

Deutscher Fernschachbund (BdF)



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Tips and other useful information

Travel connections

Most of the participants will fly in to Dresden Airport, located only 13 km from the conference hotel. A shuttle will be provided for ICCF Congress participants. Participants arriving by railway have to go to Dresden Hauptbahnhof, where shuttle service will be provided as well. Participants arriving by car take motorway exit 19/Goppeln at the route Dresden-Prag, located only 3 km from the conference hotel.

Hotel Reservation

All events of the Congress will take place at the Treff (now "Ramada") Hotel, where congress participants are eligible to a special price offer (see hotel reservation form). In our opinion that is the most convenient possibility for all Congress participants, therefore we didn't care for an alternative accommodation. But in case of special wishes we will try to fulfil them, please contact bdf-info@gmx.de

Post Congress possibilities

We do not organise a post Congress tour, because there are many possibilities to go to after Congress, and the interests of the participants may vary. The nearest one is the German capital Berlin, you can go there within 3 hours (for instance departure Dresden Hauptbahnhof 10:03, arrival Berlin-Ostbahnhof 12:39, price 32.- Euro). Other close capitals are Prague (2-3 hours by train) and Budapest (10 hours by train). By train you can also go to Lipsia (less than two hours). Other German cities worth seeing, but more distant, are Munich and Hamburg, you should go there by flight.

We recommend a visit to Berlin. Currently the city is "polishing up" awaiting the football world championship. We can help to find a centrally situated and inexpensive accomodation.

Cultural activities

Dresden has long been the capital and Royal residence for the Kings of Saxony with centuries of extraordinary cultural and artistic splendor. Often seen as an important cultural center, it is called the "Florence of the Elbe" (*Elbflorenz* in German) because of that. This year, Dresden celebrated its 800 years jubilee.

Some of the sights, which are “must sees”:

- Frauenkirche. Protestant Baroque church The Frauenkirche was destroyed during the world war II and rebuilt, after 5 decades as memorial site, according to historical drawings and photographs and is now open to public service since Reformation Day 2005
- Semper Opera House
- Zwinger Baroque buildings enclosing a picturesque garden courtyard including the Galerie Alte Meister ("old masters' picture gallery")
- The Albertinum museum, including the Galerie Neue Meister ("new masters' gallery") and the sculpture collection.
- Dresden castle, including the Grünes Gewölbe, the "Green Vault" where the Saxon Crown Jewels are displayed.
- The historical Green Vault reopened this year after a long period. Tickets are difficult to get and therefore we already ordered tickets in advance, for October 18, 10 and 11 o'clock and for October 20, 11 o'clock (10 tickets for each day, prize 11,50 Euros per ticket). Please reserve in advance.

Furthermore we will be able to offer tickets for the Semper Opera as well as a concert in the Frauenkirche (dates not yet fixed)

Congress website

Please visit our Congress website <http://www.bdf-fernschachbund.de/hpkongress/>, to learn the latest news.

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