx. 3000 works. The so-called Frankfurt Athena of Greek sculptor Myron is the centerpiece of the collection of antiques. Works by Tilman Riemenschneider, Hans Multscher or Niclaus Gerhaert von Leyden are part of the exquisite Middle-Ages department. The modern part of the collection covering renaissance, mannerism, baroque, rokoko and classicism houses sculptures by Giovanni da Bologna, Adrea della Robbia, Ignaz Günther, Franz Xaver Messerschmidt and Bertel Thorvaldsen.

INFO: Schaumainkai 71 | Phone +49(0) 69 65 00 490
[www.liebieghaus.de](http://www.liebieghaus.de)

Tue/Fri/Sat/Sun 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Wed/Thu 10 a.m.–9 p.m., closed on Mon.

#### 8 Ikonen-Museum (Icon Museum)

Frankfurt’s Icon Museum is located at the eastern end of the Museumsufer in the baroque Deutschordenhaus (German order). The museum goes back to a donation of Königstein physician Dr. Jörg Schmidt-Voigt who donated a treasure of 800 icons to the city of Frankfurt in 1988. The collection dating from the 16th to the 19th century has been continuously increased to more than 1000 exhibits by systematic purchases, loans or donations.

INFO: Brückenstraße 3–7 | Phone +49(0) 69 21 23 62 62
[www.ikonenmuseumfrankfurt.de](http://www.ikonenmuseumfrankfurt.de)

Tue-Sun 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Wed 10 a.m.–8 p.m., closed on Mon.

#### 9 Museum Giersch

The Museum Giersch organizes a range of regular changing exhibitions on the art of the 19th and early 20th centuries under the title ‘Kunstlandschaft Rhein-Main (art landscape Rheine-Main)’. They deal with historical themes of art and culture of the region and honor artists associated with the ‘Kunstlandschaft Rhein-Main’. The Museum Giersch thus adds a regional component to the offer at the Frankfurt Museumsufer.

INFO: Schaumainkai 83 | Phone +49(0) 69 63 30 41 28
[www.museum-giersch.de](http://www.museum-giersch.de)

Tue-Thu noon–7 p.m., Fri noon–5 p.m., Sat/Sun 11 a.m.–5 p.m., closed on Mon.

#### 1 Dom Museum (Cathedral Museum)

More information in the chapter on city history, page 4.
VISITS

Art in public spaces
In Frankfurt art can also be discovered outside of the big exhibition houses and museums. The city’s cultural office has listed, categorized and mapped around 400 works of art, monuments and fountains in the city’s public spaces. 18 highlights make access to the subject matter easy.
INFO: www.kunst-im-oeffentlichen-raum-frankfurt.de

AT NIGHT

‘Art after work’ and guided evening tours
Besides their regular guided tours, Städel, Liebieghaus and Schirn Kunsthalle offer an inspiring evening under the title ‘art after work’ with thematic tours for groups followed by an aperitif at the Holbein’s Lounge of the Städel Museum or at the Schirn Café. Start at 8 p.m.
INFO STÄDEL: Phone +49(0) 69 60 50 98 200
INFO LIEBIEGHAUS: Phone +49(0) 69 65 00 49 110
INFO SCHIRN: Phone +49(0) 69 29 98 82 112

Oper Frankfurt (Frankfurt Opera)
Frankfurt Opera has been awarded multiple prices and is one of Europe’s most renowned opera houses of its kind. Orchestra, choir, soloists and the whole house enjoy an excellent reputation both with critics and the audience.
INFO: Willy-Brandt-Platz | Phone +49(0) 69 13 40 400
www.oper-frankfurt.de

Schauspiel Frankfurt (Playhouse)
Straight theatre has a great tradition in Frankfurt – from the expressionist productions of the 1920ies to the grand times of Brecht plays and until today. Performances at the big playhouse and the intimate theatre as well as the lobby, the panorama bar and the so-called ‘Box’. Städtische Bühnen (municipal stages) also offer guided tours behind the scenes.
INFO: Untermainanlage 11 | Phone +49(0) 69 212 370 00 oder -370 01
www.schauspielfrankfurt.de
www.buehnen-frankfurt.de

PROGRAMME SUGGESTIONS

DAY 1
To get in the mood, stroll along the unique Museumsufer of Frankfurt, the riverbank with its international exhibition houses and museums. Visit to the sculpture collections at the Liebieghaus or another museum of art. Small creative break at the Liebieghaus café in its idyllic location, followed by guided tour ‘behind the scenes’ of Städtische Bühnen. Dinner at one of the city’s stylish restaurants such as the Opera at the Old Opera House (www.opera-restauration.de). In addition or alternatively visit to a concert at the Old Opera House (Alte Oper, see page 5) or a performance at the Schauspiel or the Oper Frankfurt.

DAY 2
After breakfast visit to the Städel including guided tour to meet the old masters and protagonists of classical modernity. Refreshment break at the café-restaurant ‘Holbein’s’ at the Städel, followed by visit to some impressive works of art in public spaces or alternatively the Icon Museum or Museum Giersch.
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Frankfurt's art scene and its institutions are always on the lookout for new paths. A series of important museums and exhibition halls started developing in the 1980ies at the Sachsenhausen Main embankment and on the opposite side of the river Main, the existing Städel acting as nucleus, as it were. The houses regularly offer significant exhibitions of modern and contemporary art, thus inviting to discussions about central artistic topics. The Museum of Modern Art, the Schirn Kunsthalle, the Portikus, the Frankfurter Kunstverein or the Fotografie Forum Frankfurt mark the Museumsufer with their uncompromising handling of challenging art themes. Numerous galleries on Brauchbachstraße or on Fahrgasse complement the art scene. In addition, around 1000 visual artists live and work in Frankfurt, providing the vital creative fuel for a lively off-scene.

MUSEUMS AND EXHIBITION HALLS

10 MMK Museum für Moderne Kunst (Museum of Modern Art)
The MMK Museum für Modern Art was opened in 1991 and is today considered one of the leading museums of modern and contemporary art. Built by Viennese architect Hans Hollein, it is one of the most spectacular museum buildings of postmodemism. The collection comprises high-class works of international art from the 1960ies to topical contemporary positions. With regular presentations of collections, exhibitions dedicated by the MMK to select artists of the collection, as well as younger or less famous positions exhibited at the MMK Zollamt opposite, the MMK challenges its position as a museum and sees itself as a place of constant changes in perspectives.

The MMK also offers a widely diversified education programme. Under the motto ‘Discovering art’, children and youngsters are given the opportunity to intensive encounters of lasting effect with contemporary art and the museum.

INFO: Domstraße 10
Phone +49(0) 69 21 23 04 47 | www.mmk-frankfurt.de
Tue/Thu–So 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Wed 1 a.m.–8 p.m., closed on Mon

11 Schirn Kunsthalle Frankfurt
The SCHIRN KUNSTHALLE constitutes an urban integration point in the heart of the metropolis and sees itself as generator of ideas for big cultural discussions and trends.

The word ‘Schirn’ originally signifies ‘open sales stall’. Until World War II, a street of the same name occupied the museum’s location in the city centre, where until well into the 19th century the Frankfurter butcher guild had their sales stalls.

Since opening in 1856, the SCHIRN KUNSTHALLE has become one of Europe’s most renowned exhibitions houses. So far more than 180 exhibitions were organized, amongst which big surveys of Viennese art nouveau, expressionism, Dada and surrealism, female impressionists, on the history of photography, on visual art of the Stalin era or the new romanticism in contemporary art. Artists such as Wassily Kandinsky, Marc Chagall, Alberto Giacometti, Frida Kahlo, Bill Viola, Arnold Schönberg, Henri Matisse, Julian Schnabel, James Lee Byars, Yves Klein and Carsten Nicolai were presented in big single exhibitions.

INFO: Römerberg 6
Phone +49(0) 69 29 98 820 | www.schirn.de
Tue/Fri–Sun 10 a.m.–7 p.m., Wed/Thu 10 a.m.–10 p.m., closed on Mon

12 Portikus
The PORTIKUS is an exhibition hall for contemporary art. The name refers to the preserved portico of the municipal library of 1825, destroyed in World War II, to which an exhibition hall was added in 1987. Since 2006 the PORTIKUS has been residing in a prominent position on the Main Island at Alte Brücke (Old Bridge). The PORTIKUS presents topical works of famous artists as well as international young positions. The PORTIKUS is part of the Städelschule (college of visual arts).

INFO: Alte Brücke (Main)
Phone +49(0) 69 96 24 45 40 | www.portikus.de
Tue/Thu–Sun, 11 a.m.–6 p.m., Wed 11 a.m.–8 p.m., closed on Mon

13 Frankfurter Kunstverein (Art Association)
The Art Association is an important national and international exhibition house of contemporary art. Since its foundation in 1829 it has dedicated itself to promoting the production, reception and communication of contemporary art by means of innovative models and contemporary positions. Located at the Steniernes Haus at Römerberg, the Art Association presents individual exhibitions by international artists, alternating with thematic group exhibitions on topical questions.

INFO: Markt 44 | Phone +49(0) 69 21 93 140 | www.ffkv.de
Tue–Sun 11 a.m.–7 p.m., closed on Mon

14 Fotografie Forum Frankfurt
Since its foundation in 1984 the Fotografie Forum Frankfurt has been presenting both contemporary and historical photography of international ranking. The exhibition programme contains new discoveries but also dedicates itself again and again to the classics of photography. The Fotografie Forum will move to new premises in the city centre. Until then, the Fotografie Forum Frankfurt will continue its programme at other venues.

INFO: Braubachstraße 30–32 (probably from the beginning of 2011)
Phone +49(0) 69 29 17 26 | www.fffrankfurt.org

17 caricatura museum frankfurt (Museum of Comic Art)
For more information see chapter on literature, page 10.
TIPS

District of galleries
A lively scene with galleries of contemporary art has developed on Braubachstraße and Fahrgasse in Frankfurt city centre, apart from numerous other galleries dispersed over the whole city.

Many of the galleries are organized in the Interessengemeinschaft Frankfurter Galerien (pool of Frankfurt galleries). They offer leaflets and guided tours of the gallery scene.

INFO: Interessengemeinschaft Galerien
www.frankfurt-galerien.de

Fringe scene
Frankfurt’s lively fringe scene provides different unusual platforms for the production and presentation of all types of art.

Up-to-date information is given on the respective Internet sites:

ATELIERFRANKFURT e. V.
Hohenstaufenstraße 13-25 | www.atelierfrankfurt.de

basis e.V.
Elbestraße 10 | www.basis-frankfurt.de

Kunstverein Familie Montez
Breite Gasse 24 | www.montez.de

Ausstellungshalle Schulstraße 1A
Schulstraße 1A | www.ausstellungshalle.info

‘Open doors’ – A look into the studios
Once a year, interested persons are able to look at the works of Frankfurt artists and international guest artists at the ‘open doors’ yearly exhibition, where they can witness the rich diversity of the Frankfurt art scene live at the studios and talk to the artists.

INFO AND DATES:
www.atelierfrankfurt.de | www.kultur.frankfurt.de (Art)

EXHIBITION DATES
Information on current changing exhibitions at the museums and exhibition houses of the city is provided at:

Museumsufer: www.museumsuferfrankfurt.de
Kulturportal: www.kultur.frankfurt.de
Tourismus+Congress GmbH: www.frankfurt-tourismus.de

AT NIGHT

The Forsythe Company
The famous ballet ensemble of William Forsythe is an institution of its own in Frankfurt. The performances of its dancers have been popular for more than 25 years as thrilling and innovative dance theatre events.

INFO: Bockenheimer Depot, Carlo-Schmid-Platz 1
Phone +49(0) 69 21 23 75 55 | www.TheForsytheCompany.com

Ensemble Modern
The Ensemble Modern was founded in 1980 and ranks amongst the leading ensembles of new music in the world. It has been located in Frankfurt since 1985 and produces 70 new works every year, amongst which about 20 premieres. It performs on different stages.

INFO: Phone +49(0) 69 94 34 30 20
www.ensemble-modern.com

Cocoon Club
Sven Väth’s club of electronic music in Frankfurt – including gastronomy and the licence to dance.

INFO: Carl-Benz-Straße 21 | Phone +49(0) 69 95 96 750
www.cocoon.net

PROGRAMME SUGGESTION

DAY 1
To get in the mood, visit to the exhibition hall Portikus on the Main island at the eastern end of Frankfurt’s Museumsufer with its internationally known exhibition houses and museums, followed by a visit to Schirn Kunsthalle or another current exhibition with guided tour. Relaxing at the chic Schirn restaurant ‘Table’. Following this, excursion to the top of the Main Tower or time for individual sightseeing and shopping. The evening ends at a select scene restaurant or with a relaxed pop or jazz concert. Open end.

Up-to-date events at www.journalportal.de (Rhein-Main calendar)

DAY 2
First address after breakfast is the MMK Museum of Modern Art. Lunch and creative break at ‘Triangolo’, the café/restaurant of the MMK, or at the Frankfurter Kunstverein next door. Those who want to end the trip to Frankfurt with a smile should visit the Museum of Comic Art (caricatura museum frankfurt – s. page 10) or use their spare time to explore the galleries on Braubachstraße, possibly with a guide (www.frankfurt-galerien.de).
Frankfurt am Main is not only Goethe's birthplace, but also one of Germany's foremost book and literature metropolises. With the International Book Fair, the Börsenverein des Deutschen Buchhandels (Exchange Association of the German Book Trade), the Booksellers' School and the German National Library, Frankfurt is the domicile of key institutions of the German book and publishing industry. Frankfurt's publishing landscape is characterized by major publishers of popular literature, such as S. Fischer Verlag, and a number of smaller ambitious publishing companies, as well as the national newspapers Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung and Frankfurter Rundschau.

Literary institutions such as Literaturhaus Frankfurt, Romanfabrik, Goethe House and the Hessische Literaturforum, present a stimulating programme of readings and discussions throughout the year. There is also a fringe literature scene that increasingly wins over new territory and a younger public, thus providing nourishment for new discoveries and trends.

**MUSEUMS**

15 **Goethe-Haus Frankfurt (Goethe House)**

Goethe’s parents’ house is one of Germany’s most important and popular memorials to the poet. The Goethe house combines memorial, picture gallery, manuscript archives, graphic collection and library. With its historic furniture and the paintings in sixteen rooms on four levels it documents the domestic surroundings where Johann Wolfgang Goethe spent his childhood. The Goethe Museum, a picture gallery from Goethe’s times, illustrates the poet’s relationships with art and artists of his time.

**INFO:**
Großer Hirschgraben 23–25
Phone +49(0) 69 13 88 00
www.goethehaus-frankfurt.de
Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Sun 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
Guided tours of Goethe House daily 2 p.m., 4 p.m., Sun also 10.30 a.m. and by appointment

16 **Struwwelpeter Museum**

The world of the children’s book classic ‘Struwwelpeter’ and his author Dr. Heinrich Hoffmann (1809 – 1894) comes alive right in the centre of Frankfurt’s West end. Sketches, portraits, books and documents tell of the life of versatile, humorous Dr. Hoffmann whose life’s work was the reformation of Frankfurt psychiatry. Rare hand-coloured editions, exotic translations, funny parodies, kitsch and art tell of the worldwide success of the ‘Struwwelpeter’ children’s book, published in 1845 and translated into numerous languages.

**INFO:**
Schuberstrasse 20 | Phone +49(0) 69 747969
www.struwwelpeter-museum.de
Tue–Sun 10 a.m.–5 p.m., children’s theatre on many Sundays (October–May), closed on Mon

By the way: If you would like to see Tischbein’s painting of Goethe in the original, visit the Städel Museum (see page 6), where the world-famous painting is at home.
GUIDED CITY TOURS AND VISITS

In Goethe’s footsteps and visit to the Goethe House

Goethe was born in Frankfurt am Main on August 28, 1749. In his autobiography ‘Aus meinem Leben. Dichtung und Wahrheit’ he describes his experiences between the years of 1749 and 1775. A tour makes visitors familiar with the Frankfurt of Goethe’s time. A guided tour of the Goethe House is included. Duration approx. 2 hrs, max. 25 persons.

INFO & BOOKING: Tourismus+Congress GmbH
Phone +49(0) 69 21 23 89 53 | www.frankfurt-tourismus.de

Tour of literature

The tour of literature by the Kulturothek tells the story of literary life in Frankfurt. By organizing the Frankfurt Book Fair, the city succeeded in becoming the most important trade centre for printed books. This also attracted theologians, philosophers, and other scholars of the humanities to the city. The tour will tell of the book fair’s present situation, of publishers and literature awards, of authors and poets, of newspapers and literary institutions.

INFO: Phone +49(0) 69 28 10 10 | www.kulturothek.de

Frankfurt Book Fair

The Frankfurt Book Fair is the world’s most important trade centre for books, media, rights and licenses. Every year in October, the visit to Frankfurt, the city of literature, is mandatory for around 7,300 exhibitors, 300,000 visitors and 10,000 journalists. Events such as ‘Literature at the Römer’ or ‘Open Books’ at the Frankfurter Kunstverein accompany the fair.

INFO: www.buchmesse.de

AT NIGHT

Literaturhaus Frankfurt

Behind its impressive classicist columned doorway, this cultural association, founded by local citizens, regularly stages readings by authors, literary events and exhibitions.

INFO: Schöne Aussicht 2 | www.literaturhaus-frankfurt.de
Tue–Fri 2-8 p.m., Sun noon–7 p.m, closed on Mon and Sat (exhibitions)

Romanfabrik

The literary meeting point ‘Romanfabrik’ focuses on readings but has also made a name for itself as a venue for different events. The resident Philosophical Café regularly invites two experts to a philosophical discourse, followed by an open discussion with the interested audience—all in a café atmosphere without intellectual hierarchies.

INFO: Romanfabrik | Hanauer Landstraße 186 | www.romanfabrik.de

Hessisches Literaturforum

The programme of the Hessisches Literaturforum, located at Kunsthäus Moussonturn, covers readings and discussions, writing seminars and workshops.

INFO: Waldschmidtstr. 4 | www.hlfm.de

TIPS FOR EVENTS

Literature events: www.kultur.frankfurt.de (Literature)
Schauspiel Frankfurt: Information in chapter „Old Masters” (page 7) www.schauspielfrankfurt.de
Goethe festival weeks: www.goethe-ffm.de (every two years)

PROGRAMME SUGGESTION

DAY 1

After check-in at the hotel, guided literature tour through Frankfurt to get into the theme, followed by a visit to a current literary event. Dinner at Gerbermühle, an idyllic location on the south bank of the Main (Gerbermühlestrasse 105, www.gerbermuehle.de), where Goethe once fell in love with the wife and former foster-daughter of his friend Willemer. Alternatively, visit to a reading at the Literaturhaus or a theatre performance at Schauspiel Frankfurt.

DAY 2

After breakfast guided walk in Goethe’s footsteps or just a visit to Goethe House. Lunch at the café-restaurant ‘Dichtung und Wahrheit’ (Am Salzhaus 1, www.dichtung-wahrheit.de). In the afternoon visit to the caricatura museum frankfurt or alternatively the Struwelpeter Museum. Following this there is time for strolling through the city’s numerous specialist bookshops and hunting for literary gems or souvenirs.
Frankfurt’s artistic and cultural claim is not limited to town history, painting, sculpture or graphic art. With the change to a modern, globally cross-linked service metropolis, the artistic, communicative and creative forms of expression also changed. With the appearance of modernity, contemporary architecture, design, interactive media, film, photo and completely new formats progressively marked the city’s creative and artistic profile. Creative business and art are mutually beneficial. Designers, artists, architects and media representatives deal with the city’s modern lifestyles. These new forms of creativity and communication are not only reflected in a museum ensemble consisting of the German Museum of Architecture, the Museum of Communication, the German Film Museum, the Fotografie Forum Frankfurt or the Dialogue Museum, but also in numerous galleries, design offices, agencies and initiatives of Frankfurt’s extremely vital fringe scene. Frankfurt remains interactive.

MUSEUMS

19 Museum für Kommunikation (Museum of Communication)
Frankfurt’s Museum of Communication resides in an award-winning museum building at Schaumainkai. Visitors get a comprehensive insight into the history of communication and the world of the media. Especially noteworthy are the departments of art and communication and the lively programme of the children’s workshop.
INFO: Schaumainkai 53 (Museumsufer) | Phone +49(0) 69 60 60 0
www.mfk-frankfurt.de
Tue/Fri 9 a.m.–6 p.m., Sat/Sun/holidays 11 a.m.–7 p.m., closed on Mon

20 Deutsches Architekturmuseum (German Museum of Architecture)
The Deutsches Architekturmuseum (DAM) dedicates itself both to architecture and to history of architecture. With the ‘house inside the house’, the DAM’s biggest exhibit, Cologne architect Oswald Mathias Ungers has created an epitome of architecture. In the context of big changing exhibitions, the DAM deals year after year with topics of modern and contemporary architecture in Germany and abroad. However, the permanent collection is well worth seeing too. The museum will be temporarily closed for conversion works from the middle of March to the end of October 2010.
INFO: Schaumainkai (Museumsufer) 43 | Phone +49(0) 69 21 23 88 44
www.dam-online.de
Tue–Sun 11 a.m.–5 p.m., Wed until 8 p.m., closed on Mon

21 Museum für Angewandte Kunst (Museum of Applied Art)
A building as encyclopedia of creativity: design, book art and graphic art, European applied art from 12th to the 21st century, Islamic art as well as East Asian arts and crafts – all this can be discovered at the Museum of Applied Art in Frankfurt, the time frame of the collection extending over 5000 years of history of different cultures. The spacious, light-flooded rooms of world-famous Richard Meier architecture make surprising productions possible and constantly open up new perspectives of historical artefacts. The classicist building of Villa Metzler with its theme rooms depicting the periods from baroque to Biedermeier to art nouveau is integrated into the overall ensemble and well worth a visit.
INFO: Schaumainkai (Museumsufer) 17 | Phone +49(0) 69 21 23 40 37
www.angewandtekunst-frankfurt.de
Tue/Thu–Sun 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Wed 10 a.m.–9 p.m., closed on Mon
www.kgv-frankfurt.de (Association of Arts and Crafts)

22 Deutsches Filmmuseum (German Film Museum)
The German Film Museum dedicates itself to the history of moving pictures. Original apparatus, studio architecture and special effects that can be tried out make a visit to the museum an exciting experience. The cinema in the annex runs films on many different themes, often in the original version.
The German Film Museum that is being extensively renovated and is getting a new permanent exhibition will be closed until spring 2011.
INFO: Schaumainkai 41 | Phone +49(0) 69 96 12 20 220
www.deutschesfilmmuseum.de
Tue, Thu/Fri 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Wed/Sun 10 a.m.–7 p.m., Sat 2–7 p.m., closed on Mon

23 Dialogmuseum (Dialogue Museum)
At the Dialogue Museum, blind persons lead visitors through an exhibition in completely darkened rooms. ‘Dialogue in the dark – an exhibition for discovering the invisible’ is the name of the programme that is sure to introduce visitors to new experiences. There is also a ‘Casino for Communication’ dealing with communicative and social competence. The programme is completed by the ‘Taste of Darkness’, a 3-course menu served in the dark. What is being served remains a surprise and a matter of trust.
INFO: Hanauer Landstraße 137–145 | Phone +49(0) 90 43 21 44
www.dialogmuseum.de
Tue–Fri 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Sat/Sun/holidays 11 a.m.–7 p.m., closed on Mon
GUIDED TOURS AND VISITS

Architecture in Frankfurt

Frankfurt’s architecture is as diversified as Frankfurt’s population. The first high-rise buildings were erected in 1954, the most famous one being the Messeturm (trade fair tower) by Helmut Jahn, completed in 1991. The theme walk informs on Frankfurt’s urban development from the Middle Ages to the present, on the connection between old and new Frankfurt, on high-rise architecture and future projects.

INFO & BUCHUNG: Tourismus+Congress GmbH
Phone +49(0) 69 21 23 89 53 | www.frankfurt-tourismus.de

Kino inside (Cinema inside) – Behind the scenes of the CineStar Metropolis

In the context of its ‘Frankfurter Stadttevents (city events)’, Journal Frankfurt offers a guided tour of the biggest cinema in the state of Hesse. Visitors learn all that is worth knowing around big screen, popcorn etc. The fee covers the guided tour, a ticket for a movie, a bag of popcorn and soft drink.

INFO: Phone +49(0) 69 97 46 03 27 | www.frankfurter-stadttevents.de

Other special interest tours

The Kulturothek offers guided walks and bus tours of a special kind, e.g. tours in costume or tours to grand hotels, clubs and variety theatres. The tours on cultural or historical themes can be booked individually or combined.

INFO: Phone +49(0) 69 28 10 10 | www.kulturothek.de

TIP

Designer labels and fashion

Frankfurt is increasingly becoming a nucleus of creative fashion designers and shops giving priority to stylish and original individuality rather than to fashion ‘off the rack’. The district around Brückenstraße in Sachsenhausen has developed into an urban hot spot for aficionados of individual fashion. Another hip place is the designer market FROHMart of ‘Made in happy germany®’ on Baumweg 20 (Beihenheim).

INFO: FROHMart on Baumweg 20, on the first Saturday of each month, 1 a.m. to 7 p.m. | www.glauchigstjetzt.de

Galleries and exhibitions

More information in the chapter ‘New Art’ on page 9.

AT NIGHT

Music scene

Frankfurt is a music metropolis that succeeds effortlessly in crossing the gap from opera to techno. Under the influence of American GIs after World War II, the city soon became the German metropolis of Jazz. In 1953, the Deutsches Jazzfestival was founded, the world’s first continuously staged jazz festival. Following this, Neue Deutsche Welle and Techno, HipHop, rock and pop ‘Made in Frankfurt’ made music history – from Frank Farian to Sven Väth and Moses P. Numerous clubs mark the city’s music scene, such as King Kamehameha Club, die Batschkapp or Cocoon Club.

All clubs from Jazz to Techno at:
www.kultur.frankfurt.de (Music)
Current events:
www.journalportal.de (Rhein-Main-Calender)
Jazzfestival: www.jazzfestival.hr-online.de

Künstlerhaus Mousonturm

The calendar of events of the Mousonturm combines dance, theatre, performance, concert, club, exhibition and reading – a lively picture of the city’s creative scene.

INFO: Waldschmidtstraße 4 | Phone +49 (0)69 40 58 95 20
www.mousonturm.de

Tigeralast

The Tigeralast variety theatre promises creativity of a different kind. Apart from presenting a show with international top acrobats and artists, it also has a stylish and imaginative cuisine.

INFO: Heiligkreuzgasse 16–20 | Phone +49(0) 69 92 00 220
www.tigeralast.de

PROGRAMME SUGGESTION

DAY 1

Start with a guided tour through the city’s history of architecture, followed by lunch and visit to the German Museum of Architecture. Free time in the afternoon for shopping at Frankfurt’s designer shops or visit to the Museum of Communication (a must are the brownies at the museum café with view of the ‘telephone sheep’). Dinner and excursion to Frankfurt’s club and music scene. Alternatively visit to the Mousonturm.

DAY 2

After breakfast visit to the Museum of Applied Arts including guide. Lunch at the museum café ‘Emma Metzler’ (www.emma-metzler.com) or at Fleming’s Club (Eschenheimer Tor 2, www.flemings-hotels.com) with ride in the paternoster and view from the 7th floor. In the afternoon visit to the Dialogue Museum or the German Film Museum (scheduled reopening spring 2011).
Dinosaurs, natural science phenomena, global flora and fauna, cultures and religions of the world: a visit to Frankfurt’s exciting museums is an experience and can make up for a general-studies course of the history of earth and mankind. One of the first persons to realize this fascination was Johann Christian Senckenberg. He established the Dr. Senckenberg foundation on August 18, 1763 with the original objective to improve Frankfurt’s medical and health care system and the training of medical practitioners. From this foundation emerged the Senckenberg Natural History Museum and the Senckenberg Natural History Society. Other researchers followed, such as Bernhard Grzimek. The long-time director of Frankfurt zoo received an Oscar for his film ‘Serengeti darf nicht sterben’ (‘The Serengeti must not die’). These are the stories, scientists and scholars, the passion for nature, technology and culture that make Frankfurt a window to the world.

### MUSEUMS

#### Senckenberg Naturmuseum (Natural History Museum)

The Senckenberg Natural History Museum is considered one of Europe’s biggest and most illustrious natural science museums. Its dinosaur skeletons enjoy cult status, particularly with children. It combines in a unique way family adventure, international top research and education. Four billions of years of earth history and the diversity of life are waiting to be discovered: dinosaurs, fossils of the Messel pit, evolution, rain forest, marine animals, walk through the history of the earth, hydrological cycle and much more. A new exhibition hall behind the museum is available for special shows. As a research museum, the research institute and Natural History Museum Senckenberg is a member of the Leibniz Association. Guided tours and comprehensive educational offers complete the programme.

**INFO:** Senckenberganlage 25 | Phone +49(0) 69 75 420
[www.senckenberg.de](http://www.senckenberg.de)

- Daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Wed until 8 p.m., Sat/Sun/holiday until 6 p.m.

#### Museum der Weltkulturen (Museum of World Cultures)

The Museum of World Cultures sees itself as a forum for intercultural mediation with the aim to sensitize people for global topics and to promote a dialogue between cultures. With its rich collections from Africa, America, Oceania and South-East Asia it wants to give visitors a tangible experience of world cultures and encourage the acceptance of cultural differences. The integrated inter-cultural studio (IKAT) offers a comprehensive programme for children, adolescents and adults. In addition, Galerie 37 presents regular exhibitions of contemporary works by indigenous American, African, Oceanian and Indonesian artists.

**INFO:** Schaumainkai (Museumsufer) 29–37 | Phone +49(0) 69 78 88 88 88
[www.EXPLORAmuseum.de](http://www.EXPLORAmuseum.de)

- Tue–Sun 11 a.m.–6 p.m., closed on Mon

#### Explora Museum+Wissenschaft+Technik (Museum+Science+Technology)

The EXPLORA Museum of Science and Technology introduces visitors to the world of 3D, optical illusions and interactive works of art. Information on exhibits, on technical and historical aspects, on phenomena and curiosities accompany the experimental exhibition. Especially worthwhile for children and the young-at-heart with an enquiring mind.

**INFO:** Glauburgplatz 1 | Phone +49(0) 69 21 23 59 13
[www.EXPLORAmuseum.de](http://www.EXPLORAmuseum.de)

- Tue–Sun 11 a.m.–6 p.m., closed on Mon

#### kinder museum frankfurt (Frankfurt Children’s Museum)

The Frankfurt Children’s Museum shows exhibitions that are conceived specially for children, transforming its exhibition room again and again into exciting and interesting experimental landscapes. Trying, exploring and doing are the essence of the exhibitions. Courses and holiday games complete the programme.

**INFO:** An der Hauptwache 15 | Phone +49(0) 69 21 23 51 54
[www.kindermuseum.frankfurt.de](http://www.kindermuseum.frankfurt.de)

- Tue–Sun 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Mon 10 a.m.–8 p.m. (only during holidays in Hesse)

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ZOO AND GARDENS

Zoo Frankfurt
Frankfurt zoo, founded in 1858, gained international repute at the latest since its long-standing director Professor Bernhard Grzimek presented the legendary TV-show 'Ein Platz für Tiere' ('A Space for Animals'). Today the zoo in the city centre is home to animals from all continents, a total of 570 different species and more than 4,500 animals in open-air enclosures and animal houses. In 2008 the Borgori forest was opened, a new house for bonobos, orang utans and gorillas that imitates their natural habitat. Apart from other crowd pullers such as the big cat jungle without bars, the Exotarium, the giraffe house, the nocturnal animal house (Europe’s biggest) and the birds’ halls, there is a petting enclosure for children. Guided tours for all ages, special exhibitions and events complete the programme.

INFO: Bernhard-Grzimek-Allee 11 | Phone +49(0) 69 21 23 37 35 | www.zoo-frankfurt.de
Summer: daily 9 a.m.–7 p.m., winter: daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Palmengarten (Botanical Garden)
Whether desert or rain forest – at Frankfurt’s botanical garden it is possible to stroll through the world’s landscapes in a few hours. In 1869 Heinrich Siesmeyer created a beautiful landscaped park with ponds and hills. The botanical garden still shows the magic of plant life in its overwhelming abundance, also in recurrent and single exhibitions on the different botanical regions. It has one of Europe’s largest tropical plant collections. Apart from the historic park, show houses on the earth’s different vegetation zones have been built, which make a visit to the botanical garden worthwhile even on a rainy day. For children and adults the botanical garden provides relaxation, entertainment and education at the same time.

The Papageno musical theatre at the Palmengarten offers a colourful programme of children’s theatre, musicals and opera, and in summer there is the festival of roses and lights and Jazz at the Palmengarten.

INFO: Siesmayerstraße 63 | Phone +49(0) 69 21 23 39 39 | www.palmengarten.frankfurt.de
Nov–Jan: Mon–Sun 9 a.m.–4 p.m. | February: Mon–Sun 9 a.m.–5 p.m. | March–Oct: Mon–Sun 9 a.m.–6 p.m.

GUIDED TOURS

Frankfurt – Beastly good hunting for clues in the urban jungle
Legend has it that Frankfurt owes its foundation to a doe. Reason enough to discover Frankfurt’s town history in the tracks of animals: eagles, oxen, deer, bears and golden bulls turn up in the cityscape by means of images, street names, legends and word games around animals. Duration approx. 2 hours.

INFO & BUCHUNG: Tourismus+Congress GmbH | Phone +49(0) 69 21 23 89 53 | www.frankfurt-tourismus.de

Frankfurt parks and gardens
The tour of parks and gardens by the Kulturothek tells of urban green development concepts from the baroque period to our times. The gardens, mostly laid out as landscaped parks in the English style during baroque and classicist times, were donated to the town by Frankfurt’s bourgeoisie around the turn of last century. Duration: 1.5 to 2.5 hours.

INFO: Phone +49(0) 69 28 10 10 | www.kulturothek.de

TIP
Kleinmarkthalle (Market Hall)
The market hall, from the outside rather unspectacular, sells anything from the local ‘Handkäs’ (local cheese specialty) to Halva and Persian pistachios and the typical local green sauce made of herbs – a culinary world trip through fruit and vegetables, meat, poultry and game, pastries, fresh fish and sweets to the most exotic specialties.

INFO: Hasengasse 5–7 | www.kleinmarkthalle.de
Mon–Fri 8 a.m.–6 p.m., Sat 8 a.m.–4 p.m.

IMORI Patisserie
The Japanese pastry shop IMORI Patisserie presents and serves sweet delights from a different world in a stylish atmosphere.

INFO: Braubachstraße 24 | Phone +49(0) 69 97 76 82 47

PROGRAMME SUGGESTION

DAY 1
Start the day with a guided tour of ‘beasty Frankfurt’, followed by a visit to Frankfurt zoo including lunch. The following stroll through the market hall wets the appetite for dinner. At night visit to the Papageno musical theatre at Palmengarten or the Tigerpalast, which also has animal acts in the programme (see page 13).

DAY 2
After breakfast visit to Senckenberg Natural History Museum including guided tour. Refreshments at the Senckenberg Bistro. Subsequently walk through the botanical garden or alternatively visit to the Museum of World Cultures or the Bible Discovery Museum. Free time for individual sightseeing or shopping, e.g. at the museum shops.
Hardly any other city is as much integrated in the international flow of goods and money as the financial centre Frankfurt. A royal document from 1157 is a first testimony to the existence of the Frankfurt trade fair. In 1585, the stock exchange was established as the first controlled money exchange in Frankfurt. What had begun in the Middle Ages continued after the war, without interruption, to this day. The foundation of the ‘Bank deutscher Länder (bank of German states)’ in 1947, later on replaced by the Deutsche Bundesbank, made Frankfurt the banking centre of the newly created Federal Republic of Germany and, in combination with the stock exchange, the leading financial centre in Europe. Frankfurt has been the seat of the European Central Bank (ECB) since 1998. It was not rare that wealthy merchants and citizens and later on the finance institutes discovered their passion for art and culture, became generous patrons and created a lively foundation system that marks the city to our days.

MUSEUMS

29 Geldmuseum der Deutschen Bundesbank (Money Museum of the German Federal Bank)
What makes money valuable? What do we need money for? Why is monetary stability so important? The Money Museum of the German Federal Bank presents not only a cross section of the bank’s historical collection of coins and notes, but also depicts the complex interactions of monetary policies, striving for highest possible topicality. In order to make the abstract world of monetary and finance politics tangible, the Federal Bank not only uses the usual museum media such as exhibits, illustrations and texts, but also films, challenging computer games and interactive information programmes.
INFO: Wilhelm-Epstein-Straße 14 | Phone +49(0) 69 95 66 30 73
www.geldmuseum.de
Mon/Tue/Thu/Fri 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Wed 10 a.m.–9 p.m., Sun/holidays 10 a.m.–5 p.m., closed on Sat

2 historisches museum Frankfurt (Historical Museum)
The Frankfurt Historical Museum dedicates a part of its permanent exhibition to the financial centre Frankfurt and presents an important coin collection.
Information in the chapter on city history (page 4).

46 Jüdisches Museum (Jewish Museum)
The Jewish Museum also dedicates a small part of its exhibition to the stereotype picture of pawnshops and interest rate deals operated by Jews. The foundation of guilds as Christian confederations in the 12th and 13th centuries to a great extent barred Jews from artisan activities in medieval towns and limited their possibilities to a few professions such as medical doctors and trade, amongst which also money exchange and lending. However, not all Jews were moneylenders, nor were all moneylenders Jews, but Christians and Jews confronted each other as competitors in the banking business. This did not prevent some Jewish families from making big business in banking. Thus, the world’s most famous Jewish banking family – the Rothschild family – originated from the Judengasse in Frankfurt.
INFO: Untermainkai 14–15 | Phone +49(0) 69 21 23 50 00
www.juedischesmuseum.de
Tue–Sun 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Wed 10 a.m.–8 p.m., closed on Mon

1 Dommuseum (Cathedral Museum)
The Dommuseum houses the precious cathedral treasure. More information in the chapter on city history (page 4)

GUIDED TOURS AND VISITS

Frankfurt, the metropolis of the Euro and of banks
This tour traces the development from the medieval fair town to the modern finance centre and seat of the German stock exchange with the highest turnover as well as the European Central Bank. Duration: approx. 2 hours
INFO: Tourismus+Congress GmbH | Phone +49(0) 69 21 23 89 53
www.frankfurt-tourismus.de

Frankfurt’s banks and high-rise buildings
Commerzbank Tower or Gallileo high-rise
This guided walk leads through the skyscraper canyons of the banking district and informs about exciting facts and details on the history of the bank towers such as the European Central Bank, Commerzbank, Deutsche Bank or DekaBank. The tour ends on the Commerzbank Tower, once Europe’s highest building, with a unique view of the city. Alternatively visit to the Gallileo high-rise building of Commerzbank to see the artworks such as the light installations of American artist James Turrell, the bridges and stairs fitted with interactive light circuits by Magdalena Jelertová and many other artistic installations. Duration: approx. 1.5 hours
INFO: Phone +49(0) 69 97 46 03 27 | www.frankfurter-stadtevents.de

Deutsche Börse AG (German Stock Exchange)
Germany’s stock exchange with the highest turnover is located in a building from the late 19th century, richly decorated with sculptures. Even though floor trade has greatly calmed down in the times of digital money flow, a visit to the house, popularly called ‘cathedral of capital’, is worthwhile. The stock exchange offers introductory lectures and VIP tours with a view of the trading floor from the visitors’ gallery. Identity cards must be shown, visits by prior appointment only (at least 24 hrs in advance). The Deutsche Börse Group ranks amongst the most important sponsors in the sector of contemporary photography. In 1999, the group began compiling the Art Collection Deutsche Börse. Today the collection comprises more than 700 mostly large-size works by around 70 international artists.
INFO: Börsenplatz 2–6 | Phone +49(0) 69 21 11 15-10
www.deutsche-boerse.de
Free-of-charge introductory lectures: Mon–Fri 10 and 11 a.m.
VIP tours with individual guide available for a fee from noon to 6 p.m.
European Central Bank
The European Central Bank organizes regular information events for groups of visitors, optionally on general or subject-specific topics. An individual programme can be arranged on request. Attendance by prior appointment only.
INFO: Press and Information Dept. | info@ecb.europa.eu
Europäische Zentralbank | Kaiserstraße 29 | www.ecb.int

Frankfurt skyline
The guided tour informs about the development of the famous Frankfurt skyline. In the Frankfurt of the 1920ies, the precursors of today’s generation of high-rise buildings had a maximum of nine floors. The times of the German economic miracle, banks and the 1980ies and 1990ies, when business was eager to invest, finally gave the city its distinctive face. Duration: 1.5 – 2.5 hours.
INFO: Phone +49(0) 69 28 10 10 | www.kulturothek.de

TIP
Frankfurt Airport
One important factor for Frankfurt’s development to a centre of finances and trade is accessibility. Frankfurt Airport is one of the world’s most important air traffic hubs and has in recent years also become a shopping centre and a world of experience. Thus, the multimedia airport forum presents the history of aviation and of the airport itself. A visitor terrace and airport experience tours give visitors an overview of the cosmos of a big international airport.
INFO: Phone +49(0) 69 69 07 02 91 | www.frankfurt-airport.de

AT NIGHT
Living XXL
A huge glass cupola spans one of Europe’s largest bar-restaurants with annexed discotheque. It is located on the ground floor of the Eurotower, the seat of the European Central Bank.
INFO: Kaiserstraße 29 | Phone +49(0) 69 24 29 370
www.livingxxl.de

The English Theatre
The English Theatre Frankfurt is the biggest English-speaking theatre on the European continent. Since 1979 its classical and entertaining productions have been inspiring lovers of English language plays. Its home is the Gallileo high-rise building near the central station on the corner of Gallusanlage and Kaiserstraße.
INFO: Gallusanlage 7 | Phone +49(0) 69 24 23 16 20
www.english-theatre.org

PROGRAMME SUGGESTION
DAY 1
After check-in guided tour through the ‘Euro and banking centre’ Frankfurt. Lunch on the 25th floor at Windows 25 in the Japan-Tower (Taunustor 2, www.japan-center.com) with a 360° view of the banking district. Subsequently visit to Frankfurt’s Money Museum. In the evening either another ascent to the Main Tower with bar and restaurant or visit to the English Theatre. Alternatively show at a German variety theatre such as ‘Die Käs’ (Waldschmidtstr. 19, www.die-kaes.com) or at the Schmiere (Seckbächer Gasse 4, www.die-schmiere.de).

DAY 2
After breakfast visit to the European Central Bank and the German Stock Exchange with view of the trading floor. Lunch in the vicinity of the stock exchange – on Fridays the market on Schillerstraße is a must – or a side trip to the neighbouring ‘Freßgass’. On Goethestraße, running parallel to it, international designers entice to luxury shopping. Then visit to the Historical Museum or the Jewish Museum or guided tour with visit to the Commerzbank Tower or the Gallileo high-rise building. Alternatively: excursion to Frankfurt Airport.
OTHER PROGRAMME MODULES

Public city tours
Daily city tours for single persons or smaller groups in 14 languages are accompanied by a guide and include a visit to the Goethe House (morning) or the Main Tower (afternoon). Alternatively, the red Hop On-Hop Off double-decker busses provide the best view of Frankfurt’s attractions with the possibility to get on and off as frequently as desired.
INFO + TICKETS:
Tourist information, Central Station (entrance hall),
Tourist information, Römer
Phone +49(0) 69 21 23 88 00 | www.frankfurt-tourismus.de

Boat tours on the river Main
Several shipping companies offer tours on the river Main, either as regular round trips or on the occasion of special events.
Primus Linie
Phone +49(0) 69 13 38 370 | www.primus-linie.de
Kölner Düsseldorfer Deutsche Rheinschifffahrt AG
Phone +49(0) 221 20 88 318 | www.k-d.com

Apple wine press-houses
The guided tours through the plants and cellars of Possmann or Höhl apple wine press-houses are amongst Frankfurt’s standard tours. Visitors are told the secrets of making apple wine and have the opportunity to try one or the other drop of the Hessian national beverage.
INFO:
Kelterei Possmann | Eschborner Landstraße 156–162
Phone +49(0) 69 78 99 040 | www.possmann.de
Kelterei Höhl | Konrad-Höhl-Straße 2–4 | 63477 Maintal-Hochstadt
Phone +49(0) 6181 40 99 0 | www.hoehl-hochstadt.de

View from the Main Tower
The Main Tower with its height of 400 meters is only the city’s fourth highest building but has a viewing platform on the 54th floor providing a breathtaking vista of the city. It also features a restaurant and the „Main Tower Bar“.
INFO:
Neue Mainzer Straße 52–58
Phone +49(0) 69 913 201 | www.maintower.de

MORE OF THE MUSEUMSUFER (MUSEUM EMBANKMENT)

Museumsufer-Ticket
The Museumsufer-Ticket is a two-day ticket for museums in Frankfurt and surroundings. The ticket has been conceived for travellers passing through, tourists and visitors to trade fairs and conventions. The Museumsufer-Ticket is available in three versions:
- as personal ticket for 15 €
- as family ticket for 2 adults and/or all children/grandchildren under 18 for 23 €
- as reduced-price ticket for 8 €

Museumsufer Card
The Museumsufer Card is an annual ticket for the museums in Frankfurt and surroundings. It entitles to free entry to 34 exhibition houses for one year from date of issue.
INFOs: www.museumsuferfrankfurt.de (Museum Embankment-Card and -Ticket)

Museumsufer line
Bus no. 46 – prominently coloured in red and white – departs daily at 20 minute intervals from central station and enables visitors to do comfortable museum hopping on its drive along the southern museum embankment. In summer (May 1st – October 5th) the bus takes its passengers all the way to Gerbermühle, located at the eastern end of the Main embankment.
INFOs: www.museumsuferfrankfurt.de (The Museum Embankment bus line)
With timetable for downloading
www.traffiq.de (Busses and trams in Frankfurt)

EVENTS

Night of the museums
The longest cultural night of the year, usually at the last weekend of April.
INFO: www.nacht-der-museen.de

Museumsufer Festival
One of Europe’s biggest cultural festivals, always at the last weekend in August.
INFO: www.museumsuferfest-frankfurt.de

Saturday – The family programme
Free-entry family programme on the last Saturday of each month at most Frankfurt museums.
INFO: www.museumsuferfrankfurt.de (Museum Embankment Frankfurt – active)

kuki – Culture for kids
A file containing cultural offers of all kinds for children and adolescents.
INFO: www.kuki-frankfurt.de

CENTRAL INFORMATION & SERVICE

Frankfurt am Main:
www.frankfurt.de
Culture:
www.kultur.frankfurt.de
www.museumsuferfrankfurt.de
Hotel bookings, weekend offers, cultural arrangements and tourist information:
www.frankfurt-tourismus.de
Guided tours for groups:
www.frankfurt-tourismus.de
www.kulturothek.de
www.frankfurter-stadtveranstaltungen.de
Tickets for events:
www.frankfurt-ticket.de
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OVERVIEW OF INTERNET ADDRESSES

Museums and exhibition houses
www.museumsuferfrankfurt.de
www.archaeologisches-museum.frankfurt.de
www.bibelhaus-frankfurt.de
www.caricatura-museum.de
www.dam-online.de
www.deutschesfilmmuseum.de
www.dialogmuseum.de
www.dommuseum-frankfurt.de
www.EXPLORAmuseum.de
www.fffrankfurt.org
www.fkv.de
www.geldmuseum.de
www.goethehaus-frankfurt.de
www.historisches-museum.frankfurt.de
www.juedischesmuseum.de
www.liebieghaus.de
www.mfk-frankfurt.de
www.mmk-frankfurt.de
www.mdw-frankfurt.de
www.museum-giersch.de
www.palmengarten.frankfurt.de
www.zoo-frankfurt.de

Exhibition dates and tips for events
www.frankfurt-ticket.de
www.frankfurt-tourismus.de
www.goethe-ffm.de
www.journalportal.de
www.kultur-frankfurt.de
www.literaturhaus-frankfurt.de
www.literaturm.de
www.museumsuferfest-frankfurt.de
www.museumsuferfrankfurt.de
www.nacht-der-museen.de

Guided city tours and visits
www.deutsche-boerse.de
www.ecb.int
www.frankfurt-airport.de
www.frankfurt-tourismus.de
www.frankfurter-stadevents.de
www.kulturothek.de

Having a night out
www.frankfurt-ticket.de (Rhein-Main-Kalender)
www.alteoper.de
www.buehnen-frankfurt.de
www.die-kaes.com
www.die-schmiere.de
www.die-wendeltreppe.de
www.english-theatre.org
www.jazzkeller.com
www.romanfabrik.de
www.schauspielfrankfurt.de
www.TheForsytheCompany.com
www.tigerpalast.de
www.volkstheater-frankfurt.de

Restaurants and culinary tips
www.cafe-hauptwache.de
www.dichtung-wahrheit.de
www.emma-metzler.de
www.flemings-hotels.com
www.gerbermuehle.de
www.japan-center.com
www.kleinmarkthalle.de
www.livingxxl.de
www.opera-restauration.de
www.sohars-restaurant.com
www.table-schirn.com
www.triangolo-mmk.de
www.zumgemaltenhaus.de

Trip modules
www.journalportal.de (Rhein-Main calendar)
www.hoehl-hochstadt.de (apple wine)
www.k-d.com (boat tours)
www.maintower.de (view)
www.possmann.de (apple wine)
www.primus-linie.de (boat tours)

Bookshops
www.autorenbuchhandlung-marx.de
www.buchhandlung-carolus.de
www.die-wendeltreppe.de
www.romanfabrik.de

Looking for accommodation
www.frankfurt-tourismus.de

Zoo and botanical garden
www.palmengarten.frankfurt.de
www.zoo-frankfurt.de

Galleries and studios
www.atelierfrankfurt.de
www.ausstellungshalle.info
www.basis-frankfurt.de
www.frankfurt-galerien.de
www.kunst-im-oeffentlichen-raum-frankfurt.de
www.montez.de