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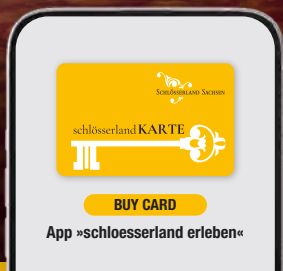


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The Dresden Zwinger

On the Trail of Augustus the Strong

Discover the baroque festival and hunting culture. Walk in the footsteps of Augustus the Strong, Elector of Saxony and King of Poland, and visit his summer palaces and hunting lodges at the original locations. Admire the distinctive buildings designed by the famous architect Matthaeus Daniel Poeppepmann.



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THE DRESDEN ZWINGER

The Dresden Zwinger is a unique building which houses world-famous museums such as the Old Masters Picture Gallery, the Porcelain Collection and the Royal Cabinet of Mathematical and Physical Instruments. The “Zwinger Xperience” is a multimedia interactive exhibition that will immerse you in the turbulent history of the Dresden Zwinger. Find out what happened when Augustus the Strong invited his guests to glamorous events.



DRESDEN ROYAL PALACE

The imposing building complex in the heart of Dresden also houses the unique treasure chamber of Augustus the Strong – the Green Vault and the Royal State Apartments as well as the collections of the armory, the Museum of Prints, Drawings and Photographs and the Münzkabinett (coin collection).



FESTUNG DRESDEN

“Splendor. Tears. Disasters. Closer than ever.” All of this awaits at the “Festung Xperience”. Peer behind the meter-thick walls of what was once the most modern bastion fortress in Germany and discover Dresden’s turbulent past. This is where alchemist Johann Friedrich Boettger invented the first porcelain in Europe at the behest of Augustus the Strong.



Dresden Royal Palace, Audience Chamber and Royal State Apartments; Photo: David Brandt

Dresden Fortress





Moritzburg Little Pheasant Castle



Moritzburg Castle



Little Pheasant Castle

MORITZBURG CASTLE AND MORITZBURG LITTLE PHEASANT CASTLE

The magnificent hunting lodge houses the largest collection of hunting trophies in Europe and was even the romantic filming location for “Three Wishes for Cinderella”. And the Little Pheasant Castle is just a relaxing walk away. The charm of the only rococo castle in Saxony becomes clear when viewing its exotic wall coverings and precious interior.



Moritzburg Castle with pond houses and park





Grosssedlitz Baroque Garden

GROSSEDLITZ BAROQUE GARDEN

The impressive grounds are regarded as the most important piece of 18th-century garden artwork in Saxony and used to be the venue for baroque court festivals. The charm of the “Versailles of Saxony” is exuded by two orangeries, various water features, around 60 sculptures and the scent of exotic plants.



PILLNITZ PALACE AND PARK

The royals of Saxony used to spend their summers at Pillnitz Palace and Park. The enchanting grounds feature a wide variety of exotic plants. The Palace Museum in the New Palace is open from spring until fall. Historic games and riding enjoyment on the jousting carousel in the Orangery from June to September.



Pillnitz Palace and Park





Pillnitz Palace and Park

The Gardens of Kings

Take a stroll through the nicest gardens in Saxony, enjoy the intoxicating scents and discover unexpected landscapes and views. And you can even take a piece of Schloesserland Sachsen home with you: bitter orange marmalade from Grosssedlitz or camellias from Pillnitz.



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ALTZELLA MONASTERY PARK

From 1798 on, the former Cistercian abbey was converted into a romantic landscape park, inspiring artists such as Caspar David Friedrich.



PILLNITZ PALACE AND PARK

You can take a pleasant stroll in the English, Dutch and Chinese Garden. Exotic beauties beckon visitors to the Palm House. The star of the palace park is a 250-year-old camellia, which even has its own conservatory for the winter months.



GROSSEDLITZ BAROQUE GARDEN

The baroque garden features magnificent flower beds and the largest collection of bitter oranges in German-speaking Europe.



Altzella Monastery Park, granary





Rammenau Baroque Castle



Royal Grounds Bad Elster



RAMMENAU BAROQUE CASTLE

In the new permanent exhibition “Cowshed and Silver Plates”, you can learn about the former residents of the castle and immerse yourself in the lives of the nobility and servants in the Steward’s Cottage, castle and park. In between, the Schlosscafé invites you to take a short break with homemade cakes, ice cream and savory snacks.



The Grand Garden of Dresden, Palace



GRAND GARDEN OF DRESDEN AND DRESDEN PARK RAILWAY

The Grand Garden isn’t just the “green heart of Dresden” – it’s also a fascinating testimony to historical garden architecture. The grounds are now home to over 18,000 trees. All aboard! The Dresden Park Railway, which is steeped in tradition, meanders throughout the grounds during the summer months.



Zabeltitz Baroque Garden

ROYAL GROUNDS BAD ELSTER

Back in the days when kings reigned over Saxony, the European high society would meet on this magnificent estate to take care of their health. Today, the world of adventures and lights invites you to enjoy yourself all year round.



ZABELTITZ BAROQUE GARDEN

As you take a pleasant stroll through the grounds, you'll see the Versailles inspiration reflected in the avenues, circular flower beds and sandstone sculptures.



WEESENSTEIN CASTLE

You can take a relaxing stroll through the French-style park that meanders in front of an imposing palace in the Mueglitz Valley.



Weesenstein Castle





For families

Richard-Wagner-Staetten Graupa,
Listening point in the museum

For Little Adventurers and Explorers

Who doesn't want to be a knight or princess and embark on an adventure of discovery? Come to Schloesserland Sachsen and explore our palaces and castles! Make discoveries, play games, try something new, do arts and crafts or dress up – there's something for everyone!



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KOENIGSTEIN FORTRESS

Interactive and immersive experiences, hands-on activities, photo stations and a walk-in castle made of XXL building blocks – your visit to the fortress will be a real adventure!



MILDENSTEIN CASTLE

Embark on an interactive search for the treasure of William the One-Eyed. Have fun discovering one of the oldest castles in Saxony and find a way out of the escape room.



FROHBURG CASTLE

The interactive and inspiring exhibition features historical toys from the past 100 years.



WOLKENSTEIN CASTLE

Wolkenstein Castle rises up into the clouds. It's full of sparkling amethysts and lots of surprises. You can learn the art of felting and stroll through the fragrant herb garden.



RICHARD-WAGNER-STÄTTEN GRAUPA

The hunting lodge in Graupa features a special exhibition for children to discover and explore the world around them. As you take your own tour of the rooms, you'll learn funny and exciting facts about the composer Richard Wagner.



Mildenstein Castle, Interactive treasure hunt



Koenigstein Fortress, museum





Klippenstein Castle, museum



Rochlitz Castle, cooking like in the Middle Ages



BURGK CASTLE FREITAL

A visit to Burgk Castle is an experience for the whole family thanks to the special exhibitions, the mining adventure playground, the castle park with its ancient trees and the legendary Rotkopf Goerg monument.



KLIPPENSTEIN CASTLE

Are you in the mood for exciting activities like a treasure hunt with “Klippi” the castle ghost, an exciting quiz about the castle or a “medieval adventure”? Make your wishes come true at Klippenstein Castle.



STOLPEN CASTLE

Come and make some exciting discoveries in the towers, courtyards and dungeons – and say hello to the friendly castle ghost Basaltus.



ROCHLITZ CASTLE

How did people live in the Middle Ages and how did one become a knight? Rochlitz Castle has the answers. Numerous features invite you to experience, marvel and get involved.



Lauenstein Castle, museum

LAUENSTEIN CASTLE

A magnificent residential palace rises above the Mueglitz Valley: Lauenstein Castle will send you hurtling back to the Middle Ages and the Renaissance. Hunt for ghosts, search for hidden messages and wander through fairy-tale forests. The robber baron Gecko and other legendary figures are also part of this discovery tour.



KRIEBSTEIN CASTLE

Solve a mysterious watch theft on an interactive treasure hunt, have fun exploring every nook and cranny and uncovering all the secrets of the knight's castle.



Kriebstein Castle





"Three Wishes for Cinderella"; Photos: Courtesy of ICESTORM Media GmbH and the DEFA Foundation.

Big Films, Breathtaking Locations

Schloesserland Sachsen is a "dream factory" in its own special way. In a region where numerous historical figures have carved their magnificent dreams in stone, film producers now find wonderful settings for their movies. The palaces and castles of Saxony have provided the backdrop for films such as "The Grand Budapest Hotel", "Charlie's Angels", "Cinderella", "Snow White" and "Three Wishes for Cinderella". Play your own starring role on the original set!





Moritzburg Castle

MORITZBURG CASTLE

In the Czech-German production of “Three Wishes for Cinderella” (1973), the princess-to-be rides at full gallop to Moritzburg Castle before losing her shoe on the monumental staircase. So, it’s no wonder the winter exhibition at the castle is dedicated to Cinderella. In 2018, Elizabeth Banks shot her Hollywood version of “Charlie’s Angels” here with Kristen Stewart.



THE DRESDEN ZWINGER

The Dresden Zwinger was made for the big screen – it served as inspiration for the prince’s palace in the Disney production of “Cinderella” and Wes Anderson used the wonderful estate for his Oscar-winning film “The Grand Budapest Hotel”.



The Dresden Zwinger





View of Stolpen Castle



STOLPEN CASTLE

Stolpen Castle's role in the classic film "Sachsens Glanz und Preussens Gloria" is largely due to Countess Cosel – after all, she was banished there for 49 years by Augustus the Strong himself. Stolpen Castle has also been the backdrop for numerous German detective series.

Kriebstein Castle





Hartenfels Castle, "Sleeping Beauty"

HARTENFELS CASTLE

In the DEFA production of "Sleeping Beauty", Hartenfels Castle disappears behind a rose bush and the thirteenth fairy marches straight past the famous spiral staircase. The renaissance castle in Torgau is also known for its role in the Reformation, as the chapel was the world's first ever Protestant church.



KRIEBSTEIN CASTLE

The mighty defensive walls of Kriebstein Castle tower over the River Zschopau, adding a medieval flair to many a film such as "Snow White", "The Grand Budapest Hotel" and "The Countess", featuring Julie Delpy, Daniel Bruehl and Oscar winner William Hurt.





Klaffenbach Castle



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The best spots in Schloesserland Sachsen for Instagram, Facebook and more ... We have magical backdrops for your next photo or video. Put yourself in the limelight and surprise your friends and followers with famous ensembles and mysterious perspectives. Our tip: Use the hashtag #schloesserland-sachsen and don't forget to tag our palaces, castles and gardens! We look forward to seeing your pictures and sharing them on social media.



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KLAFFENBACH CASTLE

The uniquely curved gables of Klaffenbach Castle near Chemnitz form part of an ogee arched roof, serving up the perfect photo opportunity. By the way, the best pictures can be taken at the back of the moated castle, which looks even more picturesque amongst the trees and by the moat.



WOLKENBURG CASTLE

The richly embellished cabinets, windows and railings give the library at Wolkenburg Castle an almost oriental flair. This neo-Gothic gem was built in the castle at the behest of Count von Einsiedel in 1795. Please note: Before you visit, ask whether the library staff can open the facilities.



Wolkenburg Castle; Photo: Lars Grobe





Meissen Albrechtsburg Castle, Photo: @stb.jess



Kriebstein Castle;
Photo: @m.zickmann_photography



MEISSEN ALBRECHTSBURG CASTLE

As you approach the towers on the castle hill in Meissen, you can take your first pictures of the fairy-tale setting. Albrechtsburg Castle is full of exciting architectural details on the inside. You are sure to attract admiring glances in front of the gigantic arched curtain windows or in the dizzying spiral of the Wendelstein staircase.



KRIEBSTEIN CASTLE

Kriebstein Castle rises high above the Zschopau River with its pointy roofs and even pointier turrets – just like a fairy-tale castle. This historic backdrop will give your pictures an unmistakable medieval flair. Top tip: If you make your way to the bridge, you can get yourself and the background in the shot.



GLAUCHAU CASTLE

On your tour, magnificent castle rooms with the furnishings and paintings of the Schönburg aristocratic family as well as varied exhibitions in one of the oldest museums in Saxony become an experience. You and your family can imagine you are members of royalty on the throne in the Banquet Hall.



Oybin Castle and Monastery

OYBIN CASTLE AND MONASTERY

Caspar David Friedrich and other Romantic artists were quick to recognize the potential of the ruins around Oybin Castle and Monastery as the backdrop for their wonderful paintings. Mount Oybin has been reclaimed by nature, creating a unique scene. The church ruins in particular will give your pictures a mystical and Romantic touch.



Glauchau Castle, Photo: Gregor Lorenz





Hartenfels Castle

From Tower to Tower

People have always been fascinated by impressive views from high towers. Vast buildings in the mountains not only offered protection – the castles also brought people one step closer to heaven. Get an impressive view of Schloesserland Sachsen from above!



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Wildeck Castle

HARTENFELS CASTLE

The city of Torgau and its vast surroundings along the Elbe River can be admired from the “Hausmannsturm” tower of the oldest surviving renaissance castle in Germany.



WILDECK CASTLE

Wildeck Castle was built upon the foundations of a 12th-century fortification and still towers above the Zschopau River to this day. Top tip: Enjoy the view from “Fat Henry”, a 30-meter keep with mighty thick walls.



Keep at Wildeck Castle





Rochlitz Castle on the Zwickauer Mulde River



ROCHLITZ CASTLE

It's worth making the ascent up one of the two striking towers known as "Jupen", as the view of the Zwickauer Mulde Valley is truly breathtaking! And if you take a closer look, you can still make out the marks left in one of the towers by cannon balls during the Thirty Years' War.

Rochlitz Castle with view of the river Mulde





Voigtsberg Castle

VOIGTSBERG CASTLE

The keep of Voigtsberg Castle offers a special viewing platform at a height of 31 meters.

The panoramic view over the Vogtland town of Oelsnitz and the surrounding countryside is breathtaking.



Koenigstein Fortress

KOENIGSTEIN FORTRESS

Visitors do not need to climb a tower to enjoy the stunning panoramic view of Saxon Switzerland from the mountain fortress which sits high up over the Elbe River. Yet the Church, Hunger and Seiger towers and many watchtowers are impressive nonetheless.

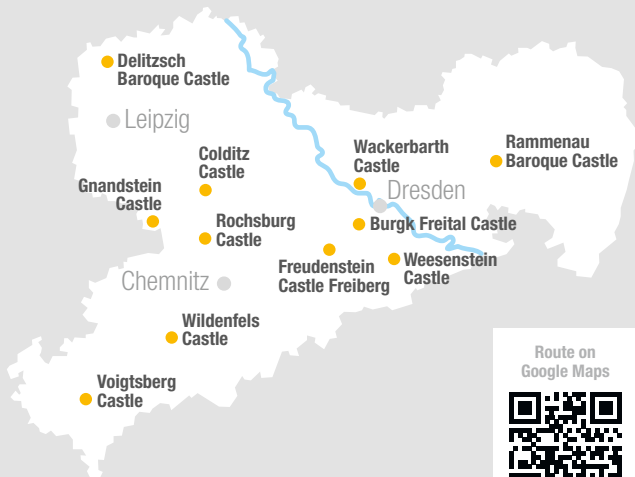




Wackerbarth Castle, Europe's first adventure winery

Surprising Discoveries

A coal mine under the castle? A chocolate factory in the courtyard? A horse stable on the fifth floor? Twelve castles, parks and monasteries from the Ore Mountains to Lusatia are full of surprises and eye-opening experiences. You may then also find a plane in the loft or an escape tunnel under the castle chapel. You can even try some of the original dishes served up to Augustus the Strong and his court – what a tasty surprise!



WACKERBARTH CASTLE

The baroque gem at the foot of the Radebeul vineyards is famous for its award-winning wines and sparkling wines. Part of the tasting, enjoying and celebrating includes a stroll through the terraced slopes. Did you know that Germany's oldest known mulled wine recipe was invented here in winter 1834?



DELITZSCH BAROQUE CASTLE

This fairy-tale castle is full of surprises with its rustic kitchen, magnificent living quarters and the dreamy baroque garden inspired by French designs.



WILDENFELS CASTLE

The precious silk tapestries in the "Blue Salon" exude the magic of the Arabian Nights.



COLDITZ CASTLE

Prisoner-of-war camp, asylum, hospital: Colditz Castle has an eventful history. Legendary escape attempts of allied prisoners still hold a special fascination for visitors. The "HistoPad" tablet guide takes visitors on an interactive tour of discovery of the Lost Place.



Wildenfels Castle



Delitzsch Baroque Castle





Freudenstein Castle, "terra mineralia"



Glandstein Castle



FREUDENSTEIN CASTLE FREIBERG

The "terra mineralia" exhibition presents impressive mineral layers from five continents – the Earth has such a beautiful history!



VOIGTSBERG CASTLE

The Vogtland has its very own oriental rugs! Oelsnitz Carpet Museum at Voigtsberg Castle presents the region's established weaving tradition – and you can even see a few flying carpets! The legacies of the former mining office in the castle are now sparkling in the mineral vault.



BURGK FREITAL CASTLE

The former manor house of the Dathe von Burgk family is surrounded by an idyllic park, including an entrance to a coal mine. Here you can learn fascinating facts about the 500-year history of coal mining in the Doehlen Basin and the town of Freital.

Replica coal mine open to the public of the Städtische Sammlungen Freital at Burgk Castle





Rochsburg Castle

ROCHSBURG CASTLE

This is one of the first projects where master architect Arnold of Westphalia showed a touch of genius – even before he designed the late-Gothic Albrechtsburg Castle on the hills of Meissen. You can experience what life was like at the castle. The Choco del Sol chocolate factory in the castle courtyard, open on weekends and public holidays, is sure to sweeten your visit.



GNANDSTEIN CASTLE

The fortress high above the Wyhra river is a dream come true for medieval buffs. A hitherto undiscovered treasure is said to remain hidden to this day on the castle grounds. Treasures from seven centuries can be marveled at in the exhibition.



RAMMENAU BAROQUE CASTLE

The romantic castle park is the perfect place for a stroll after visiting the exhibition and enjoying cake in the castle café. You can even take part in a guided tour where the castle gardener will reveal what makes the hydrangeas so vibrant.



WEESENSTEIN CASTLE

If you explore the castle, you'll soon stumble upon some strange things ... The stables are on the fifth floor – and the stately chambers are beneath the cellar!





Althoernitz Castle Hotel

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Colditz Castle on the Zwickauer Mulde River

YOUTH HOSTEL AT COLDITZ CASTLE

Guests from all over the world bring their international vibes to the 34 rooms at the European Youth Hostel Colditz Castle, which is housed in one wing of the old fortress on the Zwickauer Mulde River.

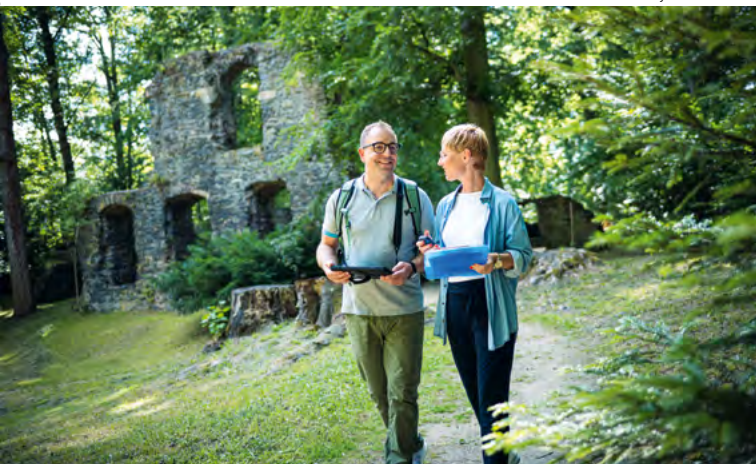


HOSTEL AT ALTZELLA MONASTERY PARK

The former Cistercian abbey was transformed into a romantic landscape park in 1798. You can enjoy a peaceful night at the secluded hostel with 8 rooms and an apartment.



Altzella Monastery Park





Pond houses, Moritzburg



Dining area in the large pond house, Moritzburg



MORITZBURG CASTLE ISLAND

You can enjoy a romantic stay amongst the vibrant nature and baroque festivities of Moritzburg Castle Island, where five pond houses are rented out as holiday homes from spring to fall.



HOLIDAY HOMES AT PILLNITZ PALACE

The two picturesque park houses used to accommodate the palace trumpeter and palace porter, and the holiday homes now take travelers back to the magical, idyllic times of old.

Schlosshotel Althörnitz, Junior Suite





Pillnitz Palace Park, holiday homes

ALTHOERNITZ CASTLE HOTEL

Althoernitz Castle Hotel is situated in the middle of a vast park where Germany borders on Poland and the Czech Republic. You can stay in one of 75 historic rooms and enjoy culinary highlights in one of the two restaurants. The Castle Hotel is welcoming its guests with an exclusive wellness area and sumptuous suites. Discover the Oberlausitzer Heide- und Teichlandschaft Biosphere Reserve and the Zittau Mountains.



Althörnitz Castle Hotel, Bellinis restaurant





Delitzsch Baroque Castle

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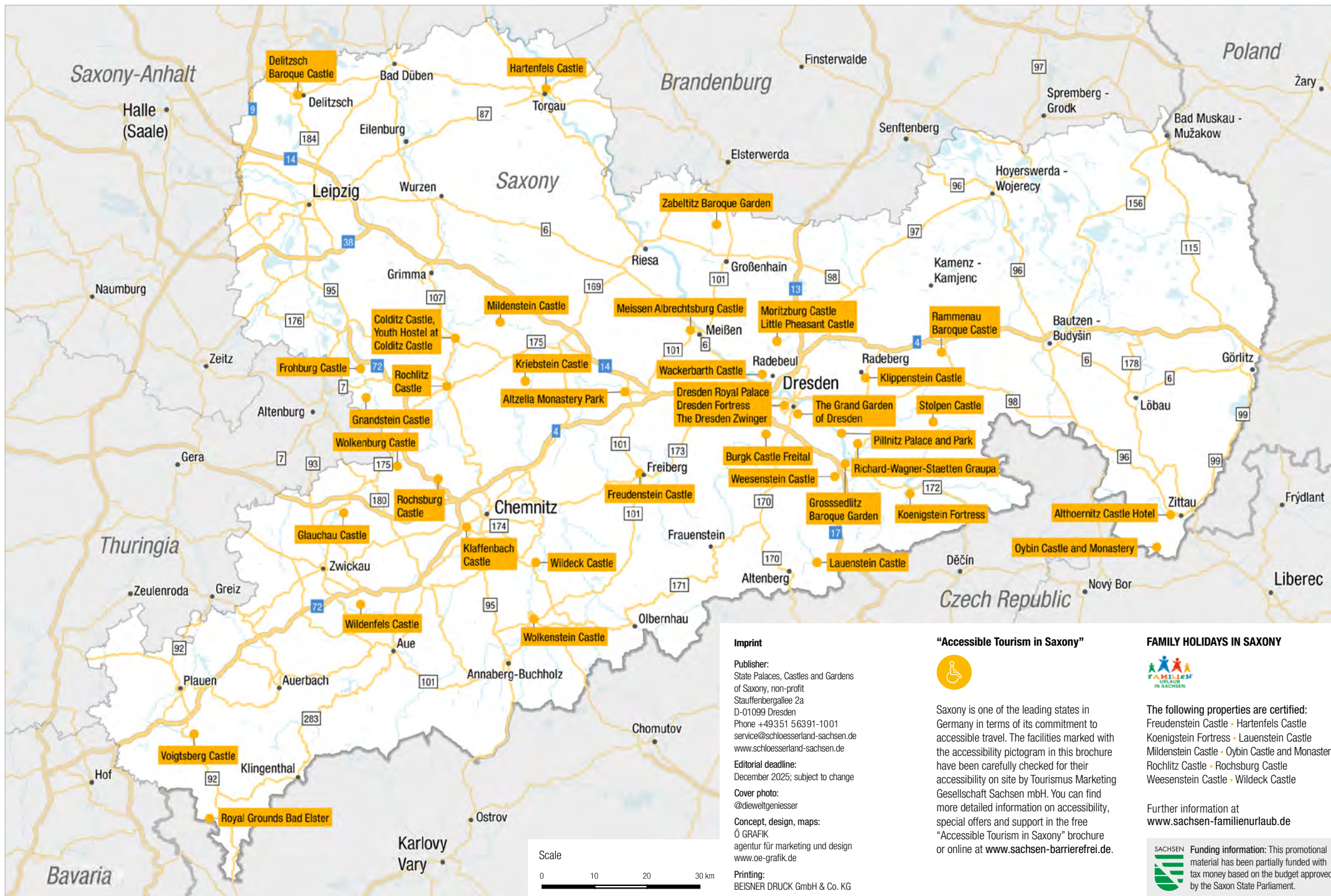
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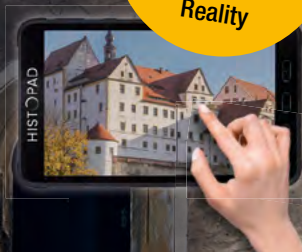

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