

Important journeys and stays of Goethe

Year	Places	Reasons
1749	28 August: Birth in Frankfurt	Wandered through the city and its surroundings, including the Jewish quarter; learnt several languages
1765-68	Studies in Leipzig, with a trip to Dresden (1768)	Law, interest in fine arts
1770/71	Study in Strasbourg with excursions to Alsace and Lorraine	Acquaintance with Herder; Friederike in Sesenheim (today Sessenheim), Love songs; Burning mountain near Dudweiler
1772	Lahn hike, assessor position in Wetzlar	Werther experience
1774	Lahn and Rhine journey	with Pastor J. C. Lavater and others
1775	First Swiss journey; Move to Weimar	Rhine Falls, in Zurich with Lavater, Central Switzerland and Gotthard; from November in Weimar
1776	First visit to Ilmenau	Person responsible for the reopening of the mine
1777	First trip to the Harz Mountains, including Elbingerode and Goslar	Climbing the Brocken, mining, Baumann Cave
1778	Travelling with Duke Carl August to Leipzig, Potsdam and Berlin	Political topics and cultural institutions; Goethe's only visit to Berlin
1779	Second Swiss journey with a diversion via Savoy (with Duke Carl August)	Western Switzerland, Bernese Alps, Chamonix, Gotthard; Lavater in Zurich, Rhine Falls
1780-83	often in Ilmenau, Eisenach	Nature experience, mining matters
1783	Second trip to the Harz Mountains, return journey via Göttingen and Kassel	Mining, geology, Baumann Cave
1784	Third Harz tour, including Goslar and Elbingerode	Mining, geology, Brocken

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1786-88	Journey to Italy from Karlsbad via Bavaria and Tyrol, return journey via Graubünden and Bavaria	Epoch-making experience of nature and culture; metamorphosis of plants
1790	Journey to Venice via Tyrol	Art, vertebral theory of the skull, Venetian epigram
1790	Trip to Silesia with excursion to Poland (with Duke Carl August)	War events, mining, Giant Mountains, Wieliczka salt mine
1792	Campaign via Luxembourg to Lorraine (with Duke Carl August); Return via Düsseldorf and Münster	War events, colour theory, geology; visits to pious acquaintances
1793	At the siege of Mainz (with Duke Carl August); excursion to Heidelberg	War events, Reineke Fuchs, visit to brother-in-law Schlosser in Heidelberg
1797	Third Swiss journey, with J. H. Meyer	Tübingen, Rhine Falls, Stäfa on Lake Zurich (with friend Meyer), third and last Gotthard hike
1801	Trip to Göttingen, Pyrmont and Kassel	Library and collections in Göttingen, cure in Pyrmont, colour theory
1805	Trip to Magdeburg and Halberstadt	Magdeburg Cathedral, Gleimhaus
1810	Trip to Karlsbad, Teplice and Dresden	Bathing cure, art, geological excursions
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1813	Journey via Dresden to Teplice	Bathing cure, geological excursions, mining
1814	Bad Berka; trip to the Rhine, Main and Neckar rivers; excursion to Heidelberg	Cure in Bad Berka; Cure in Wiesbaden, including Willemers met
1815	Journey along the Rhine, Main and Neckar, through the Lahn Valley to Cologne	Cure in Wiesbaden, many visits, 'West-Eastern Divan'
1816	Trip to Baden-Baden cancelled; Bad Tennstedt	Turnaround after axle breakage even before Erfurt
1818	Journey via Asch and Franzensbad to Karlsbad	Cure in Karlsbad, including geological excursions
1819	Journey via Asch and Franzensbad to Karlsbad, excursion to Teplice	Cure in Karlsbad, including geological excursions
1820	Journey via Wunsiedel and Eger to Marienbad and Karlsbad, return journey via Asch	Cures in Marienbad and Karlsbad; visited Luisenburg near Alexandersbad and Kammerberg near Eger
1821	Journey via Asch to Marienbad, Stay in Eger	Cure in Marienbad, geological excursions
1822	Travel via Asch to Marienbad, stay in Eger, excursion to Marktredwitz	Cure in Marienbad, geological excursions, glass factory
1823	Journey via Asch to Marienbad and Karlsbad, stays in Eger	Cures in Marienbad and Karlsbad, geological excursions, 'Marienbad Elegy'
1828	Dornburg near Jena	Retreat after death of Duke Carl August
1831	Last trip to Ilmenau, hike to the Kickelhahn	Travelling with the grandchildren