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The brewpub “Bayerischer Bahnhof” in Houston’s German Sister City Leipzig: One of Leipzig’s famous monuments is the “Bayerischer Bahnhof” (Bavarian Railway Station). Built in 1842, the world’s oldest terminus has been the starting point for a flourishing trade in the region. The Italian-style classical building is facing south and was forming Leipzig’s gate to Bavaria: Nuremberg and Munich. Today Leipzig in Saxony is one of Germany’s most important centers of trade shows and fairs, books, music and education. Now the “Bayerischer Bahnhof” is the scenic stage for culinary delights and the house-brewed original beer specialty, the “Leipziger Gose”. As the name implies, the “Gose” originates from the German town of Goslar in the Harz Mountains. According to the legend, the Emperor Otto III. enjoyed it very much already in 996. In an official document, the Gose beer was mentioned first in 1470. Finally in 1738, Prince Leopold I. of Anhalt-Dessau brought the Gose beer to Leipzig, because he did not like the local beer. He made sure, that Leipzig’s pubs got the permit to pour out-of-town brewed beer. Under Napoleon’s Continental System the Gose beer supply to Leipzig was blocked. That’s why the first Gose brewery in Leipzig was founded – and the “Leipziger Gose” was born. The Gose beer is a sparkling tartish and slightly salty top-fermented beer. The brewmaster Matthias Richter himself guides brewery tours and holds brewseminars. The “Leipziger Gose” is either served straight or with a caraway schnaps – or more “women-friendly” with cherry brandy. In any case the old saying still applies today: “ If you haven’t had your Gose you haven’t been to Leipzig.” Leipzig is part of our **German Beer Crawl**.
<http://www.bayerischer-bahnhof.de>

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