

# Travel: Weimar, Germany

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After the bullet holes of Berlin, I was ready for green trees and pink roses. Luckily, I found myself in Weimar, a gorgeous city full of colour. I had always taken nature for granted when at home but at that point, I soaked in every single leaf and bird call as if there was no tomorrow. Weimar is so full of stories that I couldn't possibly uncover them all in the time I was there. A major centre for music and literature, it boasts the homes of Goethe, Schiller and Liszt. If you can, you must wake up at 6 o'clock in the morning, just once, and discover the mist-covered hills that surround the city. It is one of my favourite memories of Europe.

**How to get to Weimar:** As far as I know, Contiki bus tours do not go anywhere near Weimar but it's certainly easy enough to get to. This was easily one of the most enjoyable train rides I've ever been on, so by all means, do the same. Of course, bike and car are always an option.

**Where to stay:** If you want to experience the most fabulous showers on the face of the earth, then stay at Maxim Gorki Jugendgästehaus, which, though rather far from the train station, is completely worth the walk. Other possibilities are available and you can find them at <http://www.eurotrip.com/germany.html> or e-mail [yh@larry.scc.uni-weimar.de](mailto:yh@larry.scc.uni-weimar.de) to book a room at the univer-

sity.

**How to get around:**

Last time I checked, the only means of public transportation was taxi, so prepare yourself for a lot of walking. Walking is such a huge part of travelling anyway that you'll get used to it quickly. Cycling is a good way to get around: traffic is not crazy so you won't be risking your life. The streets are very winding, and it's easy to get lost, so get a good map of the place before you arrive. Otherwise, you may find yourself very frustrated.

**Where to go:** So much to see, so little time! If you should happen to be there in the fall, check out the onion festival.

**Goethe's Summer House:** this beautiful home is in the middle of a too-good-to-be-true park.

**Orangery Belvedere:** check out the huge collection of historic carriages.

**Goethe and Schiller Tomb:** you know you've been dying to see it.

**Liszt's House:** just because.

**Buchenwald:** on a darker note, this site, just outside of the city, was a Nazi concentration camp during the second World War. The irony that such a horrific place could exist in so beautiful an area is overwhelming.

There is much much more to see and do in this wonderful city so take time to enjoy as much of it as you can.

**Tips:** The locals can be very helpful. Feel free to stop anyone and ask for directions, it worked well for me.

# The National Graduate Register (NGR)

**What is the National Graduate Register (NGR)?**

The NGR is an Internet service that aim to match the skills of Canadian post-secondary students and recent graduates to the needs of employers. Job seekers (that's you!) can create a standardized resume that is made available to a national employer audience, search for and apply to more than 20 youth employment programs on-line, as well as browse through job postings and research company and career information. Potential employers can also search the database for qualified candidates, post job openings to select Canadian schools and conduct virtual recruiting campaigns on-line.

**How can I gain access to the NGR?**

All students at UPEI have access to Internet services, therefore, the steps that you need to take to access the NGR are as follows:

1. "Log-on" to the Internet (through Windows).
2. Select the <open> option near the top of the screen.
3. In the space provided, type the following line of text:  
<http://ngr.schoolnet.ca>
4. Ta-Da.! You have gained access to Industry Canada's home page for the NGR.

**Can anyone enter a resume profile in the NGR?**

The NGR is intended for use by students attending a post-secondary institutions (that's you again). Recent graduates (up to three years after graduation) can also file a resume in the NGR. However, if a high school students or graduates want to complete a standardized resume, it is possible by selecting "high school" as their educational institution.

**Why would I want to file my standardized resume in the NGR?**

The NGR is useful in helping students in their search for summer positions, internships, co-op placements or permanent employment in the field of study after graduation. Businesses who have registered with the NGR can access the NGR database to find possible matches for employment positions that they have available.

**Is my personalized profile available to anyone?**

No! Only businesses and institutions that have been issued a password by the NGR can access the detailed information of your file (with the exception of name, address, telephone number, etc.,). Also, if a business wants to contact a candidate they must contact the NGR Centre that in turn, contacts the candidate to make sure that they are available and willing to allow the business to contact them. At that point, the NGR Centre will give the business access to the personal information contained within your file.

**Who pays for the NGR?**

Industry Canada provides the money to develop the NGR and also to finance its operation for the first two years. After that, it is hoped that by collecting user fees from the businesses that use the service, the NGR will become self-sufficient -> that means that there is no cost for students (that's good)!

**Who am I?**

My name is Erin McCrady and I am the NGR representative for U.P.E.I. and Holland College. I am a full-time student here at UPEI and in my spare time I am available to help you learn more about the NGR. I will be writing more articles to put in the newspaper that can help you find employment on-line, holding information sessions at various times through-out the year, and conducting "hands-on" sessions (for groups and individuals) where I can help people through the NGR process. My goal, in line with that of the NGR, is to help all of you find employment on-line. If you have any questions or would like to make an appointment for help registering in the NGR, please do not hesitate to contact me by e-mail at: [jmccrady@upei.ca](mailto:jmccrady@upei.ca) or at the Career Development Centre (located within Student Development), phone number 628-4358.