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72nd MOROP Congress CHEMNITZ 1st to 7th September 2025

Invitation

The German MOROP associations "Saechische Modellbahner-Vereinigung" (SMV) and "Bundesverband Deutscher Eisenbahnfreunde" (BDEF) invite all railway and model railway friends of Europe for the 72nd MOROP Congress. It is held from 1st to 7th September 2025 in and around the city Chemnitz.



Chemnitz is the 3rd biggest city in Saxony. It was an important industrial centre and also called "Manchester of Saxony". The company "Saechsische Maschinenfabrik", founded in Chemnitz by the industrialist Richard Hartmann, was a crucial part of the German locomotive production and heavy railway industry.

After the 2nd world war and the German reunion, Chemnitz passed through many changes. In 2025, it is the "European Capital of Culture" (together with "Nova Gorica" in Slovenia). So, we believe that Chemnitz is a great host for the meeting of a European association like MOROP.

You can find the agenda and program for the 72nd MOROP Congress on the following pages.

Agenda

The program points and the costs for each conference day are mentioned on the next pages. The following symbols are used to mark special activities:

	<p>The activity is difficult for people who have problems with steady walking. The reasons might be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- You must walk longer ways- There might be many stairs- There might be ways in bad conditions (railway tracks, ...)
	<p>You need a ticket for public transportation for this activity. There are many different types of valid tickets in the region or in whole Germany. This can be chosen for the individual situation (period, number of persons, ...). So, the ticket is not part of the activity.</p> <p>Details about available tickets can be found in the section "Public Transportation" (see page 16)</p>

A minimum number of participants is necessary for some of the activities. If this number is not reached, the activity is cancelled, and the costs will be refunded.

Some of the activities have also a maximum number of participants. If there are more registrations than available places, the date of the registration is used for the selection of participants (first come - first serve).

The members of national MOROP associations are prioritised for the selection of participants for the trip on Friday, 2025/09/06, (activities E.*).






The agenda and the activities are not guaranteed and may change. VAT included in all stated prices.



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Monday, 2025/09/01



Time	Activity and place	Code	Price
Morning	Meeting of Technical Commission Meeting room Chemnitz	A1.1	-
Afternoon	Meeting of Technical Commission Meeting room Chemnitz	A2.1	-
Afternoon	 Trip to Castle Augustusburg <div>   </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trip by regional railway (Erzgebirgsbahn) to Erdmannsdorf - Trip by cableway up to Augustusburg - Visit of the motobike museum or castle museum <div>   </div> <p><i>Further information:</i></p> <p>https://www.drahtseilbahn-augustusburg.de/</p> <p>https://www.augustusburg-schloss.de/</p>	A2.2	30 €



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Tuesday, 2025/09/02

Time	Activity and place	Code	Price
Morning	Meeting of Technical Commission Meeting room Chemnitz	B1.1	-
Morning	City tour Chemnitz by bus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Travel by special bus - Historical character "Richard Hartmann" as guide 	B1.2	30 €
Afternoon	MOROP Annual Assembly Meeting room Chemnitz	B2.1	-
Afternoon	 Visit of the town hall Chemnitz <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conducted tour in the old and new town hall - Climb up to the town hall tower <p><i>Further information:</i></p> <p>https://www.chemnitz.de/de/rathaus/das-chemnitzer-rathaus</p>	B2.2	10 €



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Evening	Official congress opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ceremonial opening in the historical council hall of the town hall Chemnitz, welcome by the mayor - Dinner in the local brewery restaurant "Turmbrauhaus", welcome drink, main meal, 1 drink included <div>   </div> <p><i>Further information:</i></p> <p>https://www.chemnitz.de/de/rathaus/das-chemnitzer-rathaus/stadtverordnetensaal</p> <p>https://turmbrauhaus.de</p>	B3.1	30 €
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Wednesday, 2025/09/03

Time	Activity and place	Code	Price
All day	Going to Zwickau by train-train (Chemnitz Model) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Travel by special train Citylink (TramTrain) of Chemnitz Model <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Chemnitz – Thalheim – Aue (Zwönitztalbahn) o Aue – Zwickau Hbf o Zwickau Hbf – Zwickau Center (as tram) - Travel back by Citylink from Zwickau to Chemnitz in the afternoon (via main line "Sachsen-Franken-Magistrale") 	C1.1	75 €
			
	Zwickau Option 1: City tour by historical tramway (around 1,5h)	C2.1	15 €
			



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Zwickau Option 2:

Visit of the "August-Horch Museum" Zwickau
(history and presence of Saxonian automobile industry)



Further information:

<https://www.vms.de/chemnitzer-modell/>

https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bahnstrecke_Chemnitz%E2%80%93Adorf

https://www.nahverkehrsfreunde-zwickau.de/24-07-21_fotofahrt%20tatra.htm

<https://www.horch-museum.de/>

C2.2




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Thursday, 2025/09/04

Time	Activity and place	Code	Price
Morning 	Visit of the museum of industry Chemnitz - Guided tour in the museum  <i>Further information:</i> https://www.industriemuseum-chemnitz.de/	D1.1	15 €
Morning	Visit of the national museum of archaeology - Tour in the museum with audio guide  <i>Further information:</i> https://www.smac.sachsen.de/	D1.2	10 €



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Afternoon 	Visit of railway museum / "viewpoint railway" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Guided tour railway museum (2 engine sheds) - Visit of former shunting station with rope transport system - Demonstration of rope transport system  <p><i>Further information:</i> https://www.schauplatz-eisenbahn.de/</p>	D2.1	20 €
Afternoon 	Visit of the famous arts collection at Museum Gunzenhauser <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Guided tour in the museum - Special exhibition WIN/WIN  <p><i>Further information:</i> https://www.kunstsammlungen-chemnitz.de/haeuser/museum-gunzenhauser/</p>	D2.2	15 €
Evening 	Evening Dinner <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Location will be selected (depends on number of part.) - Foods and drinks at one's own expense 	D3.1	-



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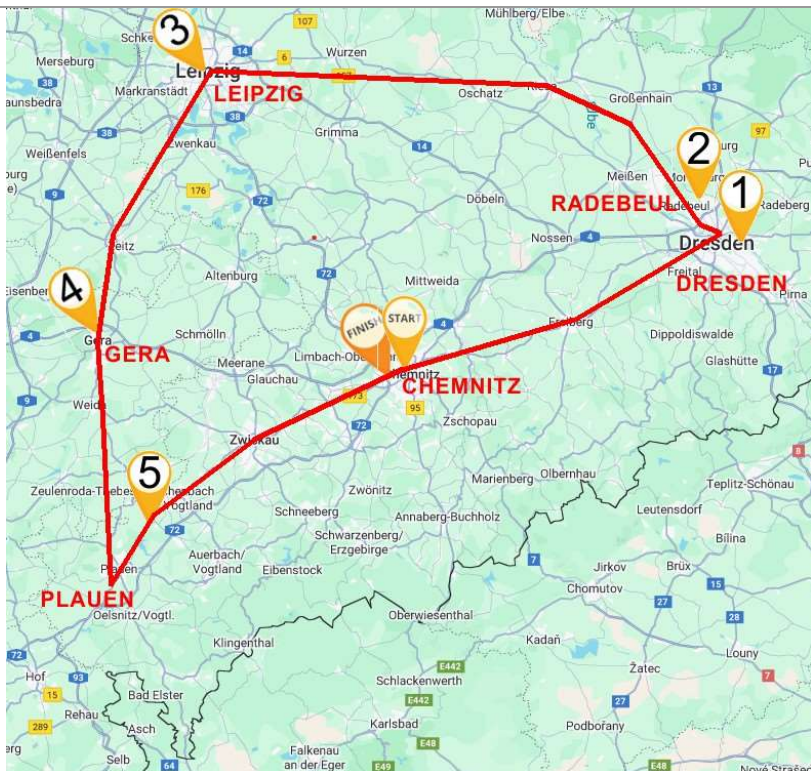
Friday, 2025/09/05

Time	Activity and place	Code	Price
All day	<p>Discover Saxony with a legendary train!</p> <p>The famous railcar VT 18.16 / SVT Bauart Görlitz of Deutsche Reichsbahn (DR) is back! This is the chance to join one of the first great trip of the traditional premium train after its restoration.</p>  <p>The train was constructed in the 1960s. DR was looking for a train for premium passenger services. It was mainly used for international routes. Famous relations led to Prague and Vienna („Vindobona “), Karlovy Vary („Karlex “/ „Karola “) or Copenhagen („Neptun “).</p> <p>As part of the MOROP congress, we offer the first big trip of the SVT after the restoration during the last years.</p> <p><u>The trip leads from</u> Chemnitz (Start) to Dresden (1) and Radebeul (2). There, we leave the premium train for a trip with a steam train on the narrow-gauge line Radebeul – Radeburg follows.</p> <p>After this side rip, we continue our trip in SVT from Radebeul to Leipzig Hbf (3). This line (Dresden – Leipzig) was the first long-distance railway line in Germany. The main station of Leipzig is one of the biggest and most beautiful dead-end stations in Europe. There, we will have some time for pictures.</p> <p>Following the former SVT-route “Karola”, we continue from Leipzig via Zeitz to Gera (4) and Plauen.</p> <p>The highlights of the return journey to Chemnitz are the biggest brick bridges of the world: the Elstertal bridge and the Göltzschtal bridge (5).</p>		



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	<p>Rough schedule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chemnitz Hbf, around 8 AM - Radebeul narrow gauge trip, around 10 AM – 1 PM - Leipzig, around 2:30 PM - Plauen, around 4 PM - Chemnitz Hbf, around 6 PM 		
	<p>Trip Option 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seat in the 2nd class - Take away snacks in the dining car (self service) - ONLY FOR MOROP CONGRESS PARTICIPANTS OR MEMEBER OF MOROP ASSOCIATIONS (SMV, BDEF, ...) 	E1.1	175 €
	<p>Trip Option 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seat in the dining car – only 23 seats available - Service at the table - ONLY FOR MOROP CONGRESS PARTICIPANTS OR MEMEBER OF MOROP ASSOCIATIONS (SMV, BDEF, ...) 	E1.2	205 €
	<p>Trip Option 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seat in the 2nd class - Take away snacks in the dining car (self service) - FOR GUESTS (NO MEMEBERS OF ASSOCIATIONS) 	E1.3	225 €
	<p>Trip Option 4:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seat in the dining car – only 23 seats available - Service at the table - FOR GUESTS (NO MEMEBERS OF ASSOCIATIONS) 	E1.4	255 €
	<p>Side Trip Option 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trip with steam train on the narrow gauge line (750mm) Radebeul Ost – Radeburg and back 	E2.1	15 €
	<p>Side Trip Option 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Free time in Dresden and Radebeul 	E2.2	0 €



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Further information:

<https://svt-goerlitz.de/en/>
<https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Karlex>

<https://www.loessnitzgrundbahn.de/>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Radebeul%E2%80%93Radeburg_railway

https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leipzig_Hauptbahnhof

<https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/G%C3%B6ltzschtalbr%C3%BCcke>
<https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elstertalbr%C3%BCcke>




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Saturday, 2025/09/06





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Morning	Installation of model railway network Modul Junior Solaris-Park Chemnitz	F1.1	-
Noon	Official opening of the model railway exhibition Solaris-Park Chemnitz	F2.1	-
Afternoon	Visit of the model railway exhibition Solaris-Park Chemnitz Exhibition of the local club "Arbeitskreis Modellbahn Chemnitz e.V." and the additional Modul-Junior network, presented by young MOROP modellers	F3.1	-
Afternoon	Visit of the company Auhagen The company Auhagen (producer of model railway scenery) celebrates its 140th anniversary. Open house presentations are planed at 6 th and 7 th of September <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trip by special bus to Auhagen fabrication - Visit of the production facilities - Exhibition of model rawilway networks - SMV railway cockpit simulation (class BR143)  <p><i>Further information:</i> https://auhagen.de/</p>	F3.2	25 €



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Sunday, 2025/09/07

Time	Activity and place	Code	Price
Morning 	Visit of the model railway exhibition Solaris-Park Chemnitz Exhibition of the local club "Arbeitskreis Modellbahn Chemnitz e.V." and the additional Modul-Junior network, presented by young MOROP modellers	G1.1	-
Afternoon 	Visit of the model railway exhibition Solaris-Park Chemnitz Exhibition of the local club "Arbeitskreis Modellbahn Chemnitz e.V." and the additional Modul-Junior network, presented by young MOROP modellers	G2.1	-
Afternoon 	Visit of garden railway Chemnitz - Trip by narrow gauge garden railway Chemnitz (situated in the huge park "Küchwald") - Planned is traction by diesel engine  <i>Further information:</i> https://www.parkeisenbahn-chemnitz.de/	G2.2	10 €



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Public Transportation

A ticket for public transportation is necessary for some of the activities in the agenda and for the daily stay in Chemnitz.

Chemnitz and the surrounding region is part of the transport association „Verkehrsverbund Mittelsachsen" (VMS). All busses, trams, and local trains in the city can be used with a VMS-ticket for the zone 13.

There are different options for a ticket – depending on the personal situation and the travel plans.

Single trips/ single days	Single ticket or day ticket Can be bought on vending machines in the bus / tram or by mobile app "MoovMe"	Starting 3,20 Euro https://www.vms.de/tarif-und-tickets/tickets
1 person, several days	„Kulturhauptstadtticket" (capital of culture tickets) Valid for 3 days in the whole transport association VMS Possibly, 2 tickets (6 days) needed	25 Euro (1 person, 3 days) https://2025.vms.de/kulturhauptstadtticket/ The tickets can be bought directly in the congress office
Several persons, several days	„Kulturhauptstadtticket" (capital of culture tickets) Valid for 3 days and up to 5 persons in the whole transport association VMS Possibly, 2 tickets (6 days) needed	50 Euro (up to 5 persons, 3 days) https://2025.vms.de/kulturhauptstadtticket/ The tickets can be bought directly in the congress office
1 person, all congress days or longer stay in Germany	Deutschland-Ticket (Germany Ticket) Needs to be purchased personally, only available as ticket for mobile app It is contracted as abonnement. It must be cancelled until 10th of the month to stop the abo for the next month The ticket is valid for all public transportation (including regional trains) in whole Germany. It can be used for the trip to Chemnitz as well	58 Euro / month https://www.vms.de/d-ticket/

The prices may change until September.



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Hotels and Accommodations

Two hotels in the city centre of Chemnitz offer special conditions for the MOROP congress. Rooms can be booked individually using the mentioned codes.

Congress Hotel Chemnitz (MOROP reservation code: MOROP25)

- **Booking only possible by phone (+49 371 6830) or email (info.che01@gchhotelgroup.com)**
- City centre, easy access to public transport
- Prices: 109€ (single room) / 128€ (double room) Euro (all incl. breakfast)
- Address: Brückenstraße 19, 09111 Chemnitz
- Google Maps: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/PFNymAmUKQ8W3tAX7>



**SPECIAL OFFER ONLY AVAILABLE
UNTIL 6th OF JULY 2025**

Internet: www.gchhotelgroup.com/de/hotel/congress-hotel-chemnitz

Biendo Hotel (MOROP reservation number: 248930)

- **Booking only possible by phone (+49 371 4331920) or email (info@biendo-hotel.de)**
- City centre, easy access to public transport
- Prices: 78€ (single room) / 98€ (double room) Euro (all incl. breakfast)
- Address: Straße der Nationen 12, 09111 Chemnitz
- Google Maps: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/8QEstwYYn4ofkDsE9>



**SPECIAL OFFER ONLY AVAILABLE
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Internet: www.biendo-hotel.de



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You can walk between both hotels within 5 minutes. It is planned to arrange the congress office in the Biendo Hotel (not agreed yet).

A well-equipped and beautiful youth hostel is available as a cheaper accommodation – especially for families and groups. You can walk between the hostel and the hotel in 5 minutes as well.

Youth hostel Chemnitz „eins“

- Close to city centre, easy access to public transport
- Rooms for 2 – 6 persons and own bathroom
- Prices: 45 Euro for adults older than 27 Jahre (breakfast included)
- Address: Getreidemarkt 1, 09111 Chemnitz
- Google Maps: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/Nq9LH4UZ8zexYsAB8>



Internet: <https://www.jugendherberge.de/jugendherbergen/chemnitz-eins>

A camping area is available at a local water reservoir in the district "Rabenstein":
<http://www.campingplatz-rabenstein.de/>

There are parking sides for caravans in and around the city of Chemnitz:
<https://www.chemnitz.de/de/unsere-stadt/verkehr/auto-krad-lkw/parken/parkplaetze-fuer-wohnmobile-in-der-innenstadt>

There are many cheap accommodations (holiday flats or houses, ...) in the mountain areas around Chemnitz as well. You can check for it on several websites:

- <https://www.booking.com>
- <https://www.ferienwohnungen.de>



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Registration

The registration and booking for the congress and the agenda will be possible using a special registration form. It will be available at end of May.

The deadline for registration will be 2025/07/27.

The booking of hotels can be done as of now.

Contact

Please contact the SMV office if you have questions:

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