

Welcome to Schweinfurt



Embedded in the delightful Franconian wine landscape, the Schweinfurt 360° region offers an experience for all the senses. World-renowned museums, an old town quarter as an insider tip, romantic vineyards, villages with half-timbered idyllic and Franconian hospitality.

Many people only know the city of Schweinfurt in connection with its long tradition as "Ball Bearing City" or by way of its soccer team 1.FC Schweinfurt 05. The city has long undergone a fundamental change in this context.

Immerse yourself in the exciting history of the city, discover the lovingly renovated parts of the old town, swim in globally renowned art, enjoy Franconian delicacies - Schweinfurt offers city life with a relaxed atmosphere. Enjoy a stroll through the pedestrian zone with its boutiques or a walk on the banks of the Main. Our intention with the City Map is to give you valuable tips for your stay in Schweinfurt.

We would also like to recommend the diverse cultural and recreational offerings in and around Schweinfurt, so this plan also provides tips for excursions in the region. Discover the unique Franconian cultural landscape between the Main, Steigerwald Forest, Hassberge and Rhön region.

Regional culture and identity are a way of life here, as evident in



Biking & hiking tours

All **cyclists** are guaranteed to find the terrain most suited to their needs in Schweinfurt's surroundings: from family-friendly and gradient-free routes around the Main Valley right through to challenging and sporty routes up into the Steigerwald Forest. And e-bikers too can look forward to a relaxed cycling experience with over **1.000 kilometers** waiting for them. During the tours, cozy wine taverns, rustic beer gardens and inns invite you to enjoy Franconian delicacies.



The Main, Franconia's wine country, the Steigerwald Forest and Hassberge Mountains form the scenic backdrop for varied cycling tours. Romantic wine villages, palaces and ancient castles are just some of the destinations well worth visiting.



The **Main cycle path**, the **Wern cycle path** or the **2Franconia cycle path** are extremely popular. These are complemented by a wide choice of **themed routes**: you can cycle in the tracks of poet Friedrich Rückert or the Baroque architect Balthasar Neumann, through former free imperial villages and encounter wine, asparagus and herbs with all your senses.

The appropriate tour tips and up-to-date cycling maps are available from the Tourist-Information Center Schweinfurt 360°.

Hiking enthusiasts also get their money's worth in the Schweinfurt region. Experience breathtaking nature, slow down in the forest and on the water, have time for yourself! 19 selected walking tours mean 19 ways of satisfying your **"wanderlust"** and exploring the region anew. Whether on enchanted paths in the romantic Hällental Valley, through the floodplain forests in Schweinfurt's Mainbogen area or up to Germany's highest vineyard - the tours are sure to whet your appetite for more nature and culture!

Another insider tip for nature lovers is the **Brännhof**, a former US Army training area north of Schweinfurt and today a national natural heritage site. Discover nature at its purest and, with a little luck, wild horses.



The **Franziskusweg (St. Francis' Path)** in Handthal is a special recommendation. Two kilometers long, it stretches from the Steigerwald Center through a fascinating landscape with extensive forests, ancient culture, meadows and vineyards. Along the way you will encounter eight animal legends told by St. Francis of Assisi. Time for yourself, for musings and experiencing nature!

Excursion tips in the Schweinfurt 360° region

The Schweinfurt region offers explorers a wealth of magnificent buildings, half-timbered romanticism, natural beauty spots as well as cultural treasures and traditions. The Main Valley, the Hassberge Mountains and the Steigerwald Forest provide the scenic backdrop. Look forward to being surprised!



1 Elertshäuser See

The Elertshäuser See is Lower Franconia's largest lake and an extremely popular recreational and vacation paradise. There is plenty of space here for sailing, windsurfing, boating, swimming and playing. Sunbathing lawns, quiet spots for fishing and well-marked cycling and hiking trails are waiting for you to enjoy. A shore path approx. 4.5 kilometers long stretches around the lake. Additional facilities include a campsite, a restaurant and a high ropes course. From the lake it is merely a stone's throw to **Stadtlauringen** with a market square that impresses as an ensemble of half-timbered buildings with the town hall as focal feature.



2 Mainberg Castle

High up, the castle defies wind and weather. In a picturesque

location high above its surroundings, it is not currently open to the public, unfortunately. However, its imposing appearance alone suffices to reflect its great importance and striking history.

You can get the best view by walking up what are known as the "Himmelsteiler steps" in the old town of Mainberg.



3 Werneck Castle

The baroque palace built by Balthasar Neumann with its chapel and park in English style is popularly referred to as "the little sister of the Würzburg Residence" palace. Today, a large part of the castle is used as a hospital for the Lower Franconian district and as an orthopedic clinic. The **Schlosskapelle** chapel is open to the public and well worth visiting. The castle park in English landscape style with exotic plants and ponds invites visitors to a leisurely stroll.

4 Schweinfurter Mainbogen area: Herbs, cabbage and turnips

Savor the diversity of vegetables and herbs - this is the motto behind a unique project initiated



by the three communities of **Sennfeld, Gochsheim and Schwebheim** in the Schweinfurter Mainbogen area. The objective is to provide a lively impression of the long tradition of vegetable and herbal farming. A teaching garden, two tours and three exhibitions offer exciting insights. On foot or by bike you can experience first-hand the fertile horticultural landscape. During the tour a detour into the historical old town center is highly recommended.



5 Wipfeld with the St. Ludwig Monastery

A gem among the medieval villages in Franconia, Wipfeld is a small wine village steeped in history on the Mainschleife with well-preserved building ensembles in its center.

The "Historical Celtis Tour" takes you through the narrow streets past the Literaturhaus (House of Literature) Wipfeld, a museum and the village's cultural center.

Take the ferry across the Main to get to the **St. Ludwig Monastery**. Once a spa, the buildings were subsequently repurposed by monks as a Benedictine monastery. It now houses an educational institution, the Antonia Werr Center. The monastery's Church of the Holy Family was built in neo-Romanesque style and is open to everyone.



6 Gerolzhofen

Franconian half-timbered buildings, winding alleys and the double ramparts give the city true medieval flair. The town's distinctive features include the two towers of the Stadtpfarrkirche church, popularly known as the "**Steigerwald Cathedral**". A look inside is a must. Make sure to go back to school in **Bavaria's first school museum** or visit the **Johanniskapelle Museum** and view the sculptures by Tilman Riemschneider and Hans Schaufelin from up close.

7 Handthal with Stollburg

Handthal lies at the end of a small valley and is therefore an ideal starting point to immerse yourself in the forests and the wine panorama of the Steigerwald Forest. Here you will also find Franconia's highest vineyard location. Going up to the Stollburg ruin with **terror-fantage point** to get a truly wonderful view of the wine-producing countryside is a must.

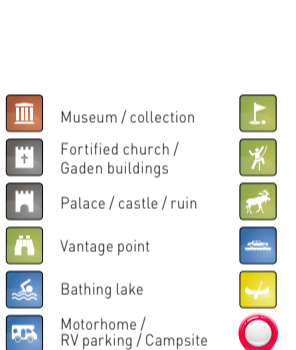


The Steigerwald Center's "**Experiencing sustainability**" exhibition is also well worth a visit. If you're looking to experience even more forest you can take a nature trail directly to the **Ebrach tree-top path**.



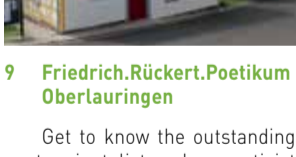
8 Kirchgadens Geldersheim

Franconian fortified churches and church Gaden buildings were in earlier times used as retreat and defensive positions in the event of conflicts. Even today, the complex in Geldersheim evokes historical times and is well worth seeing. The ensemble includes the St. Nikolaus parish church dating back to the 17th century, as well as museums and archaeological exhibitions. Further such historical treasures are to be found in **Donnersdorf, Euerbach, Gochsheim, Schleierich, Schnackenerth and Zeilitzheim**.

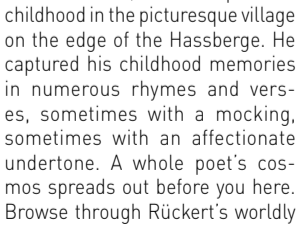


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Simply enjoy being outdoors and play a round of **miniature golf** as well. The timeless game of skill is a lot of fun, even for the very smallest members of the family. Mini-golf can be played at the Bahngolfzentrum in the Wehranlage park in Schweinfurt or even for free in the Wildlife Park. Those looking for breathtaking effects will find the version with 3D glasses a really special experience.



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a splendid testimony to active faith. They often sink into oblivion, against which background



the exhibition shows art history set in stone, from the Middle Ages to the present. A wayside-shrine database provides interesting background information and stories about the Franconian "Marterli".



11 Reichsdorfmuseum Gochsheim

Kirchgaden buildings used to provide refuge in the event of attack or war. Today, the **Gaden** buildings in Gochsheim house an

exhibition showing the history of this former free imperial village. The focus is on historical objects from village life, alongside the extensive collection concerning the history of the bicycle.

A **book printing training workshop** rounds off the collection and provides an insight into the history of book printing from Gutenberg through to the 20th century.



12 Kirchenschatzmuseum Grafenheinfeld

This museum of church treasure is housed in the former Grafenheinfeld brewery right next door to the imposing parish church with its twin towers. Visitors get an in-depth insight into the **treasure chamber of the liturgy**. The exhibition includes precious objects such as figures of saints, monstrances and goblets as well as exquisite ecclesiastical vestments.



13 Bandkeramikmuseum Schwanfeld

Schwanfeld is now considered to be Germany's oldest village. Immerse yourself in the **Stone Age 7,500 years ago**. Get to know courageous settlers and test your Stone Age skills at diverse interactive hands-on stations. The exhibition is structured according to the most important areas of life: from cattle breeding and agriculture, linear Pottery kitchen and housekeeping, jewelry and clothing right through to burial rites and offerings.

14 Literaturhaus Wipfeld

Enjoy literature in a house full of history and stories. The Baroque half-timbered building's magnificent stucco ceilings and colorful wall paintings conjure up a special flair. Audio and interactive hands-on stations relate to four renowned poets from Wipfeld: Conrad Celtis, Eulogius Schneider, Engelbert Klüpfel and Nikolaus Müller.



A **literature forum with open-air events** dedicated to the sphere of Franconian literature is held every year.



15 Gipsinformationszentrum Sulzheim

Discover the world of gypsum at the Gypsum Information Center. A tour through the **exhibition** in a former tithe barn will give you a detailed insight into the origins, mining and today's use of gypsum. In the wild you can experience gypsum on a **gypsum trail** 7 km long. On info-boards you can find out interesting facts about the

centuries-old tradition of gypsum processing in Sulzheim. Visit the gypsum hills with their steppe vegetation, which is unique in Germany.



16 Steigerwald Center "Experiencing sustainability"

Animals, forest, sustainability: See giant trees up close and discover what a tree looks like from the inside. The modern **Info Center** is done out entirely in wood and impresses with its contemporary architecture. By playful and interactive means, young and old alike can find out interesting facts about the Steigerwald Forest, natural forest management and a sustainable lifestyle. But it's best outside at the **learning stations** or with the long-jumping animals. Then you can relax on the sun terrace, let your gaze wander, and enjoy products from the region.