



MAGDEBURG

Nave of
Magdeburg
Cathedral



AT THE CRADLE OF THE HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE OF THE GERMAN NATION: DISCOVER THE FIRST CATHEDRAL ON GERMAN SOIL THAT WAS BUILT ACCORDING TO A GOTHIC GROUND PLAN. IT IS SITUATED IN ONE OF GERMANY'S GREENEST CITIES. IN 2009 YOU WILL BE INVITED TO CELEBRATE WITH US THE 800TH ANNIVERSARY OF THIS CHURCH WHOSE PATRON SAINT IS AFRICAN – SAINT MAURITIUS. WELCOME TO THE CITY OF OTTO THE GREAT – TO THE EMPEROR'S FAVOURITE CITY. HERE IS WHERE HIS STORY AND THAT OF THE HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE OF THE GERMAN NATION BEGAN.

Cathedral (left) and
the Art Museum
Monastery of Our Lady.



Emperor Otto's wedding gift

Did you know that Magdeburg was the favourite place of Emperor Otto the Great? The English princess Editha received this town from her husband, the future emperor, as a wedding gift because the town's position by the river Elbe reminded her so much of her home by the river Thames. Both the emperor Otto and his wife Editha were laid to rest in Magdeburg's Cathedral of Saint Mauritius and Saint Katharina.

The Ottonian cathedral was destroyed in 1207 by the Great Fire. In 1209 the ruling archbishop Albrecht II had the foundation stone laid for the first cathedral in Germany to be built following a French-Gothic ground plan – even

though the population protested. The archbishop had seen this new Gothic architecture in France and was one of the first men to introduce it. 2009 will be the year to celebrate the 800th anniversary of the cathedral. The new Schukeorgan with its 93 stops and 6100 pipes will contribute to the festive sounds.

The “Romanesque Road” Information Centre is situated next to the cathedral. Here, in one of the remaining old houses of Magdeburg called “Möllenvogtei”, you can get an insight into daily life, the arts and religion in the Romanesque Era with the help of multimedia and performances.

Diagonally across from the “Romanesque Road” Information Centre you will find “THE GREEN CITADEL® OF MAGDEBURG” shining in brilliant colours. It is an architectural project by Friedenschreich Hundertwasser. Not one window is like the other.

Inner courtyards with nooks and crannies and many interesting shops invite the visitor to an oasis of humanity within the bustling city.

Tomb of Emperor Otto the
Great in the cathedral



INFORMATION

Highlights 2009

23-26 April Festive Weekend 800th cathedral anniversary;
13-19 June International Figure Theatre Festival “Blickwechsel” Puppet Theatre Magdeburg, Schiffsbewerk; **20 June** Trilogy of Summer Holidays – theatre magdeburg, Domplatz; **July-Aug** Theater im Domgarten; **20-29 Sept** Festive Week 800th cathedral anniversary
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