



World Heritage Garden Route

Special places of
outstanding beauty



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www.gartenkultur-mittelrhein.de





The official rose of the Upper Middle Rhine Valley World Heritage Site

The Upper Middle Rhine Valley's very own rose with the enigmatic name “Zauber der Loreley” (“Magic of the Loreley”) is grown not only in the World Heritage gardens, but in towns and villages, on promenades and squares all over the valley. This new rose was created especially for the Upper Middle Rhine Valley by the breeder Klaus Zerwes in Boppard.

A multicolour rose with magical qualities and a fairytale character when in full bloom, the World Heritage rose exudes a strong, classical hybrid tea fragrance. A feast for the eyes in any garden – why not in yours?

» www.zauber-der-loreley.de

The World Heritage Garden Route

Every garden is different, but whether they are wild and natural, strictly symmetrical, kitchen or ornamental, parks or promenades - all the gardens on the World Heritage Garden Route have one thing in common: created by human effort, they reflect social change and reveal man's relationship with nature.

The joint management association of the Upper Middle Rhine Valley World Heritage Site has chosen some of these special places of outstanding beauty for its “World Heritage Garden Route”: 31 gardens within the Upper Middle Rhine Valley World Heritage Site invite visitors to relax and explore. Each garden has its own, very special flair. If you're interested in medicinal herbs, then the Hildegard-Forum at Bingen is the place for you! Or perhaps you have a passion for roses? If so, you'll love Braubach's rose gardens by the Rhine. For the romantically inclined, Rheinstein Castle is the perfect choice.

The World Heritage Garden Route will delight garden-lovers of all kinds. We hope you enjoy your fascinating visit to the Upper Middle Rhine Valley World Heritage Site.

Signs show you the entrance to each garden.



On the World Heritage Trail through the Upper Middle Rhine Valley

Set out on unexplored paths. Enjoy unexpected views and gain some deeper insights into the uniqueness of our landscape.



» www.gaestefuehrer-mittelrhein.de



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The Hafenpark is located right beside the Rhine at the southern entrance to the World Heritage Site on what was once an island in the river. These riverside gardens were once created as public pleasure gardens in the style of an English country park. When the Federal Horticultural Show was held in Koblenz, work started on modernising and remodelling several parts of the park and the project is still ongoing. The park contains a wide variety of different tree species and one of its particular attractions, a black poplar standing beside the

Rhine, is a designated natural monument. Another highlight is the avenue of plane trees which stretches for almost a kilometre. It ends - or begins, depending on your starting point - at the impressive ruins of the Hindenburg Bridge which was blown up in World War 2.

The park is divided into individual spaces, each with its own theme.

Info

Address

Kastanienallee,
Rüdesheim am Rhein

Size approx. 25,000 sqm

Opening Hours

unlimited

Guided Tours

no

Entrance Fees:

no

Information Material:

no

Where to Eat:

in the local area

Parking:

public car park
"Rheinhalle",
coach parking
"Auf der Lach"

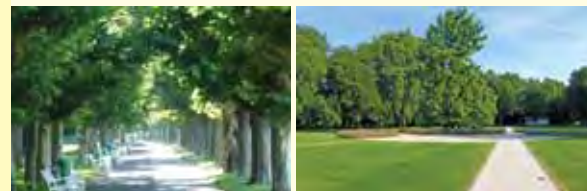
Bus:

Bus Lines 171, 180, 185,
187 (Rhein-Main Verkehrs-
verbund)

Rail:

Railway station Rüdesheim,
walking distance approx.
10 minutes

Nearby you will find a variety of recreational facilities as well as the riverside landing stages for the river boats and cruise vessels. The location of the Hafenpark by the bustling landing stages and the stunning views across the wide expanse of the Rhine all make for a very special atmosphere - we hope that after your visit you'll agree.





The Graf von Ostein's woodland park in the Niederwald ("cop-pice woodlands") is one of Germany's earliest country parks and marks the beginning of the era known as Rheinromantik or Rhine Romanticism. Begun in 1763/64 with the laying of the foundation stone for the Summer Residence, the park celebrates its 250th anniversary in 2014. Graf Ostein built small architectural features on the edge of the slope overlooking the Rhine. During the Romantic era especially, they served to characterise a particular type of landscape and were designed specifically to evoke different moods in the

observer. Thus an antique-style monopteros (round temple) adorns the gentle, almost arcadian landscape above Rüdesheim, whereas the craggy, dramatic scenery above the famous Binger Loch is enhanced by a grim ruin, the Rossel. From the knights' hall (Rittersaal) set high above the Rhine, the viewer's gaze is directed down into the narrow valley. Visitors must first pass through the dark, stone passageway of the Zaubertöhle (Enchanted Cave) before entering a round, light-filled building where they are rewarded with scenic views of Rhein-stein Castle.

Info

Address:

**Niederwalddenkmal,
Rüdesheim am Rhein**
Direction in Rüdesheim
signposted via L3034 road

Size: 226 ha

Opening Hours:
unlimited

Guided Tours: no

Entrance Fees: no

Information Material:
available

Where to Eat: on site

Parking:
parking at the Niederwald-
denkmal; parking charge

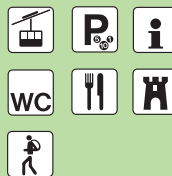
Accessibility:
cable car service from
Rüdesheim; chairlift from
Assmannshausen

Hiking Trails:
RheinSteig

In the 19th century, the Niederwald memorial depicting Germania was erected in the park.



www.schloesser-hessen.de; www.ruedesheim.de





The particular attraction of the riverside Hafenpark lies in its open, expansive terrace-style structure and its unparalleled views of the Rhine, the Germania memorial and the town of Rüdesheim. On sunny days visitors can study the sundial, stroll through the gardens of Bingen's twin towns or simply relax beside the water.

From 10th May to 5th October 2014 there will be a final chance to see the exhibition "Bingen Garden Perspectives by the Rhine" - 10 garden rooms reflecting the town's character and way of life.

Info

Address:

Hafenstraße, Bingen

Size: approx. 5 ha

Opening Hours: unlimited

Guided Tours: on request:
Tourist-Information, Phone:
06721 184-205/-206

Entrance Fees: no

Information Material:
available

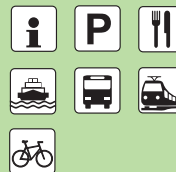
Where to Eat:
in the local area

Parking:
coach parking and public
car parks "Hafenstrasse"

Bus / Rail:

Lines 601, 604, 605, 607;
railway station
"Bingen Stadt", walking
distance approx. 2 mins.
or "Bingen Hauptbahnhof"
approx 20 mins.

Cycle Tracks:
Rhine Cycle Route



Kulturufer Bingen: the riverside park where you can enjoy leisure and the landscape.



www.bingen.de





The Sisters of the Cross built the Hildegard Forum to celebrate the 900th anniversary of the birth of St. Hildegard of Bingen. As a result, the public, too, can now enjoy an authentic medieval medicinal herb garden. There are only very few descriptions of such medieval gardens and information about them often comes from works of art, particularly tapestries. In the Hildegard medicinal herb garden on the Rochusberg you can see over 80 different medicinal plants and trees, the healing powers of which are described by Hildegard in her

work "Physica". According to Hildegard, medicinal plants not only heal, but they also reveal their creator and are given to humans for their salvation as an act of divine grace. The medicinal herb garden contains, with only a few exceptions, the non-toxic or mildly toxic plants of Central Europe and the Mediterranean region. Red bryony, the madonna lily, parsnip, costmary and aloe are only a few of the plants waiting to be discovered here.

Info

Address:

Rochusberg 1, Bingen

Size: approx. 1000 sqm

Opening Hours:

May - Oct.: daily 11 - 18;

Nov - Apr.: daily 11 - 18
except Mondays

Guided Tours:

on request:
Phone: 06721 18100-0 or
e-mail: betriebsleitung@
hildegard-forum.de,
Eur 3 p.p.

Entrance Fees: no

Information Material:
available

Parking:

on-street parking
"Rosengartenweg"

Bus / Rail:

City-Bus; Railway station
"Bingen Stadt" or "Bingen
Hauptbahnhof"

Hildegard Forum - Medicinal herb garden inspired by the teachings of Hildegard of Bingen.



www.hildegard-forum.de





The Hindenburg Gardens formed the central exhibition area of Bingen's State Garden Show held here in 2008. Intensively designed spaces were incorporated into the existing historical framework and a superb rose garden was added. This protected heritage park is a starting point for romantic boat trips on the Rhine as well as being a meeting place for wine-

lovers. Directly adjacent to the Museum am Strom is the "Hildegarten" inspired by Hildegard von Bingen's medical work "Physica". As well as herbs and plants, the healing properties of which were described by St. Hildegard, visitors can enjoy a fascinating water feature which is an allegorical representation of Hildegard's pure doctrine.

Info

Address:
Hindenburganlage,
Bingen

Size: approx. 5 ha

Opening Hours: unlimited

Guided Tours: on request:
Tourist-Information, Phone:
06721 184-205/-206

Entrance Fees: no

Information Material:
available

Parking:
on-street parking "Hindenburganlage" (car, coach))

Bus / Rail:
Lines 601, 604, 605, 607;
next railway station Bingen,
walking distance approx.
2 mins.

Cycle Tracks:
Rhine Cycle Route

Protected heritage park with a superb collection of trees right by the Rhine.



www.bingen.de





In the year 1825 Rheinstein Castle was the first of the Rhine castles to be restored in the spirit of 19th century Rhine Romanticism. This also influenced the Burgundy Garden which is still considered one of the jewels of medieval garden design. The garden got its name from the 'pinot' (German: Burgunder) vine that grows here and which still fruits heavily, despite its advanced age. This romantic garden is laid out in terrace form between high walls and open battlements. It owes much of its charm to the polyantha, floribunda and

shrub roses which grow along the walls and in the beds. This profusion of flowers is enriched by oleander, angel's trumpets and flowering shrubs. All year round, visitors can admire numerous rock plants which thrive in such warm, dry locations. Red yarrow, leadwort, lavender, mullein, lilies, stonecrop, lily-of-the-valley and michaelmas daisies are only a few of the plants that grow here. The large, rambling pipevine is quite rare nowadays.

Info

Address:

Trechttingshausen

Size: 500 sqm

Opening Hours:

15 March – 1 Nov.: daily
9:30 – 18:00;
2 Nov. – 14 March: closed;
Phone 06721 6348

Guided Tours:

self-guided tour, booklet

Entrance Fees:

adults Eur 5 , children Eur 3

Information Material:

available

Parking: on-street parking
on the B 9 road (car and
coach), short walk

Rail: Trechttingshausen,
walking distance approx.
25 mins.

Cycle Tracks and

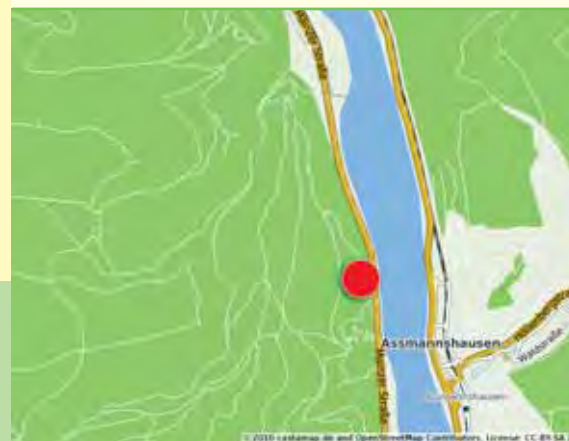
Hiking Trails:

Rhine Cycle Route;
RheinBurgenWeg

The Burgundy Garden - a jewel of medieval garden design.



www.burg-rheinstein.de





The castle nursery. High above the Rhine, in the direct vicinity of Heimburg Castle on the RheinBurgenweg hiking trail you'll find a truly idyllic corner of the world that was used as a garden right back in the Middle Ages.

In the 1920s the first outbuildings were erected in the neo-Gothic style with adjacent greenhouses. Today visitors will find an atrium with new structures which complement

the existing buildings, creating a harmonious ensemble.

The restored figures of the Niederheimbach 'fairy grove' have been given a new lease of life.

Amongst old trees, shrubs and fragrant herbs you can leave the stresses and strains of everyday life behind at numerous lovingly created spots with the 'feel-good' factor and spectacular views of the Rhine valley.

Info

Address:
Ernst-Heilmann-Straße,
Niederheimbach

Size: approx. 1900 sqm

Opening Hours:
by appointment:
Phone 06743 6236

Guided Tours: no

Entrance Fees: no,
donations for local projects
welcome

Information Material:
available for adjacent
"Kuhweg"

Where to Eat:
in Oberheimbach

Parking:
on-street parking for cars

Rail: railway station
Niederheimbach, walking
distance approx. 10 mins.

**Cycle Tracks and
Hiking Trails:** Rhine Cycle
Route; RheinBurgenWeg

The Burggärtnerei near Heimburg Castle offers spectacular views of the Rhine Valley.





This 800m² garden is located high above the Rhine in the village of Lorch-Ransel. The dominating features of the front garden, which was re-designed about four years ago, are the slate-filled gabion walls, grasses, sun-loving herbaceous perennials and flowering bulbs.

Behind the house you'll find a very different kind of garden. The planting is rich and varied. Winding pathways lead you through the different sections of the garden revealing something new at every turn.

Luxuriant herbaceous borders alternate with roses and grasses providing a riot of flowers from spring to autumn. The garden offers great variety with two ponds, trees, shrubs, peonies, hostas and day-lilies.

Its appearance is continually changing throughout the year. Birds, insects, frogs, toads and butterflies all feel just as at home here as we do. Whatever the time of year: this garden is a real oasis for all the senses.

Info

Address:

Auf der Schaufel 7,
Lorch-Ransel

Size: approx. 800 sqm

Opening Hours:

by appointment:
Phone 06726 812076

Guided Tours:

guided tours possible

Entrance Fees: no

Information Material:

see website

Where to Eat:

in the local area

Parking:

on-street parking,
no coach parking

Bus:

Line 191 from Rüdesheim

Stunning display of flowers in the private garden of the Feuerpfel family in Lorch-Ransel.



www.hausgarten-feuerpfel.de





In 2010 550 new Riesling vines were planted and a giant landscape logo covering almost 500m² makes the official emblem of the Upper Middle Rhine Valley World Heritage Site clear for all to see. Visitors are led through the World Heritage vineyard along zig-zag paths.

The so-called “Stickelbank” - a unique bench made of vineyard stakes or “Stickel” - is a very popular addition to the viewing terrace, offering tired Rheinstieg hikers a place to rest and enjoy the best views of the

Lorch vineyards and the Upper Middle Rhine Valley. The Stickelbank was awarded the Rheingau-Taunus-District architecture prize in 2013.

A new geological circular trail takes visitors on a 1.2km walk through the World Heritage vineyard and provides interesting information on the geology and viticulture of the Lower Rheingau.

Info

Address:

Lorch

(continuation of Römerberg)

Size: 1151 sqm

Opening Hours:
unlimited

Guided Tours: no

Entrance Fees: no

Information Material:
information panels

Where to Eat:
in the local area

Parking:
car and coach parking
by the Rhine

Bus / Rail:

Line 191 (from Rudesheim);
railway station in Lorch;
walking distance approx.
15 mins.

Hiking Trails:

Rheinstieg; geological trail

A viewing terrace in the midst of the vineyards offers a welcome rest for hikers.



www.loorch-rhein.de





Tucked away in a quiet, sunny side valley, this garden serves as an experimental field for artist pedi Mattheis. Topiary and wilderness, English flowerbeds and play area, permaculture and compost experiments: all combine to produce an unorthodox scene at the meeting point of art and nature. Plants such as Jacob's Ladder can now be found growing where school sports competitions were once held. Rambling sculptures and a secret garden have cast a spell over the site of an old junior school from the 1960s. The eco-art artist gives

nature as much space as possible; she practices extensive beekeeping, chemicals are completely banned and everything is organic. With no limits and no fences, this extensive site blends seamlessly with the surrounding countryside. The garden is surrounded by old vineyards which have now been cleared and offer the perfect setting for a leisurely stroll. If visitors are interested and the chemistry is 'right' the artist is not averse to extending the tour of the garden into the studio

Info

Address:

Im Potzweiler 21,
Oberdiebach

Size: 5000 sqm

Opening Hours:

by appointment only:
Phone 06743 937173 or
e-mail:
pedimatthies@t-online.de

Guided Tours:

guided tours only,
by the artist

Entrance Fees:

Adults: Eur 5 p.p.;
children: free.
(fee includes tour)

Information Material:

www.pediland.net
www.galerierheingold.de

Parking:

car parking in the yard

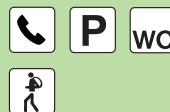
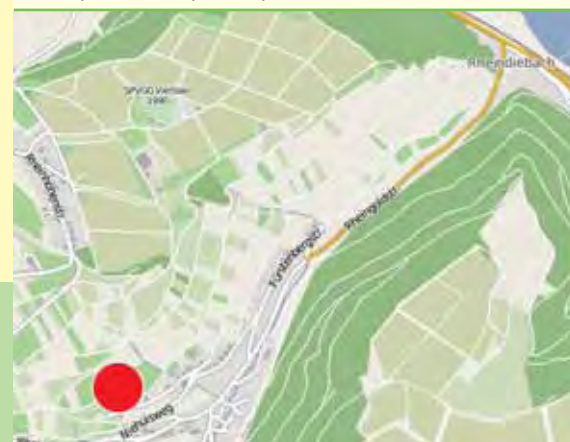
Hiking Trails:

RheinBurgenWeg

Garden art: an experimental field in which to play, learn and create.



The open-air workshop of artist pedi Mattheis





This private garden belongs to Oberdiebach's Old Rectory (Altes Pfarrhaus), a listed building dating from the year 1773. The house stands right on the Market Square and is connected to the Fürstenberg vineyard via the garden and an access to the parish steps. The garden has been created over the past 20 years by the respective owners of the property and can be divided into three garden rooms: the courtyard and terrace area with its late baroque cottage garden, the steep slope with old fruit trees, and the most recent

addition: the Mediterranean rose and lavender garden. In alternating areas of light and shadow, garden enthusiasts will find a wide range of different trees, shrubs, perennials and flowers - anything from an acacia to a cypress - all of which thrive here on the slopes of the Rhenish Slate Mountains.

Rose-lovers, in particular, and admirers of topiary, stonework and dry stone walling will find this garden the ideal place to take a break and find inspiration for new projects.

Info

Address:

Rheingoldstrasse 134,
Oberdiebach

Size: approx. 1000 sqm

Opening Hours:

by appointment
Tel. 06743 947790
or via email:
b.skakowski@t-online.de

Guided Tours:

guided visits available,
closed shoes should be
worn

Entrance Fees: no

Information Material:

no

Parking:

parking space in front
of the house

Hiking Trails:

RheinBurgenWeg,
directly adjacent

The garden of the Wietzel-Skakowski family offers wonderful views of the Church of St. Mauritius and the centre of Oberdiebach.



The garden of the Wietzel-Skakowski family





The garden is situated around the restored buildings of a disused slate quarry in a side valley of the Middle Rhine between Kaub and Weisel. It is split into two sections: a brick-paved courtyard with a pavilion, pergolas and a pot garden. This area is dominated by numerous handcrafted planters full of succulents, small shrubs and food plants.

On the steep hillside behind the house is the forest garden with its old trees. Access is along footpaths and terraced areas of slate paving.

It is a natural, shade garden planted with species - predominantly wild perennials - which are typical for the location. The natural conditions of the site with its rock formations, wet and dry zones give the garden its structure. The shaded pond, a honeysuckle pavilion, an old mine entrance, the fern forest, a mossy slope, the stone terrace and the cosy wooden deck behind the residential building form the focal points for numerous small themed gardens.

Info

Address:

Blücherstraße 69,
Kaub - ViktoriaStollen
Enter GPS:
56348 Weisel,
ViktoriaStollen

Size: approx. 1500 sqm

Opening Hours:

by appointment:
Phone: 06774 1452 or
email: info@keramix.de

Guided Tours: yes

Entrance Fees: no

Information Material:

www.keramix.de

Shopping:

studio gallery

Where to Eat:

in Kaub and Weisel

Rail:

next railway station in
Kaub, walking distance
approx. 45 mins.
(steep trail)

Sculptures and vessels from the owners' studio add creative accents to the wild romantic courtyard and garden areas and invite visitors to embark on a journey of discovery in a world where art meets nature.



Beate Thiesmeyer and Michael Sälzer - master ceramic artists





A tranquil oasis in the middle of town. This private walled garden is attractively situated inside the former Minorite monastery, not far from Oberwesel's medieval town wall. The site is divided into two sections. The front part facing the residential building was rebuilt several years ago as a roof garden on top of an underground garage. With its classical layout and plantings of roses, lavender, perennials and flowering shrubs, it is modelled on historical gardens. The rear section is dominated by the looming ruins of the monastery

church set amidst the park-like grounds. This part of the garden was remodelled in the 1980s to create an arboretum with rare and exotic trees and shrubs. Large modern sculptures provide an exciting contrast to the botanical elements in this historical setting.

The tour of the garden also includes entry to the interior of the church and sacristy of the Minorite monastery.

Info

Address:
Oberstr. 11,
Oberwesel

Size: approx. 2000 sqm

Opening Hours:
by appointment

Guided Tours:
can be booked at the
Kulturhaus Oberwesel.
Duration: 1h;
fees: Eur 80 per group
(max. 30)

Information Material: no

Where to Eat:
in the local area

Parking:
car and coach parking

Rail:
walking distance
approx. 15 mins.

**Cycle Tracks and
Hiking Trails:**
Rhine Cycle Route;
RheinBurgenWeg

The garden is attractively situated in the grounds of the former Minorite monastery.



www.kulturhaus-oberwesel.de





The rectory garden as you see it today is largely the work of pastor Berschens. In 1806 he laid out four rectangular spaces of equal size behind the rectory. Their paths crossed in the middle. This was often the case in monastery and cottage gardens in earlier times. People were convinced that evil spirits could not get into gardens with crossed paths. Pastor Berschens planted box hedges along the edges of the paths. It is not certain whether he was able to use the remains of an earlier Baroque garden, but the garden is definitely reminiscent of

a cloister. In the years 2008/09 the town wall near St. Martin's Church was restored by the Bauverein Historische Stadt Oberwesel.

Following this, the Catholic parish was able to remodel the heavily overgrown upper terrace of the rectory garden. The new design was based on that of the lower terrace and so here, too, the lawn was divided by paths which crossed in the middle and box hedging was added.

Info

Address:

Damscheider Weg,
Oberwesel

Size: approx. 3000 sqm

Opening Hours: unlimited

Guided Tours: no

Entrance Fees: no

Information Material:
available

Where to Eat:
in the local area

Parking:
on-street parking, additional
car and coach parking by
the Rhine, walking distance
approx. 15 mins.

Rail: next railway station
in Oberwesel, walking
distance approx. 20 mins

**Cycle Tracks and
Hiking Trails:**
Rhine Cycle Route;
RheinBurgenWeg

Roses and shrubs gave added colour and local winegrowers built vine espaliers. The rectory garden is part of a circular public footpath linking the town wall garden to the rectory garden. From here there are spectacular views of the Rhine Valley.

The lower terrace of the rectory garden was created in the style of a cloister in 1806.





The former collegiate church of Our Lady had spacious gardens. They once stretched from the Church of Our Lady to the Yellow Tower on the town wall. In earlier times large gardens were a necessity, for they had to provide vegetables, not only for the collegiate canons and vicars, but also for the patients in the hospital attached to the church, as well as for the many pilgrims and beggars who stayed at the hospice. All that remains is the small Vikariegarten. It is located in the former cloister which was built in 1425, probably by the same stone-

mason's lodge that built the Church of Our Lady. Of the original thirty bays only the first seven survived and these were all carefully restored.

A group of supporters of Our Lady's Church then joined forces to create a small garden in the former cloister. They hoped that in a small, enclosed garden in the shadow of Our Lady's Church, today's visitors would find the same atmosphere of peace and contemplation that the canons once enjoyed. Their hopes have been fulfilled.

Info

Address:
Kirchstraße/
Liebfrauenkirche,
Oberwesel

Size: approx. 500 sqm

Opening Hours: unlimited

Guided Tours: no

Entrance Fees: no

Information Material:
see website

Where to Eat:
in the local area

Parking: on-street parking,
additional car and coach
parking by the Rhine,
walking distance approx.
10 mins.

Rail:
Oberwesel Station, directly
opposite

**Cycle Tracks and
Hiking Trails:**
Rhine Cycle Route;
RheinBurgenWeg



Visitors can enjoy peace and contemplation in the Vikariegarten beside the former collegiate church.



www.oberwesel.de





Oberwesel's town wall on the Michelfeld was a vital factor in the town's defences, as Oberwesel was only vulnerable on its land side, and so the wall was raised in height several times. But for many years, the section of the town wall along the hillside did not receive the same attention from local residents and tourists as the wall along the Rhine did. It was an "insider tip" for a few connoisseurs. This changed when the Bauverein Historische Stadt Oberwesel e.V. started to gradually restore the western section of the town wall, and particularly when the

town created a garden at the foot of the wall. In the so-called Town Wall Garden visitors will find flowering shrubs, perennials, roses and a medicinal herb garden. The colourful mixed planting has created a public garden set against the spectacular backdrop of the historical, walkable town wall. Numerous seats invite visitors to stop and soak up the atmosphere. The garden area is barrier free. For those who are so-inclined, why not tackle the impressive flight of steps.

Info

Address:
Bußgasse,
Oberwesel

Size: --

Opening Hours: unlimited

Guided Tours: no

Entrance Fees: no

Information Material:
see website

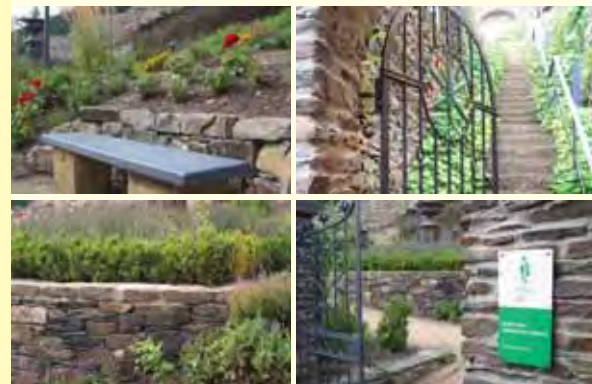
Where to Eat:
in the local area

Parking: on-street parking,
additional car and coach
parking by the Rhine,
walking distance approx.
10 mins.

Rail:
railway station in
Oberwesel

**Cycle Tracks and
Hiking Trails:**
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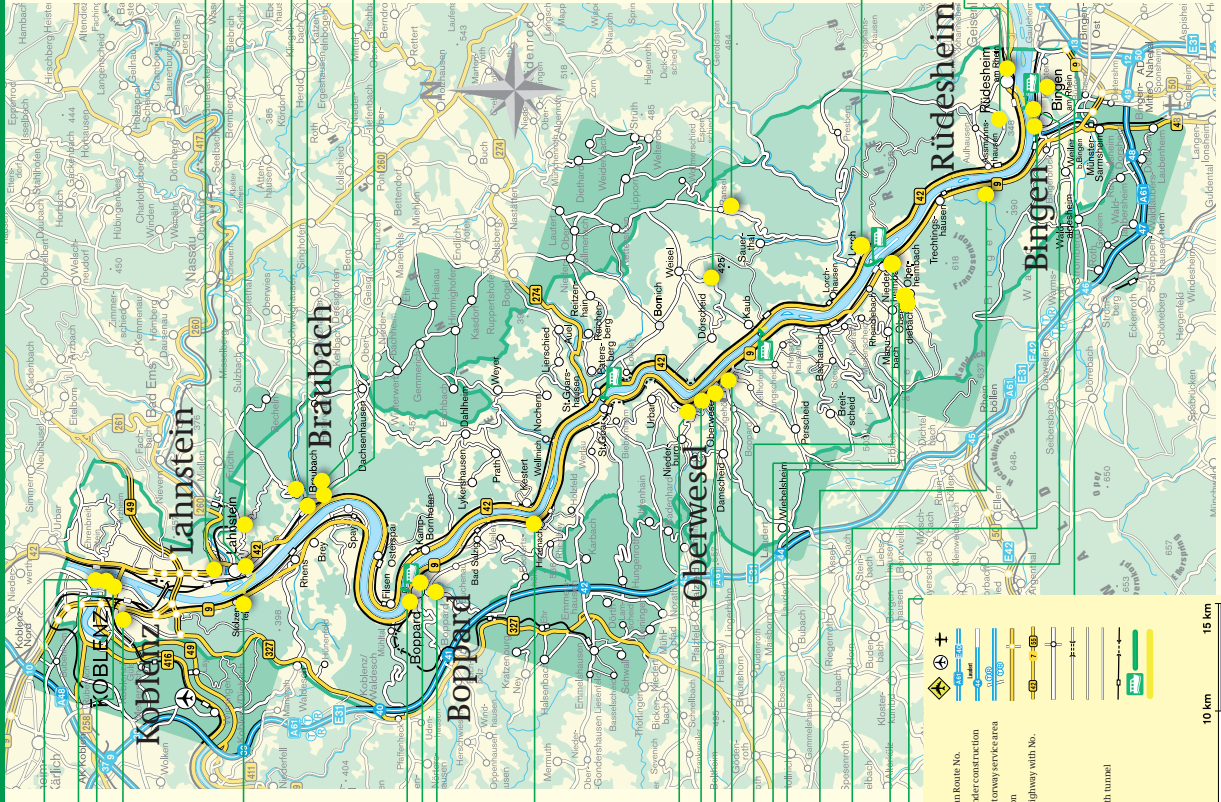
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The baroque priory garden is one of the few surviving 18th century gardens on the left bank of the Rhine in Rheinland-Pfalz. On the priory side the garden is bordered by the terraces where the church and priory building stand. At the end of the main path at the rear of the property is the handsome well-house with its large round-arched opening. Two flights of steps running in opposite directions lead up to the viewing terrace. A further flight of steps takes you up to the ground floor level of the priory.

The Friends' Association, established in the year 2000, has succeeded in returning the priory garden to its former glory.

The garden beds still have their original framework: a symmetrical network of intersecting paths edged with box hedges. Some of the beds are leased to local gardeners, whilst others have been planted with fruit trees. The main intersection is marked by a simple fountain.

Info

Address:
Rheinstraße,
Boppard-Hirzenach

Size: approx. 4200 sqm

Opening Hours:
by appointment: Phone
0160 91052324 or if
gardeners are present

Guided Tours:
Phone 0160 91052324 or
06761 9677552 (Elke End)

Entrance Fees: no

Information Material:
available

Where to Eat:
in the local area

Parking: on-street parking
(coach, car)

Rail: railway station in
Boppard-Hirzenach

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Vines grow on both the terraces: on the upper level a model vineyard has been planted containing over 10 different types of vine. A pavilion provides an inviting place to sit and contemplate.





The partnership gardens of the town of Boppard have a long tradition. They are attractive small themed gardens displaying individual associative links with Boppard's twin towns.

The countries represented here are Japan, England, France and Hungary. The gardens are located in the grounds of St. Martin's Monastery. Today, this is the headquarters of the Diaconate Foundation of Bethesda-St. Martin. The gardens form part of the foundation's horticultural enterprise known as the Rheinwerkstatt Boppard,

and the site is also the home of the Monastery Mustard Mill, which is also open to visitors. You can reach the Partnership Gardens from Boppard's main station - about a 15 minute walk through the town or along the riverside gardens - the pedestrian route is signposted.

Paid parking is available in the municipal car parks and there is limited parking at the monastery site.

Info

Address:

Mainzerstraße 8,
Boppard

Size: approx. 1000 sqm

Opening Hours:

unlimited; access also via
"Rheinuferweg"

Guided Tours:

on request:
Phone 06742 8747300

Entrance Fees: no

Information Material:
see website

Where to Eat:

in the local area

Parking:

some on-street parking
around the monastery,
public car parks

Rail: Boppard railway
station, walking distance
approx. 15 mins.

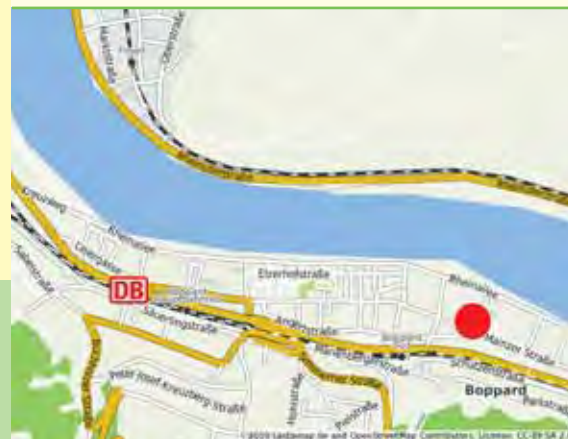
Cycle Tracks: directly
on the Rhine Cycle Route



Come and discover the beautiful partnership themed gardens of the Bethesda Foundation.



www.stiftung-bethesda.de





The park at Marienberg has existed since 1839. It has a rich collection of trees, which are almost perfectly preserved. Where the guests of the cold-water spa once strolled, you will now find a public park open to everyone. The original curative purpose of the hydro site explains the structure of the circular walks, the seats and the spring enclosures. The great diversity of tree species here makes the park almost an arboretum.

If trees have to be removed due to their age they are immediately replaced. Laid out in the

style of an English country park, the park is part of the Marienberg monastery complex.

This relatively narrow site covers almost 2 hectares and follows the topography of the ravine. The Orgelborn stream winds its way through the park. At the top it has been dammed to form a pond. Each year on the third Monday after Whitsun, the traditional Orgelborn fair is held here.

Info

Address:

Simmerner Straße,
Boppard

Size: approx. 20,000 sqm

Opening Hours:

unlimited, access also via
"Simmerner Strasse"

Guided Tours:

on request:

Phone 06742 3888

Entrance Fees:

no

Information Material:

available

Where to Eat:

in the local area

Parking:

car and coach
parking below the monas-
tery; no coach parking in
public car park
Marienbergerstrasse

Rail:

Boppard railway
station; walking distance
approx. 10 mins.

Hiking Trails:

RheinBurgenWeg

Well-maintained public gardens with old trees in the style of an English country park.



www.boppard-tourismus.de





Situated between the Rhine and the Old Town, these gardens with their 100-year-old trees are a delightful place to relax and enjoy the landscape. Once created as a promenade for local citizens and spa guests, the well-planned seasonable flower displays still delight today's visitors. Spa concerts take place here throughout the season from May to September

and the gardens also provide the setting for major culinary events such as "à la Région". Every day in the chess corner you'll find enthusiasts moving oversized chess pieces across a giant black and white board.

Wonderful flower displays on the banks of the Rhine offer an attractive setting for a wide variety of cultural events.

Info

Address:

Rheinallee,
Boppard

Size: approx. 5000 sqm

Opening Hours: unlimited

Guided Tours: no

Entrance Fees: no

Information Material:
see website

Where to Eat:
in the Old Town

Parking:
public car park Rheinallee
(coach and car parking)

Rail:

Boppard railway station,
walking distance approx.
15 mins.

Cycle Tracks and

Hiking Trails:
Rhine Cycle Route;
RheinBurgenWeg



www.boppard-tourismus.de





A typical cottage garden from this region. Ornamental and food plants, characteristic box edging, small corners to sit and relax: all set against the backdrop of a traditional country inn and the surrounding scenery. In addition the owners have been

selected as “World Heritage Hosts”. A place that invites the visitor to linger and take in the special atmosphere of the World Heritage valley.

Info

Address:

Brunnenstraße 4,
Braubach

Size: approx. 400 sqm

Opening Hours: all day

Guided Tours:

on request

Entrance Fees: no

Information Material:
available

Where to Eat: on site

Parking:

on-street parking and public
car parks by the Rhine,
coach parking on the B42

Bus / Rail:

Line 570;
Braubach railway station,
walking distance approx.
5 mins.

Cycle Tracks and

Hiking Trails:

Rhine Cycle Route;
directly on the RheinSteig

This family-run country inn at the foot of
Marksburg Castle invites you to relax and enjoy.



www.zum-weissen-schwanen.de





The Marksburg is the only medieval hill castle on the Middle Rhine which has never been destroyed. Its structures were erected between the 13th and the 18th centuries; the most important buildings date from the 15th century. The original site of the castle's medieval herb garden is not known. Today's garden was created in 1969 in the outer ward, which formed part of the castle's original defences. It was designed as a demonstration garden to give visitors an idea of what medieval gardens looked like. There are four sections showing 150 different

plants: witches' and magical plants, a 15th century pleasure garden, medicinal and spice plants used by Hildegard of Bingen and plants from Charlemagne's "Capitulaire de villis". 80 metres above the Rhine you'll find medicinal herbs and spices such as valerian, verbena and artichoke as well as plants like mandrake, hollyhock and rapunzel which you may only know from old herbals or recipe books. There are also some trees that are not very common in this part of the world: mulberry, medlar and peach all thrive here.

Info

Address:
Marksburg,
Braubach

Size: approx. 500 sqm

Opening Hours:
daily 10:00 – 17:00

Guided Tours:
access by guided tour only

Entrance Fees:
Eur 6 / reductions for
students, schools, families
and groups

Information Material:
available

Where to Eat: on site

Parking: coach and car
parking at the castle

Rail: railway station
Braubach, walking distance
approx. 20 mins.; not
suitable for visitors with
limited mobility (taxi)

Hiking Trails:
RheinSteig

150 herbs from the age of the medieval castle
kitchen in a unique setting!



www.marksburg.de





One of the Jewels of the World Heritage Site!

In 2009 the garden of Philippsburg Castle was rebuilt on its original site using the original plans. It is one of the oldest castle gardens in Rheinland-Pfalz. Philippsburg Castle was built between 1568 and 1571 beside the Rhine at the southern end of the town. Today it houses - among other things - the European Castles Institute - part of the German Castles Association (Deutsche Burgenvereinigung e.V.). The garden is laid out in six square beds as was customary in the Renais-

sance era. Between the beds are pathways with two fountains in the middle. Narrow decorative paths of white gravel divide the box-edged beds in which different flowers bloom, according to the season. The two types of bed each consist of four parts with identical planting (herbs, culinary and decorative plants) reminiscent of medieval kitchen gardens.

This includes santolina, irises, Roman chamomile, wild marjoram and aquilegia as well as grass pinks, common rue, garden sage, madonna lilies and bloody cranesbill.

Info

Address:

Schloss-Straße 5,
Braubach

Size: approx. 500 sqm

Opening Hours: unlimited

Guided Tours: no

Entrance Fees: no

Information Material:
information panels

Where to Eat:
in the local area

Parking:

designated car and coach parking at the nearby rose gardens (on the B9 road)

Bus / Rail:

Line 570; Braubach railway station, walking distance approx. 10 mins.

Cycle Tracks and

Hiking Trails:

Rhine Cycle Route
(directly adjacent);
RheinSteig (access)

Seats in the wall alcoves invite visitors to pause and reflect.



www.braubach.de





Braubach owes its epithet “Rose Town” to Johann Dennert (1863 to 1932). As a ticket vendor for the “White Fleet” (the pleasure steamers on the Rhine) he had enough spare time to create rose beds and plant rose bushes on the overgrown riverside-promenade. Today the site boasts spacious gardens with numerous rose beds. Amongst all the roses you’ll also find the World Heritage rose “Zauber der Loreley” (“Magic of the Loreley”). The extensive Rhine-side park with its magnificent profusion of flowers is the perfect place to take a stroll or rest

in the shade of the trees while you watch the boats go by. But it’s not only the roses that make Braubach worth visiting. Watched over by the imposing Marksburg which towers high above the town, narrow alleyways wind their way through the historical old quarter with its nooks and crannies and half-timbered houses. The home town of Kammer-sänger Heinrich Schlusnus offers a wonderful mixture of fine hospitality, entertainment, culture and a wide range of leisure activities.

Info

Address:
Rheinanlage,
Braubach

Size: approx. 5000 sqm

Opening Hours: unlimited

Guided Tours: no

Entrance Fees: no

Information Material:
see website

Where to Eat:
in the local area

Parking:
designated public car park
and coach parking at the
garden

Bus/ Rail:
Line 570; Braubach railway
station, walking distance
approx. 5 mins.

Boat:
tickets and landing stages

Cycle Tracks:
Rhine Cycle Route

You’ll find the World Heritage Rose growing here in the rose gardens on the banks of the Rhine.



www.braubach.de





The flagship of Rhine Romanticism: from 1836 onwards the castle of Friedrich Wilhelm IV was rebuilt as a summer residence to the plans of Schinkel. In art-historical terms the castle and its park are amongst the most remarkable artistic achievements of the Rheinromantik era. Apart from the park at Hohenzollern Castle near Hechingen (also by Peter Joseph Lenné), the country park at Stolzenfels Castle is the only surviving example of a romantic mountain park on a steep hillside. The castle's pergola garden, designed by the archi-

tect Stüler and probably planned according to the ideas of Lenné, is one of the most romantic and attractive Biedermeier gardens of this type. Its strict geometrical layout around a central octagonal fountain is in keeping with the Italian renaissance style. The terraces surrounding the castle were also planted with lush flowering plants and shrubs conjuring up a mediterranean atmosphere.

Info

Address:
Koblenz, Stolzenfels

Size: country park approx.
9 ha, pergola garden
approx. 500 sqm

Opening Hours:
Apr. - Sept.: 9:00 - 18:00;
Closed 1st Working day in
the week and Dec.; opening
hours in other months: see
website, the park is open to
the public free of charge

Guided Tours:
guided tour of the castle
(entrance fee) includes
entrance to the gardens.

Entrance Fees: on request

Information Material:
available at the ticket office

Parking: coach and car
parking on parking deck;
walking distance approx.
15 mins.

Cycle Tracks:
Rhine Cycle Route

In recent years the park, castle and gardens have been restored and opened up using - as far as possible - the original plans, and are well worth an extended visit.



www.schloss-stolzenfels.de





“People become ill because they eat the wrong food. People become ill because they have the wrong lifestyle.”
M. O. Bruker.

Millions of people know the dedicated doctor and nutrition pioneer Dr. Max Otto Bruker (1909 - 2001), particularly through his 30 or so books on the origin of disease, which are still very popular. Well-being for body and soul - for the garden enthusiast Bruker this included a responsible relationship with our natural environment and an appreciation of

the laws of creation. M.O. Bruker: “The frequency of illness in the population is an indicator of how far people have moved away from the laws of creation and from nature itself.” This beautifully designed garden is full of surprises: simply follow the circular footpath through the flowering meadows. The top part of the garden with the interactive sundial is bright and colourful with herbs, teas and homeopathic plants. In the shady woodland section you'll find wild ferns, native forest plants and a bog garden.

Info

Address:

**Dr.-Max-Otto-Bruker-
Straße 3, Lahnstein**

Size: approx. 2000 sqm

Opening Hours: unlimited

Guided Tours:

by appointment,
Phone 02621 - 917010

Entrance Fees: no

Information Material:

see website

Where to Eat:

in the local area and on site
upon request

Parking:

on-street parking;
no coach parking

Bus / Rail:

Line 571; next railway
station in Oberlahnstein;
walking distance approx.
45 mins.

Hiking Trails:

RheinSteig



The quiet room, the Kneipp area with its large stone recliners and numerous rest areas offer the perfect setting for a creative break.

The top part of the garden up as far as the quiet room and the Kneipp area is also easily accessible for accompanied wheelchair users.



www.ggb-lahnstein.de





This town house garden is located within a block that was created in about 1900 as part of the town's expansion scheme. The block of land is bounded on all four sides by roads and their corresponding houses. Fortunately, the interior has never been built on and it constitutes the largest green space in Oberlahnstein's town centre. The plots belonging to the fine brick facades in the Wilhelmstrasse are the same width as the respective houses and meet in the middle with the gardens of the Ostallee. The garden of the Scholl family at 37 Wilhelm-

strasse covers roughly 900m² and a small section of it is still put to its original use: vegetable beds, berry bushes and fruit trees are to be found in the rear section of the garden. But the main emphasis today is on the different garden "rooms" with perennial plants, roses and flowering shrubs. The garden has been laid out and gradually developed over the past 18 years by its owners who have made gardening their hobby. The roses which bloom in May and June are a special feature.

Info

Address:

Wilhelmstraße 37,
Lahnstein

Size: 900 sqm

Opening Hours:

Apr. – Oct.: last Sunday of
each month 14:00 – 18:00

Guided Tours:

by appointment,
Phone 02621 40868

Entrance Fees: keine

Information Material: no

Where to Eat:

in the local area

Parking:

on-street parking, no coach
parking

Bus / Rail:

Lines 543, 570, 571, 574,
576, Bus stop
"Westallee/Ev.Kirche";
next railway station Ober-
lahnstein, walking distance
approx. 15 mins.



They consist mainly of historic species and English roses. A wide variety of clematis species is another attraction. The mixed borders with their low box edging are a common design element throughout the garden. These beds are planted with a broad mix of perennials and flowering bulbs to produce a continuous succession of flowers from spring right through to autumn.





This is a show and demonstration garden showcasing contemporary, modern design options for private gardens. Enhanced by sculptures, the gar-

den offers visitors a sensory, cultural experience. Diverse themes are addressed in a very compact space.

Info

Address:

Johann-Baptist-Ludwig-Straße 4, Lahnstein

Size: approx. 400 sqm

Opening Hours:

Mo.-Fr. 9:00 – 18:00, Sat. 8:00 – 14:00, Sun.: closed; closed each year during the first two weeks of school vacation in Rhl.-Pfalz

Guided Tours: on request, Phone: 02621 7832

Entrance Fees: no

Information Material: see website

Where to Eat:

in the local area

Parking: on-street parking

Bus / Rail: Lines 543, 570, 576, bus stop "Marktstraße"; lines 571, 572, 574 bus stop "Kirchplatz"; railway station, walking distance approx. 15 mins.



Fantastic show of flowers and attractive garden architecture in the urban garden of the Degen company.



www.garten-von-degen.de





These public gardens stretch along the river for over 2km from the 'swan pond' to the Electoral Palace. Starting in 1855, the woman who was later to become Empress Augusta created a park which was richly adorned with pavilions, sculptures, fountains and terraces. Her ideas were implemented by the Prussian landscape architect Peter Joseph Lenné. The park was intended for the local population as a place for meeting, recreation and education. It was also hoped it would promote social harmony and loyalty to the Prussian royal dynasty. During

the course of its 200 year history the appearance of the so-called 'Rheinanlagen' has undergone dramatic changes. However different the tastes and fashions of the day, the underlying design principle has always been the dramatic presentation of the landscape. And this, too, was the leitmotiv when work started on the restoration of the Rheinanlagen for the 2011 Federal Horticultural Show. The spacious riverside steps in front of the Electoral Palace are a striking example of how the landscape can be staged and offer a spectacular Rhine panorama.

Info

Address:
Kaiserin-Augusta-Anlagen, Koblenz

Size: approx. 10 ha

Opening Hours: unlimited

Guided Tours:
yes, for more information:
www.koblenz-touristik.de

Entrance Fees: no

Information Material:
see website

Where to Eat:
in the local area

Parking:
public car park "Weindorf"

Bus:
Lines 6, 8, 9, bus stop
"Rhein-Mosel-Halle"

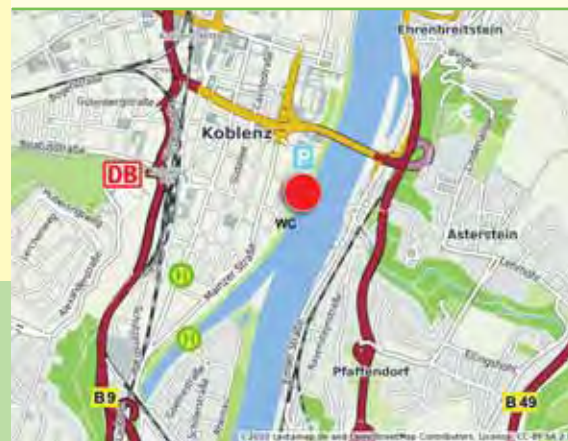
Cycle Tracks:
Rhine Cycle Route



The park on the banks of the Rhine is a recreational paradise and cultural experience rolled into one.



www.koblenzer-gartenkultur.de





The Palace Park links the Koblenz inner city with the Rhine through the open palace and down the palace steps to the Rhine promenade. Since the Federal Horticultural Show in 2011, the palace forecourt has regained its former splendour with extensive lawns, carefully tended beds of roses and perennials, a giant picnic table - the "Lange Tafel" - and a large expanse of water. The park is also a hive of activity with a children's play area (the "Empress Augusta's Jewelry Box") and the popular skate plaza. With its sunken gardens,

the palace gardens present a modern interpretation of Prussian landscape architecture. The striking water feature "Father Rhine and Mother Moselle" and the pergola walks are framed with luxurious planting. Surrounding the reading lounge in the quieter area of the palace gardens, visitors can find shady places to sit and read. Today, the Electoral Palace is also an exclusive venue and is home to the palace catering service. The Empress Augusta public gardens start just outside the palace walls.

Info

Address:
Kurfürstliches Schloss,
Koblenz

Size: approx. 6 ha

Opening Hours:
May - Aug.: 8:00 - 21:30;
Sept - April: 8:00 - 20:30

Guided Tours: yes,
for more information: www.koblenzer-gartenkultur.de

Entrance Fees: no

Information Material:
see website

Where to Eat:
in the local area

Parking:
underground car park
(Schloss) and public car
parks in the area

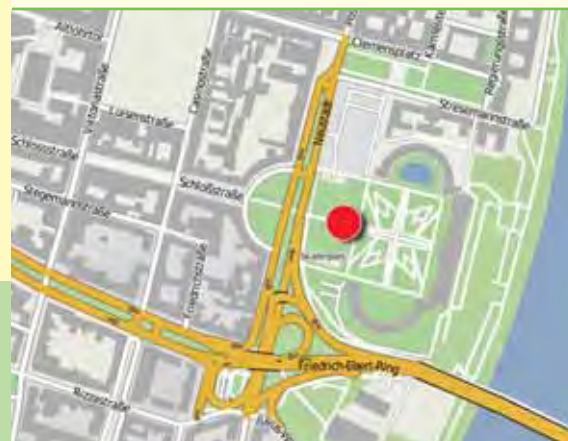
Bus: Lines 1, 8, 9, 10,
bus stop "Stadttheater",

Cycle Tracks:
Rhine Cycle Route
(directly adjacent)

The palace gardens: a reconstructed interpretation of Prussian landscape architecture.



www.koblenzer-gartenkultur.de; www.koblenz.de





The Blumenhof garden is not far from the important historical location where Rhine and Moselle meet. It surrounds the St. Castor basilica and is divided into three sections, each of which was redesigned for the Federal Horticultural Show in 2011: in the courtyard of the Deutschherrenhaus/Ludwig Museum with the former chapel is the “sculpture garden” where art and sculpture are presented in context with the museum. The “flower garden” between the Ludwig Museum and St. Castor’s, exudes pure joie de vivre with

its two fountain arrays and colourful planted beds. The southern courtyard of St. Castor’s basilica is the quietest area in the Blumenhof ensemble and explores the theme of the “hortus conclusus” (lat. ‘closed garden’). The “Paradise Garden” is a tranquil space symbolising the Blessed Virgin Mary. Enclosed by hedges, the area is designed around a pool representing purity. The plants here are all associated with the Virgin Mary.

Info

Address:
Blumenhof,
Koblenz

Size: approx. 7200 sqm

Opening Hours:
May - Aug.: 8:00 – 21:30;
Sept. - April: 8:00 – 20.30

Guided Tours: yes,
for more information: www.koblenzer-gartenkultur.de

Entrance Fees: no

Information Material:
see website

Where to Eat:
in the local area

Parking:
public car parks by the
River Moselle

Bus: Line 1,
bus stop “Deutsches Eck”

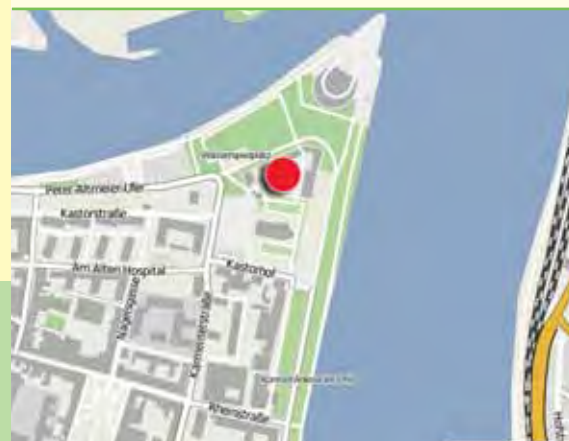
Cycle Tracks:
Rhine Cycle Route
(directly adjacent)



Wonderful flower displays in themed gardens surrounding the St. Castor basilica.



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The Hauptfriedhof is the largest cemetery in the city of Koblenz and was consecrated in 1820. Its old trees give it a forest-like character and at the same time the appearance of a country park. It covers 36ha stretching from the Beatusstrasse in the Goldgrube district to Hüberlingsweg on the Karthause. The site rises steeply towards the south and is laid out in terraces. Last year the old avenue of plane trees in the historical part of the cemetery was extensively restored. At the end of the avenue are the large cemetery cross and the chapel of mourning with its hexagonal

floor plan, built in 1822 to the plans of J. C. von Lassaulx. In the historical part of the cemetery lie the graves of numerous prominent figures such as Peter Altmeier, Minister-President of Rheinland-Pfalz; Karl Baedeker the publisher; the poet Max von Schenkendorf and the historian Christian von Stramberg, author of the "Rheinischer Antiquarius", to name but a few. In the 1980s a tree trail was added.

Info

Address:

Hauptfriedhof Koblenz
Beatusstraße 37

Size: approx. 36 ha

Opening Hours:

Mon. - Fri.: Apr. - Sept.
7:30 - 19:30; Oct. - March
8:00 - 17:30 pm; Sat.,
Sun., public holidays:
9:00 - 11.30

Guided Tours:

Manfred Böckling, Phone:
0170 3462382 (fee)

Entrance Fees: no

Information Material:

see website

Where to Eat:

in the local area

Parking: on-street parking

Bus /Rail:

Bus lines 2, 3, 12, 621;
Koblenz main station
walking distance approx.
10 mins.



This arboretum now contains over 500 different tree and shrub species.



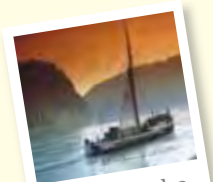
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