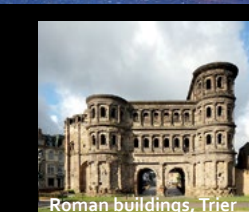
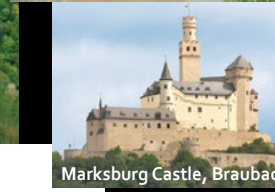
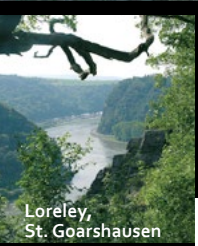


# Tips for excursions to the „masterpieces“ between the Rhine and the Moselle



Discover 15 exceptional destinations!

Take an exciting trip and encounter witnesses to 2000 years of history nestled in one of the oldest cultural landscapes in Germany.

The 15 masterpieces between the Rhine and the Moselle are rich in variety, completely individual and offer every visitor interesting discoveries and unforgettable experiences.

Cultural highlights are interspersed along the trip through magnificent landscapes of the Rhine and the Moselle, framed by the Westerwald, Hunsrück and Eifel mountain ranges.

### Variety is the key to experiencing the destination!

Go back in time and immerse yourself in the Roman era, the days of chivalry and the Romantic period and explore their masterly constructions: imposing town gates and amphitheatres, sturdy fortresses and fairy-tale palaces. In this region you will find unique treasures that are designated UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Discover the places where famous fairy tales are said to have played out and enjoy unforgettable views of the Rhine Valley. At the Deutsches Eck, Koblenz blossoms even after the National Garden Show is all over and its historic buildings blend with the glorious floral displays in the gardens. Be inspired by renowned works of art and soothed by the peace of a noble monastery or feel the beat of a butterfly's wings in a magical tropical world. A bunker brings the political events of the Cold War to life and rare natural phenomena demonstrate an explosive world of volcanoes and geysers. And last but not least, an exciting hands-on experience sends you on a special journey back to Roman times.



A unique combination of typical 19th century station architecture with a light and airy new design by star architect Richard Meier (opened in 2007); exhibitions of modern and contemporary art and of masterpieces by a range of artists, from Cranach to Monet, loaned from the Rau Collection for UNICEF; culture from three sides: visual arts, classical music and literature; and a modern art collection with works by Hans Arp and Sophie Taeuber-Arp, one of the most significant artist couples of the 20th century.

### This masterpiece offers:

- First-rate food and drink in the museum restaurant located in the ceremonial hall of the historic station building and outside on the terrace overlooking the Rhine to the Siebengebirge hills
- A bar designed as a piece of art by Anton Henning (Interior no. 253, 2004)
- Museum shop with art publications, jewellery by Sophie Taeuber-Arp, exclusive Arp wine and much more.

### Opening hours:

- Throughout the year:
  - Tuesday to Sunday and public holidays 11 am to 6 pm
  - Closed on 24/12 and 31/12
- Food and drink outlets: Tuesday to Sunday, 11 am to midnight
- Reservations for private parties or corporate events: Tel. +49 (0)2228 - 911111





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In 2008, the former government bunker in the Ahrtal with its unique testimony to the Cold War opened its nuclear-bombproof doors to the public as a museum. Part of the site, which was just under 18 km in size, has remained intact. Visitors can take a 90-minute guided tour through the bunker and gain an impression of an underground world which used to be top secret. The Government Bunker is the most secret construction in the entire history of the Federal Republic of Germany. Its blueprints date back to 1950 and Chancellor Konrad Adenauer had a say in its design.

### This masterpiece offers:

- Refreshments (Weds, Sat, Sun – peak season)

### Opening hours:

- For **groups** throughout the year, except Mondays. Pre-book with Ahrtal Tourism Office (+49 (0)2641 - 917175) from 10 am to 5 pm
- For **individuals** from Easter to mid-November, every Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday and on public holidays (in Rhineland-Palatinate) from 10 am to 6 pm; last entry at 4:30 pm

Government Bunker  
Am Silberberg 0 • 53474 Bad Neuenahr-Ahrweiler  
Tel. +49 (0)2641 - 9117053  
regierungsbunker@alt-ahrweiler.de  
[www.dokumentationsstaette-regierungsbunker.eu](http://www.dokumentationsstaette-regierungsbunker.eu)



03

An attractive destination for the whole family offering an experience for all the senses, where visitors are led around interactive exhibits showcasing life at the frontiers of the Roman Empire. Visitors are encouraged to really get to grips and interact with the exhibitions and the outdoor area. The museum organises a whole host of events throughout the year to complement visits. You can also book entertaining tours or exciting workshops. School classes, groups, company outings, groups of children and families are all warmly welcome.

### This masterpiece offers:

- Information centre about the Frontier in Rhineland-Palatinate
- Adventure museum with interactive exhibitions and outdoor area
- Accessibility verified by Reisen für Alle
- Tours and workshops can be booked
- Bus arrangements
- Coffee, cake, soft drinks, ice cream

### Opening hours:

- Peak season: March to November
- Tuesdays to Fridays 10 am to 5 pm
- Saturday/Sunday/public holidays 10 am to 6 pm

We are happy to open for school classes and groups during the winter holidays.

The World of the Romans at the Frontier  
Arienheller 1 • 56598 Rheinbrohl  
Tel. +49 (0)2635 - 921866  
info@roemer-welt.de  
[www.roemer-welt.de](http://www.roemer-welt.de)



04

One of the highest cold-water geysers in the world and an exciting natural spectacle: the Andernach Geysir is an impressive sight as it shoots a water fountain from the ground up to 60 m in the air. The geyser is powered by the carbon dioxide surrounding the magmatic rock of the relatively new volcanic region. In the Geysir Centre, the journey begins in the Earth's interior. Interactive exhibits and media installations teach visitors everything they need to know about the natural phenomenon. They can then go on a boat trip along the Rhine to the Nemedyer Werth nature reserve where the geyser erupts.

### This masterpiece offers:

- Interactive exhibition in the Geysir Centre and a boat trip to see the geyser erupt
- Tours and workshops can be booked
- Group arrangements
- Shop with souvenirs, gifts and regional products
- Tourist information in the Geysir Centre
- Coffee bar

### Opening hours:

- Peak season: end of March to 31 October, 9 am to 5:30 pm

Geysir.info gGmbH  
Konrad-Adenauer-Allee 40 • 56626 Andernach  
Tel. +49 (0)2632 - 958008-0  
info@geysir-andernach.de  
[www.geysir-andernach.de](http://www.geysir-andernach.de)

## Engers Castle



Engers Castle lies directly on the banks of the Rhine in Neuwied-Engers. It is a late-Baroque gem which has remained untouched by time. Over the last 15 years it has blossomed into new life thanks to the Villa Musica Rhineland Palatinate Foundation which has turned Engers Castle into a musical centre for the whole of the Rhineland-Palatinate region.

However, the Castle offers a great deal more:

- A museum and exhibition building
- a registry office for the town of Neuwied in an outstandingly beautiful location
- a perfect venue for weddings, uniquely wonderful celebrations and conferences

### This masterpiece offers:

- 3-star (Engers Castle, Engers Castle Guest House) and 4-star (Residenz Schloss Engers\*\*\*\*) hotel accommodation
- Restaurant with a wonderful terrace overlooking the Rhine
- Department for cultural events offering a varied cultural itinerary

### Opening hours:

- Reception: daily 7:30 am - 10:30 pm
- Castle Museum with Diana Room: open to visitors on Sundays and public holidays from 11 am to 5 pm.
- Guided tours with booking in advance.
- Restaurant: Monday to Friday from 6 pm, Saturdays from 3 pm (winter season from October to May from 6 pm); Sundays and public holidays: from 12 pm

Schloss Engers Betriebs-GmbH  
Alte Schlossstraße 2 • 56566 Neuwied Engers  
Tel. +49 (0)2622 - 9264295  
rezeption@schloss-engers.de  
[www.schloss-engers.de](http://www.schloss-engers.de)

## Sayn Culture Park



A visit to Sayn Culture Park promises to be a varied day out as the park is home to apparent contradictions: the neo-Gothic royal residence and the formidable fortress, the Romantic wedding chapel and the iron-built foundry, the Roman watchtower and the adventurous high-ropes course, the idyllic palace park and the Romanesque abbey, the historic mill, the foundry museum and, last but not least, Countess Gabriela of Sayn-Wittgenstein's famous butterfly garden, where dainty butterflies from far-off countries fly around a magical tropical world and flutter from flower to flower.

### Sayn Culture Park includes:

Sayn Palace • Butterfly Garden at Sayn Palace • Museum of Ornamental Casting on the Rhine • Sayn Foundry • Sayn high-ropes course • Sayn Castle • Royal Palace Park • Sayn Abbey • Hein's Mill • Roman watch tower and frontie

### Opening hours - Palace and Butterfly Garden:

- The butterfly garden is open every day from the beginning of March to the first Sunday in Advent.  
From 9 am to 6 pm until the end of September;  
from 10 am to 5 pm in October;  
from 10 am to 4 pm in November.
- Sayn Palace and the Museum of Ornamental Casting on the Rhine are open from 11 am to 4 pm in November

Please contact the Tourist Information Office at Sayn Palace for information about concessions, guided tours, special offers, prices and opening hours, tel.: +49 (0)2622 - 902913

Sayn Culture Park / Sayn Palace Butterfly Garden  
Im Fürstlichen Schlosspark • 56170 Bendorf-Sayn  
Tel. +49 (0)2622 - 15478 • fax +49 (0)2622 - 15479  
info@kulturpark-sayn.de | schmetterlinge@sayn.de  
[www.kulturpark-sayn.de](http://www.kulturpark-sayn.de)

## Maria Laach Benedictine Abbey



Count Heinrich II of Laach founded the monastery on the lake in 1093. In 1156, Archbishop Hillin of Trier consecrated the church, which is considered an extremely important example of Romanesque architecture. The abbey is still home to around 40 monks who live their lives in accordance with the traditional rule of St. Benedict: "ora et labora" - pray and work. There is more to see than just the abbey church: the commercial enterprises are also worth a look and include a large plant nursery, a book and art shop, a hotel and trade and agricultural businesses.

### This masterpiece offers:

The abbey church, the monastery's commercial enterprises and above all the Laach Lake make Maria Laach a haven of rest and relaxation. The shallows by the banks are thickly populated with reeds and water lilies and provide a paradise for rare waterfowl. The best way to enjoy these idyllic surroundings is to take a boat on the lake or go for a walk around it (it is also known as the "blue eye of the Eifel"). There are various places where visitors to Maria Laach can stop for refreshments. A 20-minute film plays in several languages in the monastery forum (opposite the book and art shop) and offers insight into monastery life. During opening hours, an employee or a monk from the Abbey is available to answer visitors' questions.

### Öffnungszeiten:

Ganzjährig, aktuelle Öffnungszeiten siehe [www.maria-laach.de](http://www.maria-laach.de)

Benediktinerabtei Maria Laach  
Am Laacher See • 56653 Maria Laach  
Tel. 02652 - 59350  
klosterforum@maria-laach.de  
[www.maria-laach.de](http://www.maria-laach.de)



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13,000 years ago, the violent eruption of the Laach Lake Volcano created one of the most fascinating landscapes in Germany. The Volcanic Park in the eastern Eifel takes visitors back to the explosive world of the Eifel volcanoes, the story of the creation of this hot landscape and the lives of the people who have lived close to the volcanic rock for 7,000 years. Experience 600,000 years of human and earth history and visit more than 20 unique locations showcasing volcanic activity in the Eifel within the Volcanic Park.

#### This masterpiece offers:

The Volcanic Park in Mayen-Koblenz has 6 modern museums offering information and a hands-on experience as well as 19 cultural heritage sites, natural landmarks and sites of natural beauty such as extinct volcanic cones and former mining areas, numerous hiking trails and the cycle path in the Volcanic Park.

- Volcanic Park information centre in Plaidt/Saffig
- Lava Dome and Lava Cellar in Mendig
- Andernach Geysir
- Meurin Roman mine in Kretz
- Terra Vulcania in Mayen
- Museum of the Pumice Stone Industry in Kaltenengers
- Cultural heritage sites and sites of natural beauty
- Large programme of events

#### Opening hours:

15 March – 1 November: Tuesday to Sunday 9 am to 5 pm; closed on Mondays (except for public holidays in Rhineland-Palatinate/North Rhine-Westphalia)  
November – March: Tuesday to Sunday 11 am to 4 pm

Volcanic Park information centre  
Rauschermühle 6 • 56637 Plaidt/Saffig  
Tel. +49 (0)2632 - 98750  
info@vulkanpark.com  
[www.vulkanpark.com](http://www.vulkanpark.com)



09

Not only is Koblenz one of the oldest cities in Germany and the only city on the Rhine and the Moselle, it is also home to a diverse range of attractions: The Deutsches Eck with its memorial to Kaiser Wilhelm; the Electoral Palace; and the Ehrenbreitstein Fortress, which looks down on Koblenz from its throne atop a mountain; miles of promenades along the banks of the rivers; the Wine Village; or the Forum Confluentes are just some of the highlights that make Koblenz so unique. The spectacular cable car ride from Deutsches Eck up to one of the largest fortified castles in Europe is an unforgettable experience.

#### This masterpiece offers:

Enthralling – and in some cases dramatised – guided tours of the city, countless exhibitions and museums, a youth hostel in the castle, large shopping malls, a wine-growing town on five certified hiking trails and river boat trips on the Rhine and the Moselle

#### ROMANTICUM, the interactive exhibition experience

Learn about the myths of the Rhine the fun way. The Romanticum features more than 70 interactive stations offering visitors entertainment and exciting information on the Upper Middle Rhine Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Jump on board and immerse yourself in the history of the Rhine!  
Open 360 days a year: daily from 10 am to 6 pm  
[www.romanticum.de](http://www.romanticum.de)

#### Ehrenbreitstein Fortress opening hours

April – October: daily from 10 am to 6 pm  
November – March: daily from 10 am to 5 pm

#### Deutsches Eck – Ehrenbreitstein Fortress cable car operating hours

In peak season: daily from 9:30 am to 7 pm  
In off-peak season: Saturdays, Sundays, public holidays from 9:30

Tourist Information Koblenz  
im Forum Confluentes, Zentralplatz 1 • 56068 Koblenz  
Tel. +49 (0)261 - 19433  
info@koblenz-touristik.de  
[www.koblenz-touristik.de](http://www.koblenz-touristik.de)



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Pure romance! Stolzenfels Castle, in the Upper Middle Rhine Valley UNESCO World Heritage Site, is considered an architectural jewel in the romantic Rhine crown. The summer residence of Friedrich Wilhelm IV of Prussia rises gracefully from the wooded slopes of the Rhine Valley near Koblenz. The former mediaeval castle was converted into the now famous neo-Gothic castle in line with drawings by famous Berlin-based architect Karl Friedrich Schinkel. The surrounding grounds, including the enchanting pergola garden and a park landscaped by Peter Joseph Lenné, are particularly worth a visit.

#### This masterpiece offers:

- Castle festival, concerts and readings
- Various themed tours
- Rooms which can be hired for weddings and other events

#### Opening hours:

- February to March 14th and Nov.:  
Sat, Sun and public holidays 10.00 to 17.00
- March 15th to October:  
Tues to Sun and public holidays 10.00 to 18.00
- January/December, closed
- We can open for registered groups on request.

Last entry 45 minutes before closing time

Stolzenfels Castle  
56075 Koblenz  
Tel. +49 (0)261 - 51656  
stolzenfels@gdke.rlp.de  
[www.schloss-stolzenfels.de](http://www.schloss-stolzenfels.de) | [www.burgen-rlp.de](http://www.burgen-rlp.de)

Guided tours for groups  
Information/booking  
Tel. +49 (0)261 - 30388-53  
[www.koblenz-touristik.de](http://www.koblenz-touristik.de)

# Marksburg Castle



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The only cliff-top castle on the Rhine which has never been destroyed, Marksburg Castle is a museum of the Middle Ages with rooms and features typical of a castle dating back to the 13th to 15th centuries, such as a great hall, heated living quarters, a chapel, kitchens and a wine cellar. It boasts the highest number of visitors of any castle on the Rhine with attractions such as the medieval botanical garden with 150 different plants, the canon emplacements and a collection of armour from the ancient to the early modern period displayed on 14 life-size models. The German Ancient Castles Association (Deutsche Burgenvereinigung e. V.) is headquartered in the Romanesque great hall

## This masterpiece offers:

- Educational trail about castles
- Museum shop
- Castle refreshments with a self-service restaurant and a terrace overlooking the Rhine
- Large car park

## Opening hours:

- Peak season (Easter holidays to 1 November): 10 am to 6 pm (last entry at 5 pm)
- Winter opening hours (2/11 to Easter holidays): daily from 11 am to 5 pm (last entry at 4 pm; closed: 24 + 25/12)

## Special events (booking required):

- Guided tour of the herb garden and combined guided tour on the topic of "Herbs in the Kitchen" (pre-booking required)
- Mediaeval feast in the castle kitchens, guardhouse or great hall (contact castle restaurant)
- Civil marriage ceremony in the armoury (contact Braubach Registry Office)

Deutsche Burgenvereinigung e.V. (DBV)  
Marksburg • 56338 Braubach  
Tel. +49 (0)2627 - 536 (DBV office); +49 (0)2627 - 206 (visitor services)  
marksburg@deutsche-burgen.org  
[www.marksburg.de](http://www.marksburg.de)

# Eltz Castle



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Eltz Castle represents nine centuries of German history. It has never been destroyed, has always had residents and has been owned by the Lords and Counts of Eltz since 1157. Visitors are transported back to medieval times with the castle's homely atmosphere, its precious historic interior, its incomparable architecture and its unique location at the heart of a natural paradise. Eltz Castle also features an outstanding treasury, a cosy tavern and award-winning hiking routes such as the "Eltz mountain panorama trail".

## This masterpiece offers:

- Guided tours of the castle
- A tour of the treasury
- Food and drink outlets: "Upper" and "Lower" restaurants
- Castle shop
- Shuttle bus transfer

## Opening hours:

Peak season: 1 April to 1 November / daily – open every day – 9:30 am to 5:30 pm

Guided tours of the Castle in English, French and Dutch on request, free written guides in ten languages available on request. Special guided tours for nursery groups and school classes. The tours are led by knowledgeable guides, start every 10 – 15 minutes and take around 40 minutes.

Gräflisch Eltz'sche Kastellanei at Eltz Castle  
Burg Eltz 1 • 56294 Wierschem  
Tel. +49 (0)2672 - 950500 • fax +49 (0)2672 - 9505050  
burg@eltz.de  
[www.burg-eltz.de](http://www.burg-eltz.de)

# Loreley



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Wreathed in legends and the subject of many songs, the 194 m high slate rock towers imposingly over the narrowest section of the Rhine at St. Goarshausen. Poems and stories tell tales of its myths. Mysterious and enchanting, there are only a few places in the world with as much charm as the Loreley. Visitors to the Loreley Visitor Centre can travel back in time and discover fascinating information about the history and myths of the Loreley, wine growing, flora and fauna, geology and shipping on the Rhine. The highlight is a 3D film with views of the Upper Middle Rhine Valley.

## This masterpiece offers:

- Tourist Information
- Agency offering tours of the Loreley
- Bistro (hot food from 11 am to 5 pm)

## Opening hours:

From Easter to 30 October every day from 11 am to 5 pm  
(Bistro Mittelrhein open until 6 pm)

Auf der Loreley  
56346 St. Goarshausen  
Tel. +49 (0)6771 - 599093 • fax +49 (0)6771 - 599094  
besucherzentrum@loreley-touristik.de  
[www.loreley-besucherzentrum.de](http://www.loreley-besucherzentrum.de)



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Pfalzgrafenstein Castle occupies a picturesque location on a small island in the middle of the river near Kaub. As a toll-collecting station, it used to secure the income for various feudal masters. In 1327 only a massive defensive tower stood on the island in the middle of the Rhine; no ship could pass it unnoticed. After a few years, the watch tower was enclosed by a wall and Pfalzgrafenstein Castle's tower was developed. The castle is only one of two in the Upper Middle Rhine Valley UNESCO World Heritage Site to survive intact to the present day (the other is Marksburg Castle) and it still bears testament to the austere life of the men who did their duty here.

### Trier – centre of the ancient world

Trier was once one of the five great metropolises of the ancient world. Even today, visitors to the town will encounter traces of this magnificent age wherever they turn. The Porta Nigra, Trier's landmark, was once part of its ancient fortifications. The amphitheatre, with its capacity for an audience of 18,000, reflects Trier's glorious past, as do the impressive Imperial Baths and the Barbara Baths (all are UNESCO World Heritage Sites). The Forum Baths still offer exciting insights into Trier's history.

Rich in variety and completely individual, the 15 masterpieces offer every visitor interesting discoveries and unforgettable experiences. This region combines cultural highlights and a trip through the magnificent landscape.

Pick three of the masterpieces and design your trip to suit you.

### Opening hours:

- February to March 14th and Nov.: Sat, Sun and public holidays 10.00 to 17.00
- March 15th to October: Tues to Sun and public holidays 10.00 to 18.00
- January/December, closed
- We can open for registered groups on request.

Last entry 45 minutes before closing time

### Additional attractions:

Dramatised guided tour entitled "The Kaiser's Bombardier" – soldiers and weapons in the Thirty Years' War (can be booked for groups)

Guided tours on request.

### This masterpiece offers:

Dramatised guided tours, events and exhibitions

#### Porta Nigra: Simeonstr. 60, Trier, tel. +49 (0)651 - 4608965

- Porta Nigra information centre
- Media installation and media guide

#### Imperial Baths: Weberbach 41, Trier, tel. +49 (0)651 - 4362550

- Numerous open-air events
- New information centre and media guide

#### Amphitheatre: Olewiger Straße, Trier, tel. +49 (0)651 - 73010

- Numerous open-air events
- Gladiator school

#### Forum Baths, Viehmarktplatz, Trier, tel. +49 (0)651 - 9941057

- Rooms can be hired for events

#### Barbara Baths, Südallee, Trier, tel. +49 (0)651 - 4608965

- Newly erected visitor walkway with information boards

### Culture:

Sayn Culture Park, Bendorf-Sayn  
Loreley and Loreley Visitor Centre, St. Goarshausen

### Fabled:

Maria Laach Benedictine Abbey

### Ancient:

World of the Romans, Rheinbrohl  
Roman buildings in Trier

### Strategic:

Pfalzgrafenstein Castle, Kaub

### Medieval:

Marksburg Castle, Braubach  
Eltz Castle, Wierschem

### Artistic:

Arp Museum Bahnhof at Rolandseck Station

### Natural:

Geyser and Geyser Visitor Centre, Andernach  
Volcanic Park

### Historic:

Ehrenbreitstein Fortress, Koblenz  
Government Bunker

### Romantic:

Stolzenfels Castle, Koblenz  
Engers Castle, Neuwied

### Services:

- 2 x bed and breakfast in a good mid-range hotel
- Entrance to 3 masterpieces of your choice
- 1 guide to the Rhine

### Prices:

p.p. in a double room, from €109  
p.p. in a single room, from €149

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Generaldirektion Kulturelles Erbe Rheinland-Pfalz

(General Management of the Cultural Heritage of the Rhineland-Palatinate)

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Tel. +49 (0)651 - 4608965

[www.zentrum-der-antike.de](http://www.zentrum-der-antike.de) | [www.burgen-rlp.de](http://www.burgen-rlp.de)

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