Welcome to the Heart Center Leipzig!

Information brochure
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Key figures for the Heart Center*

| 18,088       | (Quasi-) in-patients |
| 3,788        | Pre-admission patients |
| 22,009       | Outpatients |
| 7,505        | Surgical procedures |
| 9,714        | Catheterizations |
| 1,990        | right heart catheterizations |
| 7,724        | left heart catheterizations |
| 2,016        | Catheter ablations |
| 1,771        | Pacemaker surgeries |
| 28,742       | Echocardiographies |
| 4,515        | Transesophageal echocardiographies |
| 1,450        | Employees |
| 440          | Beds |
| 10           | Outpatient beds |

* Data from 2015
Welcome to the Heart Center’s Department of Cardiac Surgery

Each year over 6,000 patients undergo cardiac surgery in our division, which performs the entire spectrum of cardiac surgical procedures in both adults and children. In addition to coronary artery, aortic, and heart valve diseases, we treat all forms of heart failure and rhythm disorders.

The department, headed by Professor Dr. , is a leading international center in the field of minimally invasive cardiac surgery. We not only perform valve surgery using a minimally invasive approach but also perform coronary artery bypass graft surgery through a small incision. In addition, our center also performs off-pump or beating-heart coronary artery bypass graft surgery, which circumvents the use of a heart-lung-machine. Avoiding the use of the heart-lung-machine in case of bypass surgery and performing surgery through a small incision reduces the risk of infection, scarring, and trauma and shortens recovery times.

With respect to mitral valve surgery, our focus continues to be on procedures meant to spare and preserve the native valve since better long-term results can be expected in comparison to valve replacement.

Furthermore, our heart and lung transplantation program makes Heart Center Leipzig one of the five largest transplant centers in Germany and we have one of the world’s largest programs for implanting ventricular assist devices (VADS).

We understand that heart surgery can often be very traumatic and stressful for those affected. We have tried to address the apprehensions and stress, which our patients have, by creating modern and pleasant surroundings to provide them with an amiable environment. Additionally, our health care personnel make every effort to ensure that each patient’s hospital stay is as comfortable as possible.

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Range of therapies offered by the Department of Cardiac Surgery:

- Coronary artery bypass graft surgery, with emphasis on total arterial revascularization, “beating heart” surgery, minimally invasive direct coronary artery bypass graft surgery (MIDCAB) as well as minimally invasive multi-vessel coronary artery bypass graft surgery.
- Heart valve surgery with a focus on valve-preserving techniques to achieve valve repairs and minimally invasive approaches to promote early recovery
- Surgeries for all congenital heart diseases
- Thoracic and thoraco-abdominal aortic surgery, including emergency procedures for aortic dissections and/or ruptures
- Heart failure surgery
- Heart and Lung transplant surgery
- Mechanical circulatory support
- Arrhythmia surgery, pacemaker implantation
- Defibrillator implantation
Welcome to the Department of Cardiology

The Department of Cardiology at Heart Center Leipzig specializes in the treatment of a broad spectrum of heart ailments. Each year we treat approximately 12,000 in-patients and 20,000 out-patients. Our expertise lies in the diagnosis and treatment of coronary artery disease (ischemic heart disease) and acute myocardial infarction (heart attack). The range of our services also encompasses the complex treatment of patients with chronic vascular occlusion, heart failure, cardiac arrhythmia, pulmonary arterial hypertension, and congenital heart disease. For many years now we have been dedicated to research and treatment of structural heart diseases such as various types of heart valve defects.

Together with the team of cardiac surgeons, we have developed treatment strategies tailored to optimally fit our patients. In addition, our repertoire of invasive procedures includes closure of atrial and ventricular septal defects, patent foramen ovale and atrial appendage occlusions to treat atrial fibrillation, as well as heart muscle biopsies.

In order to perform diagnoses and treatments, sophisticated, state-of-the-art medical technology is available to our internationally renowned and highly specialized team of physicians under the leadership of the clinic’s director, Prof. Dr. med. ... The clinic boasts three very modern cardiac catheterization labs and two hybrid operating rooms with integrated cardiac catheterization facilities. Moreover, intensive collaboration with all in-house clinics and departments enables us to provide integrated and tightly coordinated medical care.

Non-invasive diagnostic procedures are performed in our out-patient cardiology clinic in a modern yet functional setting. In addition, we also have a university-affiliated out-patient clinic and a number of out-patient specialty practices that are affiliated with our out-patient clinic. Our Chest Pain Unit is open 24 hours a day and directly connected to our emergency room and the cardiology intensive care units. If admission to the hospital is necessary, the patient is admitted either to the modern hospital ward or to the specialized intensive care unit. We also have out-patient beds connected with the cardiac catheterization laboratory.

The Department of Cardiology is involved in the treatment of:

- Coronary artery disease
- Acute myocardial infarction, angina pectoris
- Chronic ischemic heart disease
- Interventional treatment of Left main stem disease
- Interventional treatment of long lesions
- High blood pressure/hypertensive heart disease
- Heart valve defects
- Patent foramen ovale (PFO)
- Atrial and ventricular septal defects
- Heart failure
- Pulmonary arterial hypertension
- Cardiac arrhythmia/atrial fibrillation
- Endocarditis
- Cardiomyopathy
- Congenital heart diseases in adults
Welcome to the Department of Pediatric Cardiology

Congenital heart diseases in patients of all ages, from premature babies to adults, are treated in the department of Pediatric Cardiology at Heart Center Leipzig. This includes treating heart diseases and arrhythmias acquired during childhood. Because of our individualized approach towards each patient and our team expertise, we are able to successfully offer our patients, both young and grown, to have a longer life — and more importantly a “normal” life.

This is achieved by our team of specialists including pediatric cardiologists, neonatologists, pediatric anesthesiologists, pediatric cardiac surgeons, pediatric nurses and physiotherapists that are available round the clock. Special expertise is offered in the areas of pediatric cardiac surgery, interventions involving catheterization, intensive care therapy, non-invasive imaging, electrophysiology and out-patient care.

In close cooperation with the department of Cardiology, our certified, regional center for congenital heart disease in adults provides in-patient and out-patient care for adult patients with congenital heart defects.

Our department is also affiliated with a research department that contributes to the development of new techniques and procedures to better help those affected in the future. In addition to giving the best possible treatment, our work also focuses on providing individualized care that closely involves parents and other family members. This allows parents to accompany their child during the course of the hospital stay. Long visiting hours in the intensive and recovery rooms are meant to make the hospital stay as pleasant as possible for patients and their families.

The Department of Pediatric Cardiology has been under the leadership of Professor Dr. Ingo Dähnert since 2010.

Our department is a member of the competence network for congenital heart disease and has been officially certified as being excellent for children.

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The Department of Pediatric Cardiology is specialized in:

- Pediatric cardiac surgery
- Pediatric cardiac intensive care
- Catheterization interventions
- Electrophysiology
- Echocardiography
- CT and MRI
Welcome to the Department of Electrophysiology

The Department of Electrophysiology at Heart Center Leipzig is one of the world’s largest in this specialized field. Staffed by an experienced international team under the leadership of Professor Dr. Gerhard Hindricks, our department offers the complete spectrum of diagnostic and therapeutic procedures for congenital and acquired cardiac arrhythmias.

We offer all possible therapies for the large variety of arrhythmias that patients present with. One therapeutic procedure that our department focuses on is catheter ablation, meaning targeted destruction of diseased heart muscle tissue.

Highly specialized imaging procedures enable both, diagnostic and non-invasive treatment procedures of cardiac arrhythmias. Besides interventions involving catheterization, the implantation of pacemakers and defibrillators has also been established as treatment for arrhythmia and heart failure. Our department performs more than 2,000 catheter ablations, more than 800 pacemakers, 300 defibrillators, and approximately 300 devices implanted for heart failure each year. We have also specialized in the removal of infected or defective devices and electrodes since the past three years. In addition, each year brings novel technologies and approaches that we are able to use even in their early phases, thus benefiting our patients.

In the out-patient clinic of our department, we offer consultation on a broad range of issues. There are special consultations available for pregnant women, athletes, patients with congenital heart disease and for those with a family history of sudden cardiac death. We also provide care for patients with pacemakers and defibrillators via remote monitoring. If there are any abnormalities in heart rhythm, the concerned patient can be contacted, advised per telephone and, if needed, called in for a check-up.

The treatments and services provided by the Department of Electrophysiology include:

- AVNRT ablation, WPW syndrome, atrial flutter, EAT
- Ablation for atrial flutter
- Ablation for ventricular extrasystoles (VES) and ventricular tachycardia
- Renal denervation as concomitant therapy
- Cardiac imaging using CMR
- Cardiac resynchronization therapy (CRT)
- Subcutaneous ICD
- Sensor extraction
- Event recording
- Home monitoring
- Cardiac contractility modulation
- Wireless pacemakers
- Special consultations (genetics, pregnancy, athletics, cardiac arrhythmias, artificial pacemakers and defibrillators)
- Cardiac MRI

Contact information of the Department of Electrophysiology

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Welcome to the Department for Structural Heart Disease

Improving medical care for older patients with structural diseases of the heart, including the heart’s valves, is a central goal of our Department for Structural Heart Disease – the only one of its kind in Germany.

With an ageing population in Germany there is an increase in typical age-associated problems, including those that affect the heart. This is seen, for instance, when calcified heart valves can no longer carry out their vital function and cause symptoms such as shortness of breath, dizziness and even fainting spells. One of the major treatment options for severely calcified heart valves – particularly the aortic valve – is valve replacement.

Surgery, however, is associated with high risks, especially for patients with a history of multiple age-related health problems. For these patients there is a possibility of replacing the heart valve using a catheter-based intervention through an artery in the groin, a procedure known as TAVI.

A special feature of catheter-assisted valve replacement at the Heart Center Leipzig is that it is performed by a cardiologist and a cardiac surgeon working together in an interdisciplinary “Heart Team”. The same is the case for interventional mitral valve procedures such as implantation of MitraClips.

Such a team can provide thorough and in-depth information to patients’ queries regarding diagnostic procedures, particular interventions and post-surgical care more deeply and thoroughly. Additionally, this department, with its own specially equipped ward and nursing staff, is able to meet unique patient requirements and can ensure a high level of quality and safety. Our Department for Structural Heart Disease is a part of the Divisions of Cardiac Surgery and Cardiology.

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Welcome to the 
Department of Radiology

With its physicians and radiology technicians, our Department for Diagnostic and Interventional Radiology is available round the clock for in-patients, out-patients and emergencies coming to and from the Heart Center and Park Hospital. Imaging procedures enable us to identify diseases or pathologies in other organ systems of the body without invasive interventions and thereby allows diagnostic procedures and therapies to be conducted in close cooperation with the other departments and hospitals.

Under the leadership of Professor Dr. Matthias Gutberlet, the Radiology Department conducts about 100,000 examinations per year, of which approximately 15,000 are performed using computer tomography (CT) and 5,000 with magnetic resonance imaging (MRI).

A particular focus of the department of Radiology is on non-invasive diagnosis of cardiovascular diseases in a tight-knit cooperation with the departments of Cardiac Surgery, Cardiology, Pediatric Cardiology, and Angiology and Vascular Surgery. Our state-of-the-art CT and MRI machines allow three-dimensional imaging of the beating heart and optimal imaging of the heart and coronary vessels without need of invasive catheterization. Furthermore, our department is particularly specialized in diagnosing inflammatory processes in the body, characterizing heart muscle tissue and identifying congenital heart disorders. Our department is a project leader in the competency network for congenital heart defects.

Our Radiology Department is part of the University of Leipzig's Medical School and provides for teaching and research in the area of cardiac imaging.

The Radiology Department’s specialization includes:

• Conventional X-rays and angiography: use radiation to capture images of the body and vessels, respectively. The latter requires the administration of an iodine-containing contrast agent.
• Computer tomography (CT)/Multi-detector computed tomography (MDCT): also use radiation to capture images of organs, but in contrast to conventional X-rays, the images are three-dimensional.
• Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI): uses a strong magnetic field to capture images of organs. No radiation is used during this procedure. Three-dimensional imaging of the organs and vessels, similar to CT scan images, is possible.

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Welcome to the Department of Anesthesiology

The Anesthesiology Department at Heart Center Leipzig is not just responsible for putting patients to sleep during surgery, but also plays an active role in preparing patients for surgery, monitoring the cardiovascular system during the procedure and post-operative patient care, including the administration of pain therapy. Due to its wide-ranging roles and responsibilities, the members of our department of anesthesiology actively provide care in the surgical intensive care units.

A total of nine operating rooms, which includes the pediatric cardiac operating room, are served by the department, which is headed by Dr. Jörg Ender. Our specially trained pediatric cardiac anesthesiologists, apart from the pediatric cardiac surgeons, play a very important role in the tremendous success of our surgical team that treats children.

Total intravenous anesthesia (TIVA), as well as the heart-lung machine, is used for surgeries. For quick interventions and surgeries without the heart-lung machine, a combination of inhalational anesthetics or very briefly working opioids can be used.

Our anesthesiologists perform minute-to-minute monitoring of patients during surgery using various gadgets that not only measure the patient’s vital functions, but also assess other important parameters involving the circulatory system, the lungs, kidneys, liver, and brain activity. Our anesthesiologists also have expertise in intraoperative transesophageal echocardiography that helps assess both, the pump function of the heart and the structure of its valves. It is particularly invaluable in evaluating the quality and adequacy of heart valve repairs before the patient leaves the operating room. Furthermore, our anesthesiology department has developed the concept of “fast track” anesthesiology by keeping the phases of anesthesia and artificial respiration to a minimum. This enables very early separation of the patients from the ventilator (breathing machine), thereby, avoiding intensive care unit stay and early mobilization.

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The specialties and services provided by the Department of Anesthesiology include:

• Fast-track anesthesia and immediate post-operative care in the postoperative anesthesia care unit (PACU)
• Autologous blood transfusion (Patient’s own blood donation)
• Post-operative pain therapy
• Peri-operative echocardiography
• Pediatric cardiac anesthesia
Expertise in Intensive Medicine at Heart Center Leipzig

Ensuring the highest level of intensive medical care is an essential feature of our super-specialty hospital.

The intensive care unit and intermediate care ward (step-down unit) under the department of Cardiology have a total of 52 beds making it one of the largest of its kind in Germany.

The Heart Center’s Chest Pain Unit for outpatients is logistically and functionally closely associated with the cardiology intensive care unit.

We have 2 postoperative cardiovascular intensive care units (CVICU) under the department of cardiac surgery.

CVICU-1 (26 beds) provides early postoperative care for high-risk patients and for those undergoing highly complex operations, whereas CVICU-2 (20 beds) takes care of patients that require intensive care therapy for longer periods of time. All our ICUs offer the complete spectrum of diagnostic and interventional procedures in intensive care medicine, including invasive and non-invasive respiration, nitric oxide (NO) therapy, in-depth hemodynamic monitoring, pacemaker therapy, continuous renal and hepatic replacement therapy, and mechanical assist systems such as balloon pumps, extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO) and ventricular assist devices (VAD).

Another special feature of the Heart Center is its transplant ward called IC-B.

It is specifically aimed to meet the needs of patients with severe heart failure who require a heart or lung transplant or VADs. These patients receive pre- and post-operative care (after CVICU stay) from a specially trained team of nurses, physiotherapists, psychologists and physicians—cardiac surgeons and cardiologists—who have expertise in the management of heart failure patients.

For our youngest patients, we have the specialized pediatric intensive and intermediate care units, where newborns and infants receive ICU care in heated beds with complete monitoring capability from a specialized team of doctors and nurses who have acquired expertise in the management of neonates, infants and children.

Access to the child is possible from all sides allowing medical and nursing staff to perform very specific examinations. Beds that can be raised and lowered enable quick, optimal care, even for older children. There is constant monitoring of heart activity, respiration, blood pressure, and when necessary artificial respiration. Any potential complications can be identified immediately and treated.

Nursing

Specialized clinic

Contact information of Intensive Care units

The intensive care department can be reached by calling the main reception desk.

Telephone: +49 341 865-0

Specialist medical facility

Nursing
The Heart Center has the following specialties in outpatient care:

- **Chest Pain Unit**
  Our certified Chest Pain Unit guarantees round-the-clock immediate care for all patients with acute chest pain. No appointment or referral is necessary. Certified by the German Cardiac Society (DKG)
  24-hour hotline: +49 341 865-252222

- **Cardiac Surgery Outpatient Care**
  Necessary pre-surgery diagnostics prior to admission, clarification of indications for surgery and surgical procedures, particularly for patients with heart valve defects and aortic diseases.

- **Transplant Outpatient Care**
  Medical care is provided for patients with advanced heart failure and patients on the list to receive a heart transplant and those who have undergone a heart transplant.

- **VAD Outpatient Care**
  Medical care is provided for patients with artificial hearts or ventricular assist devices that are used either as a bridge to transplant (time until a donor heart is available for transplant), or as a bridge to recovery (time required for the heart pump function to recover in certain very specific diseases) or as a destination therapy (VAD is used to assist the heart permanently in patients that are not candidates for heart transplant).

- **Marfan Outpatient Care**
  Medical care is provided for patients with Marfan’s or Marfan-like syndrome who, as a result of the congenital connective tissue disorders, have a diseased aorta and/or aortic and/or mitral valves.
  Appointments: Telephone: +49 341 865-1021

- **Cardiology Outpatient Clinic**
  Medical care is provided for patients with heart valve disease, coronary artery disease, heart muscle disorders, hypertension or heart failure.

- **Hypertension Outpatient Clinic**
  Medical care is provided for patients with therapy-refractory high blood pressure, particularly patients under the age of 30.

- **Psychocardiology Outpatient Clinic**
  Psychocardiological care: psychological counseling of patients with congenital heart disease, VAD or heart transplant.
  Appointments for the Cardiology Outpatient Clinic, Hypertension Outpatient Clinic, and Psychocardiology Outpatient Clinic: Telephone: +49 341 865-1418

- **Cardiology consultations for privately insured patients**
  For patients with private (non-government) medical insurance
  Appointments:
  Telephone: +49 341 865-1428, -1471

- **Outpatient care for patients with pulmonary hypertension**
  Medical care for patients with pulmonary hypertension
  Appointments:
  Telephone: +49 341 865-1370

- **Outpatient care for heart failure**
  Tightly coordinated medical care is provided for patients with all known forms of heart failure (cardiac insufficiency).
  Appointments:
  Telephone: +49 341 865-2096

- **Electrophysiology Outpatient Care**
  Medical care is provided for patients with arrhythmias, including special consultations for pregnant women with arrhythmias, and consultations regarding genetics and sports medicine.
  Appointments: Telephone: +49 341 865-1590

- **Artificial pacemaker and ICD outpatient care for patients with pacemaker and defibrillator implants.**
  Appointments: Telephone: +49 341 865-1078

- **Outpatient care for adults with congenital heart disease**
  Medical care for patients with chronic cardiac disease, especially complex, severe and infrequent heart defects at different ages.

- **Pediatric Cardiology Outpatient Care**
  Medical care is provided for children with congenital heart disease and arrhythmias and adults with congenital heart disease.
  Appointments: Telephone: +49 0341 865-1035
Nursing care – empathetic and professionally qualified

The goal of our nursing staff is to supervise and support the convalescence of the patients entrusted to our care. To achieve this, highly qualified and motivated employees are always present for our patients throughout the Heart Center. Every patient is cared for and treated according to his or her personal needs. The basis for this is found not only in the current nursing guidelines and their daily implementation, but also in showing respect for human dignity and engaging in mutual trust.

Family members have access to patients at all times. If desired, they can also play an active role in providing care.

Hospital admission
Patients come to the Heart Center at all hours, either electively with doctors’ referrals or urgently/emergently as acute transfers from other referral centers. Depending upon the urgency, patients are admitted to the hospital through its day clinic or the emergency room that is connected to the intensive care unit.

Day Clinic
All the examinations required for outpatient evaluation of patients or for those requiring hospital admission, such laboratory tests, ECG, echocardiography, and pulmonary function tests, are carried out here.

Day Clinic Beds
Beds are available in the day clinic for patients undergoing cardiac catheterization so that patients can be monitored following the procedure before discharge on the same day.

Intensive care units/recovery rooms
After surgical procedures on the heart or in the case of severe cardiovascular problems, patients in the ICUs are cared for by specialized nursing professionals, who monitor the patients clinically through personal contact and through numerous parameters recorded by the sophisticated monitoring equipment. The nursing staff always makes an effort to create an atmosphere in which our patients and their families can feel as comfortable as possible.

Wards
Nursing personnel in the wards give general and specific care, as well as coordinate and assist with diagnostic and therapeutic procedures. In order to mobilize our patients as quickly as possible, active nursing care that involves the patient in nursing tasks is a pillar of our professional medical care.
Service – personal and individualized

Along with top-class medical and nursing care, the Heart Center also offers a lot more in terms of service and makes every hospital stay a personal one. For this purpose there are a range of treatment and service options available that contribute to a comfortable and pleasant stay. These options are classified into medical therapies and non-medical services with each patient having the option of choosing what they wish to receive. Patients are either billed directly or the costs are covered by private/additional medical insurance.

Choice of treating physician
Patients have the right to choose their treating physician(s) (including the head of department) from each of the medical departments involved in the patient’s care at an additional cost.

Elective non-medical services
These utilities encompass everything associated with accommodation and guest services. The accommodation of a companion is also possible upon request.

Accommodation
- Pleasantly furnished single or double-bed rooms
- Hair dryer, bathrobe, full set of towels
- Selection of body-care products
- Mini-bar and safe

Culinary extras
- Selection of alcohol-free beverages
- Fresh fruit daily
- Varied, a la carte dining each day
- Afternoon coffee & cake each day

Communication
- Telephone and flat-screen television, Sky TV, DVD player
- Free use of our fax machine
- Daily newspaper and magazines
- Free internet access

Service
- Personal attention from our service assistants and our services manager
- Admission formalities are carried out in the patient’s hospital room
- Free laundry service
- Fresh set of towels daily

Guest apartments
Directly behind the hospital complex is a modern apartment building in which guests or family members can rent rooms. Apartment reservations can be made by contacting the Heart Center’s reception desk.

· Messenger service for errands, daily change of bed sheets upon request
· Taxi service for distances up to 50 kilometers

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At the heart of Leipzig

The Heart Center is located in the south-east of Leipzig. This Saxon metropolis is among the most dynamic German cities. Its more than 570,000 inhabitants value the city’s compactness, the many parks and green belts, and the highly diverse cultural programs.

Leipzig’s symphony hall, the “Gewandhaus zu Leipzig”, attracts music lovers from all over the world; art collectors come here searching for paintings by the artists of the Leipzig School; business people come here to visit many trade fairs.

Over the course of its 1,000-year history, many famous people have lived in or visited Leipzig, some of the most famous among them being Martin Luther, Johann S. Bach, J. W. Goethe, and Napoleon. This history lives on even today in some of the city’s most visited sights such as the Church of St. Thomas and Auerbach’s Keller.

Leipzig is closely associated with the peaceful revolution of 1989; people all over the world saw pictures of the mass demonstrations demanding freedom and change. After 1990 a period of great transformation began. Historical buildings and covered malls were painstakingly restored; shops, restaurants and cafés now draw many to stroll through and tarry in Leipzig’s city center and surrounding neighborhoods. Large industrial complexes, such as Porsche and BMW, coupled with internationally active research institutes, universities and other institutions of higher education keep Leipzig’s heart young and dynamic.

Directions on how to find us

Via car:
coming from Berlin, Munich, Halle or Dresden or the greater Leipzig area:
• A38 exit at “Leipzig Südost” in the direction of Leipzig
• S38 to Probstheida
• Turn right at the intersection of the Prager-/Chemnitzer-/Bockstraße onto Bockstraße
• Take the first exit at the round-about to enter Strümpellstraße and then follow the signs to Herzzentrum

coming from Leipzig city center:
• Turn left from Prager Straße onto Nieritzstraße
• Take the second exit at the round-about to enter Strümpellstraße and then follow the signs

Via public transport:
• Take tram line 15 in the direction of Meusdorf and get off at Probstheida
• From there, take bus 76 to its final stop “Herzzentrum”