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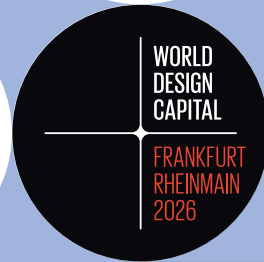
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[wiesbaden.de/erlebnisbuchung](http://wiesbaden.de/erlebnisbuchung)  
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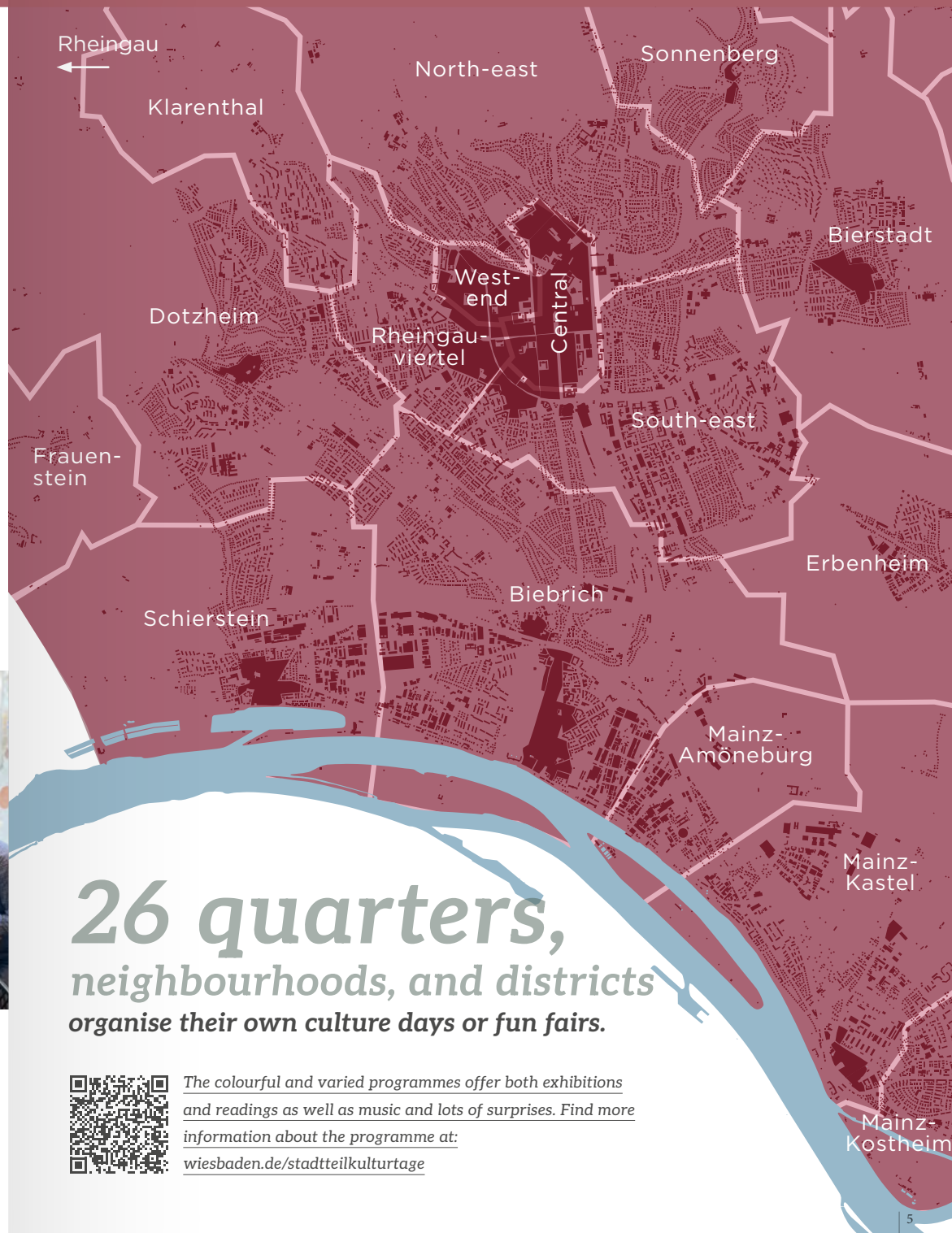
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**26 quarters, neighbourhoods, and districts organise their own culture days or fun fairs.**



The colourful and varied programmes offer both exhibitions and readings as well as music and lots of surprises. Find more information about the programme at: [wiesbaden.de/stadtteilkulturtag](http://wiesbaden.de/stadtteilkulturtag)

# History & Stories

An amazing story with admirable personalities is connected with the Museum Reinhard Ernst (mre). The building is affectionately nicknamed "the sugar cube".

- Matching the city's architecture while still being completely unique
- Simple yet with a sophisticated floor plan
- Comfortable yet uncompromisingly modern

Architect Fumihiko Maki (1928–2024), one of Reinhard Ernst's long-standing friends, was instantly thrilled when he learned that there was an opportunity to build a new museum on Wilhelmstraße. For the mre, Fumihiko Maki took a deep dive into the Reinhard Ernst Collection as well as exploring the surrounding area and urban space.

From the outset, it was important to both the client and the architect that the mre should be a museum for all visitors, with a public promenade area on the ground floor and rooms for art education, events, catering, and a shop. Japanese touches were incorporated throughout the building and its surroundings.

Sadly, Fumihiko Maki passed away shortly before the museum opened in June 2024. However, with the mre, he was able to fulfil his dream of designing ten museums during his lifetime.

Wiesbaden is a city to discover for yourselves because it is a city of short distances. Everywhere you go, you will find traces of great personalities who lived or worked here – or simply came here for inspiration. You will be fascinated by the architectural splendour of the urban landscape and the stories behind it.


**m** museum  
**re** reinhard  
**ernst**

## Wolfgang Hollegga. Don't Think, Look!

15 March to 25 October 2026  
Wilhelmstraße 1

Wolfgang Hollegga (1929 to 2023) – one of Austria's leading painters after 1945 – is celebrated with his major premiere in Germany at the Museum Reinhard Ernst in 2026! The master of precise condensation and reduction is highly relevant in an age when visual stimuli are omnipresent. For the painter, the dialogue between figuration and abstraction begins in the contemplation of nature.

As early as around 1960, he enjoyed great success in New York. Despite international recognition, Hollegga chose not to pursue a career in the art centres, and, in 1962, retreated to a farm on Rechberg hill north of Graz. In this seclusion, he developed a colourful, at times monumental, body of work over six decades.

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

 [@museumreinhardernst](https://www.instagram.com/museumreinhardernst)

### Suggestion

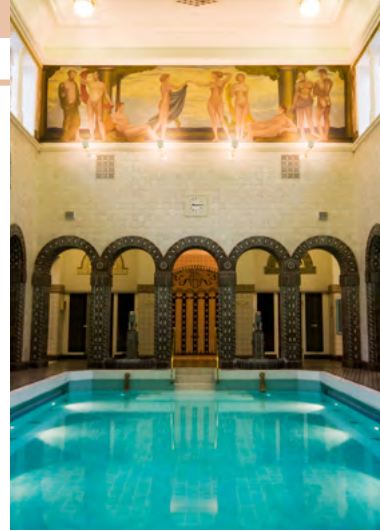
The "Quellgeflüster" (Whispers from the Spring) blog features an interview with entrepreneur and founder Reinhard Ernst, revealing more about the origins of the museum and what you can look forward to during your visit!



## Art Nouveau town Wiesbaden

Wiesbaden is renowned as one of the leading cities for Art Nouveau architecture. The heyday around the turn of the century had a lasting impact on the city's architecture – featuring elegant façades, floral ornaments, and elaborately designed interiors. The Art Nouveau trail takes you to examples of this era, providing fascinating insights into the cultural and architectural heritage of Hesse's capital city.

[wiesbaden.de/jugendstilpfad](http://wiesbaden.de/jugendstilpfad)



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## Kaiser-Friedrich-Therme spa

Thanks to its iconic painted frieze and mosaics, the Kaiser-Friedrich-Therme spa is considered a landmark of Art Nouveau.

## Wartburg

Ornamental façade decoration, curved shapes and floral motifs – pure Art Nouveau!



© Wiesbaden City Archives

### Suggestion

For those who would like to learn more about Art Nouveau, we recommend the "An absolute blessing for Wiesbaden – Art Nouveau" guided tour!



© Florian Trykowski @Hessen Agentur

## Kurhaus Wiesbaden

The wall design and ceiling paintings in the magnificent Muschelsaal, or Shell Hall, reflect the spirit of the fin de siècle.

## Fun fact

Who would have thought that the Museum Wiesbaden would become a place of devotion for "Swifties" from all over the world? Taylor Swift was inspired by Friedrich Heyser's "Ophelia" for her "The Fate of Ophelia" music video, in which she steps out from a painting. The painting can be seen in the museum's Art Nouveau section.

Friedrich Heyser, Ophelia, c. 1900 © Museum Wiesbaden/Bernd Fickert



© Museum Wiesbaden/Bernd Fickert

## Museum Wiesbaden

The F.W. Neess Art Nouveau collection at Museum Wiesbaden comprises more than 500 exhibits. Immerse yourselves in the fin de siècle spirit.

## A club makes history

In 2026, the SV Wehen football club will be celebrating 100 years of football passion, team spirit, and regional identity! What began in Taunusstein-Wehen in 1926 is now an integral part of professional football and sporting culture in Hesse. A good reason to celebrate!



© Justin Woodson @SV Wehen Wiesbaden (all photos on this page)



## 100 years of SV Wehen

### 14 & 15 February 2026 – Carnival kick-off

The SVWW pros are part of the big Wiesbaden carnival parade on Sunday, 15 February 2026, showing up on a fancy float with a big group dressed in red and black. The day before, SVWW's young talents hit the streets for the Kinderfastnachtsumzug, or kids' carnival parade.

### 26 February to 1 March 2026 – ceremony and anniversary jersey

In their home match against FC Ingolstadt, the team will wear the special anniversary jersey for the first time, commemorating the club's hundred-year history. The official ceremony will be held where the club's roots lie – at Silberbachhalle in Wehen on 26 February.

### 31 July to 1 August 2026 – the big anniversary weekend

The highlight of the anniversary will be the big "100-year weekend" held on 31 July and 1 August 2026. The celebrations will include a fan festival, a party night on Halberg – the historic founding site of the club –, a friendly match, and a festive gala.

## Style icon meets Wiesbaden history: Christian Dell

17 June to 15 November 2026

Wiesbaden, Bauhaus, office classic: Christian Dell, the designer of the legendary "Kaiser *idell*" lamp, is the connection. On 16 June 2026, the Stadtmuseum am Markt (sam) city museum will open an exhibition dedicated to the lesser-known industrial designer. Dell, who trained as a silversmith in Hanau, has influenced generations of designers since his time as a Bauhaus master in Weimar and as a teacher in Frankfurt. What many people don't know is that after the war, he ran a shop in the centre of Wiesbaden. The exhibition showcases Dell's creative range – from early silver objects and experimental plastic works to mass-produced lamps that are now on display in international design museums.

[wiesbaden.de/sam](https://www.wiesbaden.de/sam)



Christian Dell: Two cups, 1920s, Wiesbaden City Museum Foundation © Patrick Bäuml, Wiesbaden



Christian Dell, design/Gebr. Kaiser & Co., manufacturing: Desk lamp from the "idell" series (model 6631), 1936/37, Wiesbaden City Museum Foundation © Patrick Bäuml, Wiesbaden



Excerpt from the Arbeitslampen, or desk lamps, catalogue of Gebrüder Kaiser & Co., Neheim, 1935, page 19

# Art & Culture

Art and culture play a major role in Wiesbaden. The vibrancy of Wiesbaden's cultural scene is reflected in a wide range of offerings in the fields of theatre, museums, art, literature, music and galleries.

## Wiesbaden's Cultural Route 65

Since 2025, Route 65 has taken you on a tour of cultural discovery through Hesse's capital city, showcasing its cultural diversity. Here are some of the highlights and new additions you can look forward to.

[wiesbaden.plazy.travel](https://www.wiesbaden.plazy.travel)



### Galerie Leander Rubrecht

Büdingenstraße 4-6

Galerie Leander Rubrecht hosts both solo and group exhibitions of contemporary art. Works by regional as well as international artists are put on display.

[rubrecht-contemporary.com](https://www.rubrecht-contemporary.com)

### DavisKlemmGallery

Steinern-Kreuz-Weg 22,  
Mainz-Kostheim

The exhibition space in Kostheim hosts up to five solo and group exhibitions of contemporary artists each year, focusing on figurative art, often with a reference to everyday life.

[davisklemmgallery.de/en](https://www.davisklemmgallery.de/en)

### Kunst-Schaefer

Faulbrunnenstraße 11

The gallery exhibits paintings, prints, and sculptures by international artists and young talents. It also runs its own picture frame workshop, glazier's workshop, paper workshop, and restoration studio. Art historian Björn Lewalter is the fourth generation of his family to run the gallery.

[galerie-wiesbaden.de](https://www.galerie-wiesbaden.de)

### Emma & Co. - the theatre workhop

Blücherplatz 3

Emma & Co., the theatre workshop, is a place for rehearsals, teaching, and performances. It's a meeting place for theatre pros and anyone interested in issues such as remembrance culture, women, and diversity. Want to try something new? Then sign up for an improv workshop right away.

[emma-und-co.de](https://www.emma-und-co.de)

[@theaterwerkstatt.emma\\_und\\_co](https://www.instagram.com/theaterwerkstatt.emma_und_co)

### Galli Theater

Adelheidstraße 21

Galli Theater Wiesbaden is a small, charming stage in the heart of the city centre – perfect for an evening of entertainment. The programme mainly features fairy tale performances, comedies, and improv theatre, with a close connection to the audience and a good dose of humour. Ideal for families, but also for all those who love to experience theatre in an informal, lively, and personal setting.

[galli-wiesbaden.de](https://www.galli-wiesbaden.de)

### Galerie mariART

Wilhelmstraße 38

At Wilhelm-Arcade, Marion Schellenberg exhibits works by prominent artists. On the upper floor, the gallery owner showcases promising newcomers. She also offers talks with artists "on the blue sofa".

[mariart.org/en](https://www.mariart.org/en)

## Loftwerk

Langgasse 20

Goldsmith Anja Roethel's Loftwerk is a studio, shop, gallery, and an event location all in one space. Ranging from photography to painting to ceramics – four times a year, regional artists exhibit their work here, usually at affordable prices. The programme is rounded off by gin tastings, kitchen talks, concerts, and DJ nights.

[loftwerk-roethele.de](http://loftwerk-roethele.de)

## ILE22 Gallery

Nerostraße 22

An exciting mix: in the historical half-timbered cottage, Sabine Wittmann shows works by individual artists, often based in the region. Right next door, in her pottery workshop, she creates her "Ile Iles" – clay figures inspired by her childhood in Nigeria. For those who wish to get creative themselves, pottery courses can be booked on site.

[ile22.de/en-gb](http://ile22.de/en-gb)

## BBK SCHAUstelle

Marcobrunnerstraße 3

With around 100 members, the BBK Federal Association of Fine Artists is a platform for artists in Wiesbaden. Its SCHAUstelle exhibition space on Marcobrunnerstraße hosts exhibitions on specific subjects, including presentations of new members. All proceeds from sales go to the artists.

[bbk-wiesbaden.de](http://bbk-wiesbaden.de)

[@bbkwiesbaden](https://www.instagram.com/bbk_wiesbaden)

## Bette Gallery

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Born in Poznań in 1942, the painter Michael Bette spent most of his life in Berlin. Since 2024, his daughter Stella Bette has been presenting his work in her gallery in Wiesbaden's Quellenviertel quarter – in homage to her father. In addition to her father's abstract works, she also exhibits works by guest artists at this lively venue. The exhibitions are accompanied by lectures, readings, and wine tastings.

[michael-bette.de/en](http://michael-bette.de/en)

## Museum Wiesbaden

### Women of The Blue Rider

23 October 2026 to 21 February 2027

Most people are familiar with the artist group Der Blaue Reiter (The Blue Rider). However, very few have heard of the Women of The Blue Rider. The exhibition at Museum Wiesbaden shows the significant contribution that the individual female artists associated with the group made to the development of modern art. What strategies did they develop in order to be able to lead a life as independent artists? What networks did they use? The exhibition includes works by Gabriele Münter, Marianne von Werefkin, Else Lasker-Schüler, and other artists.

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

#### Suggestion

Every Thursday, Museum Wiesbaden presents its "La-nger Donnerstag" special: it stays open until 9 p.m. and offers various events such as after-work tours, lectures, and workshops.

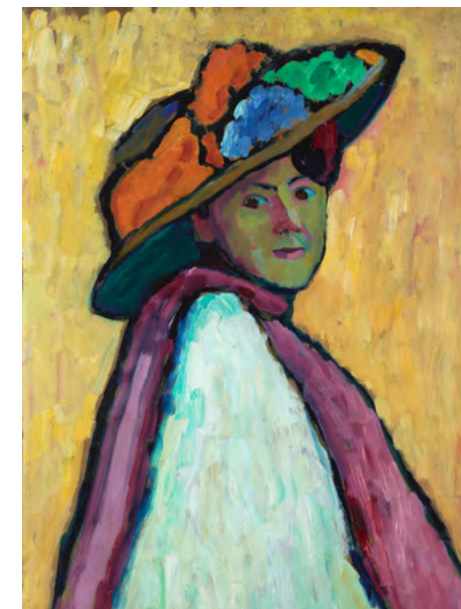


#### Suggestion

Want to discover the highlights from the museum's permanent exhibitions and find out why a sculpture in honour of Goethe sits in front of the entrance? Check out the interview at:



Erma Bossi, Portrait of Marianne von Werefkin, c. 1910, Städtische Galerie im Lenbachhaus and Kunstbau Munich, on permanent loan from the Gabriele Münter- und Johannes Eichner-Stiftung, Munich



Gabriele Münter, Portrait of Marianne von Werefkin, 1909, Städtische Galerie im Lenbachhaus and Kunstbau, Munich, Gabriele Münter Stiftung 1957 © VG Bild-Kunst, Bonn 2025

## Hessian State Theatre: Wiesbaden:

Christian-Zais-Straße 3

From 1 to 31 May 2026, Wiesbaden will host the 130th edition of the May Theatre Festival. Across all theatre stages and various locations in Wiesbaden, this multi-genre festival will ignite a blaze of productions for opera fans, theatre connoisseurs, music lovers, and dance enthusiasts.

Two highlights can already be revealed. The festival will open with Wagner's opera **Tristan and Iseult**, a production by the Opéra national de Nancy-Lorraine, directed by Tiago Rodrigues, artistic director of the Avignon theatre festival, and conducted by musical director Leo McFall. A second highlight will be the performance by **Plácido Domingo**, the world-famous Spanish tenor. He will be giving a gala recital at the theatre's Grand House. At this concert, he will perform the great arias from his repertoire, particularly those by Giuseppe Verdi and Giacomo Puccini.

Tickets are now available from the Tourist Information centre in the market square. For more information about the schedule, please visit:

📍 [staatstheater-wiesbaden.de](https://staatstheater-wiesbaden.de)



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# Majestspiele

# World Design Capital Wiesbaden 2026

Along with the Frankfurt RheinMain metropolitan region, Wiesbaden is World Design Capital 2026. Based on the motto "Let's design Frankfurt RheinMain together", initiatives, companies, and creatives are working on projects that contribute to a sustainable region.



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**Christina Sweeney**  
Director of Communications  
*reveals what's behind it and what you can look forward to.*

Every two years, World Design Organization (WDO)<sup>®</sup> awards the renowned title of World Design Capital<sup>®</sup> (WDC) to a city or region. Following cities such as Valencia, Cape Town, and Taipei, Frankfurt RheinMain has brought the award to Germany for the first time. We have some great projects on board in Wiesbaden that show how design can improve life and how we live together.

What's behind the title of World Design Capital 2026?

What are the projects aimed at?

We create spaces that are collectively designed, where people can make an impact – always with a view to a future worth experiencing. The projects are about a sense of togetherness: we aim to bring people in the region closer together and create long-term shared identity that visitors can also feel.

Why is design so important?

Design is a key lever – it affects all areas of life, from mobility and housing to public spaces. Design can trigger change and help empower people to take action. It motivates, inspires, and is contagious: an important foundation for a strong sense of community!

## Selected projects

**WDC Pavillon**  
April to September 2026  
different locations, including Wiesbaden

From April to September 2026, the mobile pavilion will travel through the region, bringing the themes of World Design Capital 2026 to life. Workshops, dialogues, and educational activities will be held at several venues – from vibrant city squares to cultural landmarks –, including Wiesbaden.

**Open – Design Week Frankfurt RheinMain**  
5 to 14 June 2026  
Frankfurt, Wiesbaden, Darmstadt, Offenbach, Hanau, and the region



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Open is the major design week in Germany. Agencies, studios, workshops, universities, and companies offer a ten-day programme focusing on the potential of design for the future, participation, and sustainability.

**Circular Citizens of Wiesbaden**  
in June 2026  
Heimathafen, Wiesbaden, and other venues  
Partner: Circular-Experience.org, c/o Studio Peter Post x Petra Esveld GbR



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The project helps people use things for as long as possible instead of throwing them away. Anyone who buys something is given addresses for care, repair and reselling services. Items in good condition go into the exchange box, and the recycling centre provides information on second-hand shops and repair cafés. A system that saves money, waste, and CO<sub>2</sub>.

**Motion Creation Design**  
7 and 8 March 2026

The Hessian State Ballet's project explores the interaction between AI and human movement. An exhibition allows visitors to interactively influence AI-generated live performances. This demonstrates how AI, as a creative partner, can reinterpret cultural heritage and social design.



© Hessian State Theatre, Wiesbaden

**Superblock Rheingauviertel**  
1 May to 31 October 2026  
Rheingauviertel quarter  
Project partner: Rheingauviertel Superblock initiative

Several blocks of houses are turned into a "superblock" by closing individual streets to through traffic. The aim is to rethink a district as well as to create more community spirit and green spaces – for climate adaptation and living democracy.



© Michaela Höllriegel

**Further details:**  
[wiesbaden.de/wdc](https://wiesbaden.de/wdc)



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# & Quarters Pleasure

Enjoyment is a top priority for us in Wiesbaden. Join us on a culinary journey through Wiesbaden's colourful quarters. We'll take a stroll through Westend, savour top-notch coffee, revel in flowers, eat award-winning steaks, and round off our visit to Museum Wiesbaden with a glass of wine and light snacks.

## Sombrero Latino

Adolfstraße 3

Sombrero Latino serves unpretentious Latin American cuisine. Treat yourself to Argentine roast beef, empanadas, and ceviche. The award-winning Sombrero Latino steakhouse takes you straight to the heart of Latin America – and you need not even leave Wiesbaden. Are you brave enough to play Mexican roulette and take the risk of getting the spiciest of the 14 tacos on your order?

[sombrolatino.de](https://www.sombrerolatino.de)

[@sombrero\\_latino](https://www.instagram.com/sombrero_latino)



Have you already heard of our gourmet guide? It gives you even more suggestions on where you can indulge in culinary delights in Wiesbaden and the Rheingau region.

[View the gourmet guide:](#)



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## Noche Mágica at Sombrero Latino

Adolfstraße 3

Behind an unspectacular door in Wiesbaden's city centre, a very special evening lies in wait: when cards float, coins appear, minds are read, and the laws of nature seem to be suspended – that's Noche Mágica. During the show, you and just 39 other guests sit right in the middle of the action – no curtain, no distractions – just a table, two magicians, and you. Every movement, every trick, every surprise happens right before your eyes.

The multi-award-winning magicians Hannes Freytag and Vicente Noguera – German champions and vice world champions of magic – combine their craft with subtle humour, charm, and a close rapport with the audience, ensuring that no two evenings are alike.

[nochemagica.de](https://www.nochemagica.de)

## Magic Slam at Theater im Pariser Hof

Spiegelgasse 9

"Expecto Spectaculum" – that's the motto at the Magic Slam at Theater im Pariser Hof. Watch Germany's best magicians, illusionists, and prestidigitators as they compete against each other in Wiesbaden. Their goal is to win the title of King or Queen of Amazement in the theatre's magical arena and make you cheer. The audience decides by applause.

[theaterimpariserhof.de](https://www.theaterimpariserhof.de)



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Magical Wiesbaden

# Theater im Pariser Hof

Die Kleinkunsthöhne  
in Wiesbaden

## 40 years of cabaret stage in Wiesbaden!

Programme, info & tickets:  
[www.theaterimpariserhof.de](http://www.theaterimpariserhof.de)

Theater im Pariser Hof  
Spiegelgasse 9  
65187 Wiesbaden (city centre)



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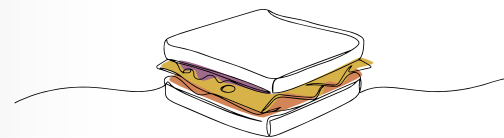
### un petit café

Bismarckring 36

Bonjour and enchanté are the words you often hear at un petit café. Melike and Özgün have created a little piece of France on Bismarckring – for a bit of bonheur in between. Here you will find hand-made and homemade delicacies such as small tartlets and fine cakes, and, above all – their signature dish – sensational toasts!


 [unpetitcafe.de](http://unpetitcafe.de)

 [@unpetitcafe](https://www.instagram.com/unpetitcafe)



### Sedanplatz with Kiezzgarten

How beautiful the newly designed Sedanplatz square is! Especially in summer, when you can dip your feet in the fountain or stop by the Kiezzgarten (neighbourhood garden) under the trees for a cool drink. There are also small concerts and a "Kiez", or neighbourhood, flea market.

 [@kiezzgarten](https://www.instagram.com/kiezzgarten)

### Santini Gelati E Caffè

Bismarckring 14

If you fancy some really good homemade ice cream, then head straight to Santini's. Owner Stefano Santini uses only the very best ingredients to make classic flavours as well as more exotic ones such as Mango Sticky Rice, Akbar Mashti, and Dulce de Leche. The ice cream parlour is closed in winter – when, unsurprisingly, the Italian owner is drawn to the south.

 [santini-gelato.de](http://santini-gelato.de)

 [@santini\\_gelato1987](https://www.instagram.com/santini_gelato1987)



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Westend



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## drink&bloom

Kleiststraße 2

The drink&bloom is so much more than just a café! When you go to Vanessa Dyrda's place in the Dichterviertel quarter, you'll not only get great coffee and cake, but also really beautiful bouquets of wildflowers. That's because Vanessa is also a florist. A woman of many talents.

📷 @drinkandbloom.cafe

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## Nokokolores Slowflowers

Alsbach 10

Even as a child, Sonja Heinrich from Nokokolores was fascinated by flowers. On her way to school, she would always stop at the neighbourhood flower shop. She now puts her enthusiasm into practice in her own flower bed. Every flower has its time, and so her slowflowers are allowed to grow at their own pace and bloom in their natural rhythm. You can experience true deceleration at Sonja's events in the flower field where you can pick your own bouquet, and end the day with tapas and cider. Of course, there is also the classic flower subscription and much more. A true delight for all the senses.

🌐 [nokokolores.net](http://nokokolores.net)

📷 @noko.kolores

# Flower power

## Zaubernuss

Seerobenstraße 19

Flowers, bouquets, plants, arrangements, and small accessories that make life more colourful and beautiful – you'll find them all at the Zaubernuss flower shop. Check out the enchanting bridal bouquets.

🌐 [zaubernuss-wiesbaden.de](http://zaubernuss-wiesbaden.de)

📷 @blumenladen\_zaubernuss



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# NEW VENUES

## Frau Kreuter Deli opposite the museums

Wilhelmstraße 4

Frau Kreuter's new deli is simply perfect for a bite to eat after a visit to Museum Wiesbaden or the Museum Reinhard Ernst. At the long counter, you are spoilt for choice between Levantine or French cuisine, fresh salads and the finest patisserie. Suggestion: cardamom knots – super tasty.

[i frau-kreuter.de](https://www.frau-kreuter.de)

[@fraukreuterwiesbaden](https://www.instagram.com/fraukreuterwiesbaden)



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## Overflow Häfnergasse 1

Located in the old town, the Overflow defines itself as a place of enjoyment and encounters. In addition to croissants, quiches, and cicchetti, the Overflow offers creative workshops, readings, evenings with live music, films, and open mic sessions. Just come by.

[i overflowcafe.de](https://www.overflowcafe.de)

[@overflowcafe](https://www.instagram.com/overflowcafe)



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## Chez Madlen Neugasse 21

Longing for France? Then stop off at Chez Madlen – café, bistro, and delicatessen all in one. Here you will find the finest French patisserie, hearty bistro food in jars, and delicious treats to enjoy at home. On Sundays, the bistro is transformed into a little oasis of French art de vivre for brunch.

[i chezmadlen.com](https://www.chezmadlen.com)



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## BROTERBEN Venatorstraße 9

Anyone who loves really good bread should visit Broterben's new branch in Bierstadt. The bread is still baked daily according to old family recipes – a tradition that has been passed down through seven generations. With its floral murals, stucco, and curved counter, the bakery is also a visual delight.

[i broterben.de](https://www.broterben.de)

[@broterben](https://www.instagram.com/broterben)



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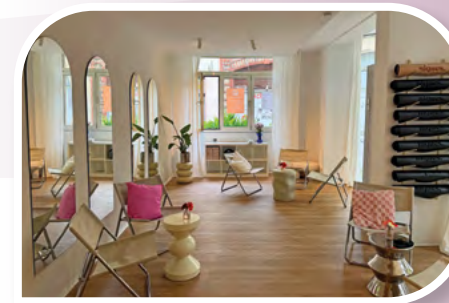
## Niques

Wagemannstraße 22

"Niques" with a long "i", as indicated by the doormat at the entrance, is a true multi-talent. In addition to snacks and beverages such as matcha and more, the café also offers yoga and Pilates classes, small exhibitions, and creative workshops.

[i niques.de](https://www.niques.de)

[@niques.cafe](https://www.instagram.com/niques.cafe)



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## Stadtkind

Wagemannstraße 19

Wiesbaden's old town has a new addition: the Stadtkind café has arrived on Wagemannstraße, treating you to delicious drinks and yummy snacks. Whether it's a quick espresso to take away or a relaxing matcha in a cosy vintage chair, everyone will find their favourite spot here.

[@stadtkind](https://www.instagram.com/stadtkind)




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# LADIES WELCOME!

## Spielbank Wiesbaden casino

Kurhausplatz 1

Every first Thursday of the month is Ladies' Day at the casino – with free admission, a glass of sparkling wine, a lucky chip, and a ticket for the Ladies' Spin.

 More details on Ladies' Day



## Bar 1486

Kranzplatz 12

After work, you can relax in the elegant atmosphere of Bar 1486 at the traditional Radisson Blu Schwarzer Bock hotel. The name of the bar refers to the year the hotel was founded, making the Schwarzer Bock the oldest grand hotel in Germany.

 @radissonbluschwarzerbock





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## Godfather

Ellenbogengasse 8

Every Wednesday from 6 to 10 p.m., is After Work Salsa Night at the Godfather restaurant in Wiesbaden. Cocktails, hot rhythms, and Latin music will make you forget the stress of the working week. The young couple's restaurant is also worth a visit on other days of the week. Excellent burgers and huge milkshakes are sure to make your heart beat faster.


 [godfatherrestaurant.de/en](http://godfatherrestaurant.de/en)

 @dein.godfather



Find out more from Yummy, the digital restaurant guide, which was awarded Best Local Restaurant Guide for 2025 at the German Business Awards.

 [yummywiesbaden.de](http://yummywiesbaden.de)

 @yummywiesbaden.de

© Julia Schmitz

# Nature & Water

Hidden parks, wild and romantic forests, rushing brooks, the scent of rosemary, chamomile and peppermint, steaming thermal springs – if you love greenery, you need not even leave the city. Looking for your favourite place to relax and unwind? This way, please!

## Good to know

- In 2025, the urban forest was named "Forest Area of the Year".
- Wiesbaden's rise to become a leading spa town in the 19th century is thanks to its 26 thermal springs.
- One third of Wiesbaden's drinking water comes from its urban forest.

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© Marcel Walzmann



## Wiesbaden's urban forest – Forest Area of the Year 2025

In recognition of its nature conservation, recreational and sustainable forestry offerings, the urban forest was named Forest Area of the Year 2025. Covering an area of around 4,300 hectares, it features numerous hiking and cycling trails, picnic areas and barbecue sites.

[wiesbaden.de/stadtwald](https://wiesbaden.de/stadtwald)

### Suggestion

Discover exciting and relaxing places during the "Naturally Wiesbaden" guided tour, learn more about the city's 26 hot springs, and try the healing water straight from the Kochbrunnen fountain.



## Rabengrund

Calm and idyllic: the Rabengrund area is one of Wiesbaden's oldest nature reserves, nestled in the north of the city against the wooded slopes of the Taunus mountain range. Wild and romantic forest land alternates with distinctive rocks and wide meadows. This is also where the Münzbergstollen tunnel is located – one of four Taunus tunnels that supply a third of the city's drinking water.

[wiesbaden.de/rabengrund](https://wiesbaden.de/rabengrund)

### Favourite spots in Wiesbaden:



## Domäne Mechtildshausen Mechtildshausen 1

The picturesque Domäne Mechtildshausen farmstead is surrounded by meadows and fields. Cows graze on the extensive pastures, and homemade products such as cheese, baked goods, meat and sausage products from the farm's own butchery are waiting for you in the lovingly designed market hall and farm shops. The perfect way to round off your visit: coffee and cake at Café Bohne. By the way: social commitment is also a top priority here – the estate trains young people from disadvantaged backgrounds in over 30 professions.

[domaene-mechtildshausen.de/index.php/usa](https://domaene-mechtildshausen.de/index.php/usa)

[@domaenewiesbaden](https://www.instagram.com/domaenewiesbaden)

### Suggestion

During a guided tour of the estate, you can take a look behind the scenes of the organic farm.

[wiesbaden.de/imgruenen](https://wiesbaden.de/imgruenen)

### Group tours surrounded by nature:



## Leisure trail network

Whether you're on a spontaneous discovery tour or a carefully planned break, the leisure trail network in the Rhein Taunus Nature Park allows you to move around freely without ever losing your bearings.

Find inspiring tour suggestions for every mood and fitness level on the information boards at the start of each route. Signposts at intersections reliably guide you along the way: each junction is numbered and shows you your destination and the direction to the next number. This creates a vibrant network of possibilities.

The blue and orange markings on a white background are your constant companions:



The exact hiking map is available on the leisure portal of the Rhine Taunus Nature Park:



## Weekend round

(12 kilometres, difference in altitude: 210 metres, approx. 3.5 h)

The tour starts in Naurod at the Erbsenacker bus stop and begins with sweeping views over fields and orchards – all the way to the Feldberg and the hills of the Odenwald. The route winds leisurely through the open countryside of Naurod and Auringen before turning into the gently rolling, renaturalised Alsbach Valley. Passing the Auringer Mühle mill, the gentle splashing of the Aubach brook accompanies you to the Hockenberger Mühle mill, an inviting place to take a break. This is where you can take a deep breath, cool your feet in the clear water, and enjoy the silence.

After a quick snack, the route back takes you up to the orchards near Kloppenheim where fruit trees line the path and you can enjoy beautiful views into the distance. In the last section, the trail winds its way through the shady and cooling forest greenery over the Schwarze Steinkaut, a former quarry, back to Naurod. A varied circular route for the weekend: open and wide, quiet and green – ideal for recharging your batteries outdoors.

This route will be signposted from the new hiking season in March 2026.



© Martin Bley

## Schloss Freudenberg

Freudenbergstraße 224–226

In the extensive grounds of Schloss Freudenberg, covering over 14 hectares, you can experience nature with all your senses: walk barefoot on gravel, moss, wood or sheep's wool, enjoy the feeling of weightlessness on the four-metre-high Nepalese swing, balance on tree trunks, bathe in the forest, and picnic amidst orchards. You can also take part in the popular seasonal bonfires, sound concerts, games evenings, and guided tours.

 [schlossfreudenberg.de](https://schlossfreudenberg.de)

 [@schlossfreudenberg](https://www.instagram.com/schlossfreudenberg)



© Martin Nicholas Kunz

### Suggestion

In spring and summer, the nearby Apfelwein im Himmelreich tavern spoils you with a magnificent view of the vineyards and Hessian specialities such as Handkäse sour milk cheese and cider.

 [apfelweinstube-im-himmelreich.de](https://www.apfelweinstube-im-himmelreich.de)

## Donkeys at Freudenberg

Himmelreich,  
close to Schloss Freudenberg

Animal lovers should not miss this special experience: a donkey trek with sociable Emil, sensitive Janosch, and strong-willed Urmel. The three geldings will accompany you on a trek from Frauenstein via Goethestein, past the Hof Armada stud farm and across orchards back to the stable.

 [esel-am-freudenberg.de](https://www.esel-am-freudenberg.de)



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# Exploring the Rheingau region



The Rheingau, a local recreation area and one of Germany's most important wine regions, is located in close proximity to Wiesbaden. Situated directly on the Rhine and Main rivers, a cultural landscape with numerous hiking trails, a multitude of wine estates, romantic castles, palaces, historic monastery walls, and overgrown vineyards is just a few minutes' drive away. The "home of Riesling" celebrates its wines and wine estates all year round - at over 20 wine tasting stands, on wine hikes in the picturesque vineyards, and at many smaller wine festivals. For those who prefer a leisurely trip on the water, the various boat trips on the Rhine and Main are just the thing.

[rheingau.com](http://rheingau.com)



## plazy app

Fancy some tips that suit you?

Tailored to individual preferences, the plazy app perfects the art of lazy planning. Simply choose what interests you and let the app do the magic. All recommendations are curated by local journalists and experts, then personalised through your dedicated plazy profile. Your personal travel guide is just a few clicks away.

[rheingau.plazy.travel](http://rheingau.plazy.travel)



### Details on wine festivals and wine stands

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

[Overview of all festivals:](#)



At over 20 wine stands along the Rheingau, you can get to know the local winegrowers and their wines.

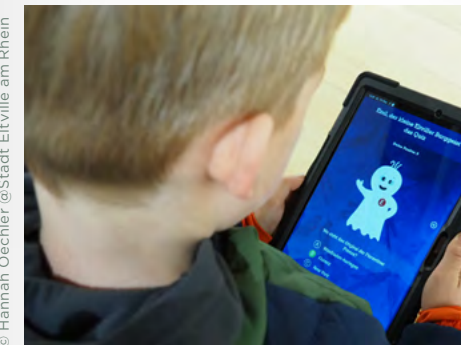
[Overview of all wine stands and their schedules:](#)



## Emil, the little ghost of Eltville Castle

Eltville Electoral Castle,  
Burgstraße 1

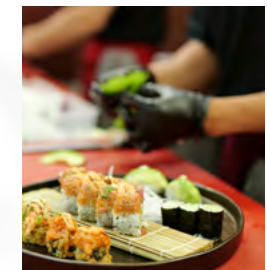
Kids can join Emil, the little castle ghost, on an exciting rally through the Electoral Castle. He'll share facts that are easy for kids to understand and ask quiz questions on a tablet. At the end, there'll be a little gift as a reward. You can borrow the tablets for free at the Tourist Information centre. New: Emil now speaks English, too!



© Hannah Oechler @Stadt Eltville am Rhein

## My Chi Chi restaurant

Rheingauer Straße 3,  
Eltville am Rhein



© Le Thanh Huyen Thi @My Chi Chi

After much rolling, chopping, and tasting, it's now time to serve! At My Chi Chi, Duc, Huyen, and Tobi create their vision of modern Asian cuisine in a stylish and cosy atmosphere. A glass of Rheingau Riesling with a hint of residual sweetness is the perfect accompaniment. Don't miss out on the udon noodles, freshly prepared every day, and the sushi, where each roll has its own unique character. So good that you'll want to roll yourself up in it.

[mychichi-eltville.de](http://mychichi-eltville.de)

[@mychichi.eltville](https://www.instagram.com/mychichi.eltville)



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## Bike like a local

Get on your bike and have fun! On a circular route of approx. 55 kilometres, you can discover the most beautiful parts of the Rheingau region on two wheels with Bike like a local. The tour starts at the Eltville train station near the Tourist Information centre. Take a break at the 18 interactive discovery stops and learn more about the Rheingau, its sights and, of course, its wines. The entertaining audio and video clips with all the information can be played on your smartphone.

[rheingau.bikelikealocal.de](https://www.rheingau.bikelikealocal.de)



## Flow trails at Hahnwald

Am Hahnwald, Kiedrich

Looking for an adrenaline rush at the Hahnwald recreation area near Kiedrich? The flow trails nestled in the Kiedrich forest offer mountain biking fun for beginners and pros alike. Five trails of varying difficulty challenge your technique, courage, and riding skills. On the practice course, you can train specifically for curves, drops, tables, and wooden obstacles, while experienced bikers can venture onto the north shores and jumps of the Black Trail. Round off the day with a cool drink in the summer garden of the adjacent WALD.WEIT hotel.

[wald-weit.com/en/experience/mountainbike-trails](https://www.wald-weit.com/en/experience/mountainbike-trails)



© Stefan Schütz @WALD.WEIT Hotel

## Schamari-Mühle

Grund 65,  
Johannisberg (Geisenheim)

Powered by the Elsterbach brook, the two large water wheels of the Schamari Mill turned until 1929. Today, the romantic estate is both a wine tavern and an event location. The Schamari Mill is located directly on the picturesque, twelve-kilometre mill hiking trail, which leads through forests and vineyards past twelve other mills. Seven of them will spoil you at the popular mill festival on 30 August 2026 on a nine-kilometre gourmet route with live music, fine wines, and street food.

[streatvogel.de](https://www.streatvogel.de)

[@streatvogel](https://www.instagram.com/streatvogel)

[@schamari.muehle.eventlocation](https://www.schamari.muehle.eventlocation)



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## Rheingau Klostersteig trail

In 2026, the Rheingau-Klostersteig trail will celebrate its 10th anniversary. Covering around 30 kilometres, it connects Eberbach Abbey with St. Mary's Church in Rudesheim-Aulhausen, passing four other abbeys, some of which look back on 900 years of history. Here, you can literally find "reflection" step by step! Fancy a heavenly piece of cake? The "little sacrament" is available, for instance, in the pilgrim café at St. Hildegard Abbey.

[rheingau.com/klostersteig](https://www.rheingau.com/klostersteig)

### Suggestion

Don't miss the anniversary concert and ceremony at St. Mary's Church on 19 September 2026.

# Maize maze & wine walk

## Rüdesheim-Aulhausen

The seeds are sown in April – and by early August, tiptoeing is no longer an option! Every year in September, you can lose yourself among the maize plants, which grow up to three metres tall, solve puzzles, and learn interesting facts about agriculture along the way. The highlight is the wine walk where five wine stops are hidden in the maze on selected dates. A mission that brings people together!

[ruedesheimer-maislabyrinth.de](https://ruedesheimer-maislabyrinth.de)

[@ruedesheimer\\_maislabyrinth](https://www.instagram.com/ruedesheimer_maislabyrinth)



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## Pay-what-you-can concerts at Brömserburg garden

Rheinstraße 3, Rüdesheim

Just a stone's throw away from the bustling Drosselgasse is Brömserburg castle. In its romantic garden, you can gather on beer benches between the Rhine and vineyards for the "hat concerts" where you pay what you can, meet old friends, and make new acquaintances. A colourful mix of pop and rock is played, and of course, Rheingau wine is served! Admission is free, but a generous donation for the artists is requested. Hats off to the hat concerts!

[broemserburg.de/events](https://broemserburg.de/events)

### Event highlights



24 April to 3 May 2026  
Rheingau  
Gourmet Weeks



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Rhine in Flames

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