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Palaces and gardens throughout Baden-Württemberg in southwest Germany

Magnificent historic buildings and gardens: from Lake Constance and the Upper Rhine, to the Electoral Palatinate and Hohenlohe.

If you want to see Baden-Württemberg at its most beautiful, visit the many palaces and gardens run by the state heritage agency, Staatliche Schlösser und Gärten. How about the fairytale Renaissance palace at Weikersheim? Or maybe a perfectly-preserved monastery complex, such as the UNESCO World Heritage Site in Maulbronn? Or there's Heidelberg's world-famous ruins, while Ludwigsburg offers a grand Baroque palace with a special museum just for children. And in Schwetzingen, you can stroll back through the centuries in the glorious palace gardens. And there's much, much more...

We wish all visitors a warm welcome! We've thrown the palace gates wide open, and whenever you choose to visit, there is always something to do: special tours, walks with guides in historical costumes, memorable events, and countless activities for children. What's more, our palaces and monasteries create an extra-special backdrop for any occasion.

Our heritage, your adventure.

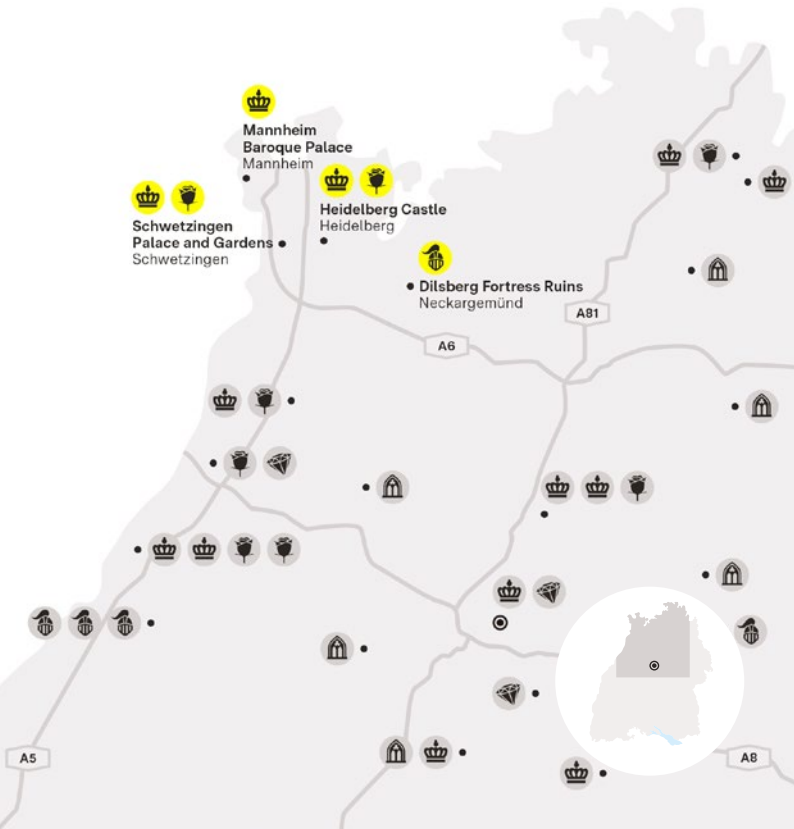
Discover the cultural landmarks of southwest Germany.



REGION 1

Proud residences of the Electoral Palatinate

The once-mighty electors of the Palatinate left their mark on this region. In the steep Neckar Valley, they built first a castle, then a Renaissance palace grand enough to rival any of the German emperor's residences. In the 18th century, they turned their attention to the wider Rhine Valley, constructing one of the largest Baroque palaces and an extraordinarily beautiful summer residence. These three sites—Heidelberg, Mannheim and Schwetzingen—reveal the rich history of this region.





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Heidelberg Castle

**Truly romantic:
the world-famous ruins**

Each year, Heidelberg Castle (*Schloss Heidelberg*) attracts around one million visitors from all over the world. Since the early 19th century, these impressive ruins have been synonymous with Romanticism.



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Not to be missed: the German Apothecary Museum.

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Schwetzingen Palace and Gardens

Extraordinary gardens of
European renown

Schwetzingen Palace (*Schloss Schwetzingen*) is famous for its beautiful and harmonious gardens. Remarkably, the original design, in all its diversity, survives to this day.



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Mannheim Baroque Palace

One of the largest historic residences in Europe

With a vast courtyard, a façade spanning more than 400 meters and a total floor area of 15 acres, Mannheim Baroque Palace (*Barockschloss Mannheim*) is one of the largest palaces in Europe.

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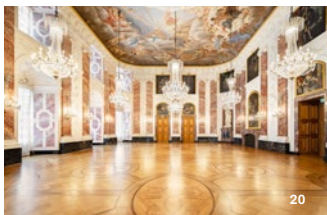
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Dilsberg Fortress Ruins

A proud fortress with
a secret tunnel

Dilsberg Fortress Ruins (*Burgfeste Dilsberg*) are known for their sweeping 360° views of the Neckar Valley and Odenwald forest. The other highlight is found lower down: a subterranean passageway in the depths of the well.

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Dilsberg Fortress Ruins

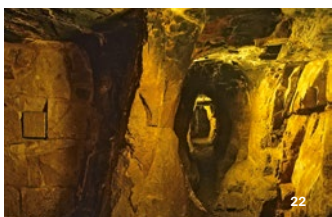
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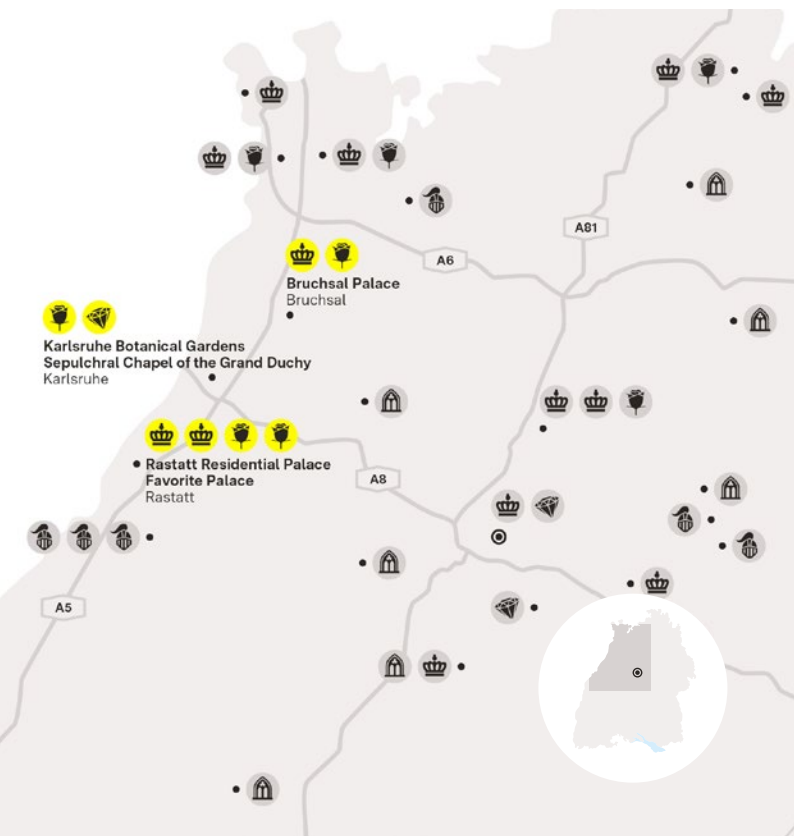
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REGION 2

Magnificent sights of the Baden region

Relive two golden ages in the history of the Baden region: the era of the Baroque margraves and prince-bishops as well as the stately 19th century of the grand dukes. Two highlights from the first period—the margraves' palaces in Rastatt and the prince-bishops' residence in Bruchsal—flank the city of Karlsruhe. Later, the city became the cultural center and an elegant seat of the progressive grand dukes, and is well worth exploring.



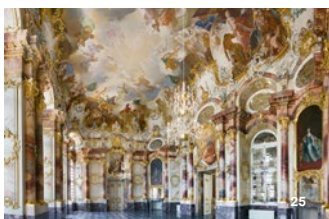


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Bruchsal Palace

The only ecclesiastical residence
on the Upper Rhine

Visitors entering the grand courtyard at Bruchsal Palace (*Schloss Bruchsal*) are greeted by a splendid and colorful sight. The palace is famous for its opulent staircase, constructed by Balthasar Neumann, and known as the “crown jewel of all Baroque staircases”.



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Karlsruhe Botanical Gardens

A princely pleasure garden
with a spectacular greenhouse

This “green oasis” in the center of Karlsruhe invites visitors to linger and enjoy their surroundings. The striking, architecturally unique greenhouse is a highlight.



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Sepulchral Chapel of the Grand Duchy

A significant monument
to the region's history

Located on the edge of the *Fasanengarten* (Peacock Gardens) in Karlsruhe, this mausoleum is one of the region's most significant historical monuments, and the burial site of the last grand dukes of Baden.

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Sepulchral Chapel of the Grand Duchy

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Rastatt Residential Palace

First Baroque residence
on the Upper Rhine

Rastatt Residential Palace (*Residenzschloss Rastatt*) is the oldest Baroque residence in the Upper Rhine Valley. The palace, gardens and town were planned as a whole, to create an impression of elegant and perfectly-proportioned uniformity, with the palace commanding pride of place at the center.



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The Palace Church of the Holy Cross is one of a series of holy sites that was commissioned by Margravine Sibylla Augusta and is well worth a visit.



Rastatt Favorite Palace

A treasure trove of
European distinction

Favorite Palace (*Schloss Favorite*) is a nearly perfectly preserved jewel. The sumptuous decor, the extensive ceramic and glass collections, and its idyllic setting make it an artistic synthesis of European importance.

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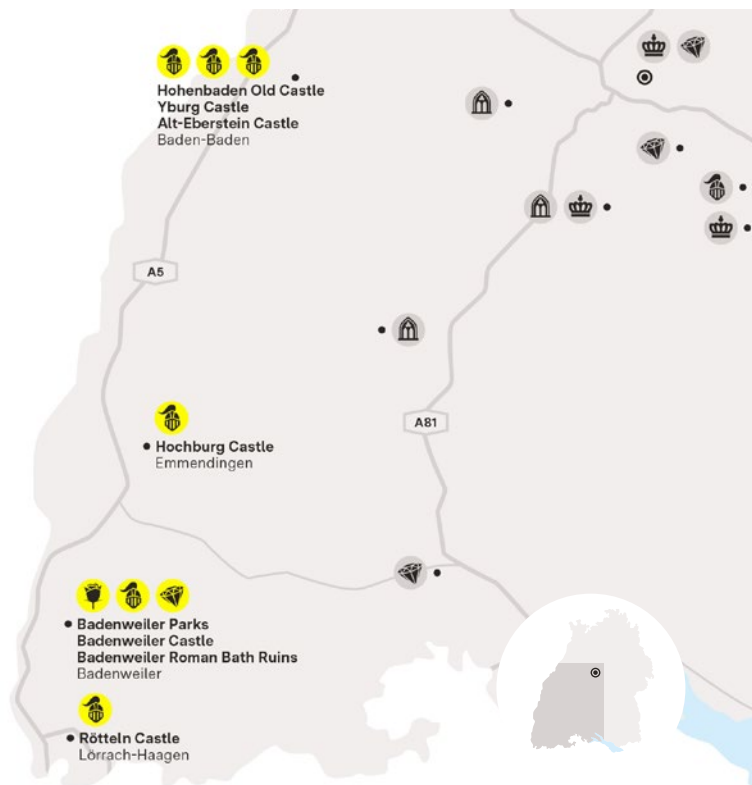




REGION 3

Mysterious Ruins of the Upper Rhine

The ruined castles of the Upper Rhine offer a captivating combination of history and nature, with just a dash of adventure. Once upon a time, the region's noble lords built their strongholds on the hills of the Black Forest, taking advantage of the sweeping vistas. Their formerly mighty castles have long since fallen into ruin, but climb these crumbling towers and walls and you will be rewarded by spectacular views of the Upper Rhine Valley.





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Hochburg Castle

An awe-inspiring fortress in
the Upper Rhine Valley

Hochburg Castle (*Hochburg bei Emmendingen*) at the foothills of the Black Forest, near Emmendingen, is one of the largest castle ruins in the Upper Rhine Valley. The fortress showcases half a millennium of military architecture.



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Hochburg Castle

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At Hochburg Castle, the small museum in the vaulted cellar displays everyday items once owned by the castle's inhabitants. The artifacts were found during excavations on the castle grounds.



Badenweiler Parks with Castle

A landmark in a wonderful
landscape garden

Visible from afar, Badenweiler Castle (*Burg Badenweiler*), also known as Baden Castle, rises above the spa town in the southern Black Forest. In the 19th century the ruins of the castle were incorporated into Badenweiler Parks (*Kur- und Schlosspark Badenweiler*) – now one of the spa parks with the most diverse range of tree species in Germany. Impressive architectural structures are to be found amidst the parklands.



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Badenweiler Parks

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Badenweiler Castle

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Badenweiler Roman Bath Ruins

The best-preserved Roman thermal baths north of the Alps

The Badenweiler Roman Bath Ruins (*Römische Badruine Badenweiler*) are among the most significant Roman ruins in southwest Germany. To this day, the complex remains the most well-preserved Roman spa north of the Alps.



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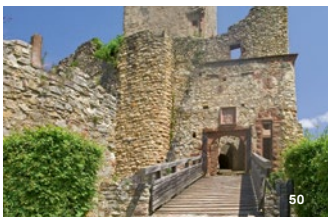


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Rötteln Castle

**An impressive stronghold
in the far southwest**

Rötteln Castle (*Burg Rötteln*) is located in the southwestern corner of Baden-Württemberg. It is the third-largest castle ruin in Baden, and one of the region's most impressive Medieval fortresses.



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Yburg Castle near Baden-Baden

Historical landmark of the wine region

The ruined Yburg Castle (*Yburg bei Baden-Baden*)—along with its castle restaurant—is a popular destination for day-trippers, and a well-known symbol of the Rebland wine region of Baden-Baden. The restored keep offers fantastic views of the Rhine Valley and the Black Forest.



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Alt-Eberstein Castle

A panoramic view of the Black Forest

Alt-Eberstein Castle (*Burg Alt-Eberstein*) occupies a hilltop with an ideal strategic position. From the keep, which was built on top of the castle walls, visitors are greeted by a magnificent vista of the entire castle, the Black Forest and the Rhine Valley even as far as the Vosges Mountains in France.



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Hohenbaden Old Castle

Spectacular ancestral seat
of the margraves of Baden

Hohenbaden Old Castle (*Altes Schloss Hohenbaden*) is one of the oldest properties belonging to the margraves of Baden, with an origin dating back to the 12th century. Today, the ruin, with its fabulous view, is one of the most attractive destinations in the northern Black Forest.



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Hohenbaden Old Castle

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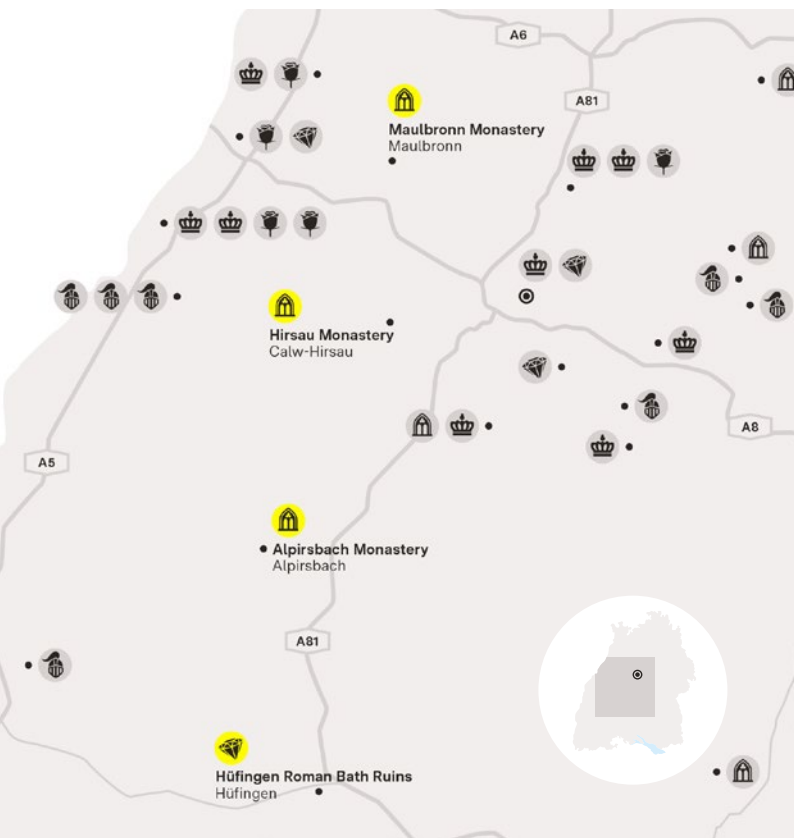
www.altes-schlosshohenbaden.de/en



REGION 4

Medieval monastic life in the Black Forest

The monks of the Middle Ages had a divine mission: to establish monasteries in the wilderness, far from civilization. So they built awe-inspiring edifices in the secluded valleys and lonely foothills of the Black Forest. The construction of such architectural masterpieces in these vast, remote forests was, and remains, a remarkable achievement.





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Maulbronn Monastery

UNESCO World Heritage Site
with an enchanting atmosphere



Maulbronn Monastery (*Kloster Maulbronn*) is one of Europe's most well-preserved Medieval monastery complexes. It combines a multitude of architectural styles, ranging from Romanesque to late Gothic. Later it became a school, with a number of illustrious graduates, among them Nobel laureate Hermann Hesse.



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"Pssst...! The Young Monastic World" enables children and teens to travel back in time to the Middle Ages. Interactive stations make every visit a memorable experience!



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Alpirsbach Monastery

Unique insights into a monastery
church and school

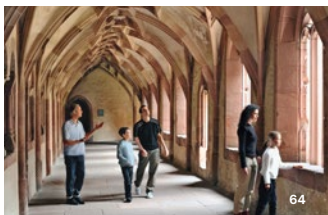
Alpirsbach Monastery (*Kloster Alpirsbach*) is unique in many ways. It is one of the few surviving monasteries in southwest Germany that was built in the spirit of the Hirsau Reforms. In addition, it offers fascinating insights into everyday life at a 16th century boarding school.

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The tour “By Candlelight and Mulled Wine” offers a wonderfully atmospheric experience: listen to stories in the glow of countless candles – and finish off with a mulled wine or a non-alcoholic punch to warm you up!



Hüfingen Roman Bath Ruins

One of the oldest bath ruins north of the Alps

Hüfingen Roman Bath Ruins (*Römische Badruine Hüfingen*) are an extraordinary testimony to the Roman culture of bathing and one of the oldest examples of baths within a fortress north of the Alps.



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Hirsau Monastery

A historically significant abbey
in scenic surroundings

Formerly a Benedictine abbey, Hirsau Monastery (*Kloster Hirsau*) is of great architectural significance. Today, the striking Romanesque and Gothic ruins, set against the scenic backdrop of the Black Forest, are a beautiful and atmospheric place.

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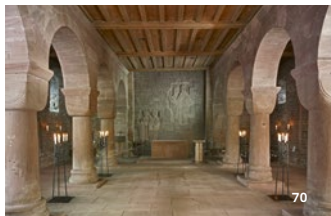
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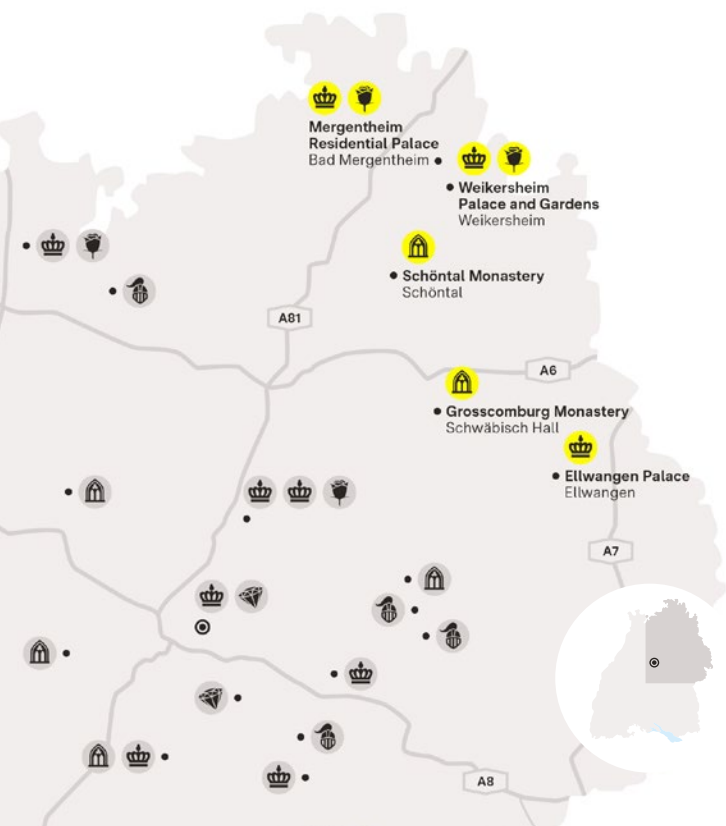
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REGION 5

Hidden treasures of the romantic northeast

Far from any metropolis, as it ever has been, this peaceful, rural region is home to some of the most beautiful palaces and monasteries. Here, they have been perfectly preserved. In the courtyards, you almost expect to come across serving maids and footmen busily preparing for a lavish banquet. These are hidden treasures just waiting to be discovered.

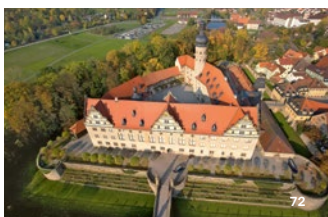




Weikersheim Palace and Gardens

A Renaissance and Baroque delight

Weikersheim Palace (*Schloss Weikersheim*) is widely regarded as the most beautiful palace in the Hohenlohe region. And the glorious Baroque garden, with its colorful cast of statues—including the famous Weikersheim dwarfs—is sure to enchant and delight.



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The “Charming Chambers” were painstakingly restored and have shone like new since 2022.

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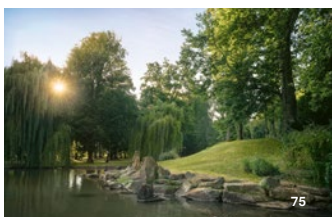


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Mergentheim Residential Palace

Seat of the Grand Masters
of the Teutonic Order

For centuries, Mergentheim Residential Palace (*Residenzschloss Mergentheim*) in Bad Mergentheim was the residence of the Grand Masters of the Teutonic Order. The monumental complex remains fascinating to this day. The castle was set in a park from the beginning, and it was turned into a large English landscape garden at the end of the 18th century.



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Schöntal Monastery

Baroque gem and Götz von Berlichingen's burial place

Unusual for a Cistercian monastery, the Baroque Schöntal Monastery (*Kloster Schöntal*) is adorned with two towers. What's more, the monastery houses the remains of Götz von Berlichingen.



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Grosscomburg Monastery

“New Jerusalem” in the Kocher Valley

Grosscomburg Monastery (*Kloster Großcomburg*)—one of Europe’s greatest gems—stands strong and majestic, high above the Kocher Valley. It is known for two precious treasures: its gold-plated antependium and its Romanesque wheel chandelier.



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Ellwangen Palace

The imposing residence
of abbots and provosts

Large and stately, Ellwangen Palace (*Schloss ob Ellwangen*) is a prominent landmark for the town of Ellwangen. The *Arkadenhof*, a courtyard bounded by three stories of elegant arcaded balconies, is a remarkable architectural achievement.



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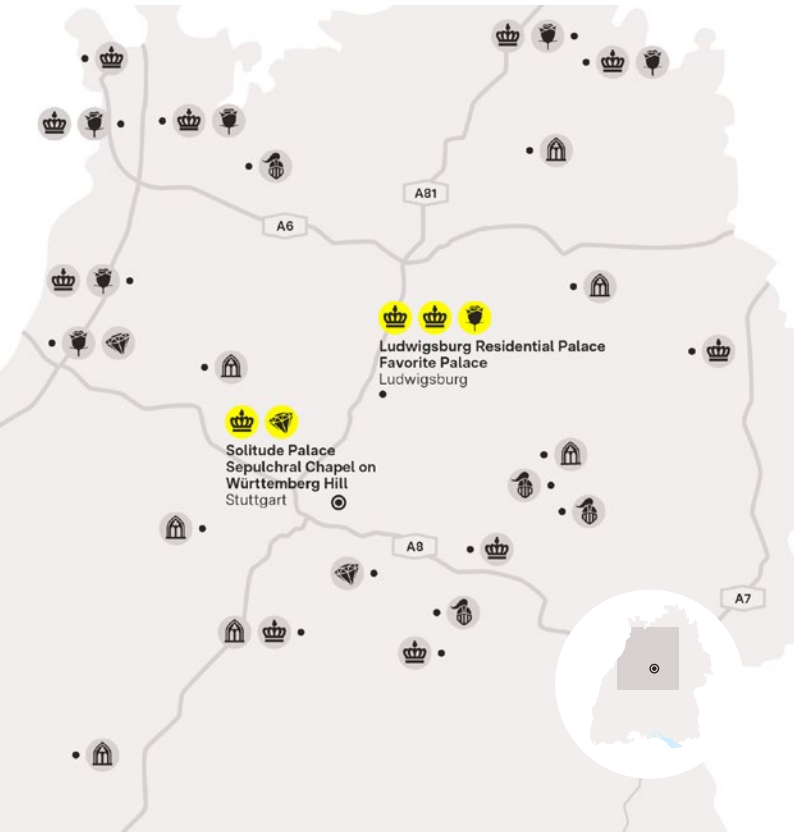
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REGION 6

Royal grandeur around Stuttgart

It might be a hotbed of high-tech industry, but the Stuttgart region has retained many reminders of its glorious past. Württemberg's rulers built their residences in the region over centuries, creating enduring royal symbols such as residences and pleasure palaces, but among these is also a mausoleum to Queen Katharina on Württemberg Hill. To this day, these are some of the most delightful spots around Stuttgart.





Ludwigsburg Residential Palace

One of the largest Baroque
palaces in Germany

Ludwigsburg Residential
Palace (*Residenzschloss Lud-
wigsburg*) is one of the largest
Baroque buildings in Europe to
survive in its original condition.
It offers a striking tour through
the centuries—from Baroque to
Rococo to Neoclassical.



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Due to renovations, guided tours of
Ludwigsburg Residential Palace are
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For more information, go to
www.schloss-ludwigsburg.de/en



“*Kinderreich*” is a unique interactive
museum, just for children. Young
visitors are encouraged to get their
hands on everything; they can
even dress up and sit on a throne.



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Ludwigsburg Favorite Palace

A summer residence set
in spacious parkland

The Baroque Favorite Palace (*Schloss Favorite*) in Ludwigsburg, which once served Duke Eberhard Ludwig as a summer residence and hunting palace, boasts fully preserved Neo-classical interiors.



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Sepulchral Chapel on Württemberg Hill

Monument to eternal love

The Sepulchral Chapel on Württemberg Hill (*Grabkapelle auf dem Württemberg*) was built by King Wilhelm I for his wife Katharina, who died young. This is why it is considered by many lovers today to be the most romantic spot in the region – offering a magnificent view of Stuttgart.

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Solitude Palace

Hunting palace and summer residence with glorious views

Solitude Palace (*Schloss Solitude*) is Duke Carl Eugen's most ambitious and most personal creation. An impressive architectural ensemble and spectacular views make it exceptional.



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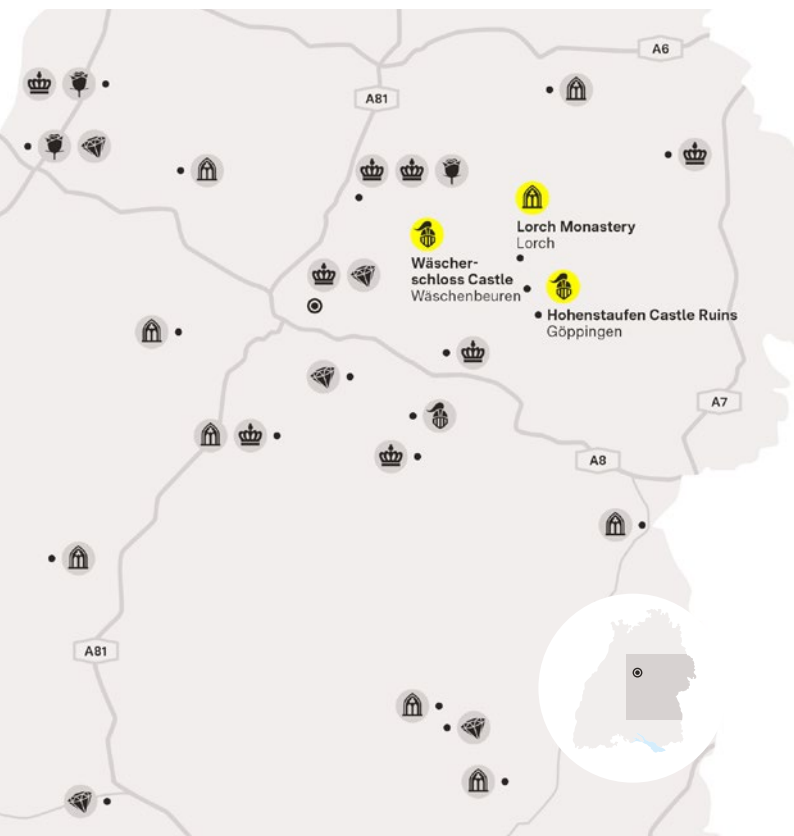




REGION 7

Homelands of the Hohenstaufen dynasty

The homelands of the famous Hohenstaufen dynasty—also known as the Stauffer—are rich in history. The beauty of this landscape adds to its charm. The sweeping views from the top of the impressive Hohenstaufen hill take in a castle and a monastery, both inextricably linked to the legendary House of Hohenstaufen. And all within walking distance of each other.





Lorch Monastery

Burial place of the House of Staufer with many event

In medieval times, Lorch Monastery (*Kloster Lorch*) was the Hohenstaufen family's place of worship and burial site. Several family members were laid to rest here, including Irene, daughter of a Byzantine emperor and wife of King Philipp of Schwaben.



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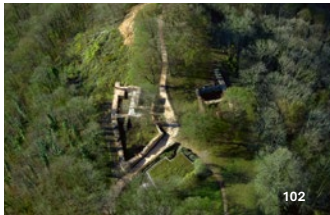
Guided walks take in the Limes—the old Roman frontier—or both Lorch Monastery and Wäscherschloss Castle. The area is a paradise for hikers!



Hohenstaufen Castle Ruins

**Ancestral castle of the
Staufer dynasty**

The castle on the Hohenstaufen (*Burgruine Hohenstaufen*) was an important hub of political power well into the late Middle Ages. Records show that Emperor Friedrich Barbarossa stayed here in 1181.



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Wäscherschloss Castle

Intact fortifications of the Staufers

Of the many castles that once encircled Hohenstaufen, Wäscherschloss Castle (*Burg Wäscherschloss*) is the most intact, captivating all with its distinctive character.



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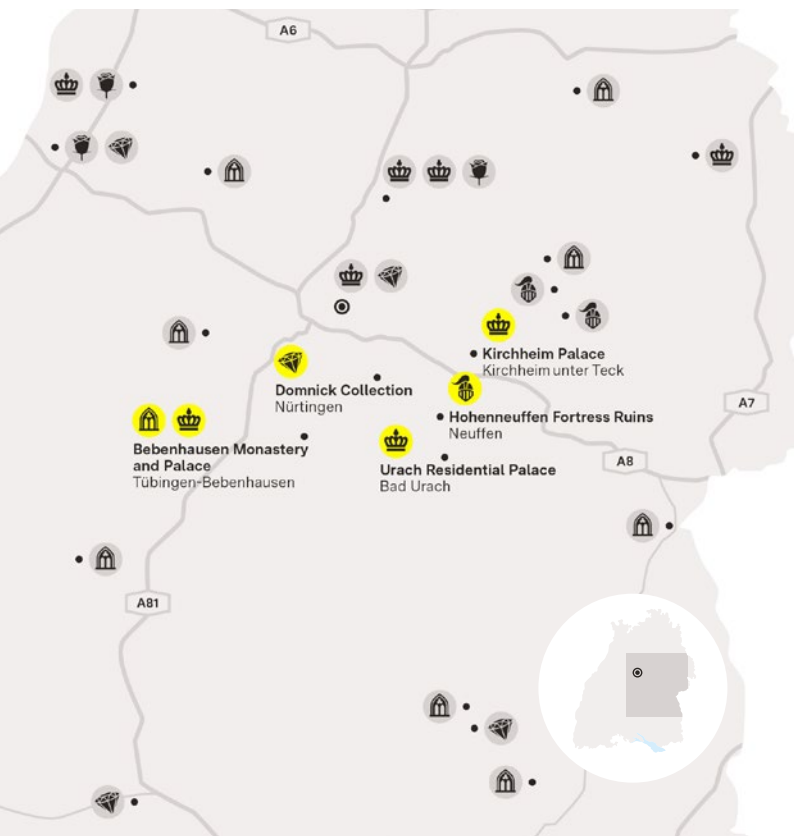
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REGION 8

From Schönbuch to Albtrauf

This is where rulers would meet to go hunting in the broad expanses of forest between Schönbuch and the Swabian Alb. Today it is not so much a question of hunting but of hiking and enjoying the charm of the landscape. And gazing in awe at the finest quality of Gothic architecture in Bebenhausen, in the mighty Württemberger Residential Palace in Urach, or delighting in the charms of the ducal widow's seat in Kirchheim unter Teck and the breathtaking view from the Hohenneuffen Fortress Ruins. The Domnick Collection in Nürtingen provides an opportunity to experience modern art in a unique atmosphere.





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Bebenhausen Monastery and Palace

An extraordinary ensemble
in an idyllic setting

A tour around the monastery church, summer refectory, dormitory and well house brings the history of this former Cistercian monastery to life. Founded in 1183–1184, Bebenhausen Monastery (*Kloster Bebenhausen*) is nestled in the gently rolling hills of the Schönbuch Nature Reserve. In the 19th century, the kings of Württemberg converted parts of the complex into a private hunting palace (*Schloss Bebenhausen*). You can still admire the original furnishings today.



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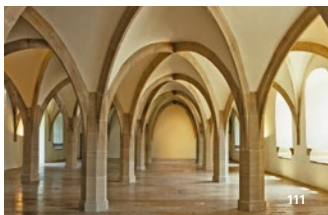
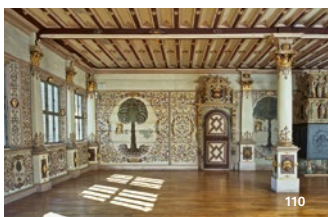
A surprisingly impressive sight: Bebenhausen Palace's early 20th century kitchen has been perfectly preserved. See state-of-the-art technology from a century ago!



Urach Residential Palace

One of Württemberg's late Medieval palaces

The castle complex was built at the end of the 14th century for Count Eberhard III. Serving as the seat of government for a time in the 15th century, it was a popular residence and hunting lodge for the dukes of Württemberg during the following centuries.



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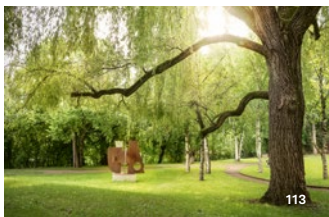


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Domnick Collection

A complete
synthesis of art

On the Oberensingen Heights, the doctor and art collector, Ottomar Domnick, created an extraordinary synthesis of modern art, combining landscape, architecture and visual arts.



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Since September 2025, the artworks have been displayed in their original arrangement, thus restoring Ottomar and Greta Domnick's vision. The arrangement sends a message of understanding and demonstrates the Domnicks' commitment to reconciliation after the Second World War.



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Kirchheim Palace

A fortress and dowers house

An attractive Renaissance-style building, Kirchheim Palace (*Schloss Kirchheim*) is probably the most well-maintained example of the fortresses built by the Duchy of Württemberg. And as the only remaining dower house, or widows' residence, it offers a rare glimpse into 19th century home life.



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Kirchheim Palace

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Hohenneuffen Fortress Ruins

Regional fortress in a spectacular
setting at the Albtrauf

At the edge of the Swabian Mountains, high above the city of Neuffen are the remains of one of the largest hilltop castles in southern Germany, offering a breathtaking panoramic view of Württemberg's lovely cultural landscape.



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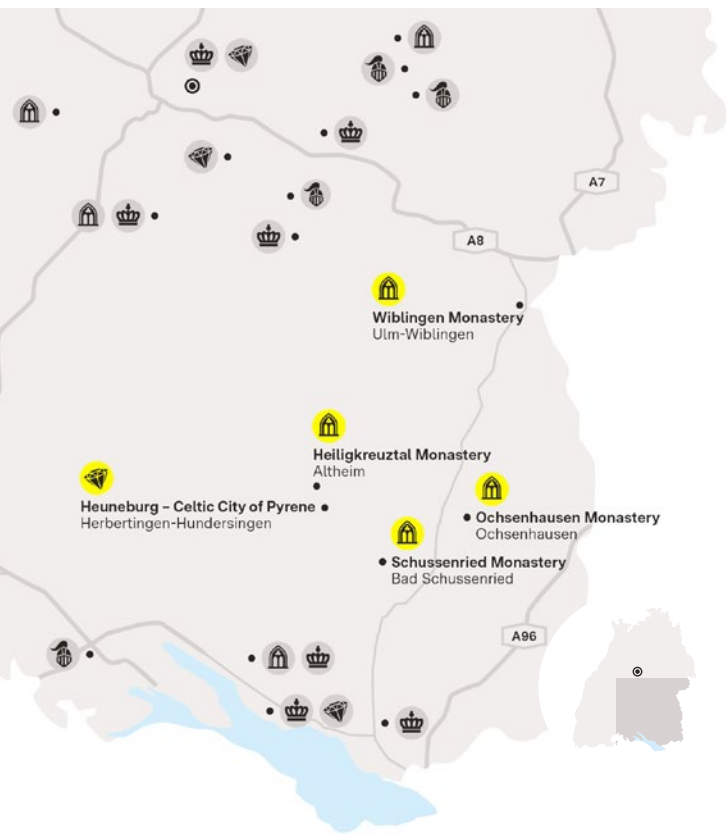
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REGION 9

Monasteries and Celts in Upper Swabia

A wealth of art, devout traditions and archaeological treasures from pre-Christian times—this is Upper Swabia, a landscape that seems almost tailor-made for the perfect vacation. The cultural landscapes of the Celtic city of Heuneburg and the monasteries from the Middle Ages and Baroque periods offer the most in-depth impression of this abundant region and its rich history: feats of achievement from centuries of human history.





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Schussenried Monastery

A captivating cultural site with
heavenly Baroque style

Schussenried Monastery
(*Kloster Schussenried*)
enchants visitors with one
of the most beautiful libraries
in southern Germany. In addi-
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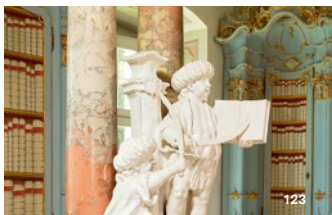
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Wiblingen Monastery

**A monumental monastery
with a grand library**

Wiblingen Monastery (*Kloster Wiblingen*) and its church represent the final masterpiece of Baroque architecture in Upper Swabia. The interior of the library is considered one of the finest examples of Rococo architecture.



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Ochsenhausen Monastery

**A splendidly preserved
monastery complex**

Ochsenhausen Monastery (*Kloster Ochsenhausen*) is one of the highlights of the Upper Swabian Baroque Route. The well-preserved monastery complex displays Baroque style in all its glory.

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Basilica tour registration

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Heuneburg – Celtic City of Pyrene

Europe's most important Celtic citadel

This Celtic hilltop settlement is the oldest city north of the Alps. In the 6th century BCE—while ancient Rome was still a small city on the Tiber river—Heuneburg was in its heyday, something reflected in the sensational archaeological finds discovered there.

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Heiligkreuztal Monastery

**A cistercian convent
full of treasures**

Heiligkreuztal Monastery (*Kloster Heiligkreuztal*) is a hidden gem rich in cultural heritage, with much to offer visitors. The architecture alone makes the journey worthwhile: The Convent Church, Bruderkirche (Church of Brothers) and other monastic buildings tell the story of their construction over the centuries.



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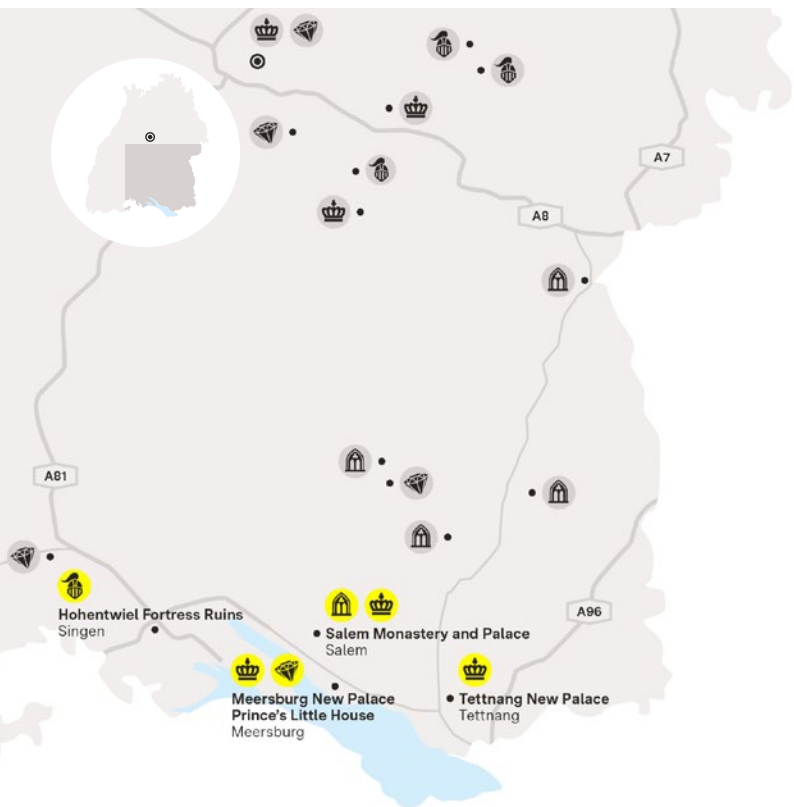
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REGION 10

Highlights of the Lake Constance region

The region around Lake Constance is stunningly beautiful, to the delight of tourists, who are only its latest admirers. In harmony with the captivating scenery, the area's former notable inhabitants constructed a series of architectural masterpieces. And all these proud monasteries, enchanting castles, and Baroque palaces are accompanied by a glorious backdrop: the sparkling lake in the distance.





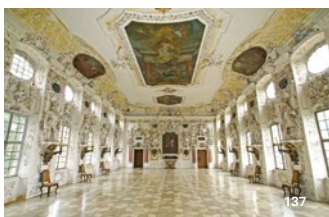
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Salem Monastery and Palace

One of southern Germany's largest Cistercian monasteries

The former Cistercian monastery at Salem is one of the most important cultural heritage sites in the Lake Constance region, and one of the most beautiful. Salem Monastery and Palace (*Kloster und Schloss Salem*) is a singular combination of Gothic solemnity and Baroque splendour.



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For a memorable visit, see the monastery museum in the prelatore with its famous Strigel altar, and the fire department museum with hand-operated pumps of great historical interest.

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Meersburg New Palace

Episcopal Baroque residence
at Lake Constance

This former residence of the Prince-Bishops of Constance is an impressive sight, with its majestic staircase designed by Balthasar Neumann – and spectacular panoramic views.



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Meersburg Prince's little House

Annette von Droste-Hülshoff's idyllic home

The historic Prince's Little House (*Fürstenhäusle Meersburg*) offers a breathtaking view of Lake Constance. The beautifully decorated museum rooms convey a very special impression of life in the Biedermeier era and offer a kind of private visit with famous poet Annette von Droste-Hülshoff.



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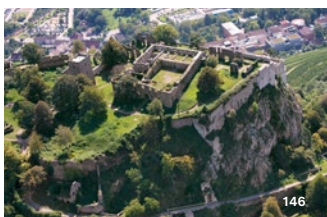




Hohentwiel Fortress Ruins

The most breathtaking panorama
in Baden-Württemberg

Hohentwiel's imposing ramparts and casemates, its fallen towers and defiant ruins, still evoke the military might of this once-invincible fortress.



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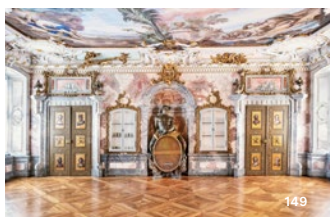
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Tett nang New Palace

The best of Baroque
in Upper Swabia

Tett nang New Palace (*Neues Schloss Tett nang*) is one of the most beautiful palaces in Upper Swabia. Its spectacular Baroque interiors are among the finest in the region.



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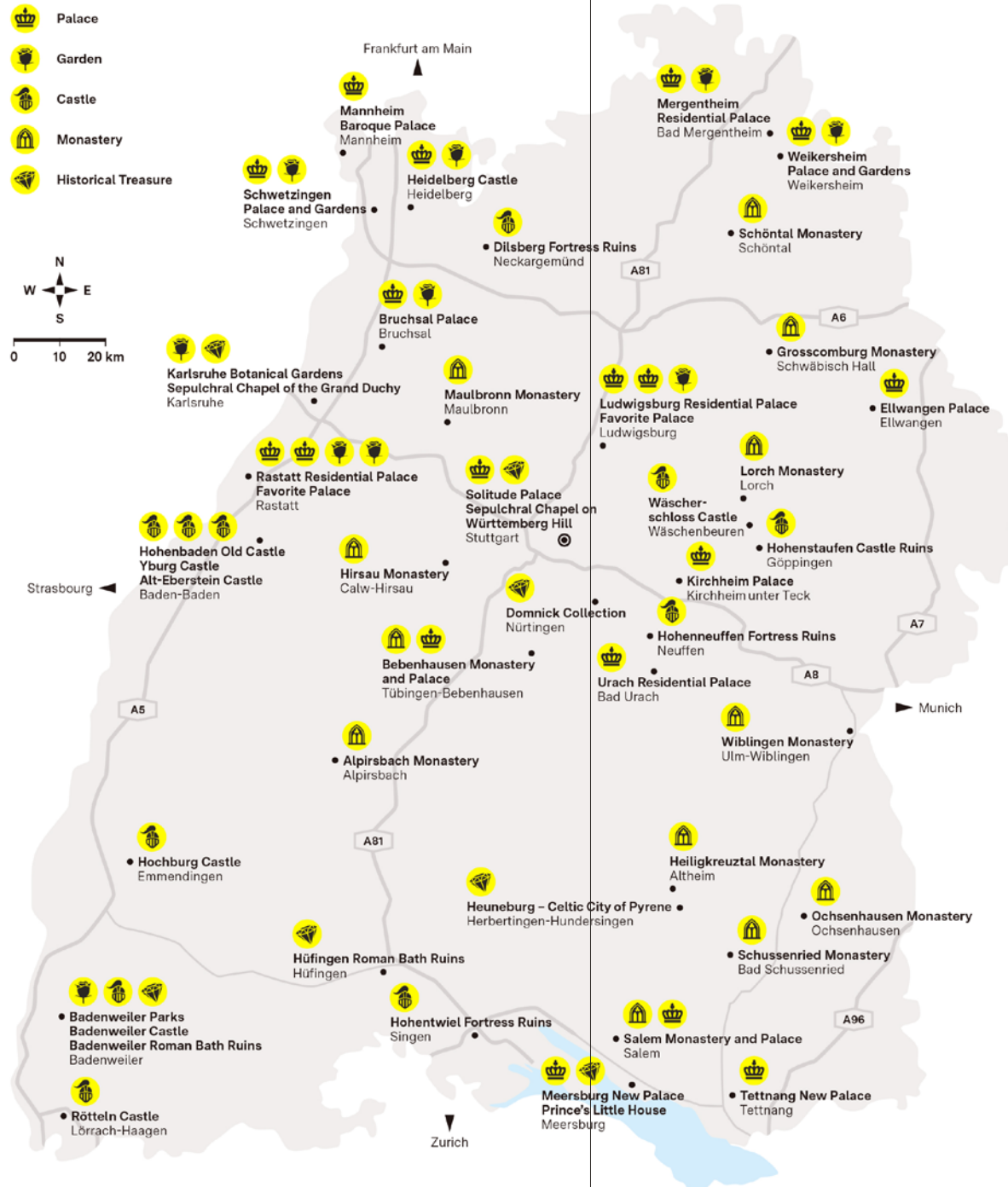
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