



Rastatt district tourism Black Forest, Rhine and vines

The following 20 highlights give you an insight into the touristic, cultural and scenic diversity of the rural district of Rastatt in the northern Black Forest. The northern Black Forest as part of the Black Forest Central/Northern Nature Park and the Black Forest National Park, with its distinctive landscape structure, is an attractive destination with numerous leisure activities on offer. The Murgtal valley, for example, is an ideal area for extensive hiking and cycling tours. The tarn lakes and high moors are just some of the many natural highlights you can enjoy here. The PAMINA Rhine Park also invites you to take part in guided nature tours and discovery tours, whether on foot or by bike. The largest contiguous protected floodplain area in Central Europe (3,000 hectares) also awaits you here. On the other hand, the sun-drenched vineyards in northern Ortenau attract many wine connoisseurs and gourmets to this region. So, before you continue your tour of discovery through our diverse region, you can enjoy a hearty meal and fortify yourself in one of the numerous inns and gourmet restaurants.

No matter whether travelling by bus, train, car or plane (Karlsruhe/Baden airport): the excellent transport connections in the Rastatt region enable you to get here quickly and comfortably. Especially attractive is the unique KONUS Guest Card, which is a free ticket for public transport during your entire stay in the Black Forest. You will receive the card as soon as you register with your host in Bühlertal, Forbach, Gaggenau (districts of Bad Rotenfels and Winkel), Gernsbach and in Loffenau. The KONUS Guest Card thus entitles you to free use of buses and trains of the Black Forest transport associations as well as trams and buses (for further information see www.tourismus.landkreis-rastatt.de). All maps indicated in this flyer are available from Rastatt's district administration office.

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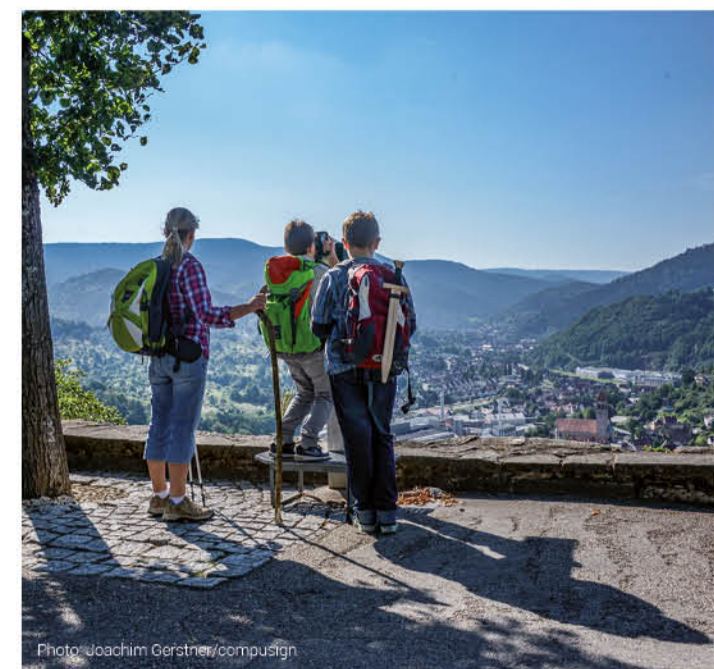


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Highlights

Travel Tips between Black Forest, Rhine & Vines



The northern Black Forest is a paradise for hikers. Discover the region along one of the most certified premium trails in Germany – the 110-kilometre-long **Murgleiter** trail from Bad Rotenfels to the Schliffkopf mountain near Baiersbrunn. There are two other premium hiking trails in the district. The **Gernsbacher Runde** leads around the hiking village of Gernsbach for 42 kilometres. Discover historic destinations and breath-taking views. Another hiking highlight is the well-known **Westweg** trail, which runs through the district of Rastatt on its second and third stages. The 5.3-kilometre-long **Gernsbach Sagenweg** (Legend Trail), which takes both children and adults into Gernsbach's legendary past, falls under the category of connoisseurs' trail.

INFO Information on the hiking trails can be obtained from the tourist information offices in Bühl, Bühlertal, Gernsbach, Rastatt and Forbach, as well as from the "Im Tal der Murg" (Murg valley) association or on the internet.
www.tourismus.landkreis-rastatt.de
www.murgleiter.de
www.gernsbacher-runde.de
www.sagenweg.de

Cycling routes



There are numerous attractive cycling routes through the district of Rastatt. The 130-kilometre-long **PAMINA Rhine floodplains cycle path** allows you to experience both the German and the French banks of the Rhine. Several museums and attractions invite you to stop off along the way. The 94-kilometre-long **PAMINA Rhine Park South cross-border cycle path** connects the Alsace with Baden and offers many opportunities to discover the landscape and places in the region. While on the **farm shop tour** you will cycle for 45 kilometres through charming cultural landscapes, discovering interesting production sites and regional products. Try freshly baked bread, fruit, vegetables, meat from our own livestock or wines from Baden. One very special highlight is the **Tour de Murg**, which takes you from the Black Forest heights along the Murg river to the Rhine valley and to Rastatt. The **Baden wine cycle path** and the **Rhine Cycle Route** also leads through the Rastatt district. For the sporty types, if you are looking for something more challenging, you will definitely find what you are looking for in the **mountain biking arenas of Murg-/Enztal and Hornisgründe-Ortenau**.

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www.tourismus.landkreis-rastatt.de
www.pamina-rheinpark.org
www.bikearena-murgenz.de



Favorite Palace Rastatt Residential Palace & Church



Rastatt Residential Palace is the oldest Baroque residence in the Upper Rhine Valley. With its overall architecture, the imposing complex vividly demonstrates a geometric unity of city and gardens with the palace itself taking centre stage. From 1700 onwards, the original hunting lodge was converted into a prestigious residence based on the model of Versailles. Hourly guides Tue-Sun, Apr-Oct, 10am-5pm; Nov-Mar, 10am-4pm

The palace church, which has been open to visitors again since 2017 after extensive renovation and restoration work, was furnished entirely according to the personal wishes of Margravine Augusta Sibylla of Baden. Church furnishings that are unique on this scale.

Guided tours Tue-Sun & public holiday, Apr-Oct 2pm, 3pm and 4pm; Nov-Mar 2pm and 3pm

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Favorite Palace, the enchanting Baroque pleasure and hunting palace, is the oldest German porcelain palace that has been preserved almost unchanged. It's furnishings, collections and idyllic location make it a work of art of great European significance.

Hourly guided tours Tue-Sun & public holiday, 15.03.-30.09., 10am-6pm; 01.10.-15.11., 10am-5pm, 16.11.-14.03. close

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Schwarzach Cathedral

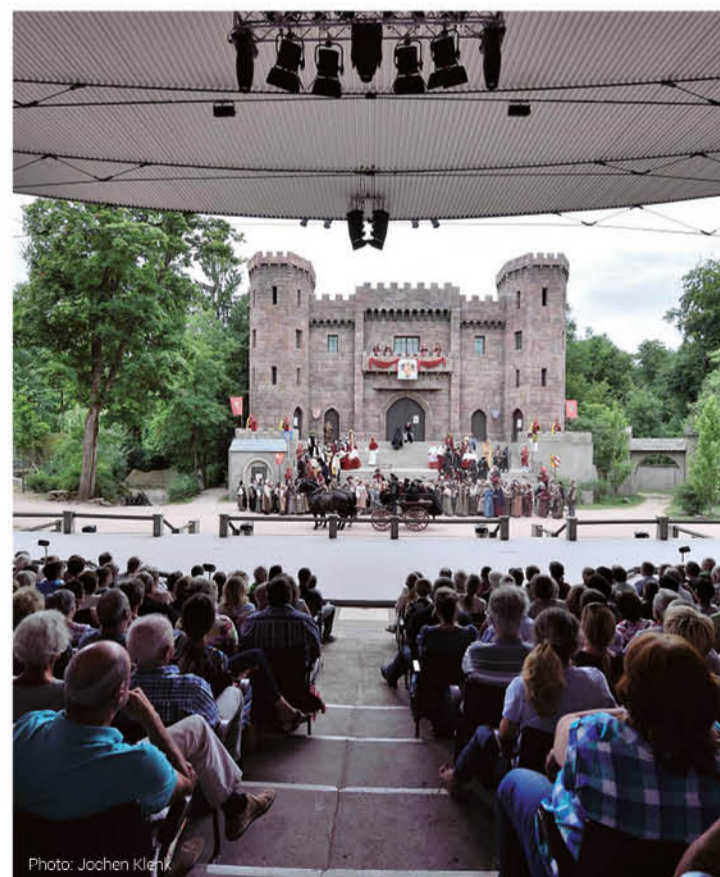


The cathedral of the former Benedictine abbey, visible from miles away, with its beautifully-preserved Baroque farm buildings and the magnificent Klosterhof or monastery portal, is one of the great art treasures of the state of Baden-Württemberg. Nowadays, the "Romanesque Schwarzach Cathedral" plays host to unique concert events, which attract more and more visitors from all over Germany with top-class performers, incomparable acoustics and a very special ambience. The imperial monastery appeared in documents for the first time in 817 as "Suarizaha". After a devastating fire in 1299, the church was severely damaged and was rebuilt shortly afterwards. In 1302 the new church was ceremoniously consecrated. For more than 700 years, this consecration of the church has been fittingly celebrated every year on the third Tuesday of October in what is known as the "Schwarzacher Kirwe".

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Ötigheim folk plays Germany's largest open-air stage



Pure open-air theatre pleasure – that's the folk plays in Ötigheim! Germany's largest open-air stage is a popular attraction for theatre and music lovers from all over Germany during the summer months. Around 4,000 spectators can watch the performances against a magnificent natural backdrop on comfortable, covered seats. Not only the stage system is unique, but also the large number of volunteers involved. Up to 700 participants of all ages actively take part in the plays either on stage or behind the scenes.

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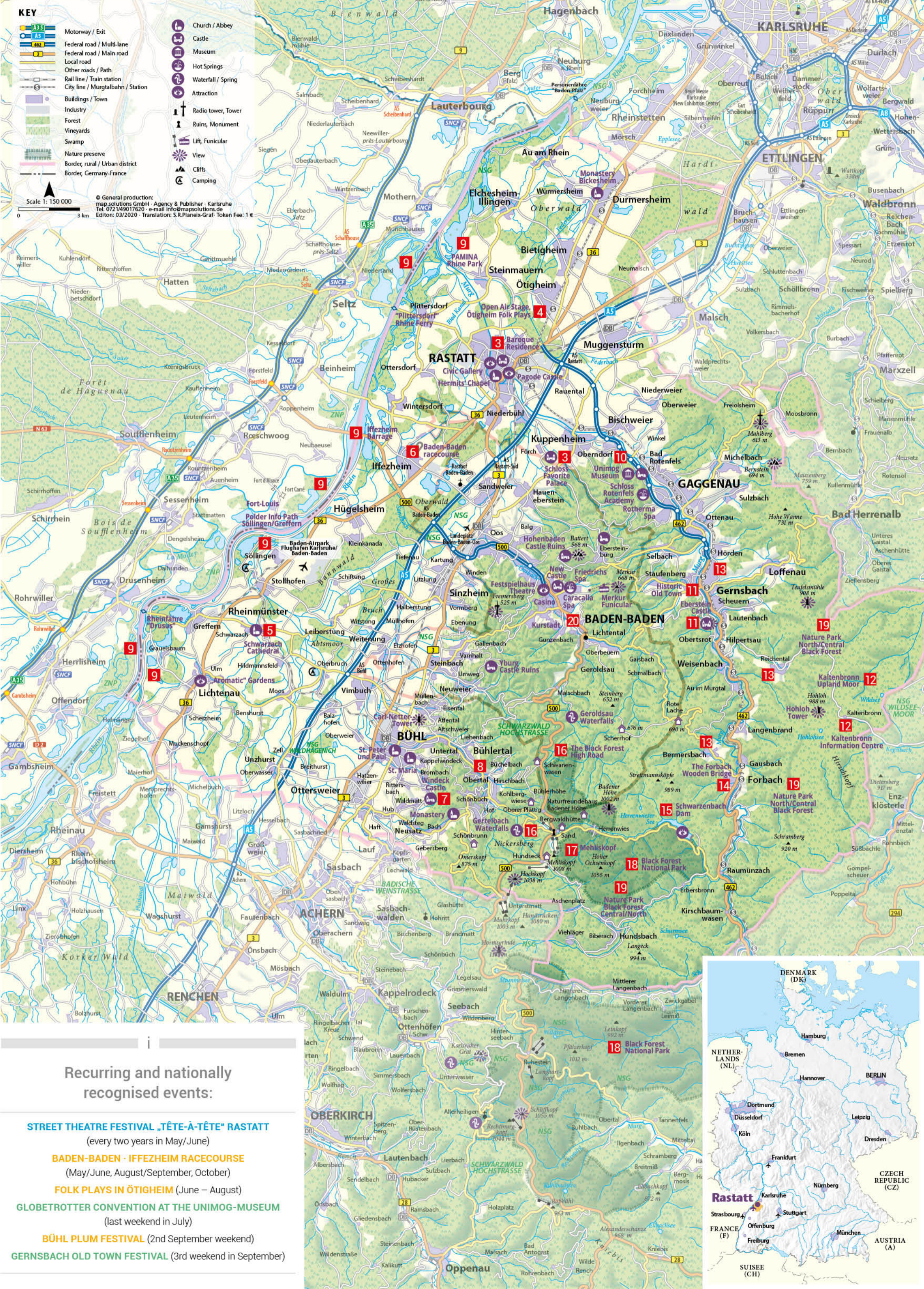


Baden-Baden racecourse · Iffezheim



For more than 160 years now, the thoroughbreds have been galloping over the course at Baden-Baden · Iffezheim racecourse, which was built on the initiative of Edouard Bénazet at the gates of Baden-Baden. Since 1858, the social and sporting highlight has been the Baden Grand Prix – part of the Great Week meeting in late summer. The spring meeting, on the other hand, is entirely devoted to the family, with the Children and Family Day as a prelude to the season. In October during the Sales & Racing Festival, everything revolves around the youngster, and at the BBAG auctions you can gain an insight into the auctions of genuine thoroughbreds.

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Recurring and nationally recognised events:
STREET THEATRE FESTIVAL „TÊTE-À-TÊTE“ RASTATT
(every two years in May/June)
BADEN-BADEN · IFFEZHEIM RACECOURSE
(May/June, August/September, October)
FOLK PLAYS IN ÖTIGHEIM (June – August)
GLOBETROTTER CONVENTION AT THE UNIMOG-MUSEUM
(last weekend in July)
BÜHL PLUM FESTIVAL (2nd September weekend)
GERNSBACH OLD TOWN FESTIVAL (3rd weekend in September)



Windeck Castle



Around 1200, the Lords of Windeck built Windeck Castle on a mountain spur south-east of Bühl as a place to live, a defensive structure and as a symbol of their claim to power. A fresh wind was blowing around the noses of the castle's inhabitants and hence they named their new home "Wind-Eck", or windy corner. The castle complex consisted of a front and rear castle – each part comprising a tower and residential buildings. From the smaller keep the entrance gate was guarded. The palace building (residential building) has been largely destroyed. The lowest floor of the second tower, located in the rear of the castle, probably served as a dungeon or granary. In times of war it was used as a defensive tower and a place of refuge for the inhabitants. To serve its purpose, the walls in the lower part were particularly thick and the entrance was built into the 4th floor. The present entrance on the ground floor dates from the 19th century. The castle resisted all enemy attacks, but in the 14th century it was hit by a devastating fire, which destroyed apartments and stables. The castle tower can be ascended from April to October from 9am until dusk and in the winter months when the weather permits. Directly below the ruins you will find a hotel-restaurant, as well as the "Pferdestall" horse stables. For the children there is a large playground.

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PAMINA Rhine Park, Iffezheim barrage & polder info path Söllingen/Greffern



A region as a museum – that is the basic idea behind the PAMINA Rhine Park. It is neither a pure nature reserve nor a typical open-air museum. The regions of PALATINAT, MITTLERER OBERRHAIN and NORD ALSACE give the park its name. The unique floodplain landscape between Karlsruhe and the southern district of Rastatt itself is the most important museum exhibit. In addition, there are, among other things, eleven thematically coordinated museums on both sides of the Rhine, two nature conservation centres and numerous special features relating to the landscape.

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One very popular destination for excursions is the barrage at Iffezheim. Around 45,000 ships pass through the barrage every year. In addition to the lock, electricity for around 250,000 households is generated in Germany's most powerful run-of-river power station the Iffezheim Rhine power station (make bookings at: www.enbw.com/besichtigungen). The polder information path consists of two approximately 6-kilometre-long circular paths each in the districts of Söllingen and Greffern, which can be explored on foot or by bike. Information boards provide answers to questions about flood protection and the polder in Söllingen/Greffern.

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Gernsbach historic old town & Eberstein Castle



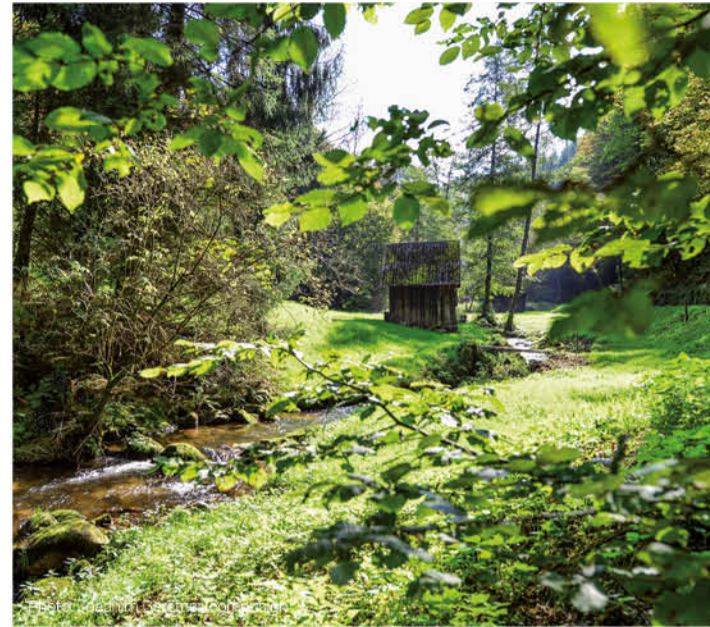
The historic old town of Gernsbach with its picturesque half-timbered houses, the fountains and the well-preserved town fortifications all invite you to stay for a while. One of the most famous buildings in the region is the Old Town Hall, which documented the prosperity of the river Murg mariner's family, the Kasts. Also worth seeing are the two town churches, the Zentscheuern grain warehouse and the only defence tower still left standing today, the Storchenturm. Guests can learn even more about the town on a signposted tour or on an eventful guided tour. A highlight every year is the Gernsbach Old Town festival.

Eberstein Castle towers high above the town. Built in 1272, its history is closely linked to that of Gernsbach. Many legends and stories are told about the rule of that time. Today, Eberstein Castle is a popular excursion destination and has fantastic views down into the valley. Only in the year 2000 did the property rights of the Margraves of Baden pass into private hands. Since then, the castle has been elaborately but carefully renovated and houses a small luxury hotel and offers gastronomy for the highest demands, as well as for the hiking guests. The wine shop in the castle courtyard offers the award-winning wines from the Eberstein Castle vineyard.

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Map
Tour de Murg

Art and culture in Murgtal valley



During the settlement of the Murgtal, the forest along the streams of the side valleys of the Murg was cleared and meadows were created which served as hay meadows. Immigrants from Tyrol brought with them the construction methods to build wooden hay huts where cattle fodder was stored. The few remaining open meadow valleys in the Murgtal are among the most valuable cultural landscapes in our region. Today, the valleys are kept accessible due to grazing, while some can be hiked on circular routes.

Delve into the former way of life in the Murgtal in one of the museums, such as the Murgtal Museum in Bernersbach, the Forest Museum in Reichental or the Raft Museum. Numerous exhibits depict how people lived and worked in the past. In Reichenbach valley between Hilpertsau and Reichental, annually changing works of art made of wood, stone, paper, metal, concrete, plastic or water are exhibited along the art trail. They show contemporary artistic creations in their diversity, and stand, hang and lie along the trail.

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Map
Tour de Murg

Schwarzenbach dam



Built between 1922 and 1926, the reservoir between the Black Forest High Road and Murgtal is the largest lake in the northern and central Black Forest. The water is diverted to the power station to Forbach (Rudolf-Fettweiswerk/EnBW) for electricity production. Both the Schwarzenbach dam and the power station can be visited. (Appointments can be booked at: www.enbw.com/besichtigungen). The 400-metre-long gravity dam wall is still considered a pioneering achievement in German dam wall construction today. Thanks to its idyllic location, the lake, with boat rentals available, is a popular destination for excursions in summer and winter. Technical data and construction history are displayed on information boards along the lakeside path. Approximately three kilometres upstream from the lake lies one of the most beautiful ice-age tarn lakes, the Herrenwieser lake.

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Map
Murgleiter

Mehliskopf Mountain



The Mehliskopf is directly on the Black Forest High Road. Its peak is crowned by a viewing tower from which you can enjoy magnificent panoramic views. For almost 50 years the ski resort on the Mehliskopf has been one of the most beautiful and largest winter sport facilities in our region. In addition, the Mehliskopf Leisure and Sports Centre also offers an all-year-round bob run, and in summer a high-ropes course, adventure playground and downhill carting.

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Map
Winter in the region of
Black Forest National Park

Nature Park Black Forest Central/North



Sporting challenges, culinary specialities and nature experiences that will stay in your memory – that's what the Black Forest National Park Central/North offers. As one of the largest nature parks in Germany, it has set itself the goal of making the Black Forest cultural landscape, with its characteristic variety of forest, meadow and pastures, accessible to everyone, while at the same time preserving it. The central and northern Black Forest is a landscape full of life – with rushing Black Forest streams, deeply carved valleys and a multitude of green pastures and flowering meadows. Uniformly signposted hiking trails, varied routes for mountain bikers and scenic cycle paths lead through the middle of this magnificent landscape. A very special experience is on offer along the nature park's cycle path, which takes you around the nature park (and also passes through the district of Rastatt) for 260 kilometres.

A special experience is also trekking the Black Forest: stay overnight with tent and sleeping bag in the middle of the Black Forest. For children there is a wide selection of exciting (and definitely not boring!) adventure trails. Starting point for discoverers and experts alike is the nature park information shop in Bühlertal.

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Wine experiences



The topic of wine plays a very important role in the district of Rastatt, due to the fact that part of the area belongs to the Ortenau wine growing region. Enjoy the famous Ortenau wines and culinary delicacies from the region during a wine hike along the about 100-kilometre-long Ortenau Wine Trail. On seven daily stages from Gernsbach to Diersburg, numerous castles, palaces and vantage points invite you to pause a while along the way. The **Baden Wine Route** runs parallel to the **Ortenau Wine Trail**. The Ortenau wine-growing region covers an area of around 2,700 hectares and is the origin of some excellent wines. In spring, discover a landscape bathed in white and pink fruit blossoms. Furthermore, in autumn the foothill areas show their most beautiful side with their variety of coloured vine leaves. Certified wine guides will accompany you through the vineyards.

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The Engelsberg in Bühlertal is one of the steepest vineyards in Europe. For hikers wanting a challenge, the **Engelssteig** trail offers a fixed-rope route variant, which takes you up to a panoramic platform from where you can enjoy stunning views. The Engelssteig trail is accessible from the 1st April until 31st October.

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Unimog Museum



The Unimog vehicle has played a fascinating part in commercial vehicle history for over half a century. In Gaggenau in Baden, where the Unimog was produced for over 50 years, the Unimog Museum invites you to marvel and enjoy. Here, technology is made tangible: through an exhibition of various Unimogs, from prototypes to the newest generation, through cutaway models and vehicle parts, through pictures, films and stories. Anyone who wishes to can book a guided tour and experience the uniqueness of the Unimog for themselves as a (co)driver on the obstacle course. The museum is an homage to the Unimog, while at the same time a place of remembrance of contemporary history since 1945. There are special offers for children and young people. The museum's offering is rounded off by the tourist information's "Im Tal der Murg" association, a museum shop and the Unimog restaurant with outdoor terrace. The museum hall and an integrated function room can also be booked for celebrations, conferences or for lectures.

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Public transport: Light railway from Karlsruhe or Freudenstadt, destination: Bad Rotenfels Schloss
Opening times: Tue-Sun from 10am to 5pm

Upland moor & Kaltenbronn information centre



In the upland moors of Kaltenbronn you will experience unique and unspoiled landscapes. The forest moors at 900m above sea level are a habitat for specialists in the animal and plant kingdom. Across a network of well-maintained hiking trails, in parts leading over wooden planks, you can explore this kingdom mostly barrier-free. The "troll path" shortens the walking time to the Wildsee moor. The "Auerhahnsteig" is a family adventure trail offering exciting insights into the life of the capercaillie bird. The view from the Hohllohturm viewing tower across the Black Forest peaks and the Murgtal valley to the Vosges mountains is breath-taking. In winter, numerous circular trails, long-distance ski trails and two lifts transform Kaltenbronn into a popular winter sports area.

TIP At the Kaltenbronn Nature Information Centre, an interactive exhibition awaits both young and old. Come and touch and marvel at the exhibits. In addition to the frequently changing special exhibitions, the Kaltenbronn information centre also offers guided hikes through the upland moors of Kaltenbronn.

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The Forbach wooden bridge



The cantilevered, covered and at the same time passable bridge is considered (although it only has a span of 37.8 metres) to be one of the longest of its kind in Europe and is a small attraction in wood in itself. It has existed in its present form since 1778. Heavily damaged after the Second World War, it was dismantled in 1954/1955 before being rebuilt according to the original plans.

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Map
Tour de Murg

The Black Forest High Road and the Gertelbach waterfalls



The most famous panoramic road in the Black Forest is the Black Forest High Road. It leads from Baden-Baden to Freudenstadt (the B 500 road). When the weather is clear, there are views of the Rhine plain as far as France. In winter there are numerous ski areas.

INFO Information about the Black Forest High Road can be obtained from the tourist information offices in Bühl, Bühlertal, Baden-Baden and Forbach or on the internet www.nationalparkregion-schwarzwald.de & www.naturschutzzentren-bw.de

Starting point for the Gertelbach waterfalls is the hiking car park at the upper exit road from Bühlertal village towards Sand (bus stop Gertelbachstraße, line 263). The path follows the watercourse, sometimes left, sometimes right of the water, and is connected by numerous bridges and jetties. Along the way, impressive water cascades alternate with imposing rock formations, and at the end of the path, high above the waterfalls, the Wieden Rocks offer fantastic views across the Bühlertal and of the foothills.

The associated circular trail continues along the Paradise Trail to the Hertha huts and to the Kohlbergwiese forest inn - a piece of paradise in the midst of the forest with a large adventure playground away from the traffic and plenty to keep the children happy to their heart's content.

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The Black Forest National Park



The Black Forest National Park was founded in 2014 as the first national park in the state of Baden-Württemberg. It consists of two parts, the northern part of which is located in the district of Rastatt. The large protected area with a size of 10,062 hectares is located on the Black Forest High Road between Plättig and Alexanderschanze. Nature is allowed to develop freely across a large part of the national park. Humans no longer intervene and nature is allowed to have free reign, thus restoring rare habitats for a variety of animals and plants. Natural development has priority over utilisation here. For human beings, this means that in the course of the coming decades and centuries, it will have the opportunity to experience the transformation back to being a wilderness once again.

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Our neighbour – The elegant spa town of Baden-Baden



In Baden-Baden a grand past meets modern life culture. Water, light, air and earth are the treasures of the town. There are the springs, the baths, nature. Stay in hotels that are second to none and meet in the casino for a game. The festival theatre, the Frieder Burda Museum, the Caracalla spa and the Friedrichsbad pool round off the town's exclusive offerings. Baden-Baden – The good, good life.

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