

## Short Report



Mittelalterliche Mikwe in Erfurt

## Medieval Mikveh in Erfurt

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## Welcome!

In 2007 archaeologists discovered the medieval Mikveh Erfurt, which dates back to the 13th century. It was used by the first and second Jewish communities until the city council forced the emigration of Jews from Erfurt in 1453. The basin was filled in, the room above was used as a cellar until the 20th century. Besides the synagogue and cemetery, a mikveh was – and is – an important part of the Jewish ritual cleansing after contact with the dead, blood or other unclean things in a religious sense. Today a modern protective building serves to protect the archaeological find. The ritual bath can be visited as part of guided tours.

# TEST RESULT

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## Mittelalterliche Mikwe in Erfurt

99084 Erfurt, Certificate-ID: PA-02285-2021



This offer was classified according to  
the criteria of the nationwide label

**»Tourism for All«**

and, in the period from

**December 2021 – December 2024**

is entitled to use the label

**»Accessibility checked«**

and the associated pictograms  
in accordance with the contract.



Plateau with display window to the Mikveh

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Mikveh

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## Overview

- Discovered during excavations in 2007.
- Built in the 13th century.
- Located directly behind the Krämerbrücke.
- Visits within the framework of guided tours – registration via Erfurt tourist information office, tel.: +49 (0) 361 – 6640120 bzw. [citytour@erfurt-tourismus.de](mailto:citytour@erfurt-tourismus.de).

## Accessibility at a glance

- Building steplessly accessible via a ramp
- All rooms and facilities usable by guests and elevated are accessible at ground level
- 90 cm minimum width of all passageways/doors
- Assistance dogs welcome
- Guided tours for people with disabilities

# Information for people with walking difficulties and wheelchair users

All areas relevant for testing meet the quality criteria of the label "**Accessibility tested – partially barrier-free for people with walking disabilities and wheelchair users**".

Some **information on accessibility** are listed below. Detailed information can be found in the test report at the end of the text.

- There are parking spaces in the public parking area. The nearest parking spaces for people with disabilities are in the "Michaelisstraße" near the old synagogue or in the "Predigerstraße" (distance to the entrance approx. 250m).
- The path from the parking spaces to the entrance is not easy to walk and drive on.
- The entrance to the Mikveh is accessible via a 6 m long ramp with 6% gradient and handrails without steps or thresholds. The entrance door is opened by service staff.
- The Mikveh can only be visited as part of a guided tour.
- The viewing level indoors is 320 cm wide and 380 cm long. The underground of the path inside the Mikveh is a grating (slope 3% – 6%). The path gets narrower (from 150 cm to 100 cm width).
- All evaluated rooms that can be used by the guest can be reached at ground level or via a ramp.
- All evaluated passageways and doors are at least 90 cm wide.
- The station/object/exhibit is visible, perceptible or recognizable while sitting.
- Guided tours are offered for people with walking disabilities and wheelchair users. A reservation for the guided tour is necessary.
- The entire route of the guided tour is steplessly accessible for wheelchair users. Mobile or fixed seating is available.

# Information for people with hearing impairments and deaf people

All test relevant areas meet the quality criteria of the label "**Accessibility tested – barrier-free for people with hearing impairment**".

Some **information on accessibility** notes are listed below. Detailed information can be found in the test report at the end of the text.

- There is no alarm.
- Information about the station/object/exhibit is provided in written form.
- The Mikveh can only be visited as part of a guided tour.

- Guided tours are offered for people with hearing disabilities, but not for deaf people. A reservation for the guided tour is necessary.
- FM systems (e.g. headphones, neck ring loops) are available.

## Information for visually impaired and blind people

All test relevant areas meet the quality criteria of the label "**Accessibility tested – partially barrier-free for people with visual impairment**".

Some **information on accessibility** are listed below. Detailed information can be found in the test report at the end of the text.

- Assistance dogs are allowed.
- The entrance is visually rich in contrast.
- At the stairs to the Mikveh there is a visual and tactile contrast between the floor covering and the staircase.
- The Mikveh can only be visited as part of a guided tour.
- Information is available in legible font.
- Information is not available in Braille or prismatic font.
- The station/object/exhibit visually contrasts with the surroundings.
- Path boundaries are visually rich in contrast and tactile.
- Guided tours are offered for visually impaired and blind people. A reservation for the guided tour is necessary.
- During the guided tours, exhibits are integrated for touching.

## Information for guests with cognitive impairments

All test relevant areas meet the quality criteria of the label "**Accessibility tested – barrier-free for people with cognitive impairments**".

Some **information on accessibility** are listed below. Detailed information can be found in the test report at the end of the text.

- The name and logo of the company are clearly visible from the outside.
- The destinations of the paths are in sight.
- The Mikveh can only be visited as part of a guided tour.
- There is information in photorealistic representation.

- Guided tours are offered for people with cognitive impairments. A reservation for the guided tour is necessary.

## Comfort for all generations

We have compiled some **information on accessibility** below. Detailed information can be found in the test report at the end of the text.

- Parking spaces are available in the public parking area.
- The external paths to the plateau with display window and to the mikvah are not easily accessible and have maximum longitudinal gradients of up to 5%.
- The building is accessible without steps via a ramp. The ramp has a maximum slope of 6% and a total length of 6 meters.
- The entrance door is opened by a service person.
- All rooms usable by the guest and raised are at ground level.
- All raised passages and doors are at least 90 cm wide.
- The ground of the path inside the mikvah is a grate (slope 3% – 6%). The path becomes narrower as it progresses (from 150 cm to 100 cm wide).
- There is no alarm.
- The entrance is visually contrasting.
- At the stairs to the mikvah, there is a visual contrast between the flooring and stair rise or fall.
- Information is present in legible lettering.
- The name and logo of the establishment are clearly visible from the outside.
- The destinations of the paths are in sight.
- The Mikveh can only be visited as part of a guided tour. Pre-registration for the guided tour is required. The entire route of the guided tour is step-free. Mobile or fixed seating is available. FM equipment (e.g., headphones, neck ring loops) is available. Touch exhibits may be integrated during the tours.

# Image Gallery

We have put together some photos from the company / offer for you. You can find more photos in the detailed reports.

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Entrance area –  
information boards in  
front of the entrance

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Outdoor path to the  
plateau with display  
window and the stairs  
to the Mikveh

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Stairs to the Mikveh

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Ramp way to the  
mikveh

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# Information on the "Tourism for All" labeling system

**All establishments and locations** certified with the label "Tourism for All" meet the following quality criteria:

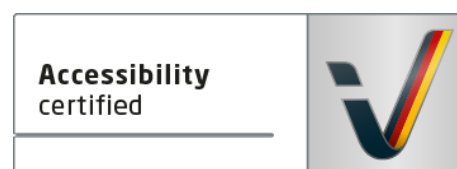
- Data and information on accessibility are collected and checked on site by **external, specially trained evaluators**. The method is not based on self-assessments.
- Data on accessibility is available **in detail** and can be viewed by the guests.
- At least one staff member has successfully passed a **training** on "**Accessibility as a comfort and quality feature**".

## The labeling – explanation of the logos and pictograms

The label "**Information about Accessibility**" indicates that detailed and verified information on accessibility is available for all groups of people.



The label "**Accessibility certified**" is based on "Information about Accessibility". It means that the quality criteria defined for specific groups of people are met partially or completely.



The label "**Accessibility certified**" is available in two requirement levels:

### "Accessibility certified: partially accessible".

The quality criteria are partially fulfilled for the pictured group of people, i.e. the establishment/location is partially accessible for wheelchair users. The "i" in the pictogram indicates that it is recommended to read again carefully whether the offer meets all (your oder the guest's) individual requirements.



### "Accessibility certified: accessible".

The quality criteria are fulfilled for the pictured group of people, i.e. the establishment/location is accessible for wheelchair users.





There are defined quality criteria for **seven groups of people** and a **specific pictogram** for each group.

People with walking disabilities



Wheelchair users



People with hearing impairment



Deaf people



People with visual impairments



Blind people



People with cognitive impairments

