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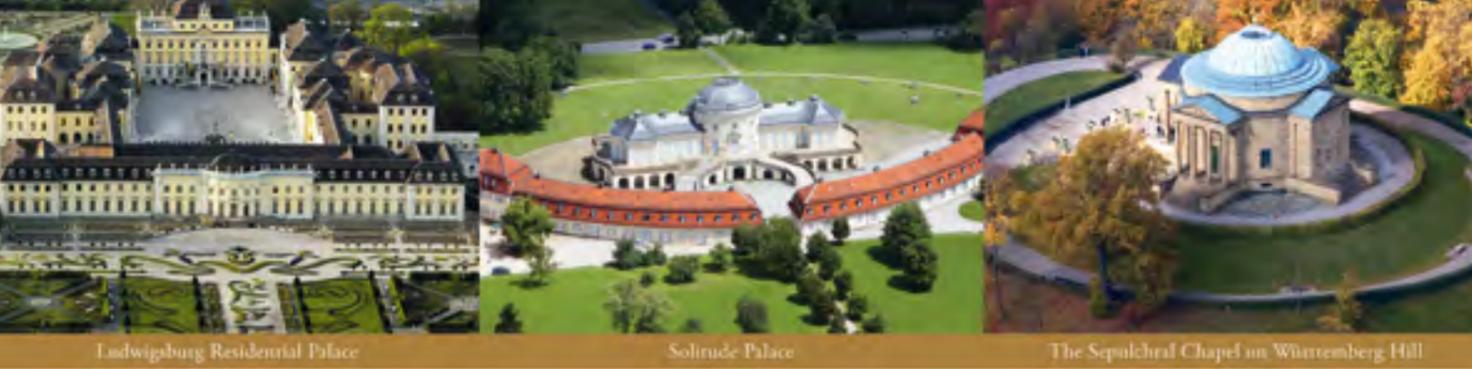


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**Please observe the Journey Planner and current notifications at [www.vvs.de/](http://www.vvs.de/)**



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# Welcome to the Stuttgart Region



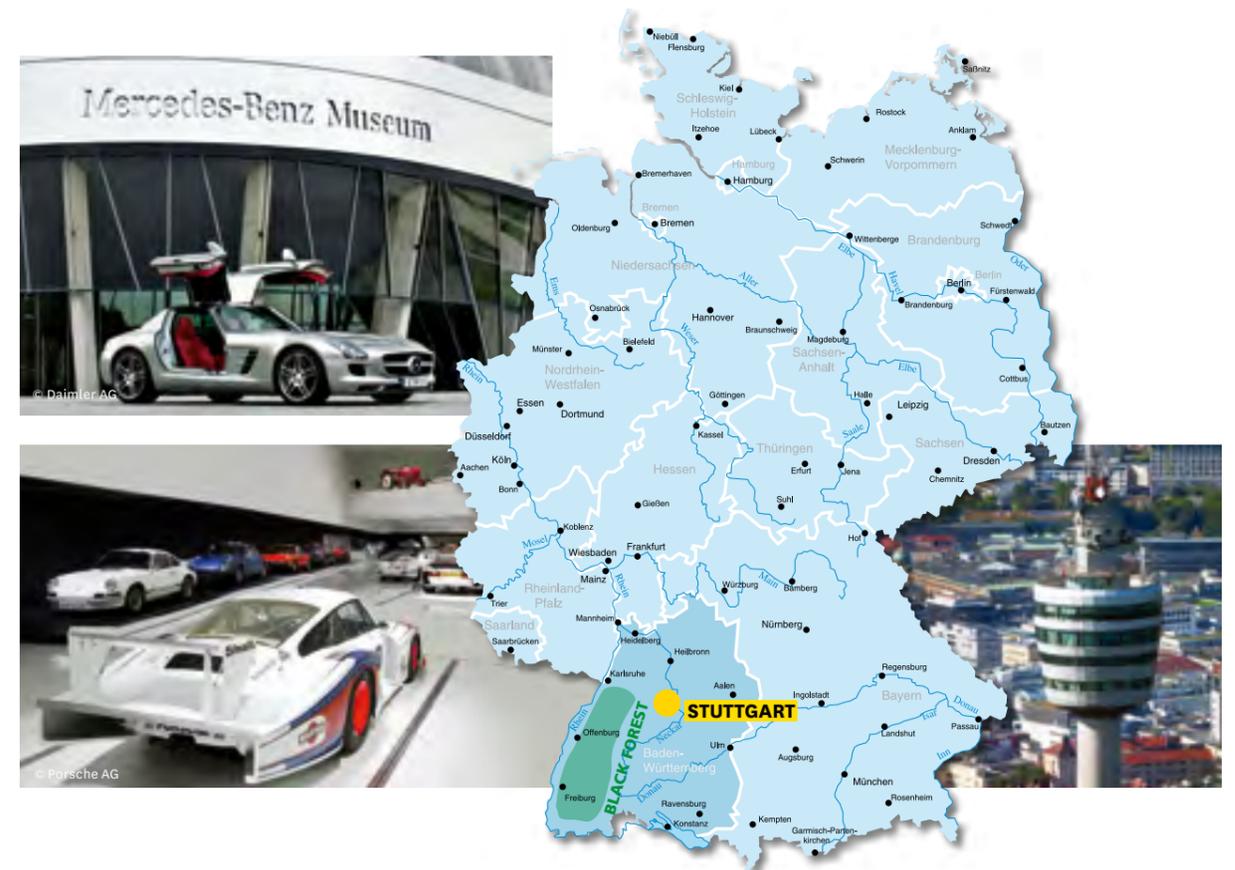
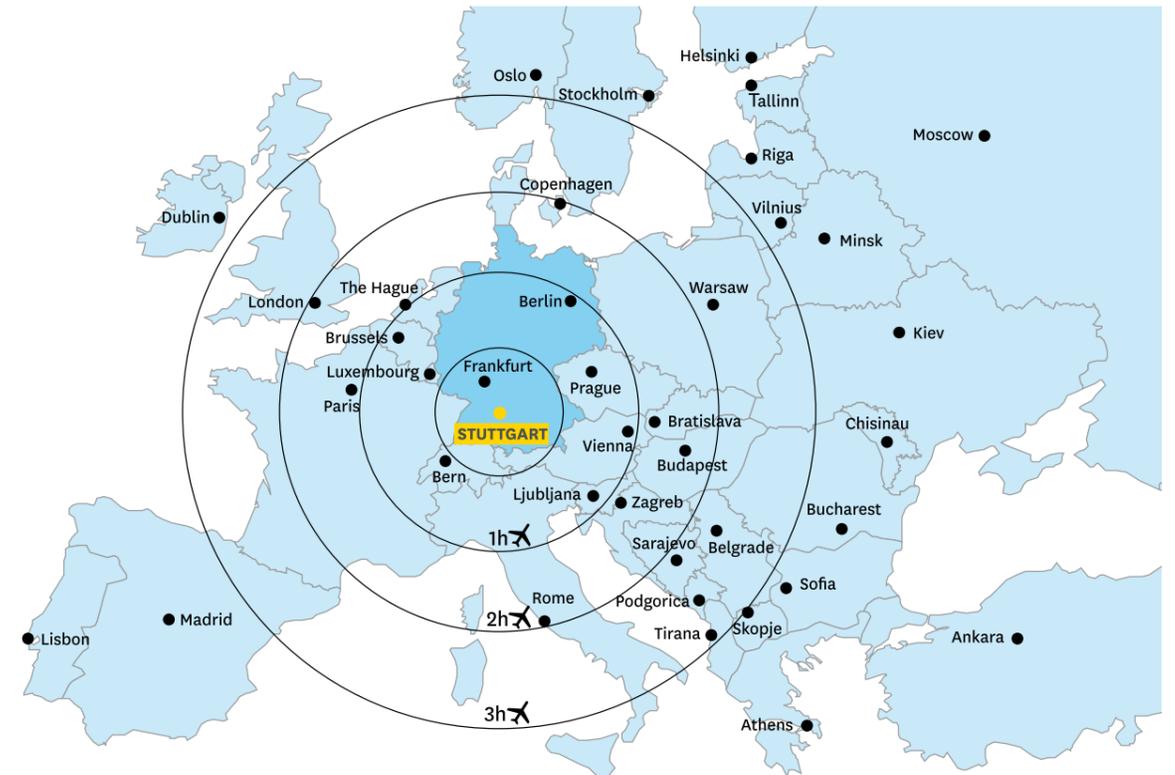
Fascinating and beautiful, cosmopolitan and charming, traditional and future-oriented: the diversity of the Stuttgart Region makes it worth visiting more than once. Its economy and its culture are equally thriving – whereby the one is often interlinked with the other, as in the case of the world-famous automobile brands whose names are synonymous with the Stuttgart Region.

There's something to gratify all the senses here. Brilliant achievements are evident at every turn: castles and palaces bear witness to a great past – and bold, futuristic architecture to an equally great present. The fine arts have always been given ample room to flourish, and many visitors are astonished at the wealth of outstanding gems which the Stuttgart Region has to offer. The regional cuisine also has much to delight, and the famous Württemberg wines are the ideal accompaniment to its specialities.



So welcome to a particularly pleasant part of the world: welcome to Swabia!

## In the heart of Europe and the south of Germany



## Arriving by air



Around 55 airlines provide direct flights to Stuttgart from more than 100 destinations in 30 countries, thus transporting over 10 million passengers annually. This guarantees excellent transit options and connections to just about anywhere in the world. The modern airport is one of short distances and fast, uncomplicated check-ins. Passengers also appreciate its punctuality. There are restaurants and a wide range of shops to pass the time. Stuttgart Airport (Flughafen Stuttgart) is the only airport in Germany with a Michelin-starred restaurant, the “top air”.  
[www.stuttgart-airport.com](http://www.stuttgart-airport.com)



The Tourist Information at Stuttgart Airport is the first port of call for information on the Stuttgart Region and the Messe Stuttgart Trade Fair Centre. Train tickets, tickets for the local public transport network, souvenirs and a selection of regional products are also available here.

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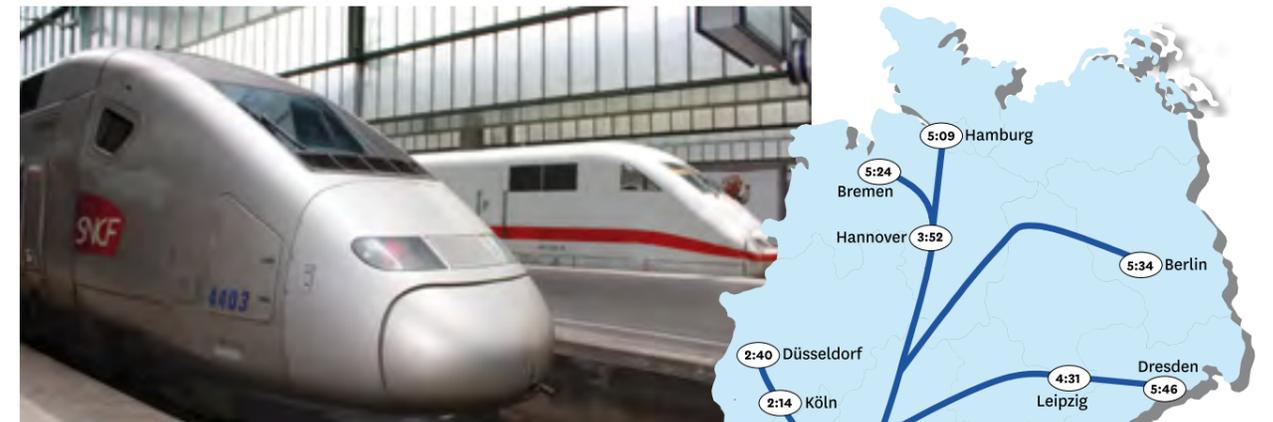
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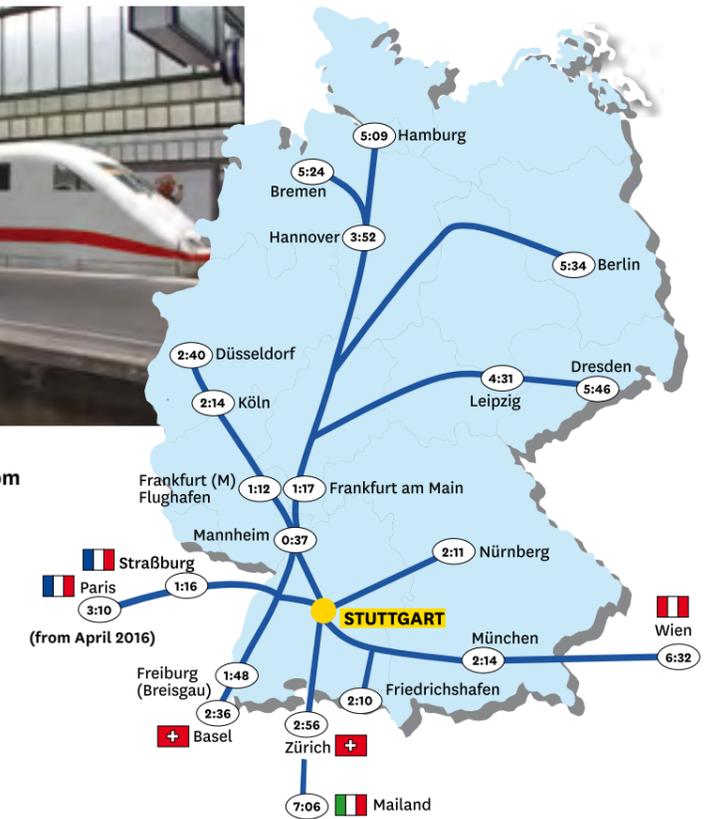
immediate vicinity of the A8 motorway

## Arriving by train



With some 120 trains arriving and departing daily, Stuttgart's main railway station (Hauptbahnhof Stuttgart) is an important junction for international rail traffic. The railway network (ICE, TGV, EC and IC) provides direct links between Stuttgart and many other German and European metropolises, so fast and convenient rail travel is an ideal way to get here. Train tickets can be purchased at the Tourist Information at Stuttgart Airport.

[www.bahn.com](http://www.bahn.com)



## Stuttgart Transport and Tariff Union (VVS)



Verkehrs- und Tarifverbund Stuttgart (VVS): An environment-friendly and comfortable way to reach all the important destinations in the Stuttgart Region is with S-Bahn or Stadtbahn trains or by bus. A valid ticket for the zones selected can be used on any of the public transport facilities.

**VVS 3-Day Ticket:** Hotel guests and congress participants can obtain a VVS 3-Day Ticket on presenting proof of their reservation. This ticket is valid for one adult and two children (aged from 6 – 17 years) on 3 consecutive days. Children under 6 years are included free of charge. There are two options: one covers the city of Stuttgart, the other the whole regional transport network.  
[www.vvs.de](http://www.vvs.de)



**Hotel accommodation incl. VVS ticket for the whole network:** When you book hotel accommodation through the Stuttgart-Marketing GmbH in one of its partner hotels, you will receive a VVS ticket covering the entire regional network for the duration of your stay (8 days maximum) – absolutely free. For each adult reservation (single or double room bookings only) one child aged up to 14 years is entitled to accompany you free of charge.  
[www.stuttgart-tourist.com](http://www.stuttgart-tourist.com)

## StuttCard – Stuttgart Welcome Ticket Stuttgart all inclusive

Pay once, discover Stuttgart: the StuttCard opens doors and saves you money. It's your admission ticket to the Stuttgart Region's museums and gives you reductions for the Stuttgart City-tour, on theatre tickets and in exciting leisure facilities. It treats you to a free welcome drink or delicious dessert at some of Stuttgart's nicest restaurants. Even shopping sprees in the city centre and the famous Outlets Metzingen are more fun for StuttCard holders because many of the stores give attractive discounts when you present the card. All of the free admissions and discounts can be found at one glance in the accompanying leaflet. To help you reach your destination as conveniently as possible, you have the option to buy the StuttCard PLUS. For the period of its duration, the StuttCard PLUS gives you free travel on the whole of the VVS local transport network in the Stuttgart Region. No question: this is definitely a must-have!

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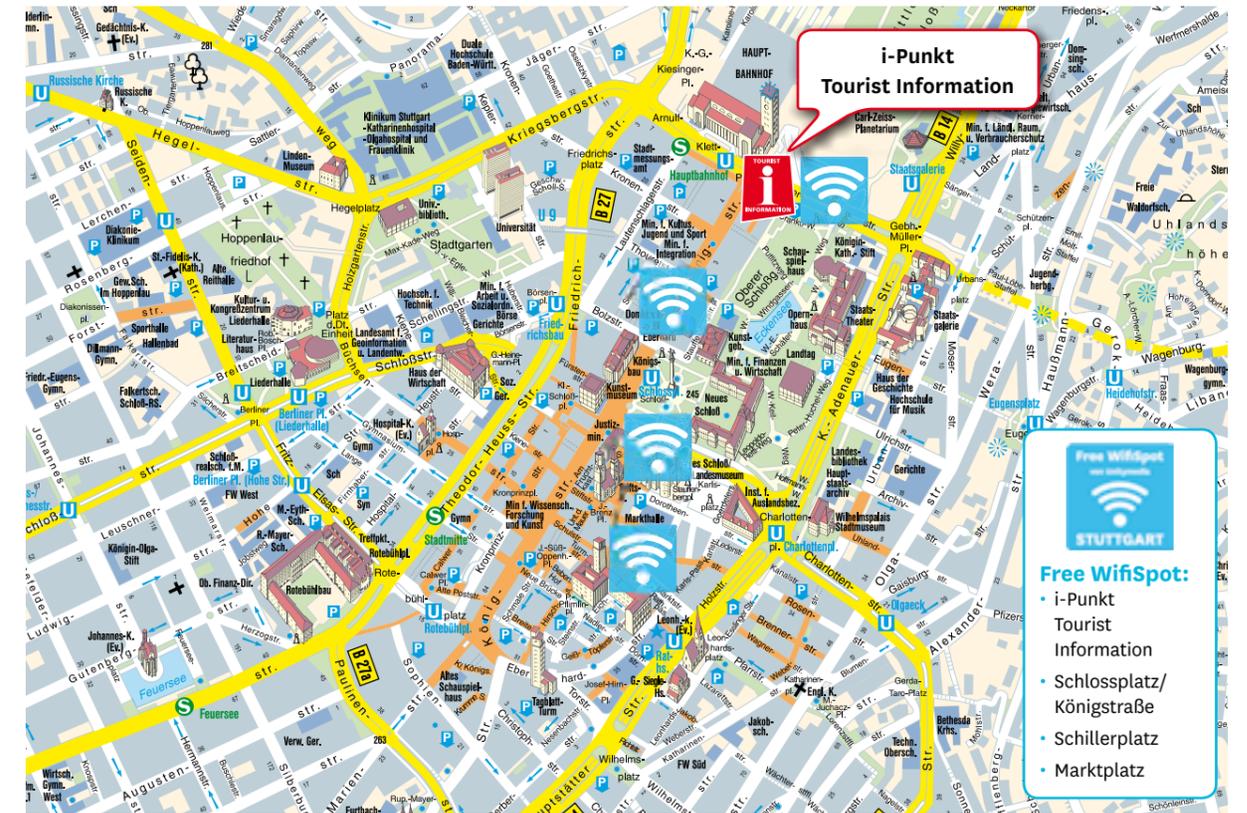


## Stuttgart Citytour – The hop-on/hop-off city tour in an open-top double-decker bus



A tour of discovery past some of Stuttgart's most interesting visitor attractions with lots of scope for individual preferences: the open-top double-decker bus allows visitors uninterrupted views under an open sky (if the weather's fine). You can get off and on at any of the 9 stops to explore the sights along the route. The bus leaves on a fixed schedule, and the tour can be broken off and rejoined at any of the stops. Audio guides provide interesting facts and entertaining trivia on Stuttgart in the form of audio drama scenes. They're available in eleven different languages – including Swabian. There's even an entertaining audio guide conceived especially for children. If you prefer just to stay on the bus, a complete round trip takes 100 minutes. The ticket is valid for 24 hours within the scheduled timetable. Tours begin and end in the city centre at the i-Punkt Tourist Information. [www.stuttgart-citytour.com](http://www.stuttgart-citytour.com)

## i-Punkt Tourist Information



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The i-Punkt Tourist Information has all you require for a successful stay in the Stuttgart Region. The staff will be pleased to provide individual tips and suggestions. There are no language barriers either: English, French, Italian, Spanish and Portuguese are spoken.

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- Travel advice
- VVS-Infothek (local transport information)
- VfB City Shop

 opposite main railway station  
(Hauptbahnhof)



#### OPTIMUM OUTLOOK

After a mere 36-second ascent by lift, visitors to Stuttgart Television Tower (Fernsehturm Stuttgart) can behold a breathtaking panorama from the viewing platform at a height of 150 metres. The chance to wine and dine atop the tower gives visitors a further reason to enjoy the bird's eye view over the Stuttgart Region for a little longer.

[www.fernsehturmstuttgart.com](http://www.fernsehturmstuttgart.com)

# Inventive

Around the World – starting in Stuttgart:  
The great Swabian inventive spirit has changed  
the face of the world.

The first fast-running engine, the spark plug, the adding machine, the office copier, the electric drill, the loose-leaf binder and toilet paper have influenced the course of human history. All of these revolutionary inventions are the products of clever Swabian minds.

One particularly outstanding Swabian invention has long been one of the Stuttgart Region's landmarks: the Stuttgart Television Tower (Fernsehturm Stuttgart), with a total height of 217 metres, was the first structure of its kind worldwide when it opened in 1956. And what is probably the most important modern invention of all also began its triumphal conquest of the world in

Baden-Württemberg: it was here, over 125 years ago, that Gottlieb Daimler, Wilhelm Maybach and Carl Benz developed the very first automobile. The brand names of Mercedes-Benz and Porsche are still today synonymous with Stuttgart and with superb German workmanship and enjoy an exceptional reputation all over the world. This close association is underlined by the fact that part of Stuttgart's coat of arms is found in Porsche's company emblem. Both of these legendary automobile manufacturers continue to set new standards in innovative technology and functional elegance with their high-class products.

## Mercedes-Benz Museum



### A futuristic masterpiece

The gleaming silver construction looks as if it were from outer space. How fitting! A star is, after all, the emblem of the legendary automobile producer who has created an incomparable monument to the company and to automotive history with this highly unusual museum architecture and its fantastic contents. You don't need to be a car enthusiast to succumb to the fascination of the Mercedes-Benz Museum. On an exhibition area of 16,500 square metres, visitors can walk round the nine levels of the spiral-shaped double helix, past the

legends and collections of this world-famous automobile brand. 160 vehicles are presented in impressive displays, while contemporary history is brought to life with film clips, music and exciting exhibits. Audio guides provide comprehensive information in eight languages on four different themes. A visit to the museum shop or restaurant is an ideal way to complete your visit.

 from Stuttgart main station (Hauptbahnhof): approx. 20 minutes



### Prominent exhibits

Here are vehicles that have made history: legends such as the oldest Mercedes in existence, built in 1902, the famous compressor models of the 1920s and 1930s, and the legendary gullwings. Exhibits from every era of contemporary history, vehicles last owned by famous personages, and showpieces from every field of motorised mobility are on show. The celebrated "Silver Arrows", the epitome of power and elegance, are displayed on the steep bend.

[www.mercedes-benz.com/museum](http://www.mercedes-benz.com/museum)

### Gottlieb-Daimler's famous original workshop

It's not far away from the Mercedes-Benz Museum: the little workshop in Bad Cannstatt (Gottlieb-Daimler-Gedächtnisstätte) where Gottlieb Daimler and Wilhelm Maybach developed the first fast-running engine in 1885 and fitted it to a motor carriage a few months later. The building today still gives the impression that the two inventors have just popped out for lunch. The atmosphere of those early years is almost tangible.



 from Stuttgart main station (Hauptbahnhof): approx. 15 minutes

### EXPERIENCE HOW A CAR COMES INTO BEING

In the Daimler AG production plant in Sindelfingen, visitors can experience up close how cars in the upper and luxury class come into being: starting from the parts obtaining their shape in the pressing plant, through to the ballet of the robots in the bodyshop, right through to the marriage of chassis and drive train in the assembly areas.

[www.stuttgart-tourist.de](http://www.stuttgart-tourist.de)



### SCHORNDORF: WHERE GOTTLIEB DAIMLER WAS BORN

Gottlieb Daimler's birthplace is just outside Stuttgart. This pioneer of automotive history was born on 17th March 1834 in Höllgasse in Schorndorf. The house of his birth is now a museum containing an impressive collection of exhibits, models and documents from the inventor's creative years. [www.schorndorf.de](http://www.schorndorf.de)

 from Stuttgart main station (Hauptbahnhof): approx. 25 minutes

# Porsche Museum



**A journey through Porsche history**  
The Porsche Company has always been known for its fascinating automobiles. This Stuttgart sports car producer's most spectacular architectural project is undoubtedly the Porsche Museum in Stuttgart-Zuffenhausen. When planning the sensational structure, the world-famous car manufacturer placed just as much importance on creating an aesthetic form as it does with its exclusive cars. The name of Porsche stands

for dynamic design, and this had also to be visible in the architecture. The client wanted something quite unique, never before seen. On paper the plans looked as if they would be structurally impossible to realise, but to Porsche this presented a true challenge, which it met undaunted. And thus the building was completed within the space of three years with the aid of first-class specialists. What visitors now see at the Porscheplatz site is indeed hard to

credit: the building's 140-m-long corpus rests on just three supports spanned by tremendously long steel girders, giving the impression that the mighty monolith is suspended above ground level.

 from Stuttgart main station (Hauptbahnhof): approx. 15 minutes



### Automotive history comes alive

Visitors enter the museum by means of a long escalator. The impressive exhibition, in which some 80 automobiles and numerous smaller items document the history of the company's development, is staged in a strikingly puristic form. Besides Porsche classics such as the 356, 911 or 917 models, the museum also pays tribute to the achievements of Professor Ferdinand Porsche in the early years of the 20th century. The "Beetle", another of his constructions, has also found a place of honour here.

Porsche never adheres to rigid conventions, so it is in keeping that the presentation of the exhibits is constantly being changed and rearranged. The approximately 26,000 square metres of the museum also incorporate a special workshop for historic museum vehicles. Through a glass panel, visitors can watch classic Porsche cars being restored, or more youthful veterans being made ready for a race.

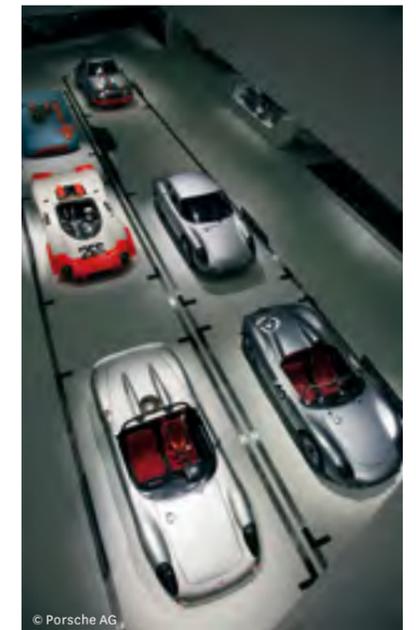
[www.porsche.com/museum](http://www.porsche.com/museum)



### DREAMS IN THE FAST LANE: MOTORWORLD AND V8 HOTEL

The classic vehicles, motorcycles and fast luxury sports cars on display at the Motorworld are guaranteed to gladden the hearts not only of male visitors. The historical building complex of the former Böblingen/Sindelfingen airfield is home to specialist dealers and workshops on the theme of classic vehicles of today and tomorrow. Private owners can garage their especially prized vehicles in glass boxes with optimum climatic conditions. In the midst of the classic vehicles, you can also enjoy the wide range of refreshments. The V8 Hotel at the Motorworld is a unique experience: ten of its 34 rooms are individually designed themed rooms, for example a filling station, a drive-in cinema or a car wash – allowing guests to spend the night in genuine converted vehicles.

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 from Stuttgart main station (Hauptbahnhof): approx. 30 minutes

# Sophisticated

Culture in all its finest facets:  
The Stuttgart Region is a veritable paradise  
for outstanding and varied culture

**B**aden-Württemberg's pulse is strongest in the heart of its capital: most people find the first glimpse of Stuttgart's Palace Square (Schlossplatz) quite breathtaking. The city's main shopping area opens onto one of Europe's most beautiful squares. Bordered by splendid buildings in the Baroque, Late Classicism and Renaissance styles as well as by futuristic modern architecture, the square is a truly impressive synthesis of the arts. Features found singly elsewhere are doubly present here: the two great palaces with an equally great history and two outstanding museums attract visitors from all corners of the globe. The city's 207 square kilometres are packed with top-calibre, original museums, theatres and vaudeville, exceptional libraries, a beautiful opera house and a world-class ballet.

The Stuttgart Region as a whole is ideal for wonderful cultural journeys of discovery. Many places boast fairy-tale castles, pleasure palaces, awe-inspiring monastery complexes and historic churches which tell of the splendour of past ages. A visit to Schiller's birthplace (Schiller's Geburtshaus) and the Schiller National Museum (Schiller-Nationalmuseum) gives a more personal, emotive approach to this great Swabian writer. There's an impressive glimpse of the past when you explore one or more of the countless picturesque towns with their lovingly restored timbered buildings. The Stuttgart Region's architecture spans every era, from the medieval to the spectacularly contemporary. Your camera will never leave your hand!

## Ludwigsburg Palace



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### The splendour of bygone ages

A former royal residence, a pleasure palace and gardens of exceptional beauty: this “Swabian Versailles” is one of Europe’s most imposing examples of historical architecture and is the largest Baroque palace complex in Germany preserved in its original form. The 452 rooms of the extensive structure were once the home of dukes and kings. Worthwhile sightseeing options transport visitors back to the days of Baroque

and to two other great eras: Rococo and Empire. Thanks to painstaking restoration, the whole of the interior is today just as magnificent as it was in its heyday. You’ll feel as if you’ve walked into a living fairy tale, surrounded by all the sumptuous, gilt-clad halls and private apartments with their splendidly ornate furniture, paintings and gems of craftsmanship, fanciful wall decorations and intricate stuccowork. In addition, Lud-

wigsburg Palace (Residenzschloss Ludwigsburg) houses an overwhelming variety of museums, including a museum of fashion, a ceramics museum, a lapidarium and a Baroque gallery. And the remarkable palace theatre, still in use today, was already described by no less than Casanova.



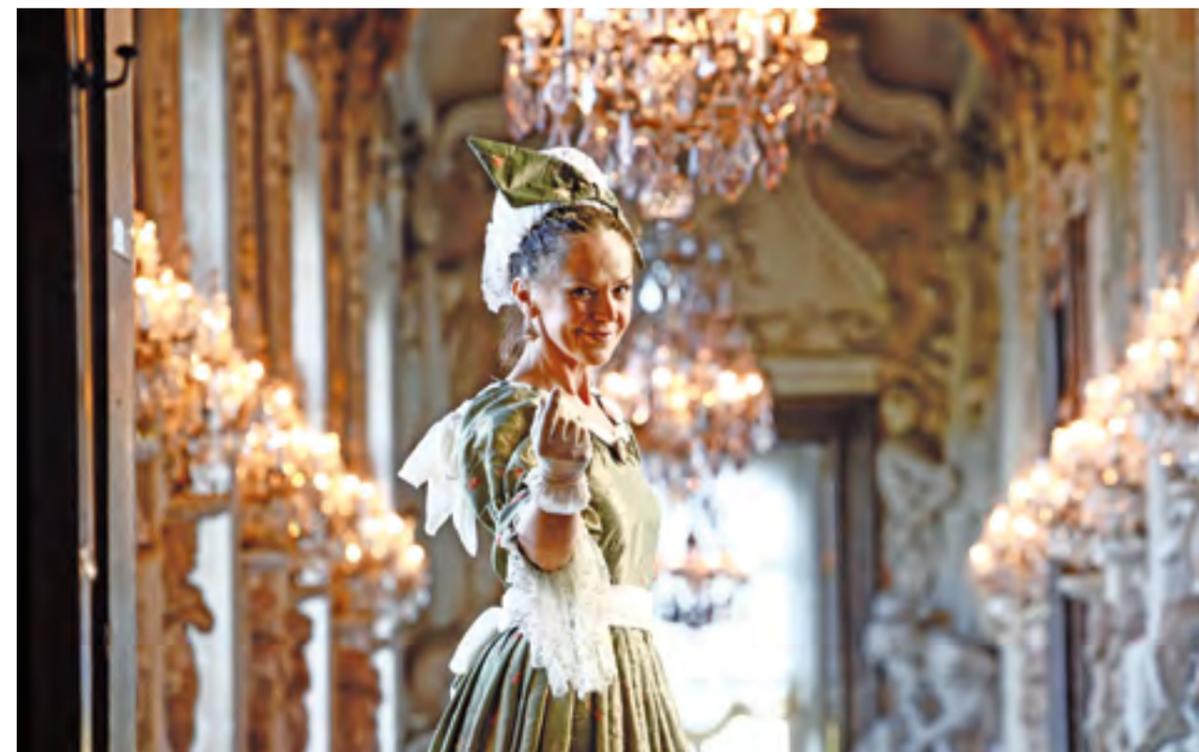
### FAVORITE PALACE AND “BAROQUE IN BLOOM”: PLEASURE, HUNTING AND HORTICULTURE

They are just as beautiful as they sound: the “Baroque in Bloom” gardens (Blühendes Barock) surrounding Ludwigsburg Palace look much like they did around the year 1800. Geometric landscape design and romantic natural areas are perfect for walks. There are also colourful flower displays each year on alternating horticultural themes. In the middle of the lovingly tended palace park stands the Baroque hunting lodge and summer residence of Favorite. Its costly furnishings and bright interior decoration convey a vivid impression of the leisure activities of the rulers of the day and their entourage.

[www.schloss-favorite-ludwigsburg.de](http://www.schloss-favorite-ludwigsburg.de) • [www.ludwigsburg.de](http://www.ludwigsburg.de)



from Stuttgart main station (Hauptbahnhof): approx. 25 minutes

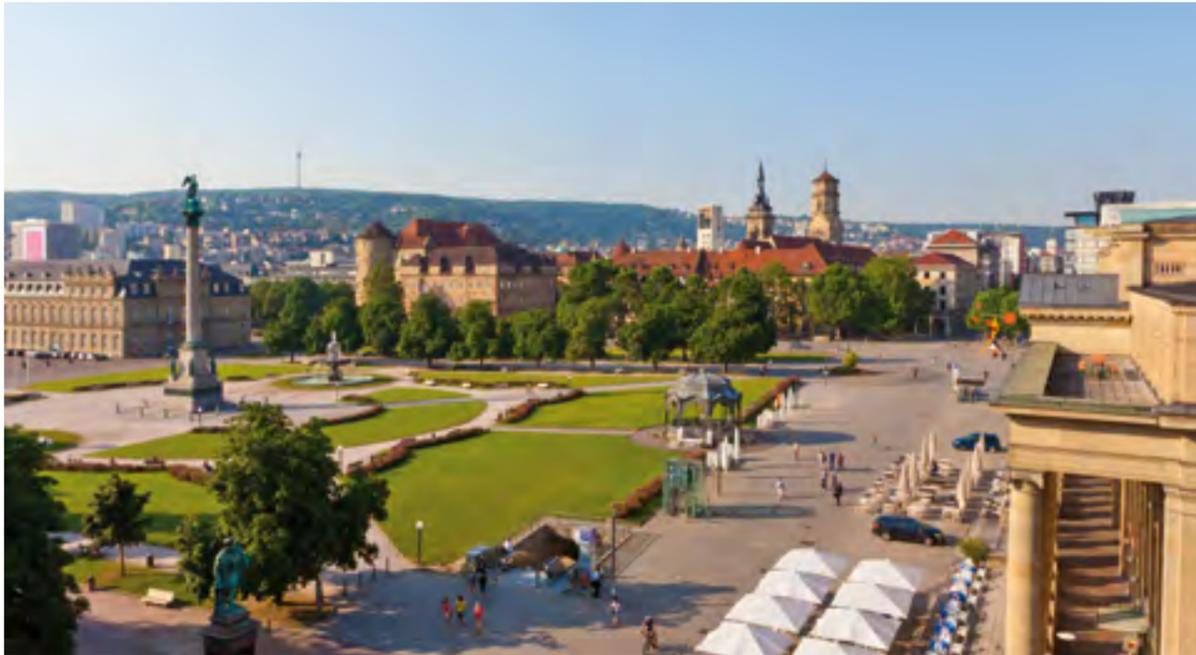


### Tours of Ludwigsburg Palace

Wonderful insights into idyllic Ludwigsburg Palace (Residenzschloss Ludwigsburg) can be gained during a guided tour. There are up to three guided tours of this historic building in English per day which take you on an unforgettable stroll through centuries past. Walking through the state apartments, visitors can soak up the atmosphere of an age when Ludwigsburg was the hub and the royal residence of the Duchy of Württemberg. On request, there are also guided group tours available in English, French, Italian, Spanish, Greek, Japanese, Polish, Romanian, Russian and Arabic.

[www.schloss-ludwigsburg.de](http://www.schloss-ludwigsburg.de)

## The heart of Stuttgart: Palace Square



### New Palace

This was once the residence of the kings of Württemberg: the magnificent Baroque palace complex with its elaborate gardens is the gem of Palace Square (Schlossplatz). Today it is used by the state government for administration and representational purposes. In summer, Palace Square is popular with Stuttgart's inhabitants for relaxing on the grass or the rims of the bubbling fountains around the New Palace (Neues Schloss).

### Old Palace

Mighty towers and massive stone walls: the origins of the Old Palace (Altes Schloss) date back to a 10th-century moated castle. Duke Christoph of Württemberg (1550 – 1568) had the interior of the old castle converted to a magnificent Renaissance palace. On entering the wonderful inner courtyard with its magnificent arcades, you feel as if you've been transported back to the 16th century. [www.stuttgart-tourist.com](http://www.stuttgart-tourist.com)

 from Stuttgart main station (Hauptbahnhof): approx. 10 minutes



## In Schiller's footsteps

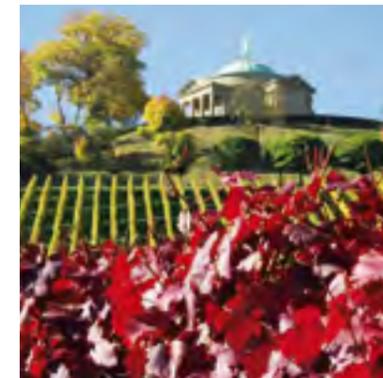
Friedrich Schiller was a true Swabian, which is why Stuttgart's inhabitants insisted on erecting his very first memorial on a square in the town centre. In Schiller Square (Schillerplatz) the writer is in the best of company: the region's famous son is surrounded by the Collegiate Church (Stiftskirche) and some of Stuttgart's oldest edifices – the Old Palace (Altes Schloss) and the Old Chancellery (Alte Kanzlei) from the 16th century. And Schiller in his day probably also enjoyed the hustle and bustle of the market, now held three times a week on Schiller Square. [www.stuttgart-tourist.com](http://www.stuttgart-tourist.com)

 from Stuttgart main station (Hauptbahnhof): approx. 10 minutes

## Solitude Palace

A magnificent avenue of chestnut trees leads to the charming little Rococo palace of Solitude (Schloss Solitude). This architectural complex with its wonderful view of Ludwigsburg Palace (Residenzschloss Ludwigsburg) was commissioned in 1764 by Duke Carl Eugen for hunting and representational purposes, "far from the hustle and disappointments of the world". [www.schloss-solitude.de](http://www.schloss-solitude.de)

 from Stuttgart main station (Hauptbahnhof): approx. 30 minutes



## Burial Chapel on the Württemberg

On top of the hill known as the Württemberg, surrounded by Stuttgart's vineyards, is one of the most romantic places in the state: visible from afar, the mausoleum rotunda (Grabkapelle auf dem Württemberg) was commissioned by King Wilhelm I and built between 1820–1824 as a memorial to his beloved wife, Queen Katharina, who died at an early age. Today the King lies alongside his beloved consort, and Charlotte, their daughter, has also found her final resting-place here. From the beautiful chapel there are magnificent panoramic views over Stuttgart and the acres of vineyards, which are perfect for long walks. [www.grabkapelle-rotenberg.de](http://www.grabkapelle-rotenberg.de)

 from Stuttgart main station (Hauptbahnhof): approx. 30 minutes



### WALKING TOUR OF STUTTGART

Palaces, parks, historical and modern architecture, vibrant shopping precincts: Stuttgart's city centre is packed with fascinating attractions. The best way to discover the wealth of Stuttgart's cultural and architectural history is on a city walk with a knowledgeable and entertaining guide. Dates and reservation options, as well as information on foreign language tours, can be found at [www.stuttgart-tourist.com](http://www.stuttgart-tourist.com)



## Bebenhausen Monastery and Palace

A former Cistercian monastery (Kloster und Schloss Bebenhausen), this is one of Germany's finest and best-preserved medieval monastery complexes. Parts of the monastery were converted more than 200 years ago by the kings of Württemberg for use as a hunting lodge. Today, the whole of the surviving medieval village of Bebenhausen is a historically protected site, making every visit here a journey back through time. [www.kloster-bebenhausen.de](http://www.kloster-bebenhausen.de)

 from Stuttgart main station (Hauptbahnhof): approx. 65 minutes



## Lichtenstein Castle

High above the Echaz Valley, this enchanted fairy-tale castle (Schloss Lichtenstein) in Neogothic style perches on the edge of the Alb escarpment. From the knights' hall to the armoury, the magnificent apartments and their furnishings have been restored with meticulous attention to detail. [www.schloss-lichtenstein.de](http://www.schloss-lichtenstein.de)

 from Stuttgart main station (Hauptbahnhof): approx. 100 minutes

## The Stuttgart State Theatres



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### Stuttgart Opera House

Stuttgart's opera house (Staatsoper Stuttgart) is not only one of Europe's most prestigious, but also one of the loveliest of its kind. Even its entrance is unusual: a vast staircase leads from the middle of the Palace Gardens (Schlossgarten) up to the "Großes Haus", the main auditorium, with its row of pillars in the style of Classicism. The opera house was built between 1909 and 1912 by Max

Littmann as the Royal Court Theatre, and it is no less magnificent today, both inside and out. The royal box, dedicated to the last king of Württemberg, who commissioned the theatre, the opulent chandeliers, the coffered ceiling and numerous marble busts in the long foyers guarantee that every visit to the opera or ballet is a special experience from the very first minute.

[www.staatstheater-stuttgart.com](http://www.staatstheater-stuttgart.com)



from Stuttgart main station  
(Hauptbahnhof): approx. 5 minutes



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### Three world-class sectors: the Stuttgart State Theatres

The people of Stuttgart are justifiably proud of their State Theatres (Staatstheater Stuttgart). The city boasts the largest tripartite theatre in the world. The Stuttgart Ballet (Stuttgarter Ballett), the Stuttgart Opera (Oper Stuttgart) and the Schauspiel Stuttgart theatre company have joint use of the main stages – the opera house, the playhouse, the chamber theatre and other, smaller locations.

For over 50 years now the Stuttgart Ballet has been one of the world's leading ensembles and receives frequent invitations to give international guest performances. The ballet rose to international fame through the genius of its choreographer, John Cranko, who brought about the "Stuttgart ballet miracle" in the 1960s. The high level of technical perfection and the wide range

of styles in the Stuttgart Ballet's repertoire attract not only large audiences but also the best performers from all corners of the globe.

The Stuttgart Opera's repertoire comprises classical works in innovative new interpretations and has a reputation for musical theatre under directors with a strong individual signature. Famous contemporary composers, too, have come to regard the magnificent opera house as their creative home. The Stuttgart Opera Company is one of the best in the world: it has been elected "Opera House of the Year" six times for its overall performance, while the State Opera Chorus has received the "Opera Chorus of the Year" award no fewer than nine times.

The Schauspiel Stuttgart theatre company, with a permanent ensemble of 40 members, has also won many awards in recent years and is one of the most influential straight theatre companies in German-speaking countries. Under Armin Petras, its director, it presents some 25 new productions each season. They include not only classical and contemporary works but also themes and projects with focus on the city of Stuttgart and the region. The fringe sectors of the visual arts, dance and music also constitute important elements of these productions.

## Stuttgart State Gallery



Stuttgart's State Gallery (Staatsgalerie Stuttgart) is one of the world's leading art museums. According to national visitor statistics, it is also one of Germany's most visited art galleries. The Stuttgart State Gallery's permanent exhibitions present works of painting and sculpture from the 14th to the 21st century. The collections contain celebrated masterpieces such as Oskar Schlemmer's "Triadic Ballet", the Joseph Beuys Room and the twelve altar panels of Hans Hol-

bein the Elder's "Grey Passion". Famous masters from the history of art whose works can be admired at the Stuttgart State Gallery include Cranach, Tiepolo, Rubens, Rembrandt, Caspar David Friedrich, Renoir, Cézanne, Gauguin, Franz Marc, Picasso, Dalí and Warhol. In addition, special temporary exhibitions at regular intervals display works ranging from medieval German art or Classical Modernism up to the present day. The Stuttgart State Gallery's architecture

is no less revolutionary: the Old State Gallery (Alte Staatsgalerie, 1843) was extended in the year 1984 by the Post-modernist building designed by the British star architect Sir James Stirling. This magnificent architectural complex enthralled not only architecture enthusiasts. [www.staatsgalerie.de](http://www.staatsgalerie.de)

 from Stuttgart main station (Hauptbahnhof): approx. 5 minutes

## Stuttgart Museum of Art



Visible from afar, the glass cube of the Stuttgart Museum of Art (Kunstmuseum Stuttgart) is one of the city's landmarks, together with the splendid historical buildings bordering Palace Square (Schlossplatz). At night, the striking lighting makes the outstanding architecture even more impressive, accentuating the stone cube that forms the core of the building. There and in two former tunnels, contemporary art and works of Classical Modernism are on display on 5,000 square metres of exhibition space. The Stuttgart Museum of Art stages impressive exhibitions of the works of internationally renowned artists. In this vein, it is home to a prestigious collection of the oeuvre of Otto Dix and main works of Willi Baumeister, Fritz Winter, Joseph Kosuth and Dieter Roth. The espresso bar in the museum foyer and the restaurant on the top floor, with its fantastic view over Stuttgart, are two of the city's favourite meeting places.

[www.kunstmuseum-stuttgart.com](http://www.kunstmuseum-stuttgart.com)

 from Stuttgart main station (Hauptbahnhof): approx. 5 minutes

## Schiller's birthplace and the Schiller National Museum

### Childhood and veneration

The old artisan's house (Schillers Geburtshaus) in Marbach where Friedrich Schiller was born on 10th November 1759 is a popular destination for the writer's devotees. His christening bonnet and the little suit he wore as a boy are on display here, along with other items which once belonged to the Schiller family. In addition, the exhibition vividly documents the history of Schiller's veneration.

 from Stuttgart main station (Hauptbahnhof) to Marbach: approx. 30 minutes



### Getting closer to the past

In the style of a Late Baroque pleasure palace, the Schiller National Museum (Schiller-Nationalmuseum) stands high above the Neckar in Marbach, Schiller's birthplace. It was built around 1900 as a tribute to the famous poet and dramatist. More than fifty portrayals of Friedrich Schiller are on show in the memorial museum, the most authentic of them being his death mask. Private items once owned by this Swabian freethinker let you feel the great man's presence. They include his hat, his shoe buckles and of course his original manuscripts, including the last verses written shortly before his death in the year 1805.

[www.schillerstadt-marbach.de](http://www.schillerstadt-marbach.de)



### A NECKAR BOAT TRIP TO THE SCHILLER TOWN OF MARBACH

Schiller's birthplace can also be reached by boat. From May to October, the comfortable "Neckar-Käpt'n" passenger ships leave on a regular schedule from the landing stage in Stuttgart and take you to Marbach, past the picturesque vineyards of the Neckar Valley: a delightful outing where you can of course embark or disembark at any of the landing stages along the route – and take your bicycle as well. Drinks and snacks are also available on board.

[www.neckar-kaeptn.de](http://www.neckar-kaeptn.de)

 from Stuttgart main station (Hauptbahnhof): approx. 20 minutes to the Wilhelma landing stage



## Stuttgart Linden-Museum

As exciting as a trip round the world: the Stuttgart Linden Museum (Linden-Museum Stuttgart) is one of Europe's largest museums of ethnology. Its temporary and permanent exhibitions present a wealth of magnificent objects from every continent. Workshops, lectures, concerts, dance performances, films, theme days and events for children make the Neoclassical building a place of lively cultural encounters.

[www.lindenmuseum.de](http://www.lindenmuseum.de)

 from Stuttgart main station (Hauptbahnhof): approx. 5 minutes

## Württemberg State Museum

More than 150 years ago King Wilhelm I of Württemberg laid the foundation for today's vast collection of exhibits documenting the history of the state. Today the Württemberg State Museum's (Landesmuseum Württemberg) circular tour "Legendäre Meisterwerke" takes visitors on a journey through 80,000 years of civilisation history from the Stone Age up to the present day. In addition, temporary exhibitions focus on fascinating aspects from the history of Württemberg and Europe. Beneath the Old Palace (Altes Schloss) there is also the royal burial vault of the House of Württemberg, which contains, among others, the tombs of King Karl and Queen Olga. And younger visitors can look forward to the "Junges Schloss" ("Young Palace") – a wonderful museum designed especially for children.



[www.landesmuseum-stuttgart.de](http://www.landesmuseum-stuttgart.de)  
[www.stuttgart-tourist.com](http://www.stuttgart-tourist.com)

 from Stuttgart main station (Hauptbahnhof): approx. 5 minutes

## Weissenhof Estate



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### World-class architecture

For the purpose of an architecture exhibition, a housing programme for city dwellers was built in 1927 on the hill known as the Killesberg: the Weissenhof Estate (Weissenhofsiedlung). The extraordinarily bold, avant-garde project with its unusually uncluttered lines was realised by 17 architects who today are acknowledged as some of the most outstanding masters of modern architecture, for example Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, Le Corbusier, Walter Gropius and Hans Scharoun. Each of the architects designed his own house, while conforming to the specification that it must have a flat roof. And although the complex as a whole is a model of homogeneity, each architect's individuality is clearly recognisable and continues to impress architecture enthusiasts from all over the world in the present day.



### Weissenhof Museum at the Le Corbusier House

The "Five Points towards a New Architecture" laid out by Le Corbusier in the 1920s were put into practice with particular effect in the semi-detached building which he designed. Now a museum (Weissenhofmuseum im Haus Le Corbusier), the house contains an exhibition on the history of the Estate in one half, while the living quarters in the other are decorated and furnished in the original colour schemes and styles of 1927. The Stuttgart-Marketing GmbH offers guided tours on the theme "Architecture in Stuttgart", which include a visit to the Weissenhof Estate.

[www.weissenhofmuseum.de](http://www.weissenhofmuseum.de)

 from Stuttgart main station (Hauptbahnhof): approx. 15 minutes



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## Picture-book timbered buildings

There are lots of communities in the Stuttgart Region with beautiful timbered buildings and medieval flair. These historical towns and villages with their magnificent timbered structures are well worth a visit as witnesses of former architectural eras with picture-book character. What's more, a section of the "Deutsche Fachwerkstraße", a tourist route taking in many such places, runs through the Stuttgart Region. The oldest timbered house (built in 1261) and the oldest row of timbered buildings in Germany are to be found in Esslingen – only a few minutes' drive from Stuttgart.

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### STUTTGART PIG MUSEUM

Alongside its museums of high culture, the Stuttgart Region also has a host of curiosities on offer. The Stuttgart Pig Museum (Schweinemuseum Stuttgart), the largest of its kind worldwide, is one of these. With over 50,000 exhibits in 29 theme rooms and alternating special exhibitions, the pig is represented in art, culture, mythology and agriculture. The location of the exhibition couldn't be more appropriate: the Art Nouveau building of the "Alter Schlachthof", Stuttgart's former slaughterhouse. Furthermore, the Schlachthof's restaurant serves excellent food, so Stuttgart's Pig Museum also fits in well with the following section which introduces, among other things, the region's culinary highlights.

[www.stuttgart-tourist.com](http://www.stuttgart-tourist.com)



 from Stuttgart main station (Hauptbahnhof): approx. 15 minutes

# Enticing

In the Stuttgart Region there's plenty of scope for the pleasurable and palatable aspects of life.

Swabia has a wealth of culinary delights on offer. "Spätzle", for example, are a kind of noodles whose tasty reputation has spread far beyond the state boundaries. They're the ideal accompaniment to a succulent roast or lentils. Visitors from all over the world always enjoy discovering the region's specialities. From charming cafés with delicious cakes and pastries, to stylish starred restaurants serving international cuisine – in the Stuttgart Region you'll find virtually everything in the way of good catering. In the evenings there are lots of elegant bars, cosy pubs and trendy clubs just waiting to be discovered. There's always something going on in the Stuttgart Region, with its wide range of festive, entertaining and cultural events throughout the year. Spring festivals, summer parties, Christmas events – Swabians are never short of an excuse to celebrate. There are concerts and festivals with international stars and wine events with typical Swabian "Gemütlichkeit". By far the largest and most outstanding festival in Baden-Württemberg is the Cannstatter Volksfest, Stuttgart's Beer Festival, which has been a real public magnet ever since it began. There have been many positive developments at the Volksfest since 1818. Today, this traditional festival draws around 4 million guests annually. The variety of traditional and modern amusements on offer makes the Stuttgart Beer Festival one of the largest and most delightful public festivals worldwide. Nine marquees and the Alpine Village provide all that's needed for a popular festival: beer, "Göckele" (as the grilled chickens are known here), traditional costumes, leather trousers and exuberant music.

## Cannstatter Volksfest: the Stuttgart Beer Festival



from Stuttgart main station  
(Hauptbahnhof): approx. 10 minutes

For almost 200 years now the people of Stuttgart and their guests have been gathering every autumn at the Cannstatter Wasen, the 35-hectare festival site on the banks of the Neckar. The Stuttgart Beer Festival combines the traditional and the modern, delighting some four million visitors annually from all over the world. For 17 days, young and old alike can celebrate, have fun and forget the daily grind. All around the "Fruchtsäule" – the column of fruit which is the festival's historic symbol – more than 330 hosts, stallholders and showmen present their wide range of attractions. The Ferris wheel, ghost train, roller coaster, bumper cars, children's roundabouts and new, ingenious fairground rides each year guarantee lots of breathtaking thrills.

In its seven beer tents, two wine tents, the Alpine Village and several beer gardens seating up to 35,000 guests, the Beer Festival provides a varied programme. Visitors can enjoy the festival beer, specially brewed for the occasion by Stuttgart's breweries, and make merry to their heart's content to the accompaniment of live, folksy music and party hits. Complementary to this, the two wine tents allow guests to indulge in a glass of wine, enjoy the music and dance, guaranteeing a pleasant evening on the Wasen.

The fairground at the NeckarPark Stuttgart is easily reached by public transport, with special festival trains that take visitors right to the Cannstatter Wasen and back, allowing them to enjoy their beer and wine with a clear conscience!

[www.wasen.de](http://www.wasen.de)



## Stuttgarter Weindorf: the Stuttgart Wine Festival

Sociable, inviting and absolutely unique – that's the Stuttgarter Weindorf, one of Germany's biggest wine festivals. For twelve days each summer, over 500 varieties of wine from Württemberg and Baden are served in the 124 lovingly decorated wine booths on the marketplace (Marktplatz), Schiller Square (Schillerplatz) and Kirchstraße, the road connecting them. There's also everything that the Swabians and their guests enjoy in the way of food: "Maultaschen" (filled pasta), potato salad, sauerkraut, grilled steak with onions, freshly-baked pretzels and lots more besides – all home-produced, of course. This is where to get acquainted with the tastiest aspects of the Swabian way of life! [www.stuttgarter-weindorf.com](http://www.stuttgarter-weindorf.com)

from Stuttgart main station  
(Hauptbahnhof): approx. 10 minutes



## Festive Christmas markets in the Stuttgart Region



Fairy lights, mulled wine and lots of surprises: Advent is one of the nicest times of year – and the Stuttgart Region is no exception. Its wonderful Christmas markets can't fail to put you in a festive mood. Many of these yuletide idylls are a breathtaking sight, set up against a backdrop of picturesque town centres and each with its own special features, so make the most of the four weeks of Advent for an extensive tour of the region's Christmas markets.



### Stuttgart Christmas Market: one of the loveliest in Europe

Stuttgart's Christmas Market (Stuttgarter Weihnachtsmarkt) was first officially documented in the year 1692. Nowadays the whole of the city centre is transformed into a sparkling yuletide town, attracting countless visitors to Stuttgart each year from Germany and abroad. Smells of cinnamon and vanilla, grilled sausages and mulled wine pervade the town centre, and Christmas music fills the streets and squares. More than 280 stalls with their lovingly decorated wooden roofs make Stuttgart's Christmas Market one of the biggest and most beautiful in the whole of Europe. Besides many concerts in the courtyard of the Old Palace (Altes Schloss) and on the steps of the Town Hall (Rathaus), the switch-on of the Christmas tree lights on Palace Square (Schlossplatz) is a highlight. 40,000 bulbs illuminate one of the most impressive Christmas trees in Germany. On Palace Square a children's fairland is sure to delight the smallest visitors: a nostalgic roundabout, a children's Ferris wheel, a candle maker's workshop, a children's bakery, a gingerbread workshop and a little railway with a real steam engine await them.

[www.stuttgarter-weihnachtsmarkt.com](http://www.stuttgarter-weihnachtsmarkt.com)

 from Stuttgart main station (Hauptbahnhof): approx. 5 minutes



### Ludwigsburg: Baroque-style Christmas magic

The special feature of Ludwigsburg's Christmas Market (Ludwigsburger Barock-Weihnachtsmarkt) is the layout of its stalls, which is modelled on a Baroque park. The Christmas Market on the picturesque marketplace (Marktplatz) of this former royal residence is graced each Saturday by a prominent guest, when Friedrich I, once King of Württemberg and master of Ludwigsburg Palace (Residenzschloss Ludwigsburg), strolls round the glittering, lovingly decorated stalls of the Christmas Market with his courtiers. Each year visitors can be sure of finding a wide range of arts, crafts and culinary delicacies. There's also an equally attractive daily programme of yuletide entertainment on the stage of the Christmas Market.

[www.ludwigsburg.de](http://www.ludwigsburg.de)



 from Stuttgart main station (Hauptbahnhof): approx. 20 minutes



### Esslingen: Esslingen Medieval Market & Christmas Market

Here the Middle Ages come alive again. There's a bustling atmosphere – colourful and merry. Merchants peddle their wares just as they did hundreds of years ago, and craftsmen demonstrate ancient skills. It's breathtaking to watch the smith hammering his iron, or glass blowers forming delicate baubles. Rope-makers, pewterers, broom- or basket-makers: this is hands-on history relived. Each day there are jesters, minstrels and jugglers to entertain the visitors. Renowned artists and musicians from the European medieval scene present a programme comprising over 500 items. This market (Esslinger Mittelaltermarkt & Weihnachtsmarkt) can't fail to delight. At every turn there's something to captivate, taste, hear or amuse!

[www.esslingen-marketing.de](http://www.esslingen-marketing.de)

 from Stuttgart main station (Hauptbahnhof): approx. 20 minutes

## Ludwigsburg Palace Music Festival



One of Germany's oldest music festivals, this offers superlative cultural enjoyment each year from May to July. During the Ludwigsburg Festival (Ludwigsburger Schlossfestspiele), world-class international soloists, conductors, orchestras and chamber ensembles gather here to enthral culture enthusiasts with top-calibre performances. In addition, there are spectacular performances by the celebrated festival's own orchestra and numerous programmes conceived specifically for the festival.

The varied programme includes musical theatre, chamber music, recitals and dance. Some of the approximately 70 events are staged in historical settings elsewhere in Baden-Württemberg, such as picturesque monasteries and palaces. But the main heartbeat of the Ludwigsburg Festival, which was founded in 1932, is still felt in the magnificent, historic rooms of Ludwigsburg and Palace (Residenzschloss Ludwigsburg) itself and at the modern Forum am Schlosspark. The performances staged



in the palace's elaborately restored Baroque theatre are among the most outstanding and spectacular highlights of the traditional festival. The absolute climax of the festival summer each year is the great Classic Open Air & Fireworks (Klassik Open Air & Feuerwerk) in the incomparable ambience of the lakeside palace of Monrepos (Seeschloss Monrepos). The sparkling fireworks over the lake provide the perfect end to the evening.

[www.ludwigsburg-festival.com](http://www.ludwigsburg-festival.com)

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## Ludwigsburg Venetian Fair

Splendid costumes, imaginative masks, music, theatre, fireworks, dancing, singing, a fairground and feasting: every two years, early in September, the Ludwigsburg Venetian Fair (Venezianische Messe Ludwigsburg) brings all the magic of the Venetian carnival to Ludwigsburg's Baroque marketplace (Marktplatz). For three days Ludwigsburg's citizens and their guests from all over the world celebrate the colourful masked festival, which was first brought to the former royal residence by Duke Carl Eugen in the year 1768. Many of those wearing masks and costumes in Ludwigsburg enhance the famous carnival in Venice, too. Of course, visitors are also welcome to don an intriguing mask and join in this wonderful spectacle.

[www.ludwigsburg.de](http://www.ludwigsburg.de)

 from Stuttgart main station (Hauptbahnhof): approx. 20 minutes

## Stuttgart Music Festival



Since its foundation by the world-famous conductor Helmuth Rilling in the early 1980s, the International Bach Academy Stuttgart (Internationale Bachakademie Stuttgart) has developed into a musical institution of world renown. Rilling's work has been carried on since 2013 by the internationally acclaimed conductor Hans-Christoph Rademann, one of the most sought-after choir conductors and choir specialists

in the world. Each summer, the Stuttgart Music Festival (Musikfest Stuttgart) is the highlight in the Academy's yearly programme – and is just as much of a highlight with great appeal in the Stuttgart Region's calendar of events. Outstanding soloists and ensembles invite audiences to some twenty different – and often somewhat surprising – venues all over Stuttgart for some equally surprising discoveries. The Stuttgart Mu-

sic Festival has a different theme every year, whose various aspects are elucidated and interpreted in music and literature. Johann Sebastian Bach is of course always included. First-class contemporary performers bring the music of this inspired composer to life again during the festival.

[www.musikfest.de](http://www.musikfest.de)

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### MUSICAL AMBASSADORS

Two important musical ambassadors are the Stuttgart Chamber Orchestra (Stuttgarter Kammerorchester) and the SWR Stuttgart Radio Symphony Orchestra (Radio-Sinfonieorchester Stuttgart des SWR, from 2016: SWR Sinfonieorchester). Both orchestras rank high in the international orchestra scene and can be sure of large audiences, both at home and abroad, for their performances of classical and contemporary music. Countless guest performances in the world's greatest concert halls have gained them an international reputation. [www.stuttgarter-kammerorchester.com](http://www.stuttgarter-kammerorchester.com) [www.swr.de](http://www.swr.de)

## Jazzopen Stuttgart



BB King, Katie Melua, Lenny Kravitz, Grace Jones, Joss Stone, Paul Simon, Chicago, Diana Krall and other jazz legends have been here in the past: the stars of the jazz scene gather in Stuttgart for the Jazzopen. Ten days long some 50 live acts create unique festival flair on four stages.

[www.stuttgart-tourist.com](http://www.stuttgart-tourist.com)

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## Württemberg: home of fine wines



One can't fail to notice that the Stuttgart Region has a century-old tradition of wine growing. What's more, Stuttgart is the only city in Germany with its own wine estate, and the vineyards with their neat rows of vines even stretch into the city. The steep terraces with their typical little vineyard huts are visible from all of the town's look-out points, adding delightful green accents to the modern cityscape. During the wine-making process, Württemberg's vintners place prime importance on high quality and outstand-

ing flavour. Producers of these exquisite wines range from small family estates to large cooperatives. Many of the region's wine growers have time and again won regional, national and international awards. Proof of their skill can be sampled in the countless traditional and often very old wine taverns which invite guests to enjoy the carefully-matured results.



### Stuttgart Museum of Viniculture

Stuttgart's Museum of Viniculture (Weinbaumuseum Stuttgart) illustrates the history of wine growing from Roman times up to the present day with the aid of many historical exhibits. Even the museum itself is a piece of viniculture history: the former old wine-press with its traditional timbered architecture in the idyllic wine-growing village of Uhlbach is the perfect setting for the extensive exhibition on this delectable cultural asset. Various drinking vessels from two millennia are on display here, as well as historical winepresses and huge wooden barrels. And of course it goes without saying that after your tour you can taste some of the local vintages. In the museum's cosy Vinothek Stuttgart's choice wines are waiting to be sampled.

[www.stuttgart-tourist.com](http://www.stuttgart-tourist.com)

 from Stuttgart main station (Hauptbahnhof): approx. 25 minutes



### A broom at the door

If you want to experience the wine-growing tradition in its nicest form, look out for a "Besen". In Swabia the old-fashioned "besom" hung at the door signals one of the cosy traditional wine taverns which only open for a limited time each year and are run by the vintners themselves. These "broom taverns" are in operation for just four months of the year and may

only seat a maximum of 40 guests. Wine growers serve their own wines here, accompanied by hearty, home-made specialities. The cosy ambience of these little taverns is quite unique and the mood is always merry. There's nowhere better for hobnobbing with the natives.

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### HOW TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS EASILY!

A cross-section of wines from Württemberg and Baden can be found each year at the traditional Stuttgart Wine Festival, which takes place in the heart of Baden-Württemberg's state capital (see also page 29). And for those wanting typical regional specialities to take home with them, it's worth calling in at the i-Punkt Tourist Information, opposite the main railway station (see page 7).

## Culinary highlights and nightlife



Speisemeisterei, © Emily Montana



**THE SUBJECT OF MANY LEGENDS: THE SWABIAN "MAULTASCHE"**  
One version claims that the Cistercian monks of Maulbronn Monastery (Kloster Maulbronn) were unwilling to go without meat during Lent, so without much ado they hid the forbidden food from the Lord's sight by enclosing it in a pasta dough. This is why the "Maultasche" is known in the local dialect as "Herrgotts'scheißerle" (politely translatable as "Swindlers of the Almighty").



Swabia is one of the most hospitable areas in Germany. Swabians are proud of their beautiful region and take pleasure in making the tourists who come here from all over the world feel at home. The wide variety of food served in many different ambiances contributes to this. From starred gastronomy – with 20 locations in the Stuttgart Region alone – to stylish restaurants with a Mediterranean, oriental, Asian or African bias and menus to match, and numerous cosy inns serving typical hearty Swabian



specialities: there's no lack of delicious things to sample. Swabian grilled steak, home-made "Maultaschen" (filled pasta), the famous "lentils with Spätzle" (noodles), pretzels, or the satisfying hotpot known as "Gaisburger Marsch" are definitely not to be missed.



### Friedrichsbau Varieté

Curtain up: the tradition of the Friedrichsbau Varieté can be traced back to the 1920s and 1930s, when internationally known stars such as Josephine Baker made headlines in the then Friedrichsbau Theater. The Friedrichsbau Varieté today combines traditional and renowned artistic and acrobatic art with innovative formats, and in a changing schedule of shows draws the audience into a breathtaking world of illusion and magic.

[www.friedrichsbau.de](http://www.friedrichsbau.de)

from Stuttgart main station (Hauptbahnhof): approx. 10 minutes



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### Stuttgart's nightlife

At weekends Stuttgart's city centre is a place for celebrating. Dozens of clubs, bars and lounges are to be found in and around Theodor-Heuss-Straße. There's something for every musical taste here. The proximity of the locations is ideal for party hoppers eager not to miss anything – most of them are only a few minutes' walk apart.

An "in" quarter definitely worth a visit is the delightful square with southern flair around the "Lucky Hans" ("Hans im Glück") fountain near the town centre. The same applies to the Bohnenviertel (Bean Quarter), whose nostalgic little streets with their cosy but very trendy bars directly adjoin the city centre.

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### Culinary trip through Stuttgart's Market Hall

Germany has no shortage of market halls, but it would be hard to find one where the wonderful fruit, colourful vegetables or local and international cheese, sausage, fish and meat specialities are presented in surroundings that can match the flair of Stuttgart's Market Hall (Markthalle Stuttgart). In the imposing, brightly-lit Art Nouveau building in the heart of the city you'll find nothing but the best. A visit here is a feast for the eyes, nose and palate – and an absolute must for gourmets and lovers of historical architecture alike. [www.stuttgart-tourist.com](http://www.stuttgart-tourist.com)

## Shopping in the Stuttgart Region



### Metzingen: the superlative outlet city

In the Stuttgart Region shopping fans can “shop till they drop” for high-quality goods at favourable prices, for example in the home town of the Hugo Boss label. Here in Metzingen, factory sales have developed over the years, and coveted international brands sell designer fashion and accessories all year round at sensationally low prices. Metzingen is one of Europe's leading shopping destinations, attracting price-conscious label shoppers from all over the world. More than three-and-a-half million customers from over 185 countries visit the Outletcity each year to select their favourite items from over 70 international premium and luxury brands in the outlet stores, such as Prada, Burberry and Jimmy Choo. A convenient shopping shuttle bus connects the Outletcity with the city of Stuttgart.

[www.outletcity.com](http://www.outletcity.com)

 from Stuttgart main station (Hauptbahnhof): approx. 55 minutes

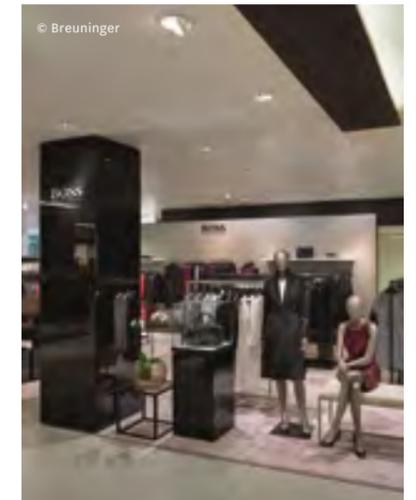


### Shopping fun in the heart of Stuttgart

Stuttgart's city centre has a vast selection of goods on offer. Here you'll not only find fashion to suit every taste, but just about everything the heart could wish for in the way of beautiful, exquisite, elegant and tasteful products. With a length of 1.2 kilometres, Königstraße is Europe's longest pedestrian shopping precinct and runs through the centre of the city. Stuttgart's favourite shopping boulevard has specialist shops, department stores, international chains, cafés, restaurants and leisure areas. To the right and left of the main precinct there are more enticing shopping promenades, such as Eberhardstraße, Stiftstraße and classy Calwerstraße with their elegant shops and boutiques. The two shopping centres in Stuttgart,

Milaneo and Gerber, also offer a concentrated range of retail stores under one roof. And you mustn't miss Breuninger. Since 1881 the name of Breuninger has been synonymous in Stuttgart with excellent quality of goods and services. The flagship store on Stuttgart's marketplace (Marktplatz) has developed over the years into a shopping cosmos in its own right and a popular meeting place for shopping fans. It offers a top-quality, varied selection of goods and brands, not to mention excellent advice from competent staff as part of the shopping experience. The company, which is still under private ownership, is one of Europe's leading department stores.

[www.e-breuninger.de/en](http://www.e-breuninger.de/en)  
[www.stuttgart-tourist.com](http://www.stuttgart-tourist.com)



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### MERZ & BENZING: NICER SHOPPING

*It's a lovely world. At least it is at the Merz & Benzing store. The shop with an out-of-the-ordinary selection of goods is part of the historical Art Nouveau Market Hall (Markthalle Stuttgart) and offers an exquisite choice of wonderful things for house, garden and lots more besides.*

[www.stuttgart-tourist.com](http://www.stuttgart-tourist.com)

 from Stuttgart main station (Hauptbahnhof): approx. 10 minutes

## Wilhelma: Germany's only zoological and botanical gardens



An area roughly the size of 40 football pitches is home to over 1,000 species of animals from every continent. In addition, some 7,000 species of plants from all the Earth's climate zones flourish in the outstandingly beautiful, partly historical greenhouses. Swabia's King Wilhelm I had the oldest part of the complex with its buildings in the Moorish style laid out as a private park in the middle of the 19th century. The architect modelled them on the Alhambra in Granada in Spain, which led to the Wilhelma's nickname "The Alhambra on the Neckar". A beautiful water lily pond, imaginative fountains, historical urns and sculptures give the Moorish Garden its distinctive flair. The largest magnolia grove north of the Alps is also to be found here. From the end of March onwards, around 70 trees transform the garden into a sea of white, pink and mauve blossoms.

The historical sections of the park, laid out to a strictly symmetrical design, are listed as a particularly valuable cultural monument.

Another visitor magnet is the new gorilla and bonobo house, which opened in 2013 and also contains the nursery for baby apes. Stuttgart's zoo boasts expertise in rearing great apes and is the only one in Europe specialised in accommodating young gorillas abandoned by their mothers in other zoos. Through the windows of the enclosure visitors can watch baby gorillas being fed, tended, played with and trained by their keepers.

[www.wilhelma.de](http://www.wilhelma.de)

 from Stuttgart main station (Hauptbahnhof): approx. 15 minutes

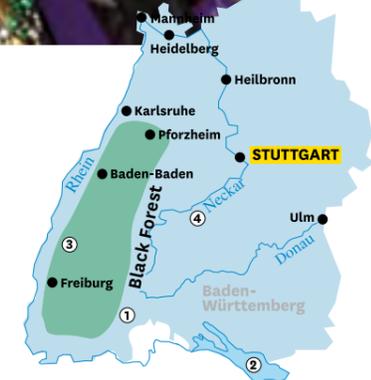
## Tips for excursions in Baden-Württemberg



### Black Forest ①

The Black Forest (Schwarzwald) is famous all over the world for its sombre conifers, the colourful national costumes of its inhabitants and of course its cuckoo clocks. Germany's largest cohesive mountain range stretches from Karlsruhe down to the Swiss border. Wonderful hiking trails are perfect for extensive walking tours. Attractive winter sports areas, impressive old monastery complexes, small communities with photogenic Black Forest houses, and countless rivers and lakes attract millions of holiday-makers here each year. The Black Forest is an ideal destination for a day trip from Stuttgart. [www.blackforest-tourism.com](http://www.blackforest-tourism.com)

 approx. 210 kilometres or approx. 130 miles to Freiburg



### Lake Constance ②

Germany, Switzerland, Austria and the Principality of Liechtenstein – where else but around Lake Constance (Bodensee) can those seeking nature, culture and relaxation find such an abundance of holiday options all the year round in no fewer than four different countries? The most outstanding tourist attractions include Mainau, the "island of flowers" (Blumeninsel Mainau), and Unesco World Heritage Sites such as the Abbey of St. Gall (Stiftsabtei St. Gallen), the island of Reichenau (Insel Reichenau) and numerous findspots of prehistoric pile dwellings. And be sure to include a sail or a boat trip on the lake!

[www.bodensee.eu](http://www.bodensee.eu)

 approx. 140 kilometres or approx. 90 miles to Überlingen



### Europa-Park ③

This isn't just Germany's biggest theme park: with more than 5 million visitors annually, the Europa-Park in Rust is also the world's most visited seasonal theme park. Over a hundred attractions and shows, five themed hotels, the Camp Resort and countless exciting activities delight children and adults alike. Of the eleven roller coasters, the "Silver Star" is one of the highest and fastest in Europe.

[www.europapark.de](http://www.europapark.de)

 approx. 180 kilometres or approx. 111 miles



### Hohenzollern Castle ④

This imposing castle (Burg Hohenzollern) on the edge of the Swabian Alb has a gripping history. Magnificently furnished rooms, a valuable art collection and a variety of cultural events make the ancestral seat of the Hohenzollern dynasty a fascinating place for outings, attracting visitors from all corners of the globe. The castle restaurant serves regional specialities, and in summer food is also served outside in the castle garden.

[www.burg-hohenzollern.com](http://www.burg-hohenzollern.com)

 approx. 70 kilometres or approx. 42 miles

## Congress region of Stuttgart



### Tradition and innovation go hand in hand in the Stuttgart Region to create exciting interaction.

The Stuttgart Region is almost unmatched in Europe as a high technology location. This "cradle of the automobile" is one of the world's leading centres of mobility. In addition to automotive manufacturing, the other leading technology clusters in the region are engineering and aerospace, and environmental technologies. There is particularly close interdisciplinary and cross-sector cooperation between the companies, research institutes and educational providers located here.

The Stuttgart Region is therefore an inspiring platform for the exchange of know-how and for events, particularly on high-tech themes. As one of Germany's four "showcases for electromobility", the region also offers excellent conditions for the organisation of sustainable events. Some 220 congress centres and meeting venues, conference hotels and special event locations can provide the perfect setting for any occasion.

For congresses, conferences, symposiums, workshops, seminars, incentives or product presentations and trade fairs, whether in a vibrant city, a historical town centre or out in the country – the Congress Region of Stuttgart convinces by virtue of its competent partners, excellent transport links, its leading position in future-oriented sectors, a high degree of security and warm-hearted hospitality.



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### Stuttgart Airport and Trade Fair Centre

The Trade Fair Centre (Messe Stuttgart) and the ICS International Congress Center Stuttgart in the immediate vicinity of Stuttgart International Airport provide a new and highly modern event campus for the Stuttgart Region.

The service, catering and event options at the airport, the Mövenpick Hotel Stuttgart Airport & Messe, the Wyndham Stuttgart Airport Messe Hotel, and, last but not least, the ideal transport links to motorways and the S-Bahn rail network make the Airport/Messe Stuttgart site a location of conveniently short distances.

 from Stuttgart main station (Hauptbahnhof): approx. 35 minutes



### Congress city in the centre of town

The Liederhalle Culture and Congress Centre (Kultur- und Kongresszentrum Liederhalle) is not merely an architectural highlight. It is located in the best part of town, with a direct link to the First Class Maritim Hotel Stuttgart. The adjacent Bosch Areal is a popular gathering place. It was here that Robert Bosch started to create one of Stuttgart's global companies from 1886 onwards. During the day, media representatives and business people predominate here, but in the evenings the Stuttgart House of Literature (Literaturhaus), a Cinemaxx theatre, a disco, several bars and restaurants offer a sophisticated ambience.

 from Stuttgart main station (Hauptbahnhof): approx. 5 minutes

### NeckarPark Stuttgart

The Mercedes-Benz Arena with its Business Center, the dual complex consisting of the Hanns Martin Schleyer Hall and the Porsche Arena, the Cannstatter Wasen fairground, the Carl Benz Centre, the Mercedes-Benz Museum, the Olympic training base (Olympiastützpunkt Stuttgart) and SpOrt Stuttgart together make up the NeckarPark Stuttgart. This out-of-the-ordinary site with its top-calibre event facilities for all kinds of business, leisure, cultural and sporting occasions is an event city in its own right, second to none in Europe.

 from Stuttgart main station (Hauptbahnhof): approx. 20 minutes

**All year round****Friedrichsbau Varieté Stuttgart**

Pragsattel Stuttgart  
www.friedrichsbau.de

**until 06/03/2016****I Got Rhythm – Jazz & Art Since 1920**

Kunstmuseum Stuttgart  
www.kunstmuseum-stuttgart.com

**until 03/04/2016****Christoph (1515–1568).****A Renaissance Prince in the Age of the Reformation**

Landesmuseum Württemberg  
www.landmuseum-stuttgart.de

**until 10/04/2016****The World of Shadow Theatre**

Linden-Museum Stuttgart  
www.lindenmuseum.de

**17/03 – 20/03/2016****Retro Classics**

Classic car fair, Neue Messe Stuttgart  
www.retro-classics.de

**18/03 – 03/07/2016****Giorgio de Chirico – Magic of Modernism**

Staatsgalerie Stuttgart  
www.staatgalerie.de

**09/04 – 29/08/2016****Candice Breitz**

Kunstmuseum Stuttgart  
www.kunstmuseum-stuttgart.com

**16/04 – 24/04/2016****Porsche Tennis Grand Prix**

Porsche-Arena  
www.porsche-tennis.com

**16/04 – 08/05/2016****78th Stuttgart Spring Festival**

Cannstatter Wasen  
www.wasen.de

**26/04 – 01/05/2016****23rd Stuttgart Festival of Animated Film**

City centre  
www.itfs.de

**29/04 – 23/07/2016****Ludwigsburg Palace Music Festival**

Various event locations  
www.ludwigsburg-festival.com

**from 21/05/2016****Real Treasures.****Ancient World – Celts – Art Chamber**

Landesmuseum Württemberg  
www.landmuseum-stuttgart.de

**26/05 – 29/05/2016****German Choir Festival**

Various event locations  
www.chorfest.de

**04/06 – 12/06/2016****MercedesCup**

(tennis tournament)  
TC Weissenhof  
www.mercedescup.de

**08/07 – 17/07/2016****jazzopen Stuttgart**

Various event locations  
www.stuttgart-tourist.com

**20/07 – 24/07/2016****13th Stuttgart Indian Film Festival**

City centre  
www.indisches-filmfestival.de

**04/08 – 07/08/2016****26th Stuttgart Summer Festival**

City centre  
www.stuttgart-tourist.com

**24/08 – 04/09/2016****40th Stuttgart Wine Festival**

Schillerplatz/Marktplatz  
www.stuttgarter-weindorf.com

**02/09 – 11/09/2016****Stuttgart Music Festival**

Various event locations  
www.musikfest.de

**23/09 – 09/10/2016****171st Stuttgart Beer Festival**

Cannstatter Wasen  
www.wasen.de

**24/09/2016 – 12/02/2017****The Art of Coincidence (working title)**

Kunstmuseum Stuttgart  
www.kunstmuseum-stuttgart.com

**07/10/2016 – 08/01/2017****Francis Bacon. Invisible Rooms**

Staatsgalerie Stuttgart  
www.staatgalerie.de

**15/10/2016 – 23/04/2017****Oishii! Japan's Food Culture**

Linden-Museum Stuttgart  
www.lindenmuseum.de

**22/10/2016 – 23/04/2017****The Swabians.**

**Between Myth and Brand**  
Landesmuseum Württemberg  
www.landmuseum-stuttgart.de

**22/11 – 22/12/2016****Esslingen Medieval Market & Christmas Market**

Esslingen  
www.esslingen-marketing.de

**23/11 – 23/12/2016****Stuttgart Christmas Market**

Schillerplatz/Marktplatz  
www.stuttgarter-weihnachtsmarkt.com

**24/11 – 22/12/2016****Ludwigsburg Baroque Christmas Market**

Ludwigsburg  
www.ludwigsburg.de

**26/01 – 29/01/2017****Holiday on Ice**

Porsche-Arena  
www.holidayonice.com

**15/04 – 07/05/2017****79th Stuttgart Spring Festival**

Cannstatter Wasen  
www.wasen.de

**03/08 – 06/08/2017****27th Stuttgart Summer Festival**

City centre  
www.stuttgart-tourist.com

**23/08 – 03/09/2017****41st Stuttgart Wine Festival**

Schillerplatz/Marktplatz  
www.stuttgarter-weindorf.com

**22/09 – 08/10/2017****172nd Stuttgart Beer Festival**

Cannstatter Wasen  
www.wasen.de

**14/10/2017 – 15/04/2018****Hawai'i Aloha – Royal Islands (working title)**

Linden-Museum Stuttgart  
www.lindenmuseum.de

**29/11 – 23/12/2017****Stuttgart Christmas Market**

Schillerplatz/Marktplatz  
www.stuttgarter-weihnachtsmarkt.com

**08/12/2017 – 02/04/2018****Master of Meßkirch (working title)**

Staatsgalerie Stuttgart  
www.staatgalerie.de