



# ELBE DAY

**65. Jahrestag**

Citizens of the world are invited to  
Torgau, Germany on April 23-25, 2010  
to celebrate Elbe Day

**23.-25. April 2010**

  
**Torgau** Elbe

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The Honorable Ms. Andrea Staude  
Mayor of the District of Torgau

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Mayor of the District of Torgau,

and its citizens  
invite you to join them

Friday, Saturday and Sunday,  
April 23-25, 2010

The Link-Up



April 25, 1945

**ELBE DAY** is the celebration of the 65th Anniversary of East Meets West, the meeting of members of the Russian 58th Guard Division with members of our American 69th Infantry Division.

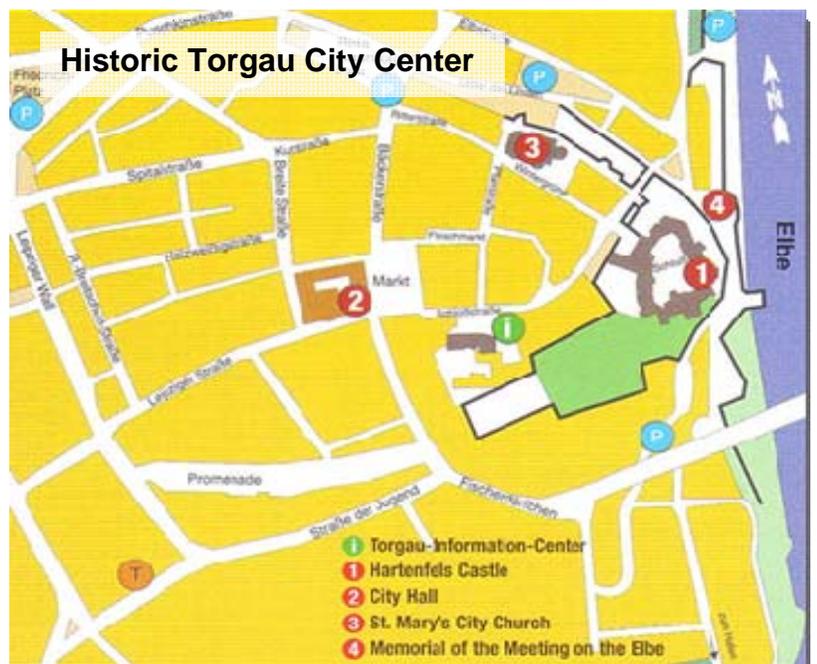
Come to Torgau, Germany, April 23-25, 2010 to celebrate Elbe Day. Events will include reenactments, forums, discussions, music of all kinds, and a good time by all.

Torgau's name derives from old Slavonic "Torgov". Its records reach back to the year 973 A.D. The city is a treasure trove of ancient and modern history, including:

- The Saxon Elector's residence (Ernestine branch)
- Numerous locations where Protestant Reformer Martin Luther labored
- The house where Katherina Luther died
- Sites explaining why Torgau is called "Little Potsdam"
- The Palace of Hartenfels
- St Mary's Church
- Kenntmann House
- Franciscan Friary (established in 1243)



American 69<sup>th</sup> & Russian 58<sup>th</sup> Locked Arm-in-Arm in Torgau, April 1945





- Market Square
- The site of the historic link-up of the American 69th Infantry Division and the Soviet 58th Guards Division on April 25, 1945; and event that hastened the close of World War II and the defeat of the Nazi regime just two weeks later on May 8, 1945 — VE Day.
- American and Soviet monuments to the East Meets West link-up of April 25, 1945.

20,000 people from Torgau, nearby towns and from all over the world are expected to attend and to join with soldiers and family members of the American 69th Infantry Division and the Russian 58th Guards Division.

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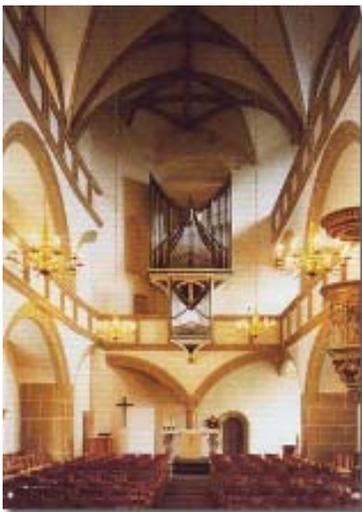
Torgau at war



Torgau Old City today



American monument to the Link-Up, Torgau



Palace Church, Torgau



Soviet monument to the Link-Up, Torgau



St. Mary's Church, Torgau



Katherina Luther, wife of Protestant Reformer Martin Luther, grave plate at St. Mary's