



Altenburg

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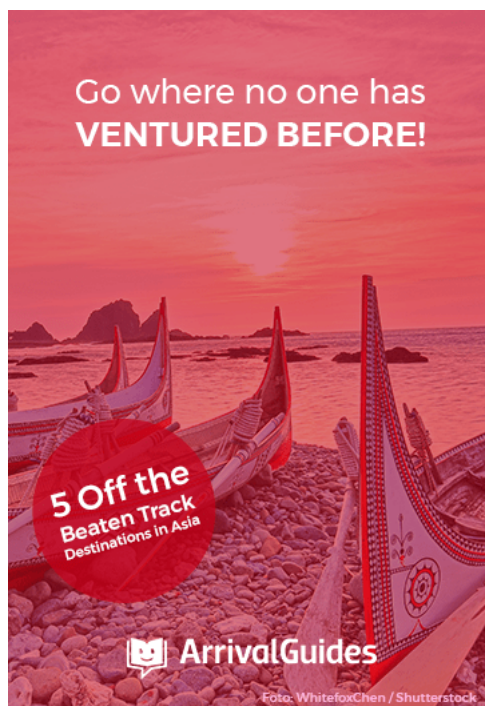
If you fancy a hand of cards then Altenburg is for you. Playing cards has been practised here for over 500 years and the centre of the town is monument to the national card game 'skat' which was first played here. The town goes back over 1000 years and has an impressive castle set on a rocky outcrop, with market squares and a magnificent Town Hall. The brewery is a very important part of the town and you can still buy collapsible top hats on Rossplan Square. The Skat fountain on Bruhl Square is said to bring you good luck if you baptise your cards under the water.



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THE CITY



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Altenburg is also a town of seven towers, four of which are open to the public and provide excellent views towards Leipzig. The town is known for its cultural programme with over 400 events every year. The former Royal Theatre provides a selection of events from puppets to ballet whilst the castle often hosts music festivals and organ recitals. Altenburg is still a hidden gem of architecture and art. A most astounding variety of buildings from over 1000 years of history compose the lovely old town. The "Rote Spitzen" abbey was founded by Germany's favourite Emperor Barbarossa in 1182 and built by Italian monks as the first brick towers in Germany! Martin Luther preached in the St. Bartholomew church and Bach played the precious baroque organ in the castle church.

The town has Thurgia's largest tennis centre, zoo and lake. With lots of local colour there is always plenty to do day or night. Shopping and sightseeing are both popular and in the evening there is nothing better than stopping for a beer and have something to eat at one of the many inns in the town.

Known for its charm and character the town is very popular with younger and older travellers. Strolling through the old town with its many places and parks is a perfect way of passing a

morning or afternoon.

DO & SEE



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Altenburg is rich in sights and history. Here you can stroll around and look at towers, castle, parks and old buildings. The city also offers many interesting museums and those who are interesting in beer there is Altenburg Brewery and Museum.

Nikolaiviertel

Romance will be in the air as you stroll around this attractive part of the town with its many ancient tiny houses. Take your time here to enjoy the history and relax with a cup of coffee.

Address: Nikolaiviertel, Altenburg

Castle and Playing Card Museum and Card Fountain

You will find the playing card museum inside the castle walls whilst the card fountain is on the old town square. The museum contains a large playing card exhibition and other ducal collections such as antique porcelain and furniture.

Address: Schloss 2-4, Altenburg

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 9.30am-5pm

Phone: +49 3447 51 27 12

Internet: www.cms.residenzschloss-altenburg.de

Lindenau Museum

The Lindenau Museum houses one of Europe's finest collections of Italian Renaissance Art, ceramics and classical statues and is considered one of the most important art museums in East Germany. There is a café on site and also a shop.

Address: Gabelentzstrasse 5, Altenburg
Phone: +49 3447 89 553
Internet: www.lindenau-museum.de
Email: info@lindenau-museum.de

Theater Altenburg-Gera

Theatre Altenburg-Gera was built in 1869 and was once the Royal Theatre. It is well worth a look inside as it has a beautiful historical interior. Approximately 165,000 people visit the theatre annually.

Address: Theaterplatz 19, Altenburg
Phone: +49 3447 5850
Internet: www.tpthueringen.de
Email: info@tpthueringen.de

Altenburg Brewery and Museum

Experience the Art Nouveau brewing room and get a chance to sample some of the local beer. Special evenings mean you can try a few samples and enjoy some local food. For beer connoisseurs there is a chance to drink as much beer as you can in an hour, quite a challenge!

Address: Brauereistraße 20, Altenburg
Phone: +49 3447 312 90
Internet: www.brauerei-altenburg.de
Email: info@brauerei-altenburg.de

Altenburg Distillery

Altenburg Distillery invites you to a place where you can try the many different liqueurs from the region and find out how they are made. They have a factory shop if you find something that is in particularly tasty.

Address: Am Anger 1-2, Altenburg

Phone: +49 3447 554 60
Internet: www.destillerie.de
Email: info@destillerie.de

Altenburg Towers

Visit Altenburg's many towers and get a bird's eye view of the town. You can choose from the towers in the castle to Nikolaiturm in the old town or the tower gallery at the Brüderkirche. Another alternative is the watchman's apartment at Bartholomew's Church.

Address: Altenburg

Orangery

This baroque building was built in 1716 and once consisted of three greenhouses. There is also a small park in front of the orangery if you would like to take a walk.

Address: Orangerie, Altenburg

Agnes Church

This Memorial Church was built in 1897 from duke Ernst I. in remembrance of his wife Agnes. Very special are the windows which hint the birthday month of Agnes.

Address: Agneskirche Altenburg
Phone: +49 3447 488 495
Email: stadtkirchenamt@gmx.de

The "Roten Spitzen"

If you want to enjoy a view over the city, you should visit the basilica in the heart of Altenburg. The red spires are the landmarks of Altenburg. Here is also located the Castle and Playing Card Museum and the Card Fountain.

Address: Schloss 2-4, Altenburg
Opening hours: Tue-Sun 10am-2pm
Phone: +49 3447 512 710

DINING



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Talk to the locals and get along to one of the many local festivals and enjoy some regional fare. German food is always wholesome and there are always plenty of takeaway stalls in the town. Pork is a popular meat as is chicken. Sauerkraut is great with bratwurst and meats. The local specialities include goat cheese, "Mutzbraten" roasted pork chops with a dark coat of herbs, "Rostbrätel" a pork steak with onion sauce and minced potatoes and "Bierfleisch" pork chops sautéed with dark beer.

Gasthaus Gesecus

Gasthaus Gesecus is a very small Altenburg inn that is famous for their regional dishes cooked by the owner. It is a chance to step back in time and imagine Germany in another life.

Address: Topfmarkt 2, Altenburg
Phone: +49 3447 315 066
Internet: www.gasthaus-gesecus.de
Email: info@gasthaus-gesecus.de

Fisch Dünwald

The popular local fish monger loves to cook his fresh fish for his guests during lunch and early evening. No set menu, but whatever arrives that day together with a good glass of wine. This is an ideal place for a long chat.

Address: Weibermarkt 2, Altenburg
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7am-6pm. Sat 7am-1pm

Phone: +49 3447 314 000
Internet: www.duenewald-fisch.de

Gastwirtschaft Kulisse

Gastwirtschaft Kulisse is a good place to meet people. There is an enormous bar and large portions of good food which makes this a popular place to eat. Hot food is served from 5pm until 12pm every day.

Address: Theaterplatz 18, Altenburg
Opening hours: Daily from 5pm
Phone: +49 3447 500 939
Internet: www.kulisse-abg.de
Email: info@kulisse-abg.de

Ratskeller Altenburg

Ratskeller Altenburg is a town house inn which is part of the 16th century town hall. Located in the centre of the town, it offers lots of regional specialities served in four different rooms.

Address: Markt 1, Altenburg
Phone: +49 3447 311 226
Internet: www.ratskeller-altenburg.de
Email: info@ratskeller-altenburg.de

Restaurant Brunello

Restaurant Brunello's menu focuses on Mediterranean specialities and changing theme dishes in a former court official's large villa. Beautiful views of the castle. Sitting in the winter garden, on the terrace or the panelled salon you will feel like transported back 100 years.

Address: Friedrich-Ebert-Strasse 14, Altenburg
Phone: +49 3447 890 077
Internet: www.brunello-altenburg.de
Email: info@brunello-altenburg.de

Riebeck-Stübl

The "gemütliche" dark panelled inn is the favourite place for all card players who play Germany's national card game "Skat" over jugs

of beer and hearty local dishes.

Address: Am Rossplan 8, Altenburg
Phone: +49 3447 56 610
Internet: www.hotel-rossplan.com

Steakhouse Theatercafé

Steakhouse Theatercafé is located just opposite the theater and with an impressive view up to the castle. They offer a good choice of steaks and other meat menus at reasonable prices.

Address: Theaterplatz 9, Altenburg
Phone: +49 3447 51 58 69
Internet: www.steakhaus-altenburg.de

Egyptian Restaurant Pharao

Do you want to get a feeling of the Arabian Nights? At the Pharao you will experience a feast for the senses. Every Friday and Saturday there are belly dance performances.

Address: Heinrich-Heine-Straße 1, Altenburg
Phone: +49 3447 50 10 80
Internet: www.restaurant-pharao.de
Email: m.altmaizeh@web.de

Gassenhauer

The Gassenhauer is a Schnitzel restaurant. The dishes are prepared with much care and the owner as come up with a wide range of delicious creations.

Address: Pauritzer Straße 39, Altenburg
Phone: +49 3447 51 11 39
Internet: www.gassenhauer.cwsurf.de

Oma´s Kloß-Küche

In this homely restaurant you can enjoy fresh and homemade dumplings after Grandma's recipe.

Address: Am Ziegengraben, Altenburg
Phone: +49 34 491 729 333
Internet: www.kloss-kueche.de
Email: mail@kloss-kueche.de

CAFES



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Altenburg have many cafés that you will discover a long you stroll. Take your time to find the true gems in the city, many of them will take you back to the old Germany.

Eiscafe Venezia

this cafe is loved by young and old, the Duomo family serves real Italian ice cream, cafe latte and Campari just like they were at home. This is a popular meeting place for all ages at the central market place.

Address: Weibermarkt 1, Altenburg
Phone: +49 3447 509 159
Internet: www.eiscafevenezia.com
Email: cafevenezia@aol.com

La Inesse

La Inesse is an Italian deli in a flower shop that serves a good choice of Mediterranean foods. They offer delicious lunch and have the perfect coffee to end your lunch with.

Address: Burgstrasse 10, Altenburg
Phone: +49 3447 513 289

Café Domizil

Café Domizil serves delicious home-made cakes in a historical setting. Here you can have breakfast or light lunch. Open from 8am-6pm in the early evening. It has a terrace on the main market square.

Address: Markt 8, Altenburg
Phone: +49 3447 371 080
Internet: www.cafe-domizil.de
Email: maternus.walter@freenet.de

Café Volkstätt

Time has stood still in this Altenburg favourite which has been in the hands of the Mehlwitz family for over 50 years. The pastry and fruit cakes are a local must for weddings and festivities.

Address: Burgstrasse 13, Altenburg
Phone: +49 3447 311 318

Cafe Giulio Bahnhofcenter

Cafe Giulio is located in the train station and is a great place to go to for a snack. Their coffee is freshly roasted and comes solely from the company Seeberger. In summer time they have a delicious frozen yoghurt.

Address: Fabrikstraße 31, Altenburg
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-7pm. Sat 8am-5pm
Phone: +49 3447 515 0730
Internet: www.cafe-giulio.de

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Altenburg is not a late night town except when there is one of the many shows, special parties, festivals or concerts taking place, however many of the restaurants and bars organize theme evenings, dances or house parties. This is a good

opportunity to meet people. Young people often start their evening in Altenburg and move on towards Leipzig or Zwickau.

Villa Bar

Villa Bar is the in place of the younger Altenburg crowd with many students coming home from Leipzig or Jena enjoying jazz, house music, parties or concerts. Excellent cocktails, a terrace in a large garden and good value for the money.

Address: Friedrich-Ebert-Straße 14, Altenburg
Opening hours: Wed-Sun from 7pm
Phone: +49 173 357 3132
Internet: www.villabar.de
Email: info@villabar.de

Finnegan's Irish House

An Irish pub, where ever you are, is always a safe bet for a cold, good tasting beer. At Finnegan's they also serve traditional Irish food and have a menu of 40 different types of whiskey.

Address: Rosa-Luxemburg-Strasse 2, Altenburg
Phone: +49 3447 488 5274

Restaurant & Beer Garden Kulisse

Here you can enjoy the sense of how Altenburg used to feel like back in the days. You could eat here as well, but most guest come here for the beer garden.

Address: Theaterplatz 18, Altenburg
Phone: +49 3447 500 939
Email: info@kulisse-abg.de

Häfner's Wine Store

80 different spirits, whiskeys and liquors which you can select from and take back home. At the store you can relax with a great tasting sparkling glass of champagne or wine.

Address: Leipziger Straße 31, Altenburg
Phone: +49 3447 511 037

Internet: www.wein-whisky-haefner.de

Email: info@wein-whisky-haefner.de

Altenburger Hof

Visit the cocktail bar in the Altenburger Hof hotel. The cocktails are imaginative, delicious and beautifully made which you can enjoy in the relaxing atmosphere.

Address: Schmöllnsche Landstraße 8, Altenburg

Phone: +49 3447 58 40

Internet: www.altenburger-hof.de

Email: info@altenburger-hof.de

Deja Vue

This stylish bar invites you to taste one of their over 100 cocktails, wines and whiskys. If you don't drink alcohol, there is also a wide range of non-alcoholic drinks to choose from.

Address: Sechseck Platanenstrasse, Altenburg

Internet: www.dejavue-altenburg.de

Email: mail@dejavue-altenburg.de

Bellinis

If you want to wind down from a day of sightseeing, you can visit the Bellinis and enjoy a fruity cocktail and a snack.

Address: Topfgasse 4, Altenburg

Phone: +49 3447 514 305

SHOPPING



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There are plenty of opportunities for purchasing local wares and beverages together with beers and schnaps at the Brewery Museum. The main shopping area is on and around the five historical marketplaces of the old town and within easy walking distance. Altenburg Liqueur can be obtained in many different varieties from the Distillery. Altenburg mustard comes in more than 150 varieties and is available from the Mustard Shop on Moritzstrasse.

Altenburg playing cards and special editions of the "Spielkartenladen" can be found in the Tourist Information in the main market place. This is also the largest souvenir shop with an extensive choice of regional specialities and products such as the famous goat cheese. Wednesdays and Saturdays are market days with farmers bringing their goods to sell. Historical books and antiquities can be purchased in the many little shops on the cobble-stoned streets of old town around the market place. Local pottery can be bought in several workshops in Altenburg and the villages round about.

Bahnhof Center Altenburg

The Bahnhof Center Altenburg is located in the train station of Altenburg. Here you can find several shops and cafés.

Address: Wenzelstraße 43, Altenburg
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-7pm. Sat 9am-4pm
Phone: +49 3447 513 454
Internet: www.bahnhof-center-altenburg.de
Email: cev.altenburg@cev.de

Senf 111

Senf is German for mustard. In this lovely shop you can buy a lot of mustard creations among other local delicacies.

Address: Remsaer Straße 21a, Altenburg
Phone: +49 3447 85 260
Internet: www.senf.de
Email: info@senf.de

Altenburger Spielkartenladen

This shop has a wide range of different playing cards to choose from. You are welcome to find out how many there actually are!

Address: Markt 17, Altenburg
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-6pm. Sat 10am-2pm
Phone: +49 3447 51 28 023
Internet: www.spielkartenladen.de
Email: mail@spielkartenladen.de

Schnuphase'sche Buchhandlung

If you are looking for a good read, you should visit this cozy bookstore. They also have a well-assorted range of regional literature.

Address: Kronengasse 5, Altenburg
Phone: +49 3447 311 353

Kotthoff & Matthes Watches and Jewellery

In this shop you can buy some beautiful pieces of jewellery. The owners of the shop will be happy to give you advise.

Address: Kornmarkt 1, Altenburg
Phone: +49 3447 315 084

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



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Population

38 200

Currency

1€ = 100 cents

Opening hours

Normal opening hours are 8.30am-6pm weekdays and 8.30am-1pm on Saturdays.

Newspapers

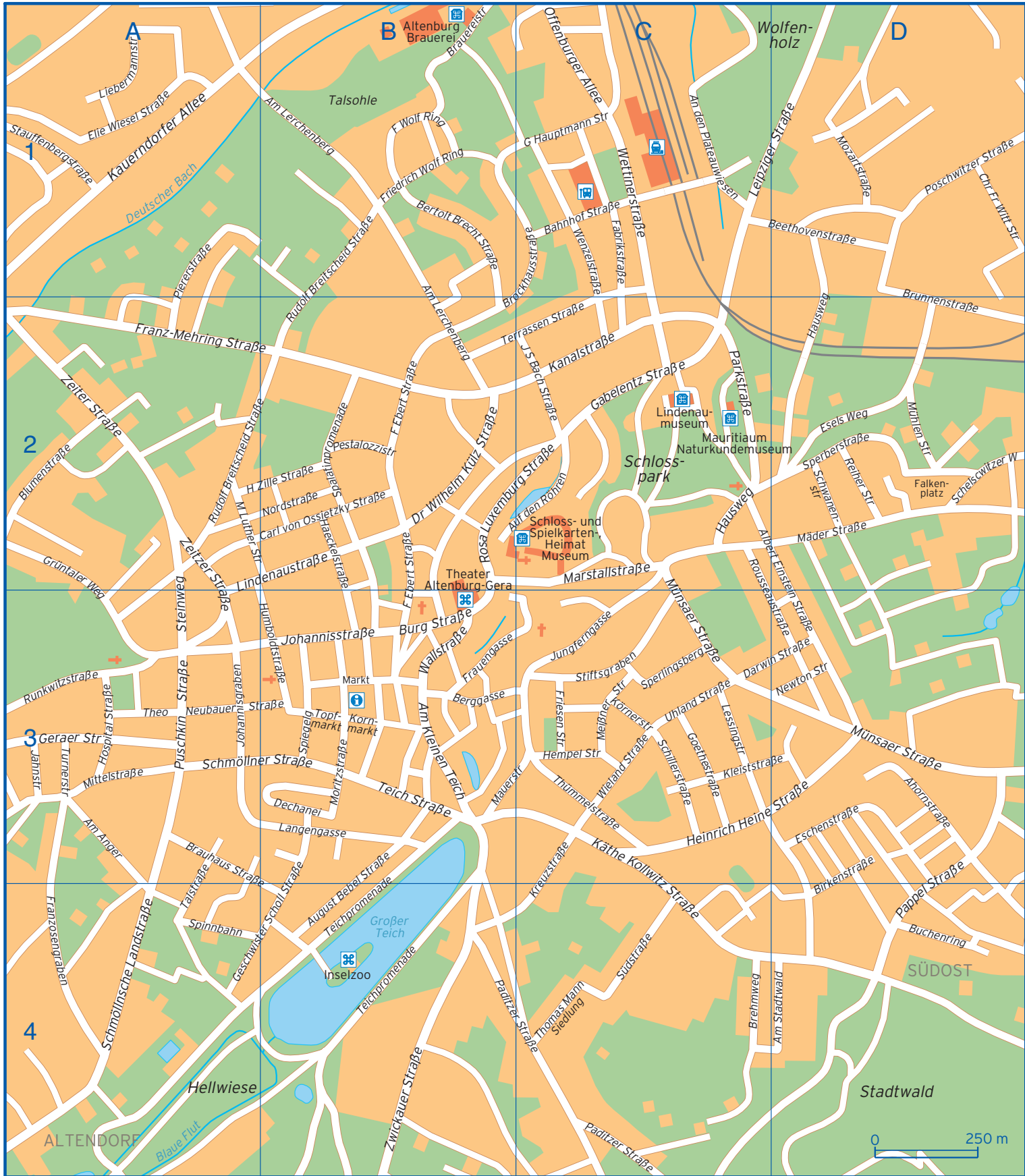
Die Zeit
Leipziger Volkszeitung

Emergency numbers

112

Tourist information

Altenburger Tourismus Information
Markt 17, Altenburg
Mon-Fri 9am-6pm, Sat-Sun 10am-4pm
+49 3447 512 800



Ahornstraße	D3	Goethestraße	C3	Pappel Straße	D3 D4
Albert Einstein Straße	C2 D3	Grüntaler Weg	A2 A3	Parkstraße	C2
Am Anger	A3	Haeckelstraße	B2	Pestalozzistraße	B2
Am Kleinen Teich	B3	Hausweg	C2 D1 D2	Piererstraße	A1 A2
Am Lerchenberg	B1 B2	Heinrich Heine Straße	C3 D3	Poschwitzer Straße	D1
Am Stadtwald	D4	Heinrich Zille Straße	A2 B2	Puschkin Straße	A3
An den Plateauwiesen	C1	Hempel Straße	C3	Reiher Straße	D2
Auf den Röhren	B2 C2	Hospital Straße	A3	Rosa Luxemburg Straße	B2 C2
August Bebel Straße	B3 B4	Humboldtstraße	A3 B3	Rousseaustraße	C2 D3
Bahnhof Straße	C1	Jahnstraße	A3	Rudolf Breitscheid Straße	A2 B1 B2
Beethovenstraße	C1 D1	Johann Sebastian Bach Straße	C2	Runkwitzstraße	A3
Berggasse	B3	Johannisgraben	A3	Schelschwitzer Weg	D2
Bertolt Brecht Straße	B1	Johannisstraße	B3	Schillerstraße	C3
Birkenstraße	D3 D4	Jungferngasse	C3	Schmöllner Straße	A3 B3
Blumenstraße	A2	Kanalstraße	C2	Schmöllnsche Landstraße	A4
Brauereistraße	B1	Kauerndorfer Allee	A1	Schwanenstraße	D2
Brauhaus Straße	A3 B4	Kleiststraße	C3 D3	Spalatinpromenade	B2
Brehmweg	C4	Kornmarkt	B3	Sperberstraße	D2
Brockhausstraße	B2 C1	Kreuzstraße	C3 C4	Sperlingsberg	C3
Brunnenstraße	D1 D2	Käthe Kollwitz Straße	C3 C4	Spiegelgasse	B3
Buchenring	D4	Körnerstraße	C3	Spinnbahn	A4
Burg Straße	B3	Langengasse	B3	Stauffenbergstraße	A1
Carl von Ossietzky Straße	B2	Leipziger Straße	C1 D1	Steinweg	A2 A3
Christian Friedrich Witt Straße	D1	Lessingstraße	C3	Stiftsgraben	C3
Darwin Straße	C3 D3	Liebermannstraße	A1	Südstraße	C4
Dechanei	B3	Lindenaustraße	A2 B2	Talstraße	A3 A4
Dr Wilhelm Külz Straße	B2	Markt	B3	Teich Straße	B3
Elie Wiesel Straße	A1	Marstallstraße	C2	Teichpromenade	B3 B4
Eschenstraße	D3	Martin Luther Straße	A2	Terrassen Straße	B2 C2
Esels Weg	D2	Mauerstraße	B3 C3	Theo Neubauer Straße	A3 B3
Fabrikstraße	C1	Meißner Straße	C3	Thomas Mann Siedlung	C4
Falkenplatz	D2	Mittelstraße	A3	Thümmelstraße	C3
Franz-Mehring Straße	A2 B2	Moritzstraße	B3	Topfmarkt	B3
Franzosengraben	A4	Mozartstraße	D1	Turnerstraße	A3
Frauengasse	B3	Mäder Straße	D2	Uhland Straße	C3
Friedrich Ebert Straße	B2 B3	Mühlen Straße	D2	Wallstraße	B3
Friedrich Wolf Ring	B1	Münsaer Straße	C2 C3 D3	Wenzelstraße	C1
Friesen Straße	C3	Newton Straße	D3	Wettinerstraße	C1
Gabelentz Straße	C2	Nordstraße	B2	Wieland Straße	C3
Geraer Straße	A3	Offenburger Allee	C1	Zeitzer Straße	A2 A3
Gerhart Hauptmann Straße	C1	Paditzer Straße	B4 C4	Zwickauer Straße	B4
Geschwister Scholl Straße	A4 B3				