Discovering Frankfurt History

Experience a brand new quarter in the heart of Frankfurt

Follow the footsteps of J.W. Goethe and marvel at the home of his dear "Auntie Melber". Many other famous historical buildings like "Rote Haus", "Rabatabrücke" and "Klein Nürnberg" were also recently rebuilt at their original locations. "Goldene Wache", a renaissance-style, timber-frame dwelling, was originally erected in the early 17th century by the affluent confectioner and spice merchant, Abraham van Hamel, a native of Tourain in the Spanish Netherlands. Destroyed during the air raids of 1944, the building now stands once again in the centre of the old town of all its former glory, serving as the architectonic cornerstone of the quarter’s main plaza.

Frankfurt’s old town was once the home of many famous personalities. In times long gone by, kings and emperors of the Holy Roman Empire of German Nations strode proudly along the so-called “Coronation Route”, which took them from Frankfurt Cathedral to the Römer, Frankfurt’s time-honoured town hall. This historical route has been recreated true to the original, inviting history enthusiasts to follow in the footsteps of former royalty. Close by, the Kaiserpfalz, discovered an archaeological excavation site discovered near the cathedral, offers insights into the history of Frankfurt. Here, one finds traces of Roman legionaries, Franconian kings and citizens of Frankfurt from centuries, even millennia ago.

A Special Old Town Experience for Groups

After your tour of the old town, enjoy a typical Frankfurt meal including beverages at a cozy old town tavern.

Price per person: €24.00

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Guided Tours for Groups

The New Frankfurt Old Town - Rotes Haus, Goldene Wache and Hühnermarkt.

Our certified tour guides will take your group through Frankfurt’s old town and present to you the many sides of this newly re-established quarter. The tour is available in over 10 languages.

Price per group (max. 20 persons): €170.00

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Art and Culture in the Old Town

1 Kaiserpfalz
   Excavation Site of the Archaeological Museum Frankfurt
   The Kaiserpfalz provides fascinating insights into the historical origins of Frankfurt. At this excavation site, and apologists have unearthed Roman bathhouses, market walls of a Carolingian palace as well as cells dating back to the Late Middle Ages – historical footprints representing more than 2,000 years of urban history. Selected artefacts from these excavations are on show in an exhibition at the Archaeological Museum.
   → www.archaeologisches-museum-frankfurt.de

2 Caricatura Museum Frankfurt
   This museum’s permanent collection presents the works of a number of famous German caricaturists, namely F. W. Barnhagen, Robert Gerhardt, Christian Knigl, Hans Frank, and F. W. Wascher. Together with the authors Bernd El ler, Eckhard Harscheid and Peter Kroeber, these five illustrators formed the so-called “New Frankfurt School”. Other famous representatives from the field of comic art are presented in regular changing exhibitions. → www.caricatura-museum.de

3 Cathedral Museum
   The Cathedral Museum presents an array of beautiful liturgical utensils and garments from the former monastery. Today, they are the property of St. Bartholomew’s Cathedral. More recently, the famous mosaics on show include those found in a young girl’s tomb dating back to the late Merovignian period, discovered during excavations in 1992. → www.kathedralkirche-frankfurt.de

4 Photography Forum Frankfurt
   The Photography Forum Frankfurt is a unique location displaying photography of the highest quality while at the same time promoting the popular medium as a highly significant visual language spoken throughout the world. Since its foundation in 1984, the forum has aimed to present the many different aspects of photography and to serve as a platform for critical dialogue. → www.ffi.org

5 Haus zur Goldenen Waage
   External Site of the Historical Museum Frankfurt
   Haus zur Goldenen Waage, a renaissance-style, timber-frame house built in the 17th century and recently reconstructed true to the original, will in the near future become the home of a branch of the Historical Museums of Frankfurt. On the building’s roof, one finds the so-called “Belvedere” – a magnificent rooftop garden with spectacular views of the old town and the Frankfurt skyline.

6 Historical Museum Frankfurt
   With its new urban history exhibition, “Frankfurt Once”, the Historical Museum Frankfurt tells the story of Frankfurt’s old town from 1900 to present day. Here, the long and colourful history of Frankfurt is presented by way of seven separate permanent exhibitions as well as various models and films. → www.historisches-museum-frankfurt.de

7 Young Museum Frankfurt
   Formerly known as the Children’s Museum, the brand-new Young Museum is unique in that all ages appear to be enjoying existing exhibitions as well as several workshops, historical playrooms and guided tours. The exhibitions feature many especially conceived for children and youths. The museum endeavours to provide visitors with an interactive, hands-on experience, imparting to its visitors “knowledge to touch”. → www.junges-museum-frankfurt.de

8 Frankfurt Art Association
   The Frankfurt Art Association is a leading international exhibition venue for contemporary art. Since its establishment in 1929, the association has dedicated itself to the creation and promotion of contemporary art. → www.fka.de

9 MMK Museum of Modern Art
   Opened in 1991, the Museum of Modern Art (MMK) ranks amongst Europe’s most important museums of contemporary art. Its collections include significant works of European and American art ranging from the 1960s to present day. → www.mmk-frankfurt.de

10 SCHINN Kunsthalle Frankfurt
   Schinn Kunsthalle Frankfurt is known to be one of Europe’s leading museums of art. Since its opening in 1997, the art hall has shown countless, highly acclaimed international exhibitions, focussing primarily on art from the age of modernity and contemporary times. → www.schin.de

11 Staatsgalerie Museum Frankfurt
   (From October 2018)
   This permanent exhibition tells of the life and times of the renowned Frankfurt doctor, artist and journalist, Friedrich Stoltze (1816–1891), who was to witness many of the most moving events of both Frankfurt and German history. → www.staatsgalerie-frankfurt.de/stolz

12 Stadtmuseum Frankfurt
   (From Summer 2019)
   Shock-Headed Peter Museum (From Summer 2019)
   Shock-Headed Peter, Pauline and Johnny Heap in The Air – When the Frankfurt physician, Dr. Heinrich Hoffmann (1809–1894), wrote his famous children’s book, “Der Struwwelpeter”, he wouldn’t have known that he was creating one of the absolute classics of children’s literature. Rare Struwwelpeter editions, numerous translations, witty parodies, kitsch and art all tell the story of this famous picture book in a playful manner that is enjoyable for children as well as grown-ups. → www.struwwelpeter-museum.de

Art Galleries in the Old Town

Over the years, a colourful variety of art galleries has settled in and around Frankfurt’s old town. With their regularly held art shows, they represent a significant part of Frankfurt’s cultural landscape.

You’ll find a number of galleries on Fahrgasse, Braubachstraße and at Weckmarkt. These streets are marked in purple on the right-hand side of your city map. → www.galerien-frankfurt-mitte.de

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Discover the winding lane ways and picturesque plazas of the New Frankfurt Old Town while accompanied by one of our certified tour guides.

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   • November–December 2018: Thu–Sat at 2:30 pm

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→ www.frankfurt-tourismus.de/newoldtown

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Book our “New Frankfurt Old Town” arrangement, which features the following package components:
   • Overnight stay at the desired hotel incl. breakfast
   • Guided tour of the old town
   • Admission to the Historical Museum Frankfurt
   • Coffee and cake at the museum café
   • River cruise
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remnants of the living history of Frankfurt.

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An Ensemble of Original Reconstructions and New Architectonic Creations

A walk through the New Frankfurt Old Town offers interesting insights into the history of the metropolis on the River Main: From the remnants of the first Roman settlements to the Gothic-styled ground floor of “Esslinger”, from the detailed renaissance façade of “Goldene Waage” and the classicist “Goldene Schere” to the many examples of modern architecture – here in the New Frankfurt Old Town, you’ll find numerous architectonic eras and styles standing harmoniously side by side. The successful blend of old and new, of past and present, of history and modernity, they are all part of the allure of this brand-new quarter in the heart of Frankfurt.

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Coronation Route

This historical route between the cathedral and city hall was followed by famous kings and emperors as part of their festive coronation ceremonies.

Goldene Waage

The most famous building in Frankfurt’s old town is a renaissance-styled, timber-frame house featuring a ground level made of local sandstone and a number of elaborate decorations on its façade.

Kaiserpfalz Franconofurd and the Stadthaus

These ruins are at the heart of Frankfurt history. The ancient stoneworks represent Roman, Carolingian as well as medievial times. Above them, one finds the Stadthaus (Town House), home to a number of representative function rooms.

Discover the
New Frankfurt Old Town!

Come and discover the New Frankfurt Old Town with its winding laneeways and picturesque plazas. A total of 35 buildings, including 15 faithful reconstructions and 20 new structures, make up this lively new quarter between Frankfurt Cathedral and Römer City Hall. Some 60 apartments and more than 30 shops, restaurants, cafes and museums offer plenty of space to explore, to experience, to relax and to enjoy.

Further information on the reconstruction of Frankfurt’s old town:
www.domroemer.de