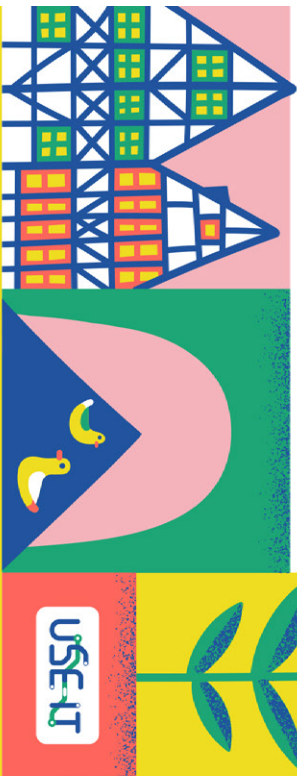


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Erfurt



Erfurt short'n' sweet

"Hi, nice to meet you!"
Hold this phrase close to your heart as you'll probably hear it rarely in Erfurt. People around here can seem a little cold and distant at first, but once you've had a chat or two, the ice quickly breaks and there's nothing stopping you from sharing a good laugh. So come stay inside this quaint gem of a city with a beautiful **historic centre** and enjoy your stay. But before you start off on your adventure, let us answer a few questions you may have.

Where am I, exactly?

You are in the capital city of the Free State of **Thuringia**. Just over 200,000 people live here – as well as a respectable amount of ducks. Located somewhere midway between Frankfurt am Main in the west and Leipzig in the east, Erfurt has easy access to both motorways and trains. In other words, you can leave as quickly as you came. Erfurt is an East German city that seems smaller than it actually is. That's because most things are happening in the city centre, while the outskirts are mainly reserved for residential areas and for hanging out in so-called **Kleingärten** or **Schrebergärten**. These are hugely popular allotment gardens that can be found all across the country.

What's going on?

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Dogs need to be kept on a lead, and please make sure to take a couple of poo bags with you. Also, don't feed the ducks with bread, even if they love it. They'll only explode. Do also bear in mind that shops in Germany are closed on Sundays and usually shut their doors by 8 p.m. (one notable exception is some shops in train stations).

What's the nightlife like?

Erfurt has plenty of nightlife options to fit everyone's tastes. From the finest hip-hop and electronic clubs to the most cranking punk shows, you'll find just about everything here. Do be sure to check the opening hours and event information beforehand, as they may vary with the season or as a result of the pandemic. By the way, it's pretty tough to satisfy your munchies after 10 p.m. so make sure you're well-fed before heading out into the night.

What have you inched on this map?

On the one hand, you'll get to explore the beautiful old town, with its churches and half-timbered houses. Most of the medieval core has been beautifully preserved or extensively restored, despite having survived two world wars and the GDR era. On the other hand, you'll get to roam through **Erfurt's northern quarter** around **Magdeburger Allee**. This old working-class district has become an increasingly popular escape route for creatives and activists conquering spaces outside the city centre.

What about accessibility?

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1 A Star Named Peter

Rising high into the sky next to Domplatz in the heart of Erfurt's city centre, you'll find **Petersberg Citadel**. Many moons ago, soldiers would patrol the walls of the star-shaped fortress and enjoy the sweeping view over Erfurt. Nowadays, the former site of the citadel has turned into a huge recreational area and a popular spot for hanging out, making out, playing boules or hopping on a swing. Tucked between the fortresses, KreativCaren, a creative little outdoor venue, offers a welcoming and relaxing retreat. **Petersberg Guided torchlit tours for a mysterious exploration of the fortresses.**

2 Outdoor Market with Local Produce

Early in the morning, when the sun starts to peek over the roofs of Erfurt's city centre, it will catch a glimpse of the colourful and lively bustle of the weekly **Wochenmarkt** market. Set against the backdrop of the cathedral, fresh seasonal produce is skillfully matched with willing customers. If you crave meat, opt for an endocrally sustainable alternative like a hot organic venison sausage. **Domplatz, Monday to Saturday from 9.30 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.**

3 Top Notch Italian Food

There's certainly no shortage of Italian restaurants in Erfurt. The real challenge consists in finding one that offers outstanding Mediterranean cuisine. If you fancy treating yourself to some authentic, original Sardinian food prepared and served with love, **Stefano's** is the place to visit. **Malzerhofstraße 4 - Be sure to book a table in advance!**

4 A Living Room Full of Books

In the friendly and wellstocked **Büchhandlung Kleingedrucktes**, you'll find all sorts of good german reads and excellent advice. There's also room to relax for a coffee, Hungarian wine or chocolate, meaning that your pleasure centre will be in for not only a visual but also a tasty treat. **Manzerhofplatz 2 - Look out for the shelf with the lovely books designed by Buhgeißel!**

5 Sometimes Peaceful, Sometimes Buzzing

The sprawling gardens of **Brühler Garten** sit right next to the city's Theater Erfurt municipal theatre. The former cemetery has long ceased to be a spooky, honeyard ever since it was turned into a popular landscaped garden many years ago. Besides daytime events like **Crème Brûlée** and **Koccolores**, people meet here to play boules, do their parkour training or to simply have a drink and celebrate. **Brühler Garten - There are public toilets nearby!**

6 Visit Erfurt's Favourite Granny

Oma Lilo's apron is stuffed with all sorts of delicious goodies. In this cosy neighbourhood café and bar, dentures clatter with delight when people tuck into some of the finest food, cakes and the homemade soft-iced next door in their very own ice cream shop. **Gorkstraße 16 - Their Café Mexico is delicious!**

7 To Wine or Not to Wine, That Is the Question

At this café and bistro, indulgence is liberally on everyone's lips. **Wein & Fein** has a stunning selection of splendid wines, a carefully selected choice of fresh dishes, and boasts the first Neapolitan pizza in Erfurt. **Merlystraße 1 - Weekend breakfast available!**

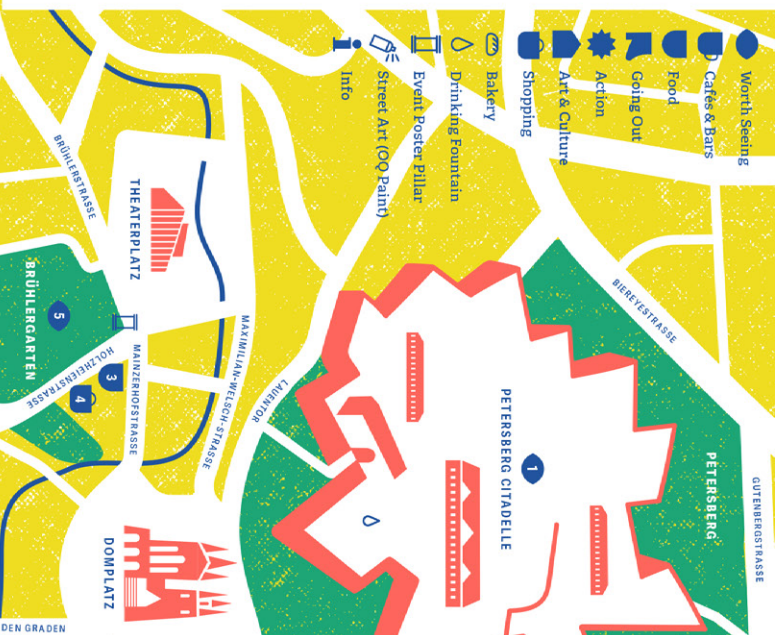


Roma Singer-Songwriter, 16

8 A Place of Peace and Quiet

"If you want to explore the natural side of Erfurt, head to **Luisenpark**, here, you can spend all day relaxing in the grass on the river banks in cafes or at the nearby outdoor swimming pool. **Deubrunnenbad**. I like to sit under one of the fragrant trees, reading my book, especially when the trees start to blossom in April. Grab some friends, a picnic blanket, and enjoy the here and now!" **Alfred-Hess-Strasse - Canoe station nearby!**

City Centre



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What should I bear in mind?

Be nice to people and they will be nice to you. In restaurants and bars, you should leave a tip for the staff, usually between 5% and 10% of the bill. Let it be known: Erfurt's authorities are often quick to do the right thing. There are plenty of speed cameras installed, and if you get caught checking your chewing gum and cigarette butts on the street, you may have to dig deep into your pockets.

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What else do I need to know?

In Erfurt, all trams need to **Anger**, the main square in the city centre. If you get lost, you can easily find your way back from here. The trams run through the old town of Erfurt and cross the pavement with very little distance between them. Do watch out so that you don't get caught while strolling through the city. The broad bean (Puffbohne) is Erfurt's most beloved city mascot. Every human being born in Erfurt is proud to call themselves one. Why? Don't ask. We haven't got a clue!



Practical Info

Emergency Calls

110 Police
112 Ambulance or Fire Brigade

Money

Always have some cash on hand. Cards aren't accepted by many establishments and services, but there are plenty of ATMs around to make up for it.

Water

The tap water in Erfurt is hard but drinkable. There are also eight wells with fresh drinking water spread across the city. You can find them on the map.

Museums

In Erfurt there are many great museums to visit. They are usually closed on Mondays but will let you in for free on the first Tuesday of each month.

Out and About in Erfurt

The city centre is easily accessible by foot. Biker rentals are available at Erfurt's Tourist Information, the Radisson Blu hotel and Via nextbike.de. Watch out for those cheeky tram rails!

If you're travelling by car, we recommend using the **P&R car parks** on the outskirts of the city, as there are rarely any free spots in the city centre.

On weekdays, trams don't run all night. You will need to buy a ticket in advance, either at a ticket machine or using an app. **DB Navigator** is a great app for finding your way around by train, bus and tram and for managing your journey times and tickets.



Martin
Music and Media Educator, 33

9 Another Grip In the Wall

Enjoy exercising at Blockpark, where I can boulder and do other training, too. The wide range of levels means that beginners and advanced climbers can both have fun. Outside the hall, there's a family friendly outdoor area featuring a small petting zoo with a playground and a farm shop offering locally farmed fish. **Wotstraße 6** - Features an outdoor area during the summer

12 Sophisticated Art House Cinema

The **KinoKlub** has been an institution for sophisticated and captivating film since 1975. You won't find any popcorn in their cosy lounge, but you can sip on some tasty wine and join the discussion after the show. During summer, their pop-up cinema *Primerline* travels to KulturQuartier Schanzen (no. 24) and Kulturhof Kronbecken (no. 39) for open-air cinema. **Hirschfelder 1** - Occasional film screenings in original languages

13 Where Schiller and Humboldt Used to Hang

Sheltered behind the splendid Renaissance facade of **Kultur Haus Dachteldien** is a place for literary and cultural encounters. Besides hosting readings, exhibitions and concerts, this is where you'll hear it through the grapevine while you revel in Erfurt's autumn harvest. **Anger 37** - Visit the summer stage in the courtyard

14 Pasta la Vista, Baby!

Head to **Matthildis Pasta** for a fresh and homemade pasta take-away and a selection of classic and special sauces. Their pasta shop also has all the ingredients you need to prepare the perfect pasta dish at home. **Barridlerstraße 1** - Do check out their dehydrated capers

15 A Tasty Slab in the Face

Stop at **Henne Sandwiches** for homemade sandwiches, wraps, soups and salads on a menu updated weekly. At breakfast and lunchtime they serve up small snacks that can be enjoyed at a table or on the street. **Weltergasse 6** - Wednesday: east german pasta with tomato sauce

16 A Tiny Gallery That Never Closes

Taking shelter in a former flower shop, the gallery **Hammerichmidt & Gladigau** has found itself a snug little home with plenty of room to blossom. Through its huge shop windows, contemporary art can be admired around the clock. **Trommsdorffstraße 5** - They're flyers, not colour samples

17 The Furnace Builders of Auschwitz

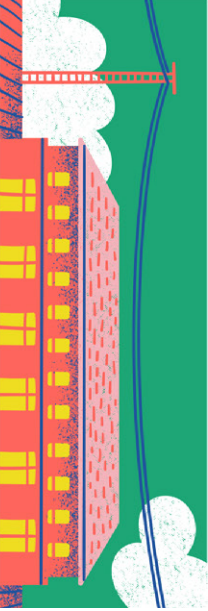
The **Topf & Sohne Place Of Remembrance** is a centre for education, exhibitions and encounters. It's the only historical site in Europe where the former headquaters of a company serve to scrutinise the role of Germany's private industry in the Holocaust. A permanent exhibition on the company's history and its persecution of Erfurt's Jewish population is complemented by rotating displays on Nazi history and on contemporary forms of far-right extremism. **Sordernweg 7** - Themed guided tours through the museum and outdoor premises

19 For Regular and Goofy Gri

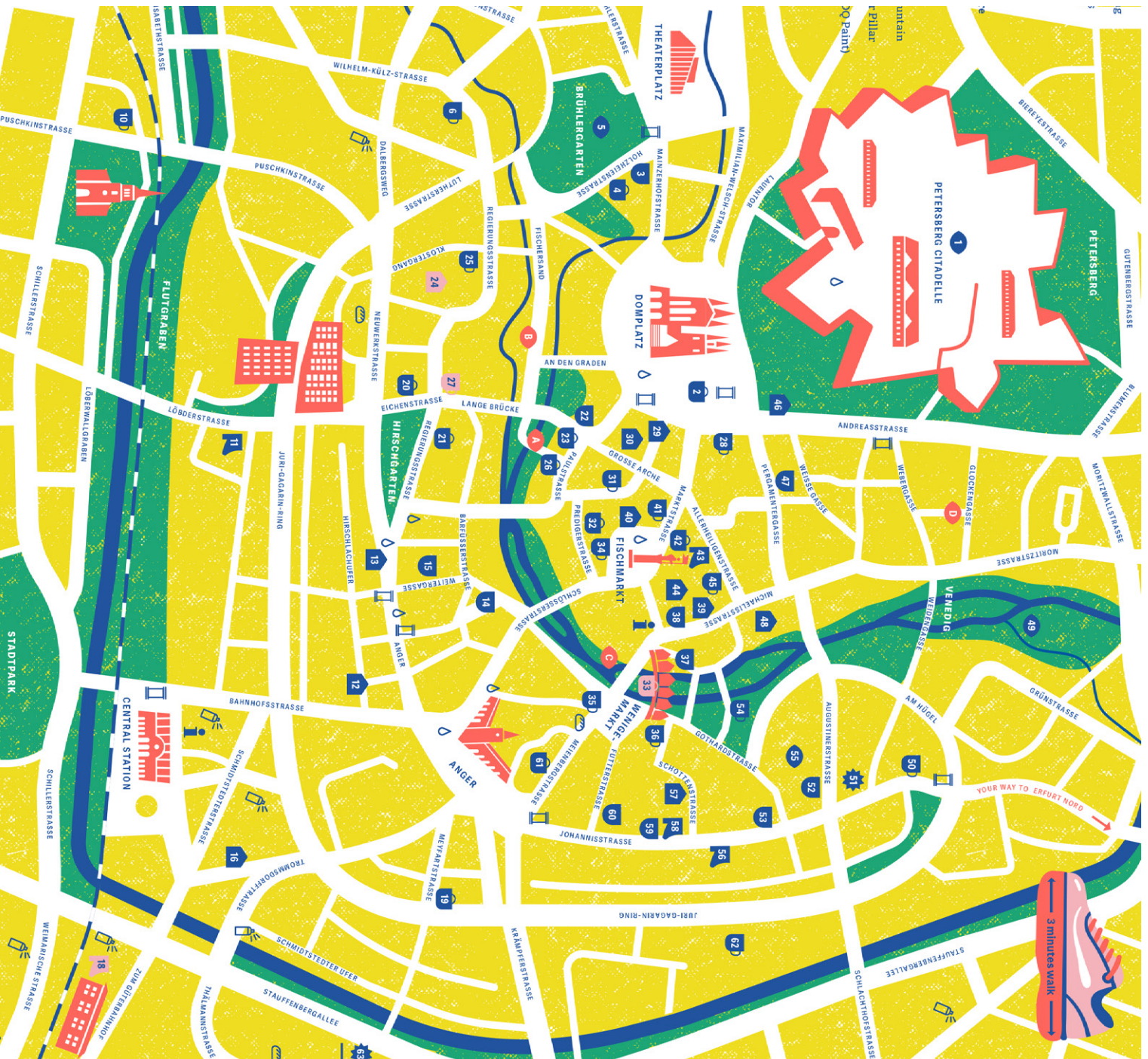
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18 One Place, Plenty of Things to Discover

Nestled amongst the railway tracks, **Zughaufen Kulturbahnhof** is a wonderful magnet for creatives of all kinds and brings together a whole host of weirdos and polymaths. **Heimathafen**: Treat yourself to a drop of good beer at this local brewery. **Mitold & Sohn**: Ready for the next drop? Stop by this local distillery for a taste of their very own whiskey. **Fadink**: Head here for unique, custom-printed garments. In neighbouring rooms, people play music, create new lighting designs or invite you over for a drink, party and all sorts of cultural shenanigans. **Kaffi Storck**: From club night to music bingo, cable tennis to simply having a drink and



partying. In this amazing club, even the visual highlight. **Street your stuff and Kleine Rampe**: One minute you're drinking coffee, the next you're sitting in the middle of a great time while the loving passion palpable at every second of your stay. This unique beer garden you can watch bustle from wooden platforms or similar cultural programmes on offer. **Halle 6**: house hosts concerts, flea markets and **Zum Gitterbahnhof 20** - Check the venue's **betrendand**



Johanna Culture Venture 33

27 | Cool Beans!
 Located right next to the Lange Brücke tram stop, **Café Must!** is a cosy coffee shop. With tasty brews of coffee and hot chocolate alongside vegan cakes and soups they serve up the perfect excuse to take a break, either inside or outside. Their staff is super friendly which really made me want to come back to try out their breakfasts. **Lange Brücke 30 | Sunny summer evenings**



Meeting Point for Creatives

28 | Amidst trams and the hustle and bustle of the city, the charming **Café Hildegarde** claims its well-deserved spot. Let your eyes take in the cathedral and the many faces of Erfurt while you absorb the last sunshine of the day. Their special coffee selection and rotating monthly exhibitions make this place more than just a café. **Domplatz 4 | You're welcome to bring your own cake**

Puppet Theatre for All Ages

29 | If your recent puppet theatre experience didn't exactly inspire a show of hands, it may be worth paying **Theater Waidpfeicher** a visit. This is where artfully crafted puppets put a contemporary spin on tales from classic and modern literature, transporting the audience into a magical world of imagination. - All strings attached. **Domplatz 18 | There's a cabaret in the same building**

Thuringia's Nature Under One Roof

30 | The **Naturkundemuseum Erfurt** is a natural history museum full of surprises. Hop aboard the cellar's Noah's Ark to learn more about endangered animal species, or marvel at the 350-year-old English oak tree that reaches through the four upper floors where Thuringia's natural habitat can be explored. **Große Arche 14 | Ranked number one amongst Thuringia's most popular museums**

Ribs, Gigs and Giggling Lips

31 | Tucked away in the old town, **Altstadtkneipe Noah** rightfully describes itself as the holy grail of genuine music taproom traditions. In this cosy pub, beer from all over the world fits with hearty home cooking. If the 'spirit' of Erfurt's pub culture can be inhaled anywhere, it's probably here. **Große Arche 8 | Beautiful beer garden**

Very Good Goods

32 | **Sonderausgabe** is a truly special shop where you can buy or simply marvel at a carefully curated selection of products from young artisans. A stroll through their premises will lead you to unique treasures such as fashions, jewellery, art prints, and wonderful wines from selected vintners. **Predigerstraße 12 | Bought to you by the female founders of Kreative Krampe**

ChopChop! Dinner is Ready!

38 | At **Gasthaus Feuerkugel**, people know their dumplings. Arguably the greatest treasure of Thuringian cuisine, these delightful balls of mashed potatoes are dished up following a traditional family recipe. People in Thuringia love them so much that they even have a saying for it: 'A Sunday without dumplings would be full of only boring things.' **Michaelstraße 3 | Bang in the middle of Erfurt's pub mile**

With Gates Wide Open

39 | The former trading court that belongs to **Kulturhotels Kronhaaken** is developing into a hot spot for all kinds of cultural events. Their historic courtyard has already hosted an open-air cinema during the warm season. Soon, performances, theatre and other attractions will follow. This is also where you will find the entrance to **Galerie Waidpfeicher**, a gallery with ambitions to become a cultural exhibition space for young and up-and-coming artists. **Michaelstraße 10 | Restaurant with beer garden**

A Museum Without the Yawn Factor

40 | A visit to **Kunststalle Erfurt** guarantees to leave you more engaged than the seemingly bamboozled ball above its entrance. Behind the splendid facade of its Renaissance building, this museum for modern and contemporary art awaits you with an often cheeky and provocative programme that will expand your horizons. The art gallery has been awarded the 'forum for all' certificate for its accessibility. **Fischmarkt 1 | Free entry on the first Tuesday of each month**

Charming, Nicely and Slightly Spicy

41 | Boasting a graceful 1920s charm, **Nerly** has established itself as a popular café, restaurant and bar. Lounge on one of their old leather sofas while sipping on a fancy drink, or enjoy listening to their in-house big band on one of the many jazz combos that play on special evenings. **Marktplatz 6 | Smoking and nonsmoking areas available**

Some Things Always Change

42 | **Pop-Up Store [P11]** offers a testing ground for young startups with innovative ideas in Erfurt. Thanks to their short-term rental concept, the product display keeps rotating and here's always something new to discover. Pop in and find out. **Fischmarkt 11 | Occasional art exhibitions**

Boozing Like It's the Middle Ages

43 | Sweat literally drips from the ceiling when **Kulturzentrum Engelsburg** hosts concerts and parties in its medieval vaulted cellars. Surrounded by timber-framed houses, readings and smaller events are celebrated upstairs at **Café Duckdich**, while **Ecke Kornack** offers indoor dining and a buzzing beer garden with a crisp and tasty menu to guarantee a happy tummy. **Altenhelfenstraße 20 | Occasional student parties**



Come Together - On This Bridge

33 | There may well be 142 bridges in Erfurt but there is only one you really need to cross. **Kranenbrücke**. Formerly part of a merchant's store, it's the only bridge north of the Alps and west of Saxony that is completely covered with houses. Left and right, little shops entice you with handicrafts and all kinds of local specialities while people dip their toes into the water or have a drink or two on the riverbanks just behind the bridge.

Amongst many other great shops, we recommend:

Mundending: Handmade treats that will get you hooked. **Theatrum mundi**: Mechanical puppets show for just one euro. **Fremdenherz**: The most lovely and genuine children's bookshop in the world. **Goldblum**: Home-made chocolate creations served as bars and ice cream for a guaranteed dopamine boost. **Omik**: Cheerful and colourful paper goods. **Kramerbrücke**: **Kranenbrückentest** Festival during the summer.



Briders of Auschwitz

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For Regular and Goofy Grinders

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Thanks to their personalised style advice and fashion services they have made themselves a name within the skate, streetwear and graffiti scene, where they're lovingly called **O.J. Jurr-Gaggin-Ring, Corner of Meyfahrtstrasse - Huge range of sneakers**

Hunting Down Coffee, Cakes and Comics

Planet Comics is a wonderful meeting pot combining a comic shop with a cafe. They've used a great deal of ingenuity to stir up a well-balanced brew of graphic novels, anime and comics, enhanced with a carefully curated dash of coffee, cakes and other special treats. To top it off, Comic Park, their annual summer festival, impressively combines cosplay, illustration and pop culture in an event you shouldn't miss. **Eichenstrasse 7 - Occasional Magic tournaments**

Don't You Want Some Clothes to Love

Mrs. Hippo offers a wide range of independent, fair, organic and sustainable clothing brands for all genders. Some of their dazzling garments come from the shops's own manufacturing facilities. Browse their shelves for a high-quality poppourri of both colourful and simple styles. **Regierungsstrasse 71 - They stock jewellery made from natural materials by Isart**

Yummy In Your Tummy

The traditional Korean restaurant **Bab & Bab** is a family-run business that serves the finest food sprinkled with plenty of love and kimchi. Offering clear but friendly eating instructions, the Bibimbab offer is shaken, not stirred, before serving. **Langs Brücke 64 - Look out for daily and weekly specials.**

So Fresh, So Clean

If you feel like dirt, treat yourself to a nice, deep soak. **Madame Pilegers** small but lovely soap shop has all the right ingredients for you. Their handmade soap comes straight from their own workshop, produced regionally, sustainably and fairly. **Langs Brücke 1 - The perfect souvenir Zum Gletscherhof 90 - Check the venue's event calendars beforehand**

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Fair-Trade Treats

At 12:06 p.m. sharp, **Klara Grün** opens its doors to serve lovingly prepared fair trade coffee, cakes and many other delightful snacks throughout the afternoon. Treat yourself to a blissful break in the heart of the city, soak up the sun with a coffee on the lawn of Priedegktriche church, just opposite the cafe. **Priedegktriche 12 - Have you tried their white wine yet?**

Who the Heck Is Simone?

The identity of **Kurt Haus Simone's** epitaph may remain a mystery but one thing is certain: they have mastered the fine art of bridging the gap between relaxed daytime cafe and buzzing nighttime bar. Spanning four floors, the cubist corner building invites you to settle down in front of one of its large windows to enjoy their dishes and drinks, traditional or extravagant. **Wengemarkt 21 - Give Kaffee Wirsduwa a shot**

Rock 'n' Roll For Tough Cookies

So... you're all about politeness, manners and saying please and thank you? Better get lost! At **Tiko's**, also called **Cafe Tiko**, they not only deliver some of the wildest basement parties and homemade Mexican shots, they also give you some of the toughest bar staff in the city. You'd better have the correct change! **Wengemarkt 5a - Hearty and lovingly prepared lunch**

Bakery With A Spanish Touch

The traditional art of baking has a name, and that name is **Bakstube**. When you can see a little flag fluttering outside the shop, expect to start your face with freshly baked goods. Inside, the shop is brimming with a huge selection of breads, topped with apricots, walnuts or chorizo. The coffee is fair trade, the flour organic, and the atmosphere simply splendid. **Kreuzgasse 2 - Lunch time is pizza time**

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The Jewish Legacy

Erfurt is home to the oldest synagogue in Central Europe that's still preserved (right up to its rooftop). Built in the 11th century, the **Old Synagogue** offers a fascinating glimpse into Erfurt's early Jewish history. Down in the basement, visitors can marvel at the display of golden and silver treasures from a Jewish merchant. In 1349, the synagogue was burned during medieval pogroms, and it was only rediscovered 649 years later. **Waagegasse 8 - Public guided tour every Saturday at 11:15 a.m.**

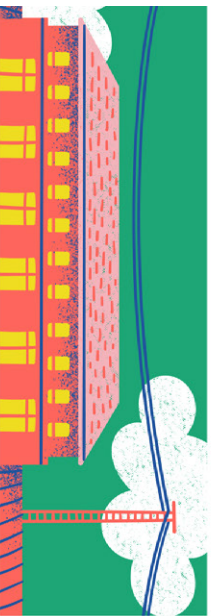
Medievally Hammered in Style

Rising up amidst the old town is the spectacular **Speicher**. This quaint and rustic bar attracts the city's thirsty throats with concerts, a beer garden, and its very own gallery floor exhibiting contemporary art. Watch your alcohol level rise in style—with a great selection of wonderful wines and serious bottles of beer. **Waagegasse 2 - Smoking allowed**

Up to Date

What's hot, Erfurt? Check out these Instagram accounts for the latest information on cultural events and culinary delights:

- @erfurtkultur
- @inside_guides
- @beisikeerfurt
- @takt_magazin
- @use_it_erfurt
- @erfoodguide
- @erfoodie
- @foodieserfurt
- @genussreiseerfurt



Plenty of Things to Discover

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drop? Stop by this local distillery very own whisky. **Fadnk**. Head here printed garments. In neighbouring music, create new lighting designs for a drink, party and all sorts of **Kaffi Störck**. From club night to tennis to simply having a drink and

party. In this amazing club, even the restrooms are a ritual highlight. **Strut your stuff and get jiggy with it**

Kleine Hampfe. One minute you're drinking the finest coffee, the next you're sitting in the middle of a party. This is a place where you can easily find yourself having a great time while the loving passion of its owner is palpable at every second of your stay. **Statstrand**. In this unique beer garden you can watch the hustle and bustle from wooden platforms or simply enjoy the varied cultural programme on offer. **Halle 65**. This former warehouse hosts concerts, flea markets and film screenings. **Zum Gletscherhof 90 - Check the venue's event calendars beforehand**

5 Minutes of History



742 The missionary Saint Boniface casually turns a quaint place called 'Erfrahsfurt' into a Diocese. A sorrow shared is a sorrow halved, so the diocese teams up with the archbishopric of Mainz for the next 1000 years, copying their coat of arms.

1325 The supporting structure of **Krametbrücke**, a merchant's bridge is erected and topped off with 64 small houses. It carries the famous **Via Regia** road, which stretches from Spain to Russia and back. During this time, Erfurt experiences thriving trade by mixing the wood plant with water and urine to extract its blue colour (also called the craft of natural dyeing). The former warehouses **Waldspeicher** are a wonderful relic of those 'fragrant' times and contain a much more pleasantly scented theatre, gallery and artist studio these days.

1392 The University of Erfurt is established as Germany's first higher education institution, instructing its all-male student body to master the art of excessive manipulating.

1497 At **Erfurt Cathedral**, the **Gloriosa** bell rings for the very first time. It is the largest free swinging bell in the world and can be heard eight times a year (or whenever someone stands in front of the cathedral and shouts 'Gloriosa!' three times).

1501 Martin Luther's voice has barely cracked when he enrolls at the **Protestant Monastery of St. Augustin**. These days, the famous square of Erfurt's city centre.

1518 **Adam Ries** presents the first arithmetic book and slide rule right here in Erfurt, laying the foundation for the future of mathematics education. Cheers for that.

1806 Napoleon defeats the Prussians at the **Battle of Jena and Auerstedt**, occupying Erfurt and the **Citadel Petersberg**. In 1813, the Prussians recapture Erfurt and manage to sweep all houses off the partially built-up cathedral square (**Domplatz**), helping it grow to its present size.

1822 Did **Friedrich Adolph Haage**, German god-father of cart, possibly inspire the most famous Comedian Harmons song when he began cultivating the prickly plant? As founder of the oldest cactus collection in the world, he transformed the traditional family-run nursery **Kakteen-Haage**, still going strong today in its sixth generation. Visit them at Blumenstraße 68 for a spiky souvenir.

1928 The Afro-German **Gert Schramm** is born in Erfurt. At 16 he survives the hell of Buchenwald concentration camp. As a survivor and contemporary anti-Fascist activist, he dedicated his life to fighting neo-fascism and erasure of the past. Today, the initiative **Deololize Erfurt** are campaigning to have the street **Nerlichbühler** (still named after a German colonialist) renamed as **Gert Schramm-Strabe** in his honour.

1933-1945 The darkest chapter of German history has also left its traces in Erfurt, including the concentration camp in **Ilversgöhlen**, the crematoriums of the **Topf & Söhne**, a company, and the deportation of many Jewish citizens. Across the city several memorials and sculptures of large orange pins (**Erfurter Denkmalen**) act as permanent reminders of the past.

1961 The flower city of Erfurt opens the **GfA**, a garden and amusement park renamed **Eggenpark** after Germany's reformation. Marvel at flowers and butterflies, or discover a fascinating range of pollen allergies you were previously unaware of.

1970 The two separated German states, **FDR** (Federal Republic of Germany) and **GDR** (German Democratic Republic), meet in Erfurt to hold their first German German summit. When the visiting West German Chancellor **Willy Brandt** is seen waiting from a window opposite the **Central Station**, the people of Erfurt start celebrating him like one of the Beatles.

1989 The **GDR** regime plans to demolish the **ramshackle** medieval quarter **Andreaskirchhof** to make room for more streets and to realise architecture. Their plans are thwarted by a six-kilometre-long human chain encircling the historic quarter in protest. Shortly afterwards, the **Berchauer Revolution** begins and for the first time in **GDR** history, conscientious citizens occupy an adjacent **Stasi** district office. Today, the **Cedensstraße Andreaskirchhof** is a memorial site.

1998 If you're digging around the old town of Erfurt, chances are you'll either hit on a hoary internet connection or a golden treasure. Buried during a medieval pogrom, **Erfurt's Treasure** commemorates the bustling days of Jewish life in an exhibition at the **Old Synagogue**. Just a stone's throw away from the medieval ritual bath, **Milkhov**.

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46 When courageous citizens occupied the **Stasi** detention centre in 1999 to prevent their files from being destroyed, they laid the foundation for an extremely important process (coming to terms with the past). The **Stasi GDR** State Security monitored and attempted to control the lives of many citizens. Many years later, this very site of oppression and resistance would turn into today's **Memorial And Education Centre Andreaskirchhof**. On many floors, and with an impressive range of visual techniques, history comes to life and is made tangible. **Andreaskirchhof 37a**. A video and audio guide takes you to prominent **Peaceful Revolution** sites in Erfurt.

Crossover Cuisine with Love

47 Whether you prefer your food gluten- or lactose-free, paleo, low-carb, vegetarian, flexitarian or vegan, with its delicious daily dishes and weekly soups, **Beckham's** carefully caters to everyone's needs and tastes. In addition to their superb lunch menu and homemade cakes, you can blissfully sip on a cup of their excellent coffee while enjoying their cosy living room atmosphere. We recommend booking a table in advance, either via **Beckbook** or by ringing them up: **Pergamentgasse 11**. This place may be moving to a new address.

Contemporary Art on Multiple Levels

48 **Kunsthaus Erfurt** is a contemporary art gallery that exhibits artists local and international, upcoming and established. Having passed the fairy-talike hedge and entrance, you'll dive into a well-curated world of painting, illustration, video art, installation, sculpture or photography - depending on what's currently being displayed. There's also a guest apartment available on the top floor: **Michaelsstraße 34**. Founded in 1990 by female art collective **Extrema XX**.

Let the River Embrace You

49 In the **Klein Venedig** (Little Venetian) park district, the **Ger** river splits into several branches, offering plenty of space to chill by the shore. **Venedig**. The **Ger** cycling path passes through this park.

Coffee Specialties and Baklava

50 **Baklava** is one of the world's oldest desserts. At **Café Nomad**, this sweet and scrumptious handmade pastry is served both in its traditional form and as a vegan update containing dates. A real tummy treat with walnuts, almonds and pistachios. Go on... why NOT treat yourself? **Johannesstraße 55**. Aside from baklava, they also serve coffee and other pastries.

Safe Space For Queers

51 As a meeting place for trans, intersex, bisexual, lesbian, gay and other queer people, the **Queere Zentrum Erfurt** has hosted the rainbow flag to push for more diversity in Erfurt, and they have passed this test with flying colours, offering counselling, education and opportunities to network, as well as a space where people can simply get together for a jolly good time. **Johannesstraße 52**. This place has been evolving since September 2021.

Hungarian Hospitality in Cosy Quarters

52 Hung a rustic treat for dinner? Head straight to **Abendrot**. This bistro offers Hungarian dishes that will sweep your palate away with freshly baked chimney bread, Hungarian sausages and cheese delights, dips and punny fruit brandies that will send a warmth throughout your body. **Augustinstraße 5**. Book a table in advance!

Russian Warmth in a Pastry Shell

53 Small, savoury and sweet is the selection of excellent homemade Russian treats available at **Uraliske** polenta. Their culinary range stretches from minced meat and vegetarian potato and cabbage stuffings to candy-flavoured assortments for the sweet-toothed among us. **Johannesstraße 35**. Baked dumplings on Mondays.

Old Monastery in Mint Condition

55 Back in the days, when **Martin Luther** used to live at the **Protestant Monastery of St. Augustin** in Erfurt, the monks relished their atmosphere of mutual silence. Nowadays, the monastery has become a buzzing conference and meeting place, home to a breathtaking library, beautiful gardens, a touching memorial and stylish guest rooms. On its grounds, you will also find a small restaurant called **Genussstation** serving up delicious treats from Italy and Brazil on modern monastery plates. **Augustinstraße 10**. Tucked behind the monastery, the **little Kirengasse** alley will transport you back in time.

Ready for the Kickoff?

56 While poles are spinning furiously at the table football and home-brewed **Kramer beer** is on tap at the 18-metre-long bar, the back rooms are buzzing with sizzling DJ sets and themed parties. **Kickerkeller** is the place to be for anyone who loves a good game of table football or simply enjoys snipping on some **Pfeffi** peppermint schnapshots in style. **Johannesstraße 158**. Smoking is allowed.

A Nursery for Young Theatre Talent

57 At the children's and youth theatre **Die Schotke**, young people take to the stage to put their own spin on plays both classic and modern. Theatre has rarely felt as invigorating and refreshing as the cold drink you grabbed just before the show. **Schotenstraße 7**. Their improv theatre also tours.

Night-Time Thrills and Crazy Skills

58 Fancy enjoying urban art, jazz and hip-hop culture in a gallery as you slide into the night in style? Then **Retzom** may be just the right spot for you. Shake your hips as you hang around the bar with Erfurt's young urban scene for a sophisticated get-together. **Johannesstraße 172**. Don't miss out on **FREITAX**, a tasty brew from a small local brewery.

The Vegan East Food Wonderland

59 At **Green Republic**, the kitchen works its magic with plant-based products exclusively. The fully vegan bistro convinces with compellingly delicious dishes ranging from burgers to Currywurst. Here, even the most ferocious carnivores can be spotted devouring a plant. **Johannesstraße 16**. Try their **vegan Bramlbu for dessert**.

Turkish Cuisine of Palatial Grandeur

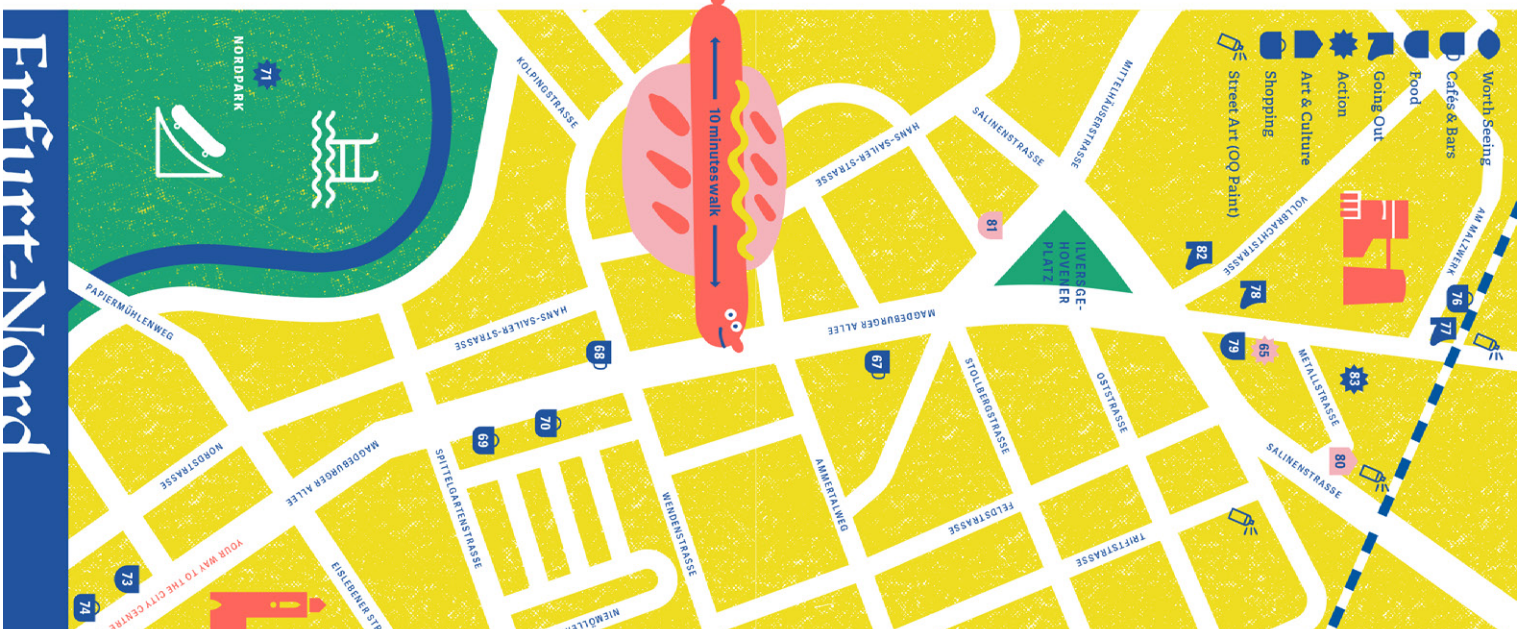
60 The friendly and family-run **Ba Badly** offers an exquisite range of Turkish specialties to be enjoyed in their restaurant. In their vaulted cellar, or on the terrace. Treat your taste buds to a rich and exciting journey from vegan and vegetarian dishes to sizzling kebabs. **Federstraße 18**. Legendary hospitality.

Sailing Coffee and Cycling Chocolate

61 **Chärlen** takes organic to a whole new level. Some of their sustainable treats even arrive on sailboats and bikes. All products are seasonal, regional, organically produced and come with very little packaging. And to top it off, there's always a friendly chat to be had. Head here for a local and lovely shopping experience. **Miehlenbergstraße 10**. Check out their organic café and bistro.

Sausages and Shows at the Saloon

62 Well, it's not really a saloon. It's a cellar. And a legendary one at that. Located behind the **Museum für Thüringian Folklore**, **Museumskeller** is a popular meeting place for locals downing their beers and playing their cards. During summer, you'll find one of the snuggest little beer gardens in Erfurt tucked away right behind the building. Both the downstairs cellar and the neighbouring **HSD** host regular concerts and events. Sound great? Let's go! And do say hi to **Adchim** and **Reiner**. **Jahr-Gegen-Ring 140**. Their sandwiches and sausages taste way better than homemade!



Father of cacti, possibly inspire the most famous Comedian Harmonists song when he began cultivating the prickly plants? As founder of the oldest cactus collection in the world, he transformed the traditional, family-run nursery **Kaktusen Haag**, still going strong today, in its sixth generation. Visit them at Blumenstraße 68 for a spiky souvenir.

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54) Down the Foxhole

Tucked away somewhere between Krämerhölzle and the Augustinian Monastery, **Café Frühsch** has found itself a quaint little spot. The snug little cafe and cosy beer garden not only offers the best hot chocolate in town, it also serves up homemade desserts, lemonades and an excellent breakfast. **Hiltbergstrasse 19 · Occasional concerts and events**

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56 Industrial Site Turned Urban Garden

When committed people herb their enthusiasm to help nature reclaim urban space, something as magical as **Lagune Erfurt** begins to sprout. Regardless of whether you just want to relax or get active digging it up, all curious and active minds are welcome here. **Werner-Uhlworns-Strasse 20 · Awarded the Best Friends of Thüringia 2015 badge**



64 Kontor Erfurt

This abandoned industrial ruin had long been declared dead before a fortightly executed renovation rebranded the into its derelict walls. Now the old building sports a stylish industrial look with raw concrete walls proudly displaying the scars of vacancy. In the form of aged graffiti, inside, creative professionals and companies fill the property with life and innovation, while regular events and workshops keep it moving. **with regular events and workshops keep it moving. Heger-John-Strasse 8**

65 veto

This self-governed space for left-wing culture and politics stands for one thing above all: dissent! In lectures and film evenings, the unwashed finger of critique is struck right into the political sores of society. Head here on Tuesdays for a communal donation-based dinner called **KüDa** (Kitchen for All) from 6 p.m. and



67) French Fries & Frenzy

It's hard to decide whether that satisfying feeling in your tummy stems from supper or stage diving. **At Livers** music bar, they'll serve loud and speedy rhythms in your ears and juicy wings and burgers on your plate. Throw some darts, spin some table football poles or watch a match on the big screen. On special nights, you'll have ample opportunity to sip and stir a serious sequence of stiff drinks. **Magdeburger Allee 138 · Treat yourself to a Magdeburger with chili cheese fries**

68) Breadly or Not, Here I Crumb!

If you're heading home after a long night of partying in North Erfurt and suddenly find your nostrils flaring with excitement, you're probably close to **Becker & Roth**. From the wee hours of the morning, this bakery is on a roll, wafting the comforting smell of freshly baked goods through the air to settle on the neighbourhood like a warm blanket of dough. In **Eiscafé zur Blechbühne**, the adjacent ice cream parlour, their fine range of baking is complemented by homemade ice cream. **Magdeburger Allee 127 · Best-ice pudding ice cream**

69) Local Craftsmanship in a Charming Goldsmith's Workshop

Far from the clattering machines of mass-producing factory halls, **Schmiedesign Detail** invites you to discover a pure and unique short-run series of original jewellery. The owner also hosts goldsmithing classes at their shop studio and is always there to find the perfect match for you – even for the plumpiest sausage finger. **Magdeburger Allee 78 · Restored vintage furniture from Vintagewert for sale**

70) In Need of a Compelling Read?

Thanks to its loyal base of regulars, **Buchhandlung Contino** has grown into a toponic destination amidst the densely populated jungle of book-sellers. With their broad and wellstocked selection, you can be sure you'll be propelled into an otherworldly dimension no matter which one you pick. **Magdeburger Allee 90 · Just pop in for a recommendation!**

71) Skate, Swim or Chill!

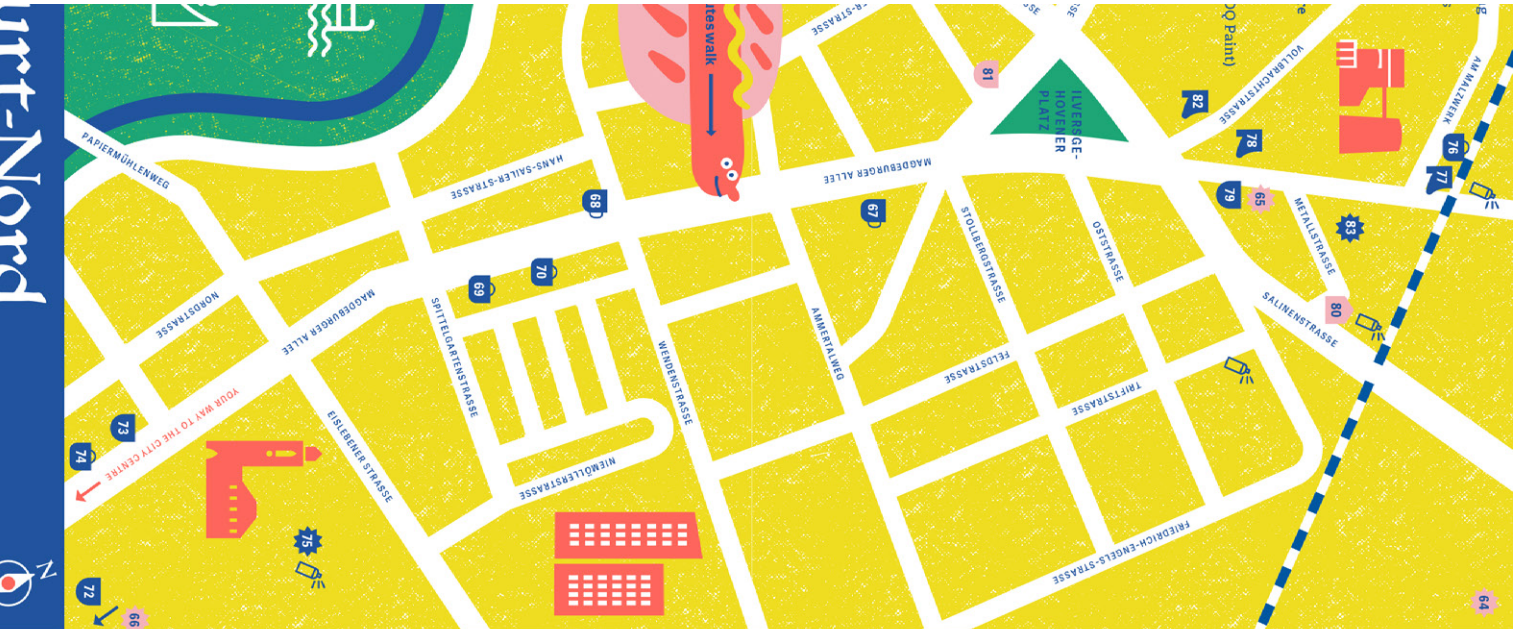
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73) Urban Art Enthusiast, 38

Do you want to learn more about cultural diversity? Then **Trecon** out **OQ-Plant**. Here you can discover **Ferien** murals spread all over the city own skills at three open sprayings several street art tours to explore spaces in an entirely new way. **Spot can symbols on both sides of the map are well-hidden. Can you find them all?** More info at www.oq-plant.com



73 Organic Food on Shelves and Plates

The organic shop **LandMarkt Erfurt** only stocks organic food and natural cosmetics. Head to their bistrot next door to grab one of their many healthy lunch-time options, including one vegan dish. **Magdeburger Allee 55** - **Get a discount by using reusable packaging**

74 The Secondhand Pros

Have you spent ages fruitlessly searching for iconic objects and fantastic curiosities? Then head straight to **An-Und Verkauf**. This friendly, curiosity shop will blow you away with their substantial, wellstocked range of rare and vintage goodies. Put on your best haggling face and snatch that rare bargain! **Magdeburger Allee 35** - **Special appointments outside opening hours can also be made**

75 Alice in Skateiland

With its sleek skatepark design, **Skatepark Johannesfeld** could easily feature in one of the *Tony Hawk Pro Skater* levels. Boasting plenty of curbs, banks, rails and ledges, this secluded and versatile spot will take your skating skills to the next level - just roll with it! **Johannesfeld** - **Spot the Cheshire Cat!**

76 Holy Grail of Vinyl in North Erfurt

Since 1991, the **Woodstock Record Store** has been synonymous with the finest selection of vinyl in Erfurt. Amidst the chaotic acquisitions of shop owner Joschi, numerous sonic treasures patiently wait for their turn to change hands. Do be prepared to have a long and passionate debate on music before Joschi hands your purchase across the counter. **Magdeburger Allee 79** - **Do listen to what Joschi says**

77 Tired of Mainstream Music?

There are literally so many roads leading to **Frau Korte** that you simply cannot miss it. Located directly at Nordbahnhof, this club is the home of unconventional music celebrated at gigs and on records. **Magdeburger Allee 179** - **Occasional flea markets and open-air cinemas**

78 Young Culture in Old Villa

Klangartist is an initiative full of daring volunteers that puts on a diverse array of events beyond commercial club life. With their concerts, theatre performances, poetry slams, jam sessions, parties and select workshops, they well and truly boost North Erfurt's cultural diversity. **Magdeburger Allee 175** - **Garden stage and outdoor bar during the summer**

79 Turkish is Passion, Literally

It's really not that hard to find a delicious kebab in Erfurt. The real challenge lies in finding one that offers some clever and exciting choices alongside known favourites. At **Turkus Bistro**, you're in charge of your kebab: drum and pizza, picking and choosing ingredients to suit your personal taste. Of course, the cosy restaurant also offers a delicious range of special recommendations to choose from. **Magdeburger Allee 172** - **Your ideal spot for dinner before a cultural event in the north**

Karina Cultural worker, 35

80 Creative Lighthouse

I really love North Erfurt because it gathers such a broad range of cultures. **Saline 34**, for example, is a place where creatives have transformed a former residential building to house several artists' studios. It's a place where analogue photography, ceramics, hip-hop painting and much more all happen under one roof. On the ground floor, there's a magic space where people regularly get together to party. **Salinenstraße 34** - **Brightly coloured facade designed by Klubb7**

Helen UNGELICH-Magazine, 28

Strom Oven Pizza and Heaps of Fun
If you've had enough of the medieval fair and average age in the city centre, head straight to **Pizzeria Vulcano** on **Uversgoldecker Platz**. The owner's extremely bad or extremely good mood combines with free cigarettes and solid pizza to form the ideal setting for watching the hustle and bustle of North Erfurt. **Uversgoldecker Platz 5** - **The website is an inspirational pool of "vintage" typeface combos**

82 Pogo, Punk and Politics

For the past 30 years, punks (and everyone who attempts to be one) have been gathering at the autonomous **AZ** youth centre for gigs, parties and all sorts of shenanigans. Feel free to take the centre's slogan, "The world is a madhouse and we are its headquarters," quite literally - as an invitation and a warning. **Volkmannstraße 1** - **On Thursdays: Communal Kitchen for all (KfA) with film screening at AZ Café**

83 Natural Garden Paradise

At Erfurt's **intercultural garden**, a diverse array of people get together to have some peas and quiet or to sow, water, harvest, celebrate and eat. Their sustainable concept is "environmental justice through participation" and yields collective fruit. Good vibes only! **Metalstraße 9** - **Open every Tuesday and Saturday from April to October**

Hidden Gems

- 1 Just relax**
Enjoy a moment of peaceful tranquility at **Nomensteg**. Running alongside Lange Brücke, a quiet high street in the old town, this small bridge straddles over a branch of the Gera river, boasting picturesque views downstream that will make you temporarily forget you're in a city.
- 2 Take a peek**
Peacefully stricking from **Herrmannsplatz** to Lange Brücke is **Fischersand**, a quaint little road in the old town. It's also home to a glazier's workshop called **Altsiedlaserer Dürfeld**. Taking a peek through the slot of their entrance, you'll make a wonderful and unexpected discovery. Just make sure you don't get caught!
- 3 Take a seat**
Tucked behind the town hall is **Stadtmünze**, home to the small synagogue. Once you've snacked passed it, you'll bump into a lovely secret riverside staircase. It's the perfect place to unwind, have a chat or grab a snack.
- 4 Get lost (in a good way)**
The lovely **Ährstraße** is the perfect place to feel for aimless wandering. Back in the day, the old alley's used to be muzzing with traditional artisans. These days, the charm of the old town has taken up residence here. In particular, the **Glöcknergasse** is a visual feast around Christmas-time and well worth a visit.
- 5 Look at the back of the map!**



Events

Versus Festival: This festival for subversive event culture aims to connect artists and creators and empower them to actively shape the city's cultural landscape.

Long Night of Museums: During museum night, established cultural venues all over the city stay open late showcasing their treasures of nature, history, crafts and art.

Bayou Festival: Festival located at Nordstrand with a long tradition of electronic music. Head here for heavy servings of rhytm and bass.

Sommerkomödie: Interesting and fun theatre productions and events set against the historic backdrop of an old church with **Bartl/Berlinne**.

Hirsch Heinrich Sommergarten: A heavenly retreat from the hustle and bustle of the city centre, this beer garden is nestled within Hinzengartenpark. Head here for cool beers, shady spots and cultural events.

KurzTanzWanderung: Join a group of people on a short dance hike through the city. Live acts and DJs await you at every corner before you get to dance your socks off at the big after-party.

Zoff - Twenty Fast Forward: Born during the pandemic, this collaborative brainchild of several cultural venues assembles a diverse range of music events at the **Konfort**.

Interplaytic Conference on Music for the Future: Hop aboard this spaceship for exciting music workshops and performances, where young and old hang out and dance in and around **KulturQuartier Schauspielshaus 24**.

proForma: Wood you believe it? Once a year, wood sculptors celebrate their craft by gathering for a symposium at **Klanggenus 78**, a centre for creatives.

Wipfelanlässe: European festival for folk music and cultural encounters that takes place in the lavish surroundings of Forsthaus Willode, a forester's house located in Erfurt's Steigerwald forest.

Stoned From the Underground: Have your eardrums blasted at this rock festival located on the shore of Alperstedter Lake, headbanging to some stoner and doom.

Kolorado: A free and family-friendly festival buzzing with cultural offerings at **Brühler Garten 5**. Expect a brightly coloured bonquet of art and music.

Summer of Culture in Molsdorf: Located on an old farm just outside the city, this magical feast of the arts awaits you with independent live music, art and culture.

Graphic Festival: This symposium for illustration and urban sketching will get your creative juices flowing. Join workshops, lectures and guided urban art walks.

The Big Cultural Bang: During Kulturkollal, Erfurt's creative scene gets all dressed up and invites the curious to peek behind the scenes.

Hood, Not Kiez: North Erfurt's alternative scene opens its doors to give insight into its cultural and political spaces and projects.

Erfurter Herbstlese: Renowned literature festival with a wide range of literary themes, authors and events.

Sprengzeit: This international theatre festival for puppetry offers exceptional productions for all ages and takes place at **Waldspielführer Theatre 29**.

Autumn

Heritage Days: Historic buildings lure guests into their innermost depths to explore relics of times long past.

Heimlich Advent: Tucked away on Predigerweiese, this "secret advent" offers an alternative to the crowded Christmas market and evokes so much more than just the anticipation for Christmas.

Regular Events

Erfurt's Drawing Circle: Each Thursday, a variety of people gather together at the **Zeilenhalle** to draw. The event is all about having fun drawing and creating, so it doesn't matter whether or not you have experience.

Erfurt during the Nazi Regime: The Erfurt im Nationalsozialismus collective offers regular tours that explore one of the darkest historical chapters in the city.

Tapeutenwechel: Tapeutenwechel not only offers a literal change of scenery, it invites you to experience music and art in unusual places - from private living rooms to old factory halls and hidden courtyards. An experience that stays with you long after you've left.

Creme Brûlée: Between April and September, on the second Tuesday of the month, the **Brühler Garten 5** hosts a series of unique cultural happenings.

Let's Zwickl Again: In this supremely entertaining show, participants enter into a feisty battle of words focusing on the only thing that really matters in life: music.

Corn Maze: Set in the middle of a corn field, the incredible **Malsbücherei** will drink you lost in a maze of bars, events, food and drinks. A MAZIE INGI!

Open-Air Cinema: On a clear night, the **Kulturhof Krähbäcken 39** cinema club invites you to its open-air cinema. Head here for a gripping and extraordinary cinematic treat.

Winter

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Explore the Surroundings



The Small, Culture-Loving Neighbour
Hop on your bike or on the train and follow the Stadteketze (Thuringian Town Chain) to reach the neighbouring city of **Weimarer** in the blink of an eye. This short route will take you past the former Buchenwald concentration camp and its striking memorial tower on Ehrenberg Mountain. Be sure to have your backpack filled with plenty of reverence and enough food and drinks to last for half a day. Once at your destination, you'll be spoiled for choice: visit the **Hausmannsmuseum**, chill at the park on the Elm river or decide to take a stroll through the narrow passages of the Old Town. If you want more action, how about a serious rock show at **Kasseler**, some stiff drinks at cult pub **Zum Falken**, or marvelling at **Genius** Loeb's breath-taking building projects during the summer? Weimar has plenty to offer!

Forests in the South
It's too hot in the city, or if you simply love trees, grab some food and sturdy shoes and hike through **Stiegelwald** forest. The tranquil forest towers over the magnificent **Dichterrivertal** (goat's quarter) and invites you to explore its many hiking and mountain bike trails. The castle complex surrounding the **Forschaue Wilhilde** forest's lodge is also worth a visit. Be sure to tuck into their gamey delights if you're not a vegetarian. At the other end of the forest, **NaturErlebnisgarten Fuchsberg** invites you to explore nature in an educational setting. It's worth checking out their calendar in advance to see what's on offer.

Lakes in the North
Head north of Erfurt to take a plunge in one of the many quarry lakes that sprawl through the barren yet refreshing landscape. No matter what floats your boat - waterskiing and wakeboarding at **Mordstrand**, strolling down a cheery stretch of the nudist beaches at **Sülzer** and **Stöckemehner Lake**, or windsurfing, stand-up paddling and beach clubbing at **Alperstedter Lake** - you'll be drowning in fun... unless you bring a life jacket.

Cycling Up the River
Follow the Oera river southwest towards Arnstadt and cycle through **Liesegang**. This green bike path guarantees a smooth ride as you pass the greenhouse of **Kessepark** and the beautiful Sportplatz and **Bahnhofszoo** beer gardens in **Bieschleben**. Travel one village further to **Mölschberg** and you can visit a potter's mill or take a plunge at the local outdoor swimming pool. Your final stop could be **Mölschberg** with its baroque castle, sprawling gardens and mouthwatering cake shop. If you want to go the extra mile, take the train to **Plaue** and cycle back to Erfurt along the **Gera**.

Cycling Down the River
In North Erfurt, follow the river to pass the newly landscaped **Gerane**. Having crossed **Nordpark**, with its skate park and outdoor swimming pool, you'll be treated to a serious slab of east German brutalism as you hit the towering heights of **Erfurt's Platanenbau**, complete with a generous greenbelt and the **Auenfeld** pond. At both **Riech** and **Moskauer Platz**, you can marvel at scintilla art such as restored paintings and mosaics. If you still want to pump those gusts, exit Erfurt heading north via **Gispersleben** and pedal as long as your strong calves will carry you. Almost every village along the cycling path has a railway station, so you can enjoy a relaxed ride home.

Our Best-Kept Secret - Untill Now
This hidden gem is only a little trickier to get to. **Grundmühle** is nestled in the **Weißbachtal** valley. Take your car or hop on a bike or bus (number 10) to travel to **Trüthdal**. This small village invites you to explore not only their annual art festival, but also the small enchanted path beside a stream that leads outside the village. At the end of the path, a former grain and oil mill awaits you with its hearty gastronomic offerings. Towering high just before **Trüthdal**, **Schwellenberg** is a limestone mountain which features unusual steep vegetation and is also well worth a visit.

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See the City Through Different Eyes
Do you want to learn more about Erfurt's subcultural diversity? Then I recommend checking out **OO-Paint**. Here you can discover eight different murals spread all over the city. Try out your own skills at three open spraying spots and go on several street art tours to explore Erfurt's urban spaces in an entirely new way. **Sprint the spray** can symbols on both sides of the map. Some graffiti are well-hidden. Can you find them all?

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