

HORSES — & — HERITAGE

Study Programme

Horses and Heritage of Saxony

July 6th to 11th, 2020



PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Monday, July 6th

Introduction and **symposium on horses in history** at Dresden Museum of Transport, which is located in the former Royal Mews, an impressive Renaissance building in direct proximity to the city palace. From here we can enjoy the view on the stable courtyard, for centuries a site of tournaments and equestrian activity.

Dresden city tour with focus on places of interest for our subject, such as the Procession of Princes, known as the largest porcelain artwork in the world depicting the ancestral portraits of the 35 margraves, electors, dukes and kings of the House of Wettin between 1127 and 1904, all on horseback! We will also see the famous “Zwinger”, which was originally intended as arena for equestrian festivals, the new royal mews and the “Golden Rider” monument to August the Strong, King of Saxony and Poland (1670 – 1733).



Tuesday, July 7th

Bus tour to Torgau on the Elbe.

Visit of the **Saxon State Stud Graditz**, founded in 1686 as courtly horse breeding institution.

Guided tour at **Hartenfels Palace** and **Torgau**, a city of Renaissance architecture and important sites of Protestant history.

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Wednesday, July 8th

Bus tour to **Moritzburg**

Guided tour at the **stately stallion depot of Saxony**, carriage ride through the magnificent cultural landscape, visit of the unique **Little Pheasant Palace** and **Moritzburg Palace**, with its extraordinary hunting collection, a wealth of rare gilded leather tapestries and the famous feather room.



Thursday, July 9th

Visit of the **State Collections at Dresden Palace**, including the collection of Armoury and the Turkish Chamber, featuring a large number of beautifully displayed historic riding equipment. Steam boat trip to **Pillnitz Palace and Park**, an oriental treasure on the banks of the river Elbe.

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Friday, July 10th

Bus tour to **Weesenstein Palace** where the stables give us an impression about the living conditions of horses in earlier times.

Afternoon at **Königstein Castle**, stunningly located high above the river Elbe on a natural rock formation. On the way back to Dresden we take a look at the historic town of **Pirna**.



Saturday, July 11th

Bus tour to **Augustusburg Palace** with the carriage collection of the House Wettin.

Afternoon in the mining town **Freiberg**, centre of the Erzgebirge World Heritage region, with guided tour and visit of the impressive “terra mineralia” exhibition at **Freudenstein Palace**.

End of the programme at Radebeul in the **Wackerbarth State Winery** with historical tour and tasting.



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