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## “Ei Gude” and a very warm welcome to Wiesbaden!

We are delighted to be able to take you to the various treasures in the city and its quarters.

Let yourself be carried away by the many varied and exhilarating activities we have to offer, and discover exciting stories from real Wiesbaden citizens and the history behind the imposing façades.

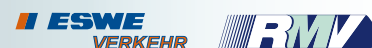
**i** For more information, please check out [tourism.wiesbaden.de](https://tourism.wiesbaden.de). Or simply drop by at the Tourist Information centre directly by the market square.



### Public transport

Which ESWE Verkehr bus and which train will take you to your destination? Which stop is the closest? To find your way around the city and the region, use the RMV website:

[i rmv.de/en](https://www.rmv.de/en)





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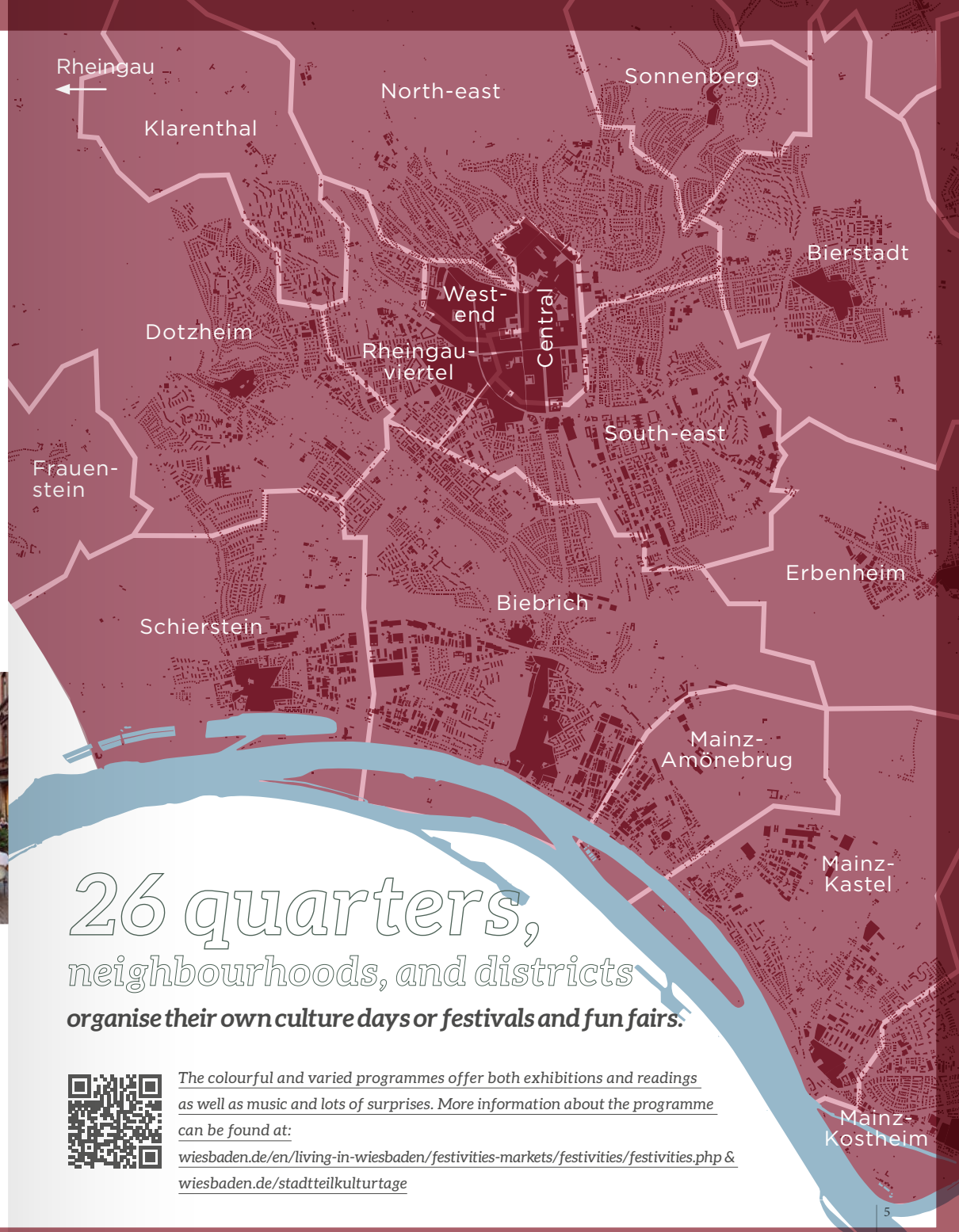
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26 quarters, neighbourhoods, and districts organise their own culture days or festivals and fun fairs:



The colourful and varied programmes offer both exhibitions and readings as well as music and lots of surprises. More information about the programme can be found at:  
[wiesbaden.de/en/living-in-wiesbaden/festivities-markets/festivities/festivities.php](https://wiesbaden.de/en/living-in-wiesbaden/festivities-markets/festivities/festivities.php) &  
[wiesbaden.de/stadtteilkulturtage](https://wiesbaden.de/stadtteilkulturtage)





# Nature & Water

*The river Rhine is Wiesbaden's main artery, water the elixir of life for the citizens of Wiesbaden. Not surprising, as it is wonderful to relax by the waterfront and the water – plus there are lots of things going on there.*

*That's why we'll take you to the local recreation area at the Schierstein marina over the next few pages. How about an ice cream on the harbour promenade or a glass of wine at the wine tasting stand?*

*You might be lucky to catch a glimpse of the stork's nest and its inhabitants on top of the old factory chimney on Hafenstraße. The stork is Schierstein's unofficial heraldic animal.*





## Walking from the Kurpark to Aukamm easy on foot

From the Kurpark, from the viewpoint behind the pond, we are drawn along the Salzbach brook towards the Aukammtal valley. With its large proportion of wetland habitats, the landscape park makes an important contribution to the urban climate and to calm recreation close to nature. Those seeking relaxation can walk through the park, over small bridges and past large stands of reeds, old and young willows, fresh and wet meadows until the path finally leads to the Apothecary Garden.



## The Apothecary Garden Marvelling, smelling, discovering

Although the Apothecary Garden is not named after its impressive floral splendour, the focus here is clearly on the health-promoting effects of medicinal plants. Opened in 1986, the Apothecary Garden is a treasure for those thirsty for knowledge and those seeking relaxation. Over an area of 5,500 square metres, more than 250 medicinal and aromatic plants can be seen – and smelled – from mid-May to the beginning of October. The arrangement of the twenty-eight beds is based on the properties of the plants and their medicinal benefits. For example, individual beds are dedicated to liver and bile complaints, digestive complaints, and heart complaints.

May – October  
8 a.m. – 7 p.m. every day  
(end of May to mid-September guided tours on Saturday afternoon)

Claudia Meyer @WICM | Apothecary Garden | CC BY 4.0

## Idyll by the palm house Aukamm Orangery

From the Apothecary Garden, our path leads us just a few metres further to the Aukamm Orangery on the site of the former municipal plant nursery. Here, a small idyll consisting of a café and farm shop in the former palm house, its own nursery and event location presents itself – all under the roof of an open and responsible integrative facility. During the summer months, fresh organic vegetables and herbs grown on site in the eight greenhouses of the small nursery are sold daily in the farm shop. The tomato world with its seventy different varieties is also part of this. The home-grown young plants, which are offered in spring, are particularly popular.

Open from 2 April  
Café: April – October Mon – Fri noon – 6 p.m.  
Plant nursery: Mon – Thu 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. & Fri 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Closed on weekends and holidays



© Aukamm Orangery



## Between marina & vineyards

### Exploring Schierstein

The Schierstein marina is a local recreation area and water sports hotspot for the people of Wiesbaden. They proudly call it the "Schierstein Riviera" because it is a wonderful place to stroll along the waterfront promenade – past yachts, sailing boats, and pleasure boats, in the shade under the trees and surrounded by lush nature. All this is twice as nice with an ice cream in your hand from one of the two traditional ice cream stands right on the water. You can walk all the way around the dock via a pedestrian bridge – which also gives you an impressive view of the river Rhine and the harbour promenade.

## Schierstein's vineyards

### Tuscany in Wiesbaden

A walk through the vineyards of Schierstein and Frauenstein is worth its while. It is particularly quiet and idyllic here; when the sun is low, the view across the fields and vineyards is almost reminiscent of Tuscany. In spring, the blooming cherry and apple trees are an additional highlight.

Since **1967**

the Dyckerhoff Bridge has spanned the entrance to the Schierstein marina as a pedestrian bridge made of lightweight concrete. To mark the company's centenary in 1964, the Dyckerhoff cement works and the City of Wiesbaden donated the prestressed concrete structure.



Vivienne Matz @WICM | Schierstein marina | CC BY 4.0

## Hai-Charter

### BBQ on the party raft

If you need a little more action and speed, Hai-Charter is the right place for you: here you can actually rent everything that's fun on the water – motorboats, SUPs, jet skis, pedal boats, and even a party raft for twelve people, including a barbecue and sun deck.

## Foot passenger ferry Tamara

### Beach feeling on Rettbergsaue

In summer several times a day, you can take the "Tamara" to the Rettbergsaue Schierstein and Biebrich Rhine islands – for the most part an idyllic nature reserve but also popular leisure areas with a camping site, island café, various ball game areas, barbecue areas, and a white sandy beach. Pure island feeling!



© Michael Schick

## The wine tasting stand

### Raise a glass with the locals

The locals gather in Hans-Römer-Platz for a glass of wine and a long chat until late in the evening. And if you don't come from Schierstein, or *Scheerstaan* as it is known here, you'll be part of it anyway after sharing a glass of wine or two. The wines offered here come from the local wine-growing estates – primarily Riesling.

21 March – 13 October Thu 5 – 10 p.m., Fri 5 – 11 p.m.,  
Sat 3 – 11 p.m., Sun & holidays 11 a.m. – 10 p.m.

every **Tuesday**

**there is a small farmers' market from 2 to 7 p.m.**

First buy treats for a little picnic there and then enjoy them at the wine stand along with a glass of wine by the water.

## Schiff open-air cinema

### Blockbusters at the marina

The SCHIFF open-air cinema is a particularly cosy place on a large lawn at the western end of the marina. In August, the latest films are shown here on a 100 square metre screen. Stands on site also offer some treats and drinks – including popcorn and nachos, of course.



Vivienne Matz @WICM | Schiff open-air cinema | CC BY 4.0



# Art & Culture

Behind old walls or in ultra-modern new buildings, in hidden and central places – culture is visible on every corner in Wiesbaden. Let yourself be carried away by the music of well-known artists at the festivals and open-air events, and by theatre performances taking you to other worlds. On our stages, you will find international pieces as well as selected cabaret shows.

Contemporary art or classical modernism – we're introducing you to a variety of museums and venues in Wiesbaden. Immerse yourself in the city's lively art and culture scene, there is a lot to discover here!

# 350

square metres

of exhibition space and lots of young experimental art. The Nassauischer Kunstverein art society is not only Wiesbaden's centre for contemporary art. Several times, it has also served as a springboard for a professional artist's career.

[i kunstverein-wiesbaden.de/en](http://kunstverein-wiesbaden.de/en)



The Schlachthof Wiesbaden cultural centre is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year. The party will go down in December with three concerts played by the Donots, a punk rock band also celebrating their 30th band anniversary: for the first time and only within 24 hours, there'll be two gigs in the evening and one at lunchtime.

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## Rheingau Music Festival International music experience

The Rheingau Music Festival is an exceptional symbiosis of culture and nature, music, enjoyment, and joie de vivre. Every summer for over 30 years, music enthusiasts from all over the world have been visiting us in Wiesbaden and the Rheingau region to celebrate stars of the international classical music scene and promising young artists ranging from classical music and jazz to cabaret and world music.

## German pop stars at the Kurpark Álvaro Soler & Max Giesinger

You can experience a particularly authentic festival atmosphere on 24 July at the concert given by German-Spanish pop singer Álvaro Soler in the concert shell at Wiesbaden Kurpark. Dating back to the early 20th century, the concert shell is harmoniously situated beneath the trees, nestling between the Kurpark pond and the impressive Kurhaus. It is a particularly amazing and idyllic venue for this exclusive outdoor summer concert.

Our offer for you



Star pianist Lang Lang (21 July) and German pop singer Max Giesinger (23 July) will also appear on stage in the concert shell this summer.



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# The RheinMain CongressCenter



Modern and sustainable event location



The RheinMain CongressCenter (RMCC) is a large, modern event venue in Wiesbaden with primarily three impressive event halls. Since it opened in 2018, congresses, trade fairs, concerts, and various shows – from dance to comedy – have been held here. The RMCC is particularly impressive thanks to its architecture and the sustainable overall concept: the mix of natural stone, wood, glass and metal elements clearly conveys to its guests the sustainable orientation of this multi-award-winning event venue.



6 – 8 SEP 2024

## 2024 Connichi Colourful manga world at the RMCC

From 6 to 8 September, the area around Wiesbaden's RMCC will once again be transformed into a colourful Japanese comic world. Connichi, Germany's largest anime and manga convention organised by fans for fans, has now found its home in the RMCC in Wiesbaden for the second year. Last year, the event attracted several thousand fans to the city. They caused quite a stir with their imaginative costumes and masks based on models from the anime and manga world.

## Art for architecture Centring on water

Emilia Neumann, a sculptor based in Frankfurt, created "Congress Sculptures" specifically for the RMCC. Almost four metres in height, the trio of sculptures has its permanent home on the lawn in front of the event hall. For her work, the artist used Wiesbaden's thermal springs and the related subject of water as a reference. The amorphous sculptures consist of reinforced concrete coloured in the casting. In her working method, Emilia Neumann operated somewhere between painting and sculpture, using everyday objects, such as water containers, rain barrels and water shells, as a starting point to create formative elements for the concrete casting. Their original use is still alluded to but then dissolves into the non-objective for the viewer. What do you recognise in the sculptures?



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## Events

### at the RMCC

Swan Lake (2 June 2024)

Torsten Sträter (30 Nov 2024)

Sascha Grammel (11 Jan 2025)

Dieter Nuhr (24 Jan 2025)





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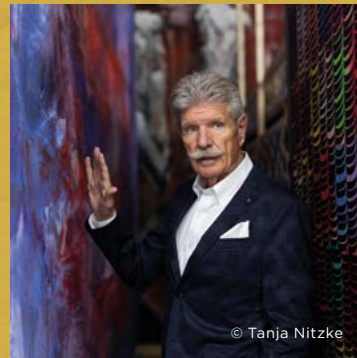
Opening

23 June 2024

## Art in Wiesbaden Reinhard Ernst Museum

In the summer of 2024, the highly anticipated Reinhard Ernst Museum will open on Wilhelmstraße: a state-of-the-art museum presenting more than 860 paintings and sculptures from the field of abstract art. Loans from museums and private individuals from all over the world as well as the collection of Reinhard Ernst, the businessman whose name the museum carries, are on show here. The exhibition focuses on post-war German and European art, Japanese art, and American Abstract Expressionism. Reinhard Ernst succeeded in recruiting Fumihiko Maki, the internationally renowned architect, to design the museum with its bright, friendly atmosphere and fully glazed, open-top atrium.

[museum-reinhard-ernst.de/en](https://museum-reinhard-ernst.de/en)



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## Museum Wiesbaden Experiencing Art Nouveau

At the Museum Wiesbaden, enthusiasm for the extensive Art Nouveau exhibition continues unabated: now in its fifth year, the museum presents an extraordinary Art Nouveau collection that brings to life the fin de siècle spirit. The F.W. Neess Collection featuring more than five hundred objects is characterised both by the exceptional quality of the works and their outstanding art historical significance. Furniture, glass, ceramics, lamps, paintings, and silver combine to form a *Gesamtkunstwerk*.

There is also an exhibition of works by Max Pechstein, the Expressionist artist. The exciting question here is: why did an expressive painter, who was primarily concerned with emotions, voluntarily and not infrequently avoid the subjective element of colour? In order to work this out, all the artist's major subjects – landscape, nude, family, or religion – are presented in colour and black and white works. Since last year, the museum café has been shining in a new look and with a new offer: Trüffel Feinkost, the traditional Wiesbaden company, now runs the Trüffel Museumscafé offering a selection of large and small delicacies.

[museum-wiesbaden.de/en/](https://museum-wiesbaden.de/en/)

Fancy having a relaxed look around the museum? Admission is free on the first Saturday of every month.



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## Women's Museum Wiesbaden

Permanent exhibition of 400 objects

Since its founding in 1984, the "frauen museum wiesbaden", or women's museum, has been committed to focussing on the history and culture of women. The museum visualises the achievements of women in art, history, society, science, and culture, and tells their stories and perspectives by hosting various art exhibitions, research projects, event series, conferences, and workshops. In the museum's permanent exhibition, a wide variety of representations of women and goddesses are on display, ranging from the Stone Age to the present day. In addition to over four hundred archaeological exhibits, numerous objects and documents of cultural history such as books, audio material, posters, and clothing, the museum's extensive collection includes an excellent art collection featuring works by internationally renowned and local contemporary artists.

 [frauenmuseum-wiesbaden.de/en](https://frauenmuseum-wiesbaden.de/en)

## Aktives Museum Spiegelgasse

Jewish life in Wiesbaden

At the "Aktives Museum Spiegelgasse für Deutsch-Jüdische Geschichte in Wiesbaden" [Spiegelgasse Active Museum of German-Jewish History in Wiesbaden], you will find answers as to who the 1,500 Jewish Wiesbaden citizens were who were persecuted and murdered during the Nazi era, and what Jewish life in Wiesbaden was like before and after the Shoah. Spiegelgasse played an important role as a street with a long Jewish tradition. And as a museum, the main aim of the institution is to educate you on the German-Jewish history of Wiesbaden. The museum's major activities include special exhibitions as well as the long-standing projects "Erinnerungsblätter" [Sheets of Remembrance] and the "Stolpersteine" [Stumbling Stones] from the internationally renowned art project.



Svenja Münzer @WICKI Memorial | CC BY 4.0

## Stumbling Stones in Wiesbaden

App developed by pupils

The "Stolpersteine in Wiesbaden" app was initiated and designed by Campus Klarental pupils. Using the app on your mobile phone, you can access further information about the Stumbling Stones, brass-covered paving stones set in the pavement in front of the last freely chosen homes of victims of National Socialist terror, and find out more about the individual fates of the Jews living in Wiesbaden.



Android



## Michelsberg Memorial

Commemorative band of names

The Michelsberg Memorial is located on the former site of the synagogue of the Old Israelite Community, which was destroyed in the November pogroms of 1938. The central element of the memorial is the band of names that lists the names of 1,549 Jews from Wiesbaden murdered in the Shoah. The biographical details of those murdered were researched by the City Archives in collaboration with the Spiegelgasse Active Museum.



# & Quarters Pleasure

Enjoyment is a top priority for us in Wiesbaden: you will have numerous opportunities to take small or large culinary breaks and savour regional delicacies in a wide variety of cafés, wine bars, and restaurants. Our fields of expertise are evident: wine, sparkling wine, coffee, and confectionery. Join us on a culinary journey through Wiesbaden's colourful quarters. You will also discover charming retail shops, hip fashion, slow food, and traditional craftsmanship. Let yourself be carried away and enchanted by the friendly, relaxed atmosphere there.

## yummy

### The online gastro guide

To help you keep track of all the culinary highlights, Rhine-Main restaurant tester Julia Schmitz has developed yummy, the online gastro guide. On the website, you can use a restaurant search to select the type of cuisine and the occasion on which you would like to eat, and the system will provide you with suitable suggestions. You can also find current recommendations on the blog.



# Colourful Westend

## Hofladen Haselnuss with bistro

The small grocery shop on Yorckstraße offers a large selection of organically grown fruit and vegetables, bread and pastries as well as a well-stocked cheese, sausage, and meat counter. The small bistro is a popular meeting place in the Westend to socialise with neighbours over an organic hot drink. You can also have breakfast there or a small snack at lunchtime.

## Café Hier & Jetzt with bakery

On Blücherstraße, you will find Hier & Jetzt, the cosy local Kiez café. Here you can enjoy vegetarian and vegan breakfast varieties as well as roast bread and cakes either in the café with its vintage wooden furniture or outside on the leafy terrace. The bakery is also located just a stone's throw away. In addition to the famous sourdough bread, the cinnamon buns and cardamom knots, which have long since achieved cult status in the café, are also available here.



Vivienne Matz @W/CM | Café Hier & Jetzt | CC BY 4.0

## Maldaner Coffee Roasters with workshops

With his passion for really good coffee, Sebastian Schulz has been running his coffee roastery, Maldaner Coffee Roasters, in a charming backyard on Hellmundstraße since 2018. The ethically traded beans are freshly roasted here every week. You can drop by on Fridays and Saturdays – there is also a small selection of cakes to match the speciality coffees for you to enjoy in the roastery or outside in the courtyard. The Workshop Lab is also located in the roastery: various courses teach you everything you need to know about coffee beans, or you can learn how to roast coffee or create latte art in hands-on workshops

[maldaneroffee.com](https://maldaneroffee.com)

Workshops are currently offered on the following topics:

- [Espresso Extraction](#)
- [Latte Art](#)
- [All about Beans](#)
- [Barista @ Home Espresso Extraction](#)

Check out the website for the dates.





## The Bergkirchenviertel quarter

### Hood love

The Bergkirchenviertel quarter is a charming residential area with many small, owner-managed shops with artisan crafts and lively restaurants. A tour is worthwhile to experience the atmosphere and lifestyle of this neighbourhood: walk past the Roman gate and Kaiser-Friedrich-Therme spa and up Obere Webergasse. When you reach the historical Bergkirche church, your path continues on the opposite side of the street down narrow stairs leading to Nerostraße. And at the bottom of Nerostraße, you will get to Kranzplatz square with the Kochbrunnen thermal spring and pavilion.



Join us for a  
discovery tour



## Weinod

### with living room vibes

The Weinod fits in perfectly with the flair of the quaint neighbourhood on Obere Webergasse: you will almost feel as if you were tasting wines from the stock of Marco Müller's private wine cellar in the extended living room – which also includes the lane in front of the shop. And you are in the best of hands: Marco graduated from the prestigious International Wine Business programme in Geisenheim and likes to act as an ambassador for good wine. His range of wines is impressive, focusing on the Rheingau and Rheinhessen, rounded off with wines from southern Europe. A few culinary snacks are also served, and you are welcome to order from the neighbouring pizzeria Casa delle Olive if you are really hungry.

Tue – Fri from 4 p.m. | Sat from 1 p.m. | Sun 3 – 8 p.m.



## Wine in the Hood for connoisseurs

The Wine in the Hood is a convivial meeting place in the neighbourhood. The wine list offers an exciting selection of wines from renowned wine-growing estates from the Rheingau, Rheinhessen, and the Palatinate, with international forays into Italy and Portugal. Thanks to the unique Aperitif for Lifetime concept, you will be able to enjoy a glass of wine for you and a companion every day for a one-off payment of 280 euros – for the rest of your life, every day the wine bar is open. A sociable evening naturally also includes culinary delights: a selection of different types of pinsa and so-called cheese & charcuterie boards, comprising a fine selection of cheese and sausage specialities, round off the menu.

Tue – Fri 6 – 11 p.m. | Sat 6 – midnight





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## The Artothek at the Kunsthaus

### Art to borrow

The Artothek on Schulberg is a facility run by Wiesbaden's arts and culture office where art lovers can borrow original works of art. It houses some of the paintings, prints, objects, and sculptures that have been purchased over many years and are part of the extensive holdings of the municipal art collections. These include works by local artists and artists who are represented in Wiesbaden galleries and art society exhibitions as well as works from private collections and estates. This is how it works: find and reserve a suitable work of art online on the image database, drop by during opening hours, pay the loan fee and take the work of art with you.

 [wiesbaden.de/en/culture/exhibition\\_locations/arhtotek/index.php](https://wiesbaden.de/en/culture/exhibition_locations/arhtotek/index.php)

Tue & Wed 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. | Thu 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.  
1st Sat of the month 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.



## Backhaus Bürger

### Wiesbaden's traditional bakery

From the outside, the Backhaus Bürger bakery on Röderstraße may seem rather small and inconspicuous. But here in Wiesbaden's "smallest bakery", the traditional baker's craft is still upheld. Now in its third generation, the business is committed to artisan quality – all the baked goods have only a short journey from the oven to the counter. The bread is baked from homemade sourdough, the bread roll dough is beaten by hand and still baked on stone slabs. The yeast rolls from the wooden board are a real bestseller: they are available with different fillings – 24 rolls put together or as separate pieces.

Mon – Fri 6:45 a.m. – 6 p.m. | Sat 6:45 a.m. – 1 p.m.

## Nerostraße

### Creative centre

Nerostraße in the Bergkirchenviertel quarter has been a very special gem in the heart of Wiesbaden's city centre for many decades: Nerostraße with its many preserved old buildings is lined on both sides by an extraordinary number of individual restaurants, cafés, owner-managed shops, and craft businesses.

*Your journey starts at the beginning of Nerostraße, at Dale's Cake. In his café with its idyllic outdoor area, Dale Stinson, the American-born chef, primarily presents creations based on his old family recipes – cupcakes, cheesecake, cinnamon rolls.*



© Astrid Roussel

## The Friday Cupping Room

The Friday Cupping Room doesn't have many seats, but it's furnished with so much style and taste that you'll definitely want to while away the time here with a few small treats.

## Buch-Café Nero39

Buch-Café Nero39 is a bookshop with an integrated café. Here, you can snuggle up in cosy armchairs by the fireplace, enjoy an organic hot drink, and browse through selected books.

## Kaufmanns Kaffeerösterei

At Kaufmanns Kaffeerösterei with coffee bar, you can enjoy the whole coffee experience: smell it, taste it, do it yourself. Basic barista and latte art courses are also held here on a regular basis.

## Pottery & Gallery ILE 22

In Wiesbaden architect Sabine Wittmann's art studio, Pottery & Gallery ILE 22, you will find unique, handmade items such as vases, bowls, cups, plates, and cheerful little figures.

## Nero22

Nero22 is a cosy wine bar. It serves organic and biodynamic wines from the Rheingau, Rheinhessen, the Palatinate, and Italy. Small live music events are organised here in summer.





Rheingauviertel

## Dylan & Harper

Coffee roasters

Dylan & Harper Kaffeerösterei coffee roasters on Rüdeshimer Straße are particularly proud to be the only single origin coffee roasters in Wiesbaden – they only source single origin coffees from five farms directly from Brazil, El Salvador, India, and Mexico. The café serves all the coffee specialities you could wish for.

## The Ringkirche church

The concert location with a difference

The ancient walls of the Ringkirche church regularly tremble as it is transformed into a unique show setting for the Rheingau Music Festival or the Schlachthof cultural centre. The pews can accommodate up to 1,200 spectators.

## Gehlhaar Marzipan-fabrikation & Konditorei

Marzipan made to a family recipe

You'll probably feel like you've travelled back in time to decades gone by when you enter the tiny Konditorei Gehlhaar patisserie on Klarenthaler Straße. The little shop is a real gem with furniture from the 1950s that has stood the test of time in the Rheingauviertel quarter: marzipan in particular is lovingly hand-made here according to a century-old family recipe: Original Königsberger Gehlhaar-Marzipan.



Dotzheim



## “Mal wieder” ceramic painting studio

Designing your own ceramics

At this real DIY feel-good place, everyone can become an artist – with or without painting talent. Pick from a variety of raw ceramic pieces: cups, plates, or vases. After a short introduction, you're ready to get started. And you will realise that painting ceramics is not only fun, but also relaxing. You will also be offered coffee, tea, and lemonade. The painted pieces are glazed and fired, and are ready for collection a few days later.

## Café Gude

Patisserie since 1932

The long queues outside the Café Gude at the weekend, right up to the counter, are a good indication that the cakes and tarts here are particularly popular. After all, they are still made on the premises, and are now offered by the fourth generation of the family.



## Weilburger valley

Out into the forest

From the car park by the Weilburg valley in Dotzheim, three varied circular hiking trails lead through the Weilburg valley: divided into three levels from easy to difficult, each 5 to 9.5 kilometres long. If you are a more ambitious hiker, head up to the Chausseehaus, now an event and wedding location with a surrounding forest district in the Rhine Taunus Nature Park, and further up to the mountain known as Hohe Wurzel, which is 618 metres, or 2,027.5 feet, in height.





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# History & Stories

Wiesbaden is a city to discover because it is a city of short distances. Everywhere you will find traces of great personalities who lived or worked here – or who simply drew inspiration from the place. The city's impressive architecture and the stories behind it will captivate you. Our numerous creative minds will share their favourite projects with you and will mesmerise you with their stories.



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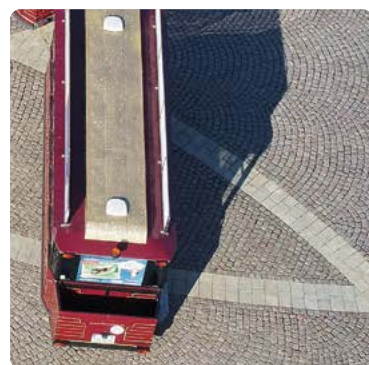
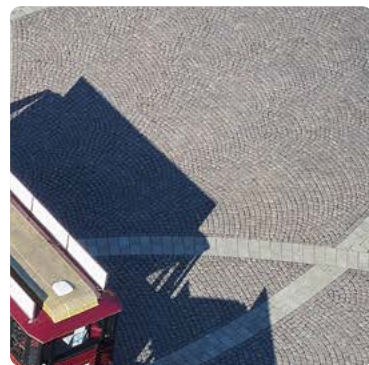


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Every year, the Gesellschaft für deutsche Sprache e.V., or Society for the German Language, in Wiesbaden nominates the Word of the Year. From a collection of several thousand examples from various media and suggestions made by external parties, shortly before the end of the year, a panel of judges selects ten words that have dominated the public debate and considerably characterised the year in question. Significance and popularity are the main criteria for the selection.





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## THERMINE

### Excursions on the little city train on wheels

In 2024, Wiesbaden's tourist train THERMINE celebrates its 20th anniversary – operator Andreas Wagner launched his pet project back in 2004. Since then, the red railway and the blue and white LILI have become a regular feature of Wiesbaden: from April to October, they are in service every hour to show you the most beautiful sides of the city. During the ride, you will hear the stories behind the façades and charming anecdotes.

All schedules are available on: [thermine.de](http://thermine.de)

#### YOU CAN CHOOSE BETWEEN SEVERAL TOUR OPTIONS:

##### Tour de Wiesbaden

- 50 minutes
- Starting from the "Markt" stop, opposite the tourist information centre, tour of Wiesbaden's sights in the city centre

##### Children's audio tour

- 50 minutes
- Combined with the Tour de Wiesbaden: in the first coach, children's audio tour, in the second coach, the usual Tour de Wiesbaden

##### Tour de Biebrich

- 150 minutes
- Starting from the "Markt" stop, opposite the tourist information centre, continuing to Biebrich Palace and Henkell sparkling wine cellars, incl. guided tour of the cellars

# 11 May

## Sparkling Wine Day

The popular Sparkling Wine Day will be held on the premises of the sparkling wine producer, featuring a varied supporting programme dedicated to pleasure and music.

## Henkell Freixenet sparkling wine producer

The majestic and imposing headquarters of the Henkell Freixenet sparkling wine producer has resided on Biebricher Allee in Wiesbaden-Biebrich since 1909. The magnificent Greek and Italian marble foyer hosts the legendary annual Sparkling Wine Night and the Four Seasons Concerts.

[henkell-freixenet.de/en](http://henkell-freixenet.de/en)

Discovery Tour: self-guided mobile phone tour, 60 minutes, 1 *Piccolo* (0.2 l) bottle of sparkling wine

Celebrate Life Tour: extensive tour with live disgorgement and subsequent tasting of the freshly disgorged premium sparkling wine, 120 minutes, 3 glasses of sparkling wine

Experience Tour: comprehensive insight into the company and the variety of its products, 90 minutes, 2 glasses of sparkling wine

Impression Tour: guided tour for a brief glimpse behind the scenes, 60 minutes, 1 glass of sparkling wine



The Henkell family invented the Piccolo in 1935, and had the term trademarked. It quickly became synonymous with the small sparkling wine bottle.



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# Freudenberg



## Schloss Freudenberg

Surrounded by its magnificent park, Schloss Freudenberg castle has overlooked the vineyards of Frauenstein for more than 120 years. Since 1993, the grounds have been home to the Field of Experience for the Senses and the Mind. More than a hundred interactive stations playfully introduce you to natural phenomena such as balance, gravity, light and darkness, sound and resonance. Real highlights: you can enjoy a vegetarian breakfast in the Dunkel-Bar and a tasty menu in the Nacht-Mahl restaurant in complete darkness.

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The legendary Tanzbar Freudenberg has long since been the talk of the town taking you all the way back to the Roaring Twenties, to an analogue "Babylon Berlin" when dance parties were still exuberant and ecstatic – with five hours of exceptional live music and delicious drinks. On selected Saturdays, you can have breakfast in daylight at the *Schlossbrunch* buffet in a cosy atmosphere at the Schlosscafé – vegetarian or vegan, regional and carefully selected.



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Incidentally, you can get married in a civil ceremony and celebrate at Schloss Freudenberg, as it is one of Wiesbaden's special wedding venues.



## Apfelweinstube im Himmelreich Cider with a view

After a tour through the Frauenstein vineyards, the Apfelweinstube im Himmelreich tavern is the perfect place to rest and recharge your batteries. And admire the unique view over the vineyards down to the river Rhine. In the Himmelreich – which incidentally translates to 'Heaven' –, you can taste the *Himmelreicher Apfelwein* cider directly from the producer. There are also down-to-earth Hessian specialities such as *Handkäse* sour milk cheese und *Spundekäse* cream cheese as well as schnitzel with potato salad. Even if it's often packed: the guests don't mind squeezing together on the benches. Or you can find a spot on the meadow.

A **2.5**  
kilometre

walk takes you from Schloss Freudenberg through the vineyards to the Goethestein in Frauenstein where you can enjoy a gorgeous view.

## Through the vineyards past lush grapes

From Schloss Freudenberg, you can take a leisurely stroll through the Frauenstein vineyards. If you are a more ambitious hiker, you can walk through the vineyards to the Goethestein triangular pyramid, or even as far as the Schierstein marina. If you just wish to stretch your legs after a sumptuous breakfast in the castle, taking a shorter route and enjoying the view is also a good idea.



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# Exploring the Rheingau region

Look forward to one of the most important wine regions in Germany. In less than fifteen minutes, the Rheingau line will take you to the idyllic wine towns on the Rhine, surrounded by a cultural landscape offering numerous award-winning hiking trails, a variety of renowned wine estates, romantic castles, famous palaces, historic monastery walls, and verdant vineyards. The home of the Riesling celebrates its wines and wineries throughout the year – be it at one of the more than twenty-five wine tasting stands available in almost every town in the Rheingau, in the many renowned and prize-winning wine estates and cosy wine taverns, on wine hikes in the picturesque vineyards, and at the wine festivals held in the charming little towns on the Rhine.

① Find out more about the Rheingau region online at: [rheingau.com/en](https://rheingau.com/en)



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## Chin Chin Vinothek in Geisenheim

Imagine a passionate group of wine lovers – first and foremost Emmanuel 'Manu' Straub, who already runs the "Plattenstübchen" in Geisenheim – who have been travelling the wine world for many years. And an exciting shop concept: the Chin Chin is more than just a wine shop, it sees itself as a platform that brings together the next generation of winegrowers, retailers, and customers. Tastings and events with selected winegrowers give visitors the chance to experience the wines and the people behind them. But the Chin Chin is not only at home in Geisenheim. You should definitely be keeping your eyes open: you might discover a Chin Chin pop-up wine bar in Wiesbaden and Mainz as well.

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## winegrowers

Wine taverns and inns open their cellars and courtyards from 26 April to 5 May. Have a chat with the winegrowers, taste the new vintage, enjoy freshly prepared dishes, explore the vineyards, and let yourself be carried away by the live music offered in selected courtyards during the Rheingauer Schlemmerwochen, or Rheingau gourmet weeks.





## Weingut Künstler & Les deux Dienstbach in Hochheim

As a VDP predicate wine estate with a long family tradition, the Weingut Künstler estate in Hochheim is a real gem on the river Main. Wines of the highest calibre have been produced here since 1965: today, over seventy percent of the vineyards are VDP-classified as "Große Lage", referring to a premium site. Thanks to the annual national and international awards, the wine-growing estate is now one of the most renowned wineries in Germany. So, you should definitely enjoy a tasting at the bar in the estate's idyllic courtyard.

Top wines meet top cuisine: two years ago, the two sisters Nathalie and Jennifer Dienstbach from Wiesbaden opened their restaurant, Les deux Dienstbach, offering fine French cuisine at the wine estate in a joint project with the Künstler family – a revival of the restaurant success that Nathalie and Jennifer enjoyed on Untere Albrechtstraße in Wiesbaden. And with great rewards: they have just won a Gault & Millau award in the 2023/24 "Best Restaurants" category. It goes without saying that the two talented and bright twin sister chefs have already appeared in front of the camera in various TV cookery shows.

[weingut-kuenstler.de/en](https://www.weingut-kuenstler.de/en)



*Fancy a wine festival? In the summer months, various cosy and romantic wine festivals are held throughout the Rheingau.*

*By the way, the Hochheim Wine Festival is considered one of the most beautiful in our region. Held in Hochheim's old town and vineyards from 12 to 15 July – come by!*

## Weingut Mohr in Lorch

The Weingut Mohr wine estate in Lorch combines two culinary passions: winegrower Jochen Neher is the fourth generation to be responsible for the exciting, organic wines, while his wife Saynur is the one in charge of the lively, oriental cuisine.

Born in Turkey, she offers her Turkish cookery courses at the winery, courses that are now well-known throughout Germany. Her speciality: meze – a variety of small Turkish dishes, but with a lot of oriental flavour. However, there is much more going on at the wine estate: the wine tavern is open during the Rheingauer Schlemmerwochen, or Rheingau gourmet weeks. And on 20 April and 13 July, there will be culinary wine hikes through Lorch's picturesque vineyards. In the summer months, Jochen and Saynur will also present their wines at various wine festivals in the region.

[weingut-mohr.de/en](https://www.weingut-mohr.de/en)



## More than 25 wine tasting stands

*throughout the Rheingau give you the chance to get to know local winegrowers and their wines.*



## Weingut Dillmann in Geisenheim

Rosalinde, Milde Hilde, Rainer Stoff, Jana Türlich – well, would you have guessed that these names stand for wines produced with passion and authenticity? The Weingut Dillmann wine estate in Geisenheim may be slightly different, because real "Riesling ravers" are at work here: as a young family business run by the two brothers Marcel und Marius, who are firmly rooted in the Rheingau and are local celebrities thanks to their commitment, the wine estate creates honest wines all of which are fun to drink. The Dillmann boys have created a gem up in the Geisenheim vineyards with their wine estate building, vinothèque and wine tavern, and regularly host events there that have become famous beyond the local borders. Indeed, even beyond the borders of the Rheingau region.



## “Hallgarten Sun Round” Riesling Loop

feat. Riesling Pier

The “Hallgarten Sun Round” Riesling Loop takes you through the picturesque Hallgarten vineyards past various sights, such as the Revoluzzer Gartenhäuschen garden house – run by the local Weingut Bibo Runge wine estate, the Jewish cemetery, or the “Schröter Madonna”. Afterwards, you can reward yourself at the Riesling Pier, the Gutsausschank wine bar of the Weingut Keßler wine estate. Here you can savour the wines and a selection of dishes, ranging from delicious schnitzel variations to sophisticated vegetarian meals and served on the large terrace in Oestrich-Winkel's vineyards with a view across the Rhine valley.

From April, you can go on various wine hikes in the Rheingau. Local winegrowers offer their wines at the wine tasting stands along the hiking trail, and, of course, there are also culinary delights.


## “Riesling All-rounder” Riesling Loop

feat. Weinbergshaus Diefenhardt vineyard house

Your path leads you through the Martinsthal vineyards with their famous “Martinsthaler Wildsau” wine site and the shady forest with its chestnut avenue. Once you have climbed the almost 180 metres in altitude, you descend to the vineyard house of the Weingut Diefenhardt wine estate surrounded by vines: in the summer months, you can relax here with an impressive panoramic view of the surrounding vineyards and the river Rhine while enjoying wine and small treats – and even live music at weekends.



Fancy hiking in the Rheingau?  
Why not have a closer look at the Riesling Loops?

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