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Welcome to the Bergstrasse – a glorious spot on the “German Riviera”

Here, the spring sunshine warms your bones while people are still shivering elsewhere. Here, almond and fruit trees burst into bloom while in other parts, hoarfrost still numbs the earth. Here, summer lasts longer and autumn is more clement. The Bergstrasse is more than just a landscape, it is a life-affirming lifestyle. The castles, palaces and historic old towns strung out between the Jugendstil city of Darmstadt and world-famous Heidelberg bring history to life.

The Mediterranean climate ripens the grapes for exquisite wines and allows exotic plants to flourish. The region's parks, gardens and forests are the stuff of dreams. The range of sports and leisure activities, cultural events and culinary specialties on offer is top-notch. People here are pleased to share their region and happy to show it off. They are proud to be “Bergsträsser”.



Worth seeing

Over 30 castles, palaces and monasteries stand out in splendour among the forests and vineyards, like stone gems embedded in the undulating landscape of green fields, lush forests and flourishing vines. Their silhouettes are like something out of a period film. The Carolingian aula regia (Latin for “king’s hall”) in Lorsch, which has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1991, is the oldest structure of this era in Germany.



The UNESCO World Heritage Site Mathildenhöhe Darmstadt is considered the centre of Art Nouveau, while Heidelberg Castle, enthroned above the Neckar, is the epitome of romanticism. Proud half-timbered town halls watch over cobbled marketplaces, with their richly carved sandstone fountains splashing in their centre. In lovingly renovated old towns little picture-book houses whisper of life in the Middle Ages. Everywhere experienced city guides offer guided tours on interesting topics.





“ This is where Italy begins ”

Emperor Joseph II on his way to Frankfurt



Worth experiencing

Concerts, exhibitions and entire festivals are staged in all the historic places, adding a very special touch to your cultural experience. Darmstadt's and Heidelberg's theatres are internationally reputed. Creatives, comedians and musicians show off their skills here, there and everywhere between the castles and half-timbered houses. The parks, gardens and monuments become stages for world-class stars who are fascinated by this region, for example in the park of Weinheim Castle, the Kurmainzer Amtshof (tithe house of the Elector of Mainz) in Heppenheim or Heiligenberg Castle in Seeheim-Jugenheim. People on the Bergstrasse celebrate all the seasons.



When the fruit trees are decked in a myriad of pastel-hued blossoms, it's time for the Bergstrasse Weinfrühling (spring wine festival), with wine hikes among the vineyard sites and culinary highlights.



Walks, hikes and cycle tours

The Bergstrasse is an eldorado for holiday-makers looking for leisure and sports activities. You could call it one big open-air fitness studio ringed by castles and vineyards. There is a close-knit network of cycle tracks in the lowlands that links up the tourist attractions. Hikers can discover the castles and fortresses between Darmstadt and Heidelberg on the certified and challenging Burgensteig (Castle Trail). The Blütenweg (Blossom Trail) is recommended for hikers who prefer a more leisurely walk amid nature. Both trails offer magnificent views. The region is also crossed by three long-distance, certified hiking trails, the Alemannenweg, Nibelungensteig and Neckarsteig trails.



A separate cycling brochure is also available that describes a cycle track surrounded by nature between Darmstadt and Heidelberg, with lots of suggestions for mountain bike rides in the neighbouring Odenwald area. You can also explore the region at a more leisurely pace on e-bikes. Weinheim offers the first baths in southern Germany to be heated by geothermal energy, "Miramar", where bring water bubbles up from a depth of 1,000 metres.

Experience Earth history, nature and culture in the Geo-Naturpark Bergstrasse-Odenwald

Do you remember how the earth feels? Enjoy the silence and grandeur of the forest. Feel free to discover the fascinating stories, stones, plants rivers and lakes of our landscape. Would you like to know where the Original Horses lived? Whether diving into the past, enjoying peace, experiencing the landscape or culinary delights - the varied programme of the Geo-Naturpark offers special insights into the region.

The Geo-Naturpark (UNESCO Global Geopark) invites you to discover the landscape that covers an area of 3,800 km extended between the Rhine, Bergstrasse, Odenwald, Main and Neckar. It unites more than 500 million years of eventful earth history, a multifaceted natural space and a millennia-old culture to an unmistakable identity. Together with its information facilities, its member municipalities, with our rangers you can discover special landscapes, deep insights into the Earth history and sustainable nature experiences. As one of 195 UNESCO Global Geoparks around the world, it helps visitors to perceive and appreciate the region as a whole while promoting the goals of the global community for sustainable and peaceful use of our planet's resources.

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GEO-NATURPARK Bergstraße-Odenwald





Wine events



Bergstrasse, home to fine wines

The Bergstrasse enjoys 1,600 hours of sunshine per year, which gives great wines plenty of chance to ripen. Bergstrasse wines are racy, with terroir-expressive Rieslings, or perfumed and characterful like the wines made from Pinot Gris (Grauburgunder) and Pinot Blanc (Weissburgunder). The vineyard sites of the Hessian Bergstraße are linked with those of the Badische Bergstrasse by 840 hectares of vines. Small family businesses and cooperatives tend their terroirs and make their wines based on a long tradition.



They produce wines for everyday drinking and special occasions as well as specialities including Trockenbeerenauslese (a highly concentrated wine made from individually picked botrytised grapes dried up almost to raisins) and even ice wines. Red Riesling, a historical white grape variety, is a real speciality.

Wine lovers can get to know the whole range of wines at the wineries, restaurants, taverns and wine festivals. Those who like to walk can explore the Bergstrasse's vineyards with a bottle in their backpack, on the wine hike between Alsbach and Heppenheim, or on the "Wine and Stone" educational trail that winds its way between Heppenheim and Bensheim. The Badische Weinstraße that begins south of Heppenheim connects the region with other wine-growing regions in Baden.



Take a look at our image film "Genussreich Bergstraße" on Youtube:



1st-2nd weekend of March	Matthaismarkt in Schriesheim
End of April/ Beginning of May	Bergsträßer Weinfrühling (Bergstrasse Wine Spring) with numerous events related to Bergstrasse wine, for example Bergsträßer Weintreff (Bergstrasse Wine Meeting), culinary food & wine, Blütensonntag (Blossom Sunday)
1st May	Pentecost Bergsträßer Weinlagenwanderung (walking tour through the Bergstrasse vineyards located between Zwingenberg and Heppenheim.
Pentecost	Pentecost wine festival on the historic market place, Zwingenberg
End of June	Rebblütenfest (vine blossom festival) in Hemsbach
End of June/ Beginning of July	Bergsträßer Weinmarkt (Bergstrasse wine market) in Heppenheim
End of August	Wein- und Sektfest der Bergsträßer Winzer eG (wine and champagne festival of the Bergstrasse cooperative wine-growers association), Heppenheim
Beginning of September	Bergsträßer Winzerfest (Bergstrasse wine festival) in Bensheim
1st weekend of September	Street festival with wine village, Schriesheim
From mid-September onwards	New wine is available at many winemakers or at inns/pubs!
Weekend around the 15th September	Winzerfest - traditional wine festival in Groß Umstadt
3rd Sunday of September	Walking tour through the vineyards in Schriesheim
Beginning of October until end of November	Bergsträßer Weinherbst (Bergstrasse Wine Autumn) with manifold events related to Bergstrasse wine
3rd October	Wine walking tour of the "Teufelswinzer" along the Geopfad Wein & Stein (Wine and Stone Trail), Heppenheim
1st weekend of October	Bergsträßer Winzerfest (Bergstrasse wine festival) in Weinheim Lützelachsen

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Holiday route

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Darmstadt is a city that unites science and research, an aesthetic sensibility and innovative power like no other. It retains the charm of the former residence of the nobility, yet is firmly grounded in the present.

Places of interest:

- UNESCO World Heritage Site Mathildenhöhe
- Residenzschloss Palace
- St. Ludwigskirche
- Hessian State Museum
- Ludwig Monument
- Old city hall
- Porcelain museum
- Orangerie
- Hunting lodge Kranichstein
- Waldspirale (Hundertwasser)

Seeheim-Jugenheim

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Seeheim-Jugenheim is favourably and centrally located and offers an attractive combination of nature, history and culture. Its historic town halls, castles and villas bear witness to its lively past.

Places of interest:

- Historic town hall of Seeheim
- Ruins of Tannenberg Castle
- Goldschmidt's Park
- Laurentius-Church Seeheim
- Castle Heiligenberg
- Historic town hall Jugenheim
- Ruins of Jossa Castle
- Mountain church Jugenheim
- Malchen Chapel
- Ober-Beerbach Church
- Katharinen Chapel Balkhausen

Bickenbach

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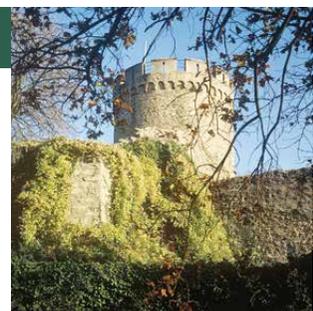
Bickenbach, which covers an area of around 1,000 hectares and has 5,800 inhabitants, is a popular and pleasant place to live as well as a very interesting business location in one of Europe's most future-ready regions.

Places of interest:

- Hunting Lodge
- Kaiserstein
- Local heritage museum
- Enchanting old half-timbered houses

Alsbach-Hähnlein

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Alsbach was first mentioned in the Lorsch Codex dating from 773. Hähnlein is first documented in 1333. Alsbach Castle, the local landmark, was built around 1240.

Places of interest:

- Rural town centre
- Local heritage museum
- Alsbacher castle
- Outlook tower on the Melibokus

Zwingenberg

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This is the oldest town on the Hessian Bergstrasse, located on the slopes of the 517m high Melibokus. History comes alive in the winding narrow streets of the old town, dating back more than 740 years. Zwingenberg is cittaslow!

Places of interest:

- Historic old town centre and market square with many half-timbered houses
- Historic Scheuergasse alley with the local heritage museum
- Start of the Nibelungensteig trail

Bensheim

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Bensheim is the largest town in the district and is characterised by its historic townhouses, half-timbered buildings and idyllic squares. Here you can go shopping at your leisure, stroll around or enjoy the goings-on on the market. Darmstadt Chamber of Industry and Commerce ranks Bensheim as the number one business location among medium-sized centres in southern Hesse.

Places of interest:

- Picturesque town centre with historic townhouses
- Oldest half-timbered house in southern Hesse
- Local and Regional History Museum
- Statepark Fürstenlager
- Ruined Auerbach Castle
- UNESCO Global Geopark Erlache
- Nature conservation centre



Einhausen 7

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Einhausen, a dynamic village on both sides of river Weschnitz, offers a raft of nature excursions. Historical villages, pretty picnic areas and outings for the whole family are within walking and cycling distance.

Places of interest:

- Jägersburg deer park
- Promenade along the Weschnitz
- "Rundes Haus" picnic area
- The Götz Oak
- "Rotes Kreuz" picnic area

Lorsch 8

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A vibrant 14,000-inhabitant town with the UNESCO World Heritage Site Lorsch Abbey at its centre. The town has a lively cultural scene, pretty little boutiques and good restaurants, and is an ideal port of call for lovers of culture and nature as well as epicures.

Places of interest:

- UNESCO World Heritage Site Lorsch Abbey
- Carolingian "king's hall"
- Schaudapot Tithe barn
- Lauresham Laboratory for Experimental Archaeology
- Two tobacco museums
- Abbey herb garden, peony garden
- Baroque half-timbered town hall
- Birkengarten recreational and leisure park
- Heated forest swimming pool

Bürstadt 9

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Bürstadt, with around 17,000 residents, means everyone as „citizen city with heart“ Welcome visitor. Here you will find different ones every day sports offers, great cultural programs and gastronomic diversity. An excursion to Bürstadt is worthwhile for young and old.

Places of interest:

- Historical town hall
- Local heritage museum
- Market place
- alla hopp! playground
- waterworks
- Forest swimming pool

Heppenheim 10

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Heppenheim is the main town in the district and home to wine and theatre festivals, with around 26,000 inhabitants. The main tourist magnet is the historic old town centre with its beautiful medieval half-timbered buildings and many cosy and original taverns that are well worth sampling.

Places of interest:

- Historic old town centre with market square, half-timbered town hall, Marienbrunnen fountain and Liebig apothecary
- Kurmainzer courtyard
- St. Peter's Church
- Starkenburg (castle)
- Wine & Stone discovery trail

Lampertheim 11

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The town famed for its asparagus, located on the Old Rhine, offers an impressive array of historic buildings grouped around the Domplatz and Europaplatz, and invites visitors to chill out in its "Altrhein" nature conservation area and the town's forest. A series of culinary, cultural events and celebrations are offered focusing on asparagus.

Places of interest:

- Historic complex of buildings around the cathedral
- Nature conservation area on the "Old Rhine"
- Balthasar Neumann Church in Hofheim
- Hunting lodge in Neuschloß
- Castle Rennhof in Hüttenfeld

Laudenbach 12

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Located on the northern part of the Badische Bergstrasse, Laudenbach is an up-and-coming and pleasant place to live that has retained its village character.

Places of interest:

- Protestant church above the market square
- Beautiful countryside framed by vineyards



Ladenburg

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Remnants of the Roman past combined with medieval charm have shaped the townscape up to the modern age. Market days or the numerous festivals and cultural events offer the best opportunity to enjoy the special atmosphere.

Places of interest:

- Beautiful medieval townscape
- Martin's Gate
- Witch Tower
- Gothic St. Gallus church
- Lobdengau Museum
- Carl Benz villa
- Dr Carl Benz automobile museum

Hemsbach

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A wine-growing village at the foot of the Odenwald with around 12,000 inhabitants that offers a wide range of sports and recreational activities, fine dining options and cultural events.

Places of interest:

- Old town centre with half-timbered houses and romantic nooks and crannies, old town hall
- Kreuzberg pilgrimage site
- Freestanding fighting tower of the former moated castle (Zehntscheuer)
- Former synagogue and Jewish cemetery
- alla hopp! playground

Hirschberg

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Hirschberg is situated at the foot of the rolling hills of the Odenwald and has very good traffic connections to Weinheim, Heidelberg and Mannheim.

Places of interest:

- Castle of Count von Wisser
- Pilgrimage church "Zur schwarzen Madonna"
- Protestant churches from the 14th and 17th centuries
- Ruins of "Villa Rustica"

Dossenheim

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This fruit-growing and market-gardening town is right next to Heidelberg. It offers an extensive range of leisure and recreational facilities.

Places of interest:

- Local heritage museum
- Ruins of Schauenburg Castle
- Art and culture in the old barn
- Protestant church
- Beautiful countryside with hiking and cycling trails
- Lefernez quarry

Weinheim

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Weinheim, the "town of two castles", invites visitors to linger with its attractive shopping facilities and historic old town centre. The Schlosspark (Castle Park), Exotenwald forest and Hermannshof park are "green lungs" in the heart of the town that give you the chance to unwind in beautiful surroundings.

Places of interest:

- Historic market square
- Gerberbachviertel, the former tanners' district
- Palace garden and Exotic Forest
- Hermannshof show and experimental garden
- Castle Ruin Windeck and Wachenburg Castle
- Weinheim Castle and museum

Schriesheim

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The wine-growing town of Schriesheim is surrounded by vineyards along the sunny Bergstrasse. It offers sports facilities, a crazy golf course and an idyllically situated swimming pool complex, which all add up to a very attractive range of leisure options.

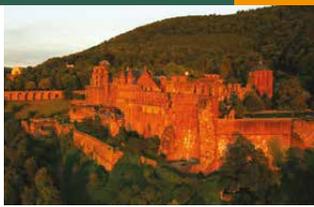
Places of interest:

- Historic old town centre with the old town hall and circular walk around the old town
- Visitor Mine "Grube Elisabeth"
- Théo Kerg Museum
- Madonnenberg and Strahlenburg Castle

Heidelberg

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Hardly any other place has received so much flattery from poets as the university town on the banks of the Neckar. Each year, guests from all over world enjoy the town's unique atmosphere, whose past seems to linger on and whose present is marked by its youthfulness.

Places of interest:

- The world-famous castle
- The Old Bridge
- The Philosophenweg (Philosopher's Path)
- The historic old town centre with one of Europe's longest pedestrian zones
- Heidelberg Zoo