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Dresden Transport Museum – What moves you

Where Saxon electors and kings once “parked” their horses and carriages, visitors today can embark on a fascinating journey through the history of transport in Dresden’s oldest museum building. The extensive exhibition on 5,000 m² of space presents a unique variety of vehicles, including historically significant locomotives, automobiles from all eras, rare and classic motorcycles and bicycles, legendary airplanes, and magnificent model ships. Visitors can learn how the way we travel has changed over the centuries and how modern transport influences society.

The Transport Museum is dedicated to all aspects of the mobile world and presents exhibitions on all four modes of transport – rail, road, water and air – under one roof. Founded in 1952, the museum is based on one of the oldest collections of technical objects in Germany, the Royal Saxon Railway Museum that opened in 1877. It is located in the former royal stables built in 1591 at the heart of the old town between the Royal Palace and the Frauenkirche on Neumarkt square.

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Motor vehicle pioneers and their groundbreaking innovations

The collections in the Transport Museum not only revolve around technology, but also focus on the inventors, constructors and users of different means of transportation.

The **exhibition on the history of air travel** takes visitors back through 200 years of aviation history – from the first hot-air balloons in the 18th century to Lilienthal's attempts at gliding, the era of gigantic airships, the first motorised flights, right up to modern holiday jets. There is a special focus on aircraft construction in former East Germany and especially Dresden, where Germany's first jet-powered passenger aircraft "152" was built.

An important section is dedicated to the **history of the railways**, with the spotlight on Germany's first long-distance railway from Leipzig to Dresden. Visitors can admire exhibits such as the Saxonia, the first working locomotive built in Germany (1838, replica), or the oldest originally preserved German locomotive Muldenthal (1861) as well as the last preserved salon carriage of the Saxon court train (1885).

Over the past 200 years, groundbreaking inventions in road transport have enabled increasing numbers of people to travel the world. The **exhibition on the history of road transport** presents the pioneers in this field, trailblazing bicycles, motorcycles and automobiles, and looks at the impact of changes in road transport on our everyday lives.

In the **exhibition on ship navigation**, visitors can embark on a voyage from the river Elbe to the great oceans of the world. One focus of this display is on the more than 1000-year history of shipping on the river Elbe with its peculiar features, such as chain boat navigation, which only few people know about, as well as Saxony's passenger steamboats.

The **model railway in 0-scale size** is considered internationally to be one of the most significant and fascinating of its kind. The trains, some of which are 50 years old, are absolute rarities. They keep the history of the railways alive, from the Saxonia, the first German locomotive, right up to the 1990s. Visitors can admire accurate and fully functioning replicas.

A great experience

The Transport Museum takes visitors on a fascinating tour of discovery through the history of transport. At numerous **activity stations**, you can try mounting a penny farthing, take the helm of a locomotive or take part in a digital regatta.

In the Transport Garden, children can explore and experience technology with all of their senses - driving a toy car around a traffic course, racing on an ergometer or solving puzzles, building and experimenting.

Transport Museum app

Visitors can download a free **audio guide** to the museum on their smartphone (Android and iOS) in German, English, Russian or Czech. It provides them with plenty of information about events at the Transport Museum. A video guide version is also available in German sign language.

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