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Erfurt's Jewish-Medieval Heritage was awarded UNESCO World Heritage status in September 2023. The designation encompasses the Old Synagogue, one of the oldest, largest and best-preserved medieval synagogues in Europe, the mikveh ritual bath dating back to the 12th century and a secular Jewish building from the 12th and 13th century known as the Stone House.

They all bear witness to the early blossoming of central European Jewish culture, and to its abrupt end following a wave of pogroms in the middle of the 14th century. These remnants give a fascinating insight into the status, everyday lives and trading relationships of the Jewish inhabitants of central European towns and cities, but also of the threats posed to the Jewish community by conflict, persecution and expulsion.



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Free admission to the city's museums
and the Old Synagogue

UNESCO World Heritage Jewish-Medieval Heritage of Erfurt

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Mon–Sat: 10 am–6 pm
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Old Synagogue

The Old Synagogue, parts of which date back to the 11th century, is the oldest fully intact synagogue in central Europe. In 2009, it became home to a fascinating museum where medieval artefacts originating from Erfurt's Jewish community are on display to the public. The museum's vaulted cellars contain an exhibition of the remarkable Erfurt Treasure.

Address: Waagegasse 8 | 99084 Erfurt

*Museum opening times: Tue–Sun 10 am–6 pm, admission: €8/5**

Accompanying the exhibition, we offer the use of a video guide in German, English, and French free of charge.

Public guided tours of the Old Synagogue (German only)

All year Sat/Sun 10.15 am–11.45 am
(followed by tour of mikveh)

Alternatively: Self-guided tour (with video guide)

Meeting point: Old Synagogue

Price: free (included in admission)

Group tours of Old Synagogue

Available all year round (excl. Mondays)

Price: 60 minutes €110 /
plus admission



* Those eligible for a discount include school-age children, apprentices, students, retirees, and people with disabilities.



Medieval Mikveh

Though a number of early medieval Jewish ritual baths remain in Europe, the one in Erfurt is so far unique in terms of its architecture. Its function as an immersion bath is still clearly evident. You can view the mikveh pool at any time through a window in the top of the protective structure that surrounds it.

Address: Krämerbrücke 7 | 99084 Erfurt

Admission only as part of guided tours.

Public guided tours of the mikveh (German only)

All year Thu/Fri 2–2.45 pm

All year Sat/Sun 11.45 am–12.30 pm

Meeting point: Old Synagogue

Price: free, please make a donation

Group tours of the mikveh

Available all year round

Price: 45 minutes €110



Combined tour of Old Synagogue and mikveh

Available all year round (excl. Mondays)

Price: 2 hours €155 /
plus admission to Old Synagogue



Stone House

The Stone House was constructed around 1200 and remodelled in 1250. With its Gothic architectural features and a coloured wooden ceiling on its upper floor, it represents a remarkable example of a secular medieval building in documented Jewish ownership.

Address: Benediktsplatz 1 (external facade in Rathausgasse) | 99084 Erfurt | Not currently open to the public.

Suggested group tours:

On the trail of Jewish history

Guided tour of the Jewish quarter, incl. Small Synagogue and mikveh

Available all year round (excl. Mondays)

Price: 2 hours €160



Combined tour

Old Synagogue, mikveh and Small Synagogue

Available all year round (excl. Mondays)

Price: 3 hours €200 /
plus admission to Old Synagogue

