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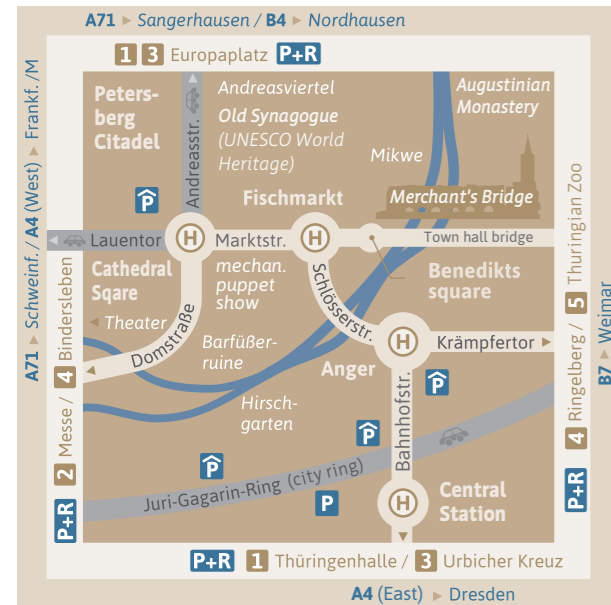
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## the Merchants' Bridge

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Rathaus-  
bridge



## Historical City Tour

Discover Erfurt's charming old town with  
our compact and easy-to-use city guide.

This handy brochure takes you on a journey through  
centuries of history, right through the heart of one of  
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You can purchase  
the brochure at the  
Erfurt Tourist  
Information  
for **2,50 €**.



## Anniversary stamps



The exclusive anniversary stamps featuring drawings by  
Merchants' Bridge artist Beate Kister are available from various  
shops on the Merchants' Bridge.



## Virtual view of St Benedict's Church

St Benedict's Church once stood at one end of the Merchants' Bridge (near Benediktsplatz square), the counterpart of St Giles Church at the other end. It was demolished in 1895. The outline of the former church has been traced in natural stone at its original site. And you can see a virtual representation of it by scanning the QR code at the location to enjoy a 3D augmented reality view at [www.erfurt-tourismus.de/benediktikirche](http://www.erfurt-tourismus.de/benediktikirche)

## Merchants' Bridge ›talking stones‹

A walking tour with twelve stops around, alongside  
and on the bridge. Simply scan the QR stickers to gain  
insights into the history and contemporary life of the  
bridge. The free tour starts from either entrance to the  
bridge, at Wenigemarkt or at Benediktsplatz square, and  
is available around the clock.

## 700 euro competition

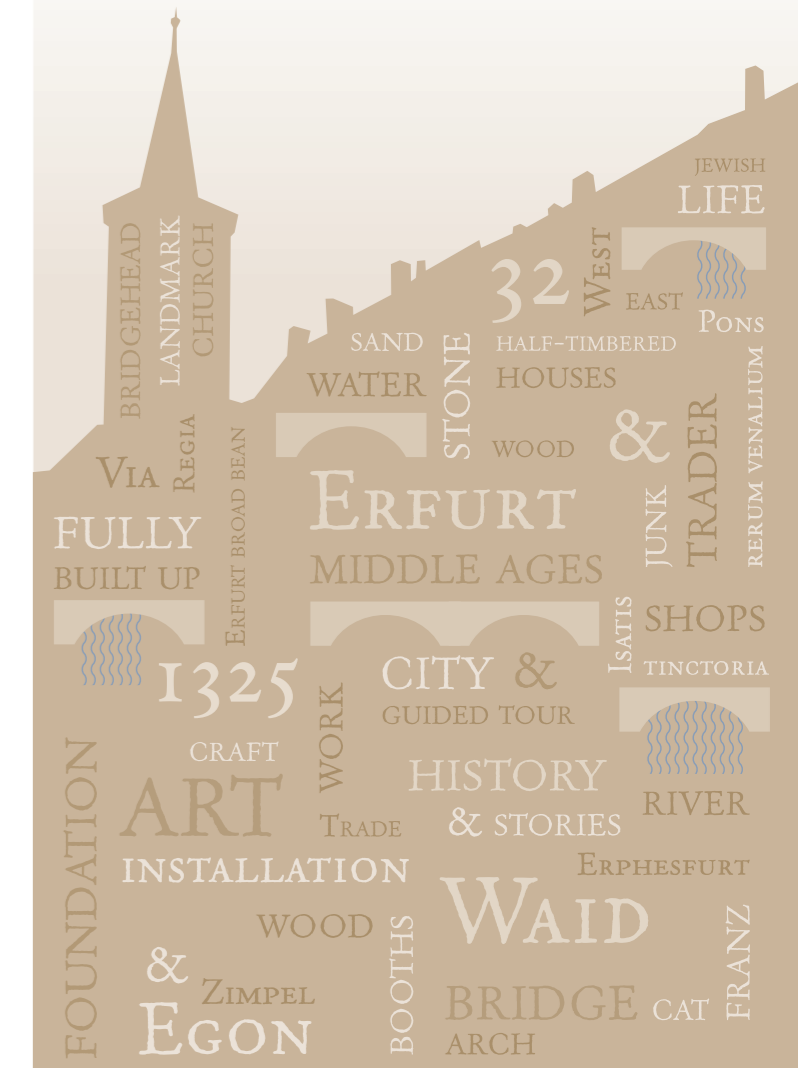
The city management has launched an exciting interactive  
competition for the anniversary year, with pictures  
showing details of some of the 32 houses on the Merchants' Bridge that need to be identified.

The winner will be drawn from all correct submissions  
and will receive € 700 – one euro for every year since  
the construction of the Stone Merchants' Bridge.

Details of the competition and how to take part are  
available at [www.kraemerbruecke-erfurt.de/en](http://www.kraemerbruecke-erfurt.de/en)



700 Jahre  
steinerne Krämerbrücke  
2025



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In 2025, a remarkable architectural monument is celebrating its 700th anniversary – the stunning Merchants’ Bridge in Erfurt. A whole range of events and activities are taking place around the bridge throughout the year – come and join the celebrations!



## Merchants’ Bridge

This heritage-listed cultural monument is the longest bridge in Europe lined with houses along its entire span. Closely linked to the historical Via Regia trade route, the city of Erfurt was a vibrant trading hub in the Middle Ages.

The bridge was first mentioned in records in **1156** as pons rerum venalium – bridge of traded goods – and it remains a great place for leisurely window shopping to this day. All sorts of merchants and craftsmen used the bridge to transport or sell their wares, including traders, apothecaries and goldsmiths. Krämer is an old German word for merchant, which is why the bridge is known as Krämerbrücke in Germany.

## History of the bridge

- 1156:** First mention of the preceding wooden structure

» Emergence of small wooden huts on the bridge from which traders sold their wares

» Repeated destruction in city fire

» There used to be a church at either end of the bridge (east and west), St Giles at the eastern end remains

**1265:** The council begins to acquire the bridge rights from the monasteries in order to expand it
- 1325** Completion of the stone bridge

» Trading links are established, particularly from Hanseatic cities to Upper Germany and from the Rhine to Poland, but also far beyond

**1472:** Severe damage during the great fire of Erfurt

**from 1472:** Construction of permanent houses and shops (from now on the bridge is always inhabited)

» The bridge is widened to 26 metres by adding trusses

» Vaults are created in the bridge piles



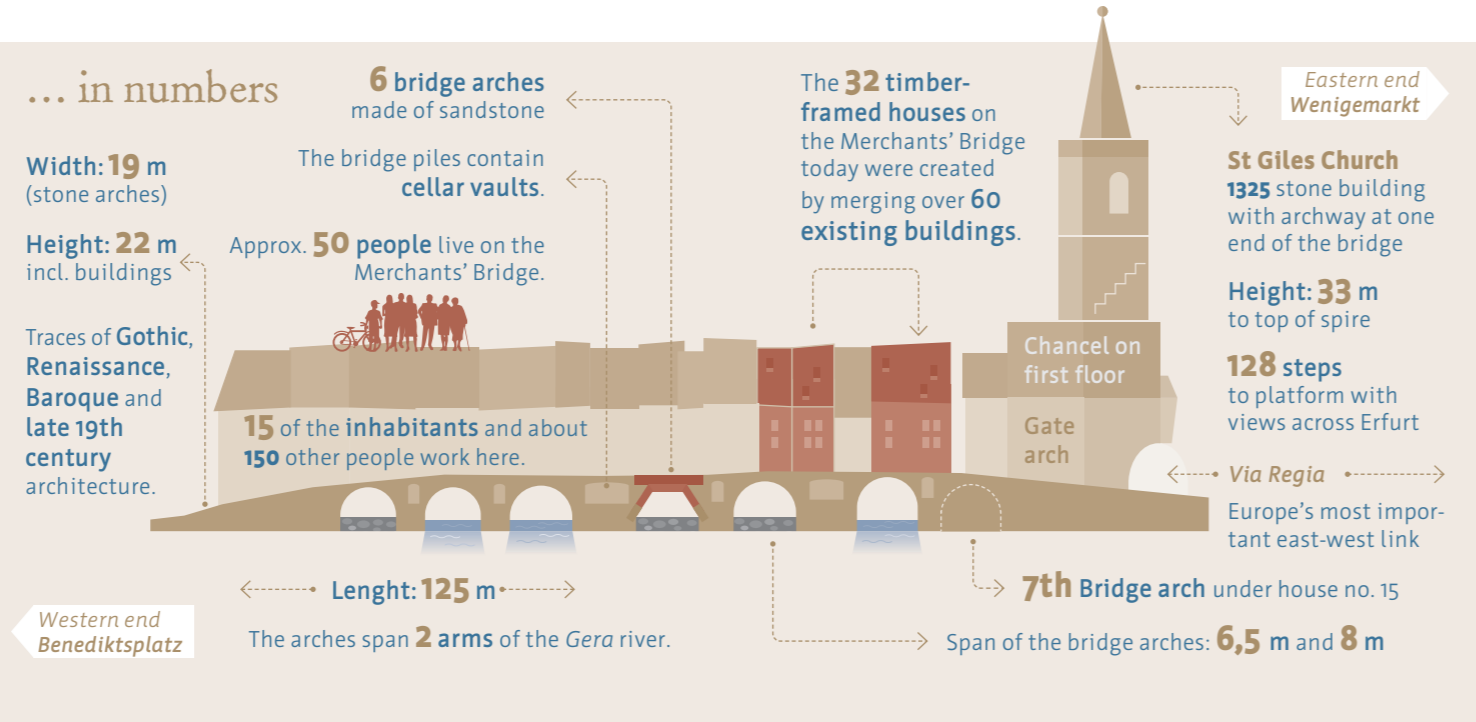
**16th/17th/18th century:**  
The 62 half-timbered houses are gradually merged into 32 buildings

**1895** St Benedict’s Church is demolished when the Rathaus bridge is built.

▲ Entrance to Merchants’ Bridge from Benediktsplatz

There is now an office building on the site.

**1985/86:**  
The bridge and its vaults are thoroughly restored



## Selected events in the anniversary year

For all events see [www.kraemerbruecke-erfurt.de](http://www.kraemerbruecke-erfurt.de)

**5 September 2025, 7 pm // St Giles Church**  
» United Methodist Church, Erfurt

**Organ recital for the anniversary of bridge and church**  
From Westminster Abbey to Notre-Dame – improvisations by Joachim Thoms  
[www.atlas.emk.de/emk-erfurt](http://www.atlas.emk.de/emk-erfurt)

**9 – 14 September 2025 // Erfurt city centre**  
» Erfurt City Council, Culture Department

**Heritage Days at the Merchant’s bridge**  
The opening event will take place on 9th September at 6:30 p.m. at the historic bridge, marking the start of five days filled with tours, exhibitions, and concerts in monuments and historic buildings across the city.  
[www.erfurt-tourismus.de/events-veranstaltungen](http://www.erfurt-tourismus.de/events-veranstaltungen)

**19 September 2025 // Wenigemarkt, Merchants’ bridge**

**ESSTIVAL2025**  
Experience the second ›ESSTIVAL‹ on 19th September from 6:00 p.m., as culinary delights, light installations, and music transform the area into a vibrant celebration.  
[www.erfurt-tourismus.de/events-veranstaltungen](http://www.erfurt-tourismus.de/events-veranstaltungen)

**20 September 2025, 11 am // Merchants’ Bridge**  
» Thuringian Association of Visual Artists & Round Table 221 Erfurt-Altstadt

**Kinder.Kunst.Fest** (Kids.Arts.Festival)  
celebrating International Children’s Day and 2025 Open Studios Day  
[www.kuenstler-thueringen.de](http://www.kuenstler-thueringen.de)

## Merchants’ Bridge guided tour

Discover the amazing Merchants’ Bridge:  
A journey through history with sweet treats



To mark the 700th anniversary of the Merchants’ Bridge, we’re inviting you on a fascinating guided tour that combines history and culture with a few tasting sessions.

As experienced guides relate remarkable tales and anecdotes they bring the bridge – the longest in Europe with inhabited buildings along its entire length – and its surroundings to life. You’ll see the bridge from a wide variety of perspectives and get the chance to take some truly memorable photos.

As a special treat, you’re not just going to see and hear but also taste! Look forward to trying some delicious eggnog and the irresistible bridge truffles – fine chocolate that stirs up fond memories and perfectly complements the history of the Merchants’ Bridge.



<b>Dates:</b>	1 April – 31 October 2025 (only in german) every Sunday at 10.30am
<b>Duration:</b>	1.5 to 2 hrs.
<b>Meet at:</b>	Erfurt Tourist Information Benediktsplatz 1
<b>Price:</b>	<b>Public guided tour (only in german):</b> €20 per person incl. tastings
	<b>Group guided tour:</b> €280 for up to 15 people
<b>Please note:</b>	There are no guided tours during the Merchants’ Bridge Festival on 15 June.

Information and booking: [www.erfurt-tourismus.de/en](http://www.erfurt-tourismus.de/en)

If you would like to discover more of Erfurt, other public guided tours are available to book at: [www.erfurt-tourismus.de/en](http://www.erfurt-tourismus.de/en)



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