

Tour 1

from Mannheim to Mosbach



Legend/signs and symbols

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public transportation network station	pier	museum shop	kiosk	rental of rooms	visit of the castle/palace without guided tour only with admission fee	
distance to the train station	booking of guided tours	museum	barrier-free	audio guide		

Overview Castles and Palaces

Name/Address	Opening Hours	Entrance Fee for Adults	Facilities	Available Languages	Transport Link/Infrastructure/Special Features
MANNHEIM – State-owned Palaces and Gardens Baden-Württemberg · visitor center: phone +49 (0) 621 2922891 · www.schloss-mannheim.de/home					
Baroque Castle Mannheim Castle Central Building Bismarckstraße 68161 Mannheim	Jan.-March: Thu-Sun 10 am-5 pm after April: Tue-Sun 10 am-5 pm last admission: 4 pm	including audio guide: 9 EUR including guided tour (only Sat/Sun/public holidays): 11 EUR			1 km 750 m RNV tramways 1, 5 and 7, station “Schloss” (castle) right in front of the building parking garage “Universität/Mensa” 200 m, access via “Bismarckstraße” “Kurfürstbrücke” 1.8 km service center Heidelberg Castle phone +49 (0) 6221 65888-0 Location of the University of Mannheim, central building with the first floor to be visited
SCHWETZINGEN – State-owned Palaces and Gardens Baden-Württemberg · cash desk: phone +49 (0) 6202 128828 · www.schloss-schwetzingen.de/home					
Schwetzingen Palace and Palace Garden Palace Central Building 68723 Schwetzingen	open daily: Central European Summer Time palace 11 am-5 pm palace garden 9 am-8 pm last admission 7.30 pm Central European Winter Time palace garden 9 am-5 pm last admission 4.30 pm	summer: palace garden 8 EUR palace incl. guided tour + palace garden 11 EUR winter: palace garden 6 EUR palace incl. guided tour + palace garden 9 EUR	 indoor area outdoor area		100 m 700 m “Alter Messplatz” 300 m service center Heidelberg Castle: phone +49 (0) 6221 65888-0 visit of the interiors of the palace only in the course of a guided tour; bathhouse, garden art exhibition, only preserved garden mosque, exhibition of historical gardening tools, visit of the Rococo Theatre in the course of special guided tours
HEIDELBERG – State-owned Palaces and Gardens Baden-Württemberg · cash desk: phone +49 (0) 6221 538472 · www.schloss-heidelberg.de/home					
Heidelberg Castle Schlosshof 1 69117 Heidelberg	castle complex, “Großes Fass” (Great Barrel) and German Pharmacy Museum: daily 8 am-6 pm, last admission: 5.30 pm December 24 th +31 st 8 am-1 pm last admission: 12.30 pm closed December 25 th palace garden freely accessible	combo ticket palace courtyard, Great Barrel, German Pharmacy Museum and mountain railway: 8 EUR interiors incl. guided tour: 5 EUR	 indoor area outdoor area		1 km 3.5 km RNV bus line 33 station “Bergbahn” (mountain railway) 300 m car park P12 “Kornmarkt” directly by the valley station of the mountain railway; underground car park “Karlsplatz”, thence on foot via “Burgweg” (castle path) in approx. 15 min or with the mountain railway starting at “Kornmarkt” in 2 min. to the palace “Stadthalle” (city hall) 1.7 km service center Heidelberg Castle: phone +49(0) 6221 65888-0 visit of the castle’s interiors only in the course of a guided tour; Romantic- and Middle Ages Exhibition (to be visited only in the course of special guided tours); German Pharmacy Museum in the “Ottheinrich” building
NECKARGEMÜND – State-owned Palaces and Gardens Baden-Württemberg · tenant: Armin Eries: phone +49 (0) 6223 6154 · www.burgfeste-dilsberg.de/home					
Dilsberg Fortress Burghofweg 3a 69151 Neckargemünd- Dilsberg	Apr 1 st -Oct 31 st : Tue-Sun+public holidays 10 am-5.30 pm fountain adit (“Brunnenstollen”): May 1 st -Sept 30 th Tue-Sun+public holidays 10 am-5.30 pm	Fortress 2 EUR	 indoor area outdoor area		Dilsberg 100 m Neckargemünd 5 km 5.7 km VRN bus line 753, station “Dilsberg, Vor dem Tor” 200 m parking in front of Dilsberg’s city gate 200 m tourist information Neckargemünd: phone +49 (0) 6223 3553 fountain adit: about 80 m long
NECKARSTEINACH – Private property · phone +49 (0) 176 62723985 · www.mittelburg.net					
Front Castle & Central Castle Schloßsteige 10 69239 Neckarsteinach	privately inhabited				300 m 800 m coming from Heidelberg parking approx. 200 m left before entering Neckarsteinach. Thence on a private street approx. 5 min. on foot up the hill to the central castle. “Neckarsteinach” 1 km
NECKARSTEINACH – Federal State of Hessen, Hessen Forst · Mümlingtalstraße 73 · 64743 Beerfelden · phone +49 (0) 6068 9311-0 · www.hessen-forst.de					
Back Castle Burgenweg 69239 Neckarsteinach	ruin, accessible any time	free of charge	 free access		650 m 1.2 km coming from Heidelberg parking approx. 200 m left before entering Neckarsteinach. Thence on a forest path approx. 3 min. – following the signs – on foot up the hill to the castle. “Neckarsteinach” 1 km tourist information Neckarsteinach: phone +49 (0) 6229 708914
Schadeck Castle 69239 Neckarsteinach	ruin, accessible any time	free of charge	 free access		950 m 1.5 km coming from Heidelberg parking approx. 200 m left before entering Neckarsteinach. Thence on a forest path approx. 20 min. on foot up the hill past the Back Castle to Schadeck Castle (“Swallow’s Nest”). tourist information Neckarsteinach: phone +49 (0) 6229 708914 “Neckarsteinach” 1 km
HIRSCHHORN – Federal State of Hessen · tenant: Schloss Hirschhorn GmbH & CO. KG: phone +49 (0) 6272 9209-0 · www.schlosshotel-hirschhorn.de/english					
Castle Hotel Hirschhorn Schlossstraße 39 69434 Hirschhorn/Neckar	because of renovation works at present only visible from the outside	free of charge			450 m VRN suburban railway line S1 900 m VRN bus line 685 “Hirschhorn, Altstadt” 500 m parking directly by the castle “Hirschhorn” 600 m; tourist information Hirschhorn: phone +49 (0) 6272 1742
EBERBACH – City of Eberbach tourist information · Leopoldsplatz 1 · 69412 Eberbach · phone +49 (0) 6271 87242 · www.eberbach.de					
Eberbach Castle Ruins 69412 Eberbach	ruins, accessible any time	free of charge	 free access		2.3 km on foot on the castle path 1.9 km parking site for hikers “Burg Eberbach” towards Waldbrunn on the L524, thence approx. 1 km gently rising circular route (30 min. footpath) to the ruins; parking in the residential area “Burghalde” at the turning area, thence 700 m 2.5 km on foot

Tour 2

from Mosbach to Heilbronn



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NECKARZIMMERN – Private property · Hotel-Restaurant Hornberg Castle · phone +49 (0) 6261 9246-0 · www.burg-hotel-hornberg.de/en					
Hotel-Restaurant Hornberg Castle Hornberger Weg 1 74865 Neckarzimmern	year-round without closing day	castle complex: 7 EUR (adults) 5 EUR (children & juveniles)			1.2 km 1.6 km parking directly by the castle "Neckarzimmern" 1.3 km Premium Partner of the Castle Road, panorama restaurant and terrace, own castle chapel
GUNDELSHEIM – Schlosshotel Horneck · Tel. +49 (0) 6269 4289888 · www.schlosshotel-horneck.de					
Horneck Castle Hotel Schloss Horneck 1 74831 Gundelsheim	year-round without closing day	–			250 m 850 m "Roemheldstraße" 200 m "Gundelsheim, Im Wert" 1 km tourist information in the local city office: phone +49 (0) 6269 96-19 panorama terrace, Tagungsprogramme, Standesamt
GUNDELSHEIM – Transylvanian Museum · phone +49 (0) 6269 90621 · www.siebenbuergisches-museum.de					
Horneck Castle Schloss Horneck 1 74831 Gundelsheim	museum open Tue-Sun + public holidays 11 am-5 pm; closed: Dec 24 th -26 th , Dec 31 st +Jan 1 st , Shrove Tuesday	3 EUR			250 m 850 m "Roemheldstraße" 200 m "Gundelsheim, Im Wert" 1 km tourist information in the local city office: phone +49 (0) 6269 96-19 the castle holds the Transylvanian Culture Center in Germany with Transylvanian Museum and Transylvanian Library.
HASSMERSHEIM – Private property · castle museum/German Raptor Center: phone +49 (0) 6266 388 · castle tavern: phone +49 (0) 6266 228 · www.burg-guttenberg.de					
Guttenberg Castle Burgstraße 1 74855 Haßmersheim-Neckarmühlbach	castle museum: Apr-Oct daily 10 am-6 pm, Mar+Nov on request, Dec-Feb winter break German Raptor Center: Apr-Oct daily 9 am-6 pm, Mar daily 12-5 pm, Nov-Feb Winter flight training on request	castle museum: 6 EUR German Raptor Center: 12 EUR (flight demonstration + visit of the complex)			Neckarmühlbach by car 1.3 km, on foot 500 m train station Gundelsheim 2.8 km by the castle "Gundelsheim" 2.4 km German Raptor Center; own castle chapel, registry office, castle museum with exhibition "Life in a Knight's Castle", castle tavern with panorama terrace
NECKARBISCHOFSSHEIM – City administration Neckarbischofsheim · Alexandergasse 2 · 74924 Neckarbischofsheim · phone +49 (0) 7263 607-0 · www.neckarbischofsheim.de					
Old Castle Schlossstraße 2 74924 Neckarbischofsheim	groups by arrangement with local heritage society, contact: phone +49 (0) 7263 6971 heimat-nbh@t-online.de	free of charge			100 m 2 km "Palatinabus" line 797, station "Rathaus" 100 m by the palace garden; 2.6 ha big palace park
SINSHEIM – Tourist-Office · Hauptstraße 92 · 74889 Sinsheim · phone +49 (0) 7261 404-109 · www.sinsheimer-erlebnisregion.de					
Steinsberg Castle Steinsberg 1 74889 Sinsheim-Weiler	castle complex: accessible any time, ascent of the tower possible castle tavern: www.burg-steinsberg.de	free of charge			5.2 km 3.7 km city bus line 763, station "Weiler, Grötzenstraße" by the castle groups up to 20 persons, tourist information Sinsheim; castle tavern with beer garden and sun terrace in the castle courtyard, Tel. +49 (0) 7261 65266
BAD WIMPFEN – City of Bad Wimpfen · tourist information · Hauptstraße 45 · 74206 Bad Wimpfen · phone +49 (0) 7063 9720-0 · http://en.badwimpfen.de					
Imperial Palace Wimpfen Burgviertel 74206 Bad Wimpfen	Blue Tower: all year-round Tue-Sun 10 am-6 pm Red Tower: Easter-Oct 13 th Sat, Sun+public holidays 12 am-5 pm Stone House + Pfalz Chapel: Tue-Sun 10-12 am + 2-4.30 pm Imperial City Museum: daily 10-12 am + 2-5 pm	Blue Tower: 3 EUR Red Tower: 2 EUR stone house with historical museum: 4 EUR Church History Museum: 3 EUR Imperial City Museum: 4 EUR			0 m 350 m parking by the lakeside garden – corner Schiedstraße/Neue Biberacher Straße 650 m "Bad Wimpfen, Alte Steige" 450 m Red Tower with permanent exhibition of a guardroom around 1200, stone house (former bower) with historical museum of the city, palatine chapel with church-historical museum.

Tour 3

from Heilbronn to Rothenburg ob der Tauber



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WEINSBERG – Justinus-Kerner-Society Weinsberg and women's association Weinsberg - www.justinus-kerner-verein.de information: tourist information Weinsberg - Marktplatz 11 - 74189 Weinsberg - phone +49 (0) 7134 512-0 - www.weinsberg.de					
„Weibertreu“ Castle Ruins 74189 Weinsberg	castle complex: open year-round except with ice and snow	2 EUR children/juveniles reduced price			600 m 1.1 km light rail line S4, station “Bahnhof Weinsberg“ 1.1 km parking “Am Grasigen Hag“ by the Johanneskirche 500 m tourist information Weinsberg: phone +49 (0) 7134 512-0 stone album
ÖHRINGEN – City administration Öhringen - tourist information - phone +49 (0) 7941 68-118 - www.oehringen.de					
Öhringen Palace Marktplatz 15 74613 Öhringen	palace halls can be visited on request. If interested, you can call the tourist information: Mon-Wed 8.30 am-4 pm, Thu 8.30 am-6 pm, Fri 8.30 am-12.15 pm	free of charge			0 m 400 m light rail line S4, station “Hauptbahnhof Öhringen“ 400 m parking “Schloss West“ 20 m the court garden by the palace is part of the former area of the horticultural show 2016 in Öhringen. Palace café Tourist-Information, Tel. +49 (0) 7941 68-118
WALDENBURG – private property Fürst zu Hohenlohe-Waldenburg					
Waldenburg Castle Schlossstraße 16 74638 Waldenburg/ Hohenlohe	private residence, no visit of the interiors possible, courtyard of the castle freely accessible	free of charge			100 m 3.3 km light rail line S4, station “Bahnhof Waldenburg“ 3.3 km by the castle; outdoor facilities of the castle are part of the guided city tours
SCHWÄBISCH HALL – State-owned Palaces and Gardens Baden-Württemberg - phone +49 (0) 791 9302082 - www.kloster-grosscomburg.de/en					
Kloster Großcomburg (Großcomburger Weg) Comburg 5 74523 Schwäbisch Hall	monastery area and wall-walks freely accessible, collegiate church St. Nicholas: Apr 1 st -Oct 31 st Tue-Fri 11 am, 1, 2, 3, 4 pm, Sat, Sun / public holidays 2, 3, 4 pm and by arrangement closed Good Friday	free of charge collegiate church St. Nicholas : 5 EUR incl. guided tour (only in german)			3.2 km 2.8 km bus line 4, station “Steinbach Comburg“ 500 m directly by the complex museum café: phone +49 (0) 791 9302082 wall-walk completely passable; location of the national academy Comburg; Klein-Comburg 1 km; collegiate church St. Nicholas can only be visited in the course of guided tours (only in German)
KIRCHBERG AN DER JAGST – “Stiftung Haus der Bauern“ (House of the Farmers Foundation) - Schloßstraße 16/3 - 74592 Kirchberg a.d.J. - phone +49 (0) 7954 92154-70 - www.hdb-stiftung.com					
Kirchberg Castle Schloßstraße 16 74592 Kirchberg an der Jagst	freely accessible				20 m Ilishofen-Eckartshausen 8 km line 23 roundabout Schwäbisch Hall, station “Stern“ 400 m, parking “Am Hofgarten“ 400 m Mr. Albrecht, phone +49 (0) 7954 92154-402 Castle hotel, castle café, seminar and conference rooms, artists' studios

Tour 4

from Rothenburg o.d.T. to Nuremberg



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ROTHENBURG OB DER TAUBER – Rothenburg Tourism Service · Marktplatz · 91541 Rothenburg o.d.T. · phone +49 (0) 9861 404-800 · www.rothenburg.de/tourismus					
Castle Garden with Castle Gate and Blasius Chapel 91541 Rothenburg o.d.T.	public – accessible any time				400 m 1.2 km parking P5 “Bezoldweg” 450 m of the former castle, only the castle gate, the oldest and highest gate tower of the city, and the castle garden with the Blasius Chapel have survived.
COLMBERG – Private property of Family Unbehauen · Colmberg Castle Hotel & Restaurant · phone +49 (0) 9803 9192-0 · www.burg-colmberg.de					
Colmberg Castle Burg Colmberg 1-3 91598 Colmberg	closed February Hotel: no closing day	no guided tours			1 km Ansbach 15 km VGN line 731 and 732, station “Colmberg Rathaus” 1 km directly by the castle; own castle chapel, castle hotel with 24 rooms, restaurant, winter garden and terrace in the castle courtyard; game reserve, golf course
ANSBACH – Bavarian Department of State-owned Palaces, Gardens and Lakes · Ansbach Palace and Garden Administrative Office · phone +49 (0) 981 953839-0 · www.schloesser.bayern.de					
Margravian Residence Ansbach Promenade 27 91522 Ansbach	Apr-Sept Tue-Sun 9 am-6 pm, Oct-Mar Tue-Sun 10 am-4 pm; closed Shrove Tuesday, December 24 th , 25 th , 31 st and January 1 st	5 EUR incl. guided tour			450 m 650 m VGN lines 751, 752, 753, 755, 756, 762, station “Schlossplatz” 350 m parking “Hofwiese” 200 m Ansbach Palace and Garden Administrative Office: phone +49 (0) 981 953839-0; view of the interiors only possible in the course of a guided tour. Branch museum of the Bavarian state art collections. Location of the government of Middle Franconia.
Court Garden with Orangery Promenade 33 91522 Ansbach	court garden: Nov.-Feb 7.15 am-6 pm March 7.15 am-8 pm Apr-Aug 7.15 am-10 pm Sept+Oct 7.15 am-8 pm	free of charge	 		600 m 600 m VGN lines 751, 752, 753, 755, 756, 762, station “Schlossplatz” 50 m parking “Hofwiese” 150 m Court Garden: district office for culture and tourism Ansbach: phone +49 (0) 981 51-243 café and restaurant Orangery with four historical halls and terrace in the court garden: phone +49 (0) 981 2170, info@orangerie-ansbach.de, www.orangerie-ansbach.de, open Tue-Sun 11 am-6 pm (on request longer for groups)
LICHTENAU – Branch office of the Nuremberg State Archive · phone +49 (0) 9827 9279-0 · information: Markt Lichtenau · phone +49 (0) 9827 9211-0 · www.markt-lichtenau.de					
Lichtenau Fortress Von-Heydeck-Straße 3 91586 Lichtenau	outdoor facilities accessible during the general opening hours and Apr-Oct Sat+Sun 9 am-5 pm	free of charge			600 m Ansbach 9 km VGN bus line 711, station “Lichtenau Festplatz” 350 m “am Festplatz” 350 m old town and fortress – Markt Lichtenau: phone +49 (0) 9827 9211-0 or state archives: phone +49 (0) 9827 9279-0 Seat of the branch office of the state archives Nuremberg
ABENBERG – Administration union Abenberg Castle · Castle Hotel: phone +49 (0) 9178 98299-0, www.burgabenberg.de · Museums Abenberg Castle: phone +49 (0) 9178 90618, www.museen-abenberg.de					
Abenberg Castle Hotel Burgstraße 16 91183 Abenberg	year-round without closing day restaurant closed Sunday evening and Mondays	free of charge			400 m Windsbach 11 km, Roth 15 km VGN line 605, station “Abenberg, Unteres Tor” 300 m, VGN line 625, station “Abenberg, Marktplatz” 300 m by the castle; Premium Partner of the Castle Road, hotel with 22 rooms – 6 of them in the “Schottenturm” (tower) of the castle, restaurant, terrace in the castle courtyard, vault cellar and rose garden
House of Franconian History and Lace Museum Burgstraße 16 91183 Abenberg	Apr-Oct Tue-Sun 11 am-5 pm Mar, Nov, Dec Thu-Sun 11 am-5 pm, public Holidays 11 am-5 pm closed Dec 23 rd -Feb 28 th	one museum: 2 EUR, combo ticket both museums: 3 EUR group rates for guided tours and museum-educational activities			400 m Windsbach 11 km, Roth 15 km VGN line 605, station “Abenberg, Unteres Tor” 300 m, VGN line 625, station “Abenberg, Marktplatz” 300 m by the castle Museums Abenberg Castle: phone +49 (0) 9178 90618; special exhibitions, museum educations, children’s birthdays
ROTH – City of Roth · phone +49 (0) 9171 848-513 · www.stadt-roth.de					
Ratibor Castle with Town Museum Hauptstraße 1 91154 Roth	March to October Tue-Sun 10 am-5 pm	3 EUR 5 EUR incl. guided tour group rates for guided tours on request			100 m 1.3 km VGN city bus 681, station “Marktplatz” 100 m “Parkdeck (parking level) am Schloss” 100 m tourist information in the castle: phone +49 (0) 9171 848-513; special exhibitions; Roth Castle Courtyard Festival (“Rother Schlosshofspiele”) every year July-August
STEIN – Faber-Castell Castle · phone +49 (0) 911 88199108 · www.faber-castell.de/faber-castell-erleben					
Faber-Castell Castle and Museum “Alte Mine” Nürnberger Straße 2 90547 Stein	dates announced online Guides tours for groups: reservation necessary	castle 9 EUR museum 9 EUR group rates on request			1 km 8 km (Nuremberg central station) VGN city bus 63 or 67, station “Nürnberg/Stein Schloss” 200 m in front of the castle grounds guided tours and prices at www.since1761.com/faber-castell-erleben
CADOLZBURG – Bavarian Department of State-owned Palaces, Gardens and Lakes: castle administration Nuremberg · phone +49 (0) 9103 700860 · www.burg-cadolzburg.de					
Cadolzburg Castle 90556 Cadolzburg	Apr-Sept Tue-Sun 9 am-6 pm Oct-Mar Tue-Sun 10 am-4 pm; closed Shrove Tuesday, Dec 24 th /25 th /31 st & Jan 1 st ; last admission: 45 min. before closing	incl. multi-media guide 7 EUR combo tickets Cadolzburg Castle with - Imperial Castle (“Kaiserburg”) Nuremberg 12 EUR - Hist. Museum 8.50 EUR			50 m 1.3 km VGN bus lines 126, 136, 152, station “Aussichtsturm” 650 m, VGN bus line 111, station “Sparkasse” 400 m “Am Höhback” 500 m www.burg-cadolzburg.de, Museum “HerrschaftsZeiten! Erlebnis Cadolzburg” (experience exhibition)

Tour 5

from Nuremberg to Bamberg



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NUREMBERG – Bavarian Department of State-owned Palaces, Gardens and Lakes · castle administration Nuremberg · phone +49 (0) 911 244659-0 · www.kaiserburg-nuernberg.de					
Nuremberg's Imperial Castle Auf der Burg 13 90403 Nürnberg	castle: daily Apr-Sep. 9 am-6 pm, Oct-Mar 10 am-4 pm; closed Jan 1 st , Shrove Tuesday, Dec. 24 th , 25 th , 31 st ; castle garden: Apr-Oct daily 8 am until nightfall	combo ticket: 7 EUR (imperial castle, great hall with double chapel, imperial castle museum, deep well, Sinwell tower) castle garden: free of charge			300 m on foot 1.6 km, by car 2.4 km tram station "Tiergärtner" 200 m, underground station "Lorenzkirche" 1 km car park "Hauptmarkt" 350 m castle administration: phone +49 (0) 911 244659-0 Permanent exhibition "Imperial City. Nuremberg's Imperial Castle" („Kaiser – Reich – Stadt. Die Kaiserburg Nürnberg“) in the great hall; imperial castle museum (branch office of the German National Museum); visit of the deep well only possible in the course of a guided tour, great hall and bower without a guided tour
LAUF AN DER PEGNITZ – city of Lauf an der Pegnitz · phone +49 (0) 9123 184-4000 or -4001 · www.lauf.de					
Imperial Castle of Lauf Schlossinsel 1 91207 Lauf an der Pegnitz	seat of the tourist information, – opening hours: Tue-Sun 9.30-12.30 am + 1-5 pm Imperial castle: Wed-Fri 1-4 pm Sat-Sun 11am-4 pm				300 m "Links der Pegnitz" 650 m, "Rechts der Pegnitz" 700 m "Schlossplatz" 100 m VGN Linien 351 und 353 "Pegnitzwiese" 200 m tourist information, phone +49 (0) 9123 184-4000 or -4001
FORCHHEIM – City of Forchheim · administration phone +49 (0) 9191 714-327 and -384, cash desk -326 · www.kaiserpfalz.forchheim.de					
Forchheim Imperial Castle Kapellenstraße 16 91301 Forchheim	Palatine Museum: Apr-Oct Tue-Sun 10 am-5 pm, Nov-Mar Wed+Thur 1 pm-4 pm, Sun 1 pm-5 pm, Passion Time: daily 9.30 am-6 pm	5 EUR during Passion Time 2 EUR			300 m 1.5 km underground car park "Paradeplatz" 500 m, car park "Kronengarten" 500 m administration: phone +49 (0) 9191 714-327, -384; palatine museum with archaeological museum upper Franconia, city museum, costume museum and adventure museum "Rote Mauer" (next to Wallstraße 19, open April-Oct Sun 10 am-5 pm), Christmas- and Easter exhibitions and -activities
EGLOFFSTEIN – Private property of Family von und zu Egloffstein · phone +49 (0) 9197 8780 · www.burg-egloffstein.de					
Egloffstein Castle Rittergasse 80b 91349 Egloffstein	private residence, open for guided tours	5 EUR (adults) 2.50 EUR (children) 12 EUR (family)			300 m Forchheim 17 km "Egloffstein Talstraße" 700 m parking site for hikers "Egloffstraße" 100 m Freiherr (baron) von und zu Egloffstein, visit only in the course of guided tours. Holiday apartments in the castle area
GÖSSWEINSTEIN – Private property · phone +49 (0) 9242 2999891 · www.burg-goessweinsteinstein.de					
Gößweinsteinstein Castle Burgstraße 30 91327 Gößweinsteinstein	Easter until the end of October daily 10 am-6 pm	3 EUR (adults, seniors) 2 EUR (juveniles 12+, students) 1 EUR (children 5+)			170 m Ebermannstadt 13.4 km VGN line 389 "Spielzeugmuseum" (toy museum) 270 m parking "Petzoldstraße" 300 m
POTTENSTEIN – Private property of Baron von Wintzingerode · castle administration phone +49 (0) 9243 7221 · www.burgpottenstein.de					
Pottenstein Castle Burgstraße 13 91278 Pottenstein	Apr 15 th -18 th (Eastern) & weekends in Apr: 12 am-5 pm Apr 30 th -Oct 30 th (Wed-Sun), July 5 th -Sept 9 th (Tue-Sun), Jun 4 th -6 th (Whitsun) & Aug 8 th (Mon): 10 am-5 pm, (last admission 4.30 pm)	6 EUR (adults) 2.50 EUR (children) 15 Euro (family) reduced: 5.50 EUR (adults) 2.20 EUR (children)			950 m Pegnitz 15 km VGN line 397, station "An der B 470" 800 m parking by the castle castle administration; upper castle ("Oberburg"), main exhibition "Crown, Bread and Roses. ("Krone, Brot und Rosen.") 800 years Elisabeth von Thüringen (1207-2007)" and memorial room, castle garden; holiday apartment (150 m ² , great hall)
AHORNTAL – Burg Rabenstein Event GmbH · phone +49 (0) 9202 970044-0 · www.burg-rabenstein.de					
Rabenstein Castle Rabenstein 33 95491 Ahorntal	Mar 25 th -Nov 6 th , 2022: Tue-Fri 11 am-4.45pm, Sat/Sun/public holidays 11 am-4.45 pm (continuously) until Mar 24 th and from Nov 7 th , 2022: Sat/Sun + during school holidays in Bavaria daily 11 am-1 pm	castle incl. guided tour 7 EUR combo ticket castle incl. guided tour/"Sophie's Cave" (a limestone cave) 14 EUR visit of the falconry 4 EUR, with flight demonstration at 3 pm 9 EUR			2.8 km Ebermannstadt 20.9 km VGN line 396, station "Schweinsmühle Kreisstr./Abzw. Rabenstein, Ahorntal" 900 m directly by the castle castle administration, phone +49 (0) 9202 970044-0 visit to the interiors only in the course of a guided tour; Premium Partner of the Castle Road, castle hotel, castle chapel, castle tavern (open Mar 27 th -Nov 8 th , 2020), castle restaurant (open daily 6 pm-9 pm, table reservation necessary), falconry, limestone cave "Sophie's Cave"
WAISCHENFELD – www.waischenfeld.de					
Waischenfeld Castle Schlossberg 20 91344 Waischenfeld	freely accessible				350 m Ebermannstadt 18.7 km VGN bus line 396, station "Waischenfeld Fischergasse" 700 m directly by the castle rental for festivities and company events
HEILIGENSTADT – Private property · castle administration, phone +49 (0) 9198 423 and +49 (0) 152 09886798 · www.schloss-greifenstein.de					
Greifenstein Castle 91331 Heiligenstadt/Ofr.	May 1 st -Oct 31 st daily, Nov 1 st -Jan 15 th , Mar & Apr Wed-Sun (open Easter Monday): 9-11.15 am + 1.30 pm-4.45 pm	5,50 EUR (adults) 4,50 EUR (groups of 20 pers. or more) 2,80 EUR (children 5-14 years) 2.40 Euro (school classes)			2.3 km Ebermannstadt 13.6 km VGN lines 221 and 975, station "Raiffeisenstraße" 2.6 km in front of the castle gate castle administration visit of the interiors only possible in the course of a guided tour (min. 4 pers.), rich collections, 92 m deep well, castle chapel, ancestral hall, Biedermeier room and much more, own distillery, castle hermitage with beer garden
AUFSESS – Private property of Family von Aufseß · phone +49 (0) 9198 656 · www.schloss-unteraufsess.de					
Lower Aufseß Castle Am Weiher 79 91347 Aufseß	Apr 1 st -Oct 31 st usually daily guided tours daily 11 am & 2 pm	4 EUR			700 m Ebermannstadt 14.9 km parking site for hikers 100 m phone +49 (0) 9198 998217; visit only possible in the course of a guided tour, own chapel and parish church, rental of two suits and five double bedrooms in the castle
MARKT WIESENTAL – Markt Wiesenttal · phone + 49 (0) 9196 929931 · www.wiesenttal.de					
Neideck Ruins Streitberg 91346 Markt Wiesenttal	freely accessible				Streitberg 1.6 km Ebermannstadt 6.2 km VGN line 389, station "Streitberg/B 470" 1.3 km by the outdoor pool 900 m; station of the Franconian Switzerland steam train at the former train station 1.7 km
Streitburg Ruins Streitburg Nr. 3 91346 Markt Wiesenttal	freely accessible				Streitberg 500 m Ebermannstadt 5.2 km VGN line 389, station "Streitberg/B 470" 650 m parking "Oberer Binghöhlenparkplatz" 650 m; station of the Franconian Switzerland steam train at the former train station 750 m
MEMMELSDORF – Bavarian Department of State-owned Palaces, Gardens and Lakes · cash desk phone +49 (0) 951 4095-71 · www.schloesser.bayern.de					
Seehof Castle 96117 Memmelsdorf	Apr-Oct Tue-Sun 9 am-6 pm, Water feature: May-beg. of Oct daily 10 am-5 pm at the full hour	4 EUR incl. guided tour combo ticket with New Residence Bamberg 7 EUR			2.2 km Bamberg 6.2 km VGN line 907, station "Seehof/BA-L Schloss Seehof" directly by the castle; restaurant-café (open Tue-Sun 9 am-6 pm, closed: Dec 24 th -Jan 5 th), castle chapel with side room, renting of the Orangery; 9 showrooms

Tour 6

from Bamberg to Bayreuth



Legend / signs and symbols

distance to the city center	parking	beautiful view	restaurant/café	weddings possible	guided group tours on request	visit of the castle/palace only with public guided tour (german language)
public transportation network station	pier	museum shop	kiosk	rental of rooms	visit of the castle/palace without guided tour only with admission fee	
distance to the train station	booking of guided tours	museum	barrier-free	audio guide		

Overview Castles and Palaces

Name/Address	Opening Hours	Entrance Fee for Adults	Facilities	Available Languages	Transport Link/Infrastructure/Special Features
BAMBERG – Altenburg Castle association · phone +49 (0) 951 53387 · www.altenburgverein.de					
Altenburg Castle Altenburg 1 96049 Bamberg	castle complex: daily summer 9 am-10 pm, winter 9 am-8 pm, closed Dec 31 st keep: daily 9 am-6 pm	free of charge			2.3 km 4 km directly by the castle "Agile Society": phone +49 (0) 951 5190389, www.agil-bamberg.de; keep passable; castle restaurant: phone +49 (0) 951 56828, www.restaurant-altenburg.de, shuttle service from and to the cathedral square with the "Bamberg Train" hourly.
BAMBERG – Bavarian Department of State-owned Palaces, Gardens and Lakes Bamberg Palace and Garden Administrative Office, phone +49 (0) 951 51939-0 · www.schloesser.bayern.de					
Bamberg New Residence Domplatz 8 96047 Bamberg	daily Apr-Sep 9 am-6 pm, Oct-Mar 10 am-4 pm, closed Jan 1 st , Shrove Tues- day and Dec 24 th /25 th /31 st	6 EUR incl. guided tour combo ticket with Seehof Castle, Memmelsdorf 9 EUR			500 m 3.9 km "Domplatz" 50 m underground car park "City/Altstadt" Geyerswörthstraße 600 m; visit of the castle's interiors only possible in the course of a guided tour, rental of emperor's hall and rose garden
EBERN – Private property					
Rotenhan Castle Ruins 96106 Ebern-Eyrichshof	freely accessible				3.2 km 3.4 km near the castle; station of the castle-educational nature trail Haßberge, one of the 100 most important Bavarian geotopes tourist information: phone +49 (0) 9531 62914
EBERN – private property · www.rotenhan.com					
Eyrichshof Palace Eyrichshof 16 96106 Ebern	privately inhabited, castle courtyard accessible				2.2 km 2.4 km castle church, weddings, events: www.gartenfest-eyrichshof.de (garden festival on Pentecost), www.winterszeit.com, www.eyrichshof-openair.de
PFARRWEISACH – District of Haßberge · tourist information · Ritter-von-Schmitt-Str. 8 · 96106 Ebern · phone +49 (0) 9531 629-14					
Lichtenstein Castle Lichtenstein 1 96176 Pfarrweisach	summer time: 10 am-7 pm winter time: 10 am-5 pm	free of charge			3.9 km Ebern 10 km by the castle; ruins of the northern castle local heritage society: phone +49 (0) 9535 602; information boards, castle-educati- onal nature trail Haßberge, signposted legend path; southern castle privately inhabited
MAROLDSWEISACH – District of Haßberge · castle- and heritage society · phone +49 (0) 9535 1211 · www.burg-altenstein.de					
Altenstein Castle Wilhelm-von-Stein-Str. 10 96126 Maroldsweisach- Altenstein	castle complex: May-Sep 8 am-9 pm, Oct-Mar 9 am-5 pm castle information center: May-Sep Wed-Sun/public holidays 10 am-5 pm, Oct-Apr Sat, Sun/public holidays 10 am-5 pm	castle complex: free of charge castle information center: 4 EUR, Oct-Apr: 2 EUR			Maroldsweisach 8.8 km Ebern 13 km bus line 8226 700 m, "Altenstein Ortsmitte, Maroldsweisach" 20 m in Altenstein castle- and heritage society Altenstein; castle information center: phone +49 (0) 9535 1889892, www.deutscher-burgenwinkel.de; rental of medieval costumes, sale of drinks, restaurant by the swimming pool
SESSLACH – Private property · 96145 Seßlach · phone +49 (0) 9569 468 · www.schloss-geyersberg.de					
Geyersberg Palace Am Geiersberg 132 96145 Seßlach	privately inhabited, not accessible				550 m Coburg 17 km bus line 8301, "Seßlach Schule" 850 m by the palace; rental of the palace tavern, palace shed with stage, winter garden, dance floor and garden and complete organisation
HELDBURG – Thuringian palace and garden society - German Castle Museum („Deutsches Burgenmuseum“) · phone +49 (0) 36871 21210 · www.deutschesburgenmuseum.de					
Heldburg Fortress Burgstraße 1 98663 Heldburg	Tue-Sun, public holidays (except Dec 24 th /25 th /31 st) Jan-Feb Sat-Sun Apr-Oct 10 am-5 pm, Nov, Dec, Mar 10 am-4 pm	museum and castle complex 7 EUR			Heldburg 1.4 km Coburg 18 km at the foot of the castle hill, 1.6 km, 20 min. on foot on signposted path to the fortress ("Veste"), half way up (parking "Reitweg") at the access road to the fortress 300 m; the museum is free of obstacles for handicapped persons and car parks are situated in the castle courtyard; booking under +49 (0) 36871 21210 German Castle Museum
COBURG – Coburg Fortress Art Collections · phone +49 (0) 9561 879-0 · www.kunstsammlungen-coburg.de					
Coburg Fortress Veste 1 96450 Coburg	Art Collections: Apr-Oct daily 9.30 am-5 pm Nov-Mar Tue-Sun 1 pm-4 pm closed Dec 24 th /25 th /31 st , Shrove Tuesday castle courtyards: Nov-Mar daily until nightfall, Apr-Oct daily until 6.30 pm	Art Collections: 9 EUR castle courtyards: free of charge			1.5 km 3.1 km city bus line 5, "Veste" 100 m "Brandsteinebene" 1 km Coburg Fortress Art Collections, among them the oldest carriages of the world; artillery exhibition; Luther memorial room, special exhibitions, events; castle tavern; from April to November half-hourly shuttle with the „Veste-Express“ of the gecko train from „Tourist-office Herrngasse“; www.geckobahn.com
COBURG – Bavarian Department of State-owned Palaces, Gardens and Lakes · Coburg Palace and Garden Administrative Office, phone +49 (0) 9561 8088-32 · www.sgvcoburg.de					
Ehrenburg Castle Schlossplatz 1 96450 Coburg	Apr-Sep Tue-Sun/public holidays 9 am-6 pm, Oct-Mar Tue-Sun/public holidays 10 am-4 pm closed Dec 24 th /25 th /31 st access only with a guided tour (until 1 hour before closing time)	5 EUR reduced: 4 EUR			150 m 950 m city bus line 6, "Ehrenburg" 100 m car park "Mauer" 450 m visit of the interiors only in the course of guided tours, chambers of Queen Victoria, castle church, cafeteria
COBURG – Foundation of the Dukes of Saxony-Coburg and Gotha Ducal Art Collection SCG · phone +49 (0) 9561 5515-0 · www.callenberg.de					
Callenberg Castle Callenberg 1 96450 Coburg-Beiersdorf	Apr-Oct Tue-Sun 11 am-5 pm Nov-Mar Tue-Sun 1-4 pm, closed Shrove Tuesday + Dec 24 th	7 EUR incl. Marksmen Museum			5 km 4 km city bus line 5 "Schloss Callenberg" 800 m at the castle hill Ducal Art Collection & German Marksmen Museum: phone +49 (0) 9561 5515-0, www.schloss-callenberg.de; rental of castle chapel, Red Saloon, first floor for events, weddings etc.
KRONACH – Rosenberg Fortress · Franconian gallery – Branch of the Bavarian National Museum Munich · phone +49 (0) 9261 6041-0 · www.kronach.de/en					
Rosenberg Fortress Festung 1 96317 Kronach	fortress: Nov-Feb Tue-Sun 10 am-3 pm; closed Nov 1 st , Dec 24 th /25 th /31 st , Jan 1 st /6 th and Shrove Tuesday fortress & Franconian Gallery: Mar-Oct Tue-Sun 9.30 am-5.30 pm	fortress tour 9 EUR incl. Franconian gallery and special exhibitions Nov-Feb: only fortress tour 5 EUR			260 m 800 m beneath the complex open-air theatre in the fortress (Rosenberg Festival, Jun-Aug, www.rosenbergfestspiele.de), changing special exhibitions, extensive underg- round passageways, museum education, JUFA Hotel Kronach – Festung Rosenberg, www.jufa.eu
KULMBACH – (3+4) Foundation upper Main landscape museum · cash desk and museum shop: phone +49 (0) 9221 947505 · www.plassenburg.de (1+2) Bavarian Department of State-owned Palaces, Gardens and Lakes · Bayreuth-Hermitage Palace and Garden Administrative Office · phone +49 (0) 9221 8220-0 · www.schloesser.bayern.de					
Plassenburg Castle Festungsberg 27 95326 Kulmbach	(1+2) Museum Hohenzollern in Franconia and Army Museum (3+4) Upper Main Landscape Museum and German Pewter Figure Museum Apr-Oct daily 9 am-6 pm Nov-Mar daily 10 am-4 pm closed Dec 24 th /25 th /31 st , Jan 1 st , Shrove Tuesday	(1+2) 4.50 EUR, red. 3.50 EUR incl. guided tour (3+4) 4 EUR, red. 3 EUR castle ticket for all four museums 7 EUR children and juveniles under 18 years: free of charge		(1) 	1 km 1.2 km EKU-Platz 850 m; Bus line 5 starting from the city center (Apr-Oct). Castle tavern, Coffee shop Schöner Hof (Beautiful Courtyard) Museum Hohenzollern in Franconia with margrave rooms and castle church (1), Army Museum "Frederick the Great" (2), Upper Main Landscape Museum (3), German Pewter Figure Museum (4) Public guided tours (1+2): all year round hourly (1+2) phone +49 (0) 9221 8220-0, castle administration (3+4) phone +49 (0) 9221 9588-0, tourist information
BAYREUTH – Bavarian Department of State-owned Palaces, Gardens and Lakes · Bayreuth-Hermitage Palace and Garden Administrative Office, phone +49 (0) 921 75969-21 (New Palace) /-37 (Hermitage) · www.bayreuth-wilhelmine.de					
New Palace and Courtyard Garden Ludwigstraße 21 95444 Bayreuth	New Palace: Apr-Sep daily 9 am-6 pm Oct-Mar daily 10 am-4 pm closed Jan 1 st /shrove thursday/ Dec 24 th /25 th /31 st courtyard garden freely accessible	5.50 EUR red. 4.50 EUR children and juveniles under 18 years: free of charge			500 m 1 km VGN lines 306, 310, 314, 315 station "Sternplatz" 50 m underground car park "P6 Stadthalle" 90 m palace- and garden administration Bayreuth-Hermitage: phone +49 (0) 921 75969-21 margravian staterooms; museums: "The Bayreuth of Margravine Wilhelmine", "Collection of Faïences of Bayreuth – Rummel Collection", collection "Gallant Miniatures", state gallery "Painting of the late Baroque"; little Italian Palace only to be visited with a guided tour
Old Palace and Courtyard Garden Hermitage Eremitage 4 95444 Bayreuth	Old Palace: Apr-Sep daily 9 am-6 pm Oct 1 st -15 th : daily 10 am-4 pm closed Oct. 16 th until March courtyard garden freely accessible	Old Palace: 4.50 EUR incl. guided tour red. 3.50 EUR children and juveniles under 18 years: free of charge courtyard garden: free of charge			5.2 km 4.7 km VGN bus lines 302, 303, station "Eremitage" (hermitage) 20 m at the entrance of the park rental of the sun temple and the west wing: palace- and garden administration Bayreuth-Hermitage: phone +49 (0) 921 75969-0; visit of the Old Palace only in the course of a guided tour; New Palace: Café Orangery Hermitage; castle restaurant/Hotel Eremitage; water foun- tains: May 1 st -Oct 15 th hourly: great pond 10 am-5 pm, inner grotto 10.15 am-5.15 pm