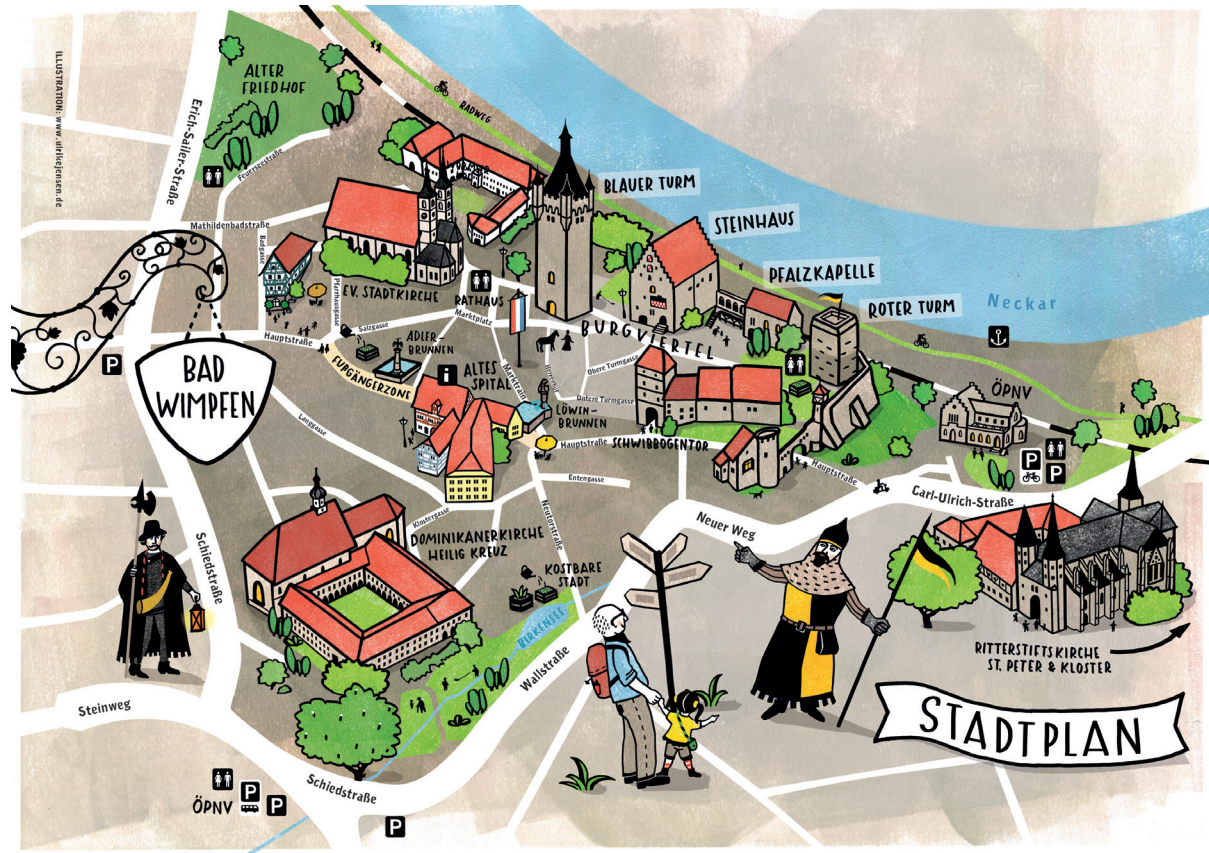


Welcome to Bad Wimpfen

An eventful history, healing brine baths and the pleasures of the local cuisine all serve to make a visit to Bad Wimpfen into an adventure. On foot, by bike or by boat – you can enjoy views of the impressive silhouette of the Staufer Palatinate from various vantage points. Our guides will take you on an exciting journey of discovery through the most beautiful corners of the old town, historic half-timbered buildings, decorative gardens and picturesque alleys. Take it slow. So many details to spot – carpe momentum - feel the past and enjoy the present, relax and take a breather. You can combine your trip with a bike tour on river cycle paths along the Neckar-, Kocher-Jagst- or on the Salt & Brine-Cycle Path. Or maybe you'd prefer to take a hike on the Neckarsteig or explore the River Neckar on a boat trip. This really is a great area for cycling and hiking! We look forward to your visit and wish you an unforgettable stay in Bad Wimpfen.

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SIGHTSEEING

- 1** **Evangelische Stadtkirche/Town church:** Evangelical municipal church built between 13th and 16th centuries. Highly decorative interior including late medieval side-winged altars, mural paintings, Lutheran confessional and a 14th century pieta.
- 2** **Blauer Turm/Blue Tower:** The symbolic landmark of Bad Wimpfen. Built around 1170 as western Imperial Palace tower it was used until well into the nineteenth century as a watchtower, completing what was probably the oldest continuous tradition of tower wardens in Germany. **Currently closed due to renovation!**
- 3** **Rathaus/Town Hall:** A neoclassical building dating from 1839 and replacing a late medieval half-timbered structure with an external flight of steps. Former premises of the imperial town council and law-courts.
- 4** **Steinhaus/Stone House:** Probably originally the women's apartments in the Staufer palace, it is the largest Romanesque secular building in Germany. Late Gothic stepped gable and seven-sectional window.
- 5** **Pfalzkapelle/Palace Chapel:** Dedicated to St. Nicholas with imperial gallery. Converted in 1837 into a farmhouse with a barn and stables, the building was restored to its original state after 1908.
- 6** **Roter Turm/Red Tower:** The keep on the east side of the Staufer Imperial Palace. As this would have been the last refuge of the lord of the castle it was lavishly equipped (Romanesque fireplace, sanitary fittings).
- 7** **Schwibbogengasse:** One of the most picturesque alleys.
- 8** **Altes Spital/Former Civic Hospital:** A stone building dating from the first half of the 13th century with 15th century Alemannic half-timbered annexes. The building now houses the Bad Wimpfen Imperial Town Museum. The Tourist Information and Municipal Cultural Centre as well as the City Gallery are situated on the ground floor.
- 9** **Dominikanerkirche/Former Dominican Church – now Catholic Church of Holy Cross:** Dominican monastery was founded in 1269 and a Gothic church, added after 1300, was subsequently rebuilt in 1713 in Baroque style. The monastery building and cloisters are now a grammar school.
- 10** **Wimpfen in the valley:** Knights Collegiate Church and Cloister, now used by the Malteser Cross for accommodation, retreats and seminars, and the Cornelia Church.

MUSEUMS & CHURCHES

Evangelical Municipal Church, Marktplatz

Built between the 13th and 16th centuries as a parish church on the site of a previous church predating Staufer times. Highly decorative interior including late medieval triptych altar, mural paintings, Lutheran confessional and a 14th century pieta.

Opening Times from April to October:
Fr, Sa & Su 10-12am, 14-17pm

Historical Museum in the « Steinhaus », Burgviertel 23

It is a Romanesque secular structure of the Staufer Palatinate. There are relicts from the Neolithic and Roman ages. It concentrates on the history of the Palatinate, the Hohenstaufen and the medieval arts of ceramics and masonry.



Opening times from Easter until the second Weekend in October:
Tue-Sun 10-12am and 2-4:30 pm (Monday closed)

Tickets
Adults 2,50 €, students/spa guests/handicapped persons 2,00 €, school classes 0,50 €

Museum in the Palatinate Chapel, Burgviertel 25

The museum of church history is in the former chapel St. Nikolaus. It includes collections of the history of the church such as liturgical vessels, clothes and epitaphs.

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Catholic Parish Church of the Holy Cross/ former Dominican Church

A Dominican monastery was founded in 1269 and a Gothic church, added after 1300, was subsequently rebuilt in 1713 in Baroque style. The monastery was dissolved following secularization in 1818. The church is an important place of pilgrimage (fragment of the Cross).

In the interior: a frieze with the armorial bearing of various benefactors, gravestones of Engelhard von Weinsberg and Anna von Ehrenberg (15th century), a Late Gothic crucifixion group and an Ehrlich Organ. The monastery building and cloisters are now a grammar school.

Open daily

Museum in the Old Hospital, Hauptstraße 45

Former Holy Ghost Spital; hospital building from the late Middle Ages with a stone building from the 13th century with original pieces. In the old hospital the free imperial city history of Bad Wimpfen is visualized. Focal points are rights of the city, territory, guilds and crafts and the battle near Bad Wimpfen. It also has a large model of the town.



Opening times
Mon-Sun 10 – 12 am and 2 - 5 pm

Tickets
Adults 2,50 €, spa guests 2,00 €, children/students (6-16 Y.) 1,50 €, school classes 0,50 €



YOUR STAY IN BAD WIMPFEN

Explore with the help of our little English guide booklet available at the tourist information office, or book a guided tour:

Public guided tours

Public tours in German run from April to October every Wednesday/Sunday at 2 pm, Saturdays at 11 am. You can take part in the tour starting in front of the town hall and pay the guide directly. Advance booking is not necessary. During the season we offer special themed tours, such as evening tours with the night watchman.

You can find a calendar of guided tours [here](#).

Private guided tour

You can arrange a private tour according to your personal interests with our tourism experts. Just let us know your requirements under: info@badwimpfen.org

Group trips/ All inclusive packages

We can organize your stay according to your personal needs and interests, be it for singles, couples, families or larger groups. Enjoy our wide range of offers, e.g. visit to the herbalist, monastery and beer culture, medieval games, wine tours and tastings, boat trips, tours by horsedrawn wagons, excursions around the whole region Heilbronner Land as far as Heidelberg.

Special offer: famous Bad Wimpfen Christmas Market

- Collection at the bus park and guided tour of the historic old town; guided walking tour through Bad Wimpfen during which the participants also learn about customs and practices at Advent and Christmas Time in Germany
- Visit to the herbalist in the fairytale tower and liqueur tasting
- Bad Wimpfen Christmas Market mug
- Voucher for a mug of mulled wine
- Stroll around the Christmas market and crib exhibition
- Price per Person: 19 Euro



A BRIEF HISTORY OF BAD WIMPFEN

The town of Wimpfen developed near the Neckar crossing of an ancient travelling route which led from Wimpfen in a westerly direction through the Kraichgau area to Speyer and onwards to France. Known as the „Hohe Straße“ it also led in an easterly direction through Nuremberg and Eger to Prague and in south-easterly direction to Vienna.

450 ad
Vers 85

Celtic traces in the region
The Romans build a fort with a bridge across the river Neckar.

Vers 1160/
1170

Emperor Frederick I „Barbarossa“ builds the Royal Palace. During Staufer times, Wimpfen is an important centre of the Staufer dynasty’s power in the lower Neckar region and also the seat of a royal regional court.

In the late
13th century

Wimpfen becomes an imperial town. It develops into a thriving home to many craftsmen and tradesmen.

16th century
1622

The town becomes protestant.
Battle of Wimpfen: the imperial General Tilly defeats Margrave Georg Friedrich von Baden.

1650

After the Thirty Years’ War, Wimpfen is substantially destroyed and totally impoverished

1803

Wimpfen becomes part of the Grand Duchy of Hessen

1835 Development of water springs and hotels

1930 Official status as Spa Town

1945 A decree by the American occupation assigns Wimpfen to the Baden district of Sinsheim

1952 After a referendum Bad Wimpfen becomes part of the Württemberg administrative district of Heilbronn.

1981

The whole of the historic town is classified as a collection of protected listed buildings.

2009

Malteser Order takes over the Monastery of Bad Wimpfen

2019

Restoration of the thermal baths and the Blue Tower

EVENTS

Lange KunstNacht/Long Night of the Arts

Late night opening of all museums and churches, street theatre. Music fills the old town and galleries invite you to marvel.

Talmarkt/Valley Market



The festival out of which the Talmarkt developed was originally of a religious nature. Thus St. Peter’s Church in the Valley came to have market rights; streams of pilgrims attending the Patron Festival of St. Peter and the connected trade more than a thousand years ago has now become a main visitor attraction. The Talmarkt offers a broad selection of rides, raffle stands, amusements, games of skill, various childrens’ rides, festival beer, Bratwürste, roasted almonds and everything which one would expect to find at a family festival. Apart from all the attractions the Talmarkt has to offer, the actual market, with over 130 stalls, is also well worth a look.

Montmartre flair

„Montmartre Feeling“ is rife in Bad Wimpfen in July, when the picturesque old town becomes a meeting place for numerous amateur and professional artists. All areas of creative art are displayed by the artists in the old streets and alleys and the classic styles from still-life to landscape to portrait are all presented here. Enjoy „Parisian Flair“ right here in Bad Wimpfen!

Zunftmarkt/Traditional Crafts Guild Market

On the last weekend in August handicrafts from the Middle Ages make an appearance in Bad Wimpfen in the tradition of the earlier pottery markets. Visitors enjoy the Crafts Guild Market with its different forms of handicrafts, dancing and music.



You can admire the numerous artistic craftsmen such as wood experts, brush makers, weavers and “Swindlers – Fortune Tellers”. But not only the old handicrafts are enticing... Besides the street artists such as jugglers, clowns, dancers etc., the impression of a bustling and colourful medieval town is intensified by strange looking “dirty beggars”.

Weihnachtsmarkt /Old German Christmas Market

The traditional Christmas market is one of the oldest and most beautiful in Germany. Even by German standards the market is something special and attracts visitors from far and wide.

The market developed out of the former St. Katharine’s market and today visitors are captivated by the charm of 120 stalls, together with the romantic atmosphere, tempting smells of Advent and the magical background of the half-timbered houses of the former imperial town of Bad Wimpfen. For this special occasion treat yourself to a pre-Christmas weekend that makes childhood dreams come true.

From August onwards you will find the detailed program under the following link: www.weihnachtsmarkt-bad-wimpfen.de





ACTIVITIES

Baths

Solebad Bad Wimpfen, Salt Water Pool (Monday closed)
Osterbergstr. 16 | Tel. +49 (0)7063 522180

Mineral-Freibad Bad Wimpfen, Mineral Water Open-air
Pool. Open from May-September 10am-8pm.

Bowling

In the "Hotel am Rosengarten".
Osterbergstr. 16 | Tel. +49 (0)7063 9910

Canoeing

Excursions and tours please contact the Tourist Information for offers.

Cycling

Bad Wimpfen is located directly on attractive cycling routes:

- Burgenstraßen-Radweg (Castle Route cycle path)
- Kocher & Jagst Radweg (River Kocher & Jagst cycle path)
- Neckar-Radweg (River Neckar cycle path)
- Salz & Sole Radweg (Salt & Brine cycle path)

Cycling - Hire & Repairs:

LauterBikes | Rappenaue Str. 1 | Tel. +49 (0)160 8327830

Golf Club

Bad Rappenaue (about 6km). 18 holes.
Ehrenbergerstr. 25a | 74906 Bad Rappenaue-Zimmerhof
Tel. (+49) 07264 3666

Dancing

Music for dance and entertainment in the café near the salt water baths, every Friday 7pm - 10 pm.
Osterbergstr. 16 | Tel. + 49 (0)7063 9918 332

Shopping

There are numerous owner operated shops with an attractive selection of fashion, gift items, souvenirs, household goods and more.

Crazy golf course

Cordovastraße/near the bus park, open from mid-March to mid-October. Tel. +49 (0)7063 7876

Walking & Hiking

Information and tours please contact the Tourist Information for offers.

Tennis

Wimpfener Tennisclub e.V.
Wolfgang Gerich | Tel. + 49 (0)7063 8997

SEIZE THE DAY/YOUR STAY

See, linger, dive into the moment, seize the day/moment. Bad Wimpfen is synonymous with originality and taking a breather. Explore the romantic alleys step by step, enter the medieval city, have a glimpse of the "Staufische Kaiserpfalz" far above the Neckar, enjoy marveling at magnificent gems between pretty half-timbered houses.

The small cafes, shops and restaurants of different styles invite you for a rest. It is pure relaxation for two or in a group. A list of hotels, restaurants, cafes and bars you will find [here](#).

Due to its sustainable development Bad Wimpfen is certified as Cittaslow and Fairtrade Town. With our following special arrangement you can experience why:

Seize the moment – special arrangement

- 2 nights including breakfast in traditional family-run accommodation
- Slow-Menu with four courses
- Public transport to the area included
- Guided tour
- Additional arrangements depending on season, e. g. boat tour, canoeing...
- Entrance to Museum Old Spital and tasting of the traditional herbal liquor of Bad Wimpfen
- Tax and guest card

Booking for two or more persons during season from Wednesday to Sunday.



INFORMATION & EXCURSIONS

Camper Vans (Location/Reservation)

Electricity/water/Cleaning/close to thermal baths.
SRH-Gesundheitszentrum | Bei der Alten Saline 2
Tel.: +49 (0)7063 520

Conventions and conferences

Hotel am Rosengarten

Eleven rooms up to 300 guests.
Osterbergstr. 16 | Tel.: +49 (0)7063 9910

Herberge zur Traube

One room up to 30 guests.
Hauptstr. 1 | Tel.: +49 (0)7063 934343

Kursaal

Conference centre up to 300 guests.
Osterbergstr. 16 | Tel.: +49 (0)7063 53-130 ou 97200

Malteser Monastery

Group bookings, events up to 60 guests.
Lindenplatz 7 | Tel.: (+49) 07063 97040

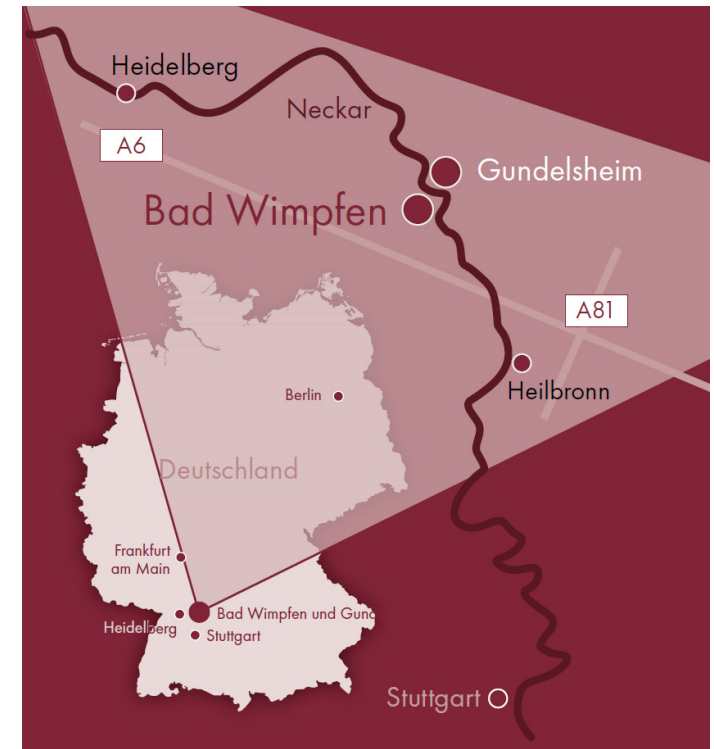
Sanatorium

SRH-Gesundheitszentrum - SRH Health Center specialized on internal medicine/cardiology, musculoskeletal disorders/orthopaedics and neurology.
Bei der Alten Saline 2 | Tél.: +49 (0)7063 520

EXCURSIONS TO THE REGIONS

- 1 Boat trips on the river Neckar
- 2 Technik Museum Sinsheim & IMAX 3D Laser 4k movies
- 3 AQUAtoll - Leisure Pool with flumes
- 4 Salines Südwestdeutsche Salzwerke AG
- 5 German Raptor Research Center on Guttenberg Castle

- 6 Guttenberg „Castle of Eagles“
- 7 Horneck Castle/Transylvanian Heritage and Community Centre Gundelsheim
- 8 Museum of Bikes and Motorbikes Neckarsulm
- 9 Experimenta, Germany´s largest Science Center Heilbronn
- 10 Eberstadter Stalactite Caves



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