

Press Release

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Events at Dresden Airport up to 31 March 2019

4 and 5 January

Elephant, Snow Cutter-blower & Co – the Special Winter Tour

It's when it's freezing and snowing outside that the Winter Service at Dresden Airport really comes into its own. With a full range of technology, the team works hard to keep air traffic moving as best it can in wintry conditions. Participants on this tour will not only get exclusive insights into our Winter Service equipment but will also find out what role the airport plays in the Dresden Ski World Cup.

The tour leaves from the airport information desk in the terminal. After a security check and a bus trip across the illuminated apron, you will stop off at the Winter Service hangar. On the way there, there will be opportunities to take pictures and videos of planes taking off and landing, depending on the traffic situation. You'll also be given a behind-the-scenes look at snow production for the Ski World Cup.

- Starts: 16:00 (max. 30 people per tour)
- Price: €10 per person (minimum age: 14)
- Booking is essential: Tel. +49 (0)351 881 3300
(Mon-Fri 09:00-17:00, outside these times: +49 (0)351 881 3360)
or e-mail touren@dresden-airport.de
- Tickets from the online shop at shop.dresden-airport.de
- Meeting point: Airport information desk in the terminal
(don't forget your ID!)

6 January

Travel and Experience Day with outdoor skiing competition

Sun, sand and sea or city breaks – to herald in the New Year, Dresden's biggest travel centre will be offering expert travel advice, accompanied by a very special winter sports event.

There will be top travel tips on offer on topics such as non-stop flights to Athens, Barcelona, Bastia (Corsica), Dalaman (Turkey), Larnaca (Cyprus), Monastir (Tunisia) and Thessaloniki in the upcoming summer season. The airlines also offer Dresden passengers a choice of practical connecting flights to cities and holiday destinations across the globe. Transfer times at hub airports are generally short, and with such a wide range of connecting flights from Dresden, there are destinations and dates to suit everyone.

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While the grown-ups browse the holiday options and compare offers in peace and quiet, there will be plenty of activities for kids: ice stock (curling), target throwing with snowballs, Teepee World, arts and crafts, face painting and much more besides. There will also be a stage show featuring the popular fairy-tale figures Elsa, Anna and Olaf.

As part of the Dresden Ski World Cup, trials will be held to find Saxony's fastest cross-country skier over 100 metres. To make this happen, the airport's Winter Service will be preparing a special stretch of snow around 140 metres in length right outside the terminal. Head up to the visitor platform to get the best view of this event.

Kids keen to follow the example of the athletes will also find plenty of opportunity to get active outside the terminal. Provided the weather plays ball and there is enough snow, upcoming athletes can try out the Skitty World Nordic Obstacle Course outside the west wing, a small, varied cross-country skiing run just for kids. Ski equipment can be hired at the venue.

- Terminal, 10:00-18:00
- Early-bird discounts for summer 2019
- Compete for the title of Saxony's fastest cross-country skier over 100 metres
- Fun and games for kids as part of the FIS Ski World Cup Dresden
- Admission free
- Parking in the multi-storey car park: €4 (have your parking ticket discounted at the airport information desk or the car park security office)

14 January

Wanderlust – the Travel Talks

“Sri Lanka – *Paradies wiedergefunden?*” (Paradise Rediscovered?)

Speaker: Kay Maeritz

Sri Lanka enchants visitors with its stunning beaches, species-rich uplands, lush nature and the richness of its culture. The grand parades with their countless dancers, drummers and elephants are a never-to-be-forgotten experience. Equally impressive are the temples at full moon. At this time of the day life on the island is at rest and Buddhist pilgrims lay their flower offerings at the shrines.

Kay Maeritz's journey will take us into the various regions – including areas in the north and east of the country that were closed to visitors until recently. Traces of the civil war are still present there. Many locals find work in tea production, the country's most important economic sector.

- LuftRAUM event space on the Conference level (level 02)
- Doors open: 18:30, starts: 19:00, duration: 90 minutes with interval
- Tickets on the door: €15 including welcome drink and parking in the multi-storey car park (get your parking ticket discounted at the airport information desk)
- Tickets available on the door and from the online shop at shop.dresden-airport.de
- Or book by email: fernweh@dresden-airport.de

ElbeZeit GmbH will be serving special themed food (not included in the admission price).

3 February and 31 March
Guided tours to the legendary 152 aircraft with coffee and cake

The 152 is regarded as a milestone in the history of the German aviation industry. Sixty years after its maiden flight, the last preserved example, a 152 fuselage, is on display at Dresden Airport.

Accompanied by a tour guide, visitors can view the legendary aircraft in the western part of the terminal. Under the motto "Hands-on History", you will take a fascinating trip back in time, as this unique exhibit with its cockpit and passenger cabin with its original 1950s interior is open for visitors to explore and photograph.

After the tour of the 152 you will pass through security and take a bus ride out onto the airport apron where you will find out more about the airport and how aircraft are handled.

After the 90-minute guided tour, coffee and cake will be served at the conference centre (included in the ticket price).

- Starts: 14:30
- Price: €14.90
- Minimum age: 14
- Booking is essential: Tel. +49 (0)351 881 3300
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27 January, 24 February and 31 March
Maxi Tour at Dresden Airport (no minimum participant numbers)

After a security check, participants (max. 30 per tour) will head out onto the apron in an apron bus to watch aircraft being handled and all the processes involved between take-off and landing. This will be followed by a visit to the airport fire station.

- Starts: 16:30, duration: 90 minutes
- Special price: €7 per child up to age 14, €10 per adult
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4 February

Wanderlust – the Travel Talks

“Tahiti – Südsee pur” (Tahiti – Pure South Pacific)

Speaker: Jörg Ehrlich

Glittering turquoise seas, white sandy beaches and lush green mountains make the island of Tahiti a true paradise. Here there are overwater bungalows and crystal clear lagoons that are protected from the open ocean by a coral belt. From your own veranda you can jump straight into the water and snorkel up close to reef sharks, rays and schools of butterfly fish. Like Moorea, Raiatea and Bora Bora, Tahiti belongs to the Society Islands, the main archipelago of French Polynesia. The archipelago is astonishingly diverse: hikers take to the mountains, water sports fans to the sea, food aficionados to the vanilla plantations – and culture lovers to the volcanic islands of the Marquesas more than 1,500 kilometres away.

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10 February

Getting Married at the Airport – information day

Working in tandem with experienced service providers, the Dresden Airport events team makes sure that every wedding is a stylish, unique and unforgettable experience.

Under the motto “Taking off into the future together”, there are plenty of opportunities at the airport to celebrate this momentous event in a special ambience: receptions with the best view of the runway, entertaining airport tours for guests, unusual photo opportunities alongside or on board a plane and much more besides.

To find out more, come along to the airport on 10 February from 11:00 to 18:00 and check out the venue and the various options. A range of service providers will be on hand to answer your questions on aspects such as catering, wedding cakes or décor. There will also be food tastings and a competition to win a wedding cake.

- Events centre on the conference level in the terminal
- Admission free

18 February to 3 March

Maxi Tour in the winter school holidays (no minimum participant numbers)

After a security check, participants (max. 30 per tour) will head out onto the apron in an apron bus to watch aircraft being handled and all the processes involved between take-off and landing. You will also discover more about the work of our Winter Service and its technology. Accompanied by a tour guide, you will then leave for the airport fire station where you can check out our futuristic emergency vehicles.

- Starts: 10:00 daily (except Sundays)
- Duration: 90 minutes
- Price: €6 per child up to age 14, €9 per adult
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2 March

Weather Station Tour

To keep flights running safely and smoothly at all times, pilots and airports need precise, up-to-date weather data. On a guided tour of the German Weather Service (DWD) weather station at Dresden Airport, you will find out about the measurement technology, the weather garden and modern meteorology. The 90-minute tour starts with a security check and includes a bus ride over the apron, during which the tour guides will entertain you with fascinating and exciting facts about the airport.

- Starts: 15:00
- Max. 20 participants, minimum age 7
- Price: €7 per child up to age 14, €10 per adult
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4 March

Wanderlust – the Travel Talks

“Kuba – Rhythmus, Rum und Revolution”

(Cuba – rhythm, rum and revolution)

Speaker: Paolo Violo

Cuba is bursting with music and cultural diversity. It oscillates between *joie de vivre* and melancholy. But it is from this very tightrope walk and the daily struggle for survival that a society has emerged that could hardly be more brazen, lively and contradictory. In his talk, travel photographer Pascal Violo will cover everything from the arbitrariness of Cuban officials to the almost inexhaustible talent for improvisation that is so typical of Cubans. He will present breathtaking nature shots and impressive city portraits, interviews with artists and opposition activists, as well as live recordings of musicians he befriended along the way.

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Coming soon: Other events in 2019

- 26 April: Experience tours on Public Transport Discovery Day
- 5 May: Family Day at Dresden Airport
- 24 May: Blues, Boogie & Swing in the terminal (Dixieland Festival)
- 31 May: Children’s Day at Dresden Airport
- 1/2 June: Fun Days for Kids
- 17 August: High Fliers Starting School

Flughafen Dresden GmbH is a subsidiary of the Central German Airports Group with around 1.71 million passengers per year (2017).

Thanks to the direct access road from the A4 motorway, 3000 parking spaces right next to the terminal building and the S-Bahn station, passengers from Saxony, Southern Brandenburg, Northern Bohemia and Lower Silesia can get to the airport easily and comfortably.

Short and barrier-free routes are characteristic of the unique Dresden Airport Terminal, a former aviation industry hangar. Arrivals and Departures as well as service areas can all be found under one roof. It is also home to Dresden's biggest travel centre, the Gate 14 airport shop (www.gate14.de) and a conference and events centre with a panoramic view of aircraft on the apron. The customer service was awarded the “Service Quality in Germany” level II certificate by the Saxon Tourist Board.

For timetable, parking reservations and online travel agency go to www.dresden-airport.de.