

Enjoy, marvel, participate - Thuringia delights with an attractive programme all year round. Especially in the summer months, festivals and events at authentic locations, on streets, squares and stages or simply out in nature provide unforgettable experiences.



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## IBU-Biathlon World Cup

Exciting competitions of the top athletes from all over the world thrill the spectators in the winter sports centre Oberhof in the Thuringian Forest.

*January 2024, Oberhof*

[www.biathlon-weltcup-oberhof.com](http://www.biathlon-weltcup-oberhof.com)

## Thüringer Bachwochen

At the largest music festival in Thuringia specialising in baroque music, the authentic places where Johann Sebastian Bach lived and worked are the podium and setting for demanding concerts.

*22 March – 14 April 2024, Thuringia*

[www.thueringer-bachwochen.de](http://www.thueringer-bachwochen.de)



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## Thuringian State Exhibition 2025

the Mühlhausen museums and the Panorama Museum in Bad Frankenhausen in 2025 under the title "freiheit 1525 - 500 Jahre Bauernkrieg" (Freedom 1525. 500 Years since the German Peasants' War). Both towns are central sites of the historical event.

*Spring - autumn 2025*

[www.bauernkrieg2025.de](http://www.bauernkrieg2025.de)

## Köstritzer Spiegelzelt

Small-scale art in a magnificent event tent setting, plus refined gastronomy - this is the combination offered by the Köstritzer Spiegelzelt in Weimar. Every early summer, top acts from the worlds of art and entertainment meet here.

*2 May – 16 June 2024, Weimar*

[www.koestritzer-spiegelzelt.de](http://www.koestritzer-spiegelzelt.de)



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## 51<sup>st</sup> GutsMuths Rennsteiglauf

The cross-country run on the Rennsteig is the largest landscape run in Central Europe. Every year, around 15,000 runners, Nordic walkers and hikers take part. The supreme course is the super marathon from Eisenach to Schmiedefeld.

25 May 2024, Thuringian Forest

[www.rennsteiglauf.de](http://www.rennsteiglauf.de)

## Thüringer Schlössertage

On the Whitsun holidays, Thuringian castles and palaces open their doors again.

17 – 20 May 2024,

6 – 9 June 2025, Thuringia

[www.schatzkammer-thueringen.de/schloessertage-pfingsten](http://www.schatzkammer-thueringen.de/schloessertage-pfingsten)



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## Weimarer Sommer

Highlights include the open-air concert night with the Staatskapelle, the Weimar Master Classes of the Hochschule für Musik "Franz Liszt" Weimar, the façade projection festival Genius Loci, the Weimar Art Festival and the events surrounding Goethe's birthday.

Summer 2024, Weimar

[www.weimarer-sommer.de](http://www.weimarer-sommer.de)

## 47<sup>th</sup> Krämerbrückenfest

Street theatre, artists and jugglers fill the alleys and squares with music, cabaret and play scenes. Thuringian craftsmen present their products at a medieval market around Krämerbrücke.

*June 2024, Erfurt*

50th anniversary in 2025

[www.erfurt-tourismus.de](http://www.erfurt-tourismus.de)



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## Thüringer Schlossfestspiele Sondershausen

The most popular open-air festival in the border triangle of Thuringia, Lower Saxony and Saxony-Anhalt continues the rich musical tradition of Sondershausen. Against the backdrop of the castle, the area is transformed into a special theatre stage.

*July 2024, Sondershausen*

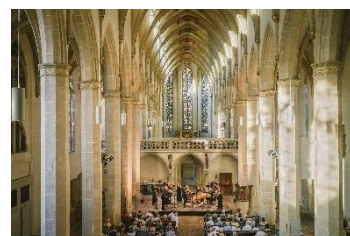
[www.schlossfestspiele-sondershausen.de](http://www.schlossfestspiele-sondershausen.de)

## MDR Musiksommer

Concerts at the most beautiful locations in Saxony, Saxony-Anhalt and Thuringia make the MDR Music Summer an unmistakable music festival in Central Germany.

*June – August 2024, Thuringia*

[www.mdr-musiksommer.de](http://www.mdr-musiksommer.de)



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## 26th Ekhof-Festival at Friedenstein Castle

Friedenstein Castle in Gotha is home to one of the oldest baroque theatres in the world with still existing and functioning stage machinery. Here, historical productions with 18th century sets and costumes enchant the audience.

*June – September 2024, Gotha*

[www.ekhof-festival.de](http://www.ekhof-festival.de)

## Rudolstadt Festival

Germany's most important folk and world music festival attracts musicians from all over the world to Rudolstadt. There is music and dance on more than 20 stages - in the park, in the castle courtyard, on the streets and squares of the old town.

*4- 7 July 2024,  
3 – 6 July 2025, Rudolstadt*

[www.rudolstadt-festival.de](http://www.rudolstadt-festival.de)



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## KulturArena

Here, no gladiators but lots of cultural events enter the arena on Jena's theatre forecourt. The festival with concerts, theatre and cinema offers stars as well as newcomers an exciting platform - and the audience the best entertainment. The festival traditionally opens with the theatre's summer spectacle.

*Summer 2024, Jena*

[www.kulturarena.de](http://www.kulturarena.de)

## Cathedral Steps Festival

During the DomStufen Festival, the 70 steps of the Domberg are transformed into a spectacular open-air festival stage. On the programme is 2024: **"Anatevka" by Jerry Bock**, (original title: *Fiddler on the Roof*)

2 – 23 August 2024, Erfurt

[www.domstufen-festspiele.de](http://www.domstufen-festspiele.de)



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## SonneMondSterne Open-Air

Every year on the second weekend in August, an exuberant audience celebrates one of the largest open-air festivals of electronic dance music on the shores of the Thuringian Sea near Saalburg.

August 2024, Saalburg

[www.sonnemondsterne.de](http://www.sonnemondsterne.de)

## ACHAVA Festival Thuringia

The Hebrew word "ACHAVA" means brotherhood and is the key word for the themes of humanity, peace, tolerance and dialogue that characterise the festival. In addition to great concerts by international artists, there are exhibitions, panel discussions, series of talks and school programmes.

8 – 22 September 2024, Erfurt

[www.achava-festspiele.de](http://www.achava-festspiele.de)



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## 371st Weimarer Weimar Market

Nothing goes on the second weekend in October in Weimar without onions: on the cake, in the soup or in the famous plait - the Weimar onion market is legendary. More than 300,000 visitors enjoy the state of emergency in the city of classics.

11- 13 October 2024, Weimar

[www.weimar.de](http://www.weimar.de)

## 174th Erfurt Christmas Market

The medieval old town and the cathedral square are the ideal setting for an atmospheric pre-Christmas season. Traditional crafts and Thuringian specialities can be found as well as a 12m high, original Erzgebirge Christmas pyramid..

*November – Dezember 2024, Erfurt*

[www.weihnachtsmarkt.erfurt.de](http://www.weihnachtsmarkt.erfurt.de)



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## Weimar Christmas Market

The classical city of Weimar shines with traditions: Germany's first public Christmas tree stood here in front of the house of Johannes Falk, who also wrote the carol "O Du Fröhliche" (O Merry Christmas).

*26 Nov 2024 – 5 Jan 2025, Weimar*

[www.weimar.de](http://www.weimar.de)

## Christmas at Wartburg Castle

Wartburg Castle near Eisenach enchants its visitors at this time of year with a historic Christmas market and enjoyable Advent concerts.

*On the first three Advent weekends in 2024, Wartburg Eisenach*

[www.wartburg.de](http://www.wartburg.de)



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