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▶ New winter schedule takes effect



Not only Central European Winter Time is effective since 29 October but also new flying schedules are introduced.

While flights from Dresden Airport will go to 51 destinations, the number is 66 for Leipzig/Halle which is served by 18 airlines.

In terms of flying schedules, winter has begun at Dresden and Leipzig/Halle

▶ Dresden at a glance

- You can leave for nine German cities nonstop
- Munich ranks first with 55 direct flights per week, followed by Frankfurt/Main, Düsseldorf, Hamburg, Cologne/Bonn, Stuttgart, Dortmund, Nuremberg and Friedrichshafen
- Outside Germany there are links to 42 cities in 13 countries
- There are 19 destinations alone in Spain – of these seven in the Canary Islands and two in the Balearic Islands
- In addition, you can go direct or via hubs to Egypt, Italy, Portugal, Morocco, Tunisia, Cyprus, Turkey, France, Austria, Hungary, Switzerland and Malta



▶ Leipzig/Halle at a glance

- Leipzig/Halle is now the fourth airport in Germany for departures of HLX, the low-cost airline, which will leave three times a week for Salzburg and Klagenfurt in Austria, and Munich and Düsseldorf in Germany
- The most frequented connection will be to Munich with 44 weekly flights, followed by Frankfurt, Düsseldorf, Vienna and Paris
- The favorite tourist destination will be Antalya/Turkey, followed by Palma de Mallorca
- Again on the schedule will be Mombasa in Kenia served by LTU

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▶ Considerable passenger growth at Leipzig/Halle and Dresden

From January through September, Dresden Airport handled 1,406,535 passengers, which is 4.2 percent up on the figures for the same period last year.

In September alone Dresden counted some 204,000 travelers, the highest number for a month in its 71-year history. The number of flight movements rose by 2.6 percent to almost 28,600.

Never did the airport come so close to the magic mark of two million passengers as this year. After the record established in 2005, 2006 will see another rise and officials are getting ready to receive the 1.8millionth passenger in December.

Leipzig/Halle also reported solid passenger growth of eight percent, to 1,767,049, for the first nine months compared with 2005. The difference was even greater for the month of September alone, with 288,509 travelers, or 15 percent more than last year. Last year, Leipzig/Halle Airport counted a total of 2.12 million passengers and could reach the 2.3 million mark at the end of 2006.



Dresden Airport

► President Putin in Dresden

The eyes of the world were on Dresden on October 10 when Russia's president Putin touched down at the local airport in an Il-96 plane on the occasion of the „St. Petersburg Dialog“ conference.



He was greeted by Georg Milbradt, Prime Minister of the state of Saxony, and then drove to the Green Vault treasure collection where he met Chancellor Angela Merkel. On the next day the President left for Munich, albeit with a delay because Putin who had lived in Dresden from 1985 until 1990 had decided to take a stroll through the city center. As part of the working visit, Dresden Airport handled five government planes type IL-96, IL-62 and IL-76 with some 200 passengers and a number of small aircraft. Mikhail Gorbachov, former Soviet President, came to Dresden in a Yak 42 plane.

Prime Minister Georg Milbradt (I.) welcoming Putin at Dresden Airport

Dresden Airport

► Target – new runway to open in 10 months

Activity is feverish around the future construction site at Dresden Airport even before work to rehabilitate and extend the runway goes into full swing next spring.

After the first sod was turned on July 28, contractors are clearing the area and making preparations such as building the perimeter road, security fence and various paths. Fitters are installing new cable systems and building workers pouring foundations for approach lighting.

Compensation planting and landscaping has started around the airport over an area of some 30 hectares. Over 1,500 small and more than 150 larger trees will be planted over seven hectares and make a small forest over the years. Meadows are to take up 16 hectares. On another seven hectares brooks once forced through underground pipes will be brought back to light and new wetlands laid out.

In March 2007 work will reach a climax, with night shifts and up to 300 workers on site at a time. Despite all this construction work, airline operations on the existing runway will be suspended only on four weekends in June 2007. Flights scheduled for these days are to be postponed. The first planes are to take off and land on the runway which will then be 350 m longer (2,850 m) on September 6, 2007. The old concrete strip will be demolished and planted with greenery.



Leipzig/Halle Airport

► Merkel helps celebrate as half-way stage is reached at DHL's European freight hub

Work on the large site where DHL, the express subsidiary of Deutsche Post, is building an air freight hub at Leipzig/Halle airport is half completed.



Construction which started at the beginning of the year is making good progress according to plan, said Klaus Zumwinkel, CEO of Deutsche Post World Net, when the site was visited by Chancellor Angela Merkel, Federal Transport Minister Wolfgang Tiefensee, Saxony's Prime Minister Georg Milbradt, and Saxony-Anhalt's Transport Minister Karl-Heinz Daehre.

„Apart from Hong Kong in Asia and Wilmington/Del. in the U.S., Leipzig/Halle will be the third major airfreight hub in the DHL network“, said Zumwinkel. Until 2012 DHL will create 3,500 jobs, another 7,000 are expected in the surrounding region.

DHL celebrates the half-way stage onsite: building work is making good progress – the shall of the hangar is almost completed

Almost 40,000 people have applied for a job at the airfreight hub, and 330 have so far been hired. DHL's workforce on the site where carcass work is nearing completion has in the meantime grown to 400. The central buildings are a sorting center with a floor space of 48,000 square meters and a 23,000 square meters hangar. The installation of building systems is to start shortly, and a sophisticated sorting facility made by Vanderlande Industries from the Netherlands alone will cost over €70 million.

At the same time, DHL is again expanding operations at Leipzig/Halle Airport. To existing air links from/to Brussels/Belgium, Cologne/Bonn and Nuremberg in Germany, Warsaw, Katowice and Gdansk in Poland, Ostrava and Prague in the Czech Republic, and East Midlands/England, Kiev/Ukraine was added on October 9, to be followed by Copenhagen/Denmark and Bergamo/Italy at the end of the month.

Leipzig/Halle Airport

► More freight – DHL brings rapid growth

Now that DHL has located to Leipzig/Halle Airport, freight volumes are on the up and up and almost tripled during the first three quarters compared with the previous year.

Almost 18,000 tonnes were processed over that period, and the volume handled until the end of September clearly exceeded last year's (by 3,229 tonnes).



Since June, nine instead of previously five planes flying for DHL have been loaded and unloaded at Leipzig/Halle between Monday and Friday. From here they leave for destinations in Germany, Poland, the Czech Republic and Britain. Since October the number of daily DHL air freighters has risen to twelve.

Leipzig/Halle Airport

► Milestone – concrete surface for new runway

One of the most important stages in the infrastructure improvement of Leipzig/Halle Airport has begun.



Just over a year after the first sod was turned for the new south runway, concrete will be poured so that it may open in July 2007. The owner, Flughafen GmbH, will invest €350 million in the project, including noise protection measures. On the runway which is 3,600 m long and 60 m wide, concrete is now being placed, and its three layers will add up to a thickness of 1.10 m. Apart from 40 cm of concrete surface, there will be a frost protection layer of 55 cm and a 15 cm thick sub-base with hydraulic binder.

Four contractors with their staff complete a 15 m wide and up to 580 m long concrete strip per day. The south runway connects to an apron for freight planes which is 53 hectares large and, from 2008, will be used by DHL for loading and unloading 50 planes a day to begin with.

As part of the building project, a total of 1.2 million square meters to be used for air traffic will be given concrete surfaces, including taxiways to the runway, and aprons for freight handling. Three quarters of that area are scheduled for completion this year.

► Regional economic news

► Leipzig Exhibition Center to host tourism tradeshow

Over 1,000 exhibitors are expected to converge on Leipzig for the Touristik & Caravaning trade fair between November 22 and 26.

Travel agents and hotels will be represented over 60,000 square meters of floor space in halls 1, 3, 5 and in the Glass Pavilion, along with manufacturers of motor homes and caravans. Job openings in the tourism industry will also be featured. This year's partner country is Egypt which attracted 8.6 million tourists last year. The partner region is known as Vogtland and situated in the state of Saxony.

Another highlight to look forward to is "fahrrad.markt.zukunft", a tradeshow where leading manufacturers and regional dealers present bicycles for use in the city and going long distance, as well as sports bikes.

www.leipzig-messe.de



► Dynamic growth in Saxony and Saxony-Anhalt

The economies of the two states of Saxony and Saxony-Anhalt have grown considerably during the first half of the year.

GDP in Saxony increased (price adjusted) by 3.8 percent over the first half of 2005, giving Saxony first place among German states. The average for all of Germany was two percent and, for eastern Germany without Berlin, 2.4 percent.

While manufacturing industry was the main driving factor, Saxony's construction sector made a positive contribution again after years of consolidation.

Saxony-Anhalt, too, expanded during the first half year with an increase in GDP (price adjusted) of 1.8 percent. Growth was again driven by the manufacturing sector with a rise in value creation (price adjusted) of 10.5 percent, compared with a German average of five percent.

► Microelectronics sector grows in Saxony

Entegris, a company from Minnesota, recently opened its new European headquarters at Dresden.

Its move to Saxony was assisted by the state's business promotion service. Two of Entegris' customers, chip maker AMD from the U.S. and Qimonda, a manufacturer of memories spun off from Infineon in May, already have production sites at Dresden.

Entegris, a listed company, was established in 1966 and employs some 2,500 people worldwide. It has manufacturing sites in the U.S., France, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan, China, South Korea and Japan and makes plastic products to protect sensitive wafers, photoplates and microchips from environmental effects.

www.entegris.com

► Miscellaneous

► Semiconductor manufacturer marks 10 years in Dresden

Chip maker Advanced Micro Devices (AMD) from the U.S. has had production facilities in Dresden for the last 10 years.

At a gala attended by Chancellor Angela Merkel and Saxon Prime Minister Georg Milbradt, the company looked back at the commencement of construction work for its first factory in Dresden, and successful expansion over the past decade.



AMD, believed to be the largest foreign investor in eastern Germany, said this summer it would further invest here, bringing the overall capital pumped into the site to more than eight billion dollars. Until the end of 2005, total investment amounted to about four billion dollars.

In April 1996 the first member of staff signed on for work at AMD. The first sod for the factory was turned in October of the same year. Thereafter, the workforce expanded continuously. It reached 500 in October 1998, 1,500 in March 2001 and 3,000 in August 2006. In early 2005 the 125millionth processor was shipped.

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