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Baden-Baden – a special town surrounded by special places.



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The picturesque **Black Forest** countryside The Black forest is a 200 km long & 60 km wide forested mountain area in the sunny German south state of Baden-Württemberg known for its dense forests and glacier shaped valleys.

During medieval times it used to be one of Europe's most significant mining regions and today it counts to one of Europe's most beautiful woodlands serving Germany as booming tourist destination with its many marked hiking trails, rivers, creeks, glacial and artificial lakes which invite for water sports.

During winter it is even possible to ski on the Black Forest's highest mountain, the Feldberg with an approx. height of 1500 metres.

Baden-Baden is located at the western foothills of the Black Forest on the banks of the Oos-river: The city is internationally renowned as thermal **spa resort** and often characterized as having an elegant and stylish flair whilst offering diverse seasonal and yearlong entertainment options ranging from many different cultural to sportive activities which help taking a break from every-day life. Baden-Baden is furthermore a perfect strategic location for exploring other traditional German and French cities which are only a stroll away.



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Museum Frieder Burda

The internationally-renowned Museum Frieder Burda concentrates on Classical Modernism and contemporary art and now encompasses almost 100 paintings, sculptures, objects and works on paper.



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Festspielhaus Baden-Baden

The curtain rises and we are delighted to welcome you to the Festspielhaus Baden-Baden. Here at the historical train station, where kings, emperors and tsars once greeted the summer sun, you will now find the second-largest and only completely privately funded opera house in Europe. Festspielhaus Baden-Baden presents about 80 classical concerts per year. Concerts, ballets, operas – artistic emphasis is placed upon the major names of the classical scene but promising newcomers are also encouraged.





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Casino – The fascinating World of Gambling!

It is just as hard to imagine Baden-Baden without its casino as it is to imagine the city without its thermal baths. The Baden-Baden casino is one of the oldest and most traditional in all of Europe. Today, the white ball is still rolling in the famed, sumptuous rooms that casino lessee Edouard Bénazet had designed by interior decorators from Paris. And today, some 200 years later, the Baden-Baden casino still numbers among the world's most beautiful. The flair of the historic gaming rooms captivates all who visit them, and the casino's guest book is filled with illustrious names. Let the following pages take you on a magnificent journey to the world of gaming.





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Roman Bath Ruins

Museum of Ancient Bathing Culture. Even the Romans appreciated the relaxing effects of Baden-Baden's thermal spring water.

Now you can admire their masterwork by visiting the 2000 year old bath ruins, which are one of the country's oldest and best kept examples.

Experience at close range the sheer magnitude of their work and marvel at their achievement



Parks and Gardens

- Lichtentaler Allee
- Florentinerberg
- Gönneranlage
- Rose Society Garden
- Michaelsberg
- Paradies
- Merkur Mountain
- Battert Rock



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Iffezheim Racecourse

Each year, you have three chances to join other race-goers in experiencing the heart beating thrill of international horse racing. Three times a year, all eyes in the horse racing world are focused on Baden-Baden. The racing calendar starts with the Spring Meeting (end of May/start of June), followed by the Grand Festival Week (end of August/start of September) and rounded off by the Sales & Racing Festival (end of October).

Merkur Bergbahn

Opened in 1913, the Merkur Bergbahn is a funicular railway that transports visitors to the observation tower at Merkur Mountain. The mountain, which was named after Mercury, the Roman god of trade, is 690 metres high and situated between the cities of Baden-Baden and Gernsbach. Merkur Bergbahn is with a length of 1200 meters one of Germany's longest funiculars.



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Castle Favorite

This castle, located on the outskirts of Rastatt-Förch was built between the years of 1710 and 1730 with the purpose of being a pleasure and hunting palace. It is one of the German so-called 'Porcellain Palaces', and houses a large collection of different porcelain.



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Heated indoor **pool** in antique style (length 53 feet, width 21 feet, depth 4,3-5,3 feet; Temp. winter 84,2°F /summer 82,4°F), **saunarium** spa with bio-sauna and Finnish sauna, steam room, aroma bath, solarium, open-air area with cold plunge pool, individual whirlpools and a Relaxarium with multi-sensory impressions.

There is also a modern **fitness centre** with its own terrace for outdoor workouts, an aerobics studio, cardio-fitness machines, refreshments at the Sports Bar and room to relax in the Fitness Lounge. Fitness events per week (aerobics, water gymnastic, and many more). Personal trainers by appointment.



Mummelsee

The Mummelsee is one of the Black Forest's few cirque lakes that remain from the ice age and is at 1032 m above sea level a very popular destination for tourists. Whilst offering nature expeditions and sport activities such as hiking and biking, it truly is an entertaining place no matter the age of the visitor.







Golf Region Baden-Alsace

Need a new challenge? Fed up with playing the same old 18? That certainly won't be the case in the Golf Region Baden-Alsace! Here, you are guaranteed boundless hours of golfing pleasure on nine courses in and around Baden-Baden. Whether you play on the left of the Rhine or on the right, behind the backdrop of the Black Forest or on the soft slopes of the Kraichgau, a relaxing and pleasurable time will be had by all.

Play the same course, in St. Leon-Rot, where Tiger Woods has twice been successful, or tackle the Soufflenheim/Baden-Baden course, inspired by the Ryder Cup Captain, Bernhard Langer. And if you would like to finish on a nostalgic note, than where better than the Baden-Baden Golf Club. Founded in 1901, it is one of Germany's oldest clubs.





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Ballooning

Up, up and away! A floating sensation that you will never forget! How about doing something that you have never done before? Like venturing out at sunrise and floating over Baden-Baden and the Black Forest in a hot air balloon. Doesn't that sound fantastic? Fanned by a gentle breeze you will be sailing with Europe's largest hot air balloon fleet – a flying experience that you won't forget in a hurry.

Cycling & Mountain Biking

Baden-Baden is a dream come true for all cycling fans. There are over 200 miles of tracks, through the town's woodlands, just waiting for you to explore. Marked routes along the flat Rhine valley to those in the highest reaches of the Black Forest ensure there is something for everybody. Even those of you who don't wish to venture far will be thrilled with just cycling up and down the Lichtentaler Allee. The best thing to do is to get out of your car and straight on to your bike.



Paragliding

Take the Merkurbahn railway to the top of Baden-Baden's Mt. Merkur and the paraglider launching area. Enjoy sweeping views of the town as you soar along on your own paraglider or in tandem with an instructor to the landing site at the foot of the mountain.



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Climbing

A view of Baden-Baden that will take your breath away! You want to go up in the world? No problem! Whether you are new to the game or an old hand at climbing, there's a way to the top that suits everybody in Baden-Baden! On the 180 foot high rock face there are tempting routes covering all degrees of difficulty. Here, and practically the whole year round, you can practice almost all climbing techniques, on the numerous walls, cracks, roofs and chimneys that the rock face has to offer.

One word of warning: it can get pretty hot on the rock, in more ways than one! On sunny summer days, we would recommend that you plan your assault on the rock face either first thing in the morning or for the early evening. Also, you won't find many hooks to use on the rock face, something which gets a few peoples' hearts pumping! So if you do decide to tackle the rock without any professional supervision, make sure you have enough friends, chocks and stoppers with you, just to be on the safe side.



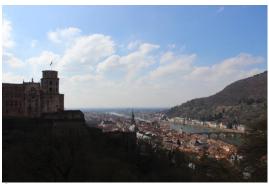
Nearby Excursions

Strasbourg

Strasbourg's magnificent Cathedral, its fine food, "La Petite France" the typical quarter beloved of the tourists, not to mention the Grande-Ile, a UNESCO World Heritage site, have given the city its reputation as a city anchored in History and Tradition. (40 minutes by car)



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Heidelberg

Heidelberg is an 800-year-old university town with 150.000 inhabitants. The famous castle, the old city center and its location at the Neckar River and the foot of the Odenwald make Heidelberg one of Germany's most popular tourist destinations, especially for visitors from overseas. Heidelberg's history as well as its world-wide recognition have been significantly shaped by the Ruperto Carola, Germany's oldest university. (70 minutes by car)

Freiburg

Freiburg im Breisgau is the "capital" of the Black Forest and counts the sunniest days in Germany. The city is known as student town, hence offers much entertainment and attractions for students. (70 minutes by car)



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Stuttgart

Stuttgart is with its 600.000 inhabitants Germany's sixth biggest city and the capital of Baden-Württemberg. Most people, in Germany and elsewhere, associate Stuttgart with cars. This is because the State Capital of Baden-Württemberg is the home of the world's oldest car manufacturers: names such as Gottlieb Daimler, Carl Benz, Wilhelm Maybach and Ferdinand Porsche all have close links with Stuttgart.

It is therefore that the city hosts amongst its many diverse attractions two internationally renowned museums, namely the Porsche- and Mercedes-Benz museum. The above pictured Porsche museum was built by the architect-duo Elke Delugan-Meissl and Roman Delugan. The estimated 100 million Euro expensive construction is a massive exhibition hall that offers space for displaying 80 Porsche vehicles, taking the visitor on a journey throughout the different eras of the Porsche brand. Stuttgart is also the home-city of Mercedes-Benz and the international headquarters of Daimler AG. Directly outside of the main gate of the Daimler factory stands the Mercedes-Benz museum, and presents more than 160 vehicles, from the early days till now and over 1.500 exhibits. The exhibition not only presents the history of the Mercedes-Benz brand, it also affords illuminating insights into the future. This dual function is also reflected in the architecture of the Mercedes-Benz Museum, designed by the UNStudio of Dutch architects van Berkel and



Bos, Amsterdam. (85 minutes by car)

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Stadt Stuttgart



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Hockenheimring

Hockenheimring is one of the world's most known motorsport race tracks. It is situated near the town of Hockenheim in Baden-Württemberg, Germany, located on Bertha Benz Memorial Route. Amongst other motor racing events, it biennially hosts the Formula One German Grand Prix. Situated in the Rhine valley, the circuit is almost completely flat, with very little change in elevation. (70 minutes by car)



Europa-Park

Europa-Park, which is set in a delightful and culturally rich region near the borders of Germany, France and Switzerland - is the largest seasonal theme park in the world. It is a genuine crowd puller attracting over 4 million visitors a year to Rust and its restful and beautiful surroundings. More than 100 attractions and fantastic shows, 12 rollercoasters and 13 European themed areas welcome visitors of all ages. (45 minutes by car)



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Shopping



Baden Baden

As a shopping city Baden-Baden enjoys an exclusive and international reputation. Away from the hustle and bustle of big cities, the wide range of Baden-Baden retailers is close together in the pedestrianized city center. About 280 retail trades with altogether 35.000 square metres of sales area leave nothing to be desired.

The Style Outlets

Also the newly opened Outlet Center in the nearby Roppenheim in France invites with its well-known brands to extensive shopping tours with the whole family.



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OutletCity Metzingen

(90 minutes by car)

The Outlet Center Metzingen near Stuttgart is one of Germany's most known shopping oulet centers with a big selection of exclusive brands from Ralph Lauren to Hugo Boss at great discount prices.