

AGENDA & INFORMATION PACKAGE

EPOA AGM
MAGDEBURG

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**EUROPEAN PRIDE ORGANISERS
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MAGDEBURG 2026**



**EUROPEAN
PRIDE** ORGANISERS
ASSOCIATION

WELCOME TO MAGDEBURG!

Dear EPOA members and friends,

We are very excited to welcome you to Magdeburg for our Annual General Meeting. We look forward to spending these insightful and inspiring days together.

Our hosts at CSD Magdeburg have put an incredible amount of work into welcoming us and making this AGM possible, for which we are extremely grateful.

Unfortunately, due to the political situation in the region and recent election results, CSD Magdeburg has lost state funding that was originally expected to support the organisation of the AGM. This has created an unexpected financial challenge for our hosts.

We are therefore asking for your support.

If you, your organisation, friends or partners are able to contribute, please consider making a donation to CSD Magdeburg. Every contribution, big or small, helps make this AGM possible.

Donate here:

<https://csdmagdeburg.de/agm-spenden/>

Every little bit counts.

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to seeing you in Magdeburg!



PRACTICAL GUIDE

This guide gives you practical information for the EPOA Annual General Meeting from 9 to 11 October 2026, including arrival and registration, the weekend programme, food and drinks, public transport and recommendations for your free time.

Start with the arrival information below. The Friday to Sunday sections explain the arrangements for each day. Most venues and recommendations are within walking distance of the conference hotel.

Conference venue

Maritim Hotel Magdeburg
Otto-von-Guericke-Straße 87
39104 Magdeburg

The Maritim is located directly in Magdeburg city centre and only around 200 metres from Magdeburg Central Station (Magdeburg Hauptbahnhof). The hotel gives a walking time of approximately three minutes from the station.

Arriving to by plane

From Berlin Brandenburg Airport (BER)

The railway station Flughafen BER is located directly below Terminal 1 on level U2.

A convenient way to travel to Magdeburg is via Potsdam, avoiding central Berlin.

Take the RB22 regional train from Flughafen BER to Potsdam Hbf. The train runs approximately once per hour and the journey takes around 50 minutes.

At Potsdam Hbf, change to the RE1 towards Magdeburg Hbf. The RE1 provides a direct regional connection from Potsdam to Magdeburg. This route has the advantage that you can travel entirely on regional trains and only need to change once. It also avoids travelling through central Berlin. Depending on the connection and waiting time in Potsdam, the complete journey from BER Airport to Magdeburg usually takes around 2½ hours.

Alternatively, faster connections may be available via Berlin using ICE or IC trains. We recommend checking DB Navigator after arrival at the airport and choosing the best connection at that time.

From Hannover Airport (HAJ)

The railway station at Hannover Airport is located directly below Terminal C.

Take the S5 from Hannover Flughafen to Hannover Hauptbahnhof (Hannover Hbf). The journey takes approximately 18 minutes.

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From Hannover Hbf, there are direct Intercity (IC) trains to Magdeburg Hbf. The journey takes approximately 1 hour and 20 minutes.

In total, allow approximately 1 hour 45 minutes to 2 hours from Hannover Airport to Magdeburg.

Buying train tickets

We recommend downloading the DB Navigator app. It is the official Deutsche Bahn app and allows you to search connections, buy tickets and receive live information about delays, platform changes and cancellations. Tickets can also be bought from ticket machines at railway stations.

When searching for your journey, use:
Flughafen BER → Magdeburg Hbf
or
Hannover Flughafen → Magdeburg Hbf

Important: train-specific tickets (“Zugbindung”)

Germany has several different types of train tickets. Cheaper Sparpreis and Super Sparpreis tickets for long-distance trains are usually tied to a specific ICE, IC or EC train. This is called Zugbindung. You can only use the long-distance train shown on your ticket. Regional trains included in the same journey are not subject to train-specific restrictions.

Please be careful when booking a train after your flight: if your flight is delayed and you miss your booked ICE or IC, the flight delay does not cancel the train restriction. You may therefore have to buy a new train ticket. If you choose a train-specific ticket, we recommend allowing enough time between your scheduled flight arrival and your train departure. A Flexpreis ticket offers considerably more flexibility but is very expensive.

The situation is different if the disruption is caused by the railway. If your rail journey is expected to arrive at its destination at least 20 minutes late, the train restriction is automatically lifted. The same applies in cases such as a cancelled train or when a DB-caused delay means you miss your connecting train. You can then use another suitable DB long-distance or regional DB trains with your original ticket – you do not need to buy a new ticket.

Travelling together? Regional group tickets

For groups of up to five people, the Quer-durchs-Land-Ticket can be a good alternative if you do not mind travelling only on regional trains. It is valid on regional trains and S-Bahn services throughout Germany, but not on ICE, IC or EC trains.

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Current prices are €51 for one person, €63 for two, €75 for three, €87 for four and €99 for five people. On weekdays it is valid from 09:00 until 03:00 the following morning; on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays it is valid from midnight.

For groups of six or more, Deutsche Bahn also offers a Gruppenpreis Deutschlandtarif for regional travel, with a 50% reduction on the regular regional fare. Groups of up to 20 people can currently book this online.

Arriving by car at the Maritim Hotel

If you are travelling to Magdeburg by car, the Maritim Hotel Magdeburg has its own underground car park. The entrance is located directly in front of the hotel.

Parking currently costs €21 per day or €1.50 per hour. The maximum vehicle height is 2.00 metres on level 1 and 1.90 metres on level 2.

The underground car park also has 26 charging stations for electric vehicles.

Arriving by train

Magdeburg Central Station → Maritim Hotel

Distance: approx. 200–300 m

Walking time: approx. 3–5 minutes

Recommended: Walk

When arriving at Magdeburg Hauptbahnhof, follow the signs towards the city centre / Willy-Brandt-Platz and City Carré. Leave the station towards City Carré. The Maritim Hotel is on the other side of the City Carré area on Otto-von-Guericke-Straße.

There is normally no reason to take a tram or taxi from the station to the conference hotel.

Total time from the platform to the hotel: allow around 5–10 minutes, depending on your platform and luggage.

Registration and hotel check in

Arriving on Friday 9 October

When you arrive at the Maritim on Friday, go straight to our AGM registration desk near the entrance.

We will handle your conference registration and hotel check-in together, including your room key card. You do not need to check in separately at the hotel reception. Please have the ticket sent to you ready on your phone so we can scan it. This helps us welcome everyone quickly and keeps the queue moving. If you arrive before 14:00, some rooms may not yet be ready. Register with us first and leave your bags at the desk for storage in our dedicated luggage room. We will issue your room key card once your room is available.

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Arriving before Friday

If you arrive on Thursday or earlier, check in at the hotel reception in the lobby on the day you arrive. On Friday, please also visit our AGM registration desk near the entrance to complete your conference registration. Have your ticket ready on your phone. Leaving straight after the conference on Sunday? If you would like a packed lunch for the journey, please tell us at registration on Friday.

Drinks during the conference

Water and soft drinks are available free of charge in the fridges in the main conference room throughout the conference. Help yourself whenever you need a drink; these are included in your conference package.

Drinks ordered at the hotel bar are at your own expense. Please use the conference-room fridges for the drinks included in your package.

Getting around Magdeburg

Central Magdeburg is compact. For the AGM weekend, walking will usually be the easiest option.

The Hauptbahnhof, City Carré, Allee-Center, city centre, Hasselbachplatz nightlife district and most restaurants listed below are within approximately 15 minutes of the Maritim.

For longer distances, Magdeburg has an extensive tram and bus network operated by MVB – Magdeburger Verkehrsbetriebe.

Public transport tickets in Magdeburg

Current Magdeburg fares from August 2026:

- Single ticket: €3.30
- Digital single ticket: €3.00
- Valid for 60 minutes.
- 24-hour ticket: €6.50
- Digital 24-hour ticket: €5.90

Digital tickets are therefore usually the better option.

Recommended apps

MVB App – routes, live departures and tickets.

If you already have a valid Deutschland-Ticket, it can also be used on local trams, buses, S-Bahn and regional trains.

Tip: Check the MVB App shortly before travelling. Construction works and temporary route changes are relatively common in central Magdeburg.

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Arriving early?

If you arrive before the AGM begins, there are two recommendations for Thursday evening.

LUMAGICA - Magdeburger Märchenwelt

Elbuenpark Magdeburg,
Tessenowstraße 7

From Maritim: approx. 4 km

Recommended route: Tram

Journey: approx. 20–25 minutes each way

From 2 October, the Elbuenpark becomes a large outdoor light installation with more than 300 illuminated objects, music, interactive installations and a laser and water show. The 2026 edition, “Magdeburger Märchenwelt”, features a 1.5–2 km illuminated walking route. LUMAGICA is open in October from 18:00–22:00, with last admission at 20:30. The organisers recommend approximately 45–90 minutes for the route.

How to get there

Walk from the Maritim to City Carré or Hauptbahnhof/Kölner Platz.

Take tram line 6 towards Herrenkrug.

Get off at:

Messe Gelände/Elbuenpark

The stop is directly at the

Elbuenpark. Line 6 connects the city centre directly with

Messe Gelände/Elbuenpark.

For the return journey, take line 6 back towards the city centre.

Good for: sightseeing, small groups and an activity with virtually no language barrier.

Practical suggestion: Leave the hotel around 17:30–17:40, enter LUMAGICA at 18:00 and return to the city centre around 20:00.

Donnerstanz at Flowerpower

Flowerpower

Breiter Weg 252

From Maritim: approx. 1 km

Walking time: approx. 12–15 minutes

Recommended: Walk

Opening on Thursday: from 19:00

Time needed: completely flexible – from one drink to the rest of the night

Flowerpower hosts its regular Thursday night Donnerstanz.

Expect a lively rock-bar atmosphere with music and dancing. It is located directly in the Hasselbachplatz nightlife area, so it is easy to combine with Hyde, Stern Bar or dinner nearby.

Payment: Bring cash.

Entrance: Flowerpower has recently introduced admission charges, so expect an entrance fee.

Smoking: Separate smoking area.

Recommended walking route

From the Maritim, walk south along Otto-von-Guericke-Straße towards Hasselbachplatz and then towards Breiter Weg / Hasselbachplatz.

Allow around 15 minutes.

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Start	End	Room	Title
10:00	14:00		Registration
13:00	14:00	Saal Berlin	Session for first timers
14:00	14:20	Saal Otto von Guericke	Welcome & opening speech
14:20	14:40		Roll call, proxies and attendance list
14:40	14:55		Voting on returning officer and timekeeper, InterPride representative and auditor
14:55	15:20		EPOA Board Report
15:20	15:35		Questions and Answers
15:35	16:00		Break
16:00	16:10		Presentation of open board positions
16:10	16:20		Explanation of voting procedure
16:20	16:40		InterPride Report
16:40	16:45		Questions and Answers

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After the conference

We are planning to finish conference programme finish in time, so you will have time to return to your room and get ready for the evening reception.

Welcome reception at the museum

Kaiser-Otto-Saal at the
Kulturhistorisches Museum

Otto-von-Guericke-Straße 68–73

- Doors open: 19:30
- Reception starts: 20:00
- Ends: by 22:00

From Maritim: approx. 440 m, around 5–10 minutes on foot

You are warmly invited to our welcome reception in the museum's historic Kaiser-Otto-Saal. The reception is hosted by Sophie Koch, the German Federal Government Commissioner for the Acceptance of Sexual and Gender Diversity, with the support of the City of Magdeburg and Mayor Simone Borris.

Drinks will be provided, including something for a celebratory toast. There will also be food; the catering arrangements are still being finalised, so we will confirm whether this will be light refreshments or a more substantial meal.

Walking together: Meet us in the hotel lobby at 19:30 if you would like to join the group. Otherwise, walk south along Otto-von-Guericke-Straße to the museum.

Welcome party at Insel der Jugend

Insel der Jugend

Maybachstraße 8

- Open from: 21:00

From the museum: allow around 15 minutes on foot.

Back to the hotel: around 10 minutes on foot.

After the reception, join us at Insel der Jugend, a club housed in Magdeburg's former fortifications. You can head straight there or join us later. We have arranged a separate area for EPOA guests and some complimentary drinks.

DJ Maxim will provide the music. Later in the evening, the party will also welcome guests from the region, giving you a chance to meet the local community.

Walking route: Return towards the hotel, around 440 m from the museum, then take the passage under the railway station to the Maybachstraße side. Continue for around 300 m to Insel der Jugend. We can also organise groups to walk to the party together; speak to our team if you would like company.

The hotel is only a short walk away when you are ready to call it a night. Breakfast will be waiting in the morning!

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Start	End	Room	Title
10:00	13:00	Otto von Guericke	PLENARY 1
10:00	10:05		Opening and short reminder of the voting procedure
10:05	10:50		Presentation of board member candidates and nominations committee incl. Q & A
10:50	11:00		AGM 2027 bid and future announcements
11:00	11:20		Barcelona WorldPride Bid
11:20	11:40		Torino EuroPride 2027
11:40	11:50		West of Ireland EuroPride 2028
11:50	12:10		Coffee break
12:10	12:30		Amsterdam WorldPride and EuroPride 2026
12:30	13:00		Presentation of EuroPride Bid - Dresden
13:00	14:00		Lunch and voting opens

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Start	End	Room	Title
14:00	15:00		Workshops 1
		Otto von Gericke	Pride Security (part 1)
		Saal Berlin	Who Cares for the Trans Caregivers in Europe? – We Do.
		Salon Stuttgart	All things EuroPride
		Salon München	Dismantling the Agenda of Hate: Strategies to Counter Far-Right Anti-LGBTQIA+ Narratives
15:00	15:15		Coffee break
15:15	16:15		Workshops 2
		Otto von Gericke	Pride Security (part 2)
		Saal Berlin	How to Keep Pride Alive When Everything Goes Wrong: A Survival Guide from Ukrainian Pride Organisers
		Salon Stuttgart	PRIDE, PROTEST, AND PROFIT: NAVIGATING THE BACKLASH OF DEI AND DIVISION WITHIN THE LGBTQIA+ MOVEMENT
		Salon München	Small Prides, Big Impact: Breaking the Networking Barrier

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Start	End	Room	Title
16:30	16:30		Voting closes
16:30	17:30	Otto von Gericke	PLENARY 2
16:30	16:50		Presentation of the State of European Prides
16:50	17:00		Q&A and discussion
17:00	17:30		Announcement of results and closing

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Workshops

Pride Security

moderated by Carolina PHILIPPS and Thomas HOFFMANN (CSD Berlin)

During the first part of the workshop we will be exploring on the topic of - what we have to expect for future security measures for prides and queer Open Air Festivals ? Together with input from Germany Sophie KOCH (Member of Parliament Dresden), UK Gregg WRIGHT (Pride in London), Lars BERGMANN (Andersartig e.V. Potsdam), muslim queers Tugay SARAC (Ibn Rushed Goethe Moschee).

Second part of the workshop will be dedicated to answer the question on how we move forward with our event organisation together with Lars ARNESEN (Oslo Pride), Christian GESCHWEND (Zurich Pride Festival), Nadine KÖNIGSMANN (Stadtfest Berlin).

Join the conversation to share your experiences!

Who Cares for the Trans Caregivers in Europe? - We Do. **moderated by Jenny Rasnov (CSD Magdeburg)**

Trans people often carry a lot of responsibility within Pride movements, counselling services and queer communities. We organise, support, advise, create safer spaces and fight for visibility and rights. At a time when the realities of trans people across many parts of Europe are becoming increasingly challenging, this work can require a great deal of energy.

But who cares for those who are constantly caring for others?

This workshop creates a space for trans people from across Europe who are involved in Pride organisations, activism, counselling or community work.

Together, we will exchange experiences about the current realities for trans people in our different countries, the challenges we face – and, most importantly, what helps us stay engaged without losing ourselves in the process.

We will explore our personal resources, our energy levels and our boundaries. What gives me strength? How do I notice when my energy is running low? What helps me in difficult situations? And how can we, as a trans community, become better at noticing, supporting and strengthening one another?

The workshop combines peer exchange, self-reflection and small practical exercises. The focus is on mutual learning, connection, community care and empowerment.

Because caring for our communities also means caring for ourselves – and for each other.

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Workshops

All things EuroPride

Moderated by Julia Maciocha and Goran Miletic

As a wise man once said: every EPOA member CAN host EuroPride.

Oh yes, that was Patrick Orth.

Bold claim? Absolutely. True? Let's investigate!

Whether you're secretly dreaming about hosting EuroPride or firmly in the "no way, not us" camp, this workshop will walk you through what it really takes. Join us to unpack what's actually required, what's optional, how the bidding process works, and how to start preparing without losing your mind. We'll break down the myths, share practical insights, and maybe - just maybe - prove Patrick right.

Come curious, come skeptical - leave slightly more convinced (or at least better informed 😊).

Dismantling the Agenda of Hate: Strategies to Counter Far-Right Anti-LGBTQIA+ Narratives

Facilitated by Andoni Ibáñez, Nur Abellan, Maria Giralt (Pride Barcelona)

The rise of extremist and populist movements across different regions of the world has been accompanied by an increase in hate speech and narratives that challenge the rights of LGBTQIA+ people. Often framed around disinformation, fear, or the supposed defence of traditional values, these messages seek to undermine the progress achieved in equality, diversity, and human rights.

This workshop will provide participants with practical tools to identify, analyse, and dismantle these narratives through a human rights-based approach grounded in evidence and strategic communication. Drawing on real-life case studies and international examples, participants will explore the key narratives used by anti-LGBTQIA+ movements, examine their social and political impact, and develop effective strategies to respond to them through activism, public institutions, and civil society.

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The session will encourage the exchange of experiences and best practices among organisations and community leaders from different contexts, helping to strengthen a coordinated global response to the agenda of hate and reinforce the defence of LGBTQIA+ rights worldwide.

We don't have the magic response, but let's start to talk about it because just together we can face those challenges!

How to Keep Pride Alive When Everything Goes Wrong: A Survival Guide from Ukrainian Pride Organisers moderated by Yuliia Shypitko (KyivPride) and Anna Sharyhina (KharkivPride)

What happens when your carefully prepared Pride plan suddenly falls apart? Drawing on real-life experiences from KyivPride and KharkivPride, we will share how Ukrainian Pride organisers have responded to unexpected challenges — from security threats, attacks and pressure to sudden venue changes, emergencies and the realities of organising during a full-scale war.

But this workshop is not just about our experience. Participants will work in groups on different crisis scenarios, discuss possible responses, and develop their own strategies for keeping Pride safe, visible and going — even when things don't go according to plan.

PRIDE, PROTEST, AND PROFIT: NAVIGATING THE BACKLASH OF DEI AND DIVISION WITHIN THE LGBTQIA+ MOVEMENT

moderated by Mario Colamarino (Roma Pride)

Questions are emerging about who funds Pride – and at what cost. This session will explore how Pride organizations are working to avoid pinkwashing, balancing competing pressures with the goal of remaining independent.

Panelists will discuss current challenges and opportunities, including recent global mobilizations that have sparked protests and intense internal debates, creating divisions within the movement.

They will also examine lessons to be learned from alternative funding models already tested across Europe.

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Small Prides, Big Impact: Breaking the Networking Barrier

Facilitated by Richard Stevens (Pride in Gloucestershire)

Small Prides are an essential part of the Pride movement across Europe, maintaining LGBTQ+ visibility and community connection across towns, rural areas and places where larger events may not reach. But what does “small” actually mean, and how can we ensure that smaller, grassroots Prides are represented within existing local, national and International networks? This interactive workshop will explore what makes a Pride small, the particular needs of grassroots organisations, and where smaller Prides can encounter barriers when engaging with larger organisations and networks. Together, we will look at how existing structures can improve, reflect and respond to the diversity of Pride organisations across Europe, and identify practical actions for us to take to move this forward.

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Finding the workshop rooms

All three workshop rooms are one floor above the main conference room, directly next to one another. Take the lift or walk up one flight of stairs.

Water and soft drinks remain available throughout the day in the main conference-room fridges. There are no separate fridges in the workshop rooms, so please take a drink with you before heading upstairs.

“Gesichter Gegen Rechts” (“Faces Against the Far Right”).

This independent photography initiative portrays people who stand for democracy, diversity and respect. Together, their portraits create a visible statement against right-wing extremism, exclusion and hatred. With participants’ consent, the portraits are published as part of the campaign. Participants also receive their professional photograph free of charge.

You can learn more on the [“Gesichter Gegen Rechts” website](#).

On Saturday, 10 October, a professional photographer will set up in the foyer of the Maritim Hotel from 11:00 to 17:00. Our conference participants can book a time slot in advance, making it easier to fit their

photo session around meetings, meals and breaks while avoiding long waits.

We have a private booking link with time slots reserved exclusively for our conference participants:

Book your time slot for the photo session

Please share this link only with our conference participants and do not publish it publicly. This will ensure that the reserved appointments remain available to our delegates.

From 15:00 to 17:00, the activity will also be open to the public.

Conference participants are welcome to join spontaneously during this period as well. It may also be possible to fit in without an appointment at other times, although this could involve a wait.

Lunch in the foyer

We will serve sandwiches and soup in the foyer for a light lunch between sessions. After the hotel’s breakfast buffet, this should keep you going for the afternoon. If you are still hungry, you are welcome to have another helping of soup.

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General Information

Evening celebration at the hotel

- Conference programme ends: by 18:00
- Evening celebration starts: 20:00

Please leave the conference hall promptly after the final session so we can prepare it for the evening. You will have time to get ready in your room before joining us again at 20:00.

Expect a show programme, a substantial dinner and music afterwards. We have taken the dietary preferences you shared with us into account.

The current plan is to include soft, non-alcoholic drinks, drinks as well as beer, wine and sparkling wine for the first two hours, approximately 20:00–22:00. After that, further drinks will be at your own expense. Music and celebrations will continue, and you can stay with us in the hall or head to the hotel bar.

The Maritim Pianobar

For a late drink without leaving the hotel, we recommend the Pianobar. It is a comfortable place to sit and talk, with a wide choice of drinks and friendly service. We have enjoyed evenings here ourselves. You are welcome to stay late, even into the early hours; drinks at the bar are at your own expense.

SUNDAY, 11 OCTOBER

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Start	End	Room	Title
11:00	12:15	Otto von Gericke	Human rights update
12:15	12:25	Otto von Gericke	Gilbert Baker Foundation
12:25	12:30	Otto von Gericke	Closing

Checking out and storing your luggage

Unless you have booked an extra night, please check out by the time agreed with the hotel so your room can be prepared for the next guests. Our luggage room will be available again on Sunday. Leave your bags with our team at the registration desk and we will store them while you attend the final sessions or spend more time in Magdeburg, including if you are leaving later in the evening. Water and soft drinks will again be available in the main conference room. Feel free to take a bottle for your onward journey.

Packed lunches for the journey

If you need to leave straight after the conference and would like a packed lunch, please let us know at registration on Friday. This allows us to prepare the number actually needed and avoid unnecessary food and packaging waste.

A city walk with Sister Sosa

- Meeting point: hotel lobby
- Departure: 17:00
- Arrival at BunT: around 18:30

If you are staying longer, join Sister Sosa for a walk through Magdeburg. The route includes Stolpersteine, small memorial stones for queer people persecuted under Paragraph 175, as well as the Elbe, Magdeburg Cathedral and the Hundertwasser building.

The walk ends at BunT, the queer community centre in Magdeburg, where we invite you to spend the evening with us from around 18:30. There will also be an opportunity to sing karaoke.

BunT will be open that evening to welcome our guests from across Europe. Come along for a relaxed end to the weekend and more time together before heading home.

GOING OUT

Hasselbachplatz - Magdeburg's nightlife district

- From Maritim: approx. 1 km
- Walking time: approx. 12–15 minutes

For a spontaneous evening out, simply head towards Hasselbachplatz. This is Magdeburg's main nightlife area, with bars, restaurants, late-night shops and several tram stops concentrated within a few streets. From the Maritim, the easiest route is simply to follow Otto-von-Guericke-Straße southwards.

Once you reach Hasselbachplatz, almost everything listed below is within another 2–5 minutes on foot.

The Hyde

Sternstraße 29

- From Maritim: approx. 1.2 km
- Walking time: approx. 15–17 minutes
- From Hasselbachplatz: approx. 3 minutes

A relaxed and alternative pub with a large beer selection, pool tables and table football. Good for groups who want to sit together and have drinks without a club atmosphere.

- Payment: Cash or PayPal
- Smoking: Separate smoking area
- Friday & Saturday: usually open until around 05:00.

The Hyde is currently listed as open until 05:00 on Friday and Saturday.

Stern Bar

Sternstraße 9

- From Maritim: approx. 1.1 km
- Walking time: approx. 14–16 minutes
- From Hasselbachplatz: approx. 2–3 minutes

A relaxed alternative bar and a good option for drinks later in the evening.

- Payment: Cash only
- Smoking: Separate smoking area
- Friday & Saturday: usually open until around 05:00

Flowerpower

Breiter Weg 252

- From Maritim: approx. 1 km
- Walking time: approx. 12–15 minutes
- From Hasselbachplatz: approx. 1–2 minutes

A lively rock bar and dance venue with rock, alternative classics and party music. A good choice if you want to move from sitting and talking to dancing later in the evening.

- Payment: Bring cash
- Entrance: Admission charge may apply
- Smoking: Separate smoking area

Friday & Saturday: usually open until around 05:00

RESTAURANTS & CAFÉS

Flair

Breiter Weg 21

From Maritim: approx. 600–700 m

Walking time: approx. 8–10 minutes

A popular café and restaurant in the city centre serving breakfast, meals, cakes and drinks.

Suitable for breakfast, coffee, dinner or a relaxed evening drink.

It is currently open daily until around midnight.

Recommended time: approx. 60–90 minutes for a meal; 30–60 minutes for coffee or drinks.

M2 Café & Bar

Otto-von-Guericke-Straße 56

From Maritim: approx. 800 m

Walking time: approx. 10–12 minutes

From Hasselbachplatz: approx. 2–3 minutes

A café, restaurant and cocktail bar directly on the route between the Maritim and Hasselbachplatz.

It serves traditional and international dishes as well as cocktails and other drinks.

Important: CASH ONLY.

Recommended time: approx. 60–90 minutes for dinner.

M2 is particularly convenient if you want to have dinner before continuing to Hyde, Stern Bar or Flowerpower.

SHOPPING & EVERYDAY ESSENTIALS

City Carré

Kantstraße 3

- From Maritim: approx. 200–300 m
- Walking time: approx. 3–4 minutes

City Carré is directly between the conference hotel and Central Station and is the easiest place for everyday shopping.

You can find:

- Kaufland supermarket
- Rossmann drugstore
- Pharmacy
- Clothes and other shops
- Restaurants and fast food

The Maritim itself recommends City Carré as one of the nearby shopping centres.

Time needed:

- For basic groceries: around 15–30 minutes
- For general shopping: around 30–90 minutes

Sunday shopping – important!

Most ordinary shops, supermarkets and drugstores in Germany are closed on Sundays.

There is one particularly useful exception for AGM delegates.

ALDI at Magdeburg Central Station

Inside Magdeburg Hauptbahnhof

- From Maritim: approx. 300 m
- Walking time: approx. 4–5 minutes
- Sunday opening hours: 07:00–20:00

The station's official information lists cash, Girocard, Mastercard and Visa as accepted payment methods.

This is the easiest place for groceries, drinks, snacks or supplies before travelling home.

Late-night shopping – “Spätis”

Around Hasselbachplatz, you will find several small late-night shops commonly called:

- Späti
- Spätshop
- Kiosk
-

They normally sell drinks, beer, snacks, cigarettes and a small range of basic everyday items.

From Maritim: around 12–17 minutes on foot.

Recommended: Combine with an evening around Hasselbachplatz. They remain open considerably later than ordinary supermarkets, although opening hours vary between individual shops.

Prices are usually higher than standard grocery stores. Card payment is mostly available there.

GOOD TO KNOW

Cash is useful

Germany is still more cash-oriented than many other European countries, especially in smaller independent bars and restaurants.

We recommend carrying around €20–50 in cash for an evening out.

Smoking

Smoking rules may be different from what you are used to elsewhere in Europe.

Hyde, Stern Bar and Flowerpower have separate smoking areas.

Check which area of the venue you are entering if you prefer to avoid cigarette smoke.

Sunday means Sunday

Most German shops really are closed on Sundays.

For groceries, use the ALDI inside Magdeburg Central Station.

Restaurants, cafés and many bars normally remain open.

Tipping

Service is included in the price.

For good table service, rounding up or tipping approximately 5–10% is common, but not compulsory.

In Germany, people usually tell the server the total amount they want to pay rather than leaving the tip on the table afterwards.

Tap water

Free tap water is not automatically provided in German restaurants.

If you order water, you will normally receive bottled still or sparkling water and will be charged for it.

What to wear

There are no events that require specific clothing. Please do check the weather forecast and dress up to your comfort.

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