

**LEGEND**

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	Wood, Forest		Railway / Station
	Residential / commercial area with specific function		Kreisstrasse (county road)
	A7 Motorway		26 Visitor Attraction
	B23 Bundesstrasse (main road)		
	Landesstrasse (national road)		



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Region online

With more than 60 castles and palaces, picturesque towns and idyllic river landscapes - the region between Remagen/Vinik and Bingen/Ludwigshafen has been an important trade and resting place for centuries, and therefore has always been a meeting point of different cultures. Every turn, reveals interesting buildings and sites from the past, from Roman times and the Middle Ages through to the Prussians and the 20th century.

The 65 km long UNESCO World Heritage site, the Upper Middle Rhine Valley, between Bingen/Rüdesheim and Koblenz, and featuring the legendary Loreley rock, its partially famous, since 2005 the region has also been proud to claim another world heritage feature as its own: in Rhenish, Roman Watchtower No. 1 marks the start of an approx. 550 km Roman border of Upper German-Rhaetian Limes (the UR).

There are numerous opportunities for those who want to actively explore the Rhine Valley. Two long-distance walking trails, the Rhensteig on the right-hand side of the Rhine and the Rheinburgenweg on the left-hand side, as well as numerous circular paths, guarantee enjoyable hiking at a high level.

The Rhine Cycle Route is ideal for cycling along both banks of the river and exploring the valley from the saddle.

The famous Rhine and love of socialising ensures a full programme of festivals and events, from carnivals through to medieval fairs, wine and winter festivals.

In this Leisure Map you will find a large selection of great tourist attractions and a rich variety of events in the Romantic Rhine. Have fun and explore the unique region!

**Welcome to the Romantic Rhine!**

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**Leisure Map**  
**The Romantic Rhine**



Interactive Load digital map

## Actively Experience the Middle Rhine Valley

The best way to experience the unique landscape of the Romantic Rhine is on a walking or cycle tour. You are spoiled for choice between the long-distance Rheinsteig trail and the RheinburgenWeg, over 30 of the finest circular hikes, and the Rheinradweg. You can round of your visit with additional activities.

- Rheinsteig Trail**

The Rheinsteig Trail runs from Wiesbaden to Bonn, a distance of around 320 km. Divided into different stages, the Rheinsteig lends itself to both shorter day walks and long-distance hiking. In terms of fitness, the Rheinsteig can be demanding at times, with multiple ascents and high altitude sections.

Further information at **www.rheinsteig.de** or Tel: +49 261 9738470

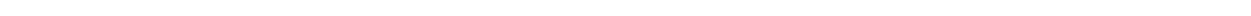


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- Rhine Castle Trail**

The Rhine Castle Trail runs along the left side of the Rhine from Mäuseturm in Bingen to Rolandsbogen at Remagen. It impresses with its stunning views and fascinating information boards. The 200 km long walking trail is divided into day stages, and there are links with local public transport.

Further information at **www.rheinburgenweg.com** or Tel: +49 261 9738470



### Culture & History

The colourful history of one of the most important rivers in Europe has left its mark here: The castles and palaces will take you on a journey through time, and the picturesque half-timbered houses, historic buildings and wealth of museums will tell you stories of the Rhine and its impressive past.

- Willy Brandt Forum, Unkel**

The museum is dedicated to the German Chancellor and Nobel Peace Prize winner, who lived in Unkel from 1979 to 1992. In addition to an accurate reconstruction of his study, there are also interesting exhibits, documents and photographs. Further information at **www.willy-brandt-forum.com** or Tel.: +49 2224 7799903

- Arp Museum Bahnhof Rolandseck, Remagen**

This art museum offers a unique combination of historic 19th century railway architecture with a new building, flooded with light, which was designed by top architect Richard Meier. Permanent displays and changing exhibitions over four levels enthrall visitors.

Further information at **www.arpmuseum.org** or Tel: +49 2228 942516



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- Basilica of St. Kastor, Koblenz**

Not far from Deutsches Eck lies the oldest church in Koblenz, the Basilica of St. Kastor. It is an outstanding example of Romanesque architecture. More information at **www.sankt-kastor-koblenz.de** or Tel: +49 261 31550

## From the Middle Rhine Kitchens and Cellars

Although the Middle Rhine wine-growing region is one of the smallest in Germany, with around 440 hectares, its wine is very well-known. The steep slopes demand a great deal of manual labour, but this guarantees the high quality of the wine produced there. A wealth of taverns and wine bars offer local wines as well as delicious regional cuisine. Further information at **www.mittelrhein-wein.com**

#### Middle Rhine Riesling Charter

To protect the cultivation of Riesling as a valuable cultural asset, 22 vintners from the area between Hammerstein and Oberheimbach have joined together and founded the Middle Rhine Riesling Charter. At the core of the Riesling Charter are their signature wines ‘Handstreich’, ‘Felsenspfad’ and ‘Meisterstück’. Further information at **www.riesling-charta.com**

#### Breweries

Even though the Romantic Rhine is one of the 13 major wine-growing regions in Germany, there is always time for beer lovers to enjoy a local beer in one of the numerous beer gardens, sometimes directly on the Rhine, sometimes in the old town. Breweries in Koblenz, Lahnestein and Linz are steeped in tradition, and offer not only classic beers, but also new trendy ‘scene beers’, which are enriching the world of taste.



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- Middle Rhine Via Ferrata, Boppard**

In the largest loop of the river Rhine is the 5 km long Middle Rhine via ferrata, a mix of narrow trails and 11 climbing passages made up of 10 ladders, 130 stepping crickets and around 180 metres of steel ropes. Further information at **www.boppard-tourismus.de** or Tel: +49 6742 3888

- Premium-circular routes**

Pure hiking pleasure offers you the entitlement to premium circular routes on the Romantic Rhine. Regardless of whether it is a half-day or a full-day tour, a sporty, challenging or relaxed, enjoyable hike – with a distance between 5 and 20 km everyone will find the ideal route. Further information at **www.romantischer-rhein.de** or Tel: +49 261 9738470

- Rabenacksteig, St. Goarshausen**

On the Rabenacksteig near the world-famous Loreley rock, climbing enthusiasts will be in heaven. This 1.6 km long rope trail exists as an alternative to the Rheinsteig. It leads onto the exposed Rabenack rocks above St. Goarshausen and offers stunning views of the valley and Rheinfels Castle on the left bank of the Rhine. More information at **www.loreley-touristik.de** or Tel: +49 6771 9100

- William Turner Route**

The paintings of the British painter William Turner, who visited the Rhein on many occasions, are among the most important and well-loved artworks of Rhine romanticism. The William Turner Route brings his painting locations back to the present day with accessible information boards and interactive storytelling. Further information at **www.turner-route.de** or Tel: +49 6771 599445

**World Heritage Gardens Trail**
Whether it is the untamed natural beauty or strictly symmetrical style, ornamental or kitchen gardens, parks or promenades, they all have one thing in common –they have all been brought together to form a ‘World Heritage Garden Trail’, inviting you to marvel and linger a while – each garden with its own individual character. More information at **www.gartenkultur.welterbe-mittelrhein.de** or Tel: +49 6771 599445

**35 Deutsches Eck, Koblenz**
Nothing shapes the cityscape of Koblenz as much as the Deutsches Eck, the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle rivers. A 37 metre high monument of the German Emperor, Wilhelm I, watches over the two rivers. More information at **www.koblenz-tourism.com** or Tel: +49 261 19433

**36 Pilgrims Monastery and Church, Kamp-Bornhofen**
This Franciscan monastery and its church dating from 1391 are famous Marian pilgrimage destinations in the Middle Rhine region. Of special interest is the late Gothic pieta of the Virgin Mary. More information at **www.wallfahrtskloster-bornhofen.de** or Tel: +49 6773 95978-0

**37 Kulturhaus, Oberwesel**
The successful combination of modern architecture and a historic winery is significant for the town’s history as well the World Heritage Upper Rhine Valley site. The Minorite monastery nearby is also worth a visit. Further information at **www.kulturhaus-oberwesel.de** or Tel: +49 6744 714226

**38 Liebfrauenkirche, Oberwesel**
This Gothic monument of Rhenish church architecture is home to a unique Rhine-land hand-carved gold altar, original mediaeval bells and rood screens. Further information at **www.pfarreiengemeinschaft-oberwesel.de** or Tel: +49 6744 94077

**39 Werner Chapel, Bacharach**
Building of the chapel began in 1289 and took a total of 140 years. In 1689 it was destroyed during the Palatinate War of Succession. The ruins are a Bacharach landmark. Further information at **www.bacharach.de** or Tel: +49 6743 919033

**40 Blücher Museum, Kaub**
The museum tells of the Rhine crossing by the Silesian army in the first week of 1814, under the Prussian Field Marshall General Blücher. The museum is housed in the former ‘Zur Stadt Mannheim’ guesthouse, which was Blücher’s headquarters at the time. Further information at **https://bluechermuseum-kaub.de** or Tel: +49 6774 400

**60 Middle Rhine Cherries, Filsen**
There’s a long tradition associated with cherries in the Middle Rhine Valley. Many varieties grow along the banks and in spring transform the area into a captivating spectacle. The 2 km long cherry trail around Filsen, which tells of the history and cultivation of cherries in the area, is especially appealing during cherry blossom time in the spring, when the walks are filled with spectacular colour. Local producers offer quality cherry-based products, and they work on a voluntary basis to continue and promote the growing of different cherry varieties in the region. More information at **https://mittelrheinkirschen.welterbe-mittelrhein.de** or Tel: +49 6771 599445



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**61 Loredry Gin**
A local speciality from the Middle Rhine Valley and a contemporary interpretation of the legend of the Loreley and Rhine romanticism. The gin is a genuine product made by hand in a small distillery near the Loreley. More information at **www.loredrygin.de** or Tel: +49 177 8358 007

**62 eGeLoSiA – The Ice Lab in the heart of Koblenz**
This ice-cream parlour is not a secret any more – the long queues in summer give it away. But it is always worth the wait! The best ice-cream for miles around! More information at **www.egelosia.de**

- EuroVelo 15 - Rhine Cycle Route**

The Rhine Cycle Route, covering 1,233 km, connects the Swiss Alps with the Netherlands on the North Sea coast. On the banks of the Rhine, cyclists will discover the most wonderful landscapes, full of cultural and natural beauty. The Rhine Cycle Route runs along both sides of the river, frequently right by the river bank, offering not only exceptional views, but also a comfortable ride for all levels of cyclist, with flat stretches and information boards along the way. Further information: **www.romantischer-rhein.de** and **www.rhinecycleroute.eu** or Tel: +49 261 9738470



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- Nette-Obst bike tour**

This 38 km long cycle route is shaped by the Neuwieder Basin. At cherry blossom time, the trail is covered in white petals - a wonderful sight. The elderflower bushes along the route are also a delight to see. The route leads along the Rhine and over the hills of the Eifel National Park. Further information at **www.remet.de** or Tel: +49 261 108419

- Mittelrhein Rafting**

Actively enjoy the Middle Rhine valley from a different perspective: this is what Mittelrhein Rafting has to offer, with expert guides. Stand up Paddling is also available. Further information at **www.mittelrhein-rafting.de** or Tel: +49 6774 7539896

- Deichwelle Swimming Complex, Neuwied**

The all-weather swimming complex is a wonderful leisure attraction for the whole family. The indoor pool, open-air pool and sauna area offer a wealth of opportunities for leisure activities or relaxation. The pool is certified under the ‘Travel for People with Sight Impairments’ (Reisen für Alle) Scheme, Level 2. Further information at **www.deichwelle.de** or Tel: +49 2631 851666



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**41 Historisches Museum am Strom, Bingen**
The permanent displays include a wealth of information on Hildegard von Bingen and Bingen’s history, as well as features on the Romans and Rhine romanticism. Changing special exhibitions on art, culture and history. Further information at **www.bingen.de** or Tel: +49 6721 184353

**42 Benedictine Abbey of St. Hildegard, Rüdesheim**
Among the vineyards above Rüdesheim, visitors can take in the abbey church, the shop with wine store, the on-site cafe, and also stay at the guesthouse. The 6.7 km long Hildegard Way connects with the sites associated with St Hildegard Abbey on the right river bank. Further information at **www.abtei-st-hildegard.de** or Tel: +49 6722 4990

**Did you know?**
**43 Roman Aqueduct, Brey**
During the Second World War, whilst searching for somewhere to shelter from the bombing, the people of Brey came across the shafts of a Roman aqueduct. The aqueduct is considered a major archaeological monument, and is among the largest tunnel systems of the ancient world north of the Alps. There are guided tours and information boards, where visitors can learn about the construction and workings of the aqueduct. For more information: Tel: +49 2607 49 510

**Original Recipe to cook at home:**

**“Rhenish-style” Mussels**

Rhenish-style Mussels is a classic German dish. The main ingredients, North Sea mussels from south of the Rhine delta, and white wine from the Middle and Upper Rhine regions, have been available in the Rhineland for a long time, owing to the prevalence of river transport.

Ingredients: 2 kg mussels, 3 onions, 2 carrots, 1 leek, small piece of celery ½ bunch of parsley, 2 bay leaves, ½ litre dry Riesling wine from the Middle Rhine Valley, 50 g butter, salt and pepper

Instructions: Finely chop the onions, leek, carrots and celery into strips and fry gently in a little butter. Deglaze with wine, and add water. Add the bay leaves and the finely chopped parsley. Season with salt and pepper and simmer for approx. 10 mins.

Wash the mussels, add them to this stock, and cook them until they open. Do not eat any mussels that do not open. The mussels are best served in a deep bowl with the wine stock, traditionally accompanied by brown bread and butter. They are eaten using just the mussel shells as cutlery. Guten Appetit!



**50 Kristall Rheinpark Thermal Baths, Bad Hönningen**
The spacious thermal baths and saunas set within a Venetian ambience are located directly on the banks of the Rhine. The mineral-rich Bad Hönninger thermal healing salt water comes from a depth of more than 292 metres.

More information at **www.kristall-rheinpark-theme.de** or Tel: +49 2635 952110

### Castles and Palaces

With over 60 castles and palaces, the Romantic Rhine has one of the highest concentration of these in the world. Many of them can still be visited today, either with or without a guided tour. In some of the castles you can even stay overnight and get to feel like a real knight or lady of the castle.

**11 Rolandsbogen, Remagen-Rolandswerth**
Following an earthquake, the only thing left of Rolandsdeck castle was the window arch, which became an emblem of Rhine romanticism. ‘Rolandsbogen’ archway, with its view over the Rhine valley and the Seven Mountains Range (Siebengebirge), became a tourist attraction in the 19th century. Today there it boasts a restaurant, as well as a branch of Remagen registry office. Further information at **www.rolandsbogen.de** or Tel: +49 2228 372

- Linz Castle, Linz**

This castle is an enclosed four-wing complex with an inner courtyard, right in the centre of Linz, a colourful city on the Rhine. Today it offers a unique atmosphere - ideal for weddings, celebrations or conferences. A glass-blowing workshop and torture chamber make Linz Castle a favourite visitor destination. Further information at **www.linz.de** or Tel: +49 2644 2526

**13 Arenfels Castle, Bad Hönninggen**
In its romantic location surrounded by vineyards, this ‘Jahresschloss’ (year castle), with its 365 windows, 52 rooms and 12 towers, offers a wonderful opportunity for a dream wedding or hosting corporate events. Guided tours take place weekly. Further information at **www.schloss-arenfels.de** or Tel: +49 2635 9253810

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## Experiences for all ages

A train ride on a historic railway, a visit to the largest zoo in Rhineland-Palatinate, or floating over the Rhine in a cable car – the Romantic Rhine has all this and more to offer! Take your family along to see these fantastic attractions.

**44 Kasbachtalbahn valley line, Linz**
This historic rail bus from the 1950s goes from Linz station to Kalenberg through the Kasbachtal valley high in the Westervald. The trip can be combined with a hike and/or a stop at a brewery for a day trip. Further information at **www.zoutgouen.de** or Tel: +49 2644 80900

**45 Roman World Experience & Museum and Roman Watchtower No. 1, Rheinbrohl**
At the start of the UNESCO World Heritage Upper Germanic-Rhaetian Limes (ORL), in Rheinbrohl, Roman life is illustrated in an interactive exhibition with multiple interactive stations that can be touched and experienced. The reconstructed Watchtower No. 1 is accessible on foot. Further information at **www.romeer-welt.de** or Tel: +49 2635 921866

**46 Culture Park Sayn, Bendorf-Sayn**
Culture Park Sayn combines history with wonderful experiences for the whole family: surrounding Sayn Palace and the parkland you will find the Garden of But-terflies, the Sayn Foundry, Sayn Fortress, Hein’s Mühle mill museum, the Roman Watchtower and Limes, and the Sayn Rope Course. Further information at **www.sayn.de** or Tel: +49 2622 90240



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**47 Neuwied Zoo, Neuwied**

The largest zoo in Rhineland-Palatinate invites you on a wonderful journey of discovery. Over almost 14 hectares, the zoo has more than 1,800 animals from almost 200 different species. Further information at **www.zooneuwied.de** or Tel: +49 2622 90460



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**48 Schloss Monrepos, Neuwied**
Fascinating questions about the evolution of human behaviour are presented via interactive exhibitions. This makes learning about human history fun for both young and old. More information at **www.monrepos-rzgzm.de** or Tel: +49 2631 97720

- Roman Baths, Bad Breisig**

This sauna and thermal centre invites you to relax and unwind. In a Roman atmosphere, you can relax in a steam bath, enjoy the inside and outside areas, walk through a Kneipp treading pool or relax in the ‘Brown Grotto’. Brown Grotto. Further information at **www.romethermen.de** or Tel: +49 2633 480710

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**51 Vulkan-Express, Brohl-Lützing**
A very special train ride is offered from Brohl-Lützing on the Rhein to the Laacher See volcanic region. The historic narrow-gauge railway is an attraction in itself, but coupled with the unique natural landscape it travels through, it offers a perfect family outing. More information at **www.vulkan-express.de** or Tel: +49 2636 80303

**15 Schloss Engers, Neuwig-Engers**
This gem of late baroque architecture was once a hunting lodge and palace of the Trier Grand Elector. Today it is the location for a wide variety of events, and the hotel and restaurant both enjoy an excellent reputation. Its special attractions include its prominent location on the riverbank, as well as the magnificently ornate “Dianasaal”. Further information at **www.schloss-engers.de** or Tel: +49 2622 926417

**16 Ehrenbreitstein Fortress, Koblenz**
With a history going back more than 3,000 years, Ehrenbreitstein Fortress is notable due to the length of time it has been in use. The Prussian fortress is, in its present form, one of the largest intact castles from the 19th century in Europe. Exhibitions, restaurants and a youth hostel, as well as a varied events programme, make the castle one of the most beloved tourist destinations in the region. Further information at **www.tor-zum-welterbe.de** or Tel: +49 261 66754000

**17 Kurfürstliches Schloss Electoral Palace, Koblenz**
Direct access to the banks of the Rhine, with its jetties and cable car station, as well as extensive parkland, make this classical palace complex a magnet for visitors. More information at **www.koblenz-tourism.com** or Tel: +49 261 19433

**18 Stolzenfels Castle, Koblenz**
Stolzenfels Castle was once used by the Prussian royal couple as a summer residence. Today visitors can walk up to the castle through the gardens landscaped by the garden designer, Peter Joseph Lenné, and once there, can take a guided tour to see one of the most important architectural examples of Prussian Rhine romanticism. Further information at **www.tor-zum-welterbe.de** or Tel: +49 261 51656

**19 Lahneck Castle, Lahnestein**
After the destruction of the late Stauffan castle in the Thirty Years War, Lahneck Castle stood as a majestic ruin above the mouth of the river Lahh. In 1774, inspired by the sight of the castle, Goethe wrote his famous poem ‘Geistesgruß’. There are many legends surrounding the castle, which has been rebuilt in the English Gothic style. Castle Lahneck is only open for guided tours. The candlelit tours are an unforgettable experience. Further information at **www.burg-lahneck.de**, Tel: +49 2621 914 172

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**52 Andernach Geysir**
The highest cold-water geysir in the world is waiting to be discovered. The Geysir Centre shows how geysers come about and how they function, using interactive and engaging displays. You can then continue by boat to Namedeyr Werth, where the geysir erupts. An exciting experience for the whole family. Further information at **www.geysir-andernach.de** or Tel: +49 2632 9580080

**53 The Romantium, Koblenz**
An interactive exhibition takes visitors on a journey through the Middle Rhine Valley UNESCO World Heritage site. Over 70 interactive stations invite you to experience the culture and landscape from many different perspectives. Further information at **www.romantium.com** or Tel: +49 261 19433

**54 Koblenz Cable Car**
Since the German Federal Garden Show in 2011, the accessible Koblenz Cable Car has become one of the city’s most spectacular visitor attractions. Situated not far from Deutsches Eck, it runs between the river bank and Ehrenbreitstein Fortress. More information at **www.seilbahn-koblenz.de** or Tel: +49 261 20165850



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**55 Chair Lift and Four Lakes View, Boppard**
The Boppard chair lift travels to a height of nearly 240 metres. On arrival at the viewing point at Gedeonseck you can enjoy a wonderful view of the town. Further on, visitors can marvel at the Four Lakes View, which gives an unusual and unique view from the largest loop of the Rhine. Further information at **www.sesselbahn-boppard.de** or Tel: +49 6742 2510

**56 Loreley Plateau, St. Goarshausen**
One of the most famous and sung about rocks is the Loreley. A culture and landscape park allows visitors to experience the plateau in a completely new way. The visitor centre has information about the history of the Rock and the legend of Loreley. The toboggan run in the summer guarantees fun for all. In the summer months, an outdoor stage is set up on the Loreley Plateau, where many international artists perform.

More information at **www.loreley-besucherzentrum.de** or Tel: +49 6771 599093

**57 Binger Kulturufer, Bingen**
Thanks to the Federal Garden Show, the bank of the Rhine has undergone an amazing transformation. Today you can take a comfortable stroll along the Rhine, enjoy views of the Rheingau opposite and the Mäuseturm in the middle of the Rhine – and in addition there are cultural attractions, such as a museum, park, playground, gallery and open-air stage. Further information at **www.bingen.de** or Tel: +49 6721 184 205

**58 59 Drosselgasse und Niederwald Monument, Rüdesheim**
Rüdesheim am Rhein has something for everyone and for all tastes: from the world-famous Drosselgasse to the Niederwald Monument, which can be easily reached by cable car. The Ringticket offers the perfect opportunity to visit Rüdesheim and neighbouring Assmannshausen. More information at **www.ruedesheim.de** or Tel: +49 6722 906150



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**20 Marksburg, Braubach**
Marksburg Castle is the epitome of a mediaeval fortress, and is the only hilltop castle in the Middle Rhine region never to have been destroyed. On the daily guided tours, you can view the mediaeval kitchens, the knight’s hall and ladies’ chamber, as well as the chapel, armoury, wine cellars and battlements. Further information at **www.marksburg.de** or Tel: +49 2627 206

**21 Kurfürstliche Burg Elector’s Castle, Boppard**
The mediaeval castle is home to the Boppard Museum and presents highlights of the town’s history. The collection of bentwood furniture there tells the story of Michael Thonet, who was from the town. The museum programme features frequently changing events and exhibitions. Further information at **www.museum-boppard.de** or Tel: +49 6742 801 59 84

**22 23 Liebenstein & Sterrenberg Castles, Kamp-Bornhofen**
These castles, situated directly opposite each other, are referred to as ‘the quarrelling brothers’ (Die Feindlichen Brüder). The legend of the same name tells the story of a family dispute involving two brothers, who both built fortified castles. Today, instead of family arguments, visitors to the castles are welcomed with excellent cuisine and the option of overnight accommodation. Further information at **www.castle-liebenstein.com**, Tel: +49 6773 251 and **www.burg-sterrenberg.com**, Tel: +49 2627 9820

**24 Rheinfels Castle, St. Goar**
Rheinfels Castle is considered to be the largest ruined castle and fortress complex in the Middle Rhine region. Visits to see the imposing ruins can either be unaccompanied or as part of a guided tour. The Romantik Hotel, adjacent to the site, offers a sophisticated setting for an overnight stay or fine dining. Further information at **www.tor-goarde.de** or Tel: +49 6741 7753

**25 Schönburg Castle, Oberwesel**
Schönburg is a castle built in the first half of the 12th century. Its high shield wall is a prominent feature. Today the estate houses a stylish hotel and restaurant. Discover the history of the castle at the Turmmuseum. Further information at **www.oberwesel.de** or Tel: +49 6744 710624

**30 Rheinsteint Castle, Trechtingshausen**
Reichenstein Castle is the epitome of Prussian Rhine romanticism, and so it is fitting that it should now be a place where weddings are celebrated. Castle Rooms. The Knights Hall, the royal couple’s apartments and bedchambers, and the castle garden and chapel, can all be viewed. The family-run tavern is an inviting place for visitors to relax. More information at **www.burg-rheinsteint.de** or Tel: +49 6721 6348

**31 Mäuseturm, Bingen**
The Mäuseturm is situated on an inaccessible island and apart from Pfalzgrafenstein Castle, is the only fortified watchtower in the middle of the Rhine. According to legend, Hatto, the Mainz archbishop who built it, was eaten by thousands of mice, because of his lack of charity to the poor. Further information at **www.bingen.de** or Tel: +49 6721 184205-206

### We have to go there!

**Carnival**
In the ‘Fifth Season