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DEAR READERS,

Rhineland-Palatinate – Heartland of European history.

Four world heritage sites, monumental Roman buildings, the imperial cathedrals in Speyer, Mainz and Worms, the so-called SchUM cities, leading centres for Jewish culture and commerce in the Middle Ages, numerous castles and palaces, a variety of museums and archaeological treasures are outstanding testimonies to the development and European significance of our state.

The Generaldirektion Kulturelles Erbe (GDKE) brings this great history to life. It not only opens its state-owned castles and palaces, but also functions as the umbrella organisation for the Departments of State for Monument Conservation, State Archaeology and the three State Museums in Koblenz, Mainz and Trier. An abundance of exhibitions, events and educational offers contribute to the involvement in our cultural heritage. The main focus lies on sound documentation along with an attractive presentation, for example in scientific publications or by using audio-visual guidance systems. A particular concern of ours is the further development of barrier-free access opportunities.

On the following pages you will find lots of useful information and many tips. Enjoy a discovery tour through the cultural heritage of Rhineland-Palatinate!

Prof. Dr. Konrad Wolf
State Minister for Science, Vocational Training and Culture of the State of Rhineland-Palatinate
UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITES IN RHINELAND-PALATINATE

Wherever you are in Rhineland-Palatinate – you will encounter remarkable buildings, fantastic landscapes and live history everywhere.

You can discover no less than four UNESCO world heritage sites in Rhineland-Palatinate: Speyer Cathedral; Roman monuments, the cathedral and Liebfrauenkirche in Trier; the Upper Middle Rhine Valley and the Upper Germanic-Rhaetian defence wall Limes.

Rhineland-Palatinate has even more to offer: In the categories World Document Heritage (e. g. Early Writings of the Reformation), Intangible Cultural Heritage (e. g. the cooperative idea) and UNESCO Global Geopark (Volcanic Eifel region) you will find further Rhineland-Palatinate treasures. In addition to that, two cultural sites in Rhineland-Palatinate are on their way to being recognised as UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the SchUM Sites of Speyer, Worms and Mainz, as well as Bad Ems as one of the “Great Spas of Europe”.

SPEYER CATHEDRAL

When approaching Speyer Cathedral the sight is awe-inspiring. The impressive building exceeds all standard dimensions: It is the world’s largest preserved Romanesque church, its crypt is Europe’s largest arcade, and its layout was model to Romanesque architecture across all of Central Europe.

www.dom-zu-speyer.de

ROMAN MONUMENTS, CATHEDRAL AND LIEBFRAUENKIRCHE IN TRIER

A Roman bridge, the Porta Nigra, the Kaiserthermen and Barbarathermen spas, remains of the city fortifications, an amphitheatre, the palace aula – in Trier, Germany’s oldest city, you will feel transposed into Roman times. Subsequent buildings from the Christian era are no less impressive: The cathedral is the oldest episcopal church in this country, and the Liebfrauenkirche is among the oldest Gothic churches of Germany.

THE SCHUM SITES ON THE WAY TO UNESCO WORLD CULTURAL HERITAGE

Once important sites of Jewish scholarship: The SchUM sites of Speyer, Worms and Mainz. In the Middle Ages these formed an important centre of Jewish life throughout Europe. To this day, outstanding Jewish ritual buildings and grave monuments from the Middle Ages have been preserved in the SchUM towns. The application for recognition of the SchUM sites as UNESCO World Heritage will be submitted in 2020.

CULTURAL LANDSCAPE UPPER MIDDLE RHINE VALLEY

Fairy tale castles, fabulous palaces and mighty fortresses are lined up along the Middle Rhine Valley in an incredible density. Paired with breath-taking views and a unique landscape, the spectacular architectural monuments make the 70 kilometres between Bingen and Koblenz a very special experience that cannot be matched by any other European cultural landscape.

www.romantischer-rhein.de

UPPER GERMANIC-RHAETIAN LIMES

With a total length of 550 kilometres, the Upper Germanic-Rhaetian Limes is Europe’s longest monument. Its castles, watchtowers, walls and palisades once shielded the former Roman Empire against free, “barbarian” Germany. Along the 75-kilometre stretch which the Limes runs through Rhineland-Palatinate, the Romans were stationed in no less than 131 watchtowers.

www.welterbe-limes-rlp.de
STATIONENTHEATER, DRAMATISED GUIDED TOURS, 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
DER EWIGE SOLDAT, Ehrenbreitstein Fortress, Koblenz
DIE AKTE HUMFREY, Ehrenbreitstein Fortress, Koblenz
BLUT UND KÖNIGSBLEICHE, Ehrenbreitstein Fortress, Koblenz
SCHLOSSGEFLÜSTER, Bürresheim Castle, Mayen
DIE BEFREIUNG DES RICHARD LÖWENHERZ, Trifels Castle, Annweiler
DER GLADIATOR VALERIUS, Amphitheatre, Trier
DAS GEHEIMNIS DER PORTA NIGRA, Porta Nigra, Trier
TÖDLICHE INTRIGE, Kaiserthermen, Trier

CULTURAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMME
for children and young adults at the castles and palaces

Ask for our brochure "We bring history to life".
It contains all the pedagogical offers of Generaldirektion Kulturelles Erbe Rheinland-Pfalz. Phone +49 261/6675-4000.

SPECIAL EXHIBITIONS, INTERACTIVE PROGRAMMES
and museum education offers for children and young adults
State Museums of Koblenz, Mainz, Trier

KAISERJAHR 2020
The Generaldirektion Kulturelles Erbe Rheinland-Pfalz (GDKE) has proclaimed the year 2020 to be the “KAISERJAHR” throughout Rhineland-Palatinate.
The focus is on the large state exhibition "Die Kaiser und die Säulen ihrer Macht“ [The Emperors and the pillars of their power] in the Mainz State Museum.
Look forward to numerous events and exhibitions at the castles, palaces and in the State Museums in Rhineland-Palatinate.
More information available via www.kaiser2020.de

Additional events can also be found at www.gdke.rlp.de
29.02. – 29.03.2020  DIE JAGD NACH DER GOLDENEN KANONENKUGEL
[HUNTING THE GOLDEN CANNONBALL]
Ehrenbreitstein Fortress, Koblenz

05.04. – 01.11.2020  RAVENSBURGER SPIELEWELTEN –
GEMEINSAM FASZINIERENDES ERLEBEN
[RAVENSBURG’S WORLD OF GAMES –
EXPERIENCING FASCINATING THINGS TOGETHER]
Ehrenbreitstein Fortress, Koblenz

05.04.2020  FORTRESS SPRING
Ehrenbreitstein Fortress, Koblenz

09. – 13.04. +  FORTRESS LIGHTS
17. – 19.04.2020  Ehrenbreitstein Fortress, Koblenz

26.04.2020  KAISERJAHR 2020 OPENING
Trifels Castle, Annweiler

08. – 10.05.2020  COUNTRY OUTING
Ehrenbreitstein Fortress, Koblenz

21. + 23. – 24.05.2020  HISTORICAL PAGEANTS
Ehrenbreitstein Fortress, Koblenz

20.06.2020 – 14.03.2021  ECHO – Aura of Antiquity: Werner Kroener
Rhine State Museum Trier

21.06.2020  CHILDREN’S AND FAMILY FESTIVAL
Ehrenbreitstein Fortress, Koblenz

21.06.2020  MEDIEVAL FESTIVAL
Bürresheim Castle, Mayen

18./19.07.2020  KNIGHTS’ FESTIVAL
Mainz State Museum

24. – 26.07.2020  HORIZONTE WORLD MUSIC FESTIVAL
Ehrenbreitstein Fortress, Koblenz

31.07. – 02.08.2020  GAUKLERFEST(UNG) – JESTERS’ FESTIVAL
Ehrenbreitstein Fortress, Koblenz

22./23.08.2020  MEDIEVAL CRAFTS MARKET
Dahner Castles, Dahn

06.09.2020  CASTLE FESTIVAL
Stolzenfels Palace, Koblenz

Mainz State Museum

25.10.2020  AUTUMN DELIGHTS AND KITE FESTIVAL
Ehrenbreitstein Fortress, Koblenz

03. – 06.12.2020  MEDIEVAL CHRISTMAS MARKET
Mainz State Museum
BRINGING HISTORY TO LIFE.
Discover the treasures of Rhine-Palatinate!

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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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An der Porta Nigra
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Phone +49 6 51 / 9 78 08-0
info@trier-info.de
www.trier-info.de
Tourism magnet, UNESCO world heritage site and Trier’s most famous landmark: Porta Nigra is the best preserved Roman city gate north of the Alps.

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bsa@gdke.rlp.de
www.burgen-rlp.de
www.zentrum-der-antike.de

OPENING HOURS
Jan. / Feb. + Nov. / Dec.: 9 am – 4 pm
March + Oct.: 9 am – 5 pm
April – Sep.: 9 am – 6 pm

DRAMATISED TOURS
“Das Geheimnis der Porta Nigra – The secret of the Porta Nigra”
www.erlebnisfuehrungen.de

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

ADDRESS
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kaiserthermen@gdke.rlp.de
www.burgen-rlp.de
www.zentrum-der-antike.de

OPENING HOURS
Jan. / Feb. + Nov. / Dec.: 9 am – 4 pm
March + Oct.: 9 am – 5 pm
April – Sep.: 9 am – 6 pm

DRAMATISED TOURS
“Tödliche Intrige”
www.erlebnisfuehrungen.de

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

ADDRESS
Olewiger Straße • 54295 Trier
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amphitheater@gdke.rlp.de
www.burgen-rlp.de
www.zentrum-der-antike.de

OPENING HOURS
Jan. / Feb. + Nov. / Dec.: 9 am – 4 pm
March + Oct.: 9 am – 5 pm
April – Sep.: 9 am – 6 pm

DRAMATISED TOURS
"Der Gladiator Valerius"
www.erlebnisfuehrungen.de

NEW: ADVENTURE TOUR
"Mythos Gladiator"

TIP
Don’t miss open-air events • various city tours in combination with the amphitheatre; for information call +49 6 51/9 78 08-20
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.

**THERMAL BATHS AT THE VIEHMARKT**

**SIMPLE BATHING CULTURE**

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.

**ADDRESS**

Barbarathermen, 54290 Trier,
Phone +49 6 51/4 60 89 65

**OPENING HOURS**

Jan/Feb + Nov/Dec: 9 am – 4 pm,
Mar/Oct: 9 am – 5 pm, Apr – Sep: 9 am – 6 pm

Admission is free.

**TIP**
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.

ADDRESS
Trierer Straße
54298 Igel
bsa@gdke.rlp.de
www.burgen-rlp.de
www.zentrum-der-antike.de

TIP
A coloured cast of the column today is on display in the inner courtyard of Rhine State Museum Trier.
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
54441 Kastel-Staadt
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www.zentrum-der-antike.de

Information on opening hours and guided tours:
Tourist information Saarburg,
Phone +49 65 81/99 59 80
www.saar-obermosel.de

**TIP**
Visit the Widdertshäuschen, a Roman tomb below the cell.
The greatest Roman gold treasure, splendid Roman mosaics, an ancient silver jug or the famous Cage Cup – 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 of Roman times are unique – the epoch when the city of Trier had reached the most significant status in its entire history. New finds of the archaeological monument protection are constantly added to the collection.

**TRIER’S GOLDEN TREASURE:**
The discovery of the 18.5 kg find in Trier on 09 Oct. 1993 was deemed a sensation. It is the most significant Roman gold treasure ever found. Please note: Due to reconstruction measures, the Numismatic Collection (Münzkabinett) is temporarily not open to the public.

**ECHO**
THE AURA OF ANTIQUITY:
WERNER KROENER
Rhine State Museum, Trier

20.06.2020 – 14.03.2021
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www.landesmuseum-trier.de
www.zentrum-der-antike.de

OPENING HOURS
Open all year round 10 am – 5 pm
• Closed on Mondays • Please note the bank holiday schedule
Museumscafé
Phone +49 6 51 / 9 94 58 20
www.zeitsprung-cafe.de
Museum shop
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Do not miss out on the highlight, a 360° all-round media experience
IM REICH DER SCHATTEN
Tue. – Sun. 12 am + 2.30 pm
www.im-reich-der-schatten.de
Audio guide included in the entrance fee
THE EIFEL – BETWEEN VOLCANIC DOMES AND MAARS

The region of maars and volcanos – the last volcanic eruption was recorded more than 10,000 years ago – offers a wonderful backdrop when taking a journey into the past. Villa Otrang takes you back to the life of Roman families, Nürburg castle invites you to follow the footsteps of noblemen and the view over the volcanic Eifel, and Bürresheim Castle bears testimony to the aristocracy and living culture of past times.
Dimensions and interior of Villa Otrang are impressive: heated floors, marvellous mosaics, elaborate public baths and space for several families. It is one of the largest Roman estates in the Rhine region and one of the best preserved at the same time.

**ADDRESS**

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54636 Fließem  
info@burgen-rlp.de  
www.burgen-rlp.de  
www.zentrum-der-antike.de

Information on opening hours available at www.zentrum-der-antike.de

Public tours and guided tours for groups:
Tourist information  
Bitburger Land  
Phone +49 65 61 / 9 43 40  
info@eifel-direkt.de
NÜRBURG CASTLE RUINS
SIGNIFICANT RUINS WITH A FANTASTIC VIEW

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

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Burgplatz
53520 Nürburg
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www.burgen-rlp.de

OPENING HOURS
March + Nov.:
Sat. + Sun. 11 am – 5 pm
April – Oct. daily except
Tuesdays 10 am – 6 pm
Dec., Jan. and Feb. closed
Further opening hours
by arrangement

Guided tours and torch
hikes for groups:
Phone +49 171 / 6 44 96 44

Restaurant Zur Nürburg
Phone +49 2691 / 9 39 90 60
www.zur-nuerburg.de

TIP
There are many wonderful hiking trails around the Nürburg.
Bürresheim Castle was never conquered – and today sparks enthusiasm with multi-coloured slate fronts, playful spires, artistic paintings, precious tapestries and brightly coloured window panes.

ADDRESS
56727 Mayen (St. Johann)
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buerresheim@gdke.rlp.de
www.tor-zum-welterbe.de

OPENING HOURS
Feb. – 14. March + Nov.: Sat., Sun. + bank holidays 10 am – 5 pm
15 March – Oct.: 10 am – 6 pm daily
Dec. / Jan. closed • Group visits on request

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

DON’T MISS:
Stationentheater Schlossgeflüster (palace rumours) at Bürresheim Castle, information and registration:
Phone +49 2 61 / 66 75 -1535

Experience one of the many events at Bürresheim Castle • You can get married on the castle (church and civil weddings).

EXTRA TIP FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES:
Discover Castles and Fortresses with the Geisterpass (ghost pass).
www.tor-zum-welterbe.de

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

ADDRESS
56330 Kobern-Gondorf
bsa@gdke.rlp.de, www.burgen-rlp.de

OPENING HOURS
Sunday before Easter until All Saints’ Day on Sundays + bank holidays 11 am – 5 pm

TOURS
April / May – Oct. last Sunday of the month, 3 pm • Additional tours on request • Phone +49 2 61 / 66 75-4000

RESTAURANT
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Visit the Nieder- and Oberburg Castle as well
Matthias Chapel offers a fantastic setting for weddings.
WORLD HERITAGE SITE
UPPER MIDDLE RHINE
VALLEY – HISTORY AND PLEASURE

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

You can enjoy the Prussian Romance of the Rhine at Stolzenfels Palace. Experience fairy-tale times on Sooneck Castle or conquer the “ship of stone”, the Pfalzgrafenstein Castle. Sterrenberg Castle offers magnificent views of the Rhine Valley. In the Koblenz State Museum you should brace yourself for an exciting journey through the cultural history.
In four buildings, the Cultural Centre at Ehrenbreitstein Fortress | Koblenz State Museum presents exhibitions focusing on photography, archaeology, viticulture and culinary delights as well as on economic and cultural history.

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

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

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

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

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

The **Vinothek** offers a wide range of wines from Rhineland-Palatinate to be tasted.
EVENTS
Special event days, group tours, workshops, birthday parties for children in the museum, lecture series, wine tastings, Museum on Wheels
Information + reservation:

museumspaed.lmk@gdke.rlp.de

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www.tor-zum-welterbe.de

OPENING HOURS
April – Oct.: 10 am – 6 pm daily
Nov. – March: Sat., Sun.,
bank holidays 10 am – 5 pm

The Vinothek is open for you:
April – Oct: Sat., Sun. and holidays
12 noon – 5 pm
Nov. – March:
usually Sun. 1 – 4.30 pm

TIP
Exhibition: 21.03. – 05.07.2020
Max Jacoby – Leben und Werk eines jüdischen Fotografen
[Life and Work of a Jewish photographer]
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.

STATIONENTHEATER
The Humfrey File
Information/registration:
Phone +49 2 61 / 66 75 - 4000
www.tor-zum-welterbe.de

GUIDED TOURS FOR GROUPS
Information/registration:
Phone +49 2 61 / 3 03 88 - 53
www.koblenz-touristik.de
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OPENING HOURS
April – Oct.: daily 10 am – 6 pm
6 – 12 pm, as a rule, free admission
to the premises and the restaurant
Nov. – March: daily 10 am – 5 pm
5 – 12 pm, as a rule, free admission
to the premises and the restaurant

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building of the fortress
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Ehrenbreitstein Fortress
Cultural Centre including
all exhibitions and return
trip by cable car.
CABLE CAR SCHEDULE:
www.seilbahn-koblenz.de

TIP
Enjoy the spectacular cable
car trip to Ehrenbreitstein
Fortress in one of the pan-
ronic cars high above the
Rhine
The summer residence of Frederick William IV of Prussia was based on the plans of Karl Friedrich Schinkel and rises elegantly from the Rhine Valley’s forested slopes. Significant murals and an originally preserved interior await you on the inside. Do not miss out on the palace gardens with the charming Pergola Gardens and the park landscaped by Peter Joseph Lenné.

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OPENING HOURS
Feb. – 14 March + Nov.: Sat., Sun. + bank holidays 10 am – 5 pm
15 March – 31 Oct.: Tue. – Sun. and bank holidays 10 am – 6 pm
Closed Dec. / Jan. • Group visits possible on request

Enjoy concerts and readings in the summer
NEW: Explore the castle with the Lenné App • Don’t miss the castle festival at Stolzenfels Castle
STERRENBerg CASTLE
OLDEST PRESERVED CASTLE COMPLEX IN THE UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE 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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Keep and Exhibition "Die feindlichen Brüder" [The Hostile Brothers]
Information on opening hours can be found at www.burg-sterrenberg.de

TOURS AND EVENTS
Dates see internet,
Group tours on request,
Phone +49 26 27/98 20
or +49 67 73/323

TIP
Civil registry office in the castle keep.
Stay overnight at Burg Sterrenberg, in one of the holiday apartments available there.
Restaurant/Cafe “Grafenstube” with panorama terrace, beer garden lounge and numerous events.
Phone +49 26 27/98 20
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.

**ADDRESS**
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Phone +49 172/2 62 28 00
bsa@gdke.rlp.de
www.tor-zum-welterbe.de

**OPENING HOURS**
14 March – 1 Nov.: Tue. – Sun. and holidays 10 am – 6 pm
2 Nov. – 13 March closed • Access to registered groups available on request

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

**STATIONENTHEATER:**
“Des Kaysers Bombardier” Soldiers and weaponry in the Thirty Years’ War

**NEU: ADVENTURE TOUR**
“Auf der Zollburg im Rhein” [On the toll station amidst the Rhine River]
For further information www.tempus-rhenus.de
SOONECK CASTLE
A FAIRY-TALE CASTLE

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

ADDRESS
55413 Niederheimbach
Phone +49 67 43 / 60 64
sooneck@burgen-rlp.de
www.tor-zum-welterbe.de

OPENING HOURS
Feb. – 14 March + Nov.: Sat., Sun. + bank holidays 10 am – 5 pm
15 March – 31 Oct.: Tue. – Sun. and bank holidays 10 am – 6 pm
Closed Dec. / Jan. • Group visits possible on request

TIP
Sooneck Castle is a fantastic wedding venue.

STATIONENTHEATER: “Des Kaysers Bombardier”

EXTRA TIP FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES:
Discover castles & fortresses with the “Geisterpass”.

WORLD HERITAGE SITE UPPER MIDDLE RHINE VALLEY 35
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
BREATHTAKING 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.

ADDRESS
Burg Nassau
56377 Nassau / Lahn
Phone +49 26 04 / 94 49 437
www.nassau-touristik.de
www.burg-nassau-oranien.de

Restaurant Burg Nassau
Burgschänke and Biergarten
Open from April – October,
Wed. – Fri. 1 – 6 pm,
Sat., Sun. 11 am – 6 pm,
Mon. + Tue closed

GUIDED TOURS
Guided group and themed tours on request. Tourist Information Nassauer Land, Phone +49 26 04 / 9 52 50
Shuttle service for groups!

TIP
Civil wedding ceremonies possible in the castle keep.
NEW: Guided adventure tours for children, April – October,
Phone +49 26 04 / 9 52 50
The Mainz State Museum is one of the oldest museums in Germany and is located at Große Bleiche, right in the centre of Mainz. The baroque building of the "Golden-Ross Barracks" and the modern glass and steel construction to the inner courtyard together with the electoral stables form the charming ensemble of the fundamentally renovated and modernised State Museum.

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

Exhibits include gold jewellery, shields and swords from prehistoric eras, stone monuments from the Roman Empire and sculptures and panels from the Middle Ages.

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

Themed tours and lectures bring exciting exhibits to life. The attractive and varied offers of the museum's educational department are designed for children from age 3, adolescents and adults.

INTERACTIVE FAMILY EXHIBITION
“Ritter, Bauer, Edeldame”
Erlebe das Mittelalter mit Händen und Füßen
[“The knight, the peasant and the lady” Experience the Middle Ages with all your senses]
05.06.2020 – 18.04.2021
An exciting tour invites you to digitally travel into the Middle Ages at over 30 stations.
ADDRESS
Große Bleiche 49 – 51
55116 Mainz
Phone +49 61 31 / 28 57-0
Info phone +49 61 31 / 28 57-225
landesmuseum-mainz@gdke.rlp.de
www.landesmuseum-mainz.de

OPENING HOURS
Tue. 10 am – 8 pm
Wed. – Sun. 10 am – 5 pm
Closed on Mondays • Please note the bank holiday schedule •
The entire museum is barrier-free • audio guides • video guides for the hearing impaired
Café in the State museum
Tue. 11 am – 6 pm,
Wed. – Sun. 11 am – 4.30 pm
www.stullen-andi.de
Tourist service centre
and Museum shop at the State Museum
Phone +49 61 31 / 28 57-190
tourist@mainzplus.com
www.mainzplus.com

STATE EXHIBITION
9.9.2020 BIS 18.4.2021

FASCINATION MIDDLE AGES

KAISERJAHR
2020

Look forward to an extensive event programme at the Mainz State Museum in the KAISERJAHR 2020.
Highlight: The exhibition “Die Kaiser und die Säulen ihrer Macht”.
More information available via WWW.KAISER2020.DE
All events and numerous original locations can also be found in the brochure “Entdeckungsreise Mittelalter” [Middle Ages Discovery Tour].
Information available via:
+49 261/6675-4000
One romantic castle next to the other, mighty rocks, extended forests – not for nothing is the Palatinate Germany’s castle region. In the Middle Ages the region was one of the most important areas of the Empire. Today you can experience how kings, counts and knights used to live and fought for power and wealth on Trifels Castle, the Dahner Castles or the Hardenburg Castle and Fortress ruins.
TRIFELS CASTLE
WHO HOLDS TRIFELS, HOLDS THE KEY TO THE EMPIRE

Between 1088 and 1330 the mighty castle of the Salier and Staufer dynasties was one of the centres of political events. It was home to the crown jewels, imperial sceptre and orb and was also used as prison. Its most famous prisoner: King Richard the Lionheart.

Visit the medieval adventure days 2020 at Trifels Castle:
16./17.05.: Vom Leben auf einer Burg – Vom Pagen über den Knappen zum Ritter [Castle Life – from Page to Squire to Knight]
20./21.06.: Vom Scharlatan zum Medicus – Vom Kräutergarten zur Heilkunde [From Charlatan to Medicus – From Herb Garden to Medicine]
18./19.07.: Vom Lagerfeuer zum Festmahl – Von deßigen Speisen und sprudelnden Quellen [From Campfire to Feast – of Savoury Food and Gushing Sources]
20.09.: Ich zog mir einen Falken [How I trained a falcon]

Courtly Culture at Trifels Castle
ADDRESS
76855 Annweiler
Phone +49 63 46 / 84 70
trifels@gdke.rlp.de
www.burgen-rlp.de

OPENING HOURS
and bank holidays 10 am – 5 pm
15 March – 31 Oct.: 10 am – 6 pm daily
Dec. / Jan. closed • Group visits on request

PUBLIC GUIDED TOURS
Feb. – Nov.: Sat, Sun and
bank holidays: 10.30 am and 1 pm,
guided group tours possible on
weekdays as well

NEW: STATIONENTHEATER
"Anno 1192" with hike
Dramatised guided tour to the castles
Trifels, Meistersel and Neuscharfeneck
and to the museum beneath Trifels
DATES 2020:
17.05., 21.06., 19.07., 16.08., 20.09.

26. APRIL 2020
Opening of the KAISERJAHRR
2020 with the special exhibition
“Die stärkste Burg des Reiches –
Burgen als Säulen der Macht
(The Empire’s mightiest castle –
castles as the pillars of power”.

Information on further events
in the KAISERJAHRR 2020 avail-
able via www.kaiser2020.de

STATIONENTHEATER:
“Die Befreiung des
Richard Löwenherz”
May – Oct., Saturdays at 3 pm
For reservation call
+49 63 46 / 84 70
HARDENBURG CASTLE & FORTRESS RUINS
FORTIFIED RENAISSANCE RESIDENCE

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

ADDRESS
67098 Bad Dürkheim
Phone +49 63 22 / 75 30
bsa@gdke.rlp.de
www.schloss-hardenburg.de

OPENING HOURS
Feb. – 14 March + Nov.: Sat., Sun. and bank holidays 10 am – 5 pm
15 March – 31 Oct.: Tue. – Sun. and bank holidays 10 am – 6 pm
Closed Dec. / Jan. • Group visits possible on request

PUBLIC TOURS
May – Oct., Saturday 2.30 pm

GROUP AND COSTUME TOURS
Bad Dürkheim Tourist Information
Phone +49 63 22 / 93 51 40

GPS-based multi-media guide and information centre with exhibition and film • Visit the medieval castle festival on the last weekend of September • Rooms of the castle can be rented.
Do not miss the oldest medieval castle festival of the Palatinate region on the last weekend of June.

Medieval Christmas market on the 3rd Advent weekend.

LANDECK CASTLE RUINS
PALATINATE’S HIGHEST KEEP

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

ADDRESS
76889 Klingenmünster
bsa@gdke.rlp.de
www.burgen-rlp.de
Burgschänke Landeck
Weinstraße
Phone +49 63 49 / 87 44
info@burglandeck-pfalz.de
www.burglandeck-pfalz.de
Burgschänke Restaurant from
11 am daily • In winter from
11.30 am • The castle can be
visited daily, from 9 am.

GUIDED TOURS
Landeckverein
www.landeck-burg.de
Besieged, destroyed, rebuilt, plundered, destroyed… The history of Nanstein castle is a tale of the struggle for power, of successes and failures, but also of the courage to start again. Built in the 12th century, it turned into one of the Stauffer’s largest fortifications. The “last knight” Franz von Sickingen, once Lord of Nanstein, died in his castle after a violent siege.

**ADDRESS**
66849 Landstuhl
bsa@gdke.rlp.de • www.burgen-rlp.de

**OPENING HOURS**
Jan. – March + Oct. / Nov.: 10 am – 4 pm
April – Sep.: 9 am – 6 pm
Closed on Mondays + Dec.

Burgschänke restaurant:
Phone +49 63 71 / 490 25 80
Open from 12 noon daily

**GUIDED TOURS**
Sickingen-Tourismus Landstuhl
Phone +49 63 71 / 130 00 12
tourismus@vglandstuhl.de
www.landstuhl.de

The summer theatre on Nanstein Castle is a unique experience.
NEW: Audio guide and small exhibition unit

**TIP**

**NANSTEIN CASTLE RUINS**
MIGHTY THRONE ON A SANDSTONE CLIFF
DAHNER CASTLES AND NEU-DAHN
TURBULENT TIMES FOR THE KNIGHTS OF DAHN

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

ADDRESS
66994 Dahn
Phone +49 63 91/99 35 43
dahner-burgen@gdke.rlp.de
www.burgen-rlp.de

OPENING HOURS Visiting hours:
Good Friday – Sep.: 9 am – 6 pm
Oct. – Holy Thursday: 9 am – 5 pm
(closed in icy weather)
Castle museum:
opening hours on request

Burgschänke Castle restaurant
Alt-Dahn: April – September:
11 am – 6 pm (Wednesday closed)
October: 11 am – 5 pm (Wednesday closed) Nov. – March closed

TIP
Magnificent view from the keep of Alt-Dahn Castle • Visit the Castle museum • NEW: Audio guide
An Italian-style villa, intended only for the most beautiful season of the year and in the kingdom’s fairest region” – with Villa Ludwigshöhe at Edenkoben Ludwig I realised this wish.

The interiors of Villa Ludwigshöhe will probably remain closed at the beginning of 2022 for renovation work. Enjoy the beautiful landscape around the castle during a walk and look forward to a barrier-free accessible venue once construction works have been completed.

**ADDRESS**
Villastraße 64
67480 Edenkoben
www.schloss-villa-ludwigshoehe.de

**TIP**
During the renovation phase, events, concerts and construction site tours will occasionally take place.

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

ADDRESS
Altenbaumburg 1
55585 Altenbamberg
bsa@gdke.rlp.de
www.burgen-rlp.de

Burgrestaurant Altenbaumburg
Phone +49 67 08 / 35 51
www.altenbaumburg.de
Nov. – March: Fri. – Sun. 11 am – 8 pm
April – Oct.: daily except Wed. + Thu.
11 am – 9 pm

ALTENBAUMBURG CASTLE RUINS
FROM STRATEGIC SPOT TO QUARRY

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

WE ARE HAPPY TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON CURRENT EVENTS:

State Archaeology Mainz
Große Langgasse 29
55116 Mainz
Phone +49 61 31 / 20 16 300
www.archaeologie-mainz.de

Römisches Mainz Initiative
Römerpassage 1
55116 Mainz
Phone +49 61 31 / 60 07 493

Guided tours – usually scheduled at short notice offer exciting insight into current excavations to the interested public.
Welcome: The tour runs past the model of a Frankish burial mound directly into a time tunnel framed by Roman sarcophagi and architectural elements from the Middle Ages. Alternating exhibitions present current excavation finds and exciting topics, allowing visitors to experience the rich past of the Palatinate. Restorers provide insight into their work in the “transparent workshop”.

ADDRESS
Archäologisches Schaufenster
Gilgenstraße 13
67346 Speyer
Phone +49 62 32 / 67 57 40

OPENING HOURS
Sat. and Sun.: 11 am – 5 pm

TIP
Until June 2020.
SPECIAL EXHIBITION: A new era commences – The Palatinate in the Bronze Age.

EXHIBITION IN THE CONTEXT OF THE KAISERJAHR 2020:
Opening on 15 Oct. 2020
From nest to metropolis germaniae – Speyer’s urban development from 800 to 1200
National Monument Protection 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.

INFORMATION ON EVENTS AND PUBLICATIONS:
National Monument Protection Rhineland-Palatinate
Erthaler Hof, Schillerstraße 44
55116 Mainz
Phone +49 61 31 / 20 160
www.gdke.rlp.de
www.landesdenkmalpflege.de
OPEN MONUMENTS DAY
Every second Sunday in September historical buildings and places that are otherwise not accessible open their doors and invite you take a tour back in time. Restorers and craftsmen demonstrate work techniques and point out details that normally remain invisible to the untrained eye. Experts outline monuments management tasks by providing concrete examples. In 2006 the “Kampagne Deutschland – Land der Ideen” campaign was distinguished by Deutsche Stiftung Denkmalschutz (German Foundation for the Protection of Historical Monuments) as “Ort des Tages – Site of the day”.

INFORMATION
www.gdke.rlp.de
www.tag-des-offenen-denkma.de
denkmaltag@denkmalschutz.de

13.09.2020: OPEN MONUMENT DAY

MONUMENT DAY
RHINELAND-PALATINATE
on 13 September 2020
This year’s motto:
AT THE HEART OF THE ACTION!
THE MIDDLE AGES IN RHINELAND-PALATINATE
Current admission fees are available at www.burgen-rlp.de or via the internet sites of the individual museums.

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