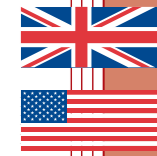


# Schwarzenberg

*A traditional gem*



## Schwarzenberg - simply legendary

### Your route to us

#### Schwarzenberg Railway Museum

With one of the biggest collections of vehicles in Saxony, the Schwarzenberg Standard Gauge Railway Museum bears an important testimony to the region's technological and economic development. Experience steam travel, special events in the engine shed and the unique sense of nostalgia that surrounds these time-honoured locomotives.



Photo: Town of Schwarzenberg

#### Zinnkammern Pöhla Visitors' Mine

Be welcomed with a hearty "Glück Auf!" (traditional miners' greeting) as you enter what are probably the biggest tin mines in Europe and descend 3,000 m into the depths of the Pöhla visitors' mine. Accompanied by an expert guide, discover the awe-inspiringly large rooms underground, which also provide the venue for unique concerts boasting wonderful acoustics. The mining experience is rounded off with traditional "Bergvespern" (miners' meal breaks) and "Mettenschicht" (celebrating the final shift before Christmas Eve).



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The traditional heritage of the Erzgebirge is deeply rooted in Schwarzenberg, and something that you will encounter wherever you go. Whether attending a bobbin lace-making or woodcarving course at the Castle, enjoying a cosy evening in our original Erzgebirge guesthouses, or enjoying an unforgettable "Mettenschicht" underground, our history is palpable at every turn. Added to this are the numerous extraordinary events that make Schwarzenberg such a jewel.

#### Schwarzenberg Christmas Market

The festive highlight of the year takes place from the 2nd to the 3rd weekend in Advent: the unforgettable Schwarzenberg Christmas Market. It is the second-oldest Christmas market in Saxony and is proud to look back on 480 years of tradition. With its traditional miners' parade and mining ceremony, fairy tale procession and fairy tale houses, Krauss Pyramid (which is over 80 years old), special exhibition at the Museum



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and many other attractions, it is simply unbeatable. Savour the originality and cosiness of a romantic, peaceful Christmas in the Erzgebirge.

#### Other recurring events

Easter Market (Easter Sunday and Easter Monday) · Schwarzenberg Altstadt- und Edelweißfest — Old Town and Edelweiss Festival (3rd weekend in August) · Erzgebirge Music Festival (every two years, in September) · Schwarzenberg art-figura Art Awards (every two years) · Night at the Museum (2 October) · Push-starting the Christmas pyramid and pre-Christmas rush (1st weekend in Advent) · Concerts at St. George's Church (all year round) · Theatre and concerts on a natural forest stage (April to September) · Weekend trips on the Erzgebirgische Aussichtsbahn EAB — sight-seeing train (selected weekends)



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#### Information for tour groups and guests to the town

#### Town tours – want to know more?

Then please come and join us on an entertaining and exciting tour through the pearl of the Erzgebirge. Accompany our certified guide on an informative trip through or around the town of Schwarzenberg, learning more about its 850-year history with every step. Tours run regularly all year round, so you will have plenty of opportunity. Choose between our classic "Historical Old Town of Schwarzenberg" tour or perhaps something a little different in the form of the "Surprising Schwarzenberg" tour. Varying themed tours with costumed guides are also on offer, such as the "Schwarzenberg Watchman Tour" or the chance to be shown around by our "Baker's Daughter". Find out more from the current selection of tours on offer from Stadt Schwarzenberg.

We wish you an exciting stay, whatever you choose to do!

Customized suggestions for tour groups and societies can be arranged on request for your desired dates. Our staff at the Schwarzenberg Information Office are more than happy to answer any questions.

Look forward to an enjoyable and eventful stay in Schwarzenberg, the pearl of the Erzgebirge!

#### Getting here



By car from Germany: A9/A4 to Chemnitz, A72 to the Hartenstein exit, continue 20 km on the main road towards Aue and the B101 towards Annaberg-Buchholz

By car from the Czech Republic: E442/13 Ostrov, 25 Bozi Dar/Oberwiesenthal, S271/B101 towards Schwarzenberg



By train from Germany: Leipzig (2.5 hr), Dresden (2.5 hr), Chemnitz (1.5 hr), Zwickau (45 min)

By train from the Czech Republic: Karlovy Vary (2.5 hr)



Distance to airports: Altenburg (1 hr), Hof (1 hr), Dresden (1.5 hr), Halle-Leipzig (2.5 hr)

Bus and coach parking on "Krummen Weg" opposite the Hammerparkplatz Incline elevator to the old town from the Hammerparkplatz (barrier-free)

We wish you a pleasant journey!

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A scenic experience, a cultural delight and a traditional gem!

The pearl of the Erzgebirge





# Schwarzenberg

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A scenic experience

A cultural delight



## A warm welcome!

Experience a town where spellbinding natural landscapes, a diverse range of arts and a vibrant culture meet the unique traditions of the Erzgebirge. Present and past come together to paint a delightful picture. Discover the heritage-protected old town seated atop a mountain massif and nestled amid lush green scenery, and admire the inimitable ensemble presented by the castle and church. Schwarzenberg offers everything you could possibly need for good living, as well as a stay that can be as relaxing or invigorating as you choose.



## Schwarzenberg – a unique history

**Unoccupied Schwarzenberg**  
The area around Schwarzenberg remained unoccupied by Allied forces for around six weeks after the end of the Second World War. During this time, an anti-fascist action group took the government of the town into their own hands, organizing daily life. The writer Stefan Heym used this extraordinary period of history as the basis for his novel "Schwarzenberg" in 1984. It is based on historical events and is set in the real world, although Heym did have his characters proclaim a "Republic". Set up in 1990, the Schwarzenberg association Kunstzone e.V. has not forgotten this vision of a "Free Republic of Schwarzenberg". Numerous writers, scientists and artists have also drawn inspiration from this unoccupied period. To this day, the many ideas and far-ranging perspectives on the subject continue to prompt discussion.

Learn more about this time on the "Unbesetzt" ("Unoccupied") educational trail at the PERLA CASTRUM Museum – A Castle Full of History, or on a fascinating tour of the town.



Schwarzenberg is a place where captivating natural scenery and landscapes meet. The natural features of the landscape have shaped the development of the townscape to a considerable extent. A total of 10 town districts have sprung up around the historical centre. By incorporating four districts, Schwarzenberg gained some magnificent landscapes with a rural character.



## Experience the great outdoors

Sit back and relax or get on your feet to explore the well-signposted regional and cross-regional hiking trails and park facilities in the town and beyond. Schwarzenberg offers the ideal conditions for active holidaymakers. Enjoy wonderful views of Schwarzenberg, breathing in the pure nature of our incredible surroundings in the nearby Erzgebirge-Vogtland Nature Park. The numerous educational trails provide excellent exercise for mind, body and soul, as you learn all sorts of fascinating facts about the town's eventful history.

Winter in Schwarzenberg is a very special experience for young and old alike. Crisp, cool air; glittering, crunchy snow; snow-clad forests – various different descents are the perfect invitation for tobogganing and skiing. For cross-country skiers, the small but perfectly formed circular trails in Bermsgrün and Pöhla are also well worth trying out.

## Schwarzenberg Castle

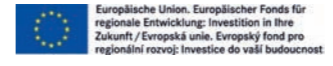
Schwarzenberg Castle was founded around 1150 out of wooden palisades and a blockhouse. Next came a watchtower on the pass road towards Bohemia, and later the castle was turned into a hunting lodge by Augustus, the Elector of Saxony, in the 16th century. Today, these historical walls are brimming with life. It serves as a wedding venue, as well as a place where budding young talents can hone their musical and craftsmanship skills. In addition to the cultural centre, the Castle is home to a folk art and music school, not to mention the PERLA CASTRUM Museum – A Castle Full of History.



## PERLA CASTRUM Museum – A Castle Full of History



The permanent exhibition in the town's PERLA CASTRUM Museum invites visitors of all ages to discover and marvel at its treasures. The Museum houses the biggest collection of bobbin lace in the Erzgebirge and offers interesting insights into traditional mining and craftsmanship. Its location in the restored tower enables visitors to delve into the history of the town while enjoying splendid views over Schwarzenberg and the region. In the 19th century, Schwarzenberg became one of the most significant industrial sites in the western Erzgebirge. Take a peek into Schwarzenberg's rich industrial history by visiting the depot, opened in 2016, which features an integrated display section in the railway building – Bahnhof N° 4.



## St. George's Church

Built in the Baroque style and completed in 1699, St. George's Church – together with Schwarzenberg Castle – completes Schwarzenberg's inimitable emblematic ensemble.

Experience outstanding acoustics at classical church concerts in a truly unique atmosphere.

## Heritage-protected old town, Glockenspiel,

## Krauss Pyramid

Wander through the small, snug lanes of the old town, which is brimming with listed buildings, and enjoy its romantic ambience. This is particularly in evidence between April and December, when the Meissen porcelain glockenspiel rings out at the fountains four times a day, enchanting listeners with its melodies. Situated at the Lower Gate, the oldest preserved large pyramid in Germany, the Krauss Pyramid, delights young and old alike during the Advent period.



## Waldbühne (forest stage)

With over 12,000 seats, the Waldbühne Schwarzenberg is the second-biggest open-air stage in Germany – and perhaps the most beautiful. Built out of a former quarry, it is today a popular attraction and a venue for unforgettable concerts, certain to get you tingling all over.



## History and legend

Schwarzenberg was founded around 1150 and has long borne the nickname the "pearl of the Erzgebirge". From its initial settlement in the primeval Erzgebirge forest of Miriquidi, it has flourished over 850 years into a charming small town. There are many legends surrounding Schwarzenberg. Perhaps the best-known concerns the valiant knight George, said to have slain the fearsome lindworm on the Totenstein. Today, knight and dragon are both immortalized in the town's coat of arms. St. George and his fair lady Edelweiß appear at special occasions and festivals as symbols of Schwarzenberg both in the region and beyond.



Panel depicting the legend at the Bahnhofsbau: R. A. Fichtner