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WELCOME TO OFFENBURG AND THE ORTENAU!

Recommended Excursions in the Region



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General Information

For a trip planner using Deutsche Bahn (DB), the German railway, go to:
www.reiseauskunft.bahn.de.

You can change the language of the website to English in the upper right corner, clicking on "Deutschland". Check the box "only local transport" to show only connections without long-distance-train supplements (which is cheaper, but also considerably slower in some cases).

The screenshot shows the Deutsche Bahn (DB) website's search interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the DB logo and links for Home, Contact, FAQs, and TPE USA. Below this is a red header with menu items: Offers, Discover Germany, Booking & Timetable, Services, and Trains, along with a My Bahn link. A progress bar indicates the search steps: Search (active), Select, Ticket & options, Payment, Check & book, and Confirmation. The main search area is titled "TravelService" and includes a "from" field with "Offenburg" entered, a "to" field for "Station / stop / address", and an "Outward journey" section with a date of "We, 01.02.17" and a time of "12:00". There are also "Return journey" options and checkboxes for "prefer fast connections" and "only local transport" (which is checked). A "frequent questions" sidebar is visible on the right.

For local connections (including buses and bus prices), use the following site:
www.efa-bw.de (the language can be changed by clicking on the flag in the upper right corner).

The screenshot shows the EFA-BW website's Journey Planner interface. The top navigation bar includes links for Mobilität, Aktuelles, Freizeit, Tickets & Tarife, Mediacenter, and Wir über uns, along with a search icon and the NVBW logo. Below this is a header for "FAHRPLANAUSKUNFT EFA-BW – REALTIME-INFORMATION - TEST" with a sub-menu for JOURNEY PLANNER, DEPARTURE BOARD, STOP SPECIFIC TIMETABLE, MY TIMETABLE, and MORE OFFERS. The main search area is titled "Simple" and "Advanced Entry" and includes a "Start" field with "offenburg" entered, a "Destination" field for "town, stop/station or address or point of interest", and a "Date Time" section with "on 01 02 2017 at 12 00". There are also "Departure" and "Arrival" radio buttons and a "submit" button.

Special Public–Transport Tickets

Here are some ticket offerings by DB and the local public transport company of the Ortenau region, TGO, which may save you money:

Schönes-Wochenende-Ticket

This weekend ticket is valid for unlimited rides on local trains in 2nd class throughout Germany, for up to 5 persons traveling together. It can be bought for Saturday or Sunday and is valid from 0:00 of that day until 3:00 am of the following day. 40 € for one person; 4 € for each additional person (up to 5 total)

Trains labeled IC, EC, ICE and TGV are expensive. You can get a considerable discount, however, by reserving a specific connection well in advance.



TGO Ortenaukarte (day pass)

Unlimited-ride ticket for one calendar day (and until 3am of the following day) for 4 fare zones within the TGO system (6 €) , e.g. from Offenburg to Kehl, or for the entire Ortenau district (8 €), for one person. For both tickets, up to 4 additional persons can join for an additional 3,50 € each.

Europass 24h

This pass is valid for 24 hours after validating, for one person (9,30 €) or two persons (14,00 €, Europass-Family 24h), travelling on local trains, buses and trams in the Ortenau region and in the Greater Strasbourg area.

Europass 24h + FDS

This ticket is also valid for local trains to Freudenstadt (Hauptbahnhof and Stadtbahnhof). Price: 11,90 € (1 person); 19,00 € (2 persons, Europass-Family 24h + FDS)
Information: www.ortenaulinie.de

You can buy these tickets at the train station (ticket counters or machines) or on the internet. Note, however, that you pay a surcharge of 2 € for tickets purchased over the counter.

Baden-Württemberg-Ticket

This day ticket is valid for unlimited rides on local trains in 2nd class within the state of Baden-Württemberg, for up to 5 persons traveling together. From Monday to Friday the ticket is valid from 9:00 until 3:00 am of the following day; on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays it is valid from 0:00 until 3:00 am of the following day.

2nd class: 1 person: 23 €, 5 € every addl. person (up to 5).

1st class: 1 person: 31 €, 13 € for every addl. person (up to 5).

If you are **26 years old or younger**, you can use the **Baden-Württemberg-Ticket Young** for 19 € (1 person; validity period and additional persons as of the general BW-Ticket).

The **Baden-Württemberg-Ticket Nacht** is valid for traveling after 6 pm until 6 am of the following day): 1 person 20 €, every additional person (up to 5) 5 €; 2nd class only.

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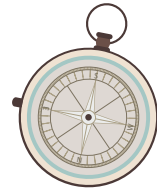
Local trains (Nahverkehr). Most local buses and trams are also included in the special tickets listed on these pages.



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Baden-Baden

Pop. 53,400; 40 km, 40 minutes (car/train) from Offenburg - www.baden-baden.de/en

Main Sights

- **Trinkhalle**
- **Kurhaus**
- **Casino**

Open from 2pm daily (slot machines from noon)
Closed on: Good Friday, Allhallows,
Volkstrauertag, Penance Day, Totensonntag,
Christmas Eve and Christmas
Price: 5 € (slot machines 1 €) No entrance under
21 years of age, only with
valid ID or passport, clothing rules apply.

- **Museum Frieder Burda**

Open: 10am-6pm; closed on Mondays
Price: 11 € for students

- **Art Museum LA8**

Open: 11am-6pm;
Closed on Mondays
Price: 5 € for students

- **Art Museum Staatliche Kunsthalle**

Open: 10am-6pm; Closed on Mondays, Price: 5 € for students

- **Fabergé Museum**

Open: 10am-6pm; open on Mondays, Price: 12 € for students

- **Caracalla Therme – Bath and sauna**

Open 8am-10pm, Price: 16 € (for 2 hours) 23 € for a day pass

- **Friedrichsbad – Roman-Irish bath**

Open: 9am-10pm
Price: Single entry without massage 25 € (for 3 hours),
With soap and brush massage (8 Min.) 37 € (for 3,5 hours)



Other Points of Interest

Stiftskirche, Stourdza-Kapelle, Russian Church, Merkur Mountain (with cable car), Gardens, Theatre and Opera events, historical town center, horse raising events (May, August and October), Oldtimer meeting (July), Ruins of the Old Castle Hohenbaden, Roman Bath Ruins.

Local Transport

- **Bike: Call a Bike (operated by the DB)**

Several places in town

Email: bbl@swbad.de

Phone: (07221) 277 650 or (069) 42 72 77 22

Information: www.callabike.de/

- **Bus: Public Transport in Baden-Baden (BBL) (is operated by the Karlsruhe Transport Association) (KVV)**

Service Center: Bürgerbüro (town hall)

Lost and Found: Beuerner Straße 25,

Email: bbl@swbad.de - <http://en.kvv.de/>

“Baden-Baden is so nice
that you have to name it twice!”

Bill Clinton



Tourist Information

- On the B500 road, Schwarzwaldstraße 52
Mon-Sat 9am-6pm, Sat and holidays 9am-1pm

- “i-Punkt” in der Trinkhalle
Kaiserallee 3

Phone: (07221) 275-200

Email: info@baden-baden.com

Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun and holidays 2pm-5pm

Durbach

Pop. 3,900; 10 km, 15 minutes by bus (no. 7142) from Offenburg - www.durbach.de

Main Sights

Durbach is an acknowledged spa town and one of Baden's best wine areas with many price winners, so taste it!

It is also very picturesque, with beautiful hanging flowers, half-timbered houses and small decorated bridges.

Other Points of Interest

Castle "Staufenberg", built in the 11th century with a view to Alsace/France.
Information: www.schloss-staufenberg.de/

"The golden
wine valley"



Tourist Information

Tal 36

77770 Durbach

Phone: (0781) 42153

Email: info@durbach.de

April to October: Mon-Fri 9am-12am and 2pm-5pm; Sat 10am-12am

November to March: Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri 9am-12am; Mon, Thur 2pm-5pm;

Wed and Sat closed.

Furtwangen im Schwarzwald

Pop. 9,150; 70 km, 1 hour 20 minutes (car/train) from Offenburg - www.furtwangen.de

Main Sights

- **German Clock Museum**
- **Source of the Danube river (Breg river)**

Other Points of Interest

Brend Tower with look-out over the Black Forest, Güntherfelsen (rocks);
Ideal starting point for hiking tours in the Black Forest.



Tourist Information

Lindenstraße 1
78120 Furtwangen

Phone: (07723) 92950

Email: touristinfo@furtwangen.de

Rust and Europa-Park

Pop. 4,000; 35 km, 35 minutes (car/train) from Offenburg - www.europapark.de/en

On a surface of 95 ha (230 acres), with over 100 rides (including more than 10 roller coasters and about 10 water coasters) and numerous shows, Europa-Park is one of Europe's biggest and most popular theme parks. It is open through most of the year, including during Halloween season and in winter (excluding high-speed coasters and water coasters), and decorated according to the season.



Seasons and opening hours

Summer: Mid/End March to early November 9am-6pm (during peak season longer opening hours may apply)

Winter: Late November to early January: 11am-7pm (during school holidays longer opening hours may apply).

Prices

Adults (12 year and older) in summer 44,50 €, in winter 38,50 €; during winter season there is an evening ticket for 20,50 € (admission after 4pm).



Other things worth seeing in the region

- Europa-Park has a 4D cinema showing films in the evening (without requiring entrance to the park).
- Near Rust is the nature reserve Taubergießen, where you can pursue activities such as hiking, biking or canoeing.



Best theme park in the world 2014 and 2015!
Golden Tickets Awards

Getting there

- **By car:** Autobahn A5 to exit no. 57b “Rust”, then follow the signs to “Europa-Park”. Parking is 5 € per day and car.
- **By train/bus:** Take a regional train in the direction of Freiburg / Basel which stops in Ringsheim. In Ringsheim change into bus no. 7231, which goes directly to the park (check the Europa-Park website or timetables).

Europa-Park and Ringsheim are still in the Ortenau district. That means the Europass 24h (see p. 4) is valid. The TGO also offers a combined ticket (train, bus, admission) for visitors living in the Ortenau (see website for information).



Freiburg im Breisgau

Pop. 222,200 (of which approx. 30,000 are students) 70 km, 1 hour (car/train) from Offenburg
www.freiburg.de

Main Sights

- **Freiburg cathedral “Münster”**
- **Funicular railway to the Castle Dattler** (with restaurant and café)
Funicular is open daily from 9am to 10pm (Tuesday 9am to 6pm, Nov-Feb closed on Tuesdays) Price: 3 € (one-way), 5 € (up and down)
Group price (5-9 persons): 2,70 € per person (one-way), 4,30 € per person (up and down)
Information: www.schlossberg-bahn.de
- **“Schauinsland” funicular - “Have a look into the wild”**
October to June: 9am-5pm (closed for 3 weeks in Nov for revision works; closed on 24th Dec) July to September: 9am-6pm
Price: 8,50 € for students (one-way), 11,50 € (up and down)
Information: www.bergwelt-schauinsland.de
- **Mundenhof Zoo**
Admission free, open year-round, parking 5 €, www.freiburg.de/pb/Len/265917.html

Other Points of Interest

Freiburger Bächle (small runnels or formalized rills throughout the town), historical town center with the historical department store



Local Transport

- **Bike: Radstation und Mobilitätszentrale**

Wentzingerstraße 15, 79016 Freiburg (at the Main Station)
Open Mon-Sun 9.30am-6pm - Phone: (0761) 2 92 79 98

- **Bike: Freiburg Bikes**

Mon-Fri 10am to 1 pm and 2pm to 5pm
Phone: (0176) 54 32 98 98, Email: info@freiburgbikes.de
Information: www.freiburgbikes.de

- **Bus and Tram: VAG Freiburg**

welcome.vag-freiburg.de/
Service Center: Main Station at the Radstation and Salzstraße 3 (town centre)
Email: pluspunkt@vagfr.de

According to legend, when a visitor accidentally steps into one of the "Bächle," they will marry a native of Freiburg.



Tourist Information

Rathausplatz 2-4
79098 Freiburg

Phone: (0761) 3881 880 (Phone contact: all year Mon-Fri 9am-6pm)
Email: touristik@fwtm.de

June to September: Mon-Fri 8am-8pm, Sat 9.30am-5pm,
Sun and holidays 10.30am-3.30pm

October to May: Mon-Fri 8am-6pm, Sat 9.30am-2.30pm,
Sun and holidays 10am-12am

Gengenbach

Pop. 10,800; 10 km, 15 minutes by car, less than 10 minutes by train from Offenburg
www.gengenbach.info/

Main Sights

■ Flößerei- und Verkehrsmuseum

Museum of timber rafting and traffic

Open from April to October: Saturday 2pm-5pm, Sunday 10am-12am/2pm-5pm

Price: 2,50 € - Information: www.floesserei-museum.de/floesser.htm

■ Haus Löwenberg (Art Museum)

Tue-Fri 10am-12am/2pm-5pm, Sat, Sun and holidays 1pm-6pm

Price: 3,50 € for students - Information: www.museum-haus-loewenberg.de

■ Narrenmuseum Niggelturm

Museum of Carnival

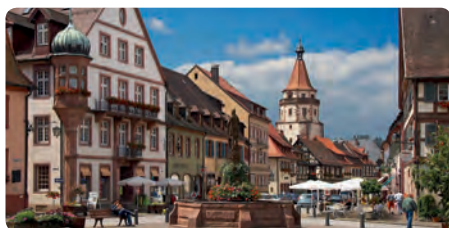
April to October: Wednesday and Saturday 2pm-5pm, Sunday 11am-5pm

Advent time: Mon-Sat 4pm-7pm, Sun 1pm-7pm

Price: 3 € - Information: www.narrenmuseum-niggelturm.de/

Other Points of Interest

Martini market (November), the Ober-
tor, the Kinzigtor, the Niggelturm, the
Benedictine monastery, the Town Hall
Advent calendar (End of November to
23th December; every day at 6 pm
a new window will be opened)



Local Transport

Bike: Kultur- und Tourismus GmbH
(approx. 6 € per day)

Tip: Before your trip to Gengenbach
rent a bike in Offenburg and then travel
to Gengenbach (only 30 minutes); it's
worth seeing the beautiful landscape!

Tourist Information

Kultur- und Tourismus GmbH
Im Winzerhof
77723 Gengenbach

Phone: (07803) 930143 or 19433
Email: tourist-info@stadt-gengenbach.de

Mon-Fri 9am-12.30am and 1.30pm-5pm
(Jul-Sep till 5.30pm),
Sat (May-Oct and Dec) 10am-12am

Gutach (Schwarzwaldbahn)

Pop. 2,200; 40 km, 30 minutes by train, 45 minutes by car from Offenburg
www.gutach-schwarzwald.de

Main Sights

- **Open Air Museum Vogtsbauernhöfe**

Museum with traditional farmer houses of the Black Forest
April - October: 9am-6pm (in August till 7pm); Christmas market on the farmyard: 3 days of December; Price: 8 € for students; Audio guide (German, English or French): 3 €
Information: www.vogtsbauernhof.org

- **Rodelbahn (Alpine Slide)**

Every day 9am-7pm depending on weather conditions, check website if it is operating, Price: 2,50 €
Information: www.schwarzwaldrodelbahn.de

- **Park mit allen Sinnen - Experience your senses**

Barefoot Trail with sensory stations for smell and touch.
Mar-Apr: 11am-6pm, May-Mid Sep: 10am-7pm, Mid Sep-Oct. 11am-6pm
Season opening subject to weather conditions, see website. Price: 5,50 €/day
Information: www.parkmitallensinnen.de/ihr-besuch/



Other Points of Interest

Art Museum Hasemann-Liebich, ideal starting point for hiking tours in the Black Forest.

Tourist Information

Gemeinde Gutach

Hauptstraße 38

77793 Gutach (Schwarzwaldbahn)

Phone: (07833) 93 88-0

Email: gemeinde@gutach-schwarzwald.de

Mon and Tue 8am-12am/1.30pm-4.30pm,

Wed 7am-12am, Thur 8am-12am/2pm-6pm

Fri 8am-12am



Hausach

Pop. 5,700; 30 km, 25 minutes (car/train) from Offenburg - www.hausach.de/

Main Sights

- **Schwarzwald-Modell-Bahn**
Black Forest Model Railway
April to October: 10am-6pm (closed on Mondays); November to March:
10am-5pm (closed on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays) Price: 6,50 €
Information: www.schwarzwald-modell-bahn.de
- **Open Air Museum "Erzpoche"**
Museum of mining
Tue-Fri 10am-12am/2pm-5pm, Sat, Sun and holidays 1pm-6pm
Admission free, guided tour (ask at the tourist office): 2 € for students
Information: www.dorfer-erzbrueder-hausach.de/

Other Points of Interest

Ruins of the Husen Castle; historical museum of Hausach in the Herrenhaus (open on Sundays, admission free); Molerhiisli (dwelling and studio of Eugen Falk-Breitenbach; please contact the tourist office for visits); the nearby town of Haslach, with historic center and Trachtenmuseum (Black Forest Costume Museum); ideal starting point for hiking tours in the Black Forest.

Tourist Information

Kultur- und Tourismusbüro
Hauptstraße 34
77756 Hausach

Phone: (07831) 7975

Email: tourist-info@hausach.de

Mon-Fri 8.30am-12am and 2pm-4.30pm, Thursday till 6pm



Mummelsee and Hornisgrinde

The lake Mummelsee on the Black Forest Panoramic Road (Schwarzwaldhochstraße) and nearby the highest mountain of the Northern Black Forest: Hornisgrinde; 47 km, 50 minutes by car, 1 hour 20 minutes by train from Offenburg - www.mummelsee.de/en/

Main Sights

- **Mummelsee**

The lake, a kiosk, shops, a restaurant and a hotel
Possibility to rent a pedal boat

- **Hornisgrinde (1.163m a.s.l.)**

You can hike from the Mummelsee to the top of the Hornisgrinde or you take the bus no. 7123 that will take you right to the top of the mountain. On top of the Hornisgrinde is a plateau with a moor landscape. There are hiking trails (and you should always stay on the trails) and there is the Hornisgrindetower with a spectacular view over the Black Forest and the Rhine valley.

Price (tower): 1 €, Open on Saturday and Sunday (depending on weather conditions) and during school holidays, Nov-Apr 11am-4pm, May-Oct 10.30am-5pm

Other Points of Interest

Ideal starting point for hiking tours in the Black Forest

Local Transport

Bus: TGO Tarifverbund Ortenau
www.ortenaulinie.de/

Tourist Information

Ruhesteinstraße 21
77889 Seebach

Phone: (07842) 94830
Email: tourist-info@seebach.de

May-Oct and school holidays, Mon-Fri 9am-12am/2pm-4.30pm Sat 10am-12am
Nov-Apr, Mon-Thur 9am-12am/2pm-4pm, Fri 9am-12am



Heidelberg

Pop. 155,000; 127 km, 2 hours by train, 1 hour and a half by car from Offenburg - www.heidelberg.de

Main Sights

■ Heidelberg castle and German Pharmacy Museum

Castle: 8am-6pm, Museum: 10am-5.30pm (Apr-Oct till 6pm)

Several guided tours a day in German and English (inside of the castle; 60 minutes) Price: 4 € for students (incl. Funicular (lower section) up and down, admission to the castle yard, big barrel and the Pharmacy museum), Extras: Audio guide in several languages: 5 €, Guided tour: 2,50 € for students
Email: info@schloss-heidelberg.de

Information: www.schloss-heidelberg.de and www.deutsches-apotheken-museum.de

■ Funicular railway

One of the longest funicular railways in Germany

The funicular is divided into two sections. The lower section is included in the castle ticket (see above), the upper section is for students 3,50 € (one-way) and 5,50 € (up and down) Combined ticket (castle ticket as described above and upper part of the funicular): for students 6,50 € (one-way) and 10 € (up and down)

Operating in summer from 9am-8pm , in winter 9am-5pm

Information: www.bergbahn-heidelberg.de/

■ Heidelberg Zoo

Apr-Sep: 9 am-7pm, Mar and Oct: 9am-6pm, Nov-Feb (low season): 9am-5pm

Price: 7,70 € for students (high season), 6,20 € (low season)

Information: www.zoo-heidelberg.de/

■ Kurpfälzisches Museum

Museum of Art, Archaeology and History

Tue-Sun 10am-6pm, closed on Mondays and on 24th, 25th and 31st of Dec, the 1st of May and on Shrove Tuesday

Price for students: 1,80 € (Monday-Saturday), 1,20 € (Sunday and Holidays)

Information: www.museum-heidelberg.de

Other Points of Interest

Historic town center, Karl Theodor Bridge (also called "Alte Brücke"), historical university buildings, fountains, churches and monasteries (church of the holy spirit, church of the Jesuits, Michael monastery, Peter church, church of the Providence, ruin of the Stephan monastery), Garden (University Botanic Garden in the castle court), Philosopher's Path.

Local Transport

Bus and Tram: [VRN](#)
[Verkehrsverbund Rhein-Neckar](#)
www.vrn.de/
Service Center: Main Station,
Email: info@vrn.de



Special Offer: [Heidelberg-CARD](#). Unlimited rides on the trams and buses of Heidelberg plus the castle ticket as described above (lower section of funicular): 15 € for one day (contact the tourist office)

Tourist Information

At the main station (am Hauptbahnhof)

Willy-Brandt-Platz 1
69115 Heidelberg

Phone: (06221) 58 44 444

Apr-Oct: Mon-Sat 9am-7pm, Sun and holidays 10am-6pm;

Nov-Mar Mon-Sat 9am-6pm, Sun and holidays closed; 24th and 31st of Dec 10am-1pm

In the town hall (im Rathaus)

Marktplatz 10
69117 Heidelberg

Email: touristinfo@heidelberg-marketing.de

Mon-Fr 8am-7pm, Sat 9am-3pm

(Nov-Mar closed),

Sun and holidays closed



Karlsruhe

Pop. 300,000; 70 km, 40 minutes by train, 60 Minutes by car from Offenburg - www.karlsruhe.de

Main Sights

■ Karlsruhe Zoo

Nov-Jan 9am-4pm, Feb-Apr 9am-5pm, May-Sep 8am-6pm, Oct 9am-5.30pm

With gondolas on the central lake (Gondoletta)

Price: 8 € for students, Gondoletta: 4 € (half round: 2,50 €)

Information: www.karlsruhe.de/b3/freizeit/zoo.de

■ ZKM—Zentrum für Kunst und Medientechnologie

Center for Art and Media Technology

Museums: Mon-Tue closed, Wed-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat-So 11am-6pm

Information Desk: Mon-Tue 10am-4pm, Wed-Fri 9am-6pm,

Sat-Sun 11am-6pm

Shop: Mon-Tue closed, Wed-Fri 11am-6pm, Sat-Sun 11am-6pm

Museum of Media (Lichthof 8+9): interactive and participative Art of Media

Museum for New Art (Lichthof 1+2): Museum for all kind of Art and Media

Price: Lichthof 8+9 OR Lichthof 1+2: 4 € for students, both: 6,50 €

On Fridays from 2pm on admission free

Information: www.zkm.de/en

■ Castle with the Museum of Baden

Museum of Culture and History

Tue-Thur 10am-5pm, Fri-Sun and holidays: 10am-6pm

Price: 3 € for students, with tower visit: 5 € for students

There are also changing seasonal exhibitions (extra admission fee may apply)

On Fridays from 2pm on admission free

Information: www.landesmuseum.de/

Other Points of Interest

Federal Constitutional Court and Federal Supreme Court, Botanical Garden, Market Place with the famous pyramid, Turmberg (with funicular railway), Museum beim Markt (Art), Museum in der Majolika (Ceramic), German Museum of jukeboxes (in the town of Bruchsal), Städtische Galerie (Art, in the ZKM building), Theatre of Baden (Badisches Staatstheater) with operas, music events and drama plays.



Due to its fan-shaped streets all leading to the castle in the city center, Karlsruhe is called "Fächerstadt" (fan city).

Local Transport

Bus and Tram: KVV Karlsruher Verkehrsverbund

www.en.kvv.de

Service Center: At the Main Station and at the Market Place.



Tourist Information

At the main station (am Hauptbahnhof)

Bahnhofplatz 6

76137 Karlsruhe

Phone: (0721) 3720-5383 or 5384

Email: touristinfo@karlsruhe-tourismus.de

Mon-Fri 8.30am-6pm, Sat 9am-1pm,

Sun (Apr-Oct) 10am-1pm



Konstanz (Constance)

Pop. 81,700; 128 km, 2 hours and a half (car/train) from Offenburg - www.konstanz-tourismus.de

Main Sights

- **Lake Constance (Bodensee)**

The biggest lake of Germany. Part of it belong to Austria and Switzerland. There are many passenger ships across the lake and a wide offer of water sport can be practiced here.

- **Sea Life Center Constance**

Over 3.500 different animals

Sep-Jun 10am-5pm, Jul and Aug 10am-6pm

Regular price: 17,50 €

(There is an online discount and other offers, so check the website!)

Information: <http://www.visitsealife.com/konstanz/en>

- **Museum of Archeology of Baden-Württemberg**

Tue-Sun 10am-6pm, closed on Mondays

Price: 4 € for students

Information: <http://www.konstanz.alm-bw.de>

Other Points of Interest

Cathedral (Münster) Unserer Lieben Frau, Imperia Statue, Rosgartenmuseum (History), Hus-Museum (Museum of Jan Hus).

In the surrounding area: Island Mainau with its botanical garden, Island Reichenau with its monastery, Meersburg with its old castle, lake dwellings of Unteruhldingen.

The Imperia Statue is a 9m high rotating concrete sculpture caricaturing the event of the Council of Constance (1414-1418). It is situated at the entrance of the harbour of Constance.



Local Transport

Bike: [Kultur-Rädle Konstanz](#)

At the train station, approx. 13 €/day

Information: www.kultur-raedle.de/rad.html

Bus and Tram: [VHB Verkehrsverbund Hegau-Bodensee](#)

Email: info@vhb-info.de, Information: www.vhb-info.de/GRAFIK

Tourist Information

At the train station

Bahnhofplatz 43

78462 Konstanz

Phone: (07531) 1330-30

Email: info@konstanz-tourismus.de

Apr-Oct Mon-Fri 9am-6.30pm, Sat 9am-4pm, Sun 10am-1pm

Nov-Mar Mon-Fri 9.30am-6pm, Sat-Sun closed

Phone contact: Apr-Sep 9am-6pm, Oct 9am-5pm, Nov-Mar 9am-12.30am/1.30pm-5pm



Murgtal and Rastatt

Rastatt pop. 47,600; Towns in the Murg Valley: Gaggenau (28.650 inh.), Gernsbach (14.000 inh.), Weisenbach (2.500 inh.), Forbach (4.800 inh.) 55 km, 40 minutes by car, 30 minutes by train from Offenburg (to Rastatt) - www.murgtal.org - www.rastatt.de

Main Sights

- **Rotherma Gaggenau**

Thermal Bath, Information: www.rotherma.de/index.html

- **Unimog-Museum Gaggenau**

Museum of UNIMOG, the offroad 4x4 vehicle. You can join on a UNIMOG drive on a test ground!

Open Tue-Sun 10am-5pm

Price: 3,90 € for students (passenger ride: 5,50 €, exclusive driving training 189 €)

Information: www.unimog-museum.com/

- **Adventure World/ Murgtal-Arena**

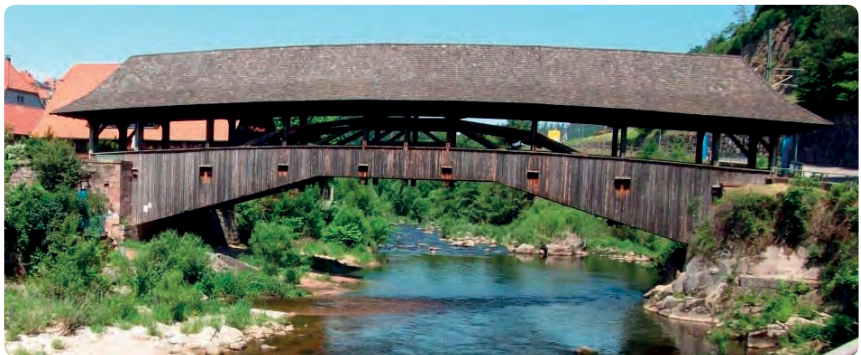
Adventures like paragliding, soft-rafting, kayaking or river bed hiking

Email: info@murgtal-arena.de

Information: murgtal-arena.de/

Other Points of Interest in the Murg Valley

Schloss Eberstein (Gernsbach), covered bridge (Forbach), Rail and Bike (Tour de Murg - by train on the higher areas in the valley, by bike almost all time downhill), Schloss Favorite (Rastatt-Förch), Schloss Rastatt (castle and Museum of Military History), climbing park and Alpine slide Mehliskopf, Schwarzenbachtalsperre (barrier lake), ideal starting point for hiking tours in the Black Forest:



The castle of Rastatt was built 1699-1705 on the model of the castle of Versailles by the Margrave Louis William of Baden-Baden.

Local Transport

Bus and Lightrail through the Murg Valley: KVV Karlsruher Verkehrsverbund
<http://en.kvv.de>



Tourist Information

Rastatt

Herrenstr. 18 (at the castle)

76437 Rastatt

Phone: (07222) 972-1220

Email: touristinformation@rastatt.de

Murgtal

Tourismus Zweckverband "Im Tal der Murg"

Am Bahnhofsplatz 1

76571 Gaggenau

Phone: (07225) 98216-0

Email: info@murgtal.org



Stuttgart

Pop. 612,500; 145 km, 2 hours 15 minutes by car; 2 hours by train from Offenburg
www.int.stuttgart-tourist.de/en

Main Sights

- **Stuttgarter Fernsehturm, TV Broadcast Tower**
Tower, Panorama Café and restaurant
Tower and Café open Mon-Thur 10am-11pm, Fri-Sun 9am-11pm
Price: 4 € for students (tower entrance)
Information: <http://www.fernsehturm-stuttgart.de/en/>
- **Stuttgart Zoo and Botanical Garden Wilhelma**
Over 1.000 species of animals, some 7.000 species and varieties of plants.
Main entrance: All year open from 8.15am, closing at Nov-Feb 4pm, Mar and Oct 5pm, Apr and Sep 5.30pm, May-Aug 6pm
Regular price: 10 € for students till 28 years (after 4pm only 7 €, Nov-Feb only 7 € all day)
Information: www.wilhelma.de/nc/en/
- **Museum of Porsche**
Tue-Sun 9am-6pm, closed on Mondays
Price: 4 € for students (after 5 pm only 2 €),
Information: www.porsche.com/museum/en/
- **Museum of Mercedes-Benz**
Tue-Sun 9am-6pm, closed on Mondays
Price: 4 € for students (after 4.30pm only 2 €)
Information: www.



Other Points of Interest

Canstatter Wasen, Schlossplatz, towers with look-out (Killesbergturm, Bismarckturm, Burgholzhof), Landtag Baden-Württemberg (Regional Parliament), Museum of Natural Science, Art Museums (Neue Staatsgalerie, Kunstmuseum am Schlossplatz), House of History (Museum of History), a lot of more Museums, Musical Theatre SI-Zentrum (Broadway style), opera house and other theatres.

Local Transport

Bus, Metro and Lightrail: VVS Verkehrsverbund Stuttgart
Email: kontakt@vvs.de, Information: www.en.vvs.de/home/

Capital of Baden-Württemberg



Tourist Information

Tourist-Information i-Punkt

Near the train station at the start of the main shopping street (Königstraße)
Königstraße 1a
70173 Stuttgart

Phone: (0711) 2228-253

Email: i-punkt@stuttgart-tourist.de

Opening Hours:

Mon-Fri 9am-8pm, Sat 9am-6pm,

Sun and holidays 10am-6pm



Airport Tourist Information Center

Terminal 3, Level 2

70269 Stuttgart

Phone: (0711) 78 28 58 31

Email: welcome@stuttgart-tourist.de

Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 8am-7pm,
Sat 9am-1pm/1.45pm-4.30pm, Sun and
holidays 10am-1pm/1.45pm-5.30pm

Schramberg

Pop. 20,800; 60 km, 1 hour (car/train) from Offenburg - www.schramberg.de

Main Sights

- **Auto- und Uhrenwelt**

Museum of Cars and Clocks "Erfinderzeiten", car collection Steim, Railway Museum Black Forest, Museum of Diesel
Information: <http://www.auto-und-uhrenwelt.de>

- **Stadtmuseum Schramberg**

Museum of the town with exhibits around the topics clocks, castles, stone ware and straw plaiting
Admission free

Idyllic, natural atmosphere. Ideal to discover the Black Forest by foot or by bike.



Tourist Information

Bürgerservice und Tourist-Information Talstadt Rathaus Schramberg (in the town hall)

Hauptstraße 25

78713 Schramberg

Phone: (07729) 926028

Email: info@schramberg.de

Titisee and Titisee-Neustadt

Pop. 12,000; 70 km, 1 hour and a half (car/train) from Offenburg - www.titisee.de

Main Sights

- **Titisee (the lake itself)**
Round trips on ships, renting a boat (pedal, electric or rowboats), stand up paddling.
- **Badeparadies Schwarzwald**
Large pool area with water slides and wellness area.
See website for opening hours.
Price: daily ticket from 20 €
Information: www.badeparadies-schwarzwald.de/en/

Other Points of Interest

Ideal starting point for hiking tours in the Black Forest.
In the surrounding area: Feldberg (highest mountain of the Black Forest), Schluchsee (another lake), Wutachschlucht (canyon)

The lake: 130 ha (≈320 acres), 45 m deep on 850 m a.s.l.

Local Transport

Bus: RVF Regio-Verkehrsbund Freiburg
Email: info@rvf.de, <http://www.rvf.de>

Tourist Information

Strandbadstraße 4
79822 Titisee-Neustadt
Phone: (07652) 1206 8120
Email: titisee@hochschwarzwald.de



Triberg im Schwarzwald

Pop. 4,700; 50 km, 45 minutes by train, 1 hour by car from Offenburg - www.triberg.de

Main Sights

■ Waterfalls

The highest waterfalls of Germany, accessible all year.

Price: 3,50 € for students

■ Black Forest Museum

Easter to Sep 10am-6pm daily; Oct to Easter Tue-Sun 10am-5pm,

Mondays closed. Price: 4 € for students

Information: www.schwarzwaldmuseum.de/en/

■ World's biggest cuckoo clock

The cuckoo clockwork measures 4,5m x 4,5m, the cuckoo is also 4,5m long and weighs 150kg. Easter to Oct Mon-Sat 9am-6pm, Sun 10am-6pm,

Nov to Easter Mon-Sat 9am-5.30pm, So 11am-5pm. Price: 2 €

Information: www.uhren-park.de (than the link on the bottom of the page)

Other Points of Interest

Pilgrim Church "Maria in der Tanne", ideal starting points for hiking tours in the Black Forest, high rope course, wooden council chamber

163 m height difference over 7 cascades, the highest waterfalls in Germany.



Local Transport

Bus: VSB Verkehrsverbund Schwarzwald-Baar

Email: kundencenter@v-s-b.de

www.v-s-b.de

Tourist Information

Wallfahrtstraße 4

78098 Triberg im Schwarzwald

Phone: (07722) 8664-90

Email: tourist-info@triberg.net

Mon-Fri 9am-5pm,

Sat-So (Mid May-Mid Sep): 10am-5pm

Wolfach

Pop. 5,800; 39 km, 40 minutes by car, 30 minutes by train from Offenburg - www.wolfach.info

Main Sights

- **Dorotheenhütte**

Glass Manufacture, Museum of glass, Christmas Village, shops, restaurant, café
Visitors can blow glass (vase for 15 €).

Glass production and glass museum open daily from 9am to 5pm.

Shops and Christmas Village open daily from 9am to 5.30pm.

Price: 4 € for students (without guided tour)

Information: www.dorotheenhuetten.info

- **Grube Clara**

Mineral pit where you can excavate minerals by yourself.

Open from end of March till early November Mon-Sat 9am-5pm,
in summer also on Sun 10am-5pm.

Prices depending on yield, see website

Information: www.mineralienhalde.com/

Other Points of Interest

Historic town center, ideal starting point for hiking tours in the Black Forest, Museum of town history in the Wolfach castle, Flößerpark und Flößerpfad (hiking trail and park about raftsmen)
In the surrounding area: Museum of Minerals and Mathematics (Oberwolfach), Visitor's Mine "Grube Wenzel" (Oberwolfach), Bear and Wolf Park (Bad Rippoldsau-Schappbach), Hirschgrund - Zipline Area Schwarzwald (Schiltach), beer brewery Alpirsbacher Klosterbräu with Museum and guided tour (Alpirsbach)

Local Transport

Bus: TGO Tarifverbund Ortenau
www.ortenaulinie.de/

Tourist Information

Hauptstraße 41
77709 Wolfach

Phone: (07834) 83 53 53

Email: wolfach@wolfach.de



Going abroad (once more)...

We highly encourage you to also visit the nearby countries of France and Switzerland. Traveling there does not take you more time or money than other destinations listed in this brochure. Beware, however, of very high prices within in Switzerland, including for food, restaurant meals, museum tickets, etc.

	FRANCE	SWITZERLAND
Member state of...	European Union and Schengen Area	Schengen Area
Currency	Euro (EUR)	Swiss Franc (CHF) (1 EUR ≈ 1 CHF)
Language	French (in the border region also German or the Alsatian Dialect)	Swiss-German, French, Italian and Rhaeto-Romance (German-speaking in the border region to Germany)
Public Transport (Railway Service)	Société Nationale des Chemins de fer Français (SNCF)	Schweizerische Bundesbahnen (SBB)
	en.voyages-sncf.com/en Regional trains are TER or "Transilien" in Paris	http://www.sbb.ch/en/ Regional trains are R, RE, S and SN

The Baden-Württemberg-Ticket is also valid on the railway to Basel SBB in Switzerland. For local transport in Basel (bus and tram), however, you need a separate ticket! It is not valid to travel to France. For Strasbourg see the Europass 24h on page 4.

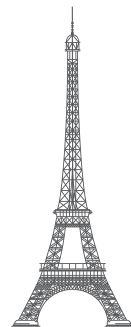


Traveling in Alsace?

You can find a journey planner here: <http://www.vialsace.eu/en>
Please ensure, via the transport operator websites, that there is no strike in France before you travel there.

What about passing a weekend in Paris?

The French high-speed train TGV needs less than two hours from Strasbourg to the French capital of Paris. Remember that you can get a considerable discount by reserving a specific connection well in advance.



Basel (Switzerland)

Pop. 175,100; 120 km, 2 hours by train, 1 and a half by car from Offenburg - www.basel.com/en

Main Sights

- **Basler Münster, Cathedral**

Protestant cathedral in Romanesque and Gothic style.

Open in winter from 11am-4pm (Sundays and holidays from 11.30am);
in summer: Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 10am-midnight, Sun 11.30am-7pm),
please check the website for exceptional closing times.

Admission free, price for ascent of the tower: 5 CHF,

Information: www.baslermuenster.ch/home

- **Basel Zoo**

Open all year from 8am. Closing in winter at 5.30pm, in summer at 6.30pm.

Price: 21 CHF (15 CHF for young people aged 16-24),

Euro banknotes (no coins) are accepted.

Information: www.zoobasel.ch/en/

- **Vitra Design Museum**

The museum is in Weil am Rhein, Germany, prices in Euro.

Open daily from 10am-6pm

Price: 5-15 € for students

Information: www.design-museum.de/en/information.html

Other Points of Interest

Market place with the red town hall, Basel's Marionettentheater (puppet theatre), Art Museum of Basel, a lot of other museums, Botanical Garden of the Basel University (admission free), Theater Basel.



Basel has three different names in the Swiss Languages: Basel in the German part, Bâle in French and Basilea in Italian and Rhaeto-Romance. In English you can use two versions: Basel and Basle.

Local Transport

Bikes: Kultur- und Tourismus GmbH
(approx. 6 CHF per day)

Trams and Busses:
BVB Basler Verkehrs-Betriebe
Email: kundenzentrum@bvb.ch, Information:
www.bvb.ch/en/

BLT Baselland Transport
Information: www.blt.ch/en/



Tourist Information

Tourist Information Stadtcasino (Barfüsserplatz)

Steinenberg 14
4051 Basel - Basel Zentrum

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-6.30pm, Sat 9am-5pm,
Sun & holidays 10am-3pm

Tourist Information Train Station SBB

Centralbahnstrasse 10
4051 Basel - Basel Hauptbahnhof

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-6pm, Sat 9am-5pm,
Sun & holidays 9am-3pm

Phone: (0041) 61 268 68 68
Email: info@basel.com

Colmar (France)

Pop. 68,000; 85 km, 1 hour 20 minutes (car/train) from Offenburg; www.tourisme-colmar.com/en/

Main Sights

- **Martinsmünster, Collégiale Saint-Martin**
Roman Catholic Cathedral
Open from 8am to 9pm (no visits during service)
- **Unterlinden-Museum with the Isenheim Altarpiece**
Open Fri-Mon and Wed 10am-6pm, Thur 10am-8pm, closed on Tuesdays
Price: 8 € for students (under 30 years)
Information: www.musee-unterlinden.com/en/
- **House of Birth and Museum of Frédéric-Auguste Bartholdi**
Museum dedicated to the constructor of New York's Statue of Liberty.
Open from 1st of March to 31st of December,
Wed-Mon 10am-12am/2pm-6pm, closed on Tuesdays
Admission free for students
Information: www.musee-bartholdi.fr/

Other Points of Interest

Petite Venise (very beautiful ward with small channels reminiscent of Venice), Museum of Natural History and Ethnology, Museum of Toys, Museum of Municipal Factories.



Local Transport

Bike: See website of the tourist office (in French only) or contact the tourist office www.tourisme-colmar.com/fr/velo

Bus: TRACE Transports de Colmar et environs

Email: info@trace-colmar.fr

Information: www.trace-colmar.fr/

The third-largest commune of the Alsace region considers itself as „capital of Alsatian wine“.

Tourist Information

Colmar Tourist Office

Place Unterlinden

68000 Colmar

Phone: (0033) 3 89 20 68 92

Email: info@tourisme-colmar.com

Opening hours:

Mon-Sat 9am-6pm; Sun & holidays 10am-1pm;

Good Friday & Sundays during the Christmas markets 10am-1pm/2pm-5pm;

Christmas (25th) 2pm-5pm



Sélestat & Haut-Koenigsbourg (France)

Sélestat pop. 19,350; Kintzheim pop. 1,593; Orschwiller 633; 61 km, 1 hour by car, 1 hour by train from Offenbourg (Kintzheim & Orschwiller 30 minutes more by bus from Sélestat station)
www.selestat-haut-koenigsbourg.com

Main Sights

■ Haut-Koenigsbourg (Orschwiller)

Middle Age castle

Open from November to February: 9.30am-12am/1pm-4.30pm;

March and October: 9.30am-5pm; April, May and September: 9.15am-5.15pm;

June-August: 9.15am-6pm.

Price: 7 € for students

Free entrance: 1st Sunday of the month from November to March and during the “European Heritage Days” (3rd weekend of September).

Information: www.haut-koenigsbourg.fr/en/

■ Montagne des Singes (Kintzheim)

Park with apes that can be fed with special popcorn.

Open from March to November, check website for details opening hours.

Price: 8 € for students

Information: www.montagnedessinges.com/en

■ Volerie des Aigles (Kintzheim)

Bird of prey demonstration and an old castle.

Open from March to November, check website for details opening hours.

Price: 8 € for students

Information: www.voleriesaigles.com

Other Points of Interest

Sélestat: Humanistic Library (Bibliothèque humaniste), Museum of wheat and bread (Maison du Pain), some wonderful examples of religious heritage and a historic town center.

Kintzheim: Cigoland (Theme Park), on the Alsatian Wine Road, ideal starting point for hiking tours in the Vosges.

Orschwiller: on the Alsatian Wine Road, ideal starting point for hiking tours in the Vosges.

Local Transport

Transport intercommunal de Sélestat (TIS)

www.tis-selestat.com/

There is a shuttle bus (navette no. 500) from Sélestat train station to Haut-Koenigsbourg, Montagne des Singes and the Volerie des Aigles, see the website of Haut-Koenigsbourg.



Tourist Information

SHKT- Bureau d'accueil de Sélestat - Siège (Head Office)

10 Boulevard Leclerc

67604 Sélestat

Phone: (0033) 3 88 58 87 20

Email: accueil@selestat-haut-koenigsbourg.com

SHKT - Bureau d'accueil de Sélestat - Centre Ville

Place d'Armes

67600 Sélestat

Email: accueil-hotelville@selestat-haut-koenigsbourg.com

SHKT - Bureau d'accueil du Massif du Haut-Koenigsbourg - Kintzheim

Route de Sélestat

67600 Kintzheim

Email: accueil-kintzheim@selestat-haut-koenigsbourg.com

Strasbourg (France)

Pop. 275,700; 27 km, 30 minutes (car/train) from Offenburg
www.en.strasbourg.eu/en - www.otstrasbourg.fr/en/

Main Sights

- **Liebfrauenmünster, Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Strasbourg**
Roman-Catholic Cathedral in the heart of the city, with big astronomical clock (at 12.30pm, an admission fee applies at that time)
Open from 7am-11.20am/12.35pm-7pm (no visits during service)
Admission free (except events and ascent of the tower),
Information: www.cathedrale-strasbourg.fr/english.aspx
- **Kleinfrankreich, Petite France**
Ancient ward of the tanners with picturesque timbered houses
- **European Institutions**
E.g. European Parliament, Council of Europe, European Court of Human Rights
Guided tours are possible, some debates are public and admission free
Information: www.en.strasbourg-europe.eu/

Other Points of Interest

Historic city center with Place Kléber and Place de la République, botanic garden of Strasbourg University (admission free), the orangery with small animal park, the Garden of the Two Banks (Garten der Zwei Ufer, Jardin des Deux Rives) at the border with Germany, touristic boat trip on the river Ill (landing stage: Palais Rohan), the covered bridge of Vauban with accessible terrace, Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Museum of Archeology, of Fine Arts and of Decorative Arts in the Palais Rohan, Alsatian Museum, Museum of Tomi Ungerer, a lot of other museums, an opera house, theatres.



In the heart of Europe.

Local Transport

Bike: [Vélhop](#), 6 €/day

Information: www.velhop.strasbourg.eu/en/

Tram&Bus: The operator of the local public transport is [CTS \(Compagnie des Transports Strasbourgeois\)](#). In Strasbourg you will find a good tram and bus network.

Information: www.cts-strasbourg.eu/en/



Tourist Information

Office de Tourisme

17 place de la Cathédrale

For letters: 67082 Strasbourg CEDEX

For visits: 67000 Strasbourg

Phone: (0033) 3

Email: info@otstrasbourg.fr

Opening hours: Mon-Sun 9am-7pm



Winter Activities

Skiing and Sledding

There are numerous skiing opportunities in the Black Forest. You will find a lot of prepared slopes along the Black Forest "Panoramic Road" (Schwarzwaldhochstraße). Snow is not 'guaranteed' in the Black Forest, however; sometimes, in winters without much snowfall, some slope operators resort to artificial snow to keep up their business.

From Offenburg, you have to travel a bit to reach the nearest skiing areas. To the North there are, e.g., Kniebis, Zuflucht, Unterstmatt, Ruhestein, and Mehliskopf; to the South, Kesselberg, Schonach, Brigachlift, Kandellifte or Feldberg, among many others. Some, but not all of these areas are accessible by public transport. Some skiing areas also offer slopes for sleds, and some towns in the mountains set them up them as soon as there is enough snow.

We recommend you contact the local tourist offices or the general Black Forest Tourist Information for more detailed recommendations and information about skiing and sledding.



Tourist Information

Schwarzwald Tourismus GmbH
Heinrich-von-Stephan-Straße 8b
79100 Freiburg

Phone: (0761) 896460

Email: mail@schwarzwald-tourismus.info

Web: www.blackforest-tourism.com/

Ice Skating

Offenburg has its own ice-skating rink on the fairground not far from the University. The rink is only open during winter. www.eislaufhalleoffenburg.de/

If you prefer ice skating in open air, there is the Kunsteisbahn am Wiedenfelsen in Bühlertal, about 50 km away (50 minutes by train and bus), also open in winter. www.kunsteisbahn-wiedenfelsen.de/

During the Christmas-market season, Offenburg also offers an open-air ice-skating rink right at the Marktplatz.



Carnival

Carnival (Fasnet) is taken very seriously in the Ortenau district. Many towns are under “exceptional circumstances” during the time nearing the Lent Period. Carnival followers speak of the “Fifth Season,” starting as early as on November 11 each year and lasting till Shrove Tuesday (usually around mid- to late February) of the following year. Attending one of the local parades or balls devoted to Fasnet is a highly recommended experience.



Christmas Markets



Almost every town and even some small villages in Southwestern Germany offer a Christmas Market. There are those that take place from the end of November through

Christmas and others that are only held on certain days or weekends. Make sure you verify the opening dates and times when planning your trip!

Selected Christmas markets taking place throughout the Advent season

Offenburg, Baden-Baden, Europa-Park, Freiburg, Gengenbach, Heidelberg, Karlsruhe, Konstanz, Rastatt, Stuttgart, Basel (CH), Colmar (F), Sélestat (F), Strasbourg (F)

Selected Christmas Markets with limited opening dates

- Durbach
- Rust (in the town itself, not at Europa-Park)
- Gutach (Vogtsbauernhöfe)
- Hausach
- Schramberg
- In the Murg Valley: Gernsbach, Gaggenau, Weisenbach and Forbach
- Titisee-Neustadt
- Triberg (December 25-30)

And then there is the Christmas Market at the Dorotheenhütte in Wolfach, which is open all year round!

The tradition of the “Adventskranz” (advent wreath) in Germany goes all the way back to the 16th century. On each of the four “Advent Sundays” leading up to Christmas, you light one more candle on the horizontal, decorated fir wreath, symbolizing the hope for new and eternal life.

Summer Activities

Swimming lakes

There are a lot of swimming lakes in the Ortenau region. The closest to Offenburg are

- Strandbad Gifzsee (Offenburg)
- Königswaldsee (Hohberg-Hofweier)
- Bürgerwaldsee (Offenburg)
- Badesee Schutterwald

Farther north of Offenburg

Waldsee (Willstätt-Hesselhurst), Badesee Kehl (Kehl-Goldscheuer), Baggersee Kork (Kehl), Baggersee Legelshurst (Willstätt), Badesee Wacholderrain (Neuried-Altenheim), Baggersee Fohlgarten (Neuried-Altenheim), Badesee Rheinau (Rheinau-Honau), Badesee Rheinau (Rheinau -Freistett), Achernsee (Achern)

Farther south of Offenburg

Stockfeldsee (Neuried-Dundenheim), Badestrand Niederschopfheim (Hohberg), Baggersee Schuttern (Friesenheim), Baggersee Meißenheim, Baggersee Anglerheim Nonnenweier (Schwanau), Waldmattensee (Lahr-Kippenheim), Baggersee Grafenhausen (Kappel-Grafenhausen), Baggersee Allmendsee (Rust)

Please note that most of these swimming lakes are not monitored by lifeguards!



Natural swimming pools

There are also many public swimming pools in the Ortenau region, which are lifeguarded. The following two also have unchlorinated pools, providing a 'more natural' atmosphere:

- **Naturbad Sulz (Lahr-Sulz)**
- **Naturerlebnisbad Ottenhöfen**



Have fun exploring our beautiful region!

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