# Badenweiler Roman Bath Ruins

THE BEST-PRESERVED ROMAN THERMAL BATHS NORTH OF THE ALPS



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# The Badenweiler Roman bath ruins (Römische Badruine Badenweiler) are among the most significant Roman ruins in Baden-Württemberg. To this day, the complex remains the best preserved Roman spa north of the Alps.

When the Romans conquered this region in what is now southwestern Germany, they brought with them their established bathing customs. Many of the thermal springs that had been used by the Celts became Roman spas. The bath in Badenweiler was constructed in several phases. In the second half of the first century AD, a small building housing two pools was erected. This was later followed by a reception area, changing facilities, a Roman sauna with two cold pools and stone terraces.

## Traditional baths with underground heating

The *Roman thermal bath* have retained their symmetrical structure. The pools for warm and cold water still have their original surfaces, and large parts of the relaxation room and sauna area, which were lined with sandy limestone, also remain. The remains of the hypocaust heating system, a forerunner of today's underfloor heating, provide a further point of interest.



The best preserved bath ruins north of the Alps can be viewed from protective platforms

Today this outstanding monument is protected by a modern, elegantly styled glass roof



The passageway was used as a drainage canal to drain off slope water and waste water; it was restored in 1998 (left)
The informative exhibition takes visitors on a journey through the history of Badenweiler spa and the culture of bathing (right)








## Excavation and restoration

After the fall of the Roman Empire, the distinctive bathing tradition also began to wane. The Badenweiler complex had been long forgotten, until it was rediscovered and excavated by Margrave Carl Friedrich von Baden in 1784. In the late 19th century, the ancient spa received a more contemporary counterpart: marble Neoclassical-style baths that were extensively expanded during the subsequent decades. The natural springs, with temperatures up to 26.4 °C, were enjoyed in Roman times and form the basis for Badenweiler's status as a spa town today. Since 2001, a spectacular, *award-winning glass roof,* designed by Stuttgart engineers Schlaich, Bergermann und Partner, has protected the historical site.

The permanent exhibition at the ruins offers insights into the Roman culture of bathing and provides fascinating facts about the entire complex.

# Visitor information

### Opening hours and guided tours

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| **Bath ruins** | Open all year round;<br>Visits are possible without a guided tour, or else guided tours can be arranged via Badenweiler Tourismus GmbH;<br>Closed when ice or snow are present |

Please check our website or call our hotline on +49 7251 74-27 70 before your visit to find out current opening and closing times.

Our website also provides information on accessibility, discounts, special tours and other important details relevant to your visit.

### Current information

**At a glance**
For details of our current opening times, tours, events and admission prices, see:
**www.badruine-badenweiler.de/en/visitor-information**

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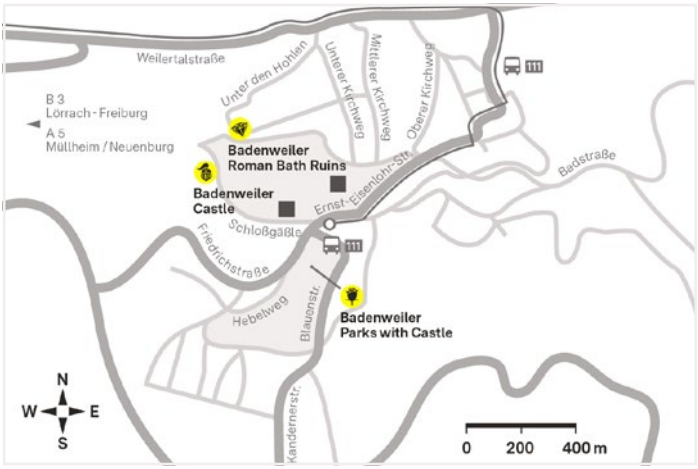
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## How to find us




Badenweiler can be reached via the A5 (take exit Müllheim/Neuenburg (65)) or the B3 from Lörrach to Freiburg. In Müllheim, follow signs to Badenweiler. Parking spaces are available in the multistory parking garage as indicated (subject to a fee). Alternatively, take bus 111 from Müllheim station to the stop “Evangelische Kirche”.

## Information about all our monuments

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