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the mystic and theosophist
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most famous son.*

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PLACES OF HIS LIFE

Three places of manual and spiritual creation

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① **Dwelling house** in the suburbs on the Neisse River (Neiße vorstadt), purchased on August 21, 1599: After considerable damages, the house located in Zgorzelec was rebuilt in 1870/1871. It accommodates a Jacob Böhme exhibition today.

② **His second residence:** This house, also situated at the eastern banks of the Neisse River, was purchased by Jacob Böhme on June 22, 1610. It had to give way to the new Old Town Bridge in 1905.

③ **Lower Market (Untermarkt) cobbler bench:** For thirteen years, Jacob Böhme offered shoes for sale here, manufactured by his own hands. In 1613, he sold the cobbler bench and started earning his living by trading activities.

CONTROVERSIAL PLACES

Competition Law and the Struggle for Freedom of Expression

④ **Historical flights of stairs at the City Hall:** Jacob Böhme was summoned several times, so he had to enter the Town Hall, walking up the famous Renaissance stairways, passing the column of Lady Justice. Until 1623, those hearings were related to his work and to the numerous disputes with the tanners. Later, it was his manuscripts that started to attract the attention of Justice and Church.

Courtyard of the Town Hall/Court Oriel: On July 26, 1613, Jacob Böhme was arrested. The high priest Gregor Richter had reported him to the authorities because of his manuscript "Die Morgenröte im Aufgang" or "Aurora" ("The rising of Dawn" or "Aurora"). On March 26, 1624, after having published his work "Der Weg zu Christo" ("The Way to Christ"), Böhme had to defend himself against the accusation of having infringed an earlier prohibition to write.



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PLACES OF CONTEMPLATION

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Between Heaven and Earth, Belief and Science

⑤ **Main Parish Church St. Peter and Paul:** It was here, that he got married on May 10, 1599, and it was here, that his four sons were baptised. But it was also in St. Peter's Church, that the dispute with the clergy became obvious. A sermon by the priest Gregor Richter, who bashed the theosophist's manuscripts, initiated the long-term conflict between Böhme and the Church.

⑥ **Number 4 Peter's Street (Peterstraße 4):** Bartholomäus Scultetus, who lived in the burgher house and brewery in number 4 Peter's Street, played an important role in the life of Jacob Böhme. As a Mayor, he appeased the conflict with the Church. As an astronomer and manufacturer of maps and calenders, he influenced the spiritual-creative process of Jacob Böhme and can be regarded as one of his supporters. Today, his dwelling house presents one of the city's most beautiful accessible inner courtyards.

PLACES OF MEMORY

Görlitz takes you back to the times of Jacob Böhme

⑦ **Upperlusatian Library of Sciences:** Together with the International Jacob-Böhme-Association, the library is considered to be a unique research centre.

⑧ **Jacob Böhme's tomb in St. Nicholas' Cemetery (Nikolaifriedhof):** Several tomb slabs were donated by the Upperlusatian Academy of Science and by American Böhme followers.

⑨ **VINO E CULTURA:** The restaurant is located in one of the most beautiful and most important hall houses of the historic Old Town of Görlitz and presents prints of Böhme's works in one of its rooms.

⑩ **Jacob Böhme Monument:** The monument in the Park of Peace is one of the numerous interpretations of the only available descriptions of Böhme's former biographer!

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