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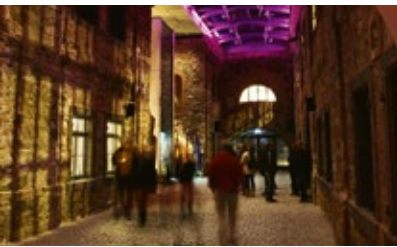
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Speyer Cathedral



Porta Nigra

UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE IN RHINELAND-PALATINATE

Wherever you travel in Rhineland-Palatinate, you will find extraordinary buildings, beautiful landscapes and living history.

In Rhineland-Palatinate you can discover no less than seven UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Speyer Cathedral; the Roman monuments, the Cathedral and the Church of Our Lady in Trier; the Upper Middle Rhine Valley and the Upper Germanic-Raetian Limes and, since 2021, the SchUM sites of Speyer, Worms and Mainz, Bad Ems among the famous spa towns in Europe, as well as the Lower Germanic Limes.

SPEYER CATHEDRAL

This impressive building is beyond all dimensions: It is the world's largest preserved Romanesque church, its crypt represents the largest European portico, and its ground plan influenced Romanesque architecture throughout Central Europe.

www.dom-zu-speyer.de

ROMAN MONUMENTS, CATHEDRAL AND CHURCH OF OUR LADY IN TRIER

Roman bridge, Porta Nigra, Imperial and Barbara Baths, remains of the city fortifications, amphitheatre, palace hall – in Trier, Germany's oldest city, you will feel taken back to Roman times.

www.trier.de, www.kulturerleben.rlp.de, www.zentrum-der-antike.de

CULTURAL LANDSCAPE OF THE UPPER MIDDLE RHINE VALLEY

Fairy-tale castles, proud palaces and mighty fortresses crowd the Middle Rhine Valley. Coupled with breath-taking views and a unique landscape, the spectacular monuments make the 70-kilometre route between Bingen and Koblenz a very special experience.

www.romantischer-rhein.de, www.tor-zum-welterbe.de



Cultural landscape Upper Middle Rhine Valley



Limes

UPPER GERMANIC-RAETIAN LIMES

With a length of 550 kilometres, the Upper Germanic-Rhaetian Limes is the longest monument in Europe. Its forts, watchtowers, walls and palisades demarcated the former Roman world power from free, “barbarian” Germania.

www.gdke.rlp.de

WORLD HERITAGE BAD EMS – GREAT SPA TOWNS OF EUROPE

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www.badems-nassau.info

LOWER GERMANIC LIMES

2,000 years ago, a 385-kilometre-long section of the outer border of the Roman Empire ran through the Netherlands, North Rhine-Westphalia and Rhineland-Palatinate. Remagen, as the Rhineland-Palatinate partner of the Lower Germanic Limes, is delighted about the UNESCO award.

www.gdke.rlp.de

SCHUM SITES OF SPEYER, WORMS AND MAINZ

SchUM – that is what Jews called the important Jewish communities of Speyer, Worms and Mainz. The unique monuments preserved there, synagogues, women’s synagogues and mikvahs, bear witness to the creative power and the immense importance of these Jewish communities.

www.schumstaedte.de, www.gdke.rlp.de



Inventory player grave



Plunge pool of the mikveh



Roman spring Bad EMS

EXPERIENCING CULTURE

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Regular tours during the season as well as individual group tours

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FÜHRUNG IM WAFFENROCK, Ehrenbreitstein Fortress, Koblenz

DIE AKTE HUMFREY (THE HUMFREY FILE), Ehrenbreitstein Fortress, Koblenz

SCHLOSSGEFLÜSTER, Bürresheim Castle, Mayen

MIT BRUDER ORTLIEB UNTERWEGS AUF DEM MÖNCHSWEG

VON ANNWEILER ZUR BURG TRIFELS, Annweiler

DER GLADIATOR VALERIUS, Amphitheatre, Trier

DAS GEHEIMNIS DER PORTA NIGRA, Porta Nigra, Trier

CULTURAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMME

for children and young adults at the castles and palaces

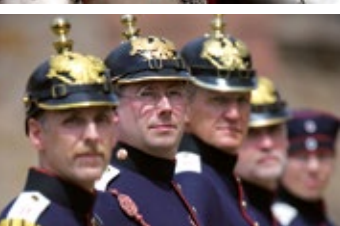
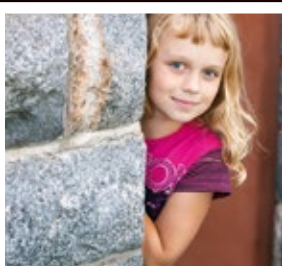
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SPECIAL EXHIBITIONS, INTERACTIVE PROGRAMME

and museum education offers for children and young adults

State Museums of Koblenz, Mainz, Trier

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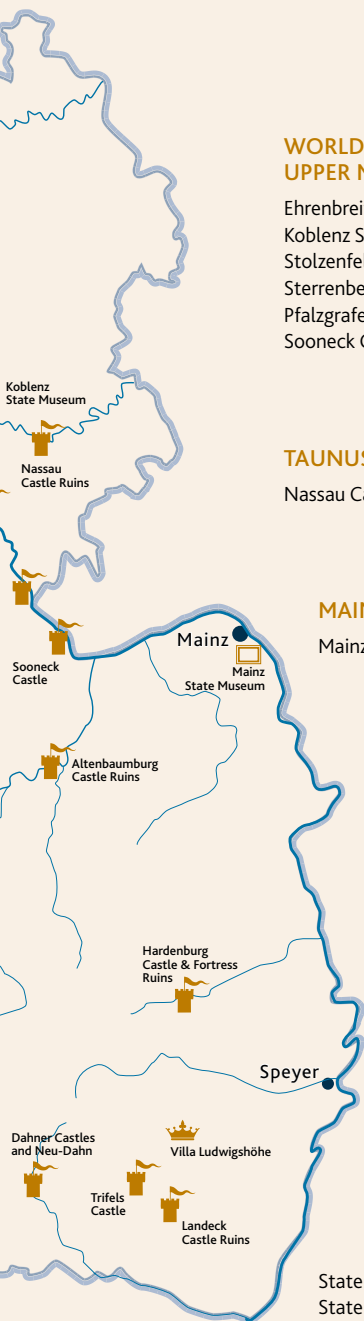
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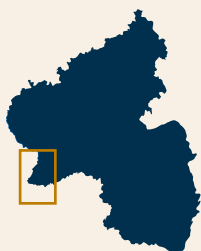


Porta Nigra
Kaiserthermen
Amphitheatre
Barbarathermen
Thermal Baths at the Viehmarkt
Rhine State Museum Trier

Kastel ●

Hermit's Cell Kastel ●

Saarland



TRIER – THE SECOND ROME – CENTRE OF THE ANCIENT WORLD IN GERMANY



TRIER
ZENTRUM DER ANTIKE

In Trier every step takes you to sites providing testimony of its ancient history. Nowhere else in Germany can the Roman era still be that authentically experienced: Porta Nigra, Barbarathermen, Amphitheater and Kaiserthermen are all UNESCO world heritage sites. And in the Rhine State Museum Trier – one of the most important archaeological museums of Germany – world famous findings of Roman times are waiting to be discovered.

ANTIKNENCARD – DISCOVERING TRIER AT AN ATTRACTIVE PRICE

The ANTIKNENCARD provides great value discovery and exploration in Trier at a discounted price. ANTIKNENCARD BASIC allows entry to two of Trier's Roman buildings of your choice as well as to the Rhine State Museum Trier. With ANTIKNENCARD PREMIUM, you can visit the four Roman buildings (Porta Nigra, Amphitheatre, Kaiserthermen and Thermen am Viehmarkt) as well as the Rhine State Museum Trier. You receive the ANTIKNENCARD at the Roman buildings, the Rhine State Museum and with the Tourist Information Trier.

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PORTA NIGRA

GATE TO THE ROMAN EMPIRE



Tourism magnet, UNESCO world heritage site and Trier's most famous landmark: Porta Nigra is the best preserved Roman city gate north of the Alps.



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OPENING HOURS

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A media installation provides information on the history of the Porta Nigra as a site of medieval veneration of saints.



TIP

Porta Nigra Info Centre, explore the Roman empire with the media guide • Exhibition including "Roman Empire" model • Discover Porta Nigra using your smartphone



KAISERTHERMEN

PART OF THE LATE ROMAN PALACE DISTRICT



The Kaiserthermen were designed as one of the largest public baths of the Roman empire. With bathing and wandering halls, sauna and massage rooms the thermal baths were to provide relaxation to distinguished Romans – however, they were never completed. Declared UNESCO world heritage site, the mighty ruins – including an underground maze – today invite to take a discovery tour.



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TIP



Information centre in the Kaiserthermen, discover the upper and lower Kaiserthermen floors with the media guide • Exhibition featuring an innovative film animation



AMPHITHEATRE

PLEASURE AND THRILL



The Amphitheatre at the Petrisberg hosted 18,000 spectators in the rising metropolis of Trier in the 1st and 2nd centuries AD. The cages of the animals that were hidden behind the gates around the arena can be visited to this day.



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THERMAL BATHS AT THE VIEHMARKT

SIMPLE BATHING CULTURE



A bathing facility was set up in this large-scale building in the 4th Century already. More “bathing facility” than thermal bath, it only offered warm water tubs and a cold pool – presumably for ordinary residents mainly.



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TIP



BARBARATHERMEN

At the time of its establishment in the 2nd century AD, the thermal bath complex was the largest of its kind outside Rome. Today, the facility can be experienced via a visitor's trail, offering numerous information points.

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IGELER COLUMN

MONUMENTAL MEMORIAL PLAQUE



It is among the best preserved death monuments of Roman times. A wealthy textile merchant's family had the 23 metre Igeler column built. Its reliefs depict scenes of daily work and mythological scenes, such as Ganymede's ascension with Jupiter's eagle – a symbol of hope for eternal life by the side of the Gods.



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HERMIT'S CELL KASTEL

ROYAL BURIAL PLACE



The Hermit's Cell Kastel unites Roman and Gothic elements. Karl Friedrich Schinkel contributed the plans of the burial place for the remains of King John of Bohemia. The cell offers a breath-taking view over the Saar valley.



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TIP

HIKING TIP

Visit the Widdertshäuschen,
a Roman tomb below the cell.



RHINE STATE MUSEUM TRIER

DISCOVERIES ON A GLOBAL SCALE



The greatest Roman gold treasure, splendid Roman mosaics, an ancient silver jug or the famous Diatret glass – the Rhine State Museum Trier hosts archaeological finds of world-class level. Experience the past of Trier and its surrounding from the Stone Age to Roman times, from the Frankish to the last principality era.

The abundance and quality of the artefacts from the Roman era – the period in which the city of Trier, as the official imperial residence of the Roman Empire, occupied its most significant position in its history – is truly unique. New finds from the excavations of the State Archaeology Department continually enrich the collection.





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THE TRIER GOLD TREASURE IS BACK!

*The discovery of the 18.5 kg
 find of pure gold in Trier in 1993
 was considered a true sensation.
 It is the world's largest Roman
 gold coin treasure ever found.
 After an unsuccessful theft
 attempt in 2019, the coin cabi-
 net was extensively renovated
 and redesigned. The museum's
 treasure chamber with the Trier
 gold treasure has reopened its
 doors, so you too can now fall
 under the spell of gold!*

TIP

*Reduced admission with
 AntikenCard (see page 11)*

*Audio guide included
 in the entrance fee*

Nordrhein-Westfalen



Nürburg
Castel Ruins

Koblenz →

Bürresheim
Castle

Matthias
Chapel

Gerolstein ● Pelm

● Fließem
● Otrang
Roman Villa
● Bitburg

Bernkastel-
Kues

● Trier



THE EIFEL – BETWEEN VOLCANIC DOMES AND MAARS

The region of maars and volcanos – the last volcanic eruption was recorded more than 10,000 years ago – offers a wonderful backdrop when taking a journey into the past. Villa Otrang takes you back to the life of Roman families, Nürburg castle invites you to follow the footsteps of noblemen and the view over the volcanic Eifel and Bürresheim Castle bears testimony to the aristocracy and living culture of past times.



OTRANG ROMAN VILLA

IMPRESSIVE ROMAN ESTATE



Dimensions and interior of Villa Otrang are impressive: heated floors, marvellous mosaics, elaborate public baths and space for several families. It is one of the largest Roman estates in the Rhine region and one of the best preserved at the same time.



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NÜRBURG CASTLE RUINS

SIGNIFICANT RUINS WITH A FANTASTIC VIEW



Nürburg castle consists of three so-called growth rings and is situated on Mons Nore, the “Black Mountain”. The view from the keep over the volcanic Eifel region alone is worth a visit.

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Restaurant Zur Nürburg
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TIP

There are many wonderful hiking trails around the Nürburg.



BÜRRESHEIM CASTLE

UNIQUE TESTIMONY OF RHENISH ARISTOCRACY



Bürresheim Castle was never conquered – and today sparks enthusiasm with multi-coloured slate fronts, playful spires, artistic paintings, precious tapestries and brightly coloured window panes.



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OPENING HOURS

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The greater Bürresheim Castle area invites you to take walks and hikes.



TIP

EXTRA TIP FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES:
Discover Castles and Fortresses with the Geisterpass (ghost pass).
www.kulturerbe-eifel-mosel.de



MATTHIAS CHAPEL

GEM OF A HISTORICAL ENSEMBLE



Unique, just like its situation – high above the Moselle Valley – is also its artistic design. The completely preserved hexagonal nave contains numerous decorated columns with bud capitals – a masterpiece of the early Gothic era. Together with Oberburg Castle and the Niederburg Ruins the Matthias Chapel is part of a unique historical ensemble.



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RESTAURANT

Next to the Matthias Chapel:
Restaurant auf der Oberburg
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TIP

Visit the Nieder- and Oberburg Castle as well.



Neuwied Engers

Koblenz

Ehrenbreitstein Fortress
Koblenz State Museum

Diez

Kobern

Stolzenfels Palace
Rhens

Lahn Nassau

Arnstein

Schönborn

Mosel

Rhein
Sterrenberg Castle

Kaub

Pfalzgrafenstein Castle

Hessen

Niederheimbach

Sooneck Castle

Bingen



WORLD HERITAGE SITE UPPER MIDDLE RHINE VALLEY – HISTORY AND PLEASURE

Follow the footsteps of our state's fascinating history in the UNESCO world heritage site Upper Middle Rhine Valley: 70 kilometres of breath-taking views and spectacular architecture await you. Above all, the Ehrenbreitstein Fortress Cultural Centre as the entrance gate to the UNESCO World Heritage Site Upper Middle Rhine Valley. After a unique cable car trip over the Rhine you will reach one of Europe's largest fortifications. Here you will find multi-media presentations of the eventful Ehrenbreitstein history and varied exhibitions.

You can enjoy the Prussian Romance of the Rhine at Stolzenfels Palace. Experience fairy-tale times on Sooneck Castle or conquer the "ship of stone", the Pfalzgrafenstein Castle. Sterrenberg Castle offers magnificent views of the Rhine Valley. In the Koblenz State Museum you should brace yourself for an exciting journey through the cultural history.



EHRENBREITSTEIN FORTRESS CULTURAL CENTRE | KOBLENZ STATE MUSEUM

CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC HISTORY, ARCHAEOLOGY,
PHOTOGRAPHY AND CULINARY PLEASURES



In four buildings, the Cultural Centre at Ehrenbreitstein Fortress | Koblenz State Museum presents exhibitions focusing on photography, archaeology, viticulture and culinary delights as well as on economic and cultural history.

The oldest exhibit can be found at the **Haus der Archäologie**. Together with the Koblenz State Archaeology, the State Museum presents traces of human life along the Middle Rhine and the Moselle since prehistory and early history in a permanent exhibition.

Exciting permanent and temporary exhibitions await visitors at the **Haus der Kulturgeschichte** at Oberer Schlosshof. The annually offered experience exhibitions on topics such as technical, cultural and economic history are special highlights in the exhibition programme of the Koblenz State Museum.

They are complemented by a colourful programme that invites young and older visitors alike to participate.

The Haus der Fotografie enriches the offer with numerous temporary exhibitions of national and international photographers.

At the **Haus des Genusses** guests get to know the "**WeinReich Rheinland-Pfalz**" as well as the special culinary delights of the region in the changing exhibitions.






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Permanent exhibition

**GEBOGENE
 SCHÄTZE**

[RECOVERED TREASURES]
 HAUS DER ARCHÄOLOGIE
 [HOUSE OF ARCHAEOLOGY]





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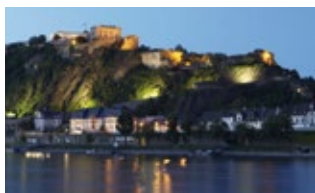
ONE OF EUROPE'S LARGEST FORTRESSES



This place is unique: For 3,000 years people had used the high rocky outcrop as refuge. From here the view extends from the Rhine, Deutsches Eck and the Moselle, all the way to the Neuwieder Becken. The fortress was built by Prussians and once among Europe's largest fortresses: metre-thick walls, ditches, tunnels, bridges and gates still dominate the enormous building complex to this day. Look forward to a unique cultural ensemble in the UNESCO world heritage area of the Upper Middle Rhine Valley.



Explore the fortress with our audio guide by and get information on over 40 sites.



TIP

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Inclined Fortress Elevator
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Fortress shop in the entrance building of the fortress
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PRICE ADVANTAGE: COMBI DAY-TICKET

Admission to the Ehrenbreitstein Fortress Cultural Centre including all exhibitions and return trip by cable car.

CABLE CAR SCHEDULE:
www.seilbahn-koblenz.de

TIP

Enjoy the spectacular cable car trip to Ehrenbreitstein Fortress in one of the panorama cabins high above the Rhine



STOLZENFELS PALACE

THE MOST BEAUTIFUL BUILDING OF THE PRUSSIAN
RHINE ROMANCE ERA



The summer residence of Frederick William IV of Prussia was based on the plans of Karl Friedrich Schinkel and rises elegantly from the Rhine Valley's forested slopes. Significant murals and an originally preserved interior await you on the inside. Do not miss out on the palace gardens with the charming Pergola Gardens and the park landscaped by Peter Joseph Lenné.



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TIP

*Explore the landscape park
with grottoes and waterfalls*



STERREBERG CASTLE

OLDEST PRESERVED CASTLE COMPLEX
IN THE RHINE VALLEY



Together with Liebenstein Castle, Sterrenberg Castle rests on a rocky spur, high above the Rhine. Thanks to their exciting past, the two fortifications received the names the "hostile brothers". Sterrenberg Castle that dates even farther back than 1.100 AD is among the oldest hilltop castles in the Rhine Valley.

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Keep and Exhibition "Die feindlichen Brüder" [The Hostile Brothers]

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TIP

*Restaurant/Cafe "Grafenstube" with panorama terrace, beer garden lounge and numerous events,
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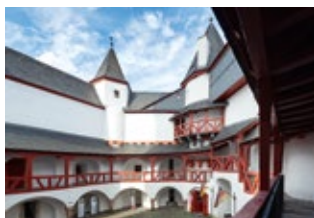


PFALZGRAFENSTEIN CASTLE

LIKE A SHIP OF STONE



Pfalzgrafenstein Castle imposingly rests in the middle of the river near Kaub on a rock reef in the Rhine. As watch castle it secured the income of its various noble owners. Together with the Marksburg the Pfalzgrafenstein is the only completely preserved castle in the UNESCO world heritage Upper Middle Rhine Valley and bears testimony to the meagre life of the men who once served here.



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The castle can be reached by passenger ferry. Schedules available via www.tor-zum-welterbe.de

TIP



Discover the castle with the audio guide.



SOONECK CASTLE

A FAIRY-TALE CASTLE



It seems to have been cut straight from the rock, roses grow on its former military sites. In the 19th century Frederick William IV of Prussia awoke the castle from its beauty sleep and had it rebuilt as a hunting lodge. However, he managed to retain its original charm.



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Museum, Castle Shop
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TIP

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TAUNUS – THE ELEVATED REGION

In Frankish times already the Bath Road led from Wiesbaden to Koblenz. Nassau Castle was built to protect it. The owners of the castle, the Counts of Nassau, even ascended to the German throne in the Middle Ages.



NASSAU CASTLE RUINS

BREATH-TAKING VIEW OF THE LAHN VALLEY



The climb to the restored Nassau castle ruins is worth your while, not least because of the keep with its distinctive towers, the Palas and the ruins of the gatehouse, all of which were preserved thanks to elaborate restorations.



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www.burgnassau-oranien.de

Nassau Castle Restaurant
Castle tavern and beer garden:
Opening hours on request at
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The current opening hours of the castle can be found on the internet via www.kulturerbe-westerwald-lahn.de



TIP

New presentation of the castle. Discover the refurbished rooms and the dungeon.



MAINZ STATE MUSEUM

200,000 YEARS OF CULTURAL HISTORY



The Mainz State Museum is one of the oldest museums in Germany and is located at Große Bleiche, right in the centre of Mainz. The baroque building of the “Golden-Ross Barracks” and the modern glass and steel construction to the inner courtyard together with the electoral stables form the charming ensemble of the fundamentally renovated and modernised State Museum.

The museum’s important collection of art and cultural history stretches from the beginnings of culture to contemporary art.

They clearly reflect the varied aspects of cultural and social history over the millennia in a unique way.

The collections showcase: Prehistory, Roman times, the Middle Ages, the Renaissance, the Baroque period, graphics from the 16th to the 20th century, Dutch painting, 18th-century porcelain, 19th-century painting, Judaica, city history, Art Nouveau glass and modern art.

Numerous special exhibitions on a wide variety of topics and eras enrich the varied offer.





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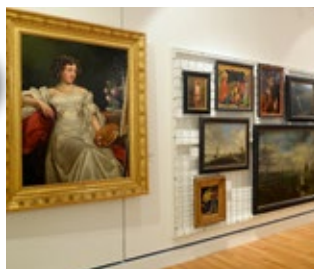


The entire museum is
barrier-free • audio guides •
video guides for the hearing
impaired



OPENING HOURS

Current opening hours can
be found on the internet at
www.landeseuseum-mainz.de



Museum shop at the
Mainz State Museum
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Altenbaumburg Castle Ruins

Altenbamberg

Rhein

Hardenburg
Castle & Fortress
Ruins

Ludwigshafen

Bad
Dürkheim

Kaiserslautern

Nanstein
Castle Ruins

Speyer

Edenkoben

Villa Ludwigshöhe

Pirmasens

Annweiler

Landau

Dahner Castles
and Neu-Dahn

Trifels
Castle

Dahn

Klingenmünster

Landeck
Castle Ruins

Bad Bergzabern

Baden-
Württemberg

Lauter



PALATINATE – THE CASTLE REGION

One romantic castle next to the other, mighty rocks, extended forests – not for nothing is the Palatinate Germany's castle region. In the Middle Ages the region was one of the most important areas of the Empire. Today you can experience how kings, counts and knights used to live and fought for power and wealth on Trifels Castle, the Dahner Castles or the Hardenburg Castle and Fortress ruins.



TRIFELS CASTLE

THE MOST POWERFUL CASTLE OF THE STAUFER



High above the Hohenstaufen town of Annweiler, the former imperial castle of Trifels is enthroned on the Sonnenberg. To this day, the castle still presents itself as a sublime and mighty complex. This is where the great period of the Hohenstaufen dynasty in the High Middle Ages comes to live again. The imperial castle was both treasury and state prison. First mentioned in a document in 1081, the imperial regalia of crown, sceptre and orb were kept here. Today, replicas of these pieces are presented in a separate treasury. At the same time, Trifels Castle served the Hohenstaufen dynasty as a state prison for prominent people. The most famous prisoner was the Richard I of England, called the Lionheart.

From the plateau of the keep, you have a unique view of the nature park and the Palatinate Forest Biosphere Reserve.





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OPENING HOURS
 Current opening hours can
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TIP

*Year-round exhibition
 „The strongest castle of the
 empire – Castles as pillars
 of power“.*

EVENTS AND COSTUME TOURS
 Dates can be found on the internet
 at www.burgenlandschaft-pfalz.de





HARDENBURG CASTLE & FORTRESS RUINS

FORTIFIED RENAISSANCE RESIDENCE



With the Hardenburg the Counts von Leiningen passed on one of the largest and most impressive castles and fortifications of the Palatinate. The remains of the extensive residential quarters and impressive hall constructions, the west fort and the Renaissance garden still bear testimony to the former splendour.



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OPENING HOURS

The current opening hours can be found on the internet at www.burgenlandschaft-pfalz.de

EVENTS AND GUIDED TOURS

Dates can be found on the internet at www.burgenlandschaft-pfalz.de

TIP



GPS-based multi-media guide and information centre with exhibition and film • Rooms of the castle can be rented.



LANDECK CASTLE RUINS

PALATINATE'S HIGHEST KEEP



The sharp-edged keep of the castle that was built in 1200 has been preserved in its original form. From its 25-metre high platform the view extends from the Vorderpfalz, all the way to the Odenwald and the Black Forest.

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Landeck Castle Tavern
 Opening hours on request
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 or on the internet at
 www.stiftsgut-keysermuehle.de

OPENING HOURS

The current opening hours
 can be found on the Internet at
 www.landeck-burg.de



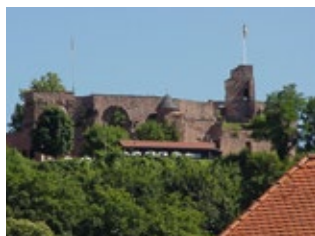


NANSTEIN CASTLE RUINS

MIGHTY THRONE ON A SANDSTONE CLIFF



Besieged, destroyed, rebuilt, plundered, destroyed ... The history of Nanstein castle is a tale of the struggle for power, of successes and failures, but also of the courage to start again. Built in the 12th century, it turned into one of the Staufer's largest fortifications. The "last knight" Franz von Sickingen, once Lord of Nanstein, died in his castle after a violent siege.



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OPENING HOURS
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Castle tavern:
Opening hours on request under :
Phone +49 6371 4902580

TIP

*NEW: Audio guide and
small exhibition unit*



DAHNER CASTLES AND NEU-DAHN

TURBULENT TIMES FOR THE KNIGHTS OF DAHN



The Dahner Castles of Alt-Dahn, Grafendahn and Tanstein might rest on a single sandstone cliff only, but the enormous gate and turrets bear witness of the many battles and family disputes they have undergone. On the Neu-Dahn castle ruins you can climb one of the oldest turrets of the Rhine's defence structures.



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OPENING HOURS

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Castle tavern Castle Alt-Dahn:
Opening hours on request
Phone +49 6391 993543 or
www.burgenlandschaft-pfalz.de

TIP



Magnificent view from the keep of Alt-Dahn Castle

NEW: Audio guide



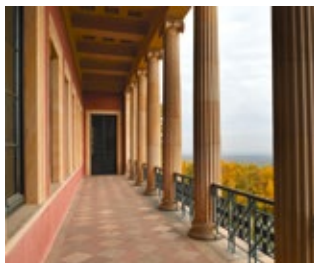
VILLA LUDWIGSHÖHE

LARGE GARDENS AS FAR AS THE EYE CAN SEE



An Italian-style villa, intended only for the most beautiful season of the year and in the kingdom's fairest region" – with Villa Ludwigshöhe at Edenkoben Ludwig I realised this wish.

The interior of Villa Ludwigshöhe Castle will remain closed until further notice due to renovation works. Enjoy the beautiful landscape around the castle during a walk and look forward to a barrier-freely accessible venue once construction works have been completed.



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ALTENBAUMBURG CASTLE RUINS

FROM STRATEGIC SPOT TO QUARRY

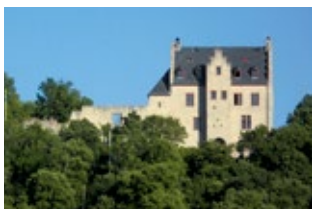


Strategically, the situation at the exit of the Alsenztal was extremely favourable. However, from the time the Raugrafen line had died out in the 14th century, Altenbaumburg served merely as quarry. The impressive remains of the wall still allow to identify the castle's former structure. Only the Palas was rebuilt.



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Altenbaumburg Castle Restaurant
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or on the internet at
www.altenbaumburg.de

TIP

Enjoy the view of the Alsenz Valley and the Rotenfels. The castle garden is also worth a visit.



STATE ARCHAEOLOGY MAINZ

WE STAND ON HISTORY

Rhine Hesse and the “Nahe region” are extremely rich in archaeological repositories. No wonder archaeologists frequently make important cultural-historical finds in the course of their investigations. These cover periods from prehistoric times, all the way into the recent past. Documenting and protecting these unique historical treasures is among the key tasks of State Archaeology.



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Roman Mainz Initiative
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ARCHAEOLOGICAL SHOWCASE SPEYER

TRAVEL BACK IN TIME

Welcome: The tour runs past the model of a Frankish burial mound directly into a time tunnel framed by Roman sarcophagi and architectural elements from the Middle Ages. Alternating exhibitions present current excavation finds and exciting topics, allowing visitors to experience the rich past of the Palatinate. Restorers provide insight into their work in the "transparent workshop".

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Archäologisches Schaufenster
 Gilgenstraße 13
 67346 Speyer
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OPENING HOURS

The current opening hours can be found on the internet at www.burgenlandschaft-pfalz.de





STATE MONUMENT PRESERVATION

WE PRESERVE, EXPLORE AND PRESENT CULTURAL MONUMENTS

State Monument Preservation covers a broad spectrum of cultural monuments, from abbey churches and castle ruins all the way to timber-frame houses and to workers' housing estates. As the authority for monument protection it is directly involved in many repair and restoration measures in Rhineland-Palatinate and advises owners, architects and craftsmen. With investigations into the construction and restoration history as well as with numerous publications it contributes to the registration, research and presentation of cultural monuments.



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OPEN MONUMENTS DAY

Every second Sunday in September historical buildings and places that are otherwise not accessible open their doors and invite you take a tour back in time. Restorers and craftsmen demonstrate work techniques and point out details that normally remain invisible to the untrained eye. Experts outline monuments management tasks by providing concrete examples. In 2006 the "Kampagne Deutschland – Land der Ideen" campaign was distinguished by Deutsche Stiftung Denkmalschutz (German Foundation for the Protection of Historical Monuments) as "Ort des Tages – Site of the day".

I INFORMATION
www.gdke.rlp.de
www.tag-des-offenen-denkmals.de



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