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MANNHEIM IS IMPRESSIVE

Why is Mannheim known as the “city of squares”?

While the streets in other cities bear the names of famous people, Mannheim’s centre is made up of letters and numbers. Viewed from Mannheim Baroque Palace, blocks A to K are lined up on the left-hand side, while blocks L to U are on the right-hand side. The individual blocks also have numbers, running either clockwise (A to K) or anti-clockwise (L to U). The letters and numbers are then combined to form an address. For instance, you can find the town hall in “E5” and the “Stadthaus” in “N1”.

WASSERTurm AND FRIEDRICHSPlatZ

Mannheim was once known as “Little Paris”, and anyone who comes to the historic water tower will see why.

The greatest love of everyone from Mannheim? Definitely the historic water tower “Wasserturm”. This distinctive landmark stands impressively at the heart of one of the most beautiful Art Nouveau complexes in Europe, directly on “Friedrichsplatz” square. No wonder that it is taken as the backdrop for many wedding and holiday photos. It stands romantic and dreamy in the picturesque complex – with the water fountains, the historic lighting, the strolling paths and the arcades, it is a popular meeting place for both residents and visitors.

An absolute must for your visit: a photo with Mannheim’s most famous landmark! In the evenings, the historic lanterns and the historic water tower shine out brightly, providing a very special light show. You will get the best view from one of the cafés surrounding the square “Friedrichsplatz”. Under the arcades with a café au lait in your hand, you will soon start to enjoy a Mediterranean “joie de vivre”.

BY THE WAY

Look up to the top of the tower! Can you estimate how tall the statue is that graces the tip of the tower? It is the figure of Amphitrite, the wife of Poseidon, the god of the sea. Did you guess correctly? She is 3.50 metres tall.
PARADEPLATZ

This spacious square lies at the heart of the city centre.

Ten paths in a star formation lead to its centre, to the historic Grupello fountain. The green areas and the surrounding benches encourage you to take a little break, so you can watch the busy world go by and get a direct sense of the city’s busy activity. For instance, you could use this moment to take a little refreshment and to enjoy a coffee, an ice cream or some pastries from the neighbouring cafés.

MARKTPLATZ

On market days lots of inhabitants and guests meet on the market square.

The Baroque backdrop for the weekly market, which takes place three times a week, is the combination of the old town hall and the parish church of St Sebastian – incidentally, the oldest building in Mannheim.

BY THE WAY

The district “Little Istanbul”, full of international flair, is located in the northern part of the city centre. Let yourself be inspired by the typical aromas and try some Turkish specialities – a mini-holiday for your senses!

STARTING POINT: Paradeplatz

PARADEPLATZ

O1, 68161 Mannheim

STARTING POINT: Paradeplatz

MARKTPLATZ

O1, 68161 Mannheim

STARTING POINT: Paradeplatz

PARADEPLATZ

G1, 68159 Mannheim

STARTING POINT: Paradeplatz

PLANKEN

The longest catwalk in the city and the most popular pedestrian zone in the entire region.

The main shopping street “Planken” in the city centre is 800 metres long, and runs from the historic water tower to “Paradeplatz” square. Strolling, shopping, making new discoveries in a beautiful ambience: this combination makes the “Planken” a true magnet for shopping fans, even far beyond the city boundary. Countless retailers from all sorts of industries, traditional department stores, concept stores, bookshops and of course all the famous brands, as well as the high density of shoe shops, leave nothing to be desired for any shopper.
MANNHEIM IS INSPIRING

The museum landscape in Mannheim is characterised by renowned institutions that often draw the attention of the world to the city with their unique, international exhibitions.

Primarily, they include the museums “Reiss-Engelhorn-Museen”, the art gallery “Kunsthalle Mannheim” and Mannheim Baroque Palace, but smaller museums and galleries also contribute to the multifaceted programme for culture aficionados. Whether you are looking for photographic art, painting, etchings, graphics or sculptures made from all conceivable materials, the art scene in Mannheim has plenty to offer. For instance, there are regular performances, matinées and music events, as well as the exhibitions.

BAROCKSCHLOSS MANNHEIM

Discover the Electoral Mannheim with a visit to the second largest Baroque palace in Europe: Mannheim Baroque Palace.

Amid the busy student life of the University of Mannheim, which is housed in the Baroque Palace, the “Schlossmuseum” (palace museum) invites you on a journey through time with its historic interior as an integral work of art of the highest European quality. The meticulously restored staterooms with over 800 exhibits bear witness to the style and customs of former times and will whisk you away for a moment into the life of the Electoral Court.

BY THE WAY

What does one do as an Elector in Mannheim in the hot summer months? Carl Theodor used to travel with his entire court to his summer residence in Schwetzingen.

MARCHIVUM

This is where Mannheim's fascinating history is preserved and secured for the future. Explore the city's past up close in Mannheim's largest above-ground bunker.

The former Ochsenpferchbunker in the Neckarstadt-West neighbourhood catches the eye from afar. The MARCHIVUM is not only a place dedicated to the preservation of municipal history, but also simultaneously a research centre, event venue and exhibition space that sees itself as an open space for encountering, experiencing, learning and researching.

@ www.schloss-mannheim.de/en
📍 Bismarckstraße, 68161 Mannheim
诈 Schloss
诈 Tue – Sun 10.00 am – 5.00 pm,
Currently closed due to renovations.
Re-opening in spring 2020.

@ www.marchivum.de
📍 Archivplatz 1, 68169 Mannheim
诈 Neckarstadt West
诈 Tue, Wed, Fri 8.00 am – 4.00 pm,
Thu 8.00 am – 6.00 pm
Weekends for special exhibitions only
REISS-ENGELOHORN-MUSEEN

In the heart of the city of Mannheim, the three museums of the “Reiss-Engelhorn-Museen” (rem, for short) form a separate museum quarter with an excellent reputation that reaches far beyond this particular region.

Experience fascinating cultural history in one of the most significant museums in Europe, whose foundation stone was laid back in the 18th century by the Elector Carl Theodor. Be it precious objects from Ancient Egypt, the detailed reconstruction of Tutankhamun’s tomb, an extraordinary safari through the last ice age, breath-taking Indonesian gold work or contemporary photography – the spectacular collections and special exhibitions regularly amaze visitors from all over the world. After visiting the museum, treat yourself to a delicious dish on the summer terrace or in the extraordinary setting of the “C Five” restaurant, right in the courtyard of the “Museum Zeughaus”.

KUNSTHALLE MANNHEIM

Located on Mannheim’s most beautiful square right next to the famous historic water tower, art and architecture blend together to form a completely new museum experience.

The Kunsthalle Mannheim is one of the world’s oldest public collections of modern art. Revolutionary landmark works by artists from Edouard Manet to William Kentridge and an outstanding sculpture collection are the pride of the museum. The new building allows visitors to take their time as they stroll between the gallery rooms, over bridges and terraces, to the restaurant, shop and much more.

INFO

You can find further museums on our website www.visit-mannheim.com
CHURCHES IN MANNHEIM

As a lover of sacred architecture, a truly huge variety is waiting for you in Mannheim!

There are 89 houses of God from various eras in the city. Come and visit churches, synagogues and mosques. Apart from the “Jesuitenkirche” and the “Christuskirche”, which are probably the most famous examples in Mannheim, you can also discover small chapels, huge, splendid buildings and modern architecture and immerse yourself in the peaceful quiet of these special places.

BY THE WAY

The chapel “Magdalenenkapelle” in the district of Straßenheim, with sections dating back to the 13th century, is regarded as the oldest chapel within the boundaries of Mannheim.

JESUITENKIRCHE

This is one of the most impressive sacred buildings in Mannheim and is located in the immediate vicinity of the Baroque Palace.

The former court church features an impressive exterior and boasts an equally splendid interior. As you enter the church, your breath will surely be taken away as the interior of this Catholic parish church is simply so magnificent. The interior designed by Paul Egell and Peter Anton von Verschaffelt, among others, is rich in Baroque works of art such as the high altar and the ceiling fresco.

CHRISTUSKIRCHE

The Protestant church “Christuskirche” features an imposing, tower-shaped dome and a curved, Baroque floor plan.

With its splendid, neo-Baroque exterior, it blends beautifully with the surrounding villa quarter in the city’s eastern district – the Protestant church completed in 1911 is one of the most striking in the city. You will find several impressive elements in the interior: the northern gallery houses one of the largest organs in Germany, the Steinmeyer organ dating back to 1911.
NATIONAL THEATER MANNHEIM
AND JUNGES NTM

Tradition and modernity, opera, theatre, dance and also a National Youth Theatre united under a single roof.

The “Nationaltheater Mannheim” (NTM, for short) is one of the largest and oldest municipal repertory theatres in Germany. Even great German artists such as Schiller and Mozart have performed here. Numerous world premieres and German premieres demonstrate the innovative and contemporary continuation of this tradition. In the youth theatre “Junges NTM”, you can experience image theatre, fairy-tale and narrative theatre or one of the many independent plays on burning issues, as well as classics adapted for a young audience.

MANNHEIM²
IS EXCITING

Mannheim inspires particularly with a gripping programme of music theater, drama and cabaret.

For instance, the “Nationaltheater Mannheim” provides a major stage for performances in various styles, which will whisk you away into the world of the performing arts. In addition, the “SAP Arena” offers the perfect setting for concerts by international stars and their mega shows which will excite and inspire you. The assorted small and individual establishments also attract international artists of various genres and will enchant you with a very special flair within historic walls.

What does the “Nationaltheater Mannheim” have to do with tennis?

Although they seem to have nothing in common, they share a common past! On the site that is now the home to the opera, theatre and dance and where the curtain rises every night on the world-famous stage, there used to be a tennis club with seven large courts until the new theatre was built in 1957.
ENTERTAINMENT VENUES, THEATRES AND CABARETS

Alte Feuerwache
Whether you are into jazz or hip hop, literary events or parties – a visit to the “Alte Feuerwache” cultural centre in Mannheim is a must for all music and culture fans!

@ www.altefeuerwache.com
📍 Brückenstraße 2, 68167 Mannheim
🛷 Alte Feuerwache

Capitol
Walk through a moving history of the cinema and culture with a 1920s flair. Enjoy concerts and celebrate amazing parties under the “blue cupola”.

@ www.capitol-mannheim.de
📍 Waldhofstraße 2, 68169 Mannheim
🛷 Alte Feuerwache

Ella & Louis
Soak up the fantastic atmosphere as you experience the best of German and international jazz while enjoying a fine glass of wine or a snack prepared with local ingredients.

@ www.ellalouis.de
📍 Rosengartenplatz 2, 68161 Mannheim
🛷 Rosengarten

Maimarktgelände
Event grounds for about 50 events every year from small to XXL: among others, the largest regional trade fair in Germany, the “Maimarkt Mannheim”.

@ www.maimarktgelaende.de
📍 Xaver-Fuhr-Straße 101, 68163 Mannheim
🛷 Maimarkt

SAP Arena
One of the most modern sport and event halls in Europe! Be it top-class sport, music or art, let yourself be carried away by the unique atmosphere in the midst of up to 15,000 fans!

@ www.saparena.de
📍 An der Arena 1, 68163 Mannheim
🛷 SAP Arena

Rosengarten
In this impressive building, you can enjoy the full range of music from classical to pop, and even comedy shows.

@ www.rosengarten-mannheim.de/en
📍 Congress Center Rosengarten
🛷 Rosengarten
Oststadt Theater
Famous for lively theatre in local dialect and boulevard comedies.

@ www.oststadt-theater.de
📍 N1, 1, 68161 Mannheim
📍 Paradeplatz

Freilichtbühne
The open-air theatre is a true gem on the edge of the forest. It thrills spectators with children’s theatre, musicals and concerts.

@ www.flbmannheim.de
📍 Kirchwaldstraße 10, 68305 Mannheim
📍 Kirchwaldstraße

Theater Oliv
Mannheim’s only cellar theatre – contemporary, amusing and full of social criticism all at the same time. Art accompanied by a fine drop of wine from the Palatinate.

@ www.theateroliv.de
📍 Am Meßplatz 7, 68169 Mannheim
📍 Alte Feuerwache

Schatzkistl
Music cabaret in a cozy atmosphere. Great programme!

@ www.schatzkistl.de
📍 Augustaanlage 4–8, 68165 Mannheim
📍 Am Friedrichsplatz

Theaterhaus G7
Innovative, exciting and versatile theatre that operates locally, regionally and internationally. An interactive experience in a joyful location.

@ www.theaterhausg7.de
📍 G7, 4b, 68159 Mannheim
📍 MA Rathaus/rem

Klapsmühl' am Rathaus
Internationally renowned and established cabaret and comedy theatre.

@ www.klapsmuehl.eu
📍 D6, 3, 68159 Mannheim
📍 MA Rathaus/rem
MANNHEIM² IS CREATIVE

In recent years, the city has developed into a creative melting pot with trendy scene districts and innovative concepts.

This attracts national and international artists whose creations you can experience and enjoy here. Among others, you will discover photo exhibitions of international quality in the museum “Zephyr”, and you will usually be able to get to know the artist in question in an interview at the opening of the exhibition. The discovery of contemporary art at the “PORT25” in probably the trendiest district in Mannheim, “Jungbusch”, will round off your creative experience of Mannheim. Above all, make sure that you walk through the city with your eyes open: you will be able to discover urban street art everywhere.

ART PROJECTS & ART SCENE

Mannheim is a venue for cultural experiences, an exhibition and event location and also a pulsating creativity hotspot that attracts both national and international influences. You can sense the creative pulse of the city everywhere.

Above all, the city is characterised by the fact that it not only demands inspiring, urban art projects and the creative scene, but also fundamentally promotes them. The city of founders that never rests, but is creating the vision of tomorrow today. Open for development. Open for people with amazing ideas. Open for progress. Come and get to know this spirit of the art scene in Mannheim!

HIGHLIGHT – Guided tours through the city

The Tourist Information Centre Mannheim offers guided tours for groups in different languages. One of the themed tours deals with street art and showcases murals in the city centre. Bookings and further information at the Tourist Information Centre Mannheim.
PORT25

This space for contemporary art supplements the creative palette for actors in the field of the fine arts in the city.

Six exhibitions per year present at least two different artistic approaches for discussion in each case. Come and see this for yourself during one of the regular guided tours and presentations. Artists from the region are exhibited together with international artistic approaches. The focus is placed on current productions that are relevant for the present day.

ZEITRAUMEXIT

A place of openness that provides space for curiosity and interested analysis.

Performances, exhibitions, independent productions, festivals, guest performances and special events are established formats for the various events. The focus here is placed on the artistically exploratory analysis of current events and socially relevant topics.

STADT.WAND.KUNST

The open urban art gallery “Stadt.Wand.Kunst” transforms grey walls into a walk-through museum.

Every summer, national and international street artists invite you to be a witness of the emergence of impressive works of art on their respective house wall, created under the auspices of “Stadt.Wand.Kunst”. They create true works of urban art on house surfaces spread over several storeys. Up to now, 25 murals have been created. Come and enjoy art done rather differently!

@ www.stadt-wand-kunst.de
📍 Hafenstraße 68, 68159 Mannheim
📍 Teufelsbrücke

ZEPHYR

This space for photography is one of the few public exhibition spaces for contemporary photography in Germany.

Since 2005, ZEPHYR has realized a versatile program of international contemporary art that highlights exciting trends in the medium of photography.

@ www.zephyr-mannheim.com
📍 C4, 9, 68159 Mannheim
📍 MA Rathaus/rem
📍 Tue – Sun 11.00 am – 6.00 pm
MANNHEIM IS MUSICAL

Mannheim joined the UNESCO programme “Creative Cities” in 2014 and since then has proudly borne the title of “UNESCO City of Music”.

Having been a driver and innovator for many years, the city has created an extraordinary infrastructure for music and is well-known as a significant regional centre for its established cultural sector, but also for its lively and independent creative scene. This includes orchestras, universities, museums, theatres, festivals and cinemas with exciting programmes that are simply waiting for you to discover them.

FESTIVALS AND CONCERTS

In Mannheim, festivals and concerts with a wide range of emphases invite you to immerse yourself in the city in a wide range of musical locations.

In the process, you can experience international artists really close up. The “Maifeld Derby” festival was founded by a graduate of the “Popakademie Baden-Württemberg” and has established itself as a festival of well-being. Techno fans from all over Europe look forward to the “Time Warp” for months in advance and the renowned “Enjoy Jazz” festival has been giving concerts in Mannheim for two decades. This is all supplemented by the multi-faceted programmes of the Mannheim Chamber Philharmonic Orchestra, the Mannheim Philharmonic Orchestra, the University of Music and the City College of Music.

INFO

Experience the creative heart of the city in a guided tour. The Tourist Information Centre Mannheim offers guided tours for groups in different languages. Bookings and further information at the Tourist Information Centre Mannheim.
EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

21.02. – 08.03.2020
Alte Feuerwache
Mannheim
@ www.altefeuerwache.com

Lesen.Hören –
Literaturfest in Mannheim
Readings of contemporary German literature and a festival for children’s and youth literature.

27.02.2020
Congress Center
Rosengarten
@ www.mannheimer-philharmoniker.de

Mannheimer Philharmoniker Orchester (Philharmonic Orchestra) concert
The 3rd concert will be fully in the spirit of Beethoven’s 250th birthday in 2020 and is guaranteed to be a night to remember.

29.02. – 26.04.2020
Mannheim/ Heidelberg/ Ludwigshafen
@ www.biennalefotografie.de/en

Biennale für aktuelle Fotografie
One of the largest curated photography festivals in Germany.

04.04.2019
Maimarktgelände
Mannheim
@ www.time-warp.de

Time Warp
One of the most popular techno festivals with visitors from all over the world.

09.05. – 16.05.2020
Mannheim city centre
@ www.visit-mannheim.de/en

Mannheim Music Week
In keeping with Mannheim’s status as a UNESCO City of Music, an entire week will be dedicated to this topic.

25.05. – 26.05.2020
Barockschloss Mannheim
@ www.kko.de

Mannheimer Schlosskonzert
Concert by the Kurpfälzisches Kammerorchester with soprano Lydia Teuscher in the Rittersaal.

30.05.2020 – 31.01.2021
Reiss-Engelhorn-Museen, Museum Zeughaus C5
@ www.rem-mannheim.de/en

Tutankhamun –
His Tomb and His Treasures
Exhibition on the mysterious Pharaoh and the discovery of his magnificent burial chamber.

03.07. – 05.07.2020
Mannheim city centre
@ www.theaterfestival-schwindelfrei.de/en

Theaterfestival Schwindelfrei
Performative visions on the theme “FABULATIONEN – more than a single story” are presented on stage.

09.07. – 19.07.2020
Nationaltheater Mannheim
@ www.nationaltheater-mannheim.de

Mannheimer Sommer
The “Mannheimer Sommer” (“Mannheim Summer”) is being supplemented with guest performances from the wider field of musical theatre.

02.10.2020 – 24.01.2021
Kunsthalle Mannheim
@ www.kuma.art/en

Anselm Kiefer
Large special exhibition dedicated to contemporary painter Anselm Kiefer.

October – November 2020
Mannheim/Heidelberg/ Ludwigshafen/Schwetzingen
@ www.enjoyjazz.de

Enjoy Jazz
One of the world’s most important jazz festivals, with performances by highly acclaimed international artists.

November 2020
Mannheim/Heidelberg
@ www.iffmh.de/en

Internationales Filmfestival Mannheim-Heidelberg
Festival for the discovery and promotion of talented young performers.

BY THE WAY
You can find the full programme of events on our website www.visit-mannheim.de/en/events
MANNHEIM®
OFFERS MORE

Apart from the varied range of cultural institutions and events, Mannheim also offers numerous leisure activities.

In the spacious city parks, families with children can find large green areas, entertaining playgrounds, petting zoos and plants from all over the world. The nature-conservation and forest areas close to the city centre invite nature lovers to take relaxing walks and extensive cycle tours. There are also plenty of options for spending some active or relaxed time in the open air on the rivers Rhine and Neckar, and along their banks.

The entire team at Tourist Information Mannheim would be glad to help you with the individual arrangement of your visit to the Rhine-Neckar metropolis. You can also find lots of details, tips and ideas in the other topic brochures.

You would like to find out more and get to know Mannheim even better?
In our compact topic brochures, you can find cultural highlights, more tips for your mini-break or extended stay and an extensive range of city guided tours and circular tours.

INFO
Discover Mannheim’s popularest sights and immerse yourself in the exciting history and present of the City of Squares on the “Modern and historical Mannheim” walking tour.

VRN
The local public transport network “Verkehrsverbund Rhein-Neckar” makes it easy for you to explore the entire city of Mannheim and the surroundings by public transport. In this way, you can easily use buses and trains to reach and explore three different federal states with 24 districts and cities. www.vrn.de