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 Frankfurt trade fair visitors under royal protection. In 1356, the Golden Bull designated Frankfurt as the election site for kings and emperors; in the 16th century it also became the emperors’ coronation site. In 1848, the first German National Assembly was constituted at the Paulskirche in Frankfurt. As the political scene advanced, 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 multifariousropolises in Europe – future history included.

The Cathedral Museum, the Archaeological Museum, the Institute of Town History and other buildings such as the Paulskirche, the Alte Oper and the Central Station bear witness to the city’s fascinating history. Once the development of the old town has been completed, the square in front of the Cathedral will contain historical reconstructions of buildings which were destroyed during the Second World War, featuring an abundance of gabled roofs and narrow alleys. The new Historical Museum and the extension of the Jewish Museum will reveal the history of Frankfurt from new perspectives.

MUSEUMS

1. Dommuseum (Cathedral Museum) and Dom Sankt Bartholomäus (Cathedral)
   The Cathedral Museum is located in the cloister of Frankfurt Cathedral (Cathedral of Saint Bartholomew) and presents objects from the cathedral treasury. The display includes the late-Merovingian grave of a girl accompanied by rich grave goods. An annex to the museum, the so-called “Sakristeum”, was opened in 2006 in the nearby Haus am Dom. Treasures from the collegiate churches of St. Leonhard’s and Liebfrauen are on display here. Frankfurt Cathedral is a late-Gothic masterpiece and was founded as a collegiate church during the Carolingian Empire. In the Golden Bull of 1356, it was declared the venue for the election of kings, before also serving as a coronation site from the 16th century.
   INFO: Domplatz 14 | Phone +49(0) 69 13 37 61 86
   Cathedral Museum: Tue–Fri 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Sat & Sun 11 a.m.–5 p.m., closed on Mon
   Cathedral: Mon–Thurs 9 a.m.–8 p.m., Fri 1 p.m.–8 p.m., Sat & Sun 9 a.m.–8 p.m., limited access during services.

2. Historisches Museum Frankfurt (Historical Museum)
   The Historical Museum at the Römerberg was founded in 1878 and is the Frankfurt City Museum. The comprehensive collections consist of more than 650,000 objects from the Middle Ages to the present day. Today, the museum features five renovated historic buildings dating back to four different centuries, the oldest one originating from the times of the Hohenstaufen dynasty. The museum will open in its new exhibition space at the end of 2017, featuring displays entitled FRANKFURT EIN? and FRANKFURT JETZT! (Frankfurt Once? and Frankfurt Now!), offering an unusual perspective on Frankfurt and its history.
   INFO: Fahrtor 2 (Römerberg) | Phone +49(0) 69 21 23 55 99
   www.historisches-museum-frankfurt.de
   Tue–Sun 10 a.m.–5 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. Archaeological finds from 200,000 years show how people once lived, fought, believed and celebrated. Palaeolithic hunter-gatherers, the first Neolithic farmers in Frankfurt, Celts, Romans and Germanic peoples are presented by means of original finds and vivid depictions. The museum also holds special exhibitions on the cultures of Old Europe.
   INFO: Karmelitergasse 1 | Phone +49(0) 69 21 36 502
   www.archaeologisches-museum-frankfurt.de
   Tue–Sun 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Wed 10 a.m.–8 p.m., closed on Mon

4.1. Jüdisches Museum (Jewish Museum)
4.2. Museum Judengasse
   The Jewish Museum will be extended and renovated over the next few years. Re-opening in March 2016, the Museum Judengasse presents the history and culture of Frankfurt Jews from the Middle Ages to the Jewish Emancipation. In addition to authentic evidence from the Judengasse ghetto, the museum also encompasses the Jewish cemetery, which dates back to the Middle Ages, and the memorial for the deported and murdered Jews of Frankfurt, which opened in 1996. From 2018, the period after 1800 will be presented in the Rothschild-Palais.
   INFO: Jüdisches Museum: Untermannsplatz 14–15 | Closed
   Phone +49(0) 69 21 23 48 56
   Museum Judengasse: Battenstraße 47
   Phone +49(0) 69 21 27 07 90 | www.juedisches-museum.de
   Open Tues 10 a.m.–8 p.m., Wed–Fri 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Sat & Sun 11 a.m.–6 p.m., closed on Mon

5. Institut für Stadtgeschichte im Karmeliterkloster (Institute of City History)
   The Institute of City History traces the city’s past. Apart from safeguarding Frankfurt’s historic heritage, it also serves as an active reminder by staging numerous events and exhibitions. One prized exhibition, which became UNESCO World Documentary Heritage in 2013, 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 Carmelite Monastery, the city’s only conserved medieval monastery. Outstanding wall paintings by Jörg Ratgeb (approx. 1480–1526) decorate the monastery cloister and refectory.
   INFO: Münzgasse 9 | Phone +49(0) 69 21 23 84 25
   www.stadttgeschichte-ffm.de
   Mon–Fri 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Sat–Sun 11 a.m.–6 p.m. (exhibition rooms)
GUIDED CITY TOURS AND VISITS

History and present

The guided walk informs visitors about historical Frankfurt, taking in the Kaiserdom (cathedral), the Paulskirche and the Römer, as well as the modern city centre. It includes a tour around the Old Town of Frankfurt (Römerberg) with a focus on the history of the city as the site of election and coronation of the kings and emperors of the Holy Roman Empire, as a trading city and as the site of the 1st German National Assembly in 1848. Duration approx. 2 hrs.

Frankfurt for history buffs

Discover Frankfurt through a series of lively anecdotes and stories. This two-hour tour deliberately foregoes historical details, dates and figures. An entertaining city tour offering a fun alternative to a traditional tour ending at the Main Tower Observation Deck. Route: Römerberg, Cathedral, Old Town, Commerzbank, Banking District. Duration approx. 2 hrs.

Jewish Frankfurt

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

SELECTED HISTORICAL SIGHTS

Römer and Römerberg

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

INFO: Tourist Information Römer, Römerberg 27

Kuhhiertenturm with Hindemith Cabinet

The Gothic tower, home to composer Paul Hindemith between 1923 and 1927, has been renovated at great expense. An exhibition in the Cabinet presents documents, original exhibition pieces as well as audio and video exhibitions on the musician’s life and work. Regular chamber music evenings are held in the concert room below the cupola (prior booking required).

INFO: Große Rittergasse 118 | Phone +49(0) 69 59 70 362
Sun 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Alte Oper (Old Opera House)

The Old Opera House was built between 1872 and 1880 in the style of Italian Renaissance. An air raid on March 23, 1944 destroyed it almost completely. An initiative by the citizens of Frankfurt resulted in its reconstruction. Since 1981, it has served as a concert hall and convention centre, and has gained a good reputation in the international music scene. It can be visited with a guided tour.

INFO: Opernplatz | Phone +49(0) 69 13 400
www.alteoper.de

AT NIGHT

Le Méridien Parkhotel Frankfurt

The “in” place to be for night owls is the Casablanca Bar at Le Méridien Parkhotel Frankfurt, featuring live jazz twice a week. From April to October, the beer garden Le Jardin is a popular place, with its French flair, barbecues and regional traditional food.

INFO: Wiesenihüttenplatz 28 – 38 | Phone +49(0) 69 26 97 0
www.lemeridienparkhotelfrankfurt.com | www.casablancabar.de
www.lejardin-frankfurt.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 in jazz have played here, and it is still THE place for live jazz in Germany.

INFO: Kleine Bockenheimer Straße 18 a | Phone +49(0) 69 28 85 37
www.jazzkeller.com
More clubs at: www.kultur-frankfurt.de (music)

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

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 City History. The cloister contains frescos by Jörg Rathgeb from the 15th century. Following a short coffee break at “Bitter & Zart” (Draubachstraße 14, www.bitterundzart.de), visit the cathedral with the Cathedral Museum next door, or 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 at the listed building of the “Druckwasserwerk” (Rotfeder Ring 16, www.restaurantdruckwasserwerk.de).

DAY 2

After breakfast, guided walk through Jewish Frankfurt, followed by a trip to the Jewish Museum, Israeli lunch at “Carmel” (Eckenheimer Landstraße 71, Phone +49(0) 59 21 74). After lunch you can visit the Paulskirche and then 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.
In 1815, 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 more than seven centuries and has gained a unique reputation in the art world by its internationally renowned special exhibitions. The opening of a spectacular subterranean extension for the exhibition of contemporary art in 2012 marked the Städel Museum’s most important enlargement to its contents and architecture in its 200 years of history. It is perfect testimony to the city’s self-conception today and represents a part of the European history of art and culture.

The Städel is complemented by a range of other art museums dedicated to special disciplines of art history – such as the Liebieghaus with its collection of sculptures, the Icon Museum and the Museum Giersch of the Goethe University. Anyone looking for archetypes of artistic creation will be impressed with Frankfurt’s wide variety of offers.

OLD MASTERS ARCHETYPES OF ART HISTORY

MUSEUMS

6 Städel Museum

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

The collection presents works of art from a period spanning more than seven centuries. Outstanding paintings from the Middle Ages to the present day are complemented by a collection of selected sculptures and installations from the 19th to 21st century. The highlights of the collection of old masters include works by van Eyck, Botticelli, Dürrer, Cranach and Holbein, as well as Rembrandt and Vermeer. The Städel offers a unique overview of renowned impressionists (such as Monet, Renoir, and Degas), expressionists (such as Kirchner, Beckmann, Marc and Macke) and the most important representatives of classical modernity (Picasso, Klee, and Dix). Since the completion of the extension for contemporary art in 2012, 3,000m² of new exhibition space has housed the works of Francis Bacon, Georg Baselitz, Gerhard Richter, Yves Klein, Günther Uecker, Cindy Sherman and Wolfgang Tillmans.

In addition, internationally renowned special exhibitions shape the museum’s profile. The diverse range of guided tours on offer, “Art after work”, special corporate events and much more make the Städel a popular meeting point.

INFO: Schaumainkai 63 | Phone +49(0) 69 60 50 98 0 | www.staedelmuseum.de
Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Thursday, Friday 10 a.m. – 9 p.m., closed on Monday

1 Dom Museum (Cathedral Museum)

More information can be found in the chapter on city history, page 4.

7 Liebieghaus Skulpturensammlung (Sculpture Collection)

The Liebieghaus, located in one of the most beautiful villas at the Museumsufer, provides an overview of 5,000 years of sculpture from Ancient Egyptian to Classicism. The sculpture collection contains approx. 3,000 works. The so-called Frankfurt Athena of Greek sculptor Myron is the centerpiece of the collection of antiques. Works by Tilmann Riemenschneider, Hans Multscher and Niclaus Gerhaert von Leyden are part of the exquisite Middle Ages department. The modern part of the collection covering the Renaissance, Manerism, Baroque, Rococo and Classicism houses sculptures by Giovanni da Bologna, Andrea della Robbia, Ignaz Günther, Franz Xavier Messerschmidt and Bertel Thorvaldsen.

INFO: Schaumainkai 71 | Phone +49(0) 69 60 50 98 200
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday-Sunday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Thursday 10 a.m. – 9 p.m., closed on Monday

8 Iconen-Museum (Icon Museum)

Frankfurt’s Icon Museum is located at the eastern end of the Museumsufer in the baroque Deutschordehnenhaus (German order). The museum dates back to a donation by the Königstein physician Dr. Jörg Schmidt-Voigt. The permanent collection and other valuable loans and gifts present a venerable image of the Ostkirche and its art and rituals. The icons originate from various regions, including North Russia, the Balkans, Greece, the Middle East and Ethiopia.

INFO: Brückenstraße 3-7 | Phone +49(0) 69 21 23 62 62
www.iconenmuseumfrankfurt.de
Tuesday-Thursday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Wednesday 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., closed on Monday

9 Museum Giersch

The Museum Giersch is dedicated to the 19th and 20th century art scene in the Rhine-Main region and stages regular temporary exhibitions of works from this period. These deal with historical themes of art and culture in the region and honor artists associated with the “Kunstlandschaft Rhein-Main”. Museum Giersche, which has been funded by the Goethe University of Frankfurt since 2015, adds a regional slant to the museums on offer at the Frankfurt Museumsufer.

INFO: Schaumainkai 83 | Phone +49(0) 69 13 82 10 10
www.museum-giersch.de
Tuesday-Sunday 10 a.m. – 7 p.m., Friday-Sunday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., closed on Monday
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 the subject matter easily accessible. Some 30 objects have been tagged with QR codes, others will be added in the course of time. Users of smartphones are thus able to download information about these works of art directly to their mobile phones.
INFO: kunst-im-oeffentlichen-raum-frankfurt.de

AT NIGHT

Evening museum visits
A large number of museums in Frankfurt are open until 8 p.m. on weekdays and also provide guided tours after 6 p.m. Städel, Liebieghaus and SCHIRN KUNSTHALLE can also be visited after 8 p.m. on these days.

Oper Frankfurt (Frankfurt Opera)
Frankfurt Opera has been awarded multiple prizes and is one of Europe’s most renowned opera houses of its kind. Orchestra, choir, soloists and the opera as a whole enjoy an excellent reputation both among critics and the audience.
INFO: Willy-Brandt-Platz | Phone +49(0) 69 212 49 49 4
oper-frankfurt.de

Schauspiel Frankfurt (Playhouse)
The long-established Schauspiel Frankfurt is the largest theatre in the German-speaking world and attracts a wide audience from all over Germany. Renowned directors stage productions in four different venues: Schauspielhaus, Kammerspiele, Box and Bockenheimer Depot. Beside performances of classic plays, the theatre also stages premières and original performances, and offers a special programme for children and young people.
INFO: Willy-Brandt-Platz | Phone +49(0) 69 212 49 49 4
schauspiel-frankfurt.de

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

DAY 1
To warm up for the day’s sightseeing, stroll along Frankfurt’s unique Museumsufer, the riverbank with its international exhibition houses and museums. Visit the sculpture collections at the Liebieghaus or one of the other art museums. Take a small creative break at the Liebieghaus café in its idyllic location, followed by a guided tour “behind the scenes” of City Stages. Enjoy dinner at one of the city’s stylish restaurants, such as the “Heimat” (heimat-restaurant.de). In addition, or alternatively, enjoy a concert at the Old Opera House (Alte Oper, see page 5) or a performance at the Playhouse or the Frankfurt Opera.

DAY 2
After breakfast, visit the Städel including a guided tour to take in the old masters and protagonists of Classical Modernity. Take a break for refreshments at the Café of the Städel, followed by a tour to see some impressive works of art in public spaces, or alternatively, the Icon Museum or the Museum Giersch of the Goethe University.
Frankfurt’s art scene and its institutions are always on the lookout for new avenues to explore. A series of important museums and exhibition halls started developing in the 1980s at the Sachsenhausen Main embankment and on the opposite side of the river Main, the existing Städel acting as a nucleus, as it were. The museums regularly stage significant exhibitions of modern and contemporary art, which address central artistic topics. They also host innovative art appreciation initiatives and often team up with other cultural institutions on interdisciplinary projects.

The MMK Museum of Modern Art, the Schirn Kunsthalle, the Portikus, the Frankfurter Kunstverein and the Fotografie Forum Frankfurt at the Museumsufer are renowned for their uncompromising handling of challenging art themes. A second branch of the MMK Museum of Modern Art (MMK 2) has now become well established in the museum scene, located between the hip Central Station district and the high bank towers. Numerous galleries on Braubachstraße and Fahrgasse are also valuable assets to the art scene. In addition, around 1,000 visual artists live and work in Frankfurt, providing vital creative fuel for a lively alternative art.

**NEW ART**

**CONTEMPORARY ART ON THE MOVE**

**MUSEUMS AND EXHIBITION HALLS**

10. **MMK Museum für Moderne Kunst Frankfurt am Main (Museum of Modern Art)**

The MMK Museum of Modern Art is one of the most important museums in the world for contemporary art. Currently the collection includes more than 5,000 international artworks from the 1960s to the present day, and is displayed in three locations.

**MMK 1**
The main residence of the MMK Museum für Moderne Kunst was opened in 1991. Designed by Viennese architect Hans Hollein, MMK 1 is one of the most spectacular postmodern museum structures in the world. This is where the classics of the collection are displayed, including works by Andy Warhol, Roy Lichtenstein and Claes Oldenburg. The museum also houses temporary exhibitions and retrospectives of major international contemporary artists.

**MMK 2**
The new annex in the TaunusTurm holds two exhibitions per year, presenting works from the collection through a contemporary focus. The exhibitions change every 6–8 months, creating diverse scenarios and providing an opportunity to reveal the hidden treasures of the collection and present new correlations.

**MMK 3**
The most recent works of contemporary art are presented in the former Main Customs Office for the City of Frankfurt, directly opposite MMK 1.

INFO:
- MMK 1: Domstraße 10 | Phone +49(0) 69 21 23 04 47
- MMK 2: Taunustor 1 | Phone +49(0) 69 21 27 31 65
- MMK 3: Domstraße 3 | Phone +49(0) 69 21 23 04 47
- [www.mmk-frankfurt.de](http://www.mmk-frankfurt.de)

Tue, Thu–So 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Wed 10 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 a generator of ideas for big cultural discussions and trends. Since opening in 1986, the SCHIRN KUNSTHALLE has become one of Europe’s most renowned exhibition houses. So far, more than 220 exhibitions were organized, including retrospective exhibitions on female impressionists, “Esprit Montmartre” or “Storm Women” as well as major monographic exhibitions of artists, ranging from Edvard Munch to Yoko Ono.

INFO:
- Römerberg 6 | Phone +49(0) 69 29 98 820 | [www.schirn.de](http://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. Since it was founded in 1987, the Portikus – an essential component of the Städelschule (Arts School) – has focused on presenting, publishing and discussing emerging and established young artists and their artworks.

INFO: Alte Brücke 2
- Phone +49(0) 69 96 24 45 40 | [www.portikus.de](http://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**

The Frankfurter Kunstverein (Art Association) holds exhibitions of international emerging artists from a younger generation. The Frankfurter Kunstverein works with artists who address issues of both science and humanities, thus acting as an intermediary between specialist knowledge, theory and reality. These artistic debates offer a different view on what society is today and what our future might be.

INFO: Markt 44 | Phone +49(0) 69 21 93 140 | [www.fkv.de](http://www.fkv.de)
- Tue, Wed, Fri 11 a.m.–7 p.m., Thu 11 a.m.–9 p.m.
- Sat & Sun 10 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 features internationally-renowned contemporary photographers, established artists and young talents.

INFO: Braubachstraße 30–32 | Phone +49(0) 69 29 17 26
- Tue–Thu, Sat 11 a.m.–6 p.m., Wed, Sat 11 a.m.–8 p.m., closed on Mon
- [www.fff frankfurt.org](http://www.fff frankfurt.org)

17. **Caricatura Museum Frankfurt – (Museum of Comic Art)**

For more information see chapter on literature, page 10.
TIPS

Gallery district
A lively scene with contemporary art galleries has developed on Braubachstraße and Fahrgasse in Frankfurt city centre, independent from the numerous other galleries dispersed over the rest of the city. Many of the galleries are members of the Interessengemeinschaft Frankfurter Galerien (pool of Frankfurt galleries). They also provide 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 websites:
ATELIERFRANKFURT e.V.
Schwedlerstraße 1–5 | www.atelierfrankfurt.de

basis e.V.
Elbestraße 10 | Gutleutstraße 8–12 | www.basis-frankfurt.de

KVFM – Kunstverein Familie Montez e.V.
Honsellbrücke am Hafenpark, Honsellstraße 7 | www.kvfm.de

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

Frankfurter Ateliertage
Every two years visitors have the opportunity to get an insight look into the studios of over 400 professional artists. Photography, painting, performance, installations, graphics, sculpture or video art, abstraction, concept art or realism – absolutely every technique and every style is represented. The artists’ quarters are as diverse and individual as the works they produce. Art is created in hidden rear buildings, former garages, factory buildings, in the sober atmosphere of disused office floors, in a greenhouse or on the “roof” of a former bunker.
INFO AND DATES:
www.frankfurter-ateliertage.de | www.kultur-frankfurt.de (Art)

EXHIBITION DATES
Information on current temporary exhibitions at the museums and exhibition houses of the city.
Museumsufer: www.museumsufer-frankfurt.de

OFFERS FOR CULTURAL TRIPS
Information on city and cultural trips:
Tourismus+Congress GmbH: www.frankfurt-tourismus.de

AT NIGHT

Dresden Frankfurt Dance Company
Productions by this ballet ensemble led by the internationally renowned choreographer, Jacopo Godani, are thrilling virtuoso dance experiences. These unique and innovative performances are always popular.
INFO: Bockenheimer Depot, Carlo-Schmid-Platz 1
Phone +49(0) 69 90 73 99 100
www.dresdenfrankfurtdancecompany.com

Ensemble Modern
The Ensemble Modern was founded in 1980 and ranks amongst the world’s leading ensembles of new music. It has been located in Frankfurt since 1985 and produces 70 new works every year, including about 20 premieres. Alternativ: The venue of the performances changes frequently.
INFO: Phone +49(0) 69 94 34 30 20
www.ensemble-modern.com

Zoom Club
The premises of the former Sinkkasten is home to a diverse lineup of music. More electro and indie, less charts, and different party themes, as well as great live music programme.
INFO: Brönnstraße 5–9 | Phone +49(0) 69 28 03 85
www.zoomfrankfurt.com

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

DAY 1
To warm up for the day’s sightseeing, visit 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 the SCHIRN KUNSTHALLE or Städel Museum. You can relax at the SCHIRN CAFÉ by Badias (www.badias.de), before climbing to the top of the “Main Tower” or taking time out for individual sightseeing and shopping, perhaps at “Souvenir Frankfurt”, where you can buy much more than just souvenirs (Zeil 112-114, www.souvenir-frankfurt.de). End the evening at a popular venue e.g., “Chez IMA” (www.imaworld.de) in the station district or at the “Chairs in Bornheim” (www.chairsffm.de) or with a pop or jazz concert. The latest events can be found at www.journalportal.de (event calendar)

DAY 2
The first address after breakfast is the MMK Museum of Modern Art. Enjoy lunch and a creative break at “Freitagsküche” (www.freitagskueche.de), the MMK’s café/restaurant, or at the café/bar in the Frankfurter Kunstverein next door. Those who want to end their trip to Frankfurt with a smile should visit the Museum of Comic Art (Caricatura Museum, see page 10) or use their spare time to explore the galleries on Braubachstraße, possibly with a guide (www.frankfurt-galerien.de).
LITERATURE
GOETHE’S HEIRS: CITY OF LITERATURE AND PUBLISHING HOUSES

MUSEUMS

15 Goethe-Haus Frankfurt (Goethe’s House)
Goethe's parents' house is one of Germany's most important and popular memorials to the poet. The Goethe House comprises a memorial, picture gallery, manuscript archives, graphic collection and a library.

With four storeys featuring historic furniture and paintings in sixteen rooms, it documents the domestic surroundings where Johann Wolfgang Goethe spent his childhood. The Goethe Museum, a gallery of paintings 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, public holidays 10 a.m.–5.30 p.m.

16 Struwwelpeter Museum
The world of the children's book classic "Struwwelpeter" and his author Dr. Heinrich Hoffmann (1809–1884) comes alive right in the centre of Frankfurt's West End. Sketches, portraits, books and documents tell of the life of versatile, humorous Dr. Hofmann 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 74 79 69
www.struwwelpeter-museum.de
Tue–Sun 10 a.m.–5 p.m., children's theatre on many Sundays (October–May), except on school holidays

Good to know: If you would like to see Tischbein's painting of Goethe in the original, visit the Städel Museum (see page 6), home to the world-famous painting.

17 Caricatura Museum Frankfurt (Museum of Comic Art)
With more than 7,000 original caricatures from the legendary "Neue Frankfurter Schule", the Caricatura Museum possesses the largest humorous content on the world's museum scene. Works by F. W. Bernstein, Robert Gernhardt, Chlodwig Poth, Hans Traxler and F. K. Waechter, who made Frankfurt the capital of satire when they founded the satirical magazines PARDON and TITANIC, are shown in a permanent exhibition.

INFO: Weckmarkt 17 | Phone +49(0) 69 21 23 01 61
www.caricatura-museum.de
Tue, Thu–Sun 11 a.m.–6 p.m., Wed 11 a.m.–9 p.m., closed on Mon

18 Stoltez-Museum of Frankfurter Sparkasse
This museum is dedicated to the Frankfurt dialect poet, journalist and satirist Friedrich Stoltze (1816–1891). A timeline leads visitors chronologically through the permanent exhibition. Historic photos, drawings and selected sample texts illustrate the life and work of the popular local poet, whose biography is tightly linked to illustrious personalities and events of 19th century German history, such as the 1848 revolution or the foundation of the Reich in 1871. Readings bring Friedrich Stoltze’s unparalleled humour to life.

INFO: Gallery in the public area of the Frankfurter Sparkasse, Neue Mainzer Straße 49 | Phone +49(0) 69 26 41 40 06
www.frankfurter-sparkasse.de/Stoltze
Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri 9 a.m.–3 p.m., Thurs 9 a.m.–6 p.m.

BOOK SHOPS

Die Wendeltreppe
Brückenstraße 34
www.die-wendeltreppe.de

Autorenbuchhandlung marx & co.
Grüneburgweg 76
www.autorenbuchhandlung-marx.de

Land in Sicht
Rotteckstraße 13
www.land-in-sicht-buchladen.de

Karl-Marx-Buchhandlung
Jordanstraße 11
www.karl-marx-buchhandlung.de
GUIDED CITY TOURS AND VISITS

In Goethe’s footsteps and a visit to Goethe’s 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 Frankfurt during Goethe’s time. A guided tour of Goethe’s 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

Literary tour
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 explores the current state of the book fair, publishers and literary awards, authors and poets, newspapers and literary institutions. Duration: 1.5 to 2.5 hours
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, around 7,300 exhibitors, 280,000 visitors and 10,000 journalists embark on a mandatory trip to Frankfurt, city of literature. Events such as “Literature at the Römer” or “Open Books” about the Romans run parallel to the fair.
INFO: www.buchmesse.de

AT NIGHT

Literaturhaus Frankfurt
The Literaturhaus Frankfurt, in the Alte Stadtbibliothek on the banks of the Main, is the venue for encounters and debates on literature, art, media and science of today.
INFO: Schöne Aussicht 2 | Phone +49(0) 69 75 61 840
www.literaturhaus-frankfurt.de

Romanfabrik
The literary meeting point “Romanfabrik” specialises in 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 discourse, including an open discussion with the audience of literary enthusiasts – all in a café atmosphere.
INFO: Phone +49(0) 69 49 40 902 | Hanauer Landstraße 186
www.romanfabrik.de

Hessisches Literaturforum
The events programme of the Hessisches Literaturforum, located at Künstlerhaus Mousonturm, includes readings and discussions, writing seminars and workshops.
INFO: Phone +49(0) 69 24 44 99 41 | Waldschmidtstraße 4 | www.hlfm.de

TIPS FOR EVENTS

Literature events:
www.kultur-frankfurt.de (Literature)
Schauspiel Frankfurt:
Information in the chapter on “Old Masters” (p. 7)
www.schauspielfrankfurt.de
Goethe Festwochen: www.goethe-ffm.de (every two years)

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

DAY 1
After checking in at the hotel, take a guided literary tour through Frankfurt to immerse in the literary scene before visiting a literary event. Enjoy dinner at the Gerbermühle, an idyllic location on the south bank of the Main (Gerbermühlstraße 105, www.gerbermuhle.de), where Goethe once fell in love with the wife and former foster-daughter of his friend Willemer. Alternatively, you can attend a reading in English at the Literaturhaus or a theatre performance at the English Theatre.

DAY 2
After breakfast, follow Goethe’s footsteps with a guided walk or just a simply visit Goethe’s house. Enjoy lunch at the restaurant “Margarete” (Braubachstraße 18–22, www.margarete-restaurant.de). In the afternoon, you can visit the Caricatura Museum or the Struwwelpeter Museum. Following this, there is time to stroll through the city’s numerous specialist bookshops and hunt for literary gems or souvenirs.
CREATIVE AND COMMUNICATIVE
NEW CITY FORMAT: ARCHITECTURE, MEDIA, FASHION AND DESIGN

**MUSEUMS**

19 Museum für Kommunikation
(Museum of Communication)
Frankfurt’s Museum of Communication is located in an award-winning museum building at Schaumainkai. Visitors get a comprehensive insight into the history of communication and the world of media. Especially noteworthy are the departments of art and communication and the dynamic programme of children’s workshops.
INFO: Schaumainkai 53 | Phone +49(0) 69 60 600
www.mfk-frankfurt.de
Tue–Fri 9 a.m.–6 p.m., Sat–Sun, public holidays 11 a.m.–7 p.m., closed on Mon

20 Deutsches Architekturmuseum
(German Museum of Architecture)
The German Museum of Architecture (DAM) is dedicated to both architecture and the history of architecture. By converting a Gründerzeit-era villa into a museum and constructing a house-within-a-house, Cologne architect Oswald Mathias Ungers has created a symbol of architecture.
With its many temporary exhibitions the DAM manages to capture and present contemporary German and international architecture. The permanent exhibition is also worth a visit.
INFO: Schaumainkai 43 | Phone +49(0) 69 21 23 88 44
www.dam-online.de
Tue, Thu–Sun 11 a.m.–6 p.m., Wed 11 a.m.–8 p.m., closed on Mon

21 Museum Angewandte Kunst
(Museum of Applied Arts)
The Museum of Applied Arts positions itself as a space of possibility, a place of sensual avenues of thought and experience, of processes, research, negotiation and debate. Exhibits from the eclectic collection – design, book art, European arts and crafts from the 12th to the 21st centuries, Islamic and East-Asian art and arts and crafts – as well as loan collections are cleverly interrelated with one another thus creating a contemporary connection to historic exhibits. Subjects such as fashion, the body and performance are also given focus here. This world-famous museum building designed by Richard Meier presents a captivating vision of transparency and spaciousness.
INFO: Schaumainkai 17 | Phone +49(0) 69 21 23 12 86
www.museumangewandtekunst.de
Tue, Thu–Sun 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Wed 10 a.m.–8 p.m., closed on Mon
www.kgv-frankfurt.de (Association of Arts and Crafts)

22 Deutsches Filmmuseum
(German Film Museum)
In a space of over 1,200 square metres, the permanent exhibition of the German Film Museum is dedicated to the principles of cinematic viewing and story-telling: apart from historic exhibits and interactive media exhibits, there is a film room with four large screens. The in-house cinema has a programme that changes daily, showing film classics as well as exciting modern-day productions.
INFO: Schaumainkai 41 | Phone +49(0) 69 96 12 20 220
www.deutschesfilmuseum.de
Tue–Thu Sun 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Wed 10 a.m.–8 p.m., closed on Mon

23 DialogMuseum
(DialogueMuseum)
At the Dialogue Museum, blind people lead visitors through an exhibition in completely dark rooms. “Dialogue in the dark – an exhibition for discovering the invisible” is the name of the programme that is bound to introduce visitors to new experiences. The exhibition consists of different everyday situations that hold a completely new quality of experience without sight. This results in a role reversal: blind people become ambassadors for a culture without images.
INFO: Hanauer Landstraße 145 | Phone +49(0) 69 90 43 21 44
www.dialogmuseum.de
Tue–Fri 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Sat 11 a.m.–7 p.m., Sun, public holidays 11 a.m.–6 p.m., closed on Mon

2 Historisches Museum Frankfurt
The Historical Museum is the principal city museum for Frankfurt, where local residents and visitors from all around the world can learn about the history and current issues of the city. Additional space was provided when the museum district was re-designed in 2011. The development of a main entrance and an exhibition space in the square has resulted in a sophisticated and sensitive extension to the historical buildings of the Saalhof in the centre of the Old Town. The new museum district offers an architectural space which presents the very essence of the city, while still reflecting on its history.
INFO: Fahrtor 2/Museumsplatz | Phone +49(0) 69 21 23 65 99
www.historisches-museum-frankfurt.de
Tue–Sun 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Wed 10 a.m.–9 p.m., closed on Mon

**Frankfurt’s artistic and cultural claim is not limited to the city’s history, painting, sculpture or graphic art. With the transformation to a modern, globally connected city, the artistic, communicative and creative forms of expression also changed. The emergence of modernity, contemporary architecture, design, interactive media, film, photo and completely new formats has progressively shaped the city’s creative and artistic profile. Creative business and art are mutually beneficial. Designers, artists, architects and media representatives address the city’s modern lifestyles. These new forms of creativity and communication are reflected in a museum ensemble consisting of the German Museum of Architecture, the Museum of Communication, the German Film Museum, the Fotografie Forum Frankfurt and the DialogueMuseum. The MOMEM – Museum of Modern Electronic Music – will open in the heart of Frankfurt in 2017. This innovative museum and exhibition concept offers visitors different ways in which to experience the genesis and evolution of electronic music. Frankfurt also has a thriving alternative art scene, evident in the variety of galleries, design offices, agencies and initiatives.**
GUIDED TOURS AND VISITS

A walking tour of architecture in Frankfurt
Frankfurt's architecture is as diverse 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 tour informs visitors about Frankfurt's urban development from the Middle Ages to the present day, the connection between the old and new Frankfurt, high-rise architecture and future projects. Duration approx. 2 hrs.
INFO & BOOKING: Tourismus+Congress GmbH
Phone +49(0) 69 21 23 89 53 | www.frankfurt-tourismus.de

The "new" Museumsufer – A look into the future and behind the scenes
No other city is converting and enlarging as many museums as Frankfurt is today along its Museumsufer. Innovative architectural concepts, trend-setting presentations, workshops and experimental labs change patterns of perception and expand mindsets. This guided tour shows you what the Museumsufer Frankfurt will be like tomorrow. Duration approx. 2 hrs.
INFO: Phone +49(0) 69 97 46 03 27 | www.frankfurter-stadtevents.de

Other special interest tours
The Kulturothek and Frankfurter Stadtevents offer extraordinary guided tours such as costumed tours or guided tours to prestigious hotels, clubs and variety theatres. The tours on cultural or historical themes can be booked individually or in connection with another tour.
INFO: Phone +49(0) 69 28 10 10 | www.kulturothek.de
Phone +49(0) 69 97 46 03 27 | www.frankfurter-stadtevents.de

TIP
Designer labels and fashion
Frankfurt is increasingly becoming a nucleus of creative fashion designers and shops specialising in stylish and original individuality rather than "off-the-rack" fashion. The district around Brückenstraße in Sachsenhausen has developed into one of the city's top venues for aficionados of individual fashion.

Galleries and exhibitions
More information can be found in the chapter "New Art" on page 9.

AT NIGHT

Music scene
Frankfurt is a music metropolis that succeeds effortlessly in bridging the gap from opera to techno. Under the influence of American GIs after World War II, the city soon became the German capital of jazz. Following this, techno and hip-hop, the Neue Deutsche Welle and Frankfurt's own rock and pop made music history. Numerous clubs shape the city's music scene, such as the Gibson, Batschkapp and Zoom Club.

All clubs from jazz to techno at www.kultur-frankfurt.de (Music)
Jazz festival: www.jazzfestival.hr-online.de

Künstlerhaus Mousonturm
The calendar of events at the Mousonturm combines dance, theatre, performance, concert, club, exhibition and reading – a dynamic expression of the city's creative scene.
INFO: Waldschmidtstraße 4 | Phone +49(0) 69 40 58 95 20
www.mousonturm.de

Tigerpalast
The Tigerpalast variety theatre promises creativity of a different kind. Apart from presenting a show with international top acrobats and artists, it also serves up a stylish and imaginative cuisine.
INFO: Heiligkreuzgasse 16–20 | Phone +49(0) 69 92 00 220
www.tigerpalast.de

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

DAY 1
Start with a guided tour through the city's history of architecture, followed by lunch and a stroll around the German Museum of Architecture. Enjoy free time in the afternoon with shopping at Frankfurt's designer shops – To keep hunger at bay, we recommend “Heidi und Paul” (Meisengasse 12, www.heidiundpaul.de) for delicious organic snacks made from regional products. Alternatively visit the Museum für Kommunikation (an absolute must-have the home-made cake at the café just a stone’s throw away from the phone sheep). Enjoy dinner and a night out to experience to Frankfurt's club and music scene. Alternatively, you can visit the Mousonturm.

DAY 2
After breakfast, visit the Museum of Applied Arts including guide. Enjoy lunch at the modern bar and restaurant, "Erbgut" (www.erbgut-frankfurt.de), on the Schweizer Straße or at “Fleming’s Club” (Eichenheimer Tor 2, www.flemings-hotels.com) with a ride in the paternoster and view from the 7th floor. In the afternoon, you can visit the Dialogue Museum or the German Film Museum.
In dinosaurs, natural science phenomena, global flora and fauna, cultures and religions of the world: visiting Frankfurt’s exciting museums is a great experience and is a good substitute for a general-studies course on the history of the earth and mankind. One of the first people to recognize this fascination was Johann Christian Senckenberg. He established the Dr. Senckenberg foundation on August 18, 1763 with the original aim to improve Frankfurt’s medical and health care system and the training of medical practitioners. The Senckenberg Natural History Museum, which is due to be extended, and the Senckenberg Natural History Society are a product of this foundation. The society has ten different sites with research facilities in Germany today and runs museums in Frankfurt, Dresden and Görlitz. Other researchers, such as Bernhard Grzimek, followed Senckenberg. The long-time director of Frankfurt zoo received an Oscar for his film “Serengeti darf nicht sterben” (“The Serengeti must not die”). It is these stories, with the passion for nature, technology and culture that make Frankfurt a place for discoverers of all ages – at the Senckenberg Museum, Museum of World Cultures, Bible House, Experimenta, and the Children’s Museum, not to mention the zoo and botanical garden. Frankfurt is a window to the world.

**MUSEUMS**

### Senckenberg Naturmuseum
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 family adventure, international top research and education in a unique way. Four billion years of the earth’s history and the diversity of life are waiting to be discovered: dinosaurs, fossils of the Messel pit, evolution, the rain forest, marine animals, a walk through the history of the earth, the hydrological cycle and much, 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.

**INFO:** Senckenberganlage 25 | Phone: +49(0) 69 75 42 000
[www.senckenberg.de](http://www.senckenberg.de) | Mon–Tue, Thu 9 a.m. –5 p.m., Wed 9 a.m.–8 p.m., Sat–Sun, public holidays 9 a.m.–6 p.m.

### Weltkulturen Museum (Museum of World Cultures)
The Museum of World Cultures, residing in three Wilhelminian-style villas at the Museumsufer, is a key venue for interdisciplinary collaboration, offering intercultural exchange and an understanding of other cultures through a series of temporary exhibitions, events and courses. The museum holds a collection of more than 67,000 objects from every continent and island state, an image archive containing 100,000 ethnographic photographs and films and a library containing 50,000 international publications and journals.

**INFO:** Schaumainskai 29–37 | Phone: +49(0) 69 21 23 59 13
[www.weltkulturenmuseum.de](http://www.weltkulturenmuseum.de) | Tue, Thu–Sun 11 a.m.–6 p.m., Wed 11 a.m.–8 p.m., closed on Mon

### Experimenta Science Center
Around 120 experimental exhibits at the Experimenta Science Center invite visitors to have a go, get curious and be amazed. They guide, seduce, provoke thoughts and inspire inventive talent, making it easy to get a spontaneous grasp of natural science phenomena and mathematical contexts.

**INFO:** Hamburger Allee 22–24 | Phone: +49(0) 69 71 37 96 90
[www.experimenta.de](http://www.experimenta.de) | Mon 9 a.m.–2 p.m., Tue–Fri 9 a.m.–6 p.m., Sat–Sun, public holidays 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

### Deutsches Ledermuseum (German Leather Museum)
The German Leather Museum is the only museum in the world dedicated to the manufacture, decoration and application of leather. It was originally founded in 1917 in the city of Offenbach am Main as a collection of historical models to be used for training young artisans and manufacturers of leather goods. The museum contains more than 30,000 exhibits, which document the different methods used in the production and processing of leather in various countries throughout the centuries.

**INFO:** Frankfurter Straße 86, Offenbach | Phone: +49(0) 69 32 97 980
[www.ledermuseum.de](http://www.ledermuseum.de) | daily 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Uhr, closed on Mon

### Junges Museum Frankfurt (Young Museum)
The Young Museum shows exhibitions that are conceived specially for children. After 8 successful years on the Hauptwache, the Children’s Museum will move to the Saalhof in the museum district in November 2016. Occupying 3 floors of the Bernushaus, it will offer space for creative workshops, historical playrooms and exhibitions. Trying, exploring and doing is the essence of the exhibitions, specially conceived for children, particularly adolescents.

**INFO:** An der Hauptwache 15 | Phone: +49(0) 69 21 23 51 54
From November 2016: Fahrtor 2/Museumsplatz
[www.junges-museum-frankfurt.de](http://www.junges-museum-frankfurt.de) | Tue–Sun 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Mon 10 a.m.–6 p.m. (only during school and bank holidays in Hesse)

### Museum für Kommunikation
For more information see in the chapter “Creative and Communicative” on page 12.

**INFO:** An der Hauptwache 27 | Phone: +49(0) 69 21 23 51 54
[www.museum-ffm.de](http://www.museum-ffm.de) | Tue–Sun 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Mon 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
ZOO AND GARDENS

Frankfurt Zoo
Frankfurt Zoo, founded in 1858, gained international repute when its long-standing director Professor Bernhard Grzimek presented the legendary TV show “Ein Platz für Tiere” (“A Space for Animals”). Today, the zoo houses approx. 4,500 animals from about 500 species, from every continent. Main attractions include the enclosure for spectacular bears, the ape house, the open cat jungle, the exotarium and the largest nocturnal animal house in Europe.

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

Palmengarten
Whether desert or rain forest – in Frankfurt’s botanical garden it is possible to stroll through the world’s landscapes within a few hours. In 1869, Heinrich Siesmayer created a beautiful landscaped park with ponds and hills. The recurrent and one-off exhibitions at the Palmengarten present the magic of plant life in its overwhelming abundance. It has one of Europe’s largest tropical plant collections and its houses present the different vegetation zones, which make a visit worthwhile even in rainy weather. The Gesellschaftshaus with its historic ballroom has been restored at great expense and now shines in new splendour. The gourmet restaurant, café and Weinkontor give visitors the opportunity to indulge in style. The Papageno musical theatre offers a colourful programme of children’s theatre, musicals and opera. In summer, the festival of roses and lights and “Jazz im Palmengarten” takes place.

INFO: Siesmayerstraße 63 | Phone +49(0) 69 21 23 39 39 | www.palmengarten.de
Feb–Oct daily 9 a.m.–6 p.m., Nov–Jan daily 9 a.m.–4 p.m.
www.papageno-theater.de

Botanischer Garten Frankfurt (Botanical Garden)
The Botanical Garden, spread over 8 hectares, is located between the Palmengarten and Grüneburgpark. It features more than 5,000 species of bedding plants, medical plants and spice plants. The beautiful natural landscape can be visited free of charge from spring to autumn.

INFO: Siesmayerstraße 72 | Phone +49(0) 69 21 27 78 84 | www.botanischer-garten-frankfurt.de
March 1st–October 31st, Mon–Sat 9 a.m.–6 p.m., Sun, public holidays 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

GUIDED TOURS

Frankfurt goes wild: Tracking down animals 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 AND BOOKING: Tourismus+Congress GmbH
Phone +49(0) 69 21 23 89 53 | www.frankfurt-tourismus.de

Frankfurt’s parks and gardens
The tour of parks and gardens by the Kulturothek tells of urban green development concepts from the Baroque period to the present day. The gardens, mostly laid out as landscaped parks in the English style during the Baroque and Neo-classical era, were donated to the city by Frankfurt’s bourgeoisie at the turn of the 20th 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, which seems rather unspectacular from the outside unspectacular, sells anything from the local “Handkäs” (local cheese specialty) to Halva, Persian pistachios and the typical local green sauce made of herbs – a culinary world trip through fruit and vegetables, meat, 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.

Restaurant Savanna
The family-owned restaurant has won multiple awards and serves delicious Eritrean cuisine.
INFO: Alte Gasse 69 | www.savanna-restaurant.com

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

DAY 1
Start the day with a guided tour of Frankfurt’s “animal” side, followed by a visit to the Frankfurt Zoo including lunch, e.g., at the nearby Vietnamese restaurant “Binh Minh” (www.binh-minh.de). A subsequent stroll through the market hall will whet your appetite for dinner. At night, visit the Papageno musical theatre at the Palmengarten or the Tigerpalast, which also has animal acts in the programme (see page 13).

DAY 2
After breakfast, visit the Senckenberg Natural History Museum. Refreshments are available at the Senckenberg Bistro. Following this, you can walk through the Palmengarten, perhaps pausing for a snack at the C aféhaus Siesmayer (Siesmayerstraße 59, www.palmengarten-gastronomie.de), or visit the Museum of World Cultures or the Bible Discovery Museum. Enjoy free time for individual sightseeing or shopping, e.g., at the museum shops.
Hardly any other city is as integrated in the international flow of goods and money as the financial hub of Frankfurt. A royal document from 1157 is the first recorded mention 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, and has done so without interruption, until today. The foundation of the “Bank deutscher Länder (bank of German states)” in 1947, later replaced by the Deutsche Bundesbank, made Frankfurt the banking centre of the newly created Federal Republic of Germany and, together with the stock exchange, the leading finance 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, the financial institutions – discovered their passion for art and culture. They became generous patrons and created a dynamic system of foundations that has continued to shape the city until the present day.

WORLD OF BANKS AND MONEY
CLOSE TO THE MONEY FLOW: BANKS, TRADE AND FINANCE

MUSEUMS

30 Geldmuseum der Deutschen Bundesbank (Money Museum of the German Federal Bank)
What makes money valuable? What do we need money for? The Money Museum 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 the 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 | The museum is being renovated, reopening planned for the end of 2016

2 Historisches Museum Frankfurt
The Frankfurt Historical Museum dedicates a part of its permanent exhibition to the financial centre Frankfurt. In the 15th century, the “Rententurm” housed, amongst others, the “Rentamt” (customs authority). It illustrates the connections between harbour and trade and duties and taxes. The museum also has an important coin collection.
Information in the chapter on city history (page 4).

41 Jüdisches 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 excluded Jews from artisan activities in medieval towns and limited their possibilities to a few professions such as medical doctors and trade, including money exchange and lending. The museum will be renovated and extended over the coming years, expected to be completed in 2018.
Information in the chapter on city history (page 4).
INFO: Untermainkai 14–15 | Phone +49(0) 69 21 23 88 05 www.juedischesmuseum.de
The museum will be closed for renovation work until 2018.

1 Dommuseum
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 banks
This tour traces the development from the medieval fair town to the modern financial hub and seat of the highest revenue-generating German stock exchange, 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 Galileo high-rise
This guided walk leads visitors through the skyscraper canyons of the banking district and provides exciting facts and details about the history of the bank towers, including the European Central Bank, Commerzbank, Deutsche Bank and DekaBank. The tour ends on top of the Commerzbank Tower, once Europe’s highest building, with a unique view of the city. Alternatively, it takes visitors to the Galileo high-rise building of the Commerzbank to see artworks such as the light installations of American artist James Turrell, the bridges and stairs fitted with interactive light circuits by Magdalena Jetelová 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)
The stock exchange with the highest turnover in Germany is located in a building from the late 19th century, richly decorated with sculptures. Even though floor trade has greatly calmed down in times of digital money flow, a visit to the building, popularly called the “cathedral of capital”, is still worthwhile. The stock exchange provides 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 1600 works by more than 100 international artists.
INFO: Börseplatz 2–6 | Phone +49(0) 69 21 11 15-10 www.deutsche-boerse.de
Complimentary introductory lectures about the stock exchange business: Mon–Fri 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.
VIP tours with individual guide available for a fee: 7.45 a.m., noon and 3.30 p.m., Duration: approx. 1.5 hours
The European Central Bank

Since November 2014, the European Central Bank has been located on the site of the former Großmarkthalle (Wholesale Market Hall). A visitor centre is expected to open in the second half of 2016. The focus will be on the role of the bank in a European context. Until then the bank is open to a limited number of groups.
INFO: Information Department | visitor.centre@ecb.europa.eu
www.ecb.europa.eu

Großmarkthalle Memorial

Between 1941 and 1943, the Secret State Police (Gestapo) used the cellars of the Großmarkthalle (wholesale market hall) as a gathering point for persecuted Jews. Almost 10,000 people were deported from here by train to ghettos, concentration camps and extermination camps, and murdered. The Großmarkthalle Memorial commemorates these events. There is an area open to the public alongside the Bahnhämm; the section of the site on the European Central Bank is only accessible as part of a group tour. Groups that wish to visit the museum must register at the Jüdisches Museum Frankfurt at least two weeks in advance.
INFO: Jüdisches Museum | pa-ffm@stadt-frankfurt.de
www.juedischesmuseum.de/grossmarkthalle

TIP

Sammlung Deutsche Bank (Deutsche Bank Collection)

The Deutsche Bank has provided access to contemporary art through its collection and exhibitions for more than thirty years. When the building was purchased in the mid-1980s, the aim was to present a journey through German art history after 1945. The Deutsche Bank Towers are now home to a selection of artworks as international as the bank itself. The collection features around 100 artworks from more than 40 countries. The display is structured by region; each floor of the tower is dedicated to an artist.
Free public tours are held on the first Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m., on every other Wednesday at 10 a.m., on the first Friday of the month at 5:30 p.m. and on every last Saturday of the month at 5 p.m.
INFO: Taunusanlage 12 | Registration at www.db.com

Art Foyer by DZ Bank Kunstsammlung

Founded in 1993, the DZ BANK art collection now comprises more than 7,000 works by more than 800 international artists and is one of the largest collections of its kind. The focus is on contemporary photography. The ART FOYER offers public access to a 300 m² exhibition space. Four exhibitions are held each year, curated by theme or devoted to a single artist.
INFO: Entrance: Cityhaus II | Friedrich-Ebert-Anlage
Phone +49(0) 69 74 47 99 144
www.dzbank-kunstsammlung.de
Tue–Sat 11 a.m.–7 p.m.

Frankfurt Airport

One important factor that plays a role in Frankfurt’s development to a centre of finance 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 adventure. Thus, the multimedia airport forum presents the history of both aviation and the airport. A visitor terrace and airport experience tours give visitors an overview of the cosmos of a major international airport.
INFO: Phone +49(0) 69 69 07 02 91
www.frankfurt-airport.de

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

DAY 1

After checking in, go on a guided tour through the euro and banking centre of Frankfurt. Enjoy lunch on the 25th floor at “Windows 25” in the Japan-Tower (Taunustor 2, www.taunustor.de) with a 360° view of the banking district. Following this, you can visit Frankfurt’s Money Museum. In the evening, choose between another ascent this time in the “Main Tower” with its bar and restaurant or a trip to the English Theatre. In the summer months, a visit to the “Long Island Summer Lounge” on the roof of the stock exchange car park is recommended (www.longislandsummerlounge.de). Alternatively, enjoy a concert or performance at the Künstlerhaus Mousoenturm with productions of the performing arts (www.mousonturm.de) or a show at the English Theatre (www.english-theatre.org).

DAY 2

Start your day with a walk around the site of the European Central Bank and visit the German Stock Exchange, allowing a glimpse of the trading floor. Enjoy lunch in the vicinity of the Stock Exchange – on Fridays the market on Schillerstraße is recommendable – or a side trip to the neighbouring “Freigeschoss”. The parallel running Goethestraße is the perfect place for a luxurious shopping tour. You can then visit either the Historical Museum, the Museum Judengasse or enjoy a guided tour that includes the Commerzbank Tower or the Galileo high-rise building. Alternatively: excursion to Frankfurt Airport.

AT NIGHT

Gibson

This club, in the city centre, belongs to the exclusive “World’s Finest Clubs” group and is a top venue for lovers of nightlife. Guests can enjoy excellent live music, internationally-renowned club acts and first-rate DJs.
INFO: Zeil 85-93 | Phone +49(0) 69 94 47 77 70
www.gibson-club.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 inspired lovers of English-language plays. The theatre is located in the Galileo 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
**OTHER SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR ITINERARY**

**Guided walking tours / bus tours**
Frankfurt can be explored in many different ways: for example on a guided walk or by bus. 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 ship companies offer tours on the river Main, either as regular round trips or for special events.

- **Primus Linie**
  Phone +49(0) 69 13 38 370 | www.primus-linie.de
- **Kölner-Düsseldorfer Deutsche Rheinschiffahrt 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 a sample 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) 61 81 40 990 | www.hoehl-hochstadt.de

**View from the Main Tower**
The Main Tower, reaching up 200 meters, may only be the city's fourth highest building but its viewing platform on the 54th floor provides 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 91 32 011 | www.maintower.de

**MORE OF THE MUSEUMSFUER (MUSEUM EMBANKMENT)**

**MuseumsuferTicket**
The MuseumsuferTicket is a two-day ticket for 34 museums in Frankfurt and surroundings. The ticket has been conceived for short-stay travellers, tourists, and trade fair and convention visitors. The MuseumsuferTicket is available in three versions:
- an individual ticket for 18 €
- a family ticket for 2 adults and/or all children/grandchildren under 18 for 28 €
- a reduced-price ticket for 10 €

**MuseumsuferCard**
The MuseumsuferCard is an annual ticket for the museums in Frankfurt and surroundings. It entitles card-holders to free entry to 34 exhibition houses for one year from date of issue.

**INFO:**
- www.museumsufer-frankfurt.de (Museum Embankment Card and -Ticket)
- www.museumsufercard.de

**Museumsufer line**
Busline 46 departs from the Hauptbahnhof (central station) every 20 to 30 minutes daily and allows you to hop off at different museums as it travels along the southern Museumsufer. In the summer – always from 1st May to 5th October – the bus takes its passengers all the way to the Gerbervmöhl, located at the eastern end of the Main embankment.

**INFO:**
- www.museumsufer-frankfurt.de (Busline 46) With downloadable timetable
  www.traffiq.de

**EVENTS**

**Nacht der Museen (Night of the Museums)**
The longest cultural night of the year, Frankfurt’s first big event in spring.
**INFO:**
www.nacht-der-museen.de
www.facebook.com/nachtdermuseen.frankfurt

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

**Frankfurt am Main culture guide for children**
The culture portal of the city of Frankfurt features current events for children and the culture guide for children with tips for activities.
**INFO:**
www.kultur-frankfurt.de (Children)

**CENTRAL INFORMATION AND SERVICE**

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

Museums and exhibition houses
www.museumsufer-frankfurt.de
www.archaeologisches-museum-frankfurt.de
www.bibelhaus-frankfurt.de
www.caricatura-museum.de
www.dam-online.de
www.deutschesfilmmuseum.de
www.dommuseum-frankfurt.de
www.experiminta.de
www.fffrankfurt.org
www.fkkv.de
www.frankfurter-sparkasse.de/Stoltze
www.geldmuseum.de
www.goethehaus-frankfurt.de
www.historisches-museum-frankfurt.de
www.ikonenmuseumfrankfurt.de
www.kindermuseum-frankfurt.de
www.ledermuseum.de
www.ledermuseum.de
www.liebieghaus.de
www.mkf-frankfurt.de
www.mmk-frankfurt.de
www.momem.org
www.museumangewandtekunst.de
www.museum-giersch.de
www.palmen.de
www.portikus.de
www.schirn.de
www.senckenberg.de
www.stadtgeschichte-fm.de
www.staedelmuseum.de
www.struwelpeter-museum.de
www.weltkulturenmuseum.de

Zoo and botanical garden
www.palmen.de
www.zoo-frankfurt.de
www.botanischergarten-frankfurt.de

Galleries and studios
www.atelierfrankfurt.de
www.aula-dubach.de
www.autorenbuchhandlung-marx.de
www.bibliothek-stadtfrankfurt.de
www.bibelhaus-frankfurt.de
www.caricatura-museum.de
www.deutschesfilmmuseum.de
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www.ikonenmuseumfrankfurt.de
www.kindermuseum-frankfurt.de
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www.ledermuseum.de
www.liebieghaus.de
www.mkf-frankfurt.de
www.mmk-frankfurt.de
www.momem.org
www.museumangewandtekunst.de
www.museum-giersch.de
www.palmen.de
www.portikus.de
www.schirn.de
www.senckenberg.de
www.stadtgeschichte-fm.de
www.staedelmuseum.de
www.struwelpeter-museum.de
www.weltkulturenmuseum.de

Exhibition dates and tips for events
www.buchmesse.de
www.frankfurt-ticket.de
www.frankfurt-tourismus.de
www.glueckstjettzi.de
www.goethe-ffm.de
www.hfm.de
www.journalportal.de
www.kultur-frankfurt.de
www.literaturhaus-frankfurt.de
www.literaturtur.de
www.museumsuferfest.de
www.museumsufer-frankfurt.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-stadtevents.de
www.kulturthek.de

Evening entertainment
www.journalportal.de (Rhine-Main calendar)
www.alteoper.de
www.arthouse-kinos.de
www.buehnen-frankfurt.de
www.cassablancard.de
www.dresdenfrankfurtdancecompany.de
www.english-theatre.org
www.ensemble-modern.com
www.gibbon-club.de
www.jazzkeller.com
www.loterieparkhotel-frankfurt.com
www.literaturhaus-frankfurt.de
www.leserlese.de
www.mouseonturm.de
www.museumsuferfest.de
www.nacht-der-museen.de

Trip modules
www.deutsche-boerse.de
www.ecb.int
www.frankfurt-airport.de
www.frankfurt-tourismus.de
www.kulturthek.de

Bookshops
www.autorenbuchhandlung-marx.de
www.bibliothek-stadtfrankfurt.de
www.literaturhaus-frankfurt.de
www.museumsuferfest.de
www.nacht-der-museen.de

Looking for accommodation
www.frankfurt-tourismus.de

Food and restaurants
www.badias.de
www.binh-minh.de
www.bitterzart.de
www.chairsffm.de
www.erbgut-frankfurt.de
www.flemings-hotels.com
www.freitagskueche.de
www.gerbermuehle.de
www.heidiundpaul.de
www.heimat-restaurant.de
www.imaworld.de
www.kleinmarkthalle.de
www.lejardin-frankfurt.de
www.margarete-restaurant.de
www.palmen-gastronomie.de
www.restaurant-druckwerk.de
www.savanna-restaurant.com
www.zumgemaltenhaus.de

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