



Moving to Germany – Get going in Dresden

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Start your Relocation Journey

Would you like to start your journey in Germany? You'll need to take care of a few administrative and practical things before you relocate. In this Relocation Journey we provide you with some general information on what you should take care before arriving in Germany. You will also find more detailed information on Dresden in the second part of this document.

As a global company it is a matter of course for us to work together with people from different countries and cultural backgrounds. We are proud to have employees from over 100 different countries working in diverse teams to develop innovative products. Everyone is different – and that's a good thing.

What needs to be done before and after you arrive in Dresden? The following will give you an overview of what's important for living and working in Germany!

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Visa & Work Permits

In most of the cases you will need a visa to enter Germany.
To check if you need, you can do a quick check at the **Visa Navigator**:

www.visa.diplo.de/en/index.html#/vib

More detailed information regarding entry and residency can also be found here:

- www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/visa-service/visabestimmungen-node
- www.visa.diplo.de/en/index.html#/vib/infoseite?infoseiteUrl=visum_arbeitsaufnahme
- www.welcome.dresden.de/en/residence-permits.php



Health Insurance – medical care in Germany

You won't be able to start working in Germany without health insurance, which is mandatory for all employees. Health insurance covers the costs of medical treatment in case of illness. In Germany a differentiation is made between statutory and private health insurance.

You can find further information regarding the health insurance system here:

General information:

- www.informedhealth.org/health-insurance-in-germany.html
- www.health-insurance.de/working/

Health insurance companies in Dresden:

- www.krankenkasseninfo.de/krankenkassen/geschaeftsstellen/dresden/

Medical care in Dresden:

- www.dresden.de/en/city/foreigners/guidance/health.php

Further Insurance

There are many ways of protecting yourself against accidents. You can find an overview of available types of insurances in Germany here:

www.expatrio.com/living-germany/finance-germany/insurances-germany

Opening a bank account in Dresden should be your number one priority, because ...

- ... Infineon can only transfer your salary to a German bank account.
- ... it is necessary to rent a flat, sign up with utility providers and get a mobile phone contract.

You can find further information here:

- www.wise.com/gb/blog/opening-a-bank-account-in-germany
- www.advratings.com/europe/top-banks-in-germany
- www.expatica.com/de/finance/banking/opening-a-bank-account-in-germany-100947/



Why do I need a wage calculator?

In Germany the wage written down in your contract is the gross wage. The following wage calculator allows you to easily calculate your net wage based on the Wage Tax System of Germany. It shows you how much money will be left after paying taxes and social contributions, which are mandatory for all employees working in Germany.*

General information:

- www.bbx.de/grossnet-wage-calculator-germany
- www.brutto-netto-rechner.info/gehalt/gross_net_calculator_germany.php
- www.bmf-steuerrechner.de (only available in German)

* As an employer, we are not permitted by law to provide tax advice.
For detailed questions about your individual situation, please contact your tax advisor or your local tax office.

Take a break and see what your new colleagues have to say about their relocation – and benefit from their tips!

“I have recently moved from Spain to Germany and felt very welcomed here. It has been easy, the relocation service has provided a great support in finding accommodation and also dealing with some important documents. Dresden is a nice young city with a strong industry and has also a wide cultural offer. You can manage many situations in English but it is advisable to learn German. Public transportation is excellent, reaching to the fab, but you can cycle there too since it is just a few minutes from the city.”



Borja Cuevas Legarreta
relocated from Spain to Dresden
(Technician Furnace)

“Moving a whole family from Singapore to the Beautiful historical City of Dresden is definitely worth the trip, anticipation and planning. Dresden lives up to its name “The Florence on the Elbe”. It was very fascinating to be able to witness its baroque magnificence after 5 months of migration process. We were also mesmerized by the beauty of Saxon Switzerland, the majestic Moritzburg Castle and the interesting art collection in the Museums. Of course the relocation wouldn’t be as seamless without the support of IFD HR, HR services and the warm welcome of my Colleagues. I am grateful for the opportunity to work in IFD DC, plus, with daily doses of inspiration from the amazing view of the Dresden Valley.”



Rose Bernette Lindain
relocated from Singapore to Dresden
(Senior Project Leader Wafer Technology &
Device Development)



Hello Dresden: a place to be

There are many reasons to live and work in the capital of Saxony. Innovation and cutting-edge technology play an important role in Dresden. Internationally Dresden is known as a city of culture, with beautiful baroque buildings such as the Zwinger, the Frauenkirche and Pillnitz Castle. Impressive museums, various theaters and numerous big events allow for a varied leisure time. This also includes the nearby Saxon Switzerland for extensive and spectacular hikes or the neighboring Meissen, which is known for its porcelain painting. Another highlight in the Christmas season is the Striezelmarkt, one of the oldest and most famous Christmas markets in Germany.

The official Dresden city website offers lots of useful information as a starting point:

www.dresden.de/index_en.php

You'll even find special support for expats, foreign professionals and families:

www.dresden.de/en/city/foreigners.php

You can also follow the official Dresden sites on social media, e.g. on Instagram:

www.dresden.de/de/rathaus/aktuelles/soziale-medien.php

Your weekend in Dresden and the surrounding area



Evening:

Visit a performance in one of the many theatres (Boulevardtheater, Schauspielhaus, Comödie).



Afternoon:

Take a city tour in a horse drawn carriage to explore Dresden's famous baroque old city and its sights, like the Semperoper, Frauenkirche and Dresden Castle.

Evening:

Finish the day with dinner and a movie. There is an abundance of great restaurants in the inner city and the two cinemas close by have screenings in English.



Morning:

Explore one or more of the many museums, like the Old Masters Gallery in the Zwinger, the famous Green Vault or the German Hygiene Museum.



Plans for next weekend:

Explore the surrounding area:

Take a steamboat to Pillnitz castle and go for a walk in the beautiful castle grounds and bordering vineyards.

Or take a short trip to the picturesque Moritzburg Castle, known for its appearance in Three Wishes for Cinderella.



The world's most beautiful brewery?

Situated in the heart of the city and close to the river Elbe is the historic Semperoper, one of the most famous opera houses in Germany.

Funnily enough, the building is often mistaken for a brewery by those unfamiliar with its long and tumultuous history. This is because it has been prominently featured in a well-known beer company's advertisements since 1992.



All aboard! Tradition and history

Every day they are the attraction on the Elbe between the vineyards around Diesbar / Seußlitz and the bizarre rock formations in Saxon Switzerland: the ships of the Saxon Steam Navigation. Thousands of passengers have been enjoying the landscape, the towns and the time on the water since 1836. It is the oldest & largest paddle steamer fleet in the world with nine steamers and two modern saloon ships. This means that attractive journeys are easily possible in autumn and winter without having to sacrifice comfort.

Source: Weiße Flotte Dresden e.V.

www.weisseflotte-dresden.de/schiffe/

The Sächsische Dampfschiffahrt combines a river countryside experience, technical fascination, and culinary pleasure in a unique and concentrated fashion.

This empathetic service provider develops unusually attractive and tailored offers, and is thereby visually and tangibly a part of Dresden and contributes actively to the positive development and charm of Dresden on national and international level.

Source: Sächsische Dampfschiffahrt

www.saechsische-dampfschiffahrt.de/en/



Infineon Dresden

Infineon in Dresden is one of the most modern and largest sites for manufacturing, technology and product development, now around 3,250 employees. Today, Infineon Dresden manufactures over 400 different products based on 200 mm and 300 mm wafers. Production takes place around the clock, seven days a week, all year round.

Since the end of 2018, there has also been an Infineon development center at the Dresden site. It focuses on developing new products and solutions for automotive and power electronics, as well as artificial intelligence (AI).

At Infineon in Dresden we also attach special importance to a healthy working climate, offering employees an attractive working environment. This includes two cafeterias, recreation zones, break rooms with leisure facilities, a parent-child office, physiotherapy services and a company doctor.



This makes Infineon Dresden special

Experience Industry 4.0 in action: Over the past few years, we have developed the 200 mm line into the world's most highly automated factory. The 300 mm line was set up for fully automated production from the outset.

Despite increasing automation, our factory is by no means devoid of people. Many employees have gained additional qualifications and skills and the number of jobs has in fact been rising steadily.



Housing & Accommodations

If you're planning on renting in Dresden, the following sites give you a good overview about what to expect and how you can find offers in the housing market (incl. temporary service apartments):

- www.expatica.com/de/housing/renting/rent-in-germany-103803/
- www.dresden.de/de/leben/wohnen.php (nur Deutsch)
- www.dresden.de/en/tourism/book/accommodation.php
- www.wunderflats.com/en/furnished-apartments/dresden

The most popular websites to search for accommodations (in German):

- www.immobilienscout24.de
- www.immowelt.de
- www.wg-gesucht.de (esp. for shared-flat apartments)
- www.immonet.de
- www.planethome.de
- www.immobilien.de



Depending on your time schedule, budget and needs, you may want to engage a professional agency to support you with the search.

A small dictionary for the most important terms can be found on the next page.



Housing & Accommodations

Because the most popular accommodation websites are in German only, we've collected some of the most important terms here:

German	English	German	English
Wohnung	Apartment	Straße	Street
Haus	House	Erdgeschoss	Ground floor
WG Zimmer	Bedroom in a flatshare	Obergeschoss	Floor
Einzimmerwohnung	Studio apartment	Dachgeschoss	Top floor
Zweizimmerwohnung	Two-room apartment (i.e. one bedroom and one living room or two bedrooms and no living room)	Vorderhaus	Building facing the street
Ab sofort	Available immediately	Hinterhaus	Rear of the building
Neubau	New building	Seitenflügel	Side wing of building
Altbau	Old building	Nebenkosten	Additional costs (utilities, heating, water, etc.)
Kaution	Deposit / Bond	Warmmiete	Rent including additional costs, e.g. heating, property tax, gas, refuse collection
Miete	Monthly rent	Kaltmiete	Rent with no additional costs included
Möbliert	Furnished	SCHUFA	Credit report
Unmöbliert	Unfurnished	Einkommensnachweis	Proof of income
Stadt Town/City	Town/City		

How is the rent structured?

The “warm” rent includes the “cold” rent + service charges (prepayment for operating costs like heating and hot water).

On top to of that comes electricity, mandatory broadcasting license, internet connection, etc. A security deposit of max. three months of net cold rent is usually due at contract signing.



Transportation

Dresden has one of the densest local public transport networks in Germany and you can commute easily to Infineon Dresden by taking the tram lines 7 or 8 to the stop “Infineon Süd”. From the city center the journey only takes about 20 minutes.

Infineon offers a discounted Job Ticket for Dresden’s public transport!

Please find here overall information about the Dresden Transportation system and offers:

www.dvb.de/en-gb/



Child care and schooling

If you have kids, the following information could be useful as well:

Day nursery/ Kindergarten

Children from the age of 1 have a right to attend a kindergarten or nursery school in Germany. It is advised to apply for a placement as soon as possible, ideally as soon as the date and address for the move are known. More information about the process and the differences between the types of childcare facilities can be found here:

www.dresden.de/en/city/foreigners/guidance/kita.php

Good to know

Integration is part of everyday life in most daycare centers, where children with up to 20 nationalities are cared for. This means that caretakers are experienced with addressing language barriers and a community interpreting service is also available if necessary.

School

In Germany, mandatory schooling begins at the age of six or seven, depending on which month the child was born in. Registration for the upcoming school year usually takes place in September and you can find out online if your child needs to be registered that year.

www.dresden.de/en/living/schools/registration-of-children-starting-school.php

Children have to have four years of primary education before they can enter a secondary school. More information about the German school system and the different types of secondary schools is available here:

www.dresden.de/media/pdf/schulen/HZ_Schullandschaft_englisch.pdf

There is also the Dresden International School if you would prefer to send your child to an international school:

www.dresden-is.de/en/

**We are very much looking forward
to welcome you in Dresden soon.**

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