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HALLE  Die Stadt

Halle is the cultural capital of Saxony-Anhalt. In the 1200-year-old town, which has remained young in spite of its age, numerous witnesses of its great past that are worth visiting have been conserved. Castles and museums, old churches, parks, the zoological garden and picturesque landscapes all along the river Saale invite you to rest. They form a vivid contrast to the new influences of modern times. Halle is a town of music, theatre and art. Thousands of visitors are enthralled by the Mendel Festival, the concerts of the town's orchestra, the theatre performances on the town's seven stages, and the exhibitions and meetings at Halle's multi-tudinous art galleries. At the same time, the university town is a centre of science, education and the modern media. Our small city guide shall give you a first idea.

Facts:

Inhabitants: 233.874 (as at 30.12.2006)

Area: 135 km², 71 km² of it being green zones and water

Did you know that ...

- ...Halle's historical centre is the **largest architectural monument in Europe**?
- ...Halle has written world history with the help of **Hans-Dietrich Genscher**?
- ...Halle has the **oldest and the youngest castle** on the river Saale?
- ...Halle became again the town on the "current" while running the **first electrical tram** in Europe?
- ...Halle protects the **longest half-timbered house** in Europe?
- ...Halle owns the **oldest chocolate factory in Germany**, which is well prepared to beat the sweetest temptation?
- ...Halle is the hometown of a **university that is older than 500 years**?
- ...several departments of the research institutes **Max Planck Institute, Leibniz Institute, Fraunhofer Institute** as well as the association **Helmholtz-Gesellschaft** have their seats in Halle?
- ...Halle provides of one of the **most modern multi-media centres in Germany**?
- ...Halle has more than **60 cultural institutions**, from the **Beatles Museum** over **jazz clubs**, to the gallery of modern art "**Zeitkunstgalerie**"?
- ...Halle is, with its more than 800 bars, the **biggest gastronomic location in Saxony-Anhalt**?



Halle in one day

A city guide for very little time

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- 1 The **Market Square** presents itself as one of the most beautiful squares in Germany. Its world-famous landmark, the five towers consisting of the two round caps as well as the two slim blue peaks of the church Marienkirche and the proud tower Roter Turm, is now surrounded by a modern paving. The **Hendel Monument** and the new fountain commemorating the great era of the town's salt production round off the harmonious picture, which is enriched by the great sound of the world's largest carillon installed in the tower **Roter Turm**.
- 2 Martin Luther has preached three times in the market church "**Unser Lieben Frauen**". This is also the place where a death mask has been installed. It belongs to the great treasures of the Reformation Halle is plentifully equipped with.

- 3 The largest art gallery **Stiftung Moritzburg. Art Museum of the Region Saxony-Anhalt**, has been named after its time-honoured residence, which had been equally built as a fortress and a castle and used to be the residence of the archbishops of Magdeburg. Several new exhibition halls have been built to accommodate all its treasures, some of them still being under construction.
- 7 The square of the university, **Universitätsplatz**, which is situated in the town's historic centre, belongs to Halle's most beautiful places. It is a very impressive ensemble of university buildings, consisting of Melanchthonianum, Thomasianum, Robertinum, a modern lecture hall and "Löwengebäude", the main building of Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg.
- 8 The **Cultural Island** – Halle's cultural heart beats there. It does not only house the famous theatre "nt" – das Neue Theater – , but also combines several venues, such as an excellent puppet theatre, exhibition halls, a cafeteria and a trendy pub, as a whole attracting customers from all Germany.

- 11 The square **Alter Markt** is said to be the oldest place in Halle. It used to be the centre of the earliest settlement and some of the half-timbered houses and Renaissance buildings have survived till present days.
- 12 The fountain **Göbelbrunnen** on the square **Hallmarkt** is the most striking fountain to the east of the Rhine. It humorously illustrates Halle's "ordinary" and "celebrated" citizens – people who have made Halle famous all over the world.
- 13 **Salt – the White Gold** – has brought Halle wealth and fame. How it was produced is demonstrated in the salt museum **Technisches Halloren- und Salinemuseum**. There, visitors learn something about the town's and the salt workers' (Halloren) history and might have a look at the legendary silver treasure.



- 3 The **Hendel House**, the house where George Frederick Hendel was born, is a meeting point for music lovers from all over the world. Apart from an exhibition about his life and work, the building also houses about 700 fully functional musical instruments from different centuries.
- 4 The **Cathedral**, Halle's sole larger building from the early Gothic period, is equipped with rich Baroque treasures in its interior. Until the Reformation, that collegiate church had been the most important centre of clerical science and art in the whole region of Central Germany.
- 5 The **New Residence**, which had originally been supposed to become a Catholic university, was a glamorous location of court holding in the 17th century. Today, the historical building with its idyllic inner courtyard houses the Geiseltal Museum, which shows impressive fossils found in Halle's surroundings.

- 9 Halle's **Stadtgottesacker** is the most beautiful Renaissance cemetery in Germany. It is nearly 500 years old and has been recently restored, true to original. The town's most deserving citizens have found their peace under its trees and the arch of its arcades.
- 10 For two centuries, the **Foundation of the Great Pedagogue August Hermann Francke** pointed the way forwards for two continents, the entire Europe, the USA and the India. After its long-lasting reconstruction, the world-famous educational institution, with its rich collections and the world's longest half-timbered building, has now risen from the ashes in all its splendour.

- 14 The old Romans as well as the first German kings and empires used to put up at **Giebichenstein on the Saale**. Nowadays, the upper part of the castle has been transformed into an open-air museum, which attracts thousands of tourists every year. Several parts of the old castle have been conserved, such as a gate tower, its solid curtain walls, some old fundaments and the deep vaults. From the upper castle, one has a beautiful view over the lovely **Saale Valley**.
- 15 If you want to go shopping, you can already start at Halle's **Main Station**, whose building has been newly designed, having used a lot of glass elements and (by doing so) having turned it into a very light building. Apart from that, you will find what you need in one of Halle's shopping malls – Leipziger Straße, Große Ulrichstraße and Kleine Ulrichstraße, up to the square Alter Markt.
- 16 There are four **Promenades** where many elegant bars, nice pavement cafés and restaurants invite you to stroll or rest: Kleine Ulrichstraße, Sternstraße, Universitätsring or around Giebichenstein, in the so-called "Bermuda Triangle".

16 ways to discover Halle...