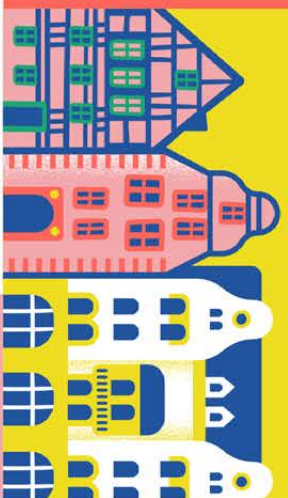


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# Erfurt



## Erfurt short'n' sweet

**'Hi, nice to meet you!'**  
Hold this phrase close to your heart as you'll probably hear it rarely in Erfurt. People around here can seem a little cold and distant at first, but once you've had a chat or two, the ice quickly breaks and there's nothing stopping you from sharing a good laugh. So come step inside this quaint gem of a city with a beautiful **historic centre** and enjoy your stay. But before you start off on your adventure, let us answer a few questions you may have.

### Where am I, exactly?

You are in the capital city of the Free State of Thuringia. Just over 200,000 people live here – as well as a respectable amount of ducks. Located somewhere midway between Frankfurt am Main in the west and Leipzig in the east, Erfurt has easy access to both motorways and trains. In other words, you can leave as quickly as you came. Erfurt is an East German city that seems smaller than it actually is. That's because most things are happening in the city centre, while the outskirts are mainly reserved for residential areas and for hanging out in so-called 'Klingengarten' or 'Schreibergarten'. These are hugely popular allotment gardens that can be found all across the country.

### What's going on?

Thanks to its proximity to the neighbouring historic-cultural cities of Eisenach and Weimar, Erfurt is quite the tourist magnet. Don't be surprised if you find yourself stuck amongst a horde of beige pensioners looking frantically for **Krämerbrücke**. Erfurt's famous merchant's bridge. This city has something to offer everyone, and on occasion there's a baffling array of things happening – usually all at once. There are so many culinary and cultural

Do also bear in mind that shops in Germany are closed on Sundays and usually shut their doors by 8pm (one notable exception is some shops in **train stations**).

### What's the nightlife like?

Erfurt has plenty of nightlife options to fit everyone's taste. From the finest hip-hop and electronic clubs to the most cracking punk shows, you'll find just about everything here. Do be sure to check the opening hours and event information beforehand, as they may vary with the season or as a result of the pandemic. By the way, it's pretty tough to satisfy your munchies after 10pm so make sure you're well before heading out into the night.

### What have you included on this map?

On the one hand, you'll get to explore the beautiful **old town**, with its churches and half-timbered houses. Most of the medieval core has been beautifully preserved or extensively restored, despite having survived two world wars and the GDR era. On the other hand, you'll get to roam through Erfurt's **northern quarter** around **Magdeburger Allee**. This old working-class district has become an increasingly popular escape route for creatives and activists conquering spaces outside the city centre.

### What about accessibility?

When people say that they're 'making an effort', there's usually plenty of room for improvement. Having said that, Erfurt really is making an effort. We recommended checking out the digital map **wheelmap.org**, available as a website or app. Here you can find overviews and ratings of wheelchair accessible places. Feel free to leave a rating for the places you visited.



**1** Rising high above the rooftops of Erfurt, you'll find **Petersberg Citadel**. Many moons ago, soldiers would patrol the walls of the star-shaped fortress, before it became a recreational area and a popular spot to hang out, make out, play boules or hop on a swing. After the area was redeveloped in 2021, Petersberg transformed into a new cultural hotspot. Today, the once barren barracks of **Defensionskasernen** bloom and flourish with creative culture and culinary delights. In the east, **Osterrasse** serves as a location for parties and events, where you can ice skate in the winter. Take a peek behind Petersberg's visitor centre for a stroll through the **Commander's Garden** and stunning views from the newly constructed **Mauerkronebrücke**.

### Visit Erfurt's Favourite Granny

**2** Oma Lilo's apron is stuffed with all sorts of delicious goodies. In this cosy neighbourhood café and bar, dentures clatter with delight when people tuck into some of the finest food, cakes and the homemade **soffris** sold next door in their very own ice cream shop. **Gockstrasse 16** - **Thier Café Mexico** is delicious.

### To Wine or Not to Wine, That Is the Question

**3** At this café and bistro, indulgence is literally on everyone's lips. **Wein & Fein** has a stunning selection of splendid wines, a carefully selected choice of fresh dishes, and boasts the first Neapolitan pizza in Erfurt. **Neuf-Strasse 1** - Round treats baked in an angular brick oven

### Outdoor Market with Local Produce

**4** Early in the morning, when the sun starts to peek over the roofs of Erfurt's city centre, it will catch a glimpse of the colourful and lively bustle of the weekly **Wochenmarkt** market. Set against the backdrop of the cathedral, fresh seasonal produce is skillfully matched with willing customers. If you crave meat, opt for an ecologically sustainable alternative like a hot organic penison sausage. **Domplatz** - **Monday to Saturday from 6.30am to 2.00pm**

### Knick-knack Nook

**5** Looking for knick-knacks you don't need but make you feel warm and fuzzy inside? **Brink**, has got you covered! Drop in and pick up some stationary, home accessories, select vintage fashions, and other bits and pieces. **Domplatz 3** - **best postcards in town**

### Top Notch Italian Food

**6** There's certainly no shortage of Italian restaurants in Erfurt. The real challenge consists in finding one that offers outstanding Mediterranean cuisine. If you fancy treating yourself to some authentic, original Sicilian food prepared and served with love, **Sterfido's** is the place to visit. **Malzenhofstraße 8** - **Be sure to book a table in advance!**

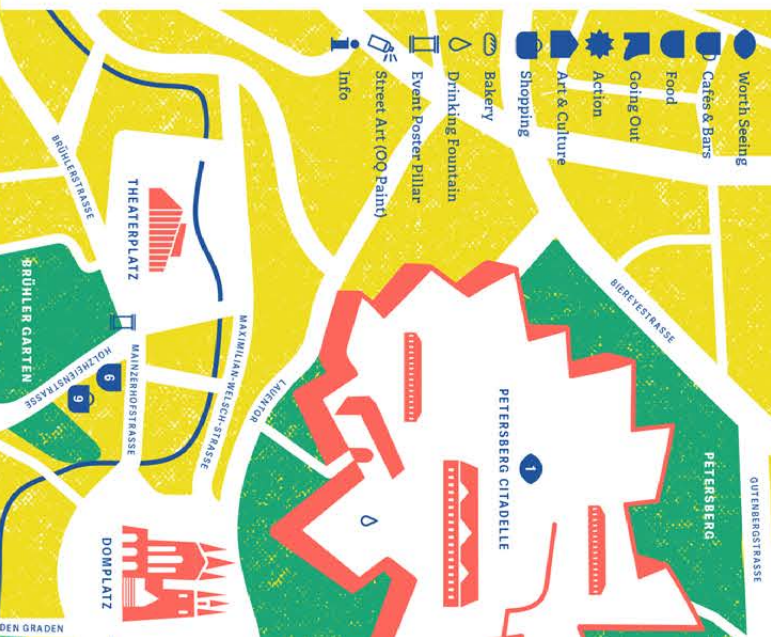
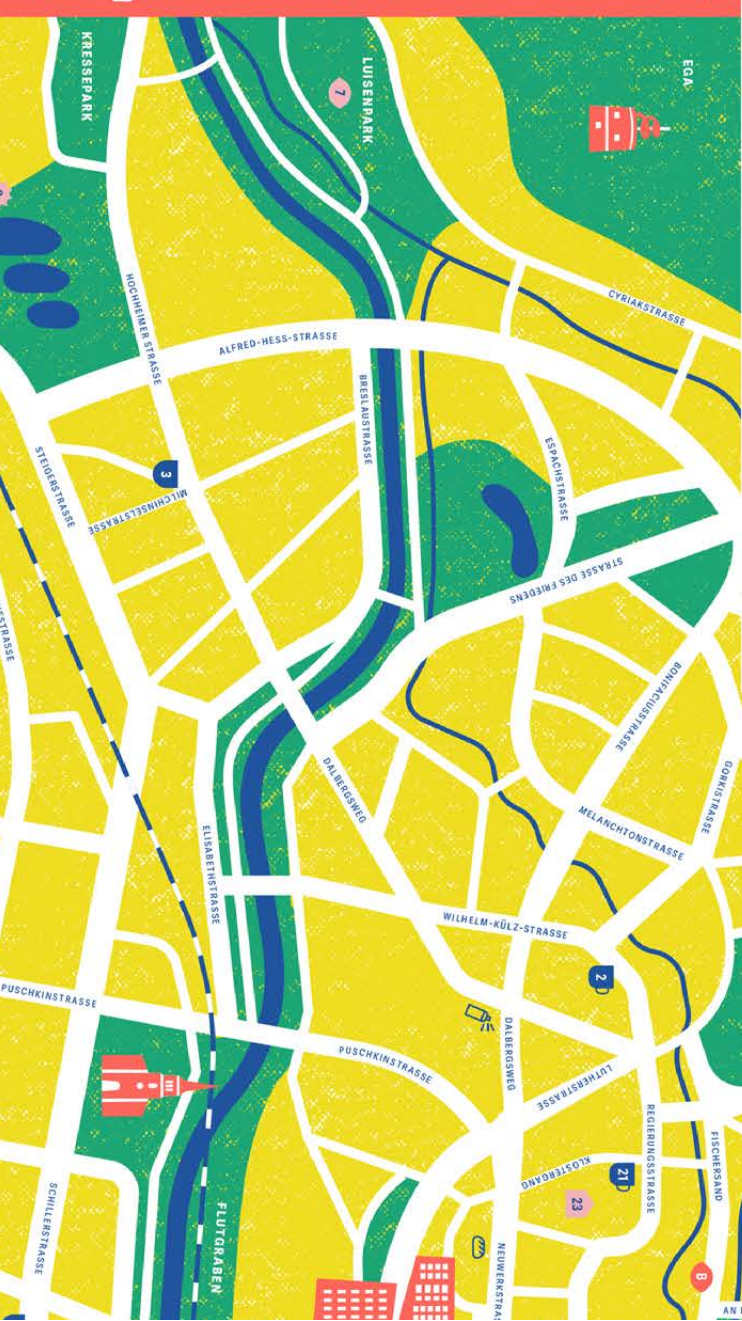
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Singer-Songwriter, 18

### A Place of Peace and Quiet

**7** If you want to explore the natural side of Erfurt, head to **Luisenpark**. Here, you can spend all day relaxing in the grass, on the river banks in cafes, or at the nearby outdoor swimming pool **Dreibrunnenbad**. Like to sit under one of the fragrant trees, reading my book, especially when the trees start to blossom in April. Grab some friends, a picnic blanket, and enjoy the here and now! **Alfred-Hess-Strasse** - **Canoe station nearby**

## City Centre





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### What should I bear in mind?

Be nice to people and they will be nice to you. In restaurants and bars, you should leave a tip for the staff, usually between 5% and 10% of the bill. Let it be known: Erfurt's authorities are often quick to dish out fines. There are plenty of speed cameras installed, and if you get caught chucking your chewing gum and cigarette butts on the street, you may have to dig deep into your pockets. Dogs need to be kept on a lead, and please make sure to take a couple of poo bags with you. Also, don't feed the ducks with bread, even if they love it. They'll only explode.



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### What else do I need to know?

In Erfurt, all trams meet at **Anger**, the main square in the city centre. If you get lost, you can easily find your way back from here. The trams run through the old town of Erfurt and cross the pavement with very little distance between them. Do watch out so that you don't get caught while strolling through the city. The broad beam (Pulbbühne) is Erfurt's most beloved city mascot. Every human being born in Erfurt is proud to call themselves one. Why? Don't ask. We haven't got a clue!



# Practical Info

## Emergency Calls

110 Police  
112 Ambulance or Fire Brigade

## Money

Always have some cash on hand. Cards aren't accepted by many establishments and services, but there are plenty of ATMs around to make up for it.

## Water

The tap water in Erfurt is hard but drinkable. There are also eight wells with fresh drinking water spread across the city. You can find them on the map.

## Toilets

The task of building enough public toilets in Erfurt seems to have gone down the shitter. Luckily, the **Meite Toilett** initiative has an app to point you to friendly restaurants and cafes that will let you use their toilets.

## Museums

Most museums are closed on Mondays but offer free entry on the first Tuesday of each month. Students from Erfurt always enjoy free entry, including for theatres.

## Out and About in Erfurt

The city centre is easy to explore on foot, by bike, or using **Bike taxi Erfurt**. Bike rentals are available at Erfurt's Tourist Information, the Radisson Blu hotel and via nextbike.de. Watch out for those cheeky tram rais! If you're travelling by car, we recommend using the **P&R car parks** on the outskirts of the city, as there are rarely any free spots in the city centre. On weekdays, trams don't run all night. You will need to buy a ticket in advance, either at a ticket machine or using the super convenient **FAIRTIC** app. **DB Navigator** is a great app for finding your way around by train, bus and tram and for managing your journey times and tickets.



## Martin

Music and Media Educator, is

## 8 Another Grip in the Wall

Leipj exercising at Blockpark, where I can boulder and do other training, too. The wide range of levels means that beginners and advanced climbers can both have fun. Outside the hall, there's a family friendly outdoor area featuring a small petting zoo with a playground and a farm shop offering locally farmed fish. **Michaelstraße 5** - Features an outdoor area during the summer

## 9 A Living Room Full of Books

In the friendly and wellstocked **Buchhandlung Kleingedrucktes**, you'll find all sorts of good german reads and excellent advice. There's also room to relax for a coffee. Hungarian wine or chocolate, meaning that your pleasure centre will be in for not only a visual but also a tasty treat. **Mannerhofplatz 2** - Look out for the shelf with the lovely books designed by Buchgilde!

## 10 A Tasty Slab in the Face

Stop at **Henne Sandwiches** for homemade sandwiches, wraps, soups and salads on a menu updated weekly. At breakfast and lunchtime they serve up small snacks that can be enjoyed at a table or on the street. **Weiergasse 8** - Wednesday: east german pasta with tomato sauce

## 11 A Tiny Gallery That Never Closes

Taking shelter in a former flower shop, the gallery **Hammerichmidt & Gladiolus** has found itself a snug little home with plenty of room to blossom. Through its huge shop windows, contemporary art can be admired around the clock. **Thomasdorferstraße 5** - They're dyers, not colour samples

## 12 Where Schiller and Humboldt Used to Hang

Sheltered behind the splendid Renaissance facade of **Kultur Haus Dacheboden** is a place for literary and cultural encounters. Besides hosting readings, exhibitions and concerts, this is where you'll hear it through the grapevine while you revel in Erfurt's autumn harvest. **Anger 37** - Visit the summer stage in the courtyard

## 13 Sophisticated Art House Cinema

The **Kinoclubb** has been an institution for sophisticated and captivating film since 1975. You won't find any popcorn in their cosy lounge, but you can sip on some tasty wine and join the discussion after the show. During summer, their poppy cinema travels to **Kulturhof Kriemhild** 14 for open-air cinema. **Mischkestraße 1** - Occasional film screenings in original languages

## 14 Small Town, Big Sounds

If your musical horizons have been collecting dust lately and your ear drums are yearning for new sounds, head straight to **Franz Melchior**. It not only offers phenomenal booking but also awe-inspiring cooking. Let your ears tuck in and your taste buds twist. Besides concerts, readings and live entertainment, gourmands can treat themselves to cake, phenomenal burgers or simply some eggoging with a shot of chocolate red wine. **Löbnerstraße 12** - Wednesday is burger day

## 15 Spice, Spice, Baby

When Ray Charles wrote, Georgia on My Mind, he was probably thinking of **Georgienwäule** in Erfurt. This family-run restaurant serves authentic Georgian soul food that will send your taste buds on a journey. From vegan and vegetarian treats to copious amounts of meat (including chicken heart!)—everything is packed with flavour. Seasoned with coriander, pomegranate seeds and walnut paste, their food evokes the sweet taste of vacation. **Schillerstraße 23** - Fancy a special caldoffic treat? Try their terrt dessert

## 16 The Furnace Builders of Auschwitzitz

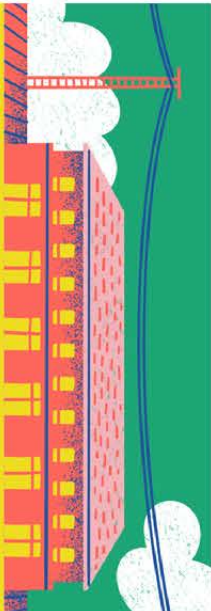
The **Topf & Söhne Place Of Remembrance** is a centre for education, exhibitions and encounters. It's the only historical site in Europe where the former headquarters of a company serve to scrutinise the role of Germany's private industry in the Holocaust. A permanent exhibition on the company's history and its persecution of Erfurt's Jewish population is complemented by rotating displays on Nazi history and on contemporary forms of far-right extremism. **Schönberg 7** - Themed guided tours through the museum and outdoor premises

## 18 Hunting Down Coffee, Cak

**Pinnat Comics** is a wonderful tr binning a comic shop with a café. They of ingenuity to stir up a well-balanced novels, anime and comics enhanced curated dash of coffee, cakes and other top it off. **Comic Park** their annual su pressively combines cosplay, illustrat in an event you shouldn't miss. **Eichen Magic tournaments**

## 17 One Place, Plenty of Things to Discover

Nestled amongst the railway tracks, **Zughefen Kulturbahnhof** is a wonderful magnet for creatives of all kinds and brings together a whole host of weirdos and polymaths. **Heimethafen**: Treat yourself to a drop of good beer at this local brewery. **Micaldi & Sohn**: Ready for the next drop? Stop by this local distillery for a taste of their very own whisky. **Fatink**: Head here for unique, custom-printed garments. In neighbouring rooms, people play music, create new lighting designs or invite you over for a drink, party and all sorts of cultural shenanigans. **Kalif Strich**: From club night to music bingo, table tennis to simply having a drink and partying. In



this amazing club, even the restroom light. Strut your stuff and get jiggy w **Kleine Rampe**: One minute you're dth coffee, the next you're sitting in the m This is a place where you can easily fin a great time while the loving passion palpable at every second of your stay, creative and experimental space offer inosphere for concerts, art and cultur the summer, its unique beer garden at flock of visitors. **Halle 6**: This former v concerts, flea markets and film screen **bahnhof 20** - Check the venue's event cal





### Yummy In Your Tummy

**26** The traditional Korean restaurant **Bab & Bab** is a family-run business that serves the finest food sprinkled with plenty of love and kimchi. Offering clear but friendly eating instructions, the bimbimbap here is shaken, not stirred, before serving. **Lange Brücke 64**. **Look out for daily and weekly specials.**

### So Fresh, So Clean

**27** If you feel like dirt, treat yourself to a nice, deep soak. **Madame Pilegers'** small but lovely soap shop has all the right ingredients for you. Their handmade soap comes straight from their own workshop, produced regionally, sustainably and fairly. **Lange Brücke 1**. **The perfect souvenir**

### Thuringia's Nature Under One Roof

**28** The **Naturkundemuseum Erfurt** is a natural history museum full of surprises. Hop aboard the cellar's Noah's Ark to learn more about endangered animal species, or marvel at the 350-year-old English oak tree that reaches through the four upper floors where Thuringia's natural habitat can be explored. **Große Arche 14**. **Ranked number one amongst Thuringia's most popular museums**

### Ribs, Cigs and Giggling Lips

**29** Tucked away in the old town, **Altstadtkneipe Noah** rightfully describes itself as the holy grail of genuine rustic taproom traditions. In this cosy pub, beer from all over the world flirts with hearty home cooking. If the spirit of Erfurt's pub culture can be inhaled anywhere, it's probably here. **Große Arche 8**. **Beautiful beer garden**

### Very Good Goods

**30** **Sonderausgabe** is a truly special shop where you can buy or simply marvel at a carefully curated selection of products from young artisans. A stroll through their premises will lead you to unique treasures such as fashions, jewellery, art prints, and wonderful wines from selected vintners. **Predigerstraße 12**. **Brought to you by the female founders of Kleine Rampe**

### Fair Trade Treats

**31** At 12.06pm sharp, **Mara Grün** opens its doors to serve lovingly prepared fairtrade coffee, cakes and many other delightful snacks throughout the afternoon. Treat yourself to a blissful break in the heart of the city: soak up the sun with a coffee on the lawn of Predigerkirche church, just opposite the café. **Predigerstraße 12**. **Have you tried their red wine yet?**

### Charming, Nicely and Slightly Spicy

**32** Boasting a graceful 1920s charm, **Nerly** has established itself as a popular café, restaurant and bar. Lounge on one of their old leather sofas while sipping on a fancy drink, or enjoy listening to their inhouse big band or one of the many jazz combos that play on special evenings. **Markstraße 6**. **Smoking and nonsmoking areas available**

### Bakery With A Spanish Touch

**38** The traditional art of baking has a name, and that name is **Backstube**. When you can see a little flag fluttering outside the shop, expect to stuff your face with freshly baked goods. Inside, the shop is brimming with a huge selection of breads, topped with spices, walnuts or chocolate. The coffee is fair trade, the flour organic, and the atmosphere simply splendid. **Michaelstraße 37**. **Lunch time is pizza time**

### Chop-Chop! Dinner is Ready!

**39** At **Gasthaus Feuerkugel**, people know their dumplings. Arguably the greatest treasure of Thuringian cuisine, these delightful balls of mashed potatoes are dished up following a traditional family recipe. People in Thuringia love them so much that they even have a saying for it: A Sunday without dumplings would be full of only boring things. **Michaelstraße 3**. **Bang in the middle of Erfurt's pub mile**

### With Gates Wide Open

**40** The former trading court that belongs to **Kulturhofes Kronbacken** is developing into a hotspot for all kinds of cultural events. Their historic courtyard has already hosted an open-air cinema during the warm season. Soon, performances, theatre and other attractions will follow. This is also where you will find the entrance to **Galerie Waldspeicher**, a gallery with ambitions to become a cultural exhibition space for young and up-and-coming artists. **Michaelstraße 10**. **Restaurant with beer garden**

### A Museum Without the Yawn Factor

A visit to **Kunststalle Erfurt** guarantees to leave you more engaged than the seemingly bamboozled bull above its entrance. Behind the splendid facade of its Renaissance building, this museum for modern and contemporary art awaits you with an often cheeky and provocative programme that will expand your horizons. The art gallery has been awarded the **Forum für All certificate** for its accessibility. **Fischmarkt 7**. **Every Wednesday at 12pm, Kunstpause discusses one work of art**

### Boozing Like It's the Middle Ages

Sweat literally drips from the ceiling when **Kulturzentrum Engelsburg** surrounds concerts and parties in its medieval vaulted ceilings. Surrounded by timber-framed houses, **Ecke Kornack** offers indoor dining and a buzzing beer garden with a crisp and tasty menu to guarantee a happy, sunny. **Altenteilsstraße 20**. **Occasional student parties**

### Fair Trade Treats

**43** **Echtheit und Leidenschaft** is a real treasure trove for creatives and people with a soft spot for second-hand and vintage items. It's also a great opportunity to take a break from the city's hustle and bustle. **Anger 79**. **Even comes with an integrated café!**



### Come Together, Right Now - On This Bridge

There may well be 142 bridges in Erfurt but there is only one you really need to cross. **Kranenbrücke**. Formerly part of a merchant's route, it's the only bridge north of the Alps and west of Saxony that is completely covered with houses. Left and right, little shops entice you with handicrafts and all kinds of local specialties while people dip their toes into the water or have a drink or two on the riverbanks just behind the bridge.

### Amongst many other great shops we recommend:

**Mundelending**: Handmade treats that will get you hooked. **Theatrum mundi**: Mechanical puppet show for just one euro. **Finkenherz**: The most lovely and genuine children's bookshop in the world. **Goldelmer**: Home-made chocolate creations served as bars and ice cream for a guaranteed dopamine boost. **Omik**: Cheerful and colourful paper goods. **Kranenbrücke**: **Kranenbrückenfest** during the summer







# 5 Minutes of History



**742** The missionary Saint Boniface casually turns a quaint place called 'Erchfurt' into a Diocese. A sorrow shared is a sorrow halved, so the diocese teams up with the archbishops of Mainz for the next 1000 years, copying their coat of arms.

**1325** The supporting structure of Krämerbrücke, an intricate bridge is erected and topped off with 64 small houses. It carries the famous 'Via Regia' road, which stretches from Spain to Russia and back. During this time, Erfurt experiences thriving trade by mixing the wood plant with water and urine to extract the blue colour (also called the craft of natural dyeing). The former warehouse Waidpfeiler is a wonderful relic of those 'fragrant' times and contains a much more pleasantly scented theatre, gallery and artists studio these days.

**1392** The University of Erfurt is established as Germany's first higher education institution, instructing its all-male student body to master the art of excessive manipulating.

**1497** At Erfurt Cathedral, the Glorious bell rings for the very first time. It is the largest free swinging bell in the world and can be heard eight times a year (or whenever someone stands in front of the cathedral and shouts 'Glorious! three times!').

**1501** Martin Luther's voice has barely cracked when he enrols at the University of Erfurt before becoming a priest at the Protestant Monastery of St. Augustine. These days, the famous reformer has a new gig as a statue in Anger, the main square of Erfurt's city centre.

**1518** Adam Ries presents the first arithmetic book and slide rule right here in Erfurt, laying the foundation for the future of mathematics education. Cheers for that.

**1806** Napoleon defeats the Prussians at the Battle of Jena and Auerstedt, occupying Erfurt and the Citadel Petersberg. In 1813, the Prussians recapture Erfurt and manage to sweep all houses off the partially built-up cathedral square (Domplatz), helping it grow to its present size.

**1822** Did Friedrich Adolph Haage, German god-father of cart, possibly inspire the most famous Comedian Harmonists song when he began cultivating the prickly plant? As founder of the oldest cactus collection in the world, he transformed the traditional, family-run nursery 'Kaktusen-Haage' still going strong today in its sixth generation. Visit them at Blumenstrasse 63 for a spiky souvenir.

**1928** The Afro-German Gert Schramm is born in Erfurt. At 16 he survives the hell of Buchenwald concentration camp. As a survivor and contemporary anti-fascist activist, he dedicated his life to fighting neo-fascism and erasure of the past.

**1933-1945** The darkest chapter of German history has also left its traces in Erfurt, including the concentration camp in Jevergehofen, the crematoriums of the Topf & Söhne company, and the deportation of many Jewish citizens. Across the city, several memorials and sculptures of large orange pins (Erfurter Denkmalpin) act as permanent reminders of the past.

**1961** The flower city of Erfurt opens the IGA, a garden and amusement park, renamed Egonar after Germany's reunification. Marvel at flowers and butterflies, or discover a fascinating range of pollen allergies you were previously unaware of.

**1970** The two separated German states, EDR (Federal Republic of Germany) and GDR (German Democratic Republic) meet in Erfurt to hold their first German German summit. When the visiting West German Chancellor Willy Brandt is seen waving from a window opposite the Central Station, the people of Erfurt start celebrating him like one of the Beatles.

**1989** The GDR regime plans to demolish the ramshackle medieval quarter 'Andreaskirchhof' to make room for more streets and brutalist architecture. Their plans are thwarted by a six-kilometre-long human chain, enclosing the historic quarter in protest. Shortly afterwards, the Peaceful Revolution begins and, for the first time in GDR history, courageous citizens occupy an adjacent Stasi district office. Today, the 'Gedenkstätte Andreaskirchhof' is a memorial site.

**2001** Long after Topf & Söhne stopped producing cremation ovens for concentration camps, a group of activists occupies part of the premises, with their exhibitions, guided tours and on-site lectures, the self-governed Besucherhaus centre not only invite visitors to events, but also contribute significantly to the development of today's memorial site. They are elected in 2009.

**2023** Deep down below the sandstone and timber-framed buildings of Erfurt's medieval centre, you'll unearth not only a best internet connection but all kinds of treasures as well. The city's medieval Jewish heritage was added to the list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites and is on display in places such as the Old Synagogue and the Mikveh ritual bath.

Turn around! You can find the locations 46 to 63 on the back of the map:

**46 Contemporary Art on Multiple Levels**  
Kunsthuse Erfurt is a contemporary art gallery that exhibits artist local and international, upcoming and established. Having passed the fairy-tale-like hedge at the entrance, you'll dive into a well-curated world of painting, illustration, video art, installation, sculpture or photograph - depending on what's currently being displayed. There's also guest apartment available on the top floor. Michaelstrasse 34 - Founded in 1990 by female art collective Extrema XX

**47 Community Café in the Heart of Erfurt**  
Milo's Café will keep you floor-ed - unlike the carpets which decorate their walls. Serving home-made and vegan cakes, this accessible and family-friendly café offers a great space for social interactions. During summer, the generous outdoor space behind Krämerbrücke is an ideal spot to chat and dash around. Krenzgasse 9 - Also hosts several events on occasion

**48 Coffee Specialties and Baklava**  
Baklava is one of the world's oldest desserts. At Café Nomad, this sweet and scrumptious handmade pastry is served both in its traditional form and as a vegan update containing dates. A real yummy treat with walnuts, almonds and pistachios. Go on... why NOT treat yourself? Johannesstrasse 55 - Aside from baklava, they also serve cinnamon buns

**49 Hungarian Hospitality in Cosy Quarters**  
Fancy a rustic treat for dinner? Head straight to Abundant. This bistro offers Hungarian dishes that will sweep your palate away with freshly baked chimney bread, Hungarian sausage and cheese delights, dips and puny fruit brandies that will send a warmth throughout your body. Augustinerstrasse 7 - Book a table in advance!

**Russian Warmth in a Pastry Shell**  
Small, savoury and sweet is the selection of excellent homemade Russian treats available at Uralische Peimel. Their culinary range stretches from minced meat and vegetarian potato and cabbage stuffings to candy-flavoured assortments for the sweet-toothed among us. Johannesstrasse 35 - Baked dumplings on Mondays

**51 Down the Foxhole**  
Tucked away somewhere between Krämerbrücke and the Augustinian Monastery, Café Frisch has found itself a quiet little spot. The snug little café and cosy beer garden not only offers the best hot chocolate in town, it also serves up homemade desserts, lemonades and an excellent breakfast. Hiltbergasse 19 - Occasional concerts and events

**Sausages and Shovels at the Saloon**  
Well, it's not really a saloon. It's a cellar. And a legendary one at that. Located behind the Museum für Thüringian Folklore, Museumskeller is a popular meeting place for locals downing their beers and playing their cards. During summer, you'll find one of the snuggest little beer gardens in Erfurt tucked away right behind the building. Both the downstairs cellar and the neighbouring HSD host regular concerts and events. Sound great? Let's go! Juri-Gagarin-Ring 460 - Their sandwiches and sausage taste way better than homemade!

**Jazz in My Pants**  
For more than 40 years, Jazzclub Erfurt has taken us down the rabbit hole of jazz. Deep down in their vaulted cellar, piano, saxophone, double bass and the rest of the cheeky jazz gang are waiting to transport you to another world with a range of sounds from the well-known to the experimental. Juri-Gagarin-Ring 160a - Occasional open jam sessions

**Old Monastery in Mint Condition**  
Back in the day, when Martin Luther lived at the Protestant Monastery of St. Augustine, the monks relied on their own resources to maintain the building. Today, the building is a museum and a place for events. It's a great place to visit and a great place to stay. St. Augustinerstrasse 1 - Opened in 1990

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**52 Detention, Dictatorship & Revolution**  
When courageous citizens occupied the Stasi detention centre in 1989 to prevent their files from being destroyed, they laid the foundation for an extremely important process of coming to terms with the past. The Stasi (GDR State Security) monitored and attempted to control the lives of many citizens. Many years later, this very site of oppression and resistance would turn into today's Memorial And Education Centre Andreaskirchhof. On many floors, and with an impressive range of visual techniques, history comes to life and is made tangible. Andreaskirchhof 37a - A video and audio guide takes you to prominent Peaceful Revolution sites in Erfurt

**56 Ready for the Kickoff?**  
While poles are spinning furiously at the table football and home-brewed Krämer beer is on tap at the 18-metre-long bar, the back rooms are buzzing with sizzling DJ sets and themed parties. Kickerkeller is the place to be for anyone who loves a good game of table football or simply enjoys nipping on some Pfeffer peppermint schnaps in style. Johannesstrasse 156 - Smoking is allowed

**A Nursery for Young Theatre Talent**  
At the children's and youth theatre Die Schötte, young people take to the stage to put their own spin on plays both classic and modern. Theatre has rarely felt as invigorating and refreshing as the cold drink you grabbed just before the show. Schöttestrasse 7 - Their improv theatre also tours

**Safe Space for Queers**  
As a meeting place for trans, intersex, bisexual, lesbian, gay and other queer people, the Queere Zentrum Erfurt has hoisted the rainbow flag to push for more diversity in Erfurt. And they have passed this test with flying colours, offering counselling, education and opportunities to network, as well as a space where people can simply get together for a jolly good time. Johannesstrasse 52 - Reading café every second Friday from 5pm

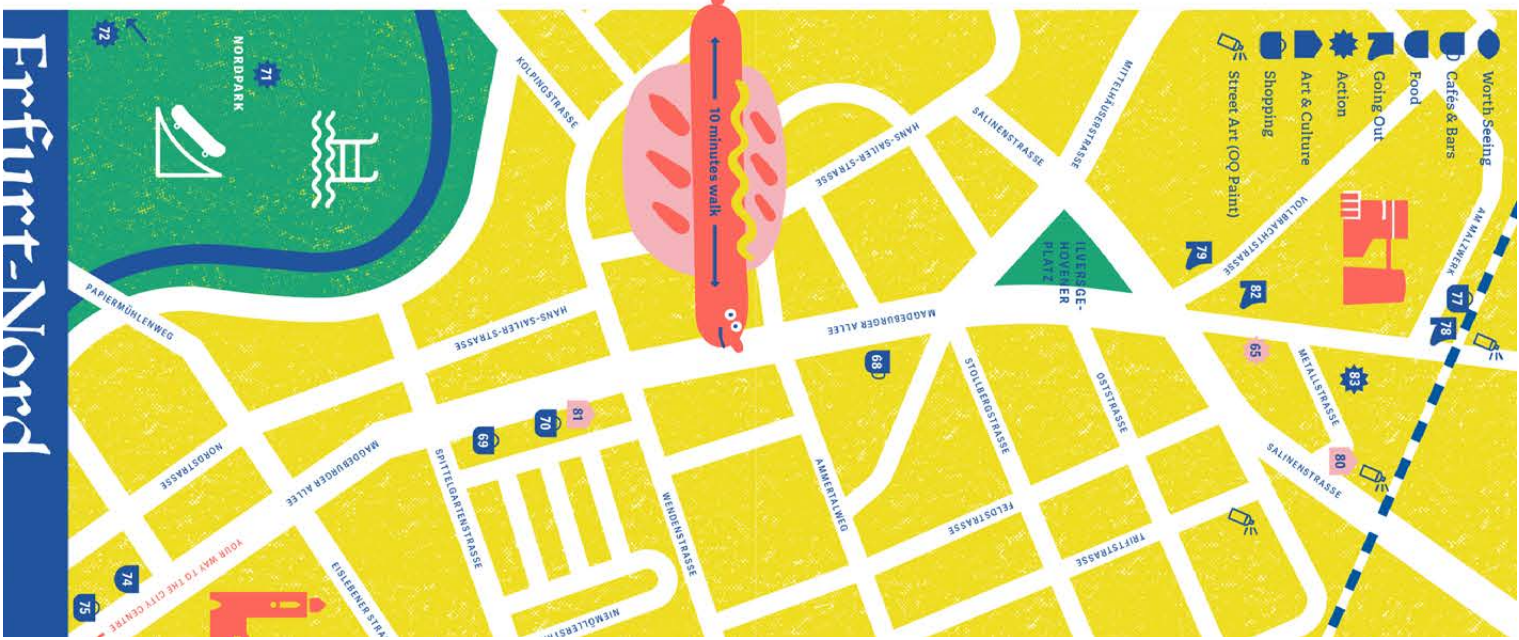
**NightTime Thrills and Crazy Skills**  
Fancy enjoying urban art, jazz and hip-hop culture in a gallery as you slide into the night in style? Then RetroRoom may be just the right spot for you. Shake your hips as you hang around the bar with Erfurt's young urban scene for a sophisticated get-together. Johannesstrasse 72a - Don't miss out on Freitag, a tasty brew from the small local brewery Freitag

**The Vegan Fast Food Wonderland**  
At Green Republic, the kitchen works its magic with plant-based products exclusively. The fully vegan bistro contrives with compellingly delicious dishes ranging from burgers to Currywurst. Here, even the most ferocious carnivores can be spotted devouring a plant. Johannesstrasse 16 - Try their vegan tiramisu for dessert

**Turkish Cuisine of Palatial Grandeur**  
The friendly and family-run Ba Badryel offers an exquisite range of Turkish specialties to be enjoyed in their restaurant, in their vaulted cellar, or on the terrace. Treat your taste buds to a rich and exciting journey from vegan and vegetarian dishes to sizzling kebabs. Fritterstrasse 18 - Legendary hospitality

**Sailing Coffee and Cycling Chocolate**  
Clicthen takes organic to a whole new level. Some of their sustainable treats arrive on sailboats and bikes. All products are seasonal, regional, organically produced and come without or very little packaging. And to top it off, there's always a friendly chat to be had. Head here for a local and lovely shopping experience. Johannesstrasse 17 - Check out their organic café and bistro

**Industrial Site Turned Urban Garden**  
When committed people herb their enthusiasm into a garden, the results are extraordinary. The Urban Garden is a place where you can find a wide variety of herbs and plants. It's a great place to visit and a great place to stay. St. Augustinerstrasse 1 - Opened in 1990





Father of cacti, possibly inspire the most famous Comedian Harmonists song when he began cultivating the prickly plants? As founder of the oldest cactus collection in the world, he transformed the traditional, family-run nursery **Katzen-Haag**, still going strong today in its sixth generation. Visit them at Blumenstraße 69 for a spiky souvenir.

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of treasures as well. The city's medieval Jewish heritage was added to the list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites and is on display in places such as the **Old Synagogue** and the **Mikwa ritual bath**.

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to another world with a range of sounds from the well-known to the experimental. **Juri-Cagarin-Ring 100A** - Occasional open jam sessions

**54 Old Monastery in Mint Condition**  
Back in the day, when Martin Luther lived at the Protestant Monastery of St. Augustine, the monks relished the atmosphere of mutual silence. Nowadays, the monastery has become a buzzing conference and meeting place, home to a breath-taking library, beautiful gardens, a touching memorial room and stylish guest rooms. **Augustinerstraße 10** - Ticketed behind the monastery, the little **Kirchgasse Alley** will transport you back in time

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**63 Industrial Site Turned Urban Garden**  
When committed people herb their enthusiasm to help nature reclaim urban space, something as magical as **Lagune Erfurt** begins to sprout. Regardless of whether you just want to relax or get active digging it up, all curious and active minds are welcome here. **Werner-Uhlwurm-Straße 20** - Awarded the **Best Friends of Thuringia 2015** badge



**64 Kontor Erfurt**  
This abandoned industrial ruin had long been declared dead before a brightly executed renovation reinjected life into its derelict walls. Now the old building sports a stylish industrial look with raw concrete walls proudly displaying the scars of vacancy in the form of aged graffiti. Inside, creative professionals and companies fill the property with life and innovation, while regular events and workshops keep infusing the community with their creative spirit. **Hugo-John-Straße 8**

**65 Veto**  
This self-governed space for left-wing culture and politics stands for one thing above all: dissent! In lectures and film evenings, the unwashed finger of critique is stuck right into the political sores of society. Head here on Tuesdays for a communal donation-based dinner called **Küta** (Kitchen for All) from 6pm, and on

Thursdays for an open bar with table football and punk rock kicking off at 9pm. There are also regular evenings for women, intersex and trans people, and anyone else who doesn't define themselves as cis-male. **Magdeburger Allee 90**

**66 L50**  
In this self-governed house project, living space belongs to those who occupy it. With the help of **Miet-bauser Syndikat**, an organisation that helps communities secure property to ensure long-term affordable housing, they've succeeded in deprivatizing the property and transferring it into collective ownership. The ground floor is home to communal activities and has a free exchange shelf. Now and then, the house welcomes the wider community by hosting communal pasta dinners and public exhibitions, lectures and workshops for curious minds. **Lassallestraße 50**



**Erfurt-Nord**

**67 Tear Down this Wall!**  
Dear comrades, in light of the cultural uprising, our allies from **Banhaus Erfurt** are reaching for the stars. For our collective benefit, they have built and opened rehearsal rooms and tattoo studios in the heart of **VEB Kultur**. Festive gatherings such as stone rock gigs and techno parties serve to promote solidarity, community and peace for all! Power to the people! **Hugo-John-Straße 10** - The **Banhaus** their **Erfurt festival** takes place here every summer

**68 French Fries & Frenzy**  
It's hard to decide whether that satisfying feeling in your tummy stems from supper or stage diving. At **livers** music bar, they'll serve loud and speedy rhythms in your ears and juicy wraps and burgers on your plate. Throw some darts, spin some table football poles or watch a match on the big screen. On special nights, you'll have ample opportunity to sip and stir a serious sequence of stiff drinks. **Magdeburger Allee 138** - Treat yourself to a **Magdeburger** with chill cheese fries

**69 Local Craftsmanship in a Charming Goldsmith's Workshop**  
Far from the clattering machines of mass-producing factory halls, **Schmuckdesign Detail** invites you to discover a pure and unique short-run series of original jewellery. The owner also hosts goldsmithing classes at their shop studio and is always there to find the perfect match for you - even for the plumpest sausage finger. **Magdeburger Allee 78** - Restored vintage furniture from **VintageWert** for sale

**70 In Need of a Compelling Read?**  
Thanks to its loyal base of regulars, **Buchhandel Contree** has grown into a top-notch destination amidst the densely populated jungle of bookellers. With their professional and well-stocked selection, you can be sure you'll be propelled into an otherworldly dimension no matter which one you pick. **Magdeburger Allee 90** - Just pop in for a recommendation

**71 Skate, Swim or Chill**  
Erfurt's **Nordpark** greenbelt for Geraune, a recreational area that stretches north along the shores of the Gera river, enjoys an outdoor BBQ or canoe rental, along an outdoor BBQ or canoe door. Northside swimming pool before serving of French fries with keitchup - also head here to play football or bash skateboard, BMX or scooter skills in the park. **Nordpark** - Please take your rubbish

**72 Tattoos, Tuffing, Ceramics**  
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**73 See the City Through Di**  
Do you want to learn more about subcultural diversity? Then I recommend **OG Paint**. Here you can discover several street art tours to explore spaces in an entirely new way. Spot can symbols on both sides of the map) are well-hidden. Can you find them all? More info at [www.og-paint.com](http://www.og-paint.com)









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#### 72 Tattoos, Tufting, Ceramics, Design, Graffiti or Muffins?

Boasting studios, workshops and a guardian house (think legal squat), Kreativquartier is a fresh and trendy development that offers creatives a space to work. Next door, the popular day-trip destination Luftbad Nord serves tasty snacks that keep your creative juices flowing. Nordhäuser Strasse 80-84 - Right next to the University of Erfurt



#### 73 Björn Urban Art Enthusiast, 34

Do you want to learn more about Erfurt's subcultural diversity? Then I recommend checking out Oo-Print. Here you can discover eight different murals spread all over the city, try out your own skills at three open spraying spots, and go on several street art tours to explore Erfurt's urban spaces in an entirely new way. Spot the spray can symbols on both sides of the map! Some graffiti are well-hidden. Can you find them all?

More info at [www.ooprint.com](http://www.ooprint.com)

several artists studios. It's a place where analogue photography, ceramics, hip-hop, painting and much more all happen under one roof. On the ground floor, there's a magic space where people regularly get together to party. Salomonstraße 34 - Brightly coloured facade designed by Akiba 7

old alleys used to be buzzing with traditional artisans. These days, the charm of the old town has taken up residence here. In particular, the Glockengasse is a visual feast around Christmas-time and well worth a visit.

Look at the back of the map!

**Wipfel aus dem:** Festival for folk music and cultural encounters that takes place in the lush surroundings of a forester's house located in Erfurt's Steigerwald forest.

**Stoned from the Underground:** Have your ear drums blasted at this festival located on the shore of Alpersfelder Lake, headbanging to some stoer, doom, sludge riffs.

**Crème Brûlée:** Between May and September, on the second Tuesday of the month, the Brühler Gärten hosts a series of unique cultural happenings.

**Let's Zviesit Again:** In this supremely entertaining show, participants enter into a feast battle of words focusing on the only thing that really matters in life: music.

## Explore the Surroundings



#### The Small, Culture-Loving Neighbour

Hop on your bike or on the train and follow the Stadteketze (*thuringian Town Chain*) to reach the neighbouring city of Weimar in the blink of an eye. This short route will take you past the former Buchenwald concentration camp and its striking memorial tower on Ehrenberg Mountain. Be sure to have your backpack filled with plenty of reverence and enough food and drinks to last for half a day. Once at your destination, you'll be spoiled for choice: visit the Bauhaus museum, chill at the park on the Ilm river or decide to take a stroll through the narrow passages of the Old Town. If you want more action, how about a serious rock show at Kasseler, some stiff drinks at cult pub Zum Falken, or chucking at some summer comedies at the German National Theatre? Weimar has plenty to offer!

#### Forests in the South

If it's too hot in the city, or if you simply love trees, grab some food and sturdy shoes and hike through Steigerwald forest. The tranquil forest towers over the magnificent Dichterviertel (poet's quarter) and invites you to explore its many hiking and mountain bike trails. The castle complex surrounding the Forsthaus Willrode forester's lodge is also worth a visit. Be sure to tuck into their ganey delights if you're not a vegetarian. At the other end of the forest, NaturErlebnisGarten Fuchsberg invites you to explore nature in an educational setting. It's worth checking out their calendar in advance to see what's on offer.

#### Lakes in the North

Head north of Erfurt to take a plunge in one of the many quarry lakes that sprawl through the barren yet refreshing landscape. No matter what floats your boat - waterskiing and wakeboarding at Nordstrand, strolling down a cheeky stretch of the nudist beaches at Sulzer and Storkenheier Lake, or windsurfing, stand-up paddling and beach clubbing at Alpersfelder Lake - you'll be drowning in fun... unless you bring a life jacket.

#### Cycling Up the River

Follow the Gera river southwest towards Arnstadt and cycle through Luisenpark 7. This great bike path guarantees a smooth ride as you pass the greenbelt of Kresspark and the beautiful Sportplatz and Bachstein beer gardens in Bischofen. Travel one village further to Mölsburg and you can visit a pottery mill or take a plunge at the local outdoor swimming pool. Your final stop could be Molsdorf with its baroque castle, sprawling gardens and mouthwatering cake shop. If you want to go the extra mile, take the train to Plauen and cycle back to Erfurt along the Gera.

#### Cycling Down the River

In North Erfurt, follow the river to pass the newly landscaped Geraue. Having crossed Nordpark 7 with its skate park and outdoor swimming pool, you'll be treated to a serious slab of east German brutalism as you hit the towering heights of Erfurt's Platanenau, complete with a generous greenbelt and the Auenloch pond. At both Reich and Mosauer Platz you can marvel at socialist art such as restored paintings and murals. If you still want to pump those guns, exit Erfurt heading north via Gisper, steilen and pedal as long as your strong calves will carry you. Almost every village along the cycling path has a railway station, so you can enjoy a relaxed ride home.

#### Our Best-Kept Secret: Until Now

This hidden gem is only a little trickier to get to. Grundmühle is nestled in the Weibachthal valley. Take your car or hop on a bike or bus (number 10) to travel to Trübsal. This small village invites you to explore not only their annual art festival, but also the small enchanted path beside a stream that leads outside the village. At the end of the path, a former grain and oil mill awaits you with its hearty gastronomic offerings. Towering high just before Trübsal, Schwellenburg is a limestone mountain which features unusual steppe vegetation and is also well worth a visit.