



# **EXPERIENCE** SAXONY-ANHALT

## Cycling through the "Mid-Elbe" vacation region



The peaceful woodlands of the Colbitz-Letzlinger heath, the blue ribbon of the River Elbe with its unique water meadows and the wide, fertile expanses of the Magdeburg Börde area: these are the perfect places to recharge your batteries and they are just waiting to be discovered. The historic city of Magdeburg lies at the heart of the "Mid-Elbe" vacation region. The region is characterized by its variety of architectural styles, which range from Romanesque to the creations of Friedensreich Hundertwasser. It also offers exciting experiences for all the family and an extensive range of sports and leisure activities. Follow the Romanesque Road or cycle along the Elbe on one of Germany's most popular long-distance cycle paths – the Elbe Cycle Route.

The wide variety of leisure and cultural offerings ranges from the Magdeburg horse racecourse in "Herrenkrugpark", the oldest park in the city, the Storchenhof stork observatory and the "Rittergut von Barby" manor house and café in Loburg through to the "Oschersleben Motorsport Arena".

You can find more information on the website: www.urlaubsregion-mittelelbe.de



#### MORNING: CYCLE TOUR TO THE WATERWAY JUNCTION

Like the rest of central Germany, the "Mid-Elbe" vacation region is home to a large number of industrial monuments. One of the most important and impressive structures is the waterway junction to the north of Magdeburg. Here the Elbe-Havel canal flows for 918 meters through the Magdeburg Water Bridge, crossing the River Elbe at a breathtaking height. The cycle path runs from the center of Magdeburg via the Science Port along the River Elbe. It crosses the Herrenkrug bridge and passes through the park of the same name before heading toward Hohenwarthe. The magnificent canal bridge can be seen from a long distance away. Another important feature of the waterway junction is the Rothensee boat lift, which raises and lowers boats 19 meters between the canal and the River Elbe.

Waterway junction, Zur Schleuse 5, 39126 Magdeburg | www.magdeburg-tourist.de/Wasserwandern



### LUNCH: RELAXING BREAK NEAR MAGDEBURG

The Landgasthof Lostau restaurant or the Landhotel Hohenwarthe are ideal places for cyclists to take a lunch break. Refreshed and revived, they can then start the next stage of the route.

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#### **AFTERNOON:** ROTEHORN PARK IN MAGDEBURG

The Elbe Cycle Route leads back toward Magdeburg. The beautiful water meadows along the river are well known for their natural diversity and their expansive views across the area around Magdeburg. If you would like to see more of the natural world, then you can keep cycling until you reach Rotehorn park. This impressive park has several kilometers of paths which run through grassy meadows. Here one of the landmarks of Magdeburg Modernism can be seen high above the treetops – the Albinmüller Tower. From the top of the tower, you will have breathtaking panoramic view of the region. If the visibility is good, you can see the Brocken Mountain in the Harz and also trace the section of the cycle path that you have just completed.

Rotehorn Park, Heinrich-Heine-Platz, 39114 Magdeburg | <u>www.visitmagdeburg.de/parks</u>



### **EVENING:** RELAXING BY THE ELBE

Visitors can enjoy some well-earned rest along the banks of the Elbe. The cafés, restaurants and beach bars are the ideal places to relax and listen to the splashing of the river. A delicious meal followed by a cool drink while sitting and watching the river flowing by makes the perfect end to a long day.

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#### HIGHLIGHTS AND EVENTS: "MID-ELBE" VACATION REGION

#### Highlights:

- Cycle tours and routes: Elbe Cycle Path, Aller Cycle Path, Aller-Elbe Cycle Path, Elbe-Havel Cycle Path, Saale Cycle Path
- Harbke Castle Park
- Hundisburg Castle (Hundisburg)
- Leitzkau Castle (Leitzkau)
- Mittelland Canal, waterway junction and boat lift (Hohenwarthe)
- Oschersleben Motorsport Arena
- Parks and gardens at the regional garden show (Burg near Magdeburg)
- Rock garden with shifting sand dune in Gommern
- Schönebeck Graduation Tower and Brine Park

#### **Event highlights:**

- Family festival at the Oschersleben Motorsport Arena (April)
- Spectaculum Magdeburgense Festival (May)
- Salzland Cycle Day in Aschersleben (May)
- Roland Festival in Burg near Magdeburg (June)
- Salzland Festival in Staßfurt (June)
- Summer Music Academy at Hundisburg Castle (June)
- Altstadt Festival in Haldensleben (August)
- Regional Harvest Festival in Magdeburg (September)
- Emperor Otto Festival in Magdeburg (September/October)

You can find more information here: <u>www.urlaubsregion-mittelelbe.de/natur-abenteuer</u>



