Berlin Kick off in Berlin, the country's capital, and visit the Reichstag, the Brandenburg Gate and Museumsinsel (Museum Island).

S-Bahn 40 mins or train 24 mins to Potsdam

Potsdam The town has several palaces and parks, but the main draw here is Schloss Sanssouci, the private retreat of King Friedrich the Great.

3-4½ hrs to Dresden (from Berlin)

Dresden Frauenkirche is the top attraction here, destroyed during WWII but rebuilt between 1994 and 2005.