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Welcome to Saarbrücken!

Our friendly state capital is a great city to visit and explore. There are lots of things to discover in and around Saarbrücken – for culture vultures and shopping fans, for bon vivants and families, for lovers of nature and for those who prefer physical activity or relaxation when they travel. Discover the amazing diversity and find out what Saarbrücken has to offer.

## Enjoy your stay!

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# so much to discover...

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# Culture in Saarbrücken: Where art meets the heart

A young man and woman are smiling and embracing each other. The woman is wearing a black and white patterned dress and a black watch. The man is wearing a light blue shirt. They are sitting in front of a large, colorful geometric art installation made of many small, multi-colored triangles. The background is slightly blurred, showing greenery and a building.

## FROM THE BIG STAGE TO SMALLER-SCALE PERFORMING ARTS – LONG LIVE DIVERSITY!

A small, square portrait of a historical figure, likely a composer or artist, with a powdered wig and a dark coat.

A BAROQUE CASTLE AND URBAN ART, symphony concerts and open stage, artists' studios and museums, up-and-coming film talent and blockbusters – culture is alive and well in Saarbrücken. Historical witnesses and artists from our region and the whole world meet in the heart of this pleasant and friendly city.

# Discovering sights



Ludwig's Church

Saarbrücken is a lively city at the sunny centre of Europe. Savoir-vivre, enjoyment and a zest for life meet at the border between Germany and France. The people of Saarbrücken are cosmopolitan, approachable and just love going out. There are many excellent places to eat in the city – from street food to award-winning gourmet restaurants. Everybody gets to discover their own special place quickly in this city of short distances, whether it's in the urban Nauwieser Viertel, at the Staden park on the river Saar or at Sankt Johanner Markt, the centre of the pedestrianised historic old town.

We are also a shopping city which boasts one of the TOP 10 shopping streets in Germany.

The cultural landscape of Saarbrücken offers an extraordinary diversity. Enjoy urban life at the Osthafen (East Docks) or film premièrés at the Max Ophüls Film Festival, marvel at the Urban Art Walk and meet other music lovers for a dashing evening performance by the German Radio Philharmonic Orchestra. Whether State Theatre or youth theatre, museums, galleries, festivals, night life and scene culture: Saarbrücken offers a range of high-quality cultural activities to suit every taste. There are also several superb historical buildings in the city. The most famous of all is probably the Baroque Protestant Ludwigskirche (Ludwig's Church), the Saarbrücker Schloss (Saarbrücken Castle) and the Alte Brücke (Old Bridge).

Our city is part of an industrial region whose fascinating history can be experienced at the Völklinger Hütte (World Cultural Heritage Site Völklinger Ironworks) or at the visitor's mine at Velsen.

Saarbrücken is the greenest state capital in Germany. Whether hiking in extensive mixed forests, cycling along the Saar, exploring a primeval forest or floating across a biosphere landscape in a hot-air balloon – nature invites you to an unforgettable experience. And if you're into more action and excitement, you might prefer to fly through the treetops with the Zipline or check out the skatepark in the Bürgerpark.

And if you still haven't had enough? We recommend a visit to our zoo, wildlife park or the Calypso Waterpark and Sauna. Both children and adults love the Alpaca Farm, the indoor playgrounds and our large outdoor swimming pools.

If you like organised events, you will always find something to do in Saarbrücken. Don't miss our major summer events or our Christmas Market in winter.

We are a multicultural city: people from 150 different nations live here, creating interesting spaces with individual flair. We belong to a region with a turbulent history. From the Celts and Romans to the wars of the modern era, history has left its mark here. We're a border city bang in the centre of Europe. Please don't miss the opportunity to visit our friends and neighbours in France and Luxembourg while you are here.



## 1 Saarbrücken Castle



The existence of Saarbrücken was first documented in 999 under the name “Castellum Sarabrucca”. In the 17<sup>th</sup> century the castle was rebuilt in the style of the Renaissance, but later destroyed and now only the cellars of this construction remain. In the 18<sup>th</sup> century Prince Wilhelm Heinrich had his architect Stengel build a new Baroque palace

on the same site. Since then the castle has suffered various bouts of destruction and was partially burnt down and reconstructed before being thoroughly and magnificently renovated in 1989. The architect Gottfried Böhm designed a state-of-the-art central block of steel and glass. The castle is now both an administrative centre and a venue for cultural events.

**Tip:** Visit the exhibition room in the foyer directly beside Tourist Information. An animated film provides information on the history of the castle in three languages.

### Tourist Information Office in Saarbrücken Castle

#### Opening hours:

Mon.–Fri. 9 am–5 pm

Sat., Sun. 10 am–6 pm (summer)

Sat., Sun. 10 am–7 pm (winter)

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## 2 Schlossplatz (Castle Square)— The Baroque Ensemble

The Baroque ensemble enclosing the Castle Square also bears Stengel's trademark. He was instructed to surround the castle with buildings which were similar to it in style. Thus the prince had the so-called Erbprinzenpalais (Hereditary Prince's Palace) built for his son. The Kreisständehaus houses the Museum of Prehistory and Early History and the Old Collection. A recently built glass annex connects it to the museum in the Schlosskirche. Well worth seeing is the staircase with its intricately decorated banisters. In the segment gable of the Altes Rathaus (Old Town Hall) the construction date MDCCL (1750) has been recorded along with a depiction of the Saarbrücken coat of arms. A Baroque onion dome crowns the clock tower. It was destroyed in WWII and rebuilt in 1947; today it houses the headquarters of Saarbrücken's adult education centre. It was devised by Jochen Gerz and students from the local Art Academy in 1993 as an expression of tolerance and a warning against racism: 2,146 flagstones on the way to the castle were dug up and the names of Jewish cemeteries engraved on the back of them before they were replaced.



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#### +49 (0)89 2108333332 + \_\_ Order of the Points of Interest

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|--|---|
| 00 History of Saarbrücken<br>(3 min 26)                        | 06 Ludwig's Church (2 min 57)                 |
| 01 Saarbrücken Castle and<br>Casemate (3 min 19)               | 10 Old Bridge and Saar Crane<br>(2 min 41)    |
| 02 The castle square and its<br>baroque ensemble<br>(2 min 08) | 12 St. Johanner Market Square<br>(2 min 16)   |
| 03 Historical Museum Mile at<br>Schlossplatz (2 min 39)        | 13 Fröschenqasse (2 min 03)                   |
| 04 View from the castle wall<br>(3 min 09)                     | 14 Basilica St. Johann<br>(2 min 49)          |
|  | 15 Town Hall St. Johann<br>(2 min 36)         |
|  | 21 Collegiate Church St. Annual<br>(2 min 44) |

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### 3 Historical Museum Mile



#### Old Collection

The Old Collection focuses on the landscape and still-life painting of the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> century. Portraits of the princes of Nassau-Saarbrücken and representatives of the steel industry in the Saarland are also on display. The collection also places considerable emphasis on artefacts such as coins, miniatures, silver and porcelain objects and furniture.

#### Museum of Prehistory and Early History

This collection of archaeological items from the beginning of the Stone Age up to the early medieval era is accompanied by lively and informative texts, models and drawings.

#### Museum in the Castle Church

The diverse history of the Castle Church, the meaning of liturgy and faith in everyday life from the 13<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> century, as well as the development and purpose of sacral art.

**Old Collection, Museum of Prehistory and Early History,**  
Schlossplatz 16  
66119 Saarbrücken

**Phone:** +49 (0)681 9964-234  
[www.kulturbesitz.de](http://www.kulturbesitz.de)

**Museum in the Castle Church**  
Am Schlossberg 6  
66119 Saarbrücken

**Admission:** 5 € / 3 €  
**Castle Church:** free admission  
**Opening hours:**  
Tue.–Sun. 10 am–6 pm  
Wed. 10 am–8 pm  
Mo. closed

#### Museum of Regional History

An exciting journey through the history of the Saarland from the Middle Ages to the eventful 20<sup>th</sup> century. The permanent exhibition focuses on two periods:

##### **The recent history of the Saar from 1870**

This new permanent exhibition deals with the turbulent recent history of the Saar border region from the Franco-German War of 1870/71 to the end of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

##### **The underground castle fortifications and casemates**

You can tour the excavated underground fortifications and casemates discovered 14 metres below the Schlossplatz. Let multimedia technology guide you through history, space and time with sound and lighting breathing life into the distant past.

The Saarland Regional History Museum is a wonderful opportunity to experience 500 years of history right before your very eyes. Behold the remains of the mediaeval castle, a 15<sup>th</sup> century shooting range, fortifications and casemates from the Renaissance, a 17<sup>th</sup> century Ballhaus (hall for ball games) built in the castle moat and a dungeon from the 18<sup>th</sup> century: and all of that underground, below the streets of this modern city.

Schlossplatz 15  
66119 Saarbrücken  
**Phone:** +49 (0)681 506-4506  
[www.historisches-museum.org](http://www.historisches-museum.org)

**Opening hours:**  
Tue.–Sun. 10 am–6 pm  
Wed. 10 am–8 pm  
Mo. closed

**Admission:** 7 € / 4 €  
**Guided tours in English on demand**

## 4 Castle Wall



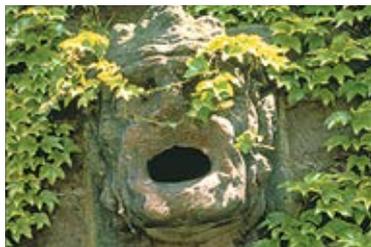
The castle wall, which was moved back 16 metres when the urban motorway was built, provides a beautiful panoramic view of the town. The stone head of the "miserly baker" of St. Johann grimly observes passers-by from the wall next to the stairs leading up to the castle. For several centuries it served as a gargoyle at the Old Bridge.



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## The Story of the Miserly Baker

It is said that the miserly baker refused to help the poor in times of need, insulted them and encouraged young women to offer him their bodies in exchange for bread. When the margravine heard this rumour she dressed up as a beggar to put him to the test. Naturally he fell for her disguise and was put in the stocks as punishment, dying several days later. An effigy of his head was carved of stone and placed on the Old Bridge to serve as a sewage gargoyle and a warning to others.



## 5 Schlosskirche (Castle Church)

The steeple of the late Gothic Schlosskirche (Castle Church) dating from the 15<sup>th</sup> century was given a Baroque crest by Stengel in 1743. After being destroyed in WWII it was restored in the 50's and endowed with elaborate stained-glass windows designed by Georg Meistermann. The sarcophagi of the last princes of Saarbrücken are to be found in the choir. Opening hours: see on page 12.



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## 6 7 Ludwigskirche (Ludwig's Church) and Place

The Ludwigskirche, focal point of a "place royal" architecture, is the indefatigable architect Stengel's masterpiece. It is considered to be one of the most stylistically and aesthetically perfect Protestant Baroque churches in Germany, comparable to the Michel in Hamburg or the Frauenkirche in Dresden. Together with the Ludwigplatz square, the surrounding palace and civil servants' houses, it is part of a unique Baroque ensemble, which was completed in 1775. After being completely destroyed during WWII, the church and palace were meticulously and authentically restored. Looking down Wilhelm-Heinrich-Straße, you have a direct view of the opposite bank of the Saar, a further example of the visual axes typical to Stengel's architecture.



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### Opening hours:

Tue.–Sat. 11 am–5 pm

Sun. on demand

Service: Sun. 11 am

Phone: +49 (0)681 52524

[www.ludwigskirche.de](http://www.ludwigskirche.de)

Guided tours: on request

Informations and reservation:

City-Marketing Saarbrücken GmbH

Phone: +49 (0)681 9380917

## 8 Friedenskirche (Peace Church)

This is the first sacred building that Stengel built (in 1743) for the reformed congregation in Saarbrücken. The Old Catholic congregation acquired it in 1892 and has used it ever since as their place of worship. From 2016 to 2021, the transept church was extensively renovated with the help of the urban development project "Barock trifft Moderne" and others.

Wilhelm-Heinrich-Straße 2

66117 Saarbrücken

Phone: +49 (0)681 93314507

[www.saarbruecken.alt-katholisch.de](http://www.saarbruecken.alt-katholisch.de)

katholisch.de

Service: Sun. 10.30 am

## 10 Saarkran (Saar Crane)

The Saarkran (Saar Crane) flanking the Wilhelm-Heinrich-Brücke (Wilhelm Heinrich Bridge) bears witness to Saarbrücken's flourishing trade history. In 1761 it was first constructed by the Krahen-Gesellschaft according to plans drawn-up by Stengel. The arm with the keg and bird has to be restored and was removed in the interests of safety.



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## 11 Alte Brücke (Old Bridge)



The Alte Brücke (Old Bridge), commissioned by Karl V in 1546, is one of the oldest stone bridges in Germany. It connects Alt-Saarbrücken and St. Johann. 8 of the original 14 arches have survived. Destroyed during the Second World War, it has been restored and is one of the most important historical structures in the city.

## 1 Theatre

The Neo-Classical State Theatre was opened in 1938 with a performance of "The Flying Dutchman". At the time it was the most modern theatre in Europe, but had to be reconstructed after considerable damage during WWII. In 1988/89 the 875-seat auditorium was completely renovated and enlarged. see on page 30



## 2 Modern Gallery



The Moderne Galerie is one of the leading museums in south-west Germany and houses an outstanding international collection of 20<sup>th</sup> century painting, sculpture and graphics. Its rooms are bright and defined and express an affinity with nature, one of the primary concerns of both Impressionist and Expressionist artists. The

museum was recently extended and now provides an ideal stage for international contemporary art. The Modern Gallery also boasts a spacious sculpture garden on the banks of the river Saar that invites visitors to take a stroll, relax and look at art.

Bismarckstraße 11 – 15  
66111 Saarbrücken  
Phone: +49 (0)681 9964-234  
Opening hours:  
Tue.–Sun. 10 am–6 pm  
Wed. 10 am–8 pm

Admission: 7 € / 5 €  
Free admission for children and  
Free admission for all on Tues-  
days from 3 pm  
www.kulturbesitz.de

## 5 Künstlerhaus

Meeting place for the region's artists, authors and culture enthusiasts with exhibitions and numerous events.

Opening hours:  
Tue.–Sun. 10 am–6 pm  
Admission: free  
Karlstraße 1, 66111 Saarbrücken



Phone: +49 (0)681 372485  
www.kuenstlerhaus-saar.de

## 4 Stadtgalerie



The Stadtgalerie Saarbrücken is an outstanding gallery for contemporary art with a reputation that extends beyond the region. The "Permanent Laboratory" has a strong and unique commitment to installation and experimental art with local relevance.

St. Johanner Markt 24  
66111 Saarbrücken  
Phone: +49 (0)681 905-1842  
Opening hours:  
Tue.–Fri. 12 noon–7 pm  
Sat., Son. and holiday  
11 am–7 pm

www.stadtgalerie.de  
Guided tours in English  
on demand

## 7 Rabbiner-Rülf-Platz memorial site

"The Interrupted Forest" memorial commemorates the murder of Jewish men, women and children in the Saarland during National Socialism. It consists of 40 bronze tree trunks that represent a "forest of remembrance". This is contrasted by a "natural forest" of delicate Japanese pagoda trees planted on the site.



## 12 St. Johanner Markt (St. Johanner Market Square)

The St. Johanner Markt with its boutiques, bars, bistros and restaurants is the essence of Saarbrücken life. It is an ideal place to meet people or saunter through the picturesque alleys scattered around the market square. Since 1978 the old part of town has been a pedestrian precinct. There is a direct view of the castle from the Baroque fountain (designed by Stengel in 1759), and in the past there was also one of the Baroque church Ludwigskirche, from where you could see right up to the castle again – the so-called Stengel triangle.



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## 13 Fröschengasse

The former craftsmen's and workers' houses in the Fröschengasse were once partly built onto the old town wall. Since 1978 the street has been rebuilt primarily in the Baroque style. Restaurants with idyllic courtyards invite you to linger. High water levels are recorded on the wall at the end of the street (Saarstraße) to remind passers-by of the proximity and perils of the river.



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## 14 Basilika St. Johann

The Basilika St. Johann was erected by Stengel between 1754 and 1758. It has been painstakingly renovated and is now a perfect example of 18<sup>th</sup> century Baroque beauty: the pope even granted the church the title "Basilica Minor". Not to be missed are the bronze portal and the entrance area. The church organ is particularly striking. It consists of three individual parts, the main organ and the two choir organs. They can be played individually or together. The St. Johann Basilica organ is hence composed of 60 sounding stops and a total of 4,312 pipes. This remarkable and multifaceted instrument is exceptional in both its construction and its tone spectrum and is renowned far beyond the Saarland.

### Opening hours:

Mon., Fri., Sat. 9.30 am–7.15 pm  
Tue., Thu., Sun. 8.30 am–7.15 pm  
Wed. 8.30 am–5 pm

### Services:

Every day 6.30 pm except Mon.,  
Sun. 10 am, 11.30 am, 6.30 pm,  
Wen. 12 noon

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## 15 Rathaus St. Johann (Town Hall)

Georg J. von Hauberisser, the architect who designed the town halls in Munich and Wiesbaden, was also responsible for the construction of Saarbrücken's Neo-Gothic town hall, which was erected between 1897 and 1900. It is dominated by the 54 m tower, from which the carillon sounds daily at 3.15 pm and 7.19 pm. The authentically preserved façade is decorated with sandstone statues representing the trades of bygone times. There is a miner, a smelter, a farmer, a brewer, a merchant, and a tanner. The significance of the figures of St. George and the dragon is unclear, but they probably represent the battle between good and evil.



**Tourist Office**  
in the Town Hall

### Opening hours:

Mon.–Fri. 9 am–5 pm

Sat. 10 am–3 pm

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## 16 Johanneskirche (St. John's Church)

The Neo-Gothic Johanneskirche (erected between 1894 and 1898) has recently become a meeting point for demonstrations and peace services. Concerts, performances and discussions are regularly held here as part of the project "City Kirche" (City Church).

### Opening hours:

Tue.–Sun. 3 pm–6 pm

[www.ev-stjohann.de](http://www.ev-stjohann.de)

Service: Sun. 11 am

## 19 Bergwerksdirektion (Mining Headquarters)

The administration building of the "Saarbergwerke" (Saar Mining Company), formerly the "Royal Prussian Mining Headquarters", was constructed in 1880 by the renowned architects Martin Gropius and Heino Schmieden in the style of the Florentine Renaissance.

The historical building has been integrated into the EUROPA-Galerie shopping centre with the listed interiors and facade preserved. Original features such as the cast iron staircase, the period tiled floor, the ballroom and the precious leaded stained-glass windows can be admired during your shopping experience.



## 6 Cultural Centre at the EuroBahnhof (KuBa)



The KuBa in the new quarter at the EuroBahnhof is a place of interdisciplinary artistic exchange. The cultural centre provides a number of ateliers for artists and creative minds, a programme of contemporary art and culture as well as workshops for children and adolescents.

Quartier Eurobahnhof  
Europaallee 25  
66113 Saarbrücken  
Phone: +49 (0)681 95912-00 or -02  
Opening hours:  
Tue.–Fri. 10 am–4.30 pm or  
by appointment  
www.kuba-sb.de  
<https://www.facebook.com/KuBa>

## 21 Staden

If you are in the mood for a pleasant stroll, it is worth following the Saar in the direction of the Staden, one of the most attractive residential areas of Saarbrücken. The stately villas with park-like gardens which can be admired here date back to the years of rapid industrial expansion in Germany (from 1871). The Saar promenade, seamed by green lawns and punctuated with beer gardens and playgrounds, invites the visitor to relax on long summer days, watching roller skaters, joggers and cyclists on the path along the river.



## 22 Die Stiftskirche St. Annual

"The urban village" St. Annual is one of the oldest parts of Saarbrücken and a 30-minute walk from the city centre. Houses dating back to the late medieval ages which have retained their authentic charm to this day are clustered around the idyllic market square. The 13<sup>th</sup> century Gothic collegiate church is amongst the most significant historical monuments in southwest Germany. Up to the 15<sup>th</sup> century the princes and earls of Nassau-Saarbrücken were buried here and their sepulchres can still be admired today.

Opening hours:  
Tue.–Thu. 10 am–4 pm  
Guided tours: on request  
Phone: +49 (0)681 9850505

Service: Sun. 10 am  
Directions: 126 bus from  
Karstadt  
Bus stop: St. Annual Market



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## 24 St Michael's Church

With its two monumental towers, the largest church in Saarbrücken rises above the city skyline. Designed by the architect Hans Herkomer, the striking exterior reflects the architecture of the 1920s. The expressionist design of the interior with the Majolica high altar is well worth seeing. The nearby Echelmeyer Park invites you to stay a while.

Catholic Parish Office of St. John  
Schumannstr. 25  
66111 Saarbrücken  
Phone: +49 (0)681 906880

Opening hours: Sat. 3 pm–6 pm  
Mass: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each  
month at 11 am



## World Cultural Heritage – Site Völklinger Hütte (Old Ironworks)

The World Cultural Heritage Site at the Völklingen Ironworks is the world's only completely preserved ironworks from the heyday of industrialisation and was added to the UNESCO World Heritage List in 1994. With its many halls, open spaces and fascinating tangle of piping, the Völklingen Ironworks is a unique venue for international exhibitions, festivals and concerts. Culture is also joined by nature: The paradise that emerged from the erstwhile "hell" of the coking plant is fascinating because the site has been reconquered by nature and a highly diverse flora and fauna.

**World Cultural Heritage**  
Rathausstraße 75 – 79  
66333 Völklingen  
**Phone:** +49 (0)6898 9100-100  
[www.voelklinger-huette.org](http://www.voelklinger-huette.org)  
**Opening hours:**  
all year daily from 10 am  
24., 25., 31 Dec. closed

**Admission:** 17 € adults, 15 € reduced, children and young people up to 18 years free, students with ID free  
**Guided tours:** 110 € per group + reduced tariff, on demand  
**Directions:** Rail or 110 bus  
**Bus stop:** Völklingen



## Baumwipfelpfad Saarschleife (treetop walk above the Saar Loop)

Above the trees, the 1,250-m treetop walk winds itself through the forest until it reaches a 42-m high viewing tower. Visitors have a unique panoramic view of the Saar Loop and the surrounding landscape. Nearby is the Adventure Forest Saarschleife with more than 20 play and learn stations, a must for the whole family.

**Cloef-Atrium,**  
66693 Mettlach / Orscholz  
**Phone:** +49 (0)6865 1864810  
**Admission:** 11,50 € / 10,50 € / 9,50 €  
**Family:** 27 €  
**Opening hours:**  
[www.baumwipfelpfade.de/saarschleife](http://www.baumwipfelpfade.de/saarschleife), [www.abenteuerwald-saarschleife.de](http://www.abenteuerwald-saarschleife.de)

**Directions:** Take a train from the central train station in Saarbrücken to Mettlach, continue by bus  
**Bus stop:** Reha clinic, Orscholz

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Like no other company, Villeroy & Boch has enriched the everyday lives and quality of life of many generations with stylish and beautiful things. A visit to the Old Abbey in Mettlach is a very special journey of discovery. The historic buildings and the artworks in the garden of the Abbey are only some of the attractions. You can also enjoy "Keravision" and the ceramics museum, tableware exhibitions and the Abteigarten restaurant.

**Alte Abtei**  
Saarferstraße, 66693 Mettlach  
**Phone:** +49 (0)6864 811320  
**Admission:** 6,50 €

**Directions:** Rail to Mettlach  
**Closed for renovation until autumn 2023, more information:**  
[www.villeroyboch.com/Erlebniszentrum](http://www.villeroyboch.com/Erlebniszentrum)



## Schaumberg Tower

The Schaumberg is not only the most famous but also the most historic peak in the Saarland. At 604 metres, the viewing platform of the tower offers a fascinating 360-degree panoramic view of the Saarland and beyond. It is wheelchair-accessible.

Zum Schaumbergturm 1  
66636 Tholey  
**Phone:** +49 (0)6853 5020090  
[www.mein-schaumberg.de](http://www.mein-schaumberg.de)  
**Admission:** 1 €  
**Opening hours:**  
16<sup>th</sup> march–1<sup>st</sup> nov.: 10 am–9 pm  
2<sup>nd</sup> nov.–15<sup>th</sup> march: 11 am–5 pm



## Saarpolygon



on the direction it is viewed from. From both sides, 132 steps rise up to a height of 25 metres.

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Sportzentrum Bei Fußenkreuz  
(Parking Zum Saarpolygon)  
**Admission:** free entry

The Saarpolygon at the Duhamel spoil tip in Enseldorf is a monument commemorating the coal mining industry that ended in the Saar district in June 2012. The 150-metre tip rises above the surrounding Saar Valley, and the walk-in monument is 30 metres high. Due to its design, it has a different shape depending

**Opening hours:**  
Saarpolygon, 8 am–6 pm,  
The heap is freely accessible  
**Directions:** DB til Enseldorf

## GONDWANA – The “Praehistorium”

GONDWANA is a geological attraction which is part primeval theme park and part natural history educational event. Cutting-edge animation technology and ingenious audiovisual processes allow visitors to experience 4.5 billion years of the Earth’s history at first hand.

Am Bergwerk Reden  
Bildstockstraße  
66578 Schiffweiler  
OT Landsweiler-Reden  
**Phone:** +49 (0)6821 9316325

**Directions:** Rail to Landsweiler-Reden, then bus  
**Bus stop:** Humboldtstraße  
**Opening hours and prices:**  
[www.gondwana-praehistorium.de](http://www.gondwana-praehistorium.de)

## Roman Villa at Borg

The Roman villa in Perl-Borg shows vividly how people lived in the SaarLorLux region 2000 years ago. The reconstructed “villa rustica” gives you an insight into the lifestyle of the privileged in society at that time. The fine residence also houses a collection of archaeological treasures.

Im Meeswald 1  
66706 Perl-Borg  
**Phone:** +49 (0)6865 91170  
**Opening hours:**  
[www.villa-borg.de](http://www.villa-borg.de)  
Dec. + Jan. closed

**Admission:** 6 € / 4 € Children under 6 free, Family 10 €  
**Directions:** Rail to Merzig, then 210 bus  
**Bus stop:** Perl-Borg

## Mosaic Floor at Nennig

Found by chance by a farmer in 1852, this piece of cultural heritage is now considered to be one of the most important surviving examples of Roman mosaic art. Spanning over 160 square metres, it is the largest and best preserved mosaic floor north of the Alps.



Römerstr. 11, 66706 Perl-Nennig  
**Phone:** +49 (0)6866 1329  
**Admission:** 1,50 € / 1 € / 0,75 €  
**Opening hours:**  
[www.kulturbesitz.de](http://www.kulturbesitz.de)  
closed Dec.–Jan.

**Directions:** Rail to Merzig, then 210 bus  
**Bus stop:** Römische Villa

## European Culture Park Bliesbruck–Reinheim

This is the only excavation site in Europe which spans more than one country and a prime example of Franco–German co-operation. The visitor is able to observe the individual steps of archaeological research at close quarters.

Robert-Schuman-Straße 2  
66453 Gersheim-Reinheim  
**Phone:** +49 (0)6843 900211  
[www.europaesischer-kulturpark.de](http://www.europaesischer-kulturpark.de)  
**Opening hours:**  
5<sup>th</sup> March–31<sup>st</sup> Oct.:  
Mon.–Fri. 10 am–5 pm  
Sat., Sun.,  
public holidays 10 am–6 pm  
1<sup>st</sup> Mai closed

**Admission:** 5 € / 3,50 €, Children under 16 free  
**Directions:** Saarbahn S1 to Kleinblittersdorf, then 501 bus  
**Bus stop:** Kulturpark



## Sarreguemines (F)

The charming town of Sarreguemines in the French Lorraine region is easily accessible from Saarbrücken by tram or boat. The six stages of the Sarreguemines ceramic trail lead you through what was formerly one of the most important locations for producing ceramics. Alternatively, explore the present day town centre on a historic tour as well as the new ceramic garden.

Office de Tourisme (Tourist Office)  
11, rue du Maire Massing  
Phone: +33 (0)3 87 98 80 81

[www.sarreguemines-tourisme.com](http://www.sarreguemines-tourisme.com)  
Directions: S1 to Sarreguemines

## Metz (F)



Visitors to this beautiful historic town cannot resist the temptation to explore the medieval buildings, former fortifications, like the Porte des Allemands, palaces and monumental squares as well as the German quarter. The trademark of Metz is St. Stephen's Cathedral with its extraordinary stained glass windows and the Centre Pompidou Museum.

Office de Tourisme de Metz  
2, Place d'Armes – CS 80367  
57007 Metz Cedex 1  
Phone: +33 3 87 39 00 00  
[www.tourisme-metz.com](http://www.tourisme-metz.com)

The Saar-Lorraine Ticket — from Saarbrücken to Metz return

## Luxembourg (L)

Less than 100 km from Saarbrücken lies Luxembourg, “European” capital and international finance metropolis. Numerous sights make this town a worthwhile destination: the former bastions of the fortress city, the Grand Duke's palace, the cathedral, mansions built by aristocrats and patricians and European institutions.

Luxembourg City Tourist Office  
30, Place Guillaume II  
L-1648 Luxembourg  
Phone: +35 2 22 28 09  
[www.lcto.lu](http://www.lcto.lu)

**Daily bus connections**  
from Saarbrücken main station  
to Luxembourg main station  
several times a day in just over  
an hour

Prix : 9 € / 5 €

Tickets: Tourist Information/  
Rathaus St. Johann (Town Hall)  
and in the bus

Phone: +49 (0)681 959092-00 or  
-02

## Trier (Treves)



With over 2,000 years of history behind it, Trier is Germany's oldest town and attracts visitors from all over the world. Visit the imperial baths, the amphitheatre, the basilica and as an undeniable highpoint the Porta Nigra — the best preserved town gate dating back to antiquity. Good train connections from Saarbrücken.

Trier Tourist Information  
at the "Porta Nigra"  
54290 Trier

Phone:  
+49 (0)651 97808-0  
[www.trier-info.de](http://www.trier-info.de)  
Directions: Rail to Trier





## Guided Tours

### Guided city walking tour

The best way to discover Saarbrücken is on foot because most of the historic buildings are grouped together. During this guided tour, you will get to know the Baroque Saarbrücken and a modern and vibrant state capital.



**Appointments:** Friday 4 pm–6 pm and Saturday 2.30 pm–5 pm

Guided tour in German

**Price:** Fri. 9 € / 6 €, Sat.: 12 € / 9 € / 7€ incl.

Ludwigskirche

On Saturday also with a visit to the Ludwigskirche

**Leaving from:** Tourist Information Office/ Rathaus St. Johann (Town Hall)/ Main entrance

**Phone:** +49 (0)681 959092-00 or -02

Guided tour in English on demand

### Audio Tour

Discover Saarbrücken at your own pace with an audioguide as your guide. You can pause wherever you like or replay any part of the commentary that you find particularly interesting. 12 audio commentaries guide you along the tour route while the included city map provides you with an overview. **Languages:** German, English, French



## Culinary City Walking Tour

Take three different restaurants, a selected menu from the Saarland's progressive cuisine, add an entertaining tour guide and mix well with the town's sights: our culinary round-trip of Saarbrücken is ready to be served.



**Appointments:** on demand

**Duration:** 4 hours

**Prix :** 79 € per person, for groups at least 12 peoples

**Includes:**

- Guided tour in English
- Aperitif and starter
- Main course
- Dessert and coffee

**Information and reservation:**

City-Marketing Saarbrücken GmbH

**Phone:** +49 (0) 681 9380917

## Culture between yesterday and today



The new colourful ArtWalk extends from the Baroque Castle grounds across the museum mile with the State Theatre and Modern Gallery as far as the lively Nauwieser Viertel. Discover art in public spaces while you walk past creative and colourful works by international urban-art artists.

**For groups all year on request**

**Appointments:** on demand

**Duration:** 2 hours

**Price:** 105 € / group in English

**Information and reservation:**

City-Marketing Saarbrücken GmbH, 66111 Saarbrücken

**Phone:** +49 (0)681 9380917

**E-mail:** gruppen.info@city-sb.de

## Private tours of Saarbrücken

You can book an experienced guide for a time that suits your group.

**Guided tours** for up to 25 persons per group

**Appointments:** on demand

**Duration:** 2 hours

**Price:** 105 € / group

**Information and reservation:**

City-Marketing Saarbrücken GmbH, 66111 Saarbrücken

**Phone:** +49 (0)681 9380917

**E-mail:** gruppen.info@city-sb.de



## Theatre and Stage

### Saarland State Theatre

#### 1 Main theatre: Großes Haus

The Neo-Classical State Theatre was opened in 1938 with a performance of "The Flying Dutchman". At the time it was the most modern theatre in Europe, but had to be reconstructed after considerable damage during WWII. In 1988/89 the 875-seat auditorium was completely renovated and enlarged.

Großes Haus  
Tbilisser Platz

**Evening Box Office:**  
Phone: +49 (0)681 3092286

#### Alte Feuerwache

With 240 seats, the Alte Feuerwache is the State Theatre's second largest venue and used to be the fire brigade's gymnasium. Primarily plays are put on here, but ballets and concerts are sometimes staged too. Special events include readings in the gallery, introductory events and guest performances.

Theater Alte Feuerwache  
Landwehrplatz

**Evening Box Office:**  
Phone: +49 (0)681 3092203

#### sparte4

The Saarland State Theatre's "fourth programme" is a place as well as a series of events, an open platform for creativity away from the mainstream. A type of laboratory in which theatre's underlying assumptions are questioned and deconstructed.

sparte4  
Eisenbahnstr. 22, near Stengelstr.

**Evening Box Office:**  
Phone: +49 (0)681 9590571

Advance booking:  
Am Schillerplatz 2  
Mon.–Fri. 10 am–6 pm,  
Sat. 10 am–2 pm

**Phone: +49 (0)681 3092486**  
[www.staatstheater.saarland](http://www.staatstheater.saarland)

There are also a number of venues for smaller-scale performing arts and cabaret. Small theatre venues and events in various pubs and cafés are an integral part of the cultural landscape of Saarbrücken.

#### Theaterschiff

A former barge becomes a floating stage. Point of departure: Alte Brücke  
**Phone: +49 (0)681 65817**  
[www.theaterschiff-maria-helena.com](http://www.theaterschiff-maria-helena.com)

#### Baker Street im Hirsch

Performance, variété, cabaret, concerts, dinner shows  
Saargemünder Str. 11  
**Phone: +49 (0)681 7020681**  
[www.bakerstreetsb.de](http://www.bakerstreetsb.de)

#### Theater im Viertel

Stage of the "Freie Szene Saar" network  
In der Alten Feuerwache  
Landwehrplatz 2  
**Phone: +49 (0)681 3904602**  
[www.dastiv.de](http://www.dastiv.de)

#### Art and culture club "Die Winzer"

Music and performance over a glass of wine  
Martin-Luther-Straße 5  
**Phone: +49 (0)151 51146862**  
[www.diewinzer.com](http://www.diewinzer.com)

#### Schlosskeller

Stage in the old vault of the Saarbrücken Castle  
**Phone: +49 (0)681 5061313**  
[www.regionalverband-saarbruecken.de](http://www.regionalverband-saarbruecken.de)

#### Arts and community centre BREITE63

The sociocultural centre in Saarbrücken-Malstatt  
Breite Straße 63  
**Phone: +49 (0)681 4170835**  
[www.breite63.de](http://www.breite63.de)

#### Advance booking via Ticket Regional



Tourist Information at Rathaus St. Johann

**Phone: +49 (0)681 959092-00 or -02, E-mail: [tourist.info@city-sb.de](mailto:tourist.info@city-sb.de)**  
[visit.saarbruecken.de/en](http://visit.saarbruecken.de/en)

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- Mainzerstraße
- St. Johanner Markt

Online shopping guide

[einkaufen.saarbruecken.de](http://einkaufen.saarbruecken.de)



## Event highlights



### **Filmfestival Max Ophüls Preis/January**

For years the festival has been an important forum for the discovery of young talents in the German-speaking film world.

[www.max-ophuels-preis.de](http://www.max-ophuels-preis.de)

### **Warndt Weekend/May/June**

Take a peak at the industrial roots of the Warndt and enjoy an extensive selection of events, nature and hospitality.

[www.saarmoselle.org](http://www.saarmoselle.org)

### **Festival Perspectives/May**

This is the only contemporary French theatre festival in Germany and is action-packed with drama, dance and music on Saarbrücken's stages and streets.

[www.festival-perspectives.de](http://www.festival-perspectives.de)

### **Sonntags ans Schloss/June–August**

(Sundays at the Castle) A series of open-air concerts at Saarbrücken Castle with international bands, "Culture for Kids", folk, rock and chansons. [www.regionalverband-saarbruecken.de](http://www.regionalverband-saarbruecken.de)

### **Kultstadtfest Saarbrücken/July**

(Festival in the old part of central Saarbrücken) Local and international artists provide a multi-coloured repertoire of music, street theatre and creative workshops on numerous stages around the St. Johanner market square to the banks of the Saar. [www.saarbruecken.de](http://www.saarbruecken.de)

### **Sommermusik (Summer Music) in Saarbrücken/July–September**

These high-quality free music events celebrate art in a festival atmosphere. The concerts (many of them outdoors) take place all over Saarbrücken. [www.saarbruecken.de](http://www.saarbruecken.de)

### **Rocco del Schlacko – Open Air Festival/August**

A unique intimate rock festival in Püttlingen. With many famous rock, pop and independent artists. A great treat for everybody who wants to enjoy the music festival atmosphere and likes to party.

[www.rocco-del-schlacko.de](http://www.rocco-del-schlacko.de)

### **Fantasy and Medieval Days Saarbrücken/August**

During this 3-day event, merchants, craftspersons and reenactment groups present many aspects of medieval life. Enjoy jugglers, musicians and fire performers. [www.mittelaltertage-sb.de](http://www.mittelaltertage-sb.de)

### **Vélo Swing festival/August**

A meeting of bike oldtimers and retro-style bikes, bike collectors and vintage fans, experienced Lindy Hoppers and absolute beginners of swing. The big evening party is the highlight of the event.

[www.veloswingfestival.com](http://www.veloswingfestival.com)

### **Saarbrücker Christmas Market/End of November–Christmas**

The Saarbrücken city centre is transformed into a Christmas landscape during Advent. The absolute highlight every evening is Father Christmas flying across St. Johanner market square and telling the story of Rudolph the Reindeer. [www.christkindmarkt-sb.de](http://www.christkindmarkt-sb.de)

### **Christmas garden in the Franco-German Gardens**

Festive ambiance at the Deutschmühlenweiher lake in the Franco-German Gardens. Over 100 stands present their Christmas fare and set the mood for Advent. [www.saarbruecken.de/dfg](http://www.saarbruecken.de/dfg)

Current data:

[visit.saarbruecken.de](http://visit.saarbruecken.de)

Phone: +49 (0)681 95909200

# Shopping in Saarbrücken: Just around the corner



**FROM ARTISAN SHOPS TO DEPARTMENT STORES – WONDERFUL SHOPPING OPPORTUNITIES!**

REGIONAL HOMEMADE SPECIALITIES and exclusive branded articles from all over the world, small shops and large department stores, an easygoing pedestrian area with a weekly market and a modern shopping mall – Saarbrücken has the lot. And many original, owner-managed shops invite you to take a stroll through alleyways and courtyards. This is effortless shopping.



## Shopping in the City of Saarbrücken

... where strolling becomes an experience!

### 18 Bahnhofstraße

The covered walkways in the cheerfully lively Bahnhofstraße make sure that shopping is fun even on rainy days. Department stores and wellknown shops offer almost boundless shopping possibilities. In the sidestreets you will also find specialist shops offering a broad selection of goods, where friendly shop assistants will be pleased to offer you advice. Some shops are open until 8 pm — even on Saturdays.

### 12 St. Johanner Markt

The longest shopping mile in the Saarland takes you to the St. Johanner market square with its surrounding side alleys and inner courtyards. Here you'll discover many small shops, galleries, exclusive boutiques and lots and lots of shoes! A stroll across the St. Johanner market square is a must if you really want to get to know Saarbrücken. Friendly cafés, quaint pubs, restaurants with a touch of French flair and terrific shops make it a perfect experience.

**More information:** see online shopping guide  
[www.einkaufen.saarbruecken.de](http://www.einkaufen.saarbruecken.de)



### The Kaiserviertel quarter

The pedestrian zone has been extended to include Futterstraße and Sulzbachstraße. This quarter is home to a large number of specialist shops offering high-quality products and services. Fashion, everyday necessities and restaurants — visitors will find all of this here and can also enjoy the weekly “Futtermarkt” market that takes place on Thursdays. Worth mentioning: the Futterstraße is the first “Fair trade street” in Germany.



### 19 EUROPA-Galerie Shopping Centre

The former Saargalerie and the old Mining Head Office (Bergwerksdirektion) directly in front of the main train station have been converted into the new EUROPA-Galerie shopping centre. By connecting the two buildings, the architects have created space for 110 new fashion and lifestyle retail outlets.



### Nauwieser Viertel

Individuals with a passion for all things second hand or looking for that special gift must should visit the “Viertel”. The “Chinesenviertel” (Chinese quarter), as the area surrounding Nauwieser Platz is known in Saarbrücken, is without question the most colourful neighbourhood in the city. Here, you will find organic products and food, clothes and second hand stuff, scene pubs and cafés, art and antiques as well as vegetables from all over the world.

### Mainzer Straße district

Mainzer Straße has developed into something of an insider tip in recent years. The area offers an interesting mix of businesses: hip hairstylists, antiques, second hand shops and Asian food. The buildings of this historic quarter date back to the second half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century and there is a lot to discover at the heart of this quarter and its community.

### Fruchteria

Handmade sweet and savoury spreads, syrups, chutneys, relishes, barbecue and pasta sauces. A large selection of gourmet articles.

Nauwieserstr. 39  
66111 Saarbrücken  
Phone: +49 (0)681 95812521  
www.fruchteria.de  
Opening hours:  
Wed.–Fri. 10 am–6 pm,  
Sat. 10 am–2 pm  
Advent Saturdays 10 am–6 pm



### RIMOCO – Die Gewürzmanufaktur

We are purveyors of delicious organic herbs and spices and awesome gift ideas. We would be delighted if you come and visit us!

Talstr. 48  
66119 Saarbrücken  
Phone: +49 (0)681 93583801  
www.rimoco.de  
Opening hours:  
Thu.–Fri. 12 noon–7 pm



### You will also find regional products here: Farmers' markets

- Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays on St. Johanner Markt
- Thursdays in Futterstraße
- Thursday afternoon/evening on Max Ophüls Platz, Nauwieser Viertel
- Saturdays in front of the Ludwigskirche and on St. Johanner Markt

### Saar-Lor-deLuxe

Regional delicacies manufactured in the Greater Saar-Lor-Lux Region – from flour to Champagne, here you will find so many things for yourself or for your family and friends. All products can also be ordered online. Collection by arrangement.

Nauwieserstraße 30  
66111 Saarbrücken  
Phone: +49 (0)681 40140312  
www.saar-lor-deluxe.com  
Opening hours:  
Wed.–Fri. 12 noon–6.30 pm  
Sat. 10 am–2 pm  
All products can be ordered online.



# Nature in Saarbrücken: On your doorstep



## FROM PRIMEVAL FOREST TO CASTLE PARK – GREEN URBAN OASES!

A VIRGIN FOREST and a lovingly designed park, ancient orchard meadows and a newly landscaped garden, extensive river floodplains and a secluded river valley: in Saarbrücken, nature with all its wonderful facets is right on your doorstep. Experience nature in the centre of the city and across the entire region, untouched or carefully cultivated. Mother nature at her best.

## Parks and gardens in Saarbrücken

### Zoological Gardens

The Saarbrücken Zoo was founded in 1932 and is beautifully situated in a former sandstone quarry with an imposing tree population. This is an ideal place to gather energy for everyday life. Come for a visit, relax and enjoy the many attractive animals that have found a wonderful home here. 1,000 animals of 160 species await you!



#### Opening hours:

Daily  
1<sup>st</sup> March–31<sup>st</sup> Oct.: 8.30 am–6 pm  
(entrance until 5 pm)  
1<sup>st</sup> Nov.–29<sup>th</sup> Feb.: 9 am–5 pm  
(entrance until 4 pm)  
**Seal feedings:** 10 am and 3.30 pm  
(except Mon.+Thu.)

**Admission:** 15 €/2 €,  
children until 5 years free  
**Groups of 10 or more people:** 12 €  
Graf-Stauffenberg-Straße  
66121 Saarbrücken  
**Phone:** +49 (0)681 9053600  
[www.zoo.saarbruecken.de](http://www.zoo.saarbruecken.de)  
**Directions:** 105 bus from  
central station, 107 bus from  
townhall  
**Bus stop:** Am Zoo

### Wildpark Saarbrücken

The park is home to about 150 European wild and domestic animals. The wildlife park can be explored on circular trails and a geology trail that start at the children's playground beside the pavilion. Suitable animal feed can be purchased from the vending machine.



Meerwiesertalweg  
[www.saarbruecken.de](http://www.saarbruecken.de)  
**Opening hours:**  
daily  
**Admission:** free

**Phone:** +49 (0)681 9052316  
**Directions:** 101 bus, 109 bus from  
townhall, 102 bus, 124 bus from  
central station  
**Bus stop:** Landessportschule



### 23 Franco-German Gardens

This circa 50-hectare park provides an ideal opportunity for the whole family to relax and enjoy themselves. A round-trip on the narrow-gauge railway or a cable car trip allows the visitor to get an overall impression of the individual themed gardens. The park can also be explored from the water in a paddleboat. Minigolf and a water playground can be found in the Tal der Jugend (Valley of Youth). There is also a wide choice of cafés and restaurants for big or small breaks.

Im Deutschmühlental  
**Opening hours:**  
daily  
**Admission:** free, additional fees  
apply for special events

[www.saarbruecken.de/dfg](http://www.saarbruecken.de/dfg)  
**Phone:** +49 (0)681 9052159  
**Directions:** 123 bus from  
central station, 106/107 at  
Rabbiner-Rülf-Platz  
**Bus stop:** DFG-Süd, DFG-Nord

### Castle Garden



The imposing castle gardens were originally laid out in the Baroque style between 1760 and 1765; their terraces used to stretch right down to the Saar. At the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century they were partly used for building purposes. Today a smaller yet lively garden with a lovely view of the town still remains.

### 20 Bürgerpark Hafeninsel

The Bürgerpark is to be found on the site of the former coal harbour. It is decorated with relicts from the coal and iron industry which have been cleverly combined with contemporary elements. Remnants of train tracks and the ruins of former buildings stand side-by-side with a chestnut grove surrounding an amphitheatre, an "antique" water gate or a large circular flowerbed amidst hedged walkways and shrub clusters as well as countless tree-lined walks. And all this is only a few minutes from the city centre.

# Staying active in Saarbrücken: Holidays in motion



## FROM HIKING TO WELLNESS – KEEP FIT AND HAVE FUN!

HIKING ON SELECTED PREMIUM TRAILS and cycling across the border, boating, rowing and stand-up paddleboarding, swimming lengths or relaxing in the sauna and in the Spa Resort – in and around Saarbrücken, there are endless opportunities to exercise and relax. Whether sport or relaxation, everything revolves around your well-being.



## Premium hiking routes close to the city

Premium trails and themed trails promise an exciting day, a wonderful natural experience and the feeling of getting away from it all. In the Saarbrücken region, six trails have been awarded a "Premium Hiking Trail Certificate": the Blies border trail (15 km), the "Ensheimer Brunnenweg" (10 km), the Frohn forest trail (8 km), the Primeval forest tour (8 km), the "Wilder Netzbachpfad" (10 km) and the Warndt forest trail (15 km). As a themed trail, the Karl May Hiking Trail also offers the excellent signposting that makes hiking on premium trails so popular.

## The "jungle at the gates of the town"

The "jungle at the gates of the town" is a unique attraction. Over 1,000 hectares of forestland have been allowed to go as wild as nature intended them. A primeval forest, full of adventure with a fairy-tale quality. It is an extraordinary place where visitors and hikers can experience nature.

In the centre you will find the Scheune Neuhaus barn, meeting place and venue for a variety of events concerning forests and nature.



**Scheune Neuhaus – Forest Culture Centre**

66115 Saarbrücken

**Opening hours:** only for events

**Phone:** +49 (0) 6806 102419

[www.saar-urwald.de](http://www.saar-urwald.de)

**Directions:** Saarbahn S1

**Bus stop:** Heinrichshaus

## Short hiking trails in Saarbrücken

Saarbrücken is nestled in a magnificent natural setting. You would like to unwind but you don't have enough time for an extended hike? Here are a few tips:

### Schwarzenberg Tower

The 48-metre high Schwarzenberg Tower with its 360-degree viewing platform is located in the middle of the Saarbrücker Stadtwald. You have to climb 244 steps to reach the top of the 417-metre high structure, the highest point in this urban forest. Several forest trails from different parts of the city lead up to the tower. From the Schwarzenberg lido, the access road is asphalted and suitable for families with prams.



Schwarzenberg Tower

Turmweg

66123 Saarbrücken

[www.schwarzenbergturm.de](http://www.schwarzenbergturm.de)

**Opening hours:**

Nov.–Mar.: 8 am–6 pm

April–Oct.: 8 am–8 pm

**Duration of walk:** 1–2 h, 4,7 km

**Start/Finish:** Schwarzenbergbad

**Directions:** 106 bus from town-

hall to Rotenbühl

**Bus stop:** Rotenbühl Ende

### Saarbrücker Felsenwege

The Felsenwege way in the St. Arnual district with its wild and romantic rock formations and varied plant life is the most interesting hiking trail in Saarbrücken's forests. Forestry was abandoned decades ago and as a result the forest vegetation has returned to its primeval state.



**Duration of walk:** 1–2 h (4,5 km)

**Start/Finish:**

Tabaksweiher

**Directions:** 128 bus from Karstadt

**Bus stop:** Tabaksweiher

More information: [visit.saarbruecken.de/en](http://visit.saarbruecken.de/en)



Cycling is an important subject in the Saarland and the Saarbrücken region. The 350-km circular Saarland trail and the new cross-border Velo visavis circular trail with its loops cater for every type of cyclist. Below are four selected tours that are perfect for a one-day tour that starts in Saarbrücken.

### Saar-Köllertal tour

All-day tour through the Köllertal valley that takes you across open elevated terrain with a beautiful view of the town of Saarlouis, and along the Saar back to Völklingen.

**Start/Finish:**

Völklingen, Wehrden

**Distance:** 59 km

**Elevation gain:** 550 m

Medium difficulty

### Warndt tour

Day tour through the Warndt: diverse scenic route with a sensational view of the giant Freyding-Merlebach mine.

**Start/Finish:**

Völklingen, Wehrden

**Distance:** 41 km

**Elevation gain:** 320 m

Medium difficulty

### Sarreguemines tour

Easy half-day tour with fantastic views of France. Experience the French charm of the small town of Sarreguemines in Lorraine; return along the banks of the Saar.

**Start/Finish:**

Saarbrücker City

**Distance:** 47 km

**Elevation gain:** 300 m

Medium difficulty

### Saarbrücken Radler-Runde (Saarbrücken cycling tour)

Relaxed cycling tour along the Saar; an easy half-day tour through a green landscape to the Tabakswieher pond taking in a number of parks. Beer gardens offer the opportunity to relax and enjoy a refreshing "Radler".

**Start/Finish:**

Hbf Saarbrücken (central station)

**Distance:** 13 km

**Elevation gain:** 90 m

Rating easy

### Rental stations for e-bikes

**by.schulz GmbH**

**bikes & ebikes**

Vorstadtstr. 53

66117 Saarbrücken

**Phone:** +49 (0)681 9255252

[www.bikes-ebikes.de](http://www.bikes-ebikes.de)

**we cycle Zweirad GmbH & Co. KG**

Saarbrückerstr. 171

66292 Riegelsberg

**Phone:** +49 (0)6806 9878960

[www.wecycle.de](http://www.wecycle.de)

**Call a Bike (DB)**

Main station Saarbrücken

[www.callabike.de/de/ice-stationen](http://www.callabike.de/de/ice-stationen)

### "Saarland Touren" app

For everybody who likes outdoor activities, a useful digital tool is now available for the Saarland. The free "Saarland Touren" app gives the user access to an extensive tour database and a number of topographic maps with a continuous zoom function. The app also contains many other features. It can be downloaded free of charge from the Apple App Store and Google Play Store.



### Velo visavis – a Franco-German cycling route

The Velo visavis cycle routes were created especially for exploring the Saarland-Lorraine border region. They link the most beautiful natural areas and attractions. The Velo visavis cycling map with a scale of 1:75,000 (free of charge) and the Velo visavis tour planner with detailed descriptions of the 10 most beautiful routes through the Saar-Moselle region are available for download on [visit.saarbruecken.de](http://visit.saarbruecken.de).





## Staden

Walkers, joggers, skaters, cyclists and sun worshippers come together on warm and sunny days on the banks of the river between the Bismarckbrücke and the Römerbrücke heat and power plant. The ultimate meeting place for outdoor fans is the Ulanen Pavillon. This spacious beer garden is open daily from 10.30 am (depending on weather conditions). Here, you can enjoy some delicious grilled food with your beer.



**Biergarten Ulanenpavillon**  
Am Staden 13, 66121 Saarbrücken  
**Phone:** +49 (0)681 62030  
[www.ulanen-gastro.de](http://www.ulanen-gastro.de)

## Theaterschiff Maria-Helena

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**Theatercompagnie Lion**  
**Ship berth:**  
Saarufer/Alte Brücke  
**Phone:** +49 (0)681 65817,  
+49 (0)172 656 7777  
[www.theaterschiff-maria-helena.com](http://www.theaterschiff-maria-helena.com)

## Trick 17 stand-up paddleboarding rental

Rental of paddle boats and stand-up paddle boards. The rental station is located on the riverbank near the beer garden.

Koßmannstraße  
666119 Saarbrücken  
**Phone:** +49 (0)651 17072985  
[www.sup-trier.de](http://www.sup-trier.de)

## BBQ Donuts

Barbecue fun on the Saar. Departure: between the State Theatre and the Academy of Music.

SaarErlebnis UG  
**Phone:** 0177 3984857  
(Tue. + Thu. 14 – 17 h)  
[www.saarspass.de](http://www.saarspass.de)

## Silo am Osthafen

Beer garden & chillout lounge, cultural events and lots of parties.

An der Römerbrücke 3  
66121 Saarbrücken  
[www.facebook.com/silodom.sb](http://www.facebook.com/silodom.sb)

## Osthafen/motor boat club

Visiting boats passing through are very welcome at the Osthafen in Saarbrücken. Water and electricity are available at the jetty, the water depth is 1.50 m. Sanitary facilities and Wifi are available. The maximum length of stay is 2 weeks. Places can be reserved from the harbour master.

**Motorboot-Club Saar**  
Harbour:  
An der Römerbrücke  
(Saar-km 90,13 rU)

**Phone:** +49 (0)681 6852361  
**Harbour master Phone:**  
+49 (0)151 22072953  
[www.mbc-saar.de/](http://www.mbc-saar.de/)

## Rowing and Canoe Clubs

**Ruder-Club Saar**  
Hindenburgstraße 65  
66119 Saarbrücken – St. Annual  
(Saar-km 88,93 lU)  
**Phone:** +49 (0)681 54161  
[www.rcs-saar.de](http://www.rcs-saar.de)

**Saarbrücker Kanu-Club e. V.**  
Elsässer Str. 2  
66119 Saarbrücken  
(Saar-km 89,21 lU)  
**Phone:** +49 (0)681 51616  
[www.saarbruecker-kanu-club.de](http://www.saarbruecker-kanu-club.de)

**Rudergesellschaft Undine**  
Bismarckstraße 129  
66121 Saarbrücken  
(Saar-km 89,70 rU)  
**Phone:** +49 (0)681 63278  
[www.srg-undine.de](http://www.srg-undine.de)



## Swimming pools and spas

### Saarland Therme

The wellness and health resort is located only 15 km from Saarbrücken in the wonderful Biosphere Reserve. The 4,000-square meter complex is built in the style of moorish-andalusian architecture and is an ideal location for relaxing. The outdoor pool of the Therme provides a splendid view of unspoiled nature.

Zum Bergwald 1  
66271 Kleinblittersdorf  
**Phone:** +49 (0)6805 60000-0  
[www.saarland-therme.de](http://www.saarland-therme.de)  
**Opening hours:**  
daily 9 am–12 midnight  
Fri. till 1 am  
Sat. till 2 am  
**Directions:**  
Bus R14 from Kleinblittersdorf  
**Bus stop:** Hanweiler Therme



### Calypso Waterpark

Holidays dreams come true at Calypso: Caribbean joie de vivre, azure water, tropical flora, slides and lots of adventures. A large sunbathing lawn and outdoor pools in summer; fire & ice in the sauna world invite you to relax.

Deutschmühlental 7  
66117 Saarbrücken  
**Phone:** +49 (0)681 588177-0  
[www.erlebnisbad-calypso.de](http://www.erlebnisbad-calypso.de)  
**Opening hours:**  
Swimming pools 10 am–10 pm  
Sauna world 10 am–11 pm  
**Directions:** bus 126  
**Bus stop:** Messegelände



### Swimming pools

#### Schwarzenberg Lido

Am Schwarzenbergbad  
66123 Saarbrücken  
**Phone:** +49 (0)681 389970

#### Dudobad Indoor Swimming Pool

St. Avolder Straße  
66125 Saarbrücken-Dudweiler  
**Phone:** +49 (0)6897 762364  
[www.dudobad.de](http://www.dudobad.de)

#### Dudweiler Lido

St. Ingberter Straße 141  
66125 Saarbrücken-Dudweiler  
**Phone:** +49 (0)6897 972383

#### Alsbachbad Altenkessel

Indoor Swimming Pool and Lido  
Am Schwimmbad 2  
66126 Saarbrücken-Altenkessel  
**Phone:** +49 (0)6898 984170

#### Fechinger Lido

**Indoor Swimming and Lido**  
Provinzialstraße 186  
66130 Saarbrücken  
**Phone:** +49 (0)6893 3339



Zum Bergwald 1 · 66271 Rilchingen-Hanweiler  
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## Michelin starred-restaurants

“Food first!” For us good food and drink are the spice of life and a feast for the senses. It is not without reason that the saarland’s cuisine luxuriates beneath a shower of stars.

Saarbrücken is proud to have two of the best addresses for fine dining in Germany.

## ESPLANADE

In the gourmet restaurant of the ESPLANADE Boutique Hotel, Chef Silio Del Fabro is waiting to pamper his guests with a modern interpretation of classic French haute cuisine for which he has been awarded two Michelin stars. The Stadtbauernhof Saarbrücken supplies the restaurant with fresh vegetables every day. Selected treasures from the wine cellar are served by Jérôme Pourchère, the charming maître sommelier.

### ESPLANADE

Nauwieserstraße 5  
66111 Saarbrücken  
Phone: +49 (0)681 84499125  
www.esplanade-sb.de



## Gästehaus Klaus Erfort

With 2 Michelin stars, Klaus Erfort and his team have belonged to the elite of haute cuisine for many years.

**Gästehaus Klaus Erfort**  
Mainzer Straße 95  
66121 Saarbrücken

Phone: +49 (0)681 9582682  
www.gaestehaus-erfort.de

## Traditional dishes of the Saarland

The cuisine of the Saarland is very hearty and mainly revolves around the potato. “Dibbelabbes”, “Hoorische” and “Lyoner” are some of the specialities that you will find on many menus.

Here is a brief guide for your next restaurant visit:

**Dibbelabbes:** Potato hash prepared from raw grated potato and fried with bacon and leeks; usually served with apple sauce or salad.

**Gefillte:** Potato dumplings filled with minced meat and/or liver sausage. The dumplings are usually served with a creamy bacon sauce and sauerkraut.

**Hoorische:** Long dumplings made from raw potato, usually served as a side dish.

**Geheiratete or Verheiratete:** Dumplings made of flour served with potatoes. The dumplings and boiled potatoes are mixed with fried bacon or onions and are usually served with apple sauce or salad.

**Lyoner:** A ring of sausage that can be prepared in several different ways: grilled, fried in a specially developed “Lyoner pan”, added to a hearty potato soup, diced and fried in the pan etc.



## The Saarland is closer than you might think ...



Source: TZS

### Saarbrücken Airport

Saarbrücken-Ensheim airport is circa 15 km from the city centre. Transfer: from Saarbrücken central train station by bus (R 10), or go the whole way by taxi (about 25 €).

#### Flughafen Saarbrücken

Balthasar-Goldstein-Straße  
66131 Saarbrücken-Ensheim

Phone: +49 (0)6893 83-272

[www.flughafen-saarbruecken.de](http://www.flughafen-saarbruecken.de)

### Taxi Switchboards in Saarbrücken

#### Saarbrücker Funk-Taxi-Zentrale

Ursulinenstraße 42  
Phone: +49 (0)681 33033

#### Saarbrücker

Taxigenossenschaft e. G.  
Hafenstraße 6  
Phone: +49 (0)681 55000

### Long-distance coaches

Bus station for long-distance coaches (with destinations inside Germany and abroad):  
Dudweilerstr. 98  
[www.saarbruecken.de/reisebusse](http://www.saarbruecken.de/reisebusse)

### Bus connections

Messe, Calypso, DFG	Bus 126 at Karstadt to Messengelände or DFG Nord
DFG Süd, Ehrental	Bus 123 at central station or 106, 107 at Rabbiner-Rülph-Platz to DFG Süd
Saarlandhalle	Bus 105, 125 at central station to Sittersweg
Stiftskirche	Bus 126 at Karstadt to St. Annual Markt
Saarterrassen	Bus 102, 108 at central station or 129 at Rabbiner-Rülph-Platz to Westpark or Hochstr.
Saarbasar/Zoo	Bus 105 at central station or 107 at Rathaus to Am Zoo
Universität/Sportschule/ Wildpark	Bus 101, 102, 109, 111 at Rathaus or 102, 112, 124 at central station to Landessportschule or Universität
Youth hostel	Bus 101, 150 at Rathaus, 112, 124 at central station to Prinzenweiher/DJH

### Daily tickets

	1 pers.	2 pers.	5 pers.
Saarbrücken:	4,90 €	6,90 €	9,90 €
Saarland:	8,80 €	9,90 €	18,90 €

**Timetables, information and tickets for all public transport services in the Saarland can be obtained at:**

#### SaarVV

Information about timetable and tickets:

Phone: +49 (0)6898 5004000 or  
[www.saarvv.de](http://www.saarvv.de)

#### SaarBahn GmbH

Customer Services Office  
Nassauerstr. 2-4

Timetable inquiries:

Phone: +49 (0)681 5003-377  
[www.saarbahn.de](http://www.saarbahn.de)

### Library Internet and reading café

#### Saarbrücken City library

Gustav-Regler-Platz 1

Phone: +49 (0)681 9052200

Wed.-Fri. 10 am-7 pm

Sat. 10 am-2 pm

Browse the Internet for free using your smartphone, tablet or notebook. Simply ask for your access code ticket at the information desk of the library. Using your ticket, you can stay online for up to two hours.

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#### Office at the Ordnungsamt

Großherzog-Friedrich-Straße 111  
Saarbrücken

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Rathaus St. Johann (Town Hall)/Main entrance

Phone: +49 (0)681 959092-00 or -02

Fax: +49 (0)681 959092-01

visit.saarbruecken.de/en

E-mail: tourist.info@city-sb.de



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