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Welcome



Right in the heart of the Palatinate lies the Kaiserslautern vacation region. As if the good Lord had been particularly generous with this region, it offers a diversity of scenery that will appeal to your senses in any season. Gentle hills, broad fields, lush pastures change to the restful calmness of the forest.

At a size of about 700 square miles, the biosphere reserve National park Palatinate Forest is the largest continuous forest area in Germany. Ample, well-marked hiking trails, mountain bike routes and Nordic Walking courses make this area a paradise for active nature lovers in any season. In spring, when the woods are dressed in light green and the bright yellow of the rapeseed fields competes with the sun, the stimulating scent of nature will stir all your senses. In the hot summer air tall trees provide cooling shade and a host of lakes and swimming pools invites you to take a cooling dip. Fall turns the forest into a vibrant sea of red and gold foliage, and the gently rolling hills spread before your eye the rich diversity of harvest time. And in particularly beautiful years, the cold season with its snow-capped treetops turns everything into a winter wonderland.

Dreamy castle ruins take the visitor into the world of knights and noblemen. If you look around closely in the Kaiserslautern vacation region, you can find plenty of stony traces of this region's eventful past. Celtic graves, trim old towns and many a historic peculiarity give a vivid insight into history.

Stories and legends are woven around some bizarre natural phenomena such as the Karlstal and Elendsklamm ravines. When fog enshrouds the valleys, it lends the countryside a mystic beauty that will take the onlooker back to the fairy-tale world of his childhood.

The varied scenery with its idyllic villages and lively towns shapes the character of the Palatine people who are known for their deep roots to their home, their zest for life and their hospitality. Get your own picture, and experience a refreshing and appealing vacation in our region in the heart of the Palatinate.

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fortresses and castles



Frankenstein castle

Perlenburg ruin, Bann

The Perlenburg on the Kleiner Berg (little hill) near Bann probably dates from the 12th century. Recognizable to this day are the remains of the tower walls and the castle buildings. In 1992 the area was designated as a protected site for archaeological excavations.

Information: Sickingen Tourism Landstuhl, phone: 0 63 71 / 49 53 11



Diemerstein castle ruin, Diemerstein

These castle ruins are located in a side valley near Frankenstein. The first nobleman of the Diemerstein castle was Rudegar of Diemarstein, first named in documents in 1216. The castle was destroyed in the Thirty Years' War.

Information: Tourist office Hochspeyer, phone: 0 63 05 / 7 11 47 or 7 10

Dieburg castle, Enkenbach-Alsenborn

The castle from the 12th century was erected close to the source of the Alsenz river at the edge of the village of Alsenborn. The remains of the castle are located on the present terrain of the outdoor swimming pool in Alsenborn.

Information: Tourist office Enkenbach-Alsenborn, phone: 0 63 03 / 91 31 71



Nanstein castle

Frankenstein castle ruin, Frankenstein

This Hohenstaufen castle was built in several phases in the 12th and 13th century. Together with the entry of the railroad tunnel and the Frankenstein church the castle ruin constitutes a romantic ensemble of red sandstone.

Information: Tourist office Hochspeyer, phone: 0 63 05 / 7 11 47 or 7 10

Hohenecken castle, Kaiserslautern

The Hohenstaufen castle complex is located on the Schlossberg (castle hill) above Hohenecken. The core castle was built around 1160 and served as the southern outer fortification to the imperial palace, securing the access roads from Pirmasens. After its destruction in 1560 during the Peasants' War, the castle was expanded and the outer fortification built below. During the War of the Palatinate Succession it was finally blown up by the French in 1689, which left it permanently destroyed.

Information: Tourist Information Kaiserslautern, phone: 06 31 / 3 65 23 17

Nanstein castle, Landstuhl

The landmark of the Sickingen town of Landstuhl is the Nanstein castle. It was erected in 1150 by Emperor Frederick Barbarossa above a 15 meter high sandstone ledge. It is the place where Franz von Sickingen, one of the last knights, died in 1523. The castle contains building stock from five centuries. In summer it serves as the stage for performances of the Landstuhl Castle Plays.

Information: Sickingen Tourism Landstuhl, phone: 0 63 71 / 49 53 11



Wilenstein castle



Hohenecken castle



Baroque castle Trippstadt

Baroque castle, Trippstadt

The castle was built between 1764 and 1767 by Baron Karl Josef Franz von Hacke. A particular feature of this building is a lightning rod that the owner had installed in 1776, the first one in the entire Palatinate. Today the castle houses the Rhineland Palatinate research institute for forest ecology and forest management.

Information: Phone: 0 63 06 / 91 11 12 or

Tourist Information Trippstadt, phone: 0 63 06 / 3 41

Castle gardens, Trippstadt

The castle gardens originally showed a strictly geometrical design in the Versailles style and were larger than today. L. von Sckell later transformed them into an English landscape garden. A "tree path" running through the park leads you to the old stand of trees.

Information: Tourist Information Trippstadt, phone: 0 63 06 / 3 41



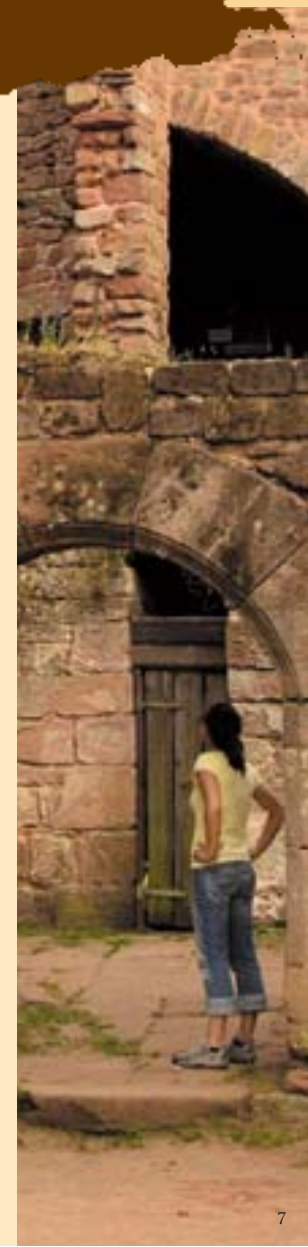
Diemerstein castle

The castles around the Barbarossa town of Kaiserslautern were erected for the protection of the imperial estates.

Wilenstein castle, Trippstadt

This twin castle dates from the 12th century, the time of Barbarossa. It was destroyed during the Thirty Years' War. Today you can still see some wall sections as well as remains of the massive keep. The "reconstructed" older castle houses a hostel.

Information: Tourist Information Trippstadt, phone: 0 63 06 / 3 41



museums

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Heimatmuseum Otterberg

Musicians, Acrobats & Legends

Beerenwein (pear wine) Museum, Eulenberg

The museum offers material and information around the pear wine, a traditional drink in the Western Palatinate. The centerpiece of the pear wine museum is an authentic fruit press made of sandstone.

Information: Beerenwein-Museum, phone: 0 63 74 / 13 10

or Tourist office Weilerbach, phone: 0 63 74 / 92 20

Bajasseum (Circus museum), Enkenbach-Alsenborn

The small exhibition illustrates the history of the local circus performers which has its origins in the economic crises of the 19th century. People from Alsenborn would tour the country in summer as musicians, puppet players and acrobats. In winter they would live off the money they had brought in.

Information: Tourist office Enkenbach-Alsenborn, phone: 0 63 03 / 91 31 73

Theodor-Zink Museum, Kaiserslautern

In the upper rooms of the museum founded by Theodor Zink, folkloristic and arts and crafts objects of its collection are on permanent display. The downstairs area is the place for changing exhibitions.

Information: Theodor-Zink-Museum, phone: 06 31 / 3 65 23 27

Pfalzgalerie (Palatine art gallery), Kaiserslautern

The emphasis of the Pfalzgalerie Kaiserslautern nowadays lies mainly on the care and presentation of paintings and sculptures of the 19th to 21st century.

Information: Pfalzgalerie, phone: 06 31 / 3 64 72 01

Sickingen Museum, Landstuhl

The museum located in the former tithe barn is devoted to Franz von Sickingen as a person, his political and intellectual development and the historic background.

Information: Sickingen Tourism Landstuhl, phone: 0 63 71 / 49 53 11

Westpfälzer Musikantenmuseum (musicians' museum), Mackenbach

From the middle of the 19th century to around World War II, poor economic conditions caused up to 2,500 musicians from the region to set out into the world each year to earn a living for themselves and their families. The museum offers fascinating documents of the history of music making in the Western Palatinate.

Information: Phone: 0 63 74 / 64 75 or 46 37 or 8 01 07 91



Musikantenmuseum



Motorradmuseum Otterbach



Museum Sickingen Heights

„Old Smithy Theis“, Otterberg

The old smithy Theis is one of the oldest blacksmith's shops in the state. For centuries the building from 1612 housed the smithy that came into possession of the Theis family in 1790. It is now operated as a museum smithy.

Information: Tourist Information Otterberg, phone: 0 63 01 / 3 15 04

Museum Sickingen Heights, Queidersbach

The museum is located in the historic town hall dating from 1836. The collection of more than 3,000 items includes regional finds from prehistory and ancient history as well as a select coin collection from different periods. Well-preserved workshops of typical regional professions offer a vivid view of history.

Information: Alois Schneider, phone: 0 63 71 / 1 47 75 or

Tourist office Kaiserslautern-Süd, phone: 06 31 / 2 01 61 35

Museum im Westrich, Ramstein

The Museum im Westrich is located in the oldest building of the town, a protected Baroque building. The permanent exhibition contains a complete furnished corner store, an old herb closet, and a lovingly set up village pub. Special emphasis has been put on information around the history of Ramstein Air Base, the largest US air base outside of the United States. Special exhibitions round out the program.

Information: Museum im Westrich, phone: 0 63 71 / 59 21 77

www.museum-im-westrich.de

Eisenhüttenmuseum (ironworks museum), Trippstadt

The museum illustrates the history of iron smelting from the Thirty Years' War to the end of the 19th century. Demonstrations of the blacksmith's craft are given in the former village smithy.

Information: Tourist Information Trippstadt, phone: 0 63 06 / 3 41

Reinhard-Blauth-Museum, Weilerbach

This museum of local history holds archaeological finds from the Neolithic period, the Celtic and Roman period, 18th century altar bibles as well as tools and farm equipment from the 19th century.

Information: Rheinhard-Blauth-Museum, phone: 0 63 74 / 16 97 or 99 29 09



Circus museum



Beerenwein Museum



Pfalzgalerie Kaiserslautern



Museum im Westrich

HISTORICAL Landmarks



Historic Old Town Otterberg



Historic Old Town Landstuhl



Sicking Forsthaus Bann



Powder mill Schopp



Celtic prince's grave



Heidenfels Kindsbach



Historic Old Town Landstuhl



Historic mill wheel Katzweiler



Well tunnel Trippstadt



Historic Old Town Kaiserslautern

Sicking Forsthaus (forest lodge), Bann

The Sicking Forsthaus was built in 1761 by the descendants of Franz von Sickingen. It is one of the Landstuhl mansions from the 18th century. Noteworthy is the well preserved rococo portal with shellwork decoration. Today the building is classified as an historical monument.

Information: Sickingen Tourism Landstuhl, phone: 0 63 71 / 49 53 11

„Tausendmühle“ (mill), Bruchmühlbach-Miesau

At the foot of the Elendsklamm ravine lies the “Tausendmühle” mill. It was built in 1598 and is the last remaining functioning historic flour mill in the Kaiserslautern county.

Information: Tourist office Bruchmühlbach-Miesau, phone: 06 37 2 / 9 22 01 01

Villa Denis, Diemerstein

Magnificent late 19th century villa of the Palatine railroad pioneer Paul Camille von Denis located below the Diemerstein castle.

Information: Tourist office Hochspeyer, phone: 0 63 05 / 71 17 or 7 10

Wadgasserhof, Kaiserslautern

The complex of buildings with large yard across from the Theodor-Zink-Museum contains remnants of a medieval farm.

Information: Tourist-Information Kaiserslautern, phone: 06 31 / 3 65 23 17

Zum Spinnräd, Kaiserslautern

The historic restaurant „Zum Spinnräd“ dating from 1740 is the only remaining half-timbered house in Kaiserslautern.

Information: Tourist Information Kaiserslautern, phone: 06 31 / 3 65 23 17

Historic mill wheel, Katzweiler

The historic wheel of the former grinding mill in Katzweiler was installed in 1911 and still is completely functional. The mill has been owned by the same family since 1759.

Information: Tourist Information Otterbach, phone: 0 63 01 / 6 07 69

„Großer Berg“ (Large hill), Kindsbach

The Celtic settlement „Großer Berg“ above the village of Kindsbach, overlooking the Landstuhl Moors, dates from the 3rd to 4th century. In the year 352 the settlement was probably abandoned after an attack by the Teutons.

Information: Sickingen Tourism Landstuhl, phone: 0 63 71 / 92 34 15

„Heidenfelsen“ (heathen's rock), Kindsbach

The reliefs chiseled into the rock close to the „Großer Berg“ are interpreted as part of a Roman well sanctuary.

Information: Sickingen Tourism Landstuhl, phone 0 63 71/ 49 53 11

Historic Old Town, Landstuhl

Half-timbered houses, mansions and historic buildings from the era of the Sickingen reign and from the 19th century mark the appearance of the town. Of particular interest are the Didier Mansion, the “Villa Benzino”, the Tithe Barn, the Alte Rentei (old fiscal office) and the Hotel “Moorbad Sickingen”.

Information: Sickingen Tourism Landstuhl, phone: 0 63 71 / 49 53 11

*Ancient history
& old stories*

Stumpfwald tribunal site near Neuheimsbach

The Stumpfwald forest “near the nine chairs” was the site of the High Court for wrongdoers in the first half of the 15th century.

Information: Tourist office Enkenbach-Alsenborn, phone: 0 63 03 / 91 31 73

Historic Kipperhof, Otterbach

The historic farmstead from the 18th century today houses a restaurant.

Information: Tourist Information Otterbach, phone: 0 63 01 / 6 07 69

Historic Old Town, Otterberg

Historic center of the “Walloon town”, with beautiful half-timbered houses, such as the Blue House (1612), Old Town Hall (1753), the Karch house (1750), the Binoth house (1611) and the Old Pharmacy (1608), to mention just a few. The town is enclosed by a well preserved town wall.

Information: Tourist Information Otterberg, phone: 0 63 01 / 3 15 04

Menhir, Otterberg

A prehistoric menhir and burial ground as well as remains of former roads are evidence of settlements in this region dating back thousands of years.

Information: Tourist Information Otterberg, phone: 0 63 01 / 3 15 04

„Hammelshaus“, Reichenbach-Steegen

Former village mayor's office, built in 1708.

Information: Tourist Office Weilerbach, phone: 0 63 74 / 92 21 31

Celtic prince's grave and tribunal site, Rodenbach

In 1874 a Celtic grave dated to the time around 400 B.C. was discovered in Rodenbach. It has since been known as the “Prince's grave of Rodenbach” and is considered the most important find from the La Tène period north of the Alps. In the immediate vicinity of the burial mound there is the reproduction of a tribunal discovered in the year 1595.

Information: Tourist Office Weilerbach, phone: 0 63 74 / 92 21 31

Powder mill with powder mill pond, Schopp

The sandstone building of the former powder factory from the year 1935 has been partially rebuilt.

Information: Tourist office Kaiserslautern-Süd, phone: 06 31 / 2 01 61 35

Well tunnel, Trippstadt

The well tunnel built in the years 1766/67 as a counter-headway used to supply the castle and the town with water. Visits are possible only as guided tours from mid-May to late August. No access for children under 15 years.

Information: Tourist Information Trippstadt, phone: 0 63 06 / 3 41



CHURCHES AND MONASTERIES

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Pilgrim's station & monastic life



Schlosskirche Neuheimsbach



Marienkapelle Landstuhl



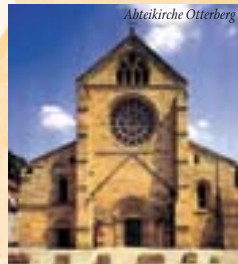
Simultankirche Vogelbach



Verena chapel ruin



Protestant church Alsenborn



Abteikirche Otterberg



Simultankirche Vogelbach



Alte Kapelle Landstuhl

Protestant church, Alsenborn

The Protestant church was built in 1733. Its main attraction are the medieval frescos.

Information: Tourist office Enkenbach-Alsenborn, phone: 0 63 03 / 91 31 73

Church ruins, Aschbacher Hof

The first mention of this church in documents dates to the year 1215. In 1560 it became the first Lutheran church in the Palatinate. All that remains today is the church tower.

Information: Tourist Information Trippstadt, phone: 0 63 06 / 3 41

Abbey Church, Enkenbach

The abbey church was built in the 13th century in the Late Romanesque style for a Premonstratensian convent. Remarkable is the rich stone-work ornaments at the portal.

Information: Tourist office Enkenbach-Alsenborn, phone: 0 63 03 / 91 31 73

Baroque church, Heiligenmoschel

This church dates from 1749. On the wooden gallery you can find a baroque organ constructed by Philipp Daniel Schmidt of Meisenheim. It was built in 1782 and renovated in 1893. In 1984 the organ was returned in the baroque tone and the rococo carvings restored by hand.

Information: Tourist Information Otterberg, phone: 0 63 01 / 3 15 04

St. Martin's church, Kaiserslautern

St. Martin's church (today the Catholic parish church) is considered a good example of a medieval begging order's church. Constructed at the beginning of the 14th century as a convent church of the Franciscans, it was enlarged in the 15th century. The baroque ceiling dates from the 18th century. Parts of the medieval town wall border the structure to this day.

Information: Tourist Information Kaiserslautern city, phone: 06 31 / 3 65 23 17

Stiftskirche (collegiate church), Kaiserslautern

The collegiate church is considered one of the most significant late Gothic hall churches in South-West Germany. Moreover it is the birth place of the "Palatine Union", for it was here that the Lutherans and the Reformed of the Palatinate merged in 1818.

Information: Tourist Information Kaiserslautern city, phone: 06 31 / 3 65 23 17

St. Andrew's church, Landstuhl

The Baroque town church houses the tomb of the knight Franz von

Sickingen. It shows the knight, in a larger-than-life full relief, in armor and standing on a lion.

Information: Sickingen Tourism Landstuhl, phone: 0 63 71 / 92 34 15

Alte Kapelle (Old chapel), Landstuhl

The official name of the building is "Chapel of the Cross", but it is popularly known as the "Old Chapel". It is the Gothic choir of the old medieval parish church of St. Andrew, embellished with filigree ornamental frescoes. The nave was torn down at the beginning of the 19th century because of its dilapidated condition.

Information: Sickingen Tourism Landstuhl, phone: 0 63 71 / 92 34 15

Evangelische Stadtkirche

(Protestant town church), Landstuhl

The Neo-Gothic building from the close of the 19th century was financed by donations collected throughout the country for the oldest Reformed parish in Germany. The portal is adorned with a red sandstone relief of the Sickingen coat of arms dating probably from the 16th century that was found during excavations in the ruins of the former Nanstein castle.

Information: Sickingen Tourism Landstuhl, phone: 0 63 71 / 92 34 15

Marienkapelle (Our Lady's chapel), Landstuhl

In World War II the residents of Landstuhl vowed to build a chapel, if their town would be spared major damage. The chapel was built in the middle of the forest, overlooking the town.

Information: Sickingen Tourism Landstuhl, phone: 0 63 71 / 92 34 15

Verena chapel ruin, Mittelbrunn

At the edge of the village of Mittelbrunn you can find the ruins of the former village church. Having withstood the Thirty Years' War, it was last used for a service in 1718.

Information: Sickingen Tourism Landstuhl, phone: 0 63 71 / 92 34 15

Schlosskirche (Castle church), Neuheimsbach

The Neuheimsbach castle was built in 1715. The castle church followed 25 years later under Count Friedrich Ludwig von Sayn-Wittgenstein. During the revolutionary wars the castle was plundered and set on fire by French troops in 1795. The church was rebuilt at the beginning of the 19th century.

Information: Tourist office Enkenbach-Alsenborn, phone: 0 63 03 / 91 31 73

Protestant church, Olsbrücken

The Jewish architect Ludwig Levy built this church in 1884. He also drew the plans for the synagogue in Berlin. The richly ornamented wooden interior with its wide side galleries is reminiscent of Jewish synagogues.

Information: Minister Frank Wolfgang Siring, phone: 0 63 01 / 93 58 or

Tourist Information Otterbach, phone: 0 63 01 / 6 07 69

Catholic church, Otterbach

The Catholic church was completed in 1889. Because of its imposing organ and special acoustics, the church is frequently used for concerts.

Information: Tourist Information Otterbach, phone: 0 63 01 / 6 07 69

Abteikirche (Cistercian abbey church), Otterberg

The abbey church was built in the 12th and 13th century in the Romanesque-Gothic style. In its sobriety and ornamental austerity the building corresponds to the rules of the Cistercian order. The abbey church is the largest church in the Palatinate after the Speyer Cathedral.

Information: Tourist Information Otterberg, phone: 0 63 01 / 3 15 04

Protestant church, Reichenbach-Steegen

The early Gothic ceiling frescoes in the choir vaults date from the 13th century. The steeple is of Roman origin.

Information: Tourist office Weilerbach, phone: 0 63 74 / 9 22 13

Simultankirche (interconfessional church), Vogelbach

The interconfessional church, built in 1131, is only slightly younger than the Speyer Cathedral. In the Middle Ages it was an important station along the Route of St. James to Santiago de Compostela in Spain. Since 1986 it has been a "Protected Cultural Asset" according to the Hague Convention.

Information: Tourist office Bruchmühlbach-Miesau, phone: 0 63 72 / 9 22 01 01

Catholic church, Weilerbach

The medieval Catholic church from the transitional period from the Romanesque to the Gothic era houses the oldest baptismal font in the Palatinate, dating from the 12th century.

Information: Tourist office Weilerbach, phone: 0 63 74 / 9 22 13

Protestant church, Weilerbach

Built in the years 1897/98, this church is one of the largest village churches in the Palatinate.

Information: Tourist office Weilerbach, phone: 0 63 74 / 9 22 13

DISCOVERIES AND ENCOUNTERS

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Fritz-Walter-Stadium



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Stalactite cave / mining tunnel, Erzenhausen

The 1.80 m high, 76 m long tunnel was constructed almost 300 years ago for the mining of ore. Many large stalactites have formed on the ceilings and walls and are renewed by the constantly dripping water.

Information: Tourist office Weilerbach, phone: 0 63 74 / 92 20

Observation tower Eulenkopf, Eulenbis

The observation tower erected in 1913/14 on the 412 m high Eulenkopf hill offers a beautiful view over fields and pastures.

Information: Tourist office Weilerbach, phone: 0 63 74 / 92 21 31

Teufelsstein rock, Frankelbach

"Devil's rock" is the popular name of the remains of an ancient Roman quarry dating from the 3rd/4th century A.D. Close by is a "forest classroom" with information boards.

Information: Tourist Information Otterbach, phone: 0 63 01 / 6 07 69

"House of Sustainability", Johanniskreuz

The offerings of the "House of Sustainability" that opened in 2005 cover the subjects of "forest recovery", "environmental education", "environmental supply – raw materials" and "biotope/protection of species". The house wants to bring the abstract term "sustainability" to life.

Information: "Haus der Nachhaltigkeit", Johanniskreuz, phone: 0 63 06 / 9 21 01 30

Horticultural show, Kaiserslautern

In addition to its botanical beauties, the horticultural show offers a number of play and sports facilities. They range from a water playground to a skating track and one of the largest dinosaur exhibitions in Europe.

Information: Gartenschau Kaiserslautern, phone: 06 31 / 7 10 07 00

Japanese Garden, Kaiserslautern

The Japanese Garden is among the largest of its kind in Europe. Carefully selected plants, ponds, waterfalls, fish, lanterns and rock arrangements create a Far Eastern ambience.

*Information: Gartenschau Kaiserslautern, phone: 06 31 / 7 10 07 00,
www.japanischergarten.de*



Kneipp facility, Neuhemsbach

Information: Tourist office Enkenbach-Alsenborn, phone: 0 63 03 / 91 31 73

Kneipp facility, Rodenbach

Information: Phone: 0 63 74 / 15 58

Minigolf facility, Rodenbach

Information: Phone: 0 63 74 / 88 93

Minigolf facility, Trippstadt

*Information: Tourist-Information
Trippstadt, phone: 06306/341*



Japanischer Garten

Humberg tower, Kaiserslautern

Common parlance turned the "high hill" into the name "Humbera". At 424 meters the Humberg is the highest hill in the vicinity of Kaiserslautern. From its top it affords a magnificent view of Kaiserslautern, the Palatine Hills with the Donnersberg and the Palatine Forest.

Information: Tourist Information Kaiserslautern, phone: 06 31 / 3 65 23 17

Fritz-Walter-Stadium, Kaiserslautern

The "showpiece" of the city of Kaiserslautern in good times as well as bad is the 1st FC Kaiserslautern soccer club with its "Red Devils". In 2006 the stadium was one of the venues of the Soccer World Cup.

Information: 1st FCK office, phone: 06 31 / 31 88 22

Golf course, Mackenbach

The 18-hole golf course lies between meadowland, fields and mixed forest.

Information: Golfplatz Mackenbach, phone: 0 63 74 / 99 46 33

Nature playground Ottertal

The adventure playground Ottertal is located directly by the bike trail between Otterbach and Otterberg.

Information: Tourist Information Otterbach, phone: 0 63 01 / 6 07 69

World Axle, Waldleiningen

This natural monument in the middle of the Palatine Forest is a memory of the local poet Paul Münch.

Information: Tourist office Hochspeyer, phone: 0 63 05 / 7 11 47 or 7 10

Kneipp facility, Schwedelbach

Information: phone: 0 63 74 / 22 57

Zoo, Siegelbach

The zoo opened in 1968 as a wildlife park and now houses around 250 animals of more than 55 species in an area of seven hectares.

*Information: Tourist Information Kaiserslautern, phone: 06 31 / 3 65 23 17
or 0 63 01 / 7 16 90*



World Axle Waldleiningen

stages AND festival HALLS



Pfalztheater

Pfalztheater, Kaiserslautern

The "large stage" and the "studio stage" (Werkstattbühne) offer small, intimate studio productions of plays as well as grand opera, operetta and ballets of the "great masters".

Information: Pfalztheater, phone: 06 31 / 36 75 0 (central switchboard);
phone: 06 31 / 36 75 21 9 (Public relations)



Kammgarn

Cultural center Kammgarn, Kaiserslautern

The premises of the former worsted spinning mill are the site of various concerts and events for young and old.

Information: Ticket line: 06 31 / 3 65 26 07, ticket fax: 06 31 / 9 66 14 or
www.kammgarn.de

Fruchthalle (Fruit hall), Kaiserslautern

The Fruchthalle was built in 1843-1846 by the architect August von Voit in the style of the Palazzo Medici in Florence and used to serve as a market hall. Today the banquet hall is used for concerts and large social events.

Information: Culture department of the city of Kaiserslautern, phone: 06 31 / 3 65 14 10

Open-air theater, Katzweiler

The idyllic stage in the woods is the setting of annual outdoor performances. It is one of the largest open-air theaters in southwest Germany. Every year the summer program offers one play for children and one for adults performed from May to August.

Information: Freilichtspiele Katzweiler e.V., phone: 0 63 01 / 96 19 or
Tourist Information Otterbach, phone: 0 63 01 / 6 07 69

*Palatine culture &
international stars!*

Civic hall, Landstuhl

At the beginning of the 1990s this former post office was converted into a modern cultural and conference center. Contemporary architectural elements were skillfully combined with the building's historic facade. It is a place for conferences, exhibitions, and performances of operas, musicals and plays.

Information: Stadthalle Landstuhl, phone: 0 63 71 / 9 23 40 or Sickingen Tourism Landstuhl, phone: 0 63 71 / 49 53 11 or
www.landstuhl.de

Castle festival Nanstein Castle, Landstuhl

The Landstuhl Castle Festival is held at Nanstein Castle in the summer months. A group of Palatine hobby actors performs comedies in local dialect in the castle's inner courtyard.

Information: Sickingen Tourism Landstuhl, phone: 0 63 71 / 49 53 11 or
www.burgspiele-landstuhl.de

Saal Kaiser (civic hall), Mackenbach

In the late 19th century, this public hall was the place where bands were put together who would then go out into the world to make music. A special feature of the hall is its unique honeycomb-style wooden ceiling. The present Saal Kaiser offers a diverse cultural program.

Information: Mayor Werner Christmann, phone: 0 63 74 / 60 65 or 61 14 or
Tourist office Weilerbach, phone: 0 63 74 / 92 20



Open-air theater Katzweiler



Haus des Bürgers Ramstein



Civic hall Landstuhl



Fruchthalle

Cultural and conference center "Haus des Bürgers", Ramstein

The cultural and conference center "Haus des Bürgers" in Ramstein offers a broad program of guest performances by national and international ensembles and stars. And facilities with the latest media technology are available for meetings and conferences for up to 800 people.

Information: Haus des Bürgers, phone: 0 63 71 / 59 22 20 or
www.ramstein-miesenbach.de

Bürgerhaus & -keller (community center), Weilerbach

The Weilerbach community center and its basement are the stage of the cabaret club "Dreschflögel" Weilerbach with its wide-ranging program.

Information: Phone: 0 63 74 / 7 03 05, www.dreschfloegel.de or Tourist office Weilerbach, phone: 0 63 74 / 92 20

BiS - Bühne im Stift (Stage at the retirement home), Trippstadt

The title "BiS-Bühne im Stift" stands for a variety of cultural offerings. The program ranges from classical music via brass bands, singer-song writers, literature, cabaret, magicians to jazz.

Information: GDA Wohnstift, phone: 0 63 06 / 8 24 31



HIKING AND BIKING

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Lautertal Schaupfad



Schaupfad Mehlinger Heide



Lauter valley bike trail



Sculpture trail



Palatine Route of St. James

You can hike on the Palatine Route of St. James from Speyer to the Hornbach monastery on foot, horseback or bike. The well-marked trail passes through Kaiserslautern County at a length of about 44 km from Johanniskreuz to Lambsborn, in the direction of the Hornbach monastery.

Information: Tourist office Kaiserslautern County, phone: 06 31 / 7 10 53 28

Westpfalz-Wanderweg (Western Palatine hiking trail)

Choose from 17 different trails varying between 40 and 400 km in length. Baggage transport possible.

Information: Tourist Information Kaiserslautern, phone: 06 31 / 3 65 23 17

Mountain bike park Palatinate Forest

The Palatinate Forest mountain bike park was opened in spring 2005. Its trails of more than 300 kilometers offer the right tour for any taste, in length as well as technical challenge.

Information: Tourist office Kaiserslautern Süd, phone: 06 31 / 2 01 61 35

Lauter valley bike trail

This well-marked bike trail runs along the Lauter river from Kaiserslautern to Lauterecken at a length of about 40 km.

Information: Tourist Information Otterbach, phone: 0 63 01 / 6 07 69

Glan-Blies Trail

From Staudernheim on the Nahe river the Glan-Blies Trail follows the entire Glan valley and runs along the Blies river to Sarreguemines in France, a distance of about 150 km.

Information: Tourist office Bruchmühlbach-Miesau, phone: 0 63 72 / 9 22 01 01

Bike trails, Hochspeyer

A 42 km trail passes through the lovely countryside of this community.

Information: Tourist office Hochspeyer, phone: 0 63 05 / 7 11 72

"Searching for clues", Johanniskreuz

The circular hiking trails can be used for a "time travel on foot" through local and forestry history from the Middle Ages to the present. Old boundary stones tell of varying ownership; groups of rare trees and typical forest scenes explain forest history; relics of charcoal burning and drifting give testimony of old, almost forgotten forest occupations.

Information: Tourist Information Trippstadt, phone: 0 63 06 / 3 41

Spring and well trail, Kaiserslautern-Süd

The spring and well trail takes the visitor on two different routes to a total of nine different springs and wells.

Information: Kaiserslautern forestry office, phone: 06 31 / 34 19 80

Sculpture trail, Kaiserslautern-Süd

Sculptures made of sandstone, wood or metal, some of which blend harmoniously into the landscape, while others with their abstract shapes present an exciting contrast to nature, line the trail. International sculptors' symposiums held since 1986 have so far resulted in more than 30 works of art.

Information: Tourist office Kaiserslautern-Süd, phone: 06 31 / 2 01 61 35

Tour de Sud, Kaiserslautern-Süd

Explore the southern part of Kaiserslautern by bike on a 42 kilometer trail. Choose from routes of 20, 32 or 50 kilometers.

Information: Tourist office Kaiserslautern-Süd, phone: 06 31 / 2 01 61 35

Mehlinger Heide (heath), Mehlingen

To protect the unique landscape of the Mehlingen heath the terrain may only be entered on marked trails. Information boards give explanations about this biotope.

Information: Tourist office Enkenbach-Alsenborn, phone: 0 63 03 / 91 31 73

Mill trail, Landstuhl

The total length of the mill trail is 25 km. It runs from the Fauster Mill in the Wallhalb river valley to the Upper Landstuhl Mill, passing a total of 13 mills.

Information: Sickingen Tourism Landstuhl, phone: 0 63 71 / 49 53 11

Dr. Straßburg Kneipp trail, Neuheimsbach

On the initiative of the general practitioner Dr. Reiner Straßburg the communities of Breunigweiler, Gonbach, Münchweiler, Neuheimsbach and Sippersfeld joined forces to create a Kneipp trail. Kneipp basins are placed along the trail marked with a blue "K" at the Pfrimmerhof camp ground, in Gonbach, at Randeckerhof and at the hotel "Klostermühle" in Münchweiler. The complete trail is 23 kilometers long.

Information: Tourist office Enkenbach-Alsenborn, phone: 0 63 03 / 91 31 73

Lautertal-Schaupfad (Lauter valley exhibition trail), Otterbach

As an extension of the Kaiserslautern horticultural show this trail runs

along the restored Lauter river. Information boards along the way offer interesting information about the flood plains of the Lauter.

Information: Tourist Information Otterbach, phone: 0 63 01 / 6 07 69



Palatine Route of St. James

Theme trails, Otterberg

Six trails of different length and difficulty offer various tours around Otterberg.

Information: Tourist Information Otterbach, phone: 0 63 01 / 3 15 04

Sculpture trail, Rodenbach

Along 3 km, the sculpture trail has 20 stations on the topics of wood and water as they relate to the Celtic past of Rodenbach.

Information: Tourist office Weilerbach, phone: 0 63 74 / 92 20

Eisenhüttenweg (Iron works trail), Trippstadt

Because of the need for water power, the factory buildings of the Trippstadt Ironworks were located outside the village in the Moosalb valley between Oberhammer pond and rolling mill. The remains of these premises are closely connected with the names of Hacke and Giananth (18th and 19th century).

Information: Tourist Information Trippstadt, phone: 0 63 06 / 3 41

Circular bike trail, Weilerbach

The circular trail of 35 km length runs through the charming countryside around this community.

Information: Tourist office Weilerbach, phone: 0 63 74 / 92 20

PONDS AND SWIMMING POOLS

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Outdoor pool, Alsenborn

Information: Freibad Alsenborn, phone: 0 63 03 / 2 37

Heated outdoor pool, Bruchmühlbach Miesau

Information: Verbandsgemeindeverw. Bruchmühlbach-Miesau, phone: 0 63 72 / 92 20 22

Solar-heated outdoor pool, Hochspeyer

Information: Freibad Hochspeyer, phone: 0 63 05 / 99 38 26

Water world Monte Mare, Kaiserslautern

Information: monte mare, phone: 06 31 / 3 03 80

Waschmühle, Kaiserslautern

Information: Freibad Waschmühle, phone: 06 31 / 3 65 23 13

All-weather pool, Landstuhl

Information: Altbetterbad Landstuhl, phone: 0 63 71 / 26 11

Outdoor pool, Mehlingen

Information: Freibad Mehlingen, phone: 0 63 03 / 91 31 73

Chlorine-free natural pool, Otterberg

Information: Tourist Information Otterberg, phone: 0 63 01 / 3 15 04

Water world „AZUR“, Ramstein

Information: Erlebnisbad AZUR, phone: 0 63 71 / 7 15 00

Heated outdoor pool, Rodenbach

Information: Waldfreibad Rodenbach, phone: 0 63 74 / 51 88

Heated outdoor pool, Trippstadt

Information: Warmfreibad Trippstadt, phone: 0 63 06 / 4 29



Billesweiher, Enkenbach-Alsenborn

Information: Tourist office Enkenbach-Alsenborn, phone: 0 63 03 / 91 31 73

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Information: Tourist Information Otterbach, phone: 0 63 01 / 6 07 69

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Information: Tourist office Kaiserslautern-Süd, phone: 06 31 / 2 01 61 35

Sägmühlweiher, Trippstadt Swimming/Fishing/Pedal boat

Information: Tourist Information Trippstadt, phone: 0 63 06 / 3 41



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*The Palatinate Forest
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Mehlinger Heide

Elendsklamm, Bruchmühlbach-Miesau

Small terraced cascades and frothy waterfalls, bizarre weathered shapes in hard quartz sandstone, block fields and overhanging red sandstone layers have been witnesses of the powerful force of running water in this 3 kilometer long ravine.

Information: Tourist office Bruchmühlbach-Miesau, phone: 0 6 372 / 9 22 01 01

Schweinstal, Krickenbach

The 4.5 km long Schweinstal is a romantic valley with fishing ponds and sandstone sculptures surrounded by forest for hiking and biking. The trail winds past quarries of red and yellow sandstone.

Information: Tourist office Kaiserslautern-Süd, phone: 06 31 / 2 01 61 35

Mammoth trees, Landstuhl

Around 1861 seven American mammoth trees, so-called Wellingtonias, were planted as a botanical peculiarity. They have reached the respectable height of 40 m by now.

Information: Sickingen Tourism Landstuhl, phone: 0 63 71 / 49 53 11

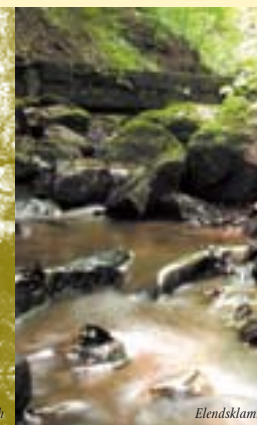
Fleischackerloch, Landstuhl

The Fleischackerloch (meat field hole) is a ravine with primeval-like old trees. The pastures and fields at the valley floor used to be rented out against delivery of meat, hence the name of this natural monument.

Information: Sickingen Tourism Landstuhl, phone: 0 63 71 / 49 53 11



Fleischackerloch



Elendsklamm



Mehlinger Heide (heath), Mehlingen

From World War I until 1994, the terrain of the 400 ha nature reserve Mehlinger Heide was at least partially in military use. Especially the blooming heather in fall is a breathtaking view. Close by is an old Jewish cemetery.

Information: Tourist office Enkenbach-Alsenborn, phone: 0 63 03 / 91 31 73

Lanzenbrunnerweiher (pond), Otterberg

In the shore zones of the protected biotope you can find reeds, rushes, pondweed and white water lilies. Kingfishers and herons as well as a great number of other rare species find ideal living conditions here.

Information: Tourist Information Otterberg, phone: 0 63 01 / 3 15 04

Karlstalschlucht (ravine), Trippstadt

The steep slopes of the roughly one kilometer long, wildly romantic ravine are studded with rocks. The valley was named after the Palatine colonel Karl Theodor von Hacke.

Information: Tourist Information Trippstadt, phone: 0 63 06 / 3 41



Karlstalschlucht



Mammoth trees

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