



# Herrnhut

Small Town,  
Global Importance





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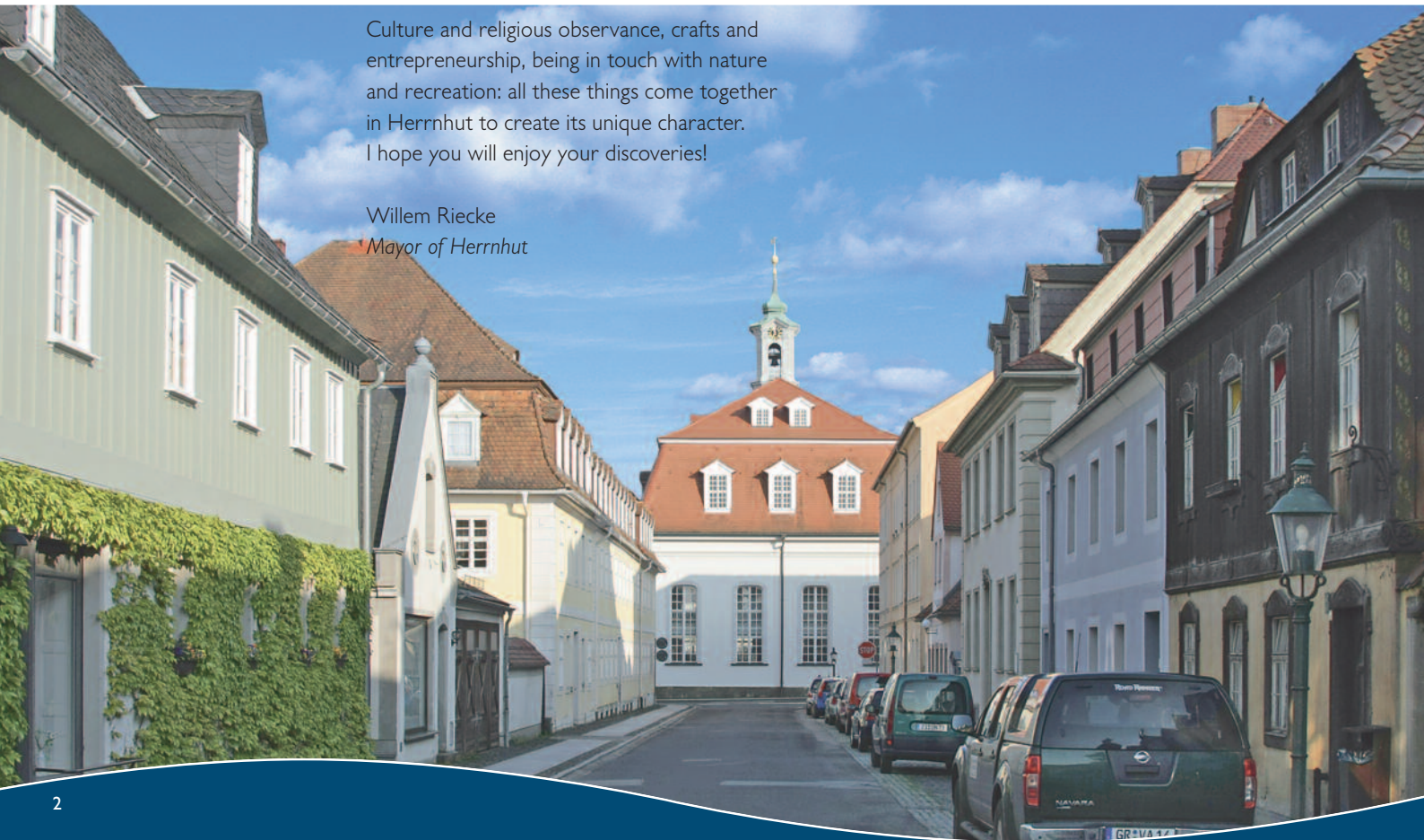
## Welcome to Herrnhut!

Herrnhut, our »small town of global importance«, holds many stories. Let us invite you on a journey through the following pages to tell you some of them. Whether Herrnhut Stars, baroque architecture, companies rich in tradition or religious life you will see that our stories did not end a long time ago – they can still be seen and felt today and will forever form the foundation for future developments.



Culture and religious observance, crafts and entrepreneurship, being in touch with nature and recreation: all these things come together in Herrnhut to create its unique character. I hope you will enjoy your discoveries!

Willem Riecke  
Mayor of Herrnhut



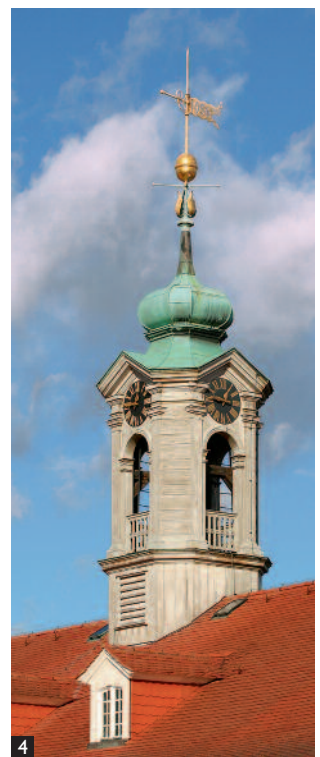
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- 1 »Maternal Happiness« (»Mutterglück«) – sculpture in the Herrschaftsgarten
- 2 View towards the Church from August-Bebel-Straße
- 3 View of Comeniusstraße
- 4 Church Cupola
- 5 Burial Ground/ God's Acre (Gottesacker)
- 6 Christmas Eve in Herrnhut
- 7 The Hills around Herrnhut

# HERRNHUT

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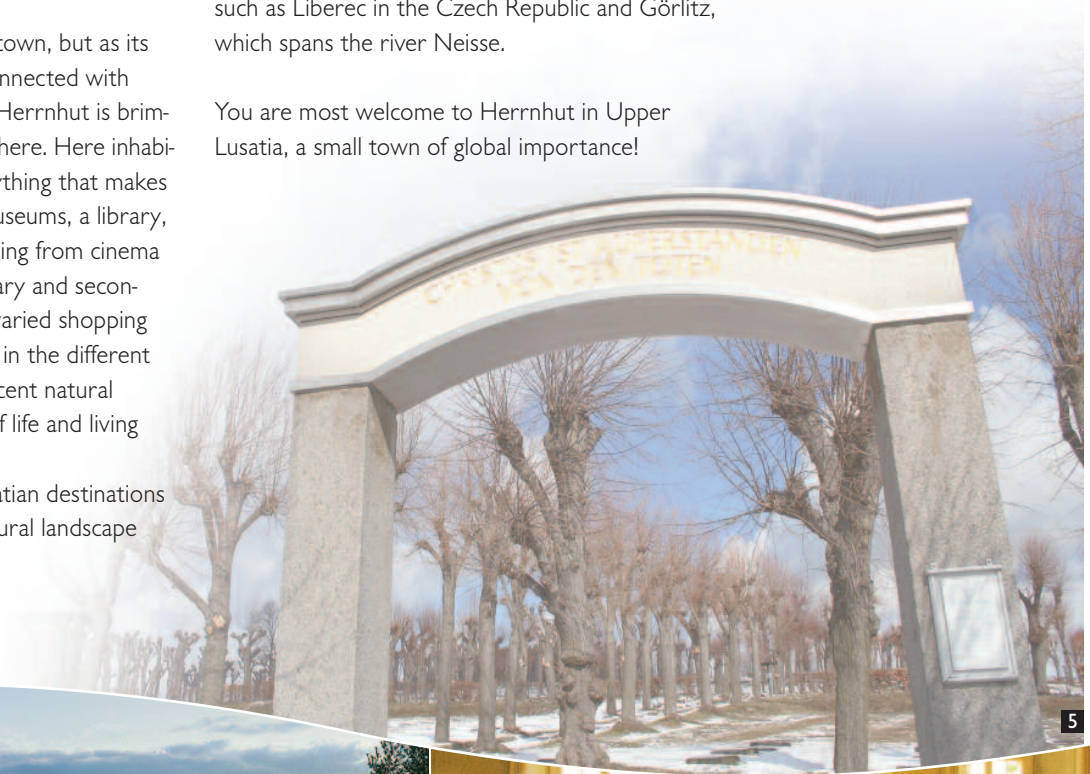
Herrnhut is situated in the heart of the scenic Upper Lusatia. Together with the surrounding villages Berthelsdorf, Großhennersdorf, Ruppersdorf and Strahwalde the number of inhabitants totals almost 6,300 people.

It is true that Herrnhut is a small town, but as its history and present are closely connected with the worldwide Moravian Church Herrnhut is brimming with an international atmosphere. Here inhabitants and visitors encounter everything that makes life in a town worth living: two museums, a library, a lido, regular cultural events ranging from cinema and exhibitions to concerts, primary and secondary schools, five kindergartens, varied shopping facilities, an ecumenical life shown in the different Christian churches and its magnificent natural scenery are determining factors of life and living together in Herrnhut.

Herrnhut not only is close to Lusatian destinations – it is also situated in the rich cultural landscape

of the place where Germany, Poland and the Czech Republic meet. Within this border area, you will be tempted by many destinations along the »Via Sacra«, by nearby mountains and lively towns, such as Liberec in the Czech Republic and Görlitz, which spans the river Neisse.

You are most welcome to Herrnhut in Upper Lusatia, a small town of global importance!



## From Herrnhut into the World

Exhibition about the Moravian Church and the Daily Texts/ Daily Watchwords  
Mo to Fri 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Sa 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Sun after Worship Service  
Phone: +49 35873 30677

Moravian Church (Zinzendorfplatz)  
open daily  
from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Guided tours:  
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# From both HISTORY and the PRESENT

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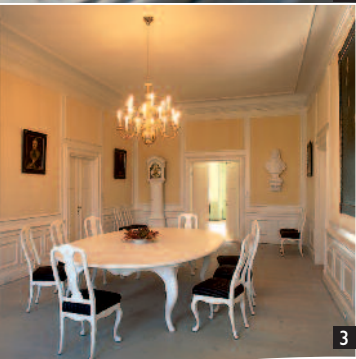
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## Herrnhut – Origin of the Worldwide Moravian Church

The origins of the Moravian Church or the *Unitas Fratrum* (the Unity of the Brethren) reach back to Bohemia and Moravia in the year of 1457. In 1722, Herrnhut was founded by Protestant religious refugees from Moravia on the estate of Count Nikolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, who strongly moulded the pietistic character of the town. Soon they started their worldwide mission activity which, in the course of time, resulted in numerous independent Provinces of the worldwide Moravian Church.

Herrnhut's »Großer Saal«, as the Sanctuary is sometimes known in the Moravian Church, is both the spiritual and civic centre of the town. It is the »Living Room« of the congregation.

The Hutbergaltan, a look-out tower, is the town's emblem. It stands on the basalt top of Hutberg hill, right above the impressive grounds of the Gottesacker (the Burial Ground or God's Acre). From the top of the hill you can enjoy a marvellous panorama.



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- 1 Church interior (Kirchensaal)
- 2 The Zinzendorf grave
- 3 Meeting room in the Vogtshof  
Place where the Daily Watchwords are drawn
- 4 Nikolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf
- 5 Memorial stone of the founding of Herrnhut
- 6 The Church
- 7 Bowl which is used to draw the Daily Watchwords
- 8 Flight of the refugees from Bohemia to Poland, c. 1550
- 9 The Unity Archives of the Moravian Church
- 10 Altan, the look-out tower on the Hutberg

Documents, paintings and different kinds of historic material from five centuries of the Moravian Church are kept in the Unity Archives (Moravian Archive). It is the central archive and thus the most important facility of this kind for the worldwide Moravian Church.

Three years before each calendar year, the Losungen (the Daily Texts/ Daily Watchwords) of the Moravian Church are drawn from Old Testament verses in Herrnhut. Translated into more than fifty languages, they are read by Christians all over the world. Being used as a devotional book, the Daily Watchwords/ Daily Texts have a key position in the Christian world.

The expression of the Christian faith within the congregation's life in Herrnhut has led to various forms of meetings and worship which, though having been developed further in the course of time, have also been preserved according to tradition down through the years and are still practised today.

For further information on life in the Moravian Church see pages 7 and 8 in this booklet.



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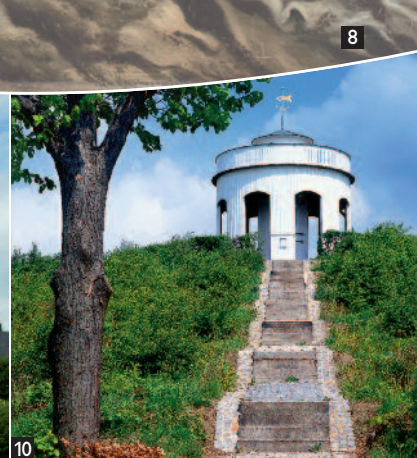
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### Museum of Local History

Tue to Fri 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Sat, Sun and on holidays  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and  
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Comeniusstraße 6, 02747 Herrnhut  
Phone: +49 35873 30733  
tourismus@herrnhut.de

### Museum of Ethnology

Tue to Sun 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
closed on Mon (except on holidays)  
Goethestraße 1, 02747 Herrnhut  
Phone: +49 351 49144261  
voelkerkunde.herrnhut@ses.museum

*There are two splendid museums in Herrnhut. As well as the Museum of Local History (Heimatmuseum), you can find the Museum of Ethnology (Völkerkundemuseum). Both reflect the particular and unique way, the town sees itself that whilst being strongly connected with Herrnhut as their cradle, people also open themselves to the world.*

# HERRNHUT MUSEUMS

### Museum of Ethnology (Völkerkundemuseum)

In 1732, the Moravian Church set out from Herrnhut to start its mission activity. On their journeys, the missionaries collected pieces of evidence from other cultures and brought them to Herrnhut. Their findings are kept and exhibited in the local Museum of Ethnology, which was founded in 1878.

Ethnological achievements of single missionaries as well as historico-cultural aspects of diverse peoples are presented in the current permanent exhibition »Ethnography and the Herrnhut Mission«. In addition, regular special exhibitions are offered to the visitors.



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### Museum of Local History (Heimatmuseum)

In the lovingly equipped museum, pictures and documents of contemporary history give insight into the formation of the Moravian Church – which is directly connected with local history. Besides changing special exhibitions and information on

local history, this gem of a museum specialises in local home and living culture and presents diverse rare objects from the Biedermeier period. In addition, the Museum of Local History features themed presentations and educational programmes.

- 1 The Biedermeier Room in the Museum of Local History (Heimatmuseum)
- 2 Festive Clothing of Inuit Women in Greenland (left circa 1850, right 2005)
- 3 Concert in the Church
- 4 Artists' Guild (Künstlergilde)

# WORTH SEEING and ENJOYING –

## Culture in Herrnhut

*In Herrnhut, guests encounter an interesting and varied cultural life. As well as the Künstlergilde (Artists Guild), there is a rich tradition of church music, a Christmas market, which always takes place the day before the first Sunday in Advent and, last but not least, the »Kunst und Werk« (»Art and Work«) event, which takes place in every other year.*



### Artists Guild

August-Bebel-Straße 11  
02747 Herrnhut  
Phone: +49 35873 2571  
Tue to Fri 10:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

### Moravian Music Ministry

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**Artists Guild** | Different kinds of pottery, glass, hand-woven products, landscape paintings or room decoration – products of regional artists and artisans are presented in the well stocked exhibition of items for sale at 11 August-Bebel-Straße. In addition, the Artists Guild offers demonstrations and creative courses on demand and by notice in advance on Saturdays and Tuesdays.

**Church Music** | The cultural life in the Moravian Church is characterized by a flourishing interest in church music – people join in or simply listen to it. Every month, choirs, soloists and orchestras perform works from different eras and of different styles. The concerts are attended by interested audiences drawn from the locality and beyond.



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Mo to Fri 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
 Sat 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
 closed on Sundays and public holidays  
 extended opening times during  
 christmas season  
 Guided tours are free of charge,  
 please make an appointment.

Company's Local Shop  
 Löbauer Straße 21  
 Phone: +49 35873 2884

Mo to Fri 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
 Sat 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



# HOME of PRAYER, WORK and WORSHIP



*From the beginning, Herrnhut's development has been closely connected with life and work in the Moravian Church. Let us invite you to learn more about Herrnhut Stars, the business of Abraham Dürninger & Co. and our hospitality because guests from far and wide have always been welcome.*

**A Star illuminating hearts**

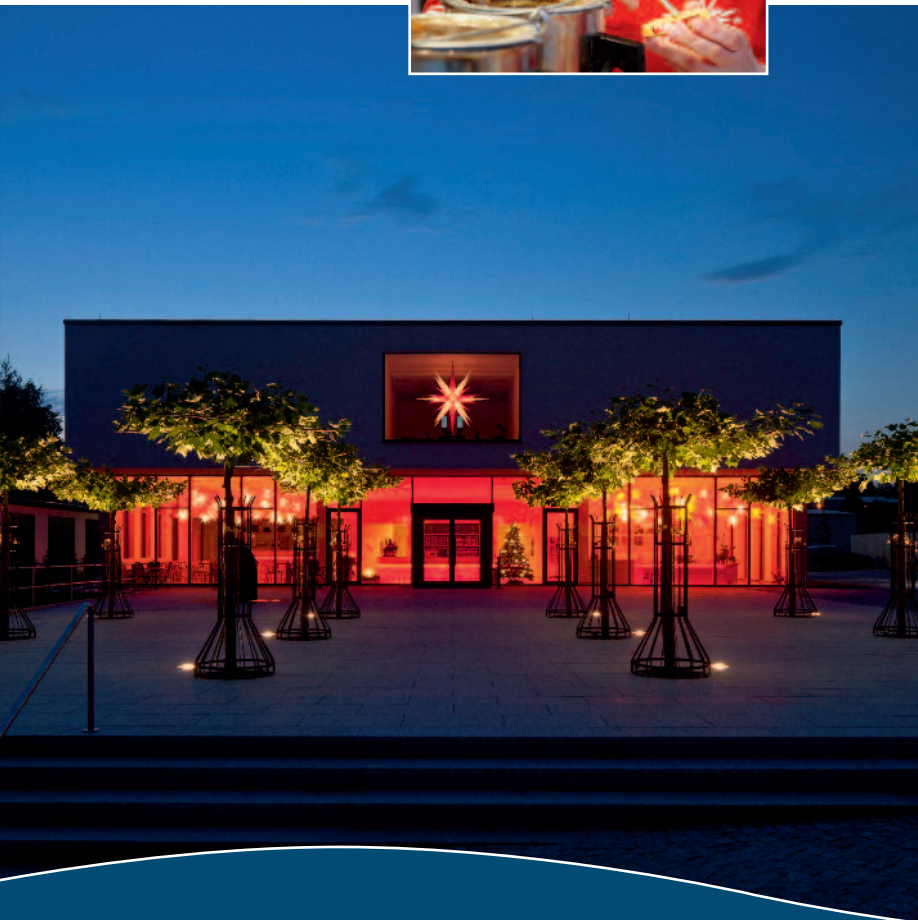
»And, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.«

It is because of the Christmas story that the Herrnhut Star has such a great significance: it symbolizes the Star of Bethlehem and preaches the Christmas message all over the world. Beginning the season of Advent and Christmas by assembling the star before the first Sunday of Advent together with the family, has a long tradition.

In the 2010 reopened Herrnhut Star Manufactory you can learn more about the Herrnhut Stars.

The visitor's center includes the traditional showroom and a comprehensive exhibition about the history of the Moravian Church, the town Herrnhut and the company.

The Café »Among the Stars« invites relaxation.



- 1 Showroom in the Herrnhut Star Manufactory
- 2 Worship service in the Church
- 3 Abraham Dürninger
- 4 Textile printing at Abraham Dürninger & Co. GmbH
- 5 Staircase in the Vogtshof
- 6 The Vogtshof, one of the offices of the Provincial Board of the European Continental Province of the Moravian Church
- 7 Headquarters of Abraham Dürninger & Co. GmbH



### Welcome to the Moravian Church Herrnhut (Brüdergemeine)

Guests are always welcome in the Moravian Church. In the church building visitors will find lots of information.

In the fair-trade shop and the exhibition "From Herrnhut into the World" it is possible to make contact with members of the Moravian Church. They will be delighted to talk about past and present life of the congregation, the worldwide mission and might even accompany visitors on the way to the God's Acre.



### Worship Services, Meetings

The Herrnhut Moravian Church is pleased to invite you to church and to meetings:  
Sat, 7:00 p.m.: Prayer & Singing worship  
Sun, 9:30 a.m.: Worship service with sermon  
Mon and Fri, 12:00 p.m.: Mid-day Prayer

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www.duerninger.com  
www.die-shirttuner.de



### Trading Company with Long Tradition – Abraham Dürninger & Co. GmbH

Founded in 1747, Abraham Dürninger & Co. is one of the oldest companies existing in Germany. Abraham Dürninger (1706 – 1773) was an

entrepreneur who played an outstanding role in the business world of the 18th century. The company was quickly counted among the most important trading companies in Europe. Abraham Dürninger & Co. exported linen fabric to North America. Later it also dealt in tobacco, produced cigars and distinguished itself as the oldest cigar house in Germany. It was the first company to import cigars from Havana. Nowadays, it has developed into a modern textile printing company and a factory, where every day up to 20,000 articles are produced and delivered throughout Europe. Besides classic screenprinting, the company offers digitally printed t-shirts and sweatshirts. Joiners' workshops specializing in church furniture, doors and fitted furniture are closely affiliated to the business.



The company also has a sales department for church supplies and a grocery store in Herrnhut. Factory tours are offered on demand. By the way, you can design your own t-shirt in our online-shop.



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Whether you're looking for luxury or a more modest standard of accommodation for a couple of people or even for a group, Herrnhut offers a variety of accommodations and several places to eat.

For further, more detailed information browse through the accommodation directory and through the websites of Herrnhut. Moreover, the town's Tourist-Information office will be pleased to assist you.

# VISITING HERRNHUT

Accommodation and  
places to eat



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- 1 Umgebindehaus in Ruppertsdorf
- 2 Summer House in the Rose Garden of the Museum of Local History (Heimatmuseum)
- 3 KOMENSKÝ – Guest and Conference House
- 4 Church in Ruppertsdorf
- 5 Zinzendorf Castle in Berthelsdorf
- 6 Lido in Herrnhut
- 7 Sculpture Trail – detail
- 8 Zittauer Mountains
- 9 Dresden
- 10 Görlitz, St. Peter und St. Paul
- 11 Zittau, Market Place
- 12 »Schunkelhaus« in Obercunnersdorf

## Meeting and Recreation: the Moravian Church Guest House

KOMENSKÝ, the guest and conference house of the Herrnhut Moravian Church, is the largest accommodation in the town. Though the house with its park-like garden is situated in a quiet location on the outskirts of the historic old part of the town, the town centre can easily be reached on foot in just a few minutes.

Up to forty-five modern furnished rooms (shower / WC and telephone) in two houses are available for 87 guests. Eleven rooms are equipped with a kitchenette, 8 rooms are accessible for wheelchairs and two are furnished in a traditional Herrnhut style. Both houses are equipped with a lift.

The dining room not only offers guests a marvelous view of the Jizera Mountains and the Giant Mountains but also a rich breakfast. Availability of other meals depends on demand. A divisible conference room with up to 150 seats and eight seminar rooms provide brilliant conditions for conferences, meetings, seminars, workshops and other gatherings. As an international meeting place and house on the Via Sacra, the KOMENSKÝ looks forward to your visit.

## Sweet Keepsake – »Schwesternküsse« (»Sisters' kisses«)

Original Herrnhut Schwesternküsse are an exceptional culinary speciality and therefore a delicious keepsake from your stay in Herrnhut. Schwesternküsse are really small piped meringues which simply melt in the mouth. The meringues are a culinary treat baked and sold by the Bäckerei Paul, a

baker's shop, which, established in Herrnhut in 1841, is still owned by the same family.



# DISCOVER EXPERIENCE · RECUPERATE

Picturesque Upper Lusatia and Surrounding Countryside  
of the Three Country Triangle

Herrnhut's surrounding countryside with its delightful scenery, its interesting destinations and numerous leisure activities invite you to take trips and explore the region entire. Interesting destinations in Herrnhut and its close surrounding countryside are, among others, the Waldbad (a lido in the woods), the sculpture trail connecting Herrnhut and Großhennersdorf, or Schloss Berthelsdorf, Count Zinzendorf's former manor house. Among other places, the towns of Dresden, Görlitz, Bautzen and, of course, Zittau, with their museums and other sights are easily reached for day trips. People looking for rest and recuperation will enjoy their holidays in the Zittau Mountains and – only a stone's throw beyond the border – in the Jizera and the Giant Mountains.

## »Via Sacra« – Journey Without Borders

The »Via Sacra« leads you to unique ecclesiastical buildings and art treasures within the border region, where Germany, Poland and the Czech Republic meet. Architecture and art, legends and European personalities of distinction are witnesses to centuries of cooperation within the cultural area to the left and the right of the river Neisse. If you set out for rest, calmness and reflective self-examination, you can find all that in historico-culturally significant places of peacefulness and dignity.

**via sacra** COUNTRIES WITHOUT BORDERS.  
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 Sat, Sun and on holidays 10:00 a.m. –  
 12:00 p.m., 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

### Herrnhut Sights and Typical Offers

One example for our day trips is the programme »Herrnhuter Sehenswürdigkeiten und typische Angebote« (»Herrnhut Sights and Typical Offers«) which, among other things, includes a look around the Künstlergilde Herrnhut (Artists Guild) as well as the Schauwerkstatt Herrnhuter Sterne GmbH (Visitors Centre of the Herrnhut Star Manufactory). The sight-seeing tour approximately lasts two hours. Price per person: 3,00 Euro. If required, we help you find a good restaurant in Herrnhut.

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# HERRNHUT TOURIST Information

The Tourist-Information is based in the foyer of the Heimatmuseum (Museum of Local History). Accommodation directory, varied brochures, maps and many other things can be obtained here. Of course we also sell the Christmas stars. We are pleased to advise you and to organize, for instance, guided tours of Herrnhut including the Moravian Church, the historic town centre, the worldrenowned Gottesacker (God's Acre or Burial Ground), the Herrnhuter Künstlergilde (Herrnhut Artists Guild) or the Schauwerkstatt Herrnhuter Sterne (Visitors Centre of the Herrnhut Star Manufactory). For you, we also arrange day trips with bus companies into and beyond the region; in addition, we offer a programme of day trips to Herrnhut.

