

The President of the United States visits the capital of Saxony



US President:
Barack Hussein Obama

Dresden is looking forward to this high-level visit. The President of the United States of America will visit Dresden following his journey to Cairo on June 4th and 5th. In contrast to his first visit to Germany, in the context of the summit talks in Kehl and Baden-Baden, the US President may possibly get to know Dresden as a "tourist". In the late evening of June 4th the President and his delegation will land in Dresden International airport. Subsequently he will stay at the Grand Hotel Taschenbergpalais. On Friday he will meet German Chancellor, Angela Merkel in the Historic Green Vault of the Dresden Royal Palace. If his schedule allows it he will also visit the Frauenkirche, before continuing his journey by helicopter to the memorial of Buchenwald concentration camp near Weimar.

Celebrating at the Altmarkt

Dresden will be celebrating on Thursday, 4 June from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. and on Friday, 5 June from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. At the Altmarkt, local people and the city's many visitors will be met with a dazzling cultural programme and on-stage events including cheerleaders, interviews, music dance and classic American rodeo bull riding.

Thursday evening will see a party featuring the Thomas Stelzer Trio,

the »Blue Pearls« cheerleaders, the »Jazz Banausen« group, a rock 'n' roll orchestra and a variety of dance groups.

On Friday the pace will be more leisurely with »The Harlem Soul and Gospel«, the Dresden choir »Gospel Passengers« and the »Blue Moon« dance orchestra. On both days the show will be hosted by Dresden's NTV presenter Holger Scholze, who will also be talking about Obama and the USA with interviewees from the worlds of sport, culture and science.





On top of all this there will be live coverage of all events during Barack Obama's visit to Dresden on a giant 40-metre LED screen. This will be next to the 15x10-metre stage in front of the Kreuzkirche.

Dresden - Destination for State Visits

Ever since August the Strong's legendary festivities Dresden have been a popular place for state visits. Only in January the Russian Prime Minister Putin was guest of honour to the

Semper Opera Ball. On 22 August the Queen of Denmark Margarete II and her sister Princess Benedikte are scheduled to visit Dresden. The reason will be the performance of the ballet „Giselle" featuring the Danish National Symphony Orchestra in the Semper Opera und the opening of the exhibition „ Crossing the Sea with Fortuna. Saxony and Denmark - Marriages and Alliances Mirrored in Art (1548-1709)" the next day in the Royal Palace.