

Gold. Treasures at the Deutsche Bundesbank

From 11 April to 30 September 2018, the Money Museum of the Deutsche Bundesbank will be hosting a special exhibition entitled »Gold. Treasures at the Deutsche Bundesbank«.

Gold is a metal which has played a particularly prominent role in the history of coins, money and currencies. For around two-and-a-half thousand years, gold coins were an important part of the monetary systems of nearly all states, and gold still serves an important function as a reserve asset today.

The Deutsche Bundesbank is responsible for the safe-keeping of Germany's gold reserves. With a value of 117 billion euro, they comprised 70 % of the Bundesbank's reserve assets as at the end of 2017. Weighing in at 3,374 tonnes, Germany's gold reserves are the second largest worldwide, after those of the USA. The special exhibition provides an insight into the role played by gold bars in monetary and foreign exchange policy, and explains how they are stored at the Bundesbank. A selection of some of the most noteworthy bars is on display.

Particularly significant and long-lived gold coins from antiquity, the Middle Ages and the modern era form the centrepiece of the exhibition's numismatic section. These are coins which, in their day, had a huge impact on international payments, with monetary and foreign exchange policy revolving around them. In many cases, they influenced coin minting in other countries. Nowadays, the role of gold coins in our everyday lives is limited to collector or commemorative pieces and bullion coins.

Getting here

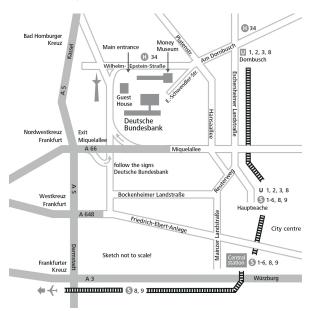
The Money Museum is located on the premises of the Bundesbank's Central Office in the Ginnheim district of Frankfurt.

Public transport from Frankfurt Central Station

Take underground line U4 (direction »Seckbacher Landstrasse«) or U5 (direction »Preungesheim«) to »Willy-Brandt-Platz«; change to lines U1 (direction »Ginnheim«), U2 (direction »Bad Homburg-Gonzenheim«), U3 (direction »Oberursel-Hohemark«) or U8 (direction »Riedberg«) and get off at »Dornbusch«. From there, you can take bus number 34 in the direction of »Gallus/Mönchhofstrasse« and get off at the »Deutsche Bundesbank« stop, or alternatively you can walk 500 meters along the street »Am Dornbusch«.

Getting here by car

Take the A5 motorway to »Nordwestkreuz Frankfurt«, then turn onto the A66 towards »Miquelallee/Stadtmitte«. After taking the exit »Miquelallee«, follow the signs for the Bundesbank. The entrance to the Money Museum is located approximately 100 meters from the Bundesbank's main gate. There are a limited number of visitor parking spaces in front of the museum.



Permanent exhibition

The Money Museum brings the world of money alive with interactive exhibits. How is cash produced? What is book money? How does monetary policy work and what exactly does a central bank do? What role does money play in a globalised world?

These and many more money-related questions are answered with the help of eye-catching and incisive exhibits, appealing installations and more than 80 multimedia stations loaded with games and interactive information. The topics are approached from both a current and a historical perspective.

Accessibility

The Money Museum is accessible for wheelchair users. There is an audio guide for visually impaired visitors. We recommend that you bring someone along to accompany you.

Café and shop

The café serves hot and cold drinks as well as light snacks. Souvenirs and publications can be purchased from the museum shop.

Opening hours

Monday to Friday 9.00 to 17.00

Saturday closed

Sunday 9.00 to 17.00

Admission is free

The exhibition is in German and English.

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