



# LEIPZIG NEW LAKELAND

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# Welcome to Leipzig New Lakeland !

*By 2015, the flooding of opencast mines around the city of Leipzig in central Germany will have created nearly 70 square kilometres of new lakes - and a wealth of leisure opportunities. Visitors can already enjoy various adrenaline sports on water and on land, as well as fun and relaxation for the whole family, not to mention a wide variety of culture. Join the local Schladitz family as they discover Leipzig New Lakeland - Land in Motion.*





## ***Black gold***



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Leipzig New Lakeland has a proud mining heritage. And with its industrial past still very much in evidence, there are some fascinating discoveries to be made.

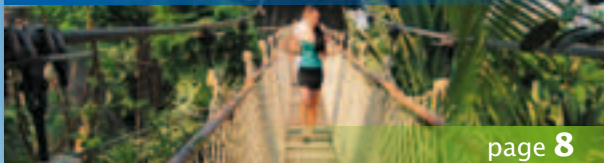
## ***In the pink***



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Sports enthusiasts are always on the look-out for attractive facilities in the right surroundings for their favourite activities. They're spoilt for choice in Leipzig New Lakeland!

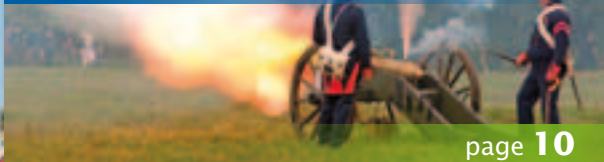
## ***Green surroundings***



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Get away from your daily routine – and get back to nature! Leipzig New Lakeland's the place to recharge your batteries in the company of family and friends.

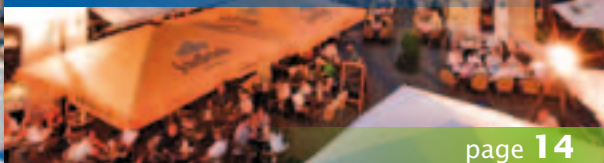
## ***Colourful history***



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Historical spectacles and places where famous writers, philosophers, artists and composers once lived and worked make Leipzig New Lakeland a cultural treasure trove.

## ***Play the blues***



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Art and music are part and parcel of Leipzig New Lakeland. After your days out, take in first-rate performances in the evenings.

## ***Blue blood***



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In the old days, unknown territory was always explored by water. And it's no different nowadays – for you can explore the city of Leipzig by rowing along its aquatic lifelines.

# Black gold

## Central Germany's lignite-mining heritage



### Places to visit

#### **Mining Machinery Park**

The retired mining equipment on display provides an authentic glimpse of mining history, and includes a bucket wheel excavator, conveyor belt and spreader

#### **Lippendorf Power Station Visitor Centre**

Exactly how does a lignite-fired power plant work? How is the energy in brown coal stored, released and distributed? Here's your chance to find out!

#### **Cape Zwenkau Pavilion**

Lake Zwenkau is set to become one of the biggest lakes in Leipzig New Lakeland. Enjoy the splendid view of the harbour district now taking shape – and find out all about the history of local mining.

Historical  
SRs 6300  
bucket wheel  
in Gerbisdorf



Until the late 1980s, vast quantities of lignite – also known as brown coal – were mined, transported and processed in the environs of Leipzig. A total of 20 opencast mines, 27 briquette factors and 8 large power stations provided employment for thousands of people, and provided East Germany with electricity, petrol and oil.

Then came German reunification, accompanied by sweeping changes. Many mines were shut down or put to completely different use. The rest were re-equipped with state-of-the-art mining machinery and still provide energy for central Germany.

The architecture alongside the 'Lignite Road' bears witness to the 150-year-old history of mining and the region's characteristic industrial culture. Mining technology past and present are brought to life at the visitor centre at Lippendorf Power Station, at the Mining Machinery Park, and during guided tours of the Vereinigtes Schleenhain opencast mine, where lignite is still extracted to this day

Take a relaxing trip  
on the mine railway





# Commemoration and renewal

## Repurposing historical structures



## Places to visit

Places recalling the past and now used for cultural purposes are to be found in many places. Examples include the Vineta floating church on Lake Störmthal, the Mining Machinery Park on the A38 motorway, and the historical mine railway. Classical concerts, romantic weddings and boisterous cowboy festivals are just some of the purposes for which these historical structures are now used. This symbiosis of commemoration and renewal is one of the aspects that make Leipzig New Lakeland so unique.

### *Historical railway from Meuselwitz to Regis-Breitingen*

Take a gentle ride on this 900mm-gauge mine railway revitalized by a group of enthusiasts.

### *Cycling and walking*

Popular routes include the nature trail at Lake Grabschütz, the Seven-Lake Hike and the New Lakeland Bike Trail.

### *Goitzsche Wilderness*

Enjoy touring or even camping in 1,300 hectares of unspoiled countryside.



*Vineta – a floating church on Lake Störmthal*





## *In the pink on waters blue*

*Sports and leisure on and around the water*

*Windsurfing on Lake Seelhausen*



Leipzig New Lakeland is perfect for meeting up with friends and colleagues to pump some adrenaline together in the great outdoors – and working off some of that stress at the same time!

The lakes are ideal for sailing, surfing, wakeboarding and kitesurfing. You can even try your hand at whitewater rafting – for Markkleeberg Canoe Park is home to Europe's most advanced canoe slalom course, with rapids used for training by top athletes and amateur enthusiasts alike.

Aside from aquatics, there are plenty of facilities amidst the changing scenery for climbing, horse riding, cycling and inline skating – and for those who'd rather not keep their feet on the ground even paragliding!

And if you fancy trying out one of the new adrenaline sports like Nordic blading or stand-up paddling, there are hire centres and training courses for both bold beginners and experienced experts.

*Cycling at Lake Markkleeberg*





## Mark's places to visit

### **Markkleeberg Canoe Park**

Learn to whitewater raft like the professionals in artificial rapids – the perfect aquatic challenge!

### **Watersports training school at Lake Schladitz**

The place where all budding watersports enthusiasts can learn to dive, sail or surf in next to no time.

### **Underwater diving park at Lake Kulkwitz**

Explore mysterious submerged secrets in one of central Germany's clearest diving lakes.



## Did you know?

*Every May Lake Cospuden hosts the BMW Sailing Cup – the world's biggest amateur regatta series. Whether you're spectating or competing for the title, it's not to be missed!*

## Adventure tours

### **Quad bike tours**

Explore the lunar landscape of a disused opencast mine while in the safe hands of a professional guide. Unforgettable!

### **Segway PT tours**

Just lean forwards and off you go to enjoy the countryside at a leisurely pace. Incredible!

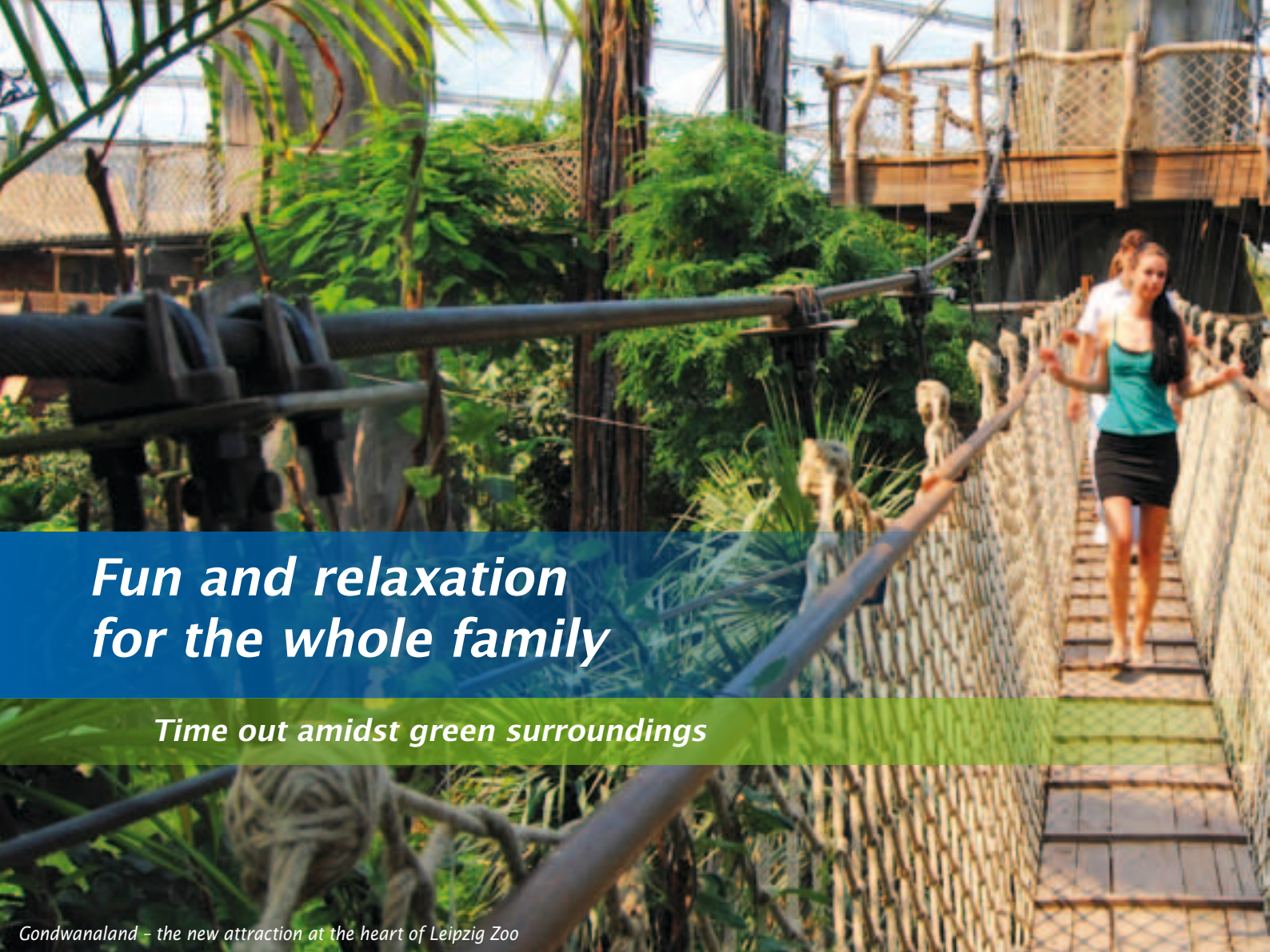
### **Duck tours**

Climb aboard a restored amphibious vehicle built in 1942 for an exciting tour and thrills and spills galore! Indescribable!



*Quad bike tour in a disused mine*





## Fun and relaxation for the whole family

*Time out amidst green surroundings*

*Gondwanaland - the new attraction at the heart of Leipzig Zoo*



*MS Santa Barbara passenger ship on Lake Zwenkau*

Free time is quality time. And Leipzig New Lakeland hosts a wide range of opportunities to make full use of it! Those who enjoy sun, sand and swimming should head out to Great Lake Goitzsche for the day, or perhaps check out the beaches at Lake Cospuden, Lake Markkleeberg, Lake Schladitz or Lake Kulkwitz. To make a little more headway in the water, take a ride on a passenger ship, or perhaps even try skippering a smaller vessel yourself.

If you'd rather keep your feet dry, enjoy a good long walk or cycling tour on one of the many well signposted routes. Or to completely unwind, surrender yourself to one of the wellness and pampering centres throughout Leipzig New Lakeland!

For a more international flavour, excitement from a variety of countries can be enjoyed at Belantis Amusement Park. Indeed, its very own Egyptian pyramid can be seen for miles around! And Leipzig Zoo is the place to explore animal kingdoms from all over the world.



*View of Lake Cospuden*





## Adriana's places to visit

### **Belantis Amusement Park Leipzig**

The biggest theme park in eastern Germany promises entertainment for all the family with both fun rides and white-knuckle adventures!

### **Leipzig Zoo**

Kangaroos, apes, elephants and the famous lion-breeding project – they're all at home at Leipzig's spacious zoo, and can be admired at close quarters and even stroked.

### **Schkeuditz Astronomy Centre**

The planetarium and observatory are a must for those with a yearning to peer out into the universe.

## Did you know?

*Leipzig Zoo is one of Germany's most popular zoos. Its latest attraction is Gondwanaland, where 40 exotic animal species and around 500 different types of trees and plants can be seen from the jungle pathways.*

## Adventure tours

### **Cruises**

Ship ahoy! Up the gangplank and all aboard one of the passenger ships for a short tour of Lake Cospuden, Lake Zwenkau or Lake Markkleeberg.

### **Horse and carriage tours**

Experience at first hand how passengers felt 150 years ago! Travelling by horse and carriage is a great way to travel around the lakes – but you could be in for a shaky ride!

### **Hot-air balloons and sightseeing flights**

Get a bird's-eye view of the world! A spectacular panorama awaits those brave enough to go up, up and away on a hot-air balloon or even a private sightseeing flight.



*Relax at Meri Sauna at Lake Kulkwitz*





A historical reenactment of the Battle of Leipzig in Markkleeberg. A soldier in a dark blue uniform with red accents and a black hat with a red plume stands in the foreground, looking towards a large, bright explosion in the distance. The scene is set in a grassy field with trees in the background.

## Colourful history

*Local history – and its European significance*

*Historical reenactment of the Battle of Leipzig in Markkleeberg*

Leipzig New Lakeland is a place of illustrious history and distinguished culture. Scenes of historic events and places where key figures once lived and worked can be seen wherever you go. Gnanstein Castle for example contains the best-preserved Romanesque fortified buildings anywhere in Saxony. And the intense fighting at the Battle of Leipzig in 1813 spelled the end to Napoleon's supremacy over Europe. This momentous event is commemorated at annual events held at various places.

Yet the history of Leipzig and its surroundings wasn't just shaped by battles! Visitors can follow in the footsteps of luminaries such as Martin Luther and Johann Sebastian Bach as well as writers like Goethe and Schiller. And this cultural awareness continues to be celebrated – for example at superb concerts and theatre performances.







## Hainer's places to visit

### Taucha Manor

This historical manor was built back in 1542. As well as guided tours, it's nowadays used as a venue for celebrations and functions.

### Apel's monuments

More than 50 monuments in Leipzig New Lakeland funded by Theodor Apel recall the course of the Battle of Leipzig.

### Gatehouses in Dölitz and Markkleeberg

The gatehouses contain exhibitions of miniature figures and give a vivid impression of Napoleon's downfall at the Battle of Leipzig in 1813.



## Did you know?

*In summer 1519, Martin Luther conducted a public disputation with leading theologians which went down in history as the Leipzig Debate. Meanwhile Zöllsdorf Estate at Neukieritzsch was where Luther's widow Katherina spent her twilight years.*

23 historical mills can be seen in north Saxony



## Hands-on history

### Baroque New Lakeland

Travel back in time to the Baroque era by visiting Delitzsch Palace, a mediaeval restaurant, Güldengossa Palace or Grandstein Castle.

### 1813 - the defeat of Napoleon

Journey back nearly two centuries to the Battle of Leipzig - complete with bivouacs, campfires and archery.

### Löbnitz: the Martin Luther tour

Martin Luther frequently visited Ernst von Schönfeldt in Löbnitz and gave sermons in the local church. It's famous for the largest illustrated ceiling in central Germany comprising 259 coffers depicting numerous floral and Biblical motifs.

Ruins of Wiprecht Castle in Groitzsch





- Legende**
- Built-up areas
  - Woodlands
  - Parks
  - Lakes
  - Rivers/streams
  - Motorway
  - Federal highway
  - Main road
  - Minor road
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3 Taucha Open Air Pool	12 Leipzig high ropes course	21 Azur Fitness/Wellness
4 Mockau Climbing Tower	13 Lake Cospuden northern beach	22 Neukieritzsch Open Air Pool
5 Electric bike hire centre	14 Zöbiger Watersports Centre	23 Waterfront Bitterfeld
6 Klingerweg Boathouse	15 Cospuden Golf Course	24 Reibitz Post Mill rural study centre
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8 Whitewater rafting	17 Watersports centre	26 Zwochau Post Mill
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		28 Plausig Nature Conservation Centre
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*History and culture*

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## **Play the blues**

*Immerse yourself in Leipzig's urban culture*



*The Spinnerei Art Centre in the borough of Plagwitz*



Leipzig has achieved a balancing act that only few cities have managed – for it's become both a stronghold of high culture and a hotbed for young talent. Leipzig has three world-class musical institutions – Leipzig Opera House, the Gewandhaus and St Thomas's Boys Choir – which are perennial favourites among visitors. Yet pop and rock are equally at home in the city, with major acts performing at Leipzig Arena and small bands filling the many clubs in and around the town centre.

Mind you, culture in Leipzig isn't for the ears alone! Leipzig has spawned world-famous artists such as Max Klinger, Bernhard Heisig and Werner Tübke. And the art scene has been shaped by both the Leipzig Academy of Visual Arts and now the Spinnerei – an old factory site where both up-and-coming and established painters like Neo Rauch work. If you're at all interested in art, visiting the Spinnerei Art Centre is vital!

*Inside the Krystallpalast  
variety theatre*







## Places to visit

### *Spinnerei Art Centre*

This former factory site in the borough of Plagwitz is now home to an unparalleled concentration of studios, internationally famous art galleries and exhibitions.

### *Stasi Museum*

With Leipzig being the cradle of the Peaceful Revolution that led to the collapse of the Berlin Wall, a museum showing the structure and workings of the Stasi – East Germany's notorious secret police – is essential in the city.

### *Leipzig Music Trail*

Along the Leipzig Music Trail, you can visit places where famous Leipzig composers like Johann Sebastian Bach, Felix Mendelssohn and Richard Wagner once lived and worked.

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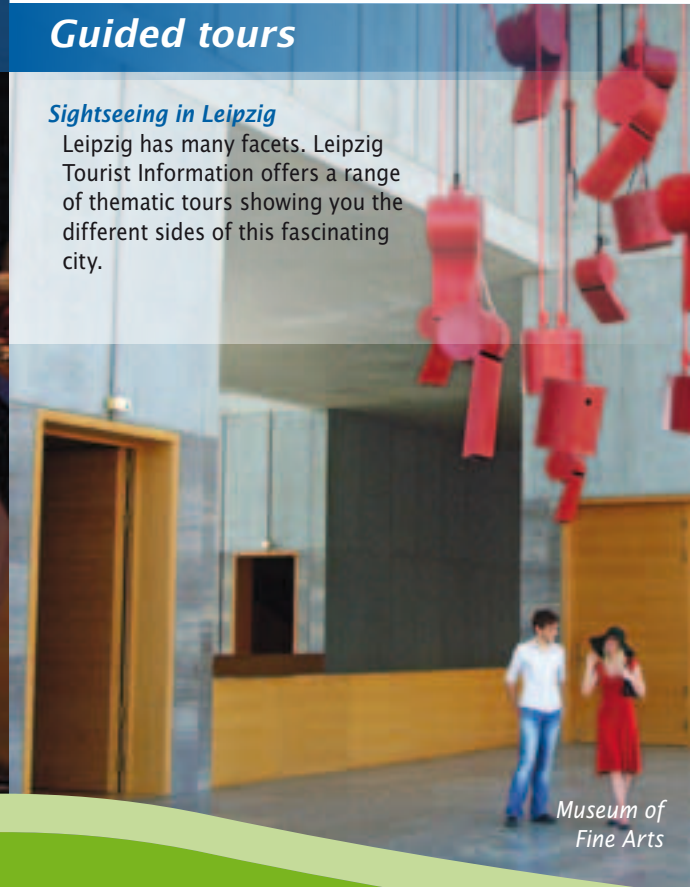
A time-honoured musical institution, St Thomas's Boys Choir is one of the oldest choirs in the world. In 2012 it'll be celebrating its 800th anniversary – along with St Thomas's Church and St Thomas's School.



## Guided tours

### *Sightseeing in Leipzig*

Leipzig has many facets. Leipzig Tourist Information offers a range of thematic tours showing you the different sides of this fascinating city.



Museum of Fine Arts





## Blue blood in Leipzig's veins

Discover the city from the water



A pleasant evening by the river

Leipzig is sometimes referred to as 'Little Venice' by dint of its dense network of natural rivers and artificial canals and mill races, which lend the city its own particular charm. They include the large canal built in west Leipzig in the 19th century by Karl Heine, a big industrialist, originally with the aim of navigating all the way from Leipzig up to the international port in Hamburg.

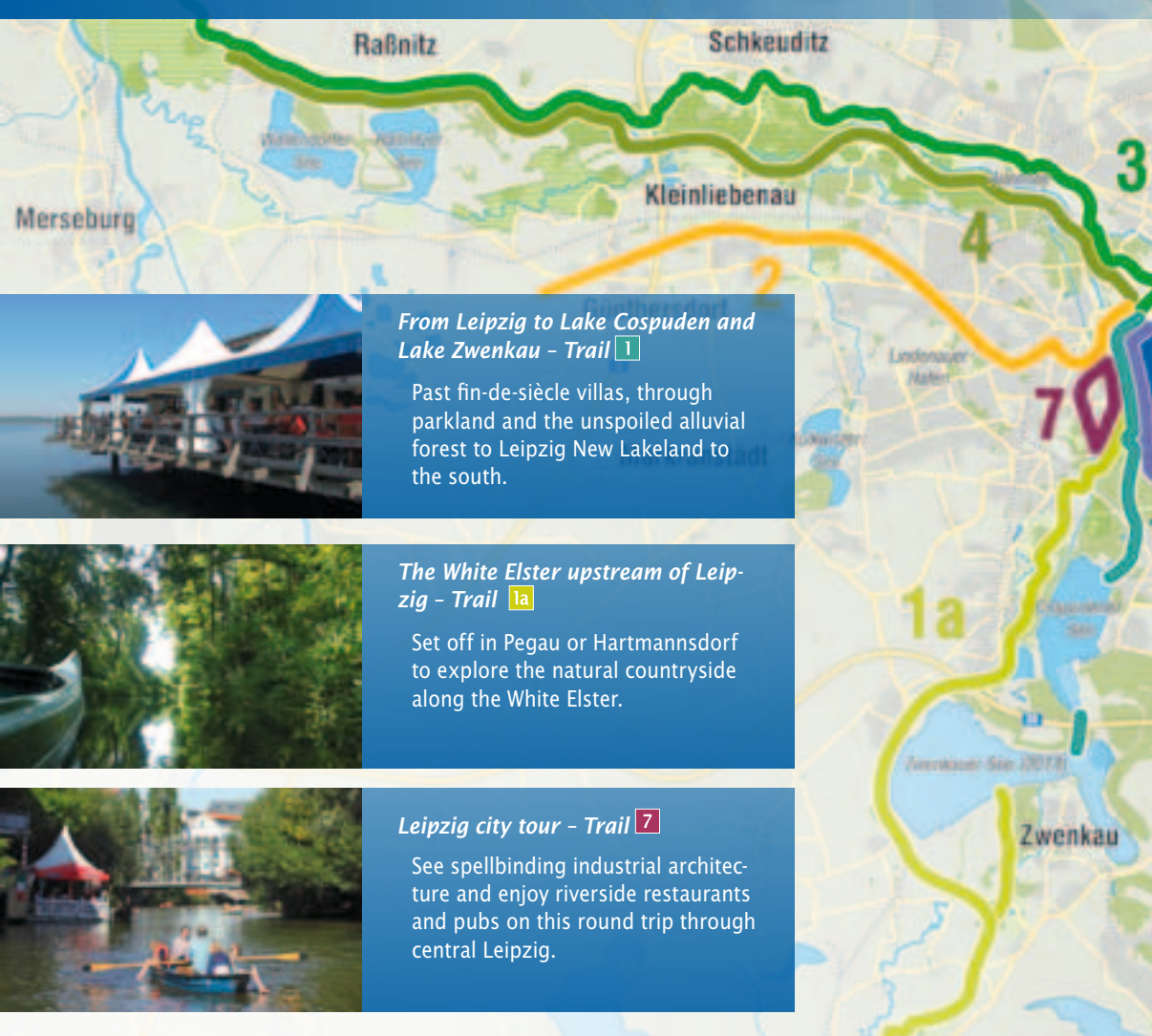
These days the canals are used for sports and leisure activities. There are several boat hire centres, enabling visitors to explore the city from the water by rowing boat or canoe. If you're in need of sustenance, you can of course moor up at one of the many waterside restaurants and cafes. Moreover, the canals are connected to the two local rivers – the Elster and the Pleisse – and also lead as far as Lake Cospuden. It all makes for a day out with a difference!



Rowing along the Karl Heine Canal



## Water-hiking trails in Leipzig New Lakeland



### From Leipzig to Lake Cospuden and Lake Zwenkau - Trail 1

Past fin-de-siècle villas, through parkland and the unspoiled alluvial forest to Leipzig New Lakeland to the south.



### The White Elster upstream of Leipzig - Trail 1a

Set off in Pegau or Hartmannsdorf to explore the natural countryside along the White Elster.



### Leipzig city tour - Trail 7

See spellbinding industrial architecture and enjoy riverside restaurants and pubs on this round trip through central Leipzig.

## The expanding waterway network



Canoeing through idyllic countryside

Leipzig's network of rivers and lakes is gradually expanding. For example, a lock is currently being built to connect Lake Markkleeberg to Lake Störmthal. New trails are being created all the time which are perfect for exploring Leipzig New Lakeland – often without having to leave the water. Land in motion – boat in motion!

### Trail 2 (navigable)

Out and about on the urban waterways on the River Elster and the Carl Heine Canal

### Trail 3 (navigable)

On the White Elster downstream towards Halle through the alluvial forest

### Trail 4 (navigable)

The ideal alternative to Trail 3 on the New Luppe

### Trail 5 (partly navigable)

Along the Pleisse and Agra Park to Lake Störmthal

### Trail 6 (partly navigable)

Heading south to the small network of lakes

### Trails 8a + 8b (not yet navigable)

Off to the exciting northern section of Leipzig New Lakeland

## Places to visit



Urban industrial architecture

### Private cruises

To find out more about west Leipzig, book a passenger ship. The captain will know the area inside out and will be a source of interesting information and fascinating facts!

### Canoe tours

Climb in with your paddle and off you go. The various trails are a great way to discover west Leipzig and its environs under your own steam.





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