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We bring history to life!



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Fortified monuments: Fortresses and fortified castles and palaces

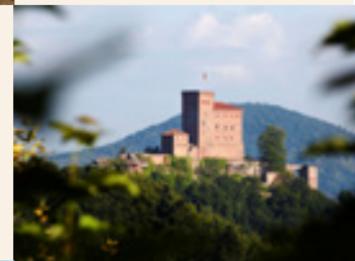


1,4 million visitors
from Germany and abroad



state museums in
Koblenz,
Trier and
Mainz

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50.000
watercolours, photographs and drawings in the collection of the Mainz State Museum



47 castles
14 palaces
20 antiquities



2.650 gold coins make up the largest Roman gold treasure in the Rhine State Museum Trier



600 events per year at the Ehrenbreitstein Fortress Cultural Centre



cultural monuments, looked after by **36.000** the State Monument Preservation



5 of the 10 oldest cities in Germany are located in Rhineland-Palatinate



6 directorates in Koblenz, Mainz and Trier



7 UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Rhineland-Palatinate



GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE RHINELAND-PALATINATE: WE BRING HISTORY TO LIFE

Rhineland-Palatinate, a centre of European culture, has a lot to offer. Set off on an exploration tour and discover monumental Roman buildings, medieval castles, historic palaces, top-class state museums and a variety of attractive events.

There are no fewer than seven UNESCO World Heritage Sites in the state: Speyer Cathedral; the Roman monuments in Trier, Cathedral of St. Peter and the Church of Our Lady; the Upper Middle Rhine Valley and the Upper Germanic-Raetian Limes and, since 2021, the ShUM sites of Speyer, Worms and Mainz; Bad Ems as one of the most important spa towns in Europe and the Lower Germanic Limes.

The General Directorate of Cultural Heritage (GDKE) brings this great history to life. It not only opens up the state's own castles, palaces and antiquities, but also forms the umbrella for the Directorates of State Monument Preservation, State Archaeology and the three outstanding state museums in Koblenz, Mainz and Trier.

You can look forward to a wide variety of exhibitions, events and living history programmes. Have fun on a journey of discovery through the cultural heritage of our state!



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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

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 OF ST. PETER AND CHURCH OF OUR LADY IN TRIER

Roman bridge, Porta Nigra, Imperial and Barbara Baths, remains of the city fortifications, amphitheatre, Constantine's Basilica – in Trier, one of the oldest cities in Germany, 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 around 67 kilometres 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

Masterpieces of spa architecture with magnificent buildings from the Baroque and Classicist periods and healing waters from no less than 15 springs: The Rhineland-Palatinate spa town of Bad Ems is one of the most important spa towns in Europe.

www.badems-nassau.info, www.greatspatownsfoeurope.eu

LOWER GERMANIC LIMES

2,000 years ago, a approximately 400-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

SHUM SITES OF SPEYER, WORMS AND MAINZ

ShUM – that is what Jews called the important Jewish communities of Speyer, Worms and Mainz. The unique monuments preserved there, synagogues, fraunschuln 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, Remagen



Plunge pool of the mikveh, Speyer



Roman spring Bad Ems

EXPERIENCING CULTURE

We bring history to life

Information on the event programme of Generaldirektion Kulturelles Erbe Rheinland-Pfalz, including exhibitions, readings, concerts and guided tours, can be found at www.kulturerleben.rlp.de and www.gdke.rlp.de

DRAMATISED GUIDED TOURS AND LIVING HISTORY

Regular tours during the season as well as individual group tours

DER FESTUNGSKANONIER, Ehrenbreitstein Fortress, Koblenz

BÜCHSENMACHERWERKSTATT, Ehrenbreitstein Fortress, Koblenz

FÜHRUNG IM WAFFENROCK, Ehrenbreitstein Fortress, Koblenz

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

SCENIC GUIDED TOUR, Bürresheim Castle, Mayen

DER KOCH DES KÖNIGS, Villa Ludwigshöhe Castle, Edenkoben

DIE GRÄFIN VON LEININGEN, Hardenburg Castle and fortress ruins

HEINRICH. EINFACH AUSGEKLAMMERT, Trifels Castle, Annweiler

DER GLADIATOR VALERIUS, Amphitheatre, Trier

DAS GEHEIMNIS DER PORTA NIGRA, Porta Nigra, Trier

CASTLE FESTIVALS, Bürresheim Castle, Stolzenfels Castle

and Villa Ludwigshöhe

CULTURAL EDUCATION PROGRAMME

For school classes, groups and families at the castles and palaces.

Our educational offers at the castles and palaces on the Middle Rhine, in the Eifel and in the Palatinate as well as at the Ehrenbreitstein Fortress Cultural Centre and the State Museums in Koblenz, Mainz and Trier can be found on the Internet at www.gdke.rlp.de.

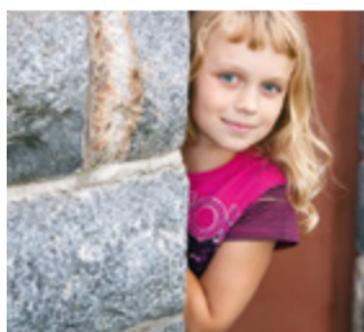
We are also happy to advise you by telephone. +49 261 6675-4000.

SPECIAL EXHIBITIONS AND INTERACTIVE PROGRAMME

We also offer exciting permanent and special exhibitions as well as hands-on programmes for all ages at the State Museums in Koblenz, Mainz and Trier.



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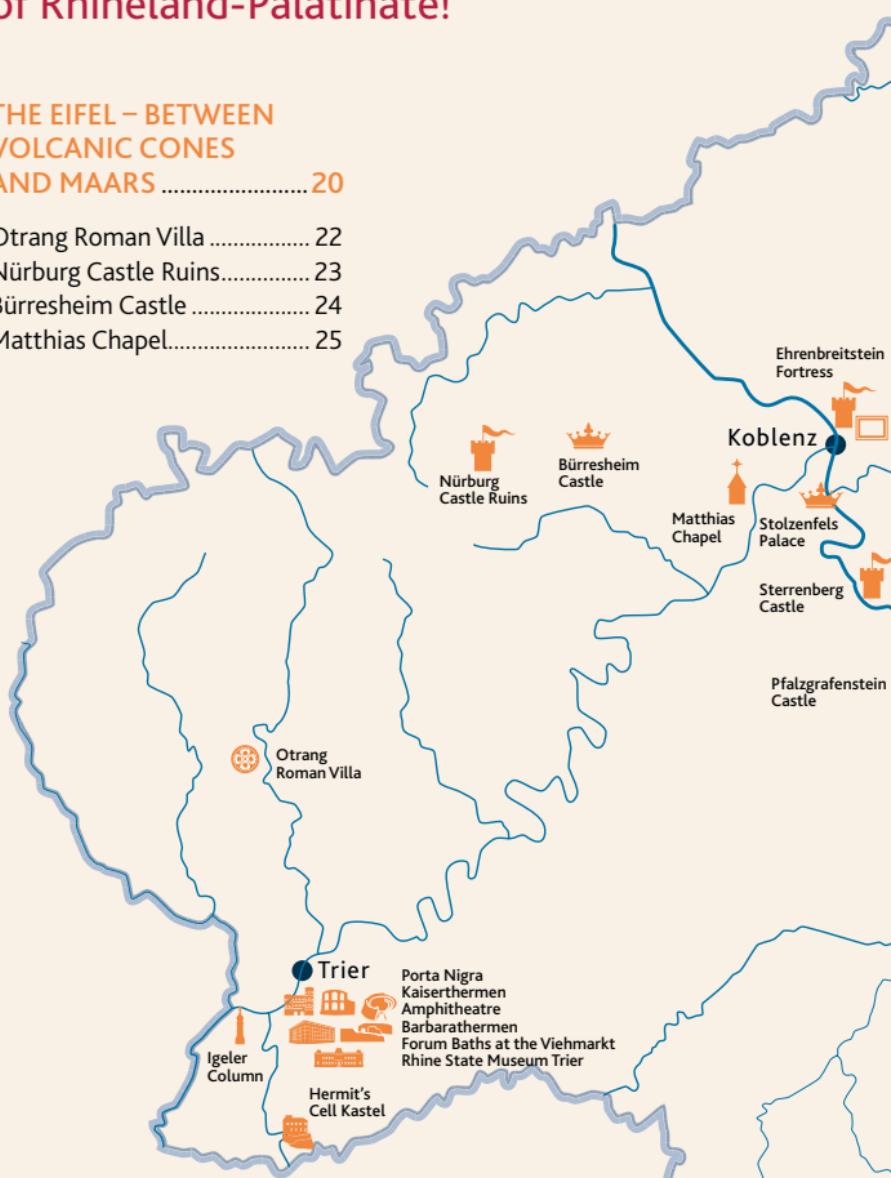


BRINGING HISTORY TO LIFE.

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REGION EIFEL



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



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.

ANTIKENCARD – DISCOVERING TRIER AT AN ATTRACTIVE PRICE

The ANTIKENCARD provides great value discovery and exploration in Trier at a discounted price. ANTIKENCARD BASIC allows entry to two of Trier's Roman buildings of your choice as well as to the Rhine State Museum Trier. With ANTIKENCARD 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 ANTIKENCARD 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.



ADDRESS

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



Further information and current opening hours can be found at www.zentrum-der-antike.de



TIP

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





KAISEERTHERMEN

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 Kaiserthermen above and underground with the media guide



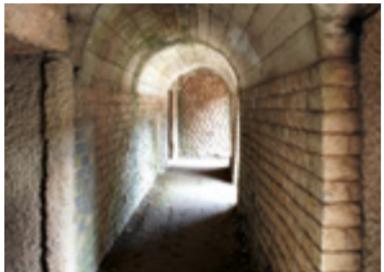


AMPHITHEATRE

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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TIP

Information centre in the amphitheatre, explore the Roman Empire with the media guide - experience the amphitheatre with your own smartphone





FORUM 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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Südallee 48, 54290 Trier

OPENING HOURS

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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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Further information can be found at
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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.



ADDRESS

König-Johann-Straße 66
54441 Kastel-Staadt

Information on opening hours
and guided tours:
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www.saar-obermosel.de



TIP

Visit the rock chambers carved into the sandstone by hermits



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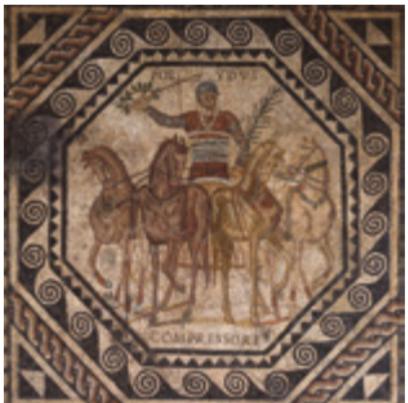
RHINE STATE MUSEUM TRIER

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.





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 cabinet was extensively renovated and redesigned. The museum's treasure chamber with the Trier gold treasure has opened its doors. Let yourself be captivated by the gold!

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Nordrhein-Westfalen

Rhein

Koblenz ➔

Nürburg Castel Ruins

Nürburg

Bürresheim Castle



Mayen

Matthias Chapel

Kobern

Mosel

Gerolstein Pelm

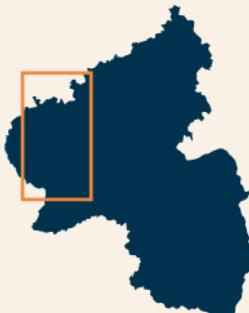
Fließem

Ortang Roman Villa

Bitburg

Bernkastel-Kues

Trier



THE EIFEL – BETWEEN VOLCANIC CONES AND MAARS

The region of maars and volcanoes – 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 Vulkaneifel and Bürresheim Castle bears testimony to the aristocracy and living culture of past times.

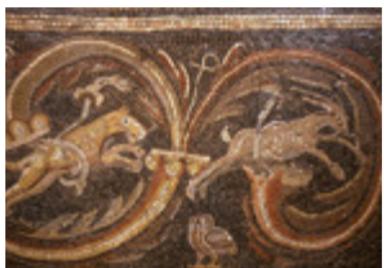


OTRANG ROMAN VILLA

IMPRESSIVE ROMAN ESTATE



The former interior and dimensions of Villa Otrang were impressive: heated floors, marvellous mosaics, elaborate public baths and space for several families. It is one of the largest Roman estates in the Rhineland 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 Vulkaneifel alone is worth a visit.



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TIP

There are many wonderful hiking trails around the Nürburg.

Further information and current opening hours can be found at www.kulturerbe-eifel-mosel.de





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 wallpapers and brightly coloured window panes.



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TIP

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



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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 late Staufian architecture. 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:
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TIP

Visit the Niederburg Castle as well.

Further information and current opening hours can be found at www.kulturerbe-eifel-mosel.de





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: 67 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 Rhine Romanticism 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

ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL HISTORY, ARCHAEOLOGY,
PHOTOGRAPHY AND CULINARY PLEASURES



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

From summer 2026, experience the new permanent exhibition "**Schaffensland**" at the **Haus der Kulturgeschichte**. For the first time, this varied overview exhibition presents stories of people and work from across the country. Get up close and personal with the moving individual stories of women and men from the last 200 years. Gain insights into the worlds of work and life, from 19th-century farmers to today's researchers. You can expect unusual original exhibits, exciting media access and impressive room displays.

In the **Haus der Archäologie** a permanent exhibition presents traces of human life on the Middle Rhine

and Moselle since prehistory and early history.

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**" and ten "faces of viticulture" who have shaped Rhineland-Palatinate's wine industry with their commitment and passion.





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EHRENBREITSTEIN FORTRESS CULTURAL CENTRE

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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Fortress restaurant with a unique view
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Inclined Fortress Elevator
Operating hours: 6:00 – 1:00 am
usually daily

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building of the fortress
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Further information on events,
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all exhibitions and return
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STOLZENFELS PALACE

THE MOST BEAUTIFUL BUILDING OF THE
PRUSSIAN RHINE ROMANTICISM



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 Garden. Also well worth seeing is the park landscaped designed by the prussian garden artist Peter Joseph Lenné with its grotto and waterfall.



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Further information and current
opening hours can be found at
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STERRENBERG CASTLE

OLDEST PRESERVED CASTLE COMPLEX
IN THE MIDDLE 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 1100 AD is among the oldest hilltop castles in the Rhine Valley.

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Café, Rhine terrace, beer garden,
keep/exhibition:
www.burgsterrenberg.com

TIP

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

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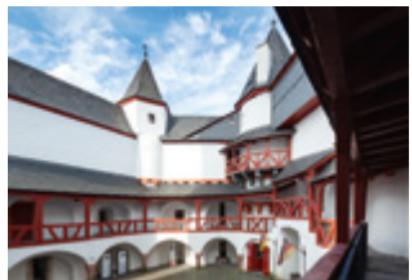


PFALZGRAFENSTEIN CASTLE

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.

Further information, details about the passenger ferry and current opening hours can be found at 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 bastion system. In the 19th century the future king 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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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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Nassau Castle Tavern
www.badems-nassau.info



TIP

Discover the exhibition in the tower and the dungeon.

Further information and current opening hours can be found at www.kulturerbe-westerwald-lahn.de



MAINZ STATE MUSEUM

200,000 YEARS OF CULTURAL HISTORY



In the heart of Mainz, the State Museum invites you to take a journey through time – through the cultural history of Rhineland-Palatinate and far beyond.

As one of the oldest museums in Germany, it combines history with the present: the baroque "Golden Ross Barracks" and the former electoral stables provide a unique museum experience.

The collection is impressive: from golden jewellery, swords and Ro-

man stone monuments to medieval sculptures and contemporary art, it spans 200,000 years. Particularly worth seeing are the paintings from the Napoleonic collection and works by Picasso – real highlights of the tour. Renaissance, graphic art and modern art bring history to life.

Changing special exhibitions on exciting themes and eras constantly open up new perspectives.





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TIP

 *Smartphone tour – digital through the Mainz State Museum: various topics for adults, teenagers and children*

Visit our museum shop and café
"Museum & Matcha".



Further information on exhibitions,
events and current opening hours
can be found at
www.landesmuseum-mainz.de



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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.



VILLA LUDWIGSHÖHE PALACE

LARGE GARDENS AS FAR AS THE EYE CAN SEE



Villa Ludwigshöhe Castle is located on a hill above the picturesque town of Edenkoben, surrounded by vineyards and protected by the Palatinate Forest Nature Park and Biosphere Reserve. Follow in the footsteps of Ludwig I of Bavaria. With this building, the aesthete fulfilled his dream of an "Italian-style villa, intended only for the beautiful season and located in the mildest part of the kingdom".

The classicist villa, reminiscent of ancient models, impresses with its precious hardwood floors and Pompeian ceiling and wall paintings.

The loggia offers a magnificent view far across the Palatinate and the Rhine valley.



TIP

The vaulted cellar houses the exhibition collection of modern ceramics from the 20th century. Visit the special exhibitions in the gallery rooms.



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EVENTS, LIVING HISTORY AND
GUIDED TOURS
Dates can be found at
www.burgenlandschaft-pfalz.de

Group tours:
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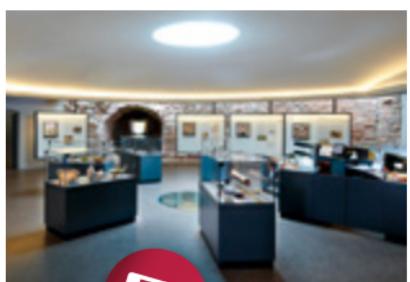


HARDENBURG CASTLE & FORTRESS RUINS

FORTIFIED RENAISSANCE RESIDENCE



With Hardenburg Castle the Counts of 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 bastion and the Renaissance garden still bear testimony to the former splendour.



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EVENTS, LIVING HISTORY AND GUIDED TOURS

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TIP

GPS-based multi-media
guide and information centre
with exhibition and film.



Further information and current
opening hours can be found at
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TRIFELS CASTLE

THE MOST POWERFUL CASTLE OF THE STAUFERS



Between 1088 and 1330, Trifels Imperial Castle was one of the most important centres of power under the Staufers and Salier dynasties. The imperial regalia, such as the crown, sceptre and orb, were kept here.

The castle also served as a prison. Its most famous prisoner was King Richard the Lionheart of England.

From the plateau of the keep, you have a unique view of the Palatinate Forest.



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GUIDED TOURS

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TIP

Exhibition „The strongest castle of the empire – Castles as pillars of power“





NANSTEIN CASTLE AND PALACE RUINS

MIGHTY THRONE ON A SANDSTONE CLIFF



Besieged, destroyed, rebuilt, 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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TIP

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 in Rhineland fortification architecture.



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TIP

*Magnificent view from the
keep of Alt-Dahn Castle*

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opening hours can be found at
www.burgenlandschaft-pfalz.de





LANDECK CASTLE AND PALACE RUINS

PALATINATE'S HIGHEST KEEP



The sharp-edged keep of the castle that was built around 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 and information on events:
 Landeckverein Klingenmünster e.V.
www.landeck-burg.de

Further information and current opening hours can be found at
www.burgenlandschaft-pfalz.de





ALtenbaumburg Castle Ruins

FROM STRATEGIC SPOT TO QUARRY



Strategically, the situation at the exit of the Alsenz Valley 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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TIP

Enjoy the view of the Alsenztal Valley and the Rotenfels rock.

Further information and current opening hours can be found at www.kulturerbe-rheinhessen-hunsrück.de





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. The exhibition in the Isis and Mater Magna sanctuary in Mainz provides an exciting insight.



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ARCHAEOLOGICAL SHOWCASE SPEYER

TRAVEL BACK IN TIME

Welcome: The path leads 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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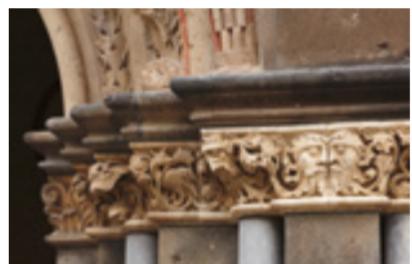




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WE PRESERVE, EXPLORE AND PRESENT CULTURAL MONUMENTS

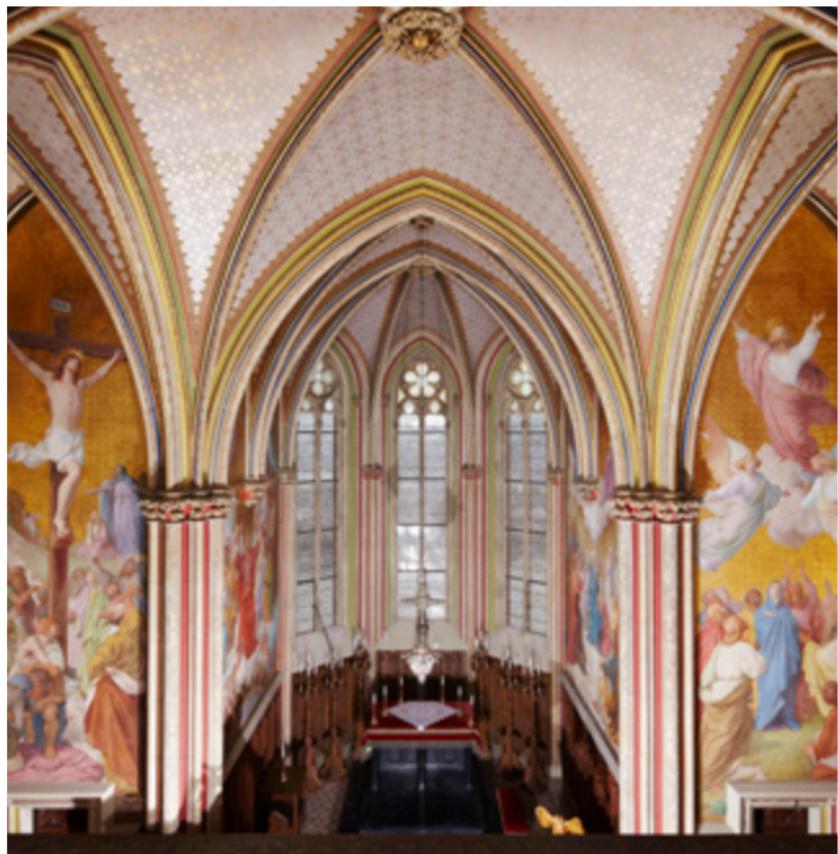
State Monument Preservation covers a broad spectrum of cultural monuments, from abbey churches and castle ruins all the way to timber-frame houses and to workers' housing estates. As the authority for monument protection it is directly involved in many repair and restoration measures in Rhineland-Palatinate 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 to 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.

The Open Monument Day is complemented by numerous hands-on activities throughout the country.



INFORMATION

www.tag-des-offenen-denkmals.de

Information on the Rhineland-Palatinate Monuments Day can be found at www.gdke.rlp.de



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