

# Welcome to the motorcycle town of Zschopau

### Facts about Zschopau

Our historic town, picturesquely situated in the Zschopau valley, currently has about 9,300 inhabitants. First documented in 1286, it has been marked by an eventful history. Zschopau originated from a protective structure to guard the "Old Bohemian Path" at the crossing of the river of the same name, the "Zschopau".

In 1493, the "Great Silver Mining Rush" also arrived in Zschopau and the town received the privileges of a "Free Mountain Town". The expansion of beer brewing in Zschopau also began at this time. From 1545-1547 Duke Moritz of Saxony had the medieval fortification protecting the Zschopau ford converted into a hunting chateau - the town's landmark and cultural centre today: Wildeck Castle with the "Fat Henry" lookout tower.

The city later became world famous through the legendary motorcycle brands DKW and MZ, which were produced here in Zschopau from 1922.

However, this chapter finally came to an end in 2007. Zschopau still bears the name "Motorcycle Town" today, as a venue for motorcycle sports events.



Zschopau from above

# Wildeck Castle

The "Motorcycle Dreams" exhibition in the former hunting chateau draws motorcycle fans from near and far. It shows the foundation of the DKW factory by the Dane Jørgen Skafte Rasmussen at the beginning of the 20th century in an impressive way.



"Motorcycle Dreams" exhibition

Motorcycles from eight decades, items from a DKW worker's everyday life and parts of the Zschopau DKW authorised workshop as well as the well worth seeing "DKW Collection Rasmussen" with rare models from the Wilhelminian period of motorcycle engineering and personal belongings from the founder of the DKW brand show the exciting history of motorcycle engineering in the city.

The MZ product range takes up most of the space. Many of the well-known series motorcycles, but also original machines that have been successful in racing and off-road sports for decades can be seen.

The castle also houses other interesting exhibitions and the "Jacob Georg Bodemer" municipal library. You can get married in a civil registry office wedding in the historical "Blau-Weißen-Stube".



New town hall

### Other sights

- The historical old town with its town houses around the old and new market
- The Old Town Hall with portal, the town's coat of arms and chimes, the New Town Hall, a former noble house, with Renaissance portal
- The old "Zschopense" part of town, the Wilke House, the Bodemer House, the old vicarage



Wilke House - opposite Schillerplatz

• St. Martin's Protestant-Lutheran church, a Baroque hall church on Gothic masonry from 1751 with the third largest Baroque organ in Saxony after Silbermann's model, built in 1753-55 by Jacob Oertel Grünhain



St. Martin's Protestant-Lutheran church

- The old Zschopau stone bridge, built in 1812-15 as the successor to the covered wooden bridge, with the memorial stone "Zschap mei Geeß"
- The Zschopau valley bridge at 407.7 m long and 37.5 m clear height is currently the largest structure in the town.



Stone arch bridge



Zschopau valley bridge

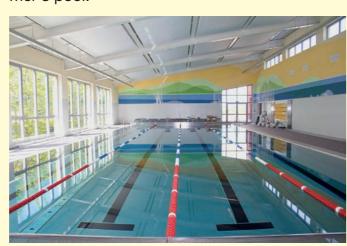
• One special experience is the "Holy Trinity Mine" with a mining nature trail and traces of old mining activities



Holy Trinity Mine

### **Sports**

For leisure activities, it is worth heading to the north of the town, where there are swimming baths with a non-swimmer's pool and a swimmer's pool.



Swimming baths

You can also enjoy sports at the superbly developed sports centre with tennis, beach volleyball and training grounds as well as on the



Golf course

The former MZ factory right on the B 174 attracts visitors. Here you will also find a bowling



Multizentrum Zschopau (former MZ factory)

### Krumhermersdorf district

The Krumhermersdorf district, which was incorporated on 01.01.1999 and borders onto Zschopau's territory, is situated about 3 km away with its community centre and is a typical community for the Ore mountains.

The village, which was already populated around 1170, was first documented in 1369 and is closely related to Zschopau's history. The street village is bordered by the "Gansbachtal" in the west and the "Nesselgrund" nature reserve in the east. It's landmark is the aqueduct in Niederdorf.



Aqueduct

A completely renovated open-air swimming pool is located in an idyllic wooded area in Nesselgrund. The "Katzenpfötel" rest area with barbecue facilities and a fantastic view as well as the Anton-Günther-Platz invite you to spend some time here.



Outdoor pool

## Hiking trails and vantage points

Aschopau is a great starting point for short or long hikes. The Zschopau valley hiking trail runs right through the middle of the town. It is one of the most beautiful long-distance hiking trails in Saxony and runs from its source at Fichtelberg to Döbeln. In addition to breathtaking nature, there are fairytale castles and palaces to explore, especially in the Ore mountains. With the Erzgebirgsbahn trains you can also reach remote stops and always return to your starting point in comfort. But smaller hikes in and around Zschopau also convey the charm of the Zschopau valley and Ore mountains. Along the Stülpner path you will experience narrow paths and rocky spurs with magnificent views. Anyone interested in World Heritage sites can learn more about the history of mining on the old mining educational trail in Zschopau.



Riverside path

### Traditional festivals in Zschopau

Zschopau Spring Festival	Apr
Associations' Festival	
Regularity Race	Ma
Park Festival	First weekend in Jun
Classic Enduro	Last weekend in Jun
Castle & Marksmen Festival	End of Augus
Autumn Festival	Septembe
Enduro Race "Around Zschopau"	End of Octobe
Christmas Market	Second weekend of Adver



Castle and marksmen festival with the "Fat

Henry" lookout tower

**Christmas Market** 

# Wildeck Castle

### Museum with tourist information

Opening hours daily from April-October: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. November-March: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Closed on: 24.12./25.12./31.12. Phone: (+49 (0)37 25) 287-170 Email: schloss@zschopau.de Web: www.schloss-wildeck.de

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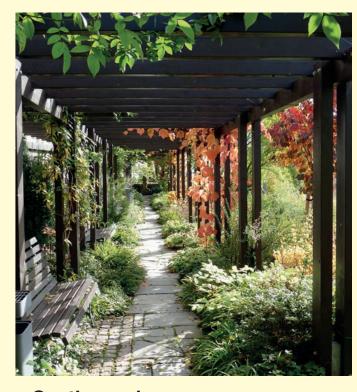
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You can also find our current tours and walks



### Castle garden

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# Zschopau beer tradition since 1466

Around Zschopau

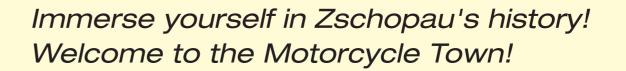
Park Festival

Two of Zschopau's great traditions are united in the art of brewing beer and building motorcycles. Zschopau's beer was supplied to various royal courts. Since the beer was too expensive for the Duke of Bavaria, the Hofbräuhaus was founded in Munich. Zschopau's beer has been available again since 2017, after a break of 45 years, and can be purchased in the bistro at Wildeck Castle.



# Tour of Zschopau:

The town of Zschopau celebrated its 725th anniversary in 2017. A long history that is still visible in the cityscape like a stone chronicle today. The town's history can now be experienced and understood while strolling through Zschopau town centre. The historical tour consists of 18 stops where small information boards with short texts hang, which can also be found in the accompanying brochure. A QR code can be used to get even more information on your smartphone.





# **Excursions in the surrounding area**

į	Scharfenstein Castle	approx. 6 km	
	Public observatory with planeta bach	arium in Dre- approx. 10 km	
5	Augustusburg Castle	approx. 11 km	
	Wolkenstein Castle	approx. 12 km	
	Greifensteine Natural Theatre	approx. 18 km	
	Annaberg Mountain Town	approx. 27 km	

approx. 28 km

Schlettau Castle