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## ▶ Peak performance for first-class matches – Soccer fans converge on Leipzig

**During the FIFA world cup, Leipzig/Halle and Dresden Airports can demonstrate the degree of professionalism they have achieved, by handling more than 150 special flights and up to 20,000 extra passengers from 32 countries. Until June 24, Leipzig will host five matches altogether.**



After the last one, played at the Zentralstadion in the round before the quarter-finals, celebrations will not stop. Until the final on July 9, up to 15,000 locals and visitors may join a fan festival at Leipzig's central Augustusplatz and watch all 64 matches on a 60 sq.m. screen. Apart from the live broadcasts, there will be entertainment and other shows. The city of Halle has gone as far as building an imitation stadium where up to 1,500 fans can sit in the „south curve“ and watch the matches.

Dutch fans at Leipzig/Halle

Staff at Leipzig/Halle and Dresden Airports, and PortGround handling services, are well prepared for the rush. Until the end of the tournament, about 150 special planes carrying teams, official representatives of national associations, and supporters will land at Leipzig/Halle. Up to 20,000 extra passengers can be expected. Special planes will also be landing at Dresden.



In time for the World Cup, Leipzig/Halle Airport completed the modernization of Terminal A which will be used by soccer fans and the general public. After the tournament of the world's best teams it will handle special flights and provide reserve capacity during peak periods. Guests of honor will be received at the General Aviation Terminal which stood the first test in December 2005 when lots were drawn for the final round.

Some 40 female staff of the airport company have had a new touch added to their jobs during the World Cup. They are on hand to answer visitors' questions and give directions. FIFA has its own Welcome Counter at Terminal B.

The first match at Leipzig's Zentralstadion, between the Netherlands and Serbia/Montenegro, made orange the prevailing color at the airport. Over 60 extra planes landed at Leipzig/Halle on the occasion, carrying about 7,000 Dutch supporters who were taken to the stadium by bus. The last plane back to the Netherlands left shortly after midnight.

PortGround GmbH, the company handling aircraft on the apron, had no problems dealing with the rush and were assisted by ten colleagues from the Dresden branch. The situation was similar when the other matches were played in Leipzig. Spain vs. Ukraine, and France vs. South Korea attracted 50 and over 40 special planes, respectively. While dozens of smaller jets were parked on the aprons, the telescopic gangways served some larger than usual planes of Lufthansa, Air France, Germanwings and Austrian Airlines, who could thus carry up to 100 percent more passengers.

Four extra planes have been expected at Leipzig/Halle for the match between Angola and Iran on June 21. The match at the Zentralstadion in the round before the quarter-finals on June 24 could bring Leipzig/Halle a record day in its history.

The fact that the World Cup organizers gave several matches to Leipzig shows their appreciation of the modern infrastructure that has been built, in the region over the past few years. More infrastructure projects are in the making, and Leipzig/Halle Airport will eventually have two runways on which flights may land and take off at the same time.



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## ► Peak season – airports ready for summer rush

**This year, school vacations in the states of Saxony and Saxony-Anhalt last from the end of July until late August/early September – a time for people to go away by plane, car or train. Saxony's airports at Dresden and Leipzig/Halle are well equipped to handle the expected crowds of holiday-makers.**



Airlines at both airports offer early check-ins to make life easier on the day of departure. Passengers living in the north of Saxony-Anhalt and leaving from Leipzig/Halle may use a specific service.

For almost three years now, travelers have been able to check in their baggage between 6 and 8 p.m. on the eve of departure at Magdeburg central station. This saves them the trouble of having to handle bags and suitcases while going to the airport by train or car. The service, which is

Holiday flights are very popular at Leipzig/Halle

available to passengers leaving Leipzig/Halle between midnight and 6 p.m., costs €10 and includes seat reservation. Boarding cards are issued by the railway booking center.



The number of parking spaces is 3,000 at Dresden and approx. 6,000 at Leipzig/Halle. With a voucher for €15, a car may be parked for at least seven days. Online bookings for scheduled and chartered flights may be made by going to [www.dresden-airport.de](http://www.dresden-airport.de) and [www.leipzig-halle-airport.de](http://www.leipzig-halle-airport.de). Those who are in a hurry can check the last minute flights offered by travel agents.

The Greek island of Samos – a new destination in this year's summer schedule at Dresden Airport

► Spain is particularly easy to reach from **Dresden** which has flights to 19 places on the Iberian peninsula and the Canary and Balearic islands. Also popular are Greece (7 destinations), Portugal, Bulgaria, Egypt, Croatia, Cyprus, Italy, Hungary and Turkey. This summer, Dresden serves a total of 45 destinations in 14 countries. „Market leader“ among the 28 carriers represented at Dresden is Air Berlin with 36 destinations around the Mediterranean and Atlantic.

► The 32 airlines operating from **Leipzig/Halle** fly to a total of 72 destinations in Europe and the Caribbean, with Air Berlin carrying the largest number of tourists. Its white-and-red planes take off 35 times a week, followed by Condor (24) and Hapagfly (15 weekly flights). LTU goes to fabulous places in the Caribbean, such as Varadero in Cuba and Puerto Plata and Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic.



Dresden Airport

## ► Work starts on modern helicopter hangar

**Dresden Airport is adding to its infrastructure. By the end of the year, a new hangar is to be completed which will accommodate three police helicopters and the eurocopter operated by Germany's air rescue service.**



Model of the new helicopter hangar to be dedicated in December



Present to lay the foundation stone on May 11 were (left to right): Dr. Michael Hupe, Managing Director, Dresden Airport; Konrad Braun, Chief, Saxon Police Helicopter Flight, and Mario Hubrich, German Air Rescue

The 65 m long and 29 m wide building will stand next to the old tower and warehouses of the Schenker logistics company. At a price of some €3 m, it will be complete with common rooms, offices, workshops and outdoor facilities such as a take-off and landing place, parking spaces and refueling and washing points.

At present, the helicopters share a large building northeast of the runway with EADS Elbe Flugzeugwerke. Once the runway has been rehabilitated and extended, the area will be needed for aircraft movements so that helicopters may no longer take off or land. In addition, EADS Elbe Flugzeugwerke need more floor space in the building so that in future two passenger planes at a time may be converted into freightliners.

[www.airport-dresden.de](http://www.airport-dresden.de)

Dresden Airport

## ► First sod to be turned for new runway on July 28

**The ceremony on July 28 will mark the beginning of rehabilitation work on Dresden's runway, which includes extension and is one of the biggest and most challenging construction projects in the airport's history.**

With no break in operations, a new runway which runs parallel to the existing one is to be built from high-strength concrete and finished by 2007. With an overall 2,850 m, it will be 350 m longer than the old runway. The width will be reduced from 80 to 60 m. The project includes adjusting the taxiway, navigation lighting, facilities for rain and melting water drainage, direction-finding transmitters and airport perimeter road. As a last operation, the old runway will be demolished and planted with greenery.

When work is completed in the second half of 2007, some €500 m will have been invested since unification into extending and converting Dresden Airport. In the last few years, a new terminal for up to 3.5 m passengers per year, a multi-story car park with 1,559 places, a new tower, a hangar for small planes, a new fire station and several logistics centers for the Schenker company have been erected.

[www.dresden-airport.de](http://www.dresden-airport.de)



Dresden Airport

## ► Climbing – more passengers handled

**The success story of Dresden Airport is continuing, with a marked increase in passenger numbers over the previous year, particularly due to low-cost flights.**



By the end of May, some 658,000 travelers were counted, 4.9% more than in the same period last year.

After a record-breaking 1.79 m passengers in 2005, the number this year could exceed 1.8 m for the first time.

Dresden Airport is attracting more and more passengers

Leipzig/Halle Airport

## ► DHL pushes airport's growth rates

**Growth is considerable: in only one year the volume of freight handled at Leipzig/Halle Airport rose 3.2 times.**



In April alone, almost 1,394 tonnes were transferred compared with just under 430 tonnes a year ago. Figures for the first four months are remarkable, too, with volumes rising by 4,374 tonnes to 5,969 tonnes, 274,3% more than last year.

Responsible for these growth figures is DHL, the freight carrier affiliated to Deutsche Post. Since Whitsun, nine DHL planes have left the airport per week from Monday through Friday after taking on new freight for destinations in Germany and

Only recently, the number of DHL planes taking off from Leipzig/Halle Airport increased from five to nine per week

Europe. The number of weekly links is to rise again later in the year. In 2008 DHL's airfreight hub at Leipzig/Halle will be officially opened.

Apart from airfreight, passenger numbers too suggest good annual results and have been rising with the introduction of new and reasonably priced connections to German and European cities. In April, passenger volumes rose by 7% to a total of 155,156. From January through April, 509,639 passengers used Leipzig/Halle, over 2% more than last year.

[www.leipzig-halle-airport.de](http://www.leipzig-halle-airport.de)



Leipzig/Halle Airport

## ▶ On schedule – south runway is taking shape

**There is no other site of limited size in the region where so much construction is going on.**



After a long winter with deep-frozen soil, spring has brought back bustling activity to an area in the southern section of Leipzig/Halle Airport. In the meantime, the new south runway and related taxiways are slowly taking shape.

In May, thousands of meters of cable ducts were laid which will be covered by gravel, a wearing surface and concrete before they accommodate cables and lines for navigation lighting and runway marking. At the same time, work proceeded on drainage facilities.

Construction at Leipzig/Halle Airport is on schedule

The apron which directly links up to the new runway is beginning to emerge, too. Starting in 2008, it will accommodate about 50 DHL freightliners for parking, loading and unloading.

Leipzig/Halle Airport

## ▶ Adding red and yellow to blue – telescopic gangways in DHL colors

**Work on the new south runway is proceeding at an almost hectic pace, and the skeleton of the nearly 400 m long building for DHL's sorting center in the southern section is in the making.**



At passenger ramps, the yellow and red of DHL is adding new variety to the blue design chosen by Leipzig/Halle Airport for its telescopic gangways.

DHL is bringing its colors to the region, and three gangways have displayed „DHL“ in red on a yellow background since mid-May. For DHL, the logistics subsidiary of Deutsche Post World Net, this is a way of welcoming, and saying farewell to, passengers here who numbered over two million in 2005.

Conspicuous – DHL colors at Leipzig/Halle Airport

[www.dhl.de](http://www.dhl.de)



Leipzig/Halle Airport

## ▶ Riding a train to your plane

**Leipzig/Halle Airport, at the intersection of motorways A 9 and A 14, already has an excellent infrastructure.**



Since the end of May it has become even better accessible by train. Apart from main line and local trains operated by Deutsche Bahn, the station situated below the central check-in facility is now also served by the private train operator InterConnex (Veolia).

En route from Gera to Berlin-Ostbahnhof, or vice versa, the trains stop at Leipzig/Halle Airport Monday through Friday. The journey takes about two and a half hours, and the trains go via Dessau and Potsdam.

Effective immediately, InterConnex trains stop at the airport

- ▶ Trains departing Gera at 6.10 a.m. leave Leipzig at 7.30 a.m. and the airport at 7.45 a.m. From Halle the InterConnex departs at 8.51 a.m. and reaches Berlin-Ostbahnhof at 10.18 a.m.
- ▶ The train leaves Berlin at 6.46 p.m., reaches Halle at 8.57 p.m. and arrives at Leipzig/Halle Airport at 9.00 p.m. It arrives in Gera at 10.40 p.m.

Tickets/seats can be booked/reserved via the hotline +49 (0) 18 05/10 16 16.

Dresden Airport, too, is readily accessible by train. City train line 2 shuttles every 30 minutes between the airport, Dresden-Neustadt, Dresden-Hauptbahnhof, Heidenau and Pirna. Trains stop in the basement of the airport terminal, which presently is Saxony's only underground city train station. The fare from the airport to Dresden city center is reasonable at only €1.70.

## ▶ Economic news from the region

### ▶ \$ bn investment in Dresden

**Advanced Micro Devices (AMD), the U.S. semiconductor company, is continuing its involvement in the state of Saxony by investing some \$2.5 bn in the extension of existing manufacturing sites in Dresden where AMD presently employs 2,800 people. Another 420 jobs could thus be created in the years to come.**

The project, which was announced at the end of May, comprises three parts. One is to modernize an older factory and convert it to the production of 300 mm wafers.



Secondly, capacity is to be expanded in a more recent factory which opened in the fall of 2005. And thirdly, a new clean room building is to be erected on the AMD premises. Completion of the entire project is to raise monthly capacity to 45,000 wafers with a dia. of 300 mm.

By 2008, AMD will have invested a total of about \$8 bn in its Dresden manufacturing sites.

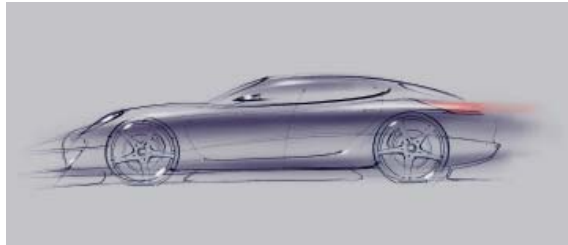
### ► Porsche to build new Panamera in Leipzig

**The Porsche factory in Leipzig will be considerably extended to make room for producing the Panamera, a four-door sports coupe to be introduced in 2009.**

Photos: Porsche



To be extended  
– the Porsche  
factory in Leipzig



To be introduced in 2009 – the new Porsche Panamera

over a total area of 30,000 m<sup>2</sup>. The total investment will amount to €120 m. Porsche Leipzig GmbH is thus expected to create some 600 new jobs, and another 600 with regional suppliers.

A new manufacturing and assembly building is planned with a floor space of some 25,000 m<sup>2</sup>. At the same time, a pilot and diagnostic center, and a training workshop will be added to an existing assembly building. In the immediate vicinity of the new building, a logistics center is to be erected

In the words of Dr. Wendelin Wiedeking, Porsche's CEO, „the production of the Cayenne and Carrera GT models has already shown that our Leipzig plant can make premium cars in excellent quality.“ The engines for the Panamera will come from the Porsche parent works in Stuttgart-Zuffenhausen, painted shells from the Volkswagen plant in Hanover.

### ► Chemical industry growth

**The chemical industry is continuing to expand in the three states of Saxony, Saxony-Anhalt and Thuringia.**

Turnover in Saxony for the first quarter was €637.8 m, 21.5% more than last year. In Saxony-Anhalt, sales rose by 10.8%, to €1.33 bn over the same period. For Thuringia, too, the state association of the chemical industry reported a turnover increase of 20.3%, to €274.7 m.



Employment in the chemical industry has risen since the year 2000 and was positive also at the beginning of the new year. Compared with 1999, the chemical industry workforce in eastern Germany has increased by about 6,300 to a total of 46,698.

## ► Miscellaneous

### ► Summer of music

**As in previous years, Mitteldeutscher Rundfunk will again be staging a summer music festival.**

It opens at Halle on July 1 and features a total of 55 indoor and outdoor concerts in 38 locations, some of them in scenic surroundings. The festival in the states of Saxony, Saxony-Anhalt and Thuringia lasts until Sept. 3.

Old and modern music will be performed in 44 different venues including castles, palaces, churches, monasteries, industrial buildings and open-air sites. The theme this year is “meet Mozart”, and the composer (1756-1791) will be celebrated in 21 concerts on the 250th anniversary of his birth. A newcomer to the six different series of concerts laid on this year will be “garden dreams” with music aimed mainly at families.

Performances of classical music in the three states will start with a Mozart gala in Halle’s market square as part of festivities marking the 1,200th anniversary of the city’s foundation. The MDR symphony orchestra and radio choir will pay tribute to the genius from Vienna.

[www.mdr.de/musiksommer](http://www.mdr.de/musiksommer)

### ► Dresden attracts millions

**Dresden is now a major tourist center among Germany’s cities.**



With 2.95 m overnight stays, the Saxon capital ranks behind Berlin and Munich but before Düsseldorf, Stuttgart and Leipzig. Last year brought a record 8.8 m visitors, 12.8% more than the year before.

A particular attraction is the rebuilt Frauenkirche church. The average visitor spends about 2.2 days in Dresden. Benefiting from the tourist boom are hotels, guest houses, restaurants and souvenir shops. Tourist turnover last year amounted to €554 m, or €91 m more than in 2004.

Frauenkirche church – a favorite tourist destination in Dresden



Of the tourists visiting Dresden, 15% come from abroad, mainly from the U.S., followed by Japan and Switzerland. Conferences and congresses also prosper, and last year just under 13,000 such events were held in Dresden which were attended by some 800,000 people.

The tourist board, Dresden Werbung und Tourismus GmbH, can take an optimistic look at the current year which will be marked by festivities to celebrate the 800th anniversary of Dresden's foundation and the reopening of the Green Vault, the treasure chamber of Saxon kings.

[www.dresden.de](http://www.dresden.de), [www.dresden-congress.de](http://www.dresden-congress.de)

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