



BLUE WONDER

In a way the bridge “Blue Wonder” looks like the Eiffel Tower. But the Eiffel Tower isn’t blue and it is standing up-right.

The similarity is not a coincidence: The Blue Wonder (Blaues Wunder) is from the same age. On July 15th 1893 the originally green bridge was opened, although the people back then didn’t really trust the new technology of the suspension bridge that combined the two villages of Loschwitz and Blasewitz. Doubtful faces can be seen on the picture taken at the weight test with carriages and brave citizens.

The bridge passed the test – just the color changed with the time: it turned blue. The citizens fastly renamed the bridge – originally named after the Saxon King Albert – to its still-known nickname: blue wonder. By the way: until 1921 the crossing of the 920 feet long bridge demanded a fee: Pedestrians, bicyclers, trolley guests, chicken and geese had to pay 2 pence to cross the river...