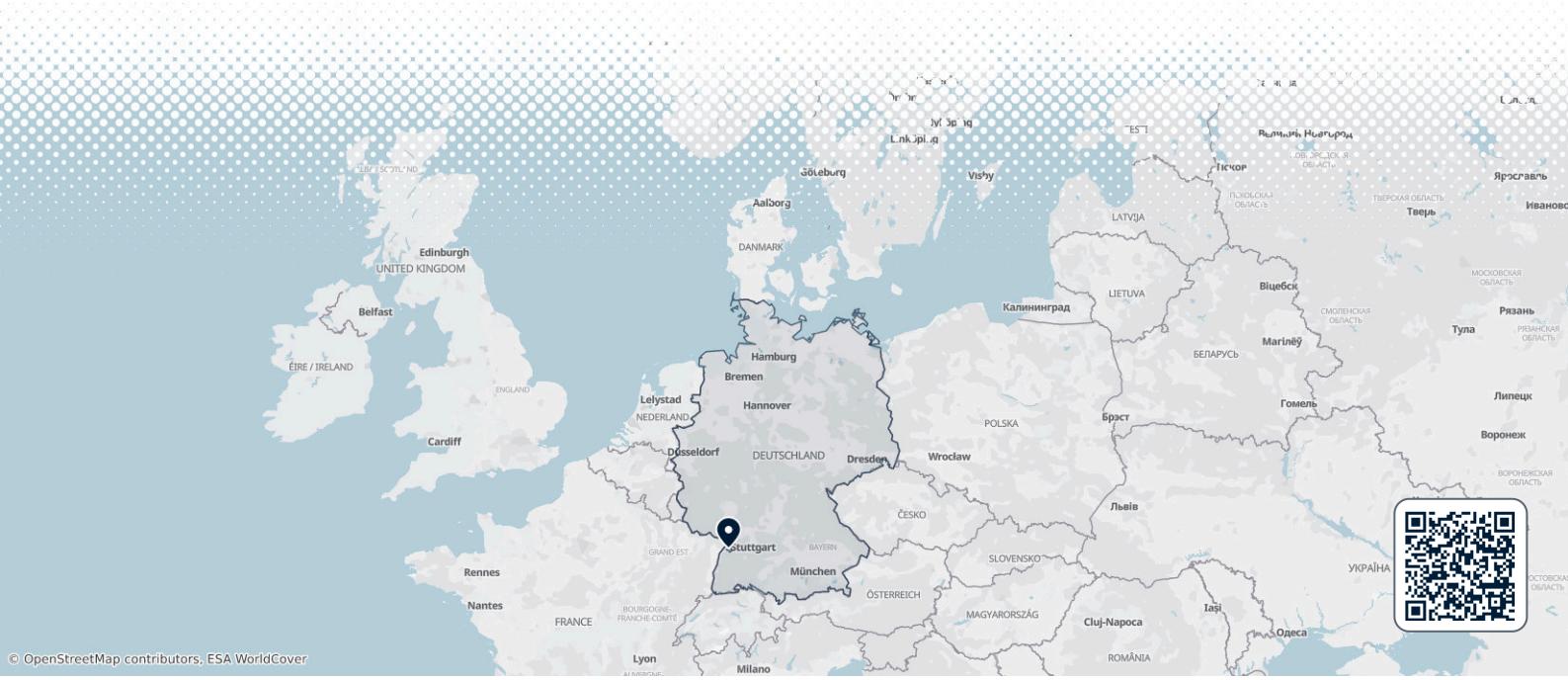


Baden-Baden

Baden-Württemberg · Germany

TRAVEL GUIDE

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Overview

Baden-Baden is a spa town at the western edge of the Black Forest. Hot springs have drawn visitors here since Roman times. The town sits in a green valley, with forested hills on all sides.

It suits a calm trip of two to three days. Visitors come for the thermal baths, long park walks, art museums and concerts. Wooded hills with viewpoints are close to the centre.

When to visit

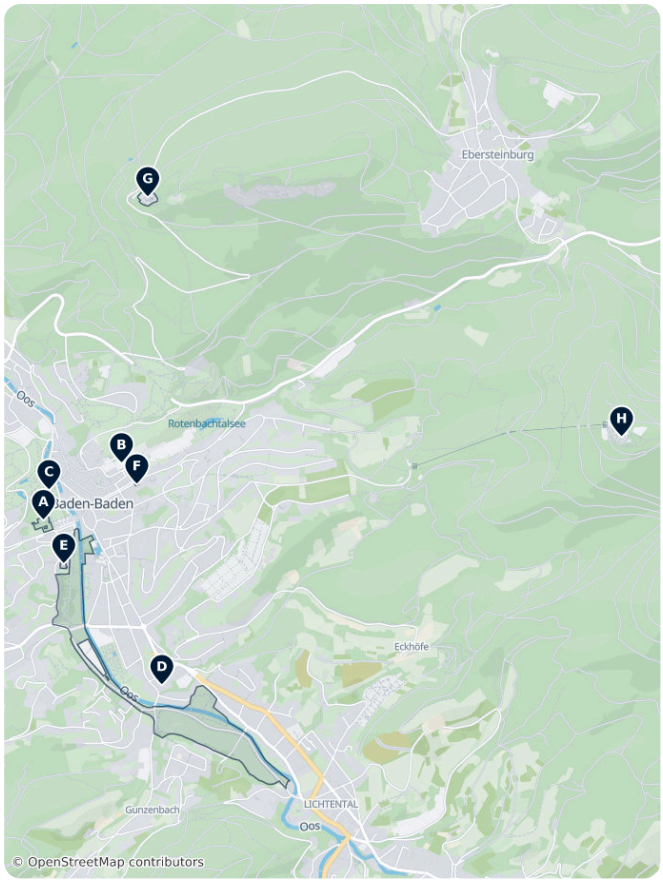
Late spring and early autumn are mild and green, and good for park walks and hill trails. Summer is warm. Winter is cold and grey, and a good season for the thermal baths. The Christmas market runs in Advent.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Poor Poor for sightseeing	4° / 11° Feels like -1°	-2° / -10°	12 rainy days · Dry air
February	Poor Poor for sightseeing	6° / 13° Feels like 2°	-1° / -9°	Dry air
March	Fair Fair for hiking	11° / 19° Feels like 7°	1° / -4°	Dry air
April	Good Good for hiking	16° / 24° Feels like 13°	5° / -2°	Dry air
May	Great Great for sightseeing	21° / 28°	9° / 4°	14 rainy days · Dry air
June	Great Great for sightseeing	25° / 33°	13° / 8°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
July	Good Good for sightseeing	27° / 35°	15° / 10°	14 rainy days · Calm winds
August	Great Great for sightseeing	27° / 35°	15° / 10°	12 rainy days · Calm winds
September	Great Great for sightseeing	22° / 30°	11° / 5°	Dry air · Calm winds
October	Good Good for hiking	16° / 24°	7° / 0°	12 rainy days · Dry air
November	Poor Poor for hiking	9° / 16° Feels like 5°	3° / -4°	12 rainy days · Dry air
December	Poor Poor for sightseeing	5° / 12° Feels like 0°	-1° / -8°	14 rainy days · Dry air

Best months: May, June, August, September

Climate data: NASA POWER (MERRA-2) · 1996–2025

Top sights



- A Kurhaus is the grand spa hall at the centre of town. It has colonnades and a garden, and it houses the casino.
- B Friedrichsbad is the historic thermal bath. It follows a Roman-Irish bathing circuit through hot, warm and cool rooms.
- C Trinkhalle is a long pump room in the spa gardens. It is a good place to see the spa tradition.
- D Lichtentaler Allee is a long park along the Oos river. It runs south from the centre to Lichtenthal Abbey, a working convent with a Gothic church.
- E Museum Frieder Burda is a modern art museum in a light, open building by *Richard Meier*. It shows modern and contemporary art.
- F Fabergé-Museum is a private museum with works by the Russian jeweller *Fabergé*.
- G Altes Schloss is a ruined medieval castle on a hill above the town. It has wide views over the valley.
- H Merkur is the wooded hill east of the centre. A summit tower gives views over the Rhine plain.

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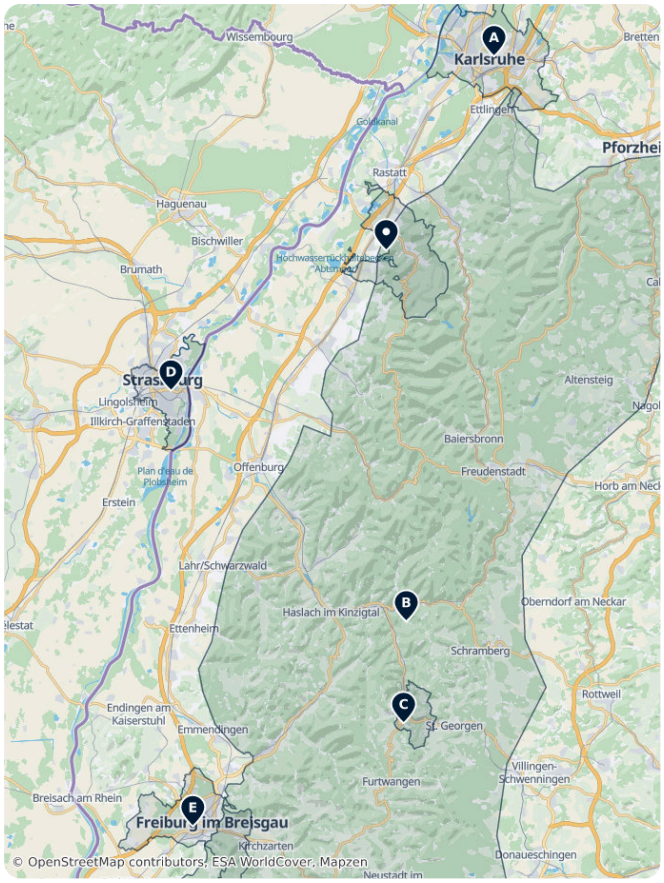
What to experience

- Spend an afternoon at a thermal spa. Caracalla Spa is the modern option, with indoor and outdoor pools. Friedrichsbad is the historic option.
- Ride the Merkurbergbahn funicular up through the forest. From the summit, views reach the Rhine plain and the Vosges.
- Attend a concert or opera at Festspielhaus. It is a large concert hall in a former railway station.
- Try the casino in the Kurhaus. Dress smartly.
- Visit the Christmas market in Advent.

Day trips

Baden-Baden is a good base for short trips along the Rhine valley and into the Black Forest. Closer places come first.

- Rastatt: A baroque palace town a short ride away by train. Schloss Favorite, a baroque country house, stands just outside it.
- Gernsbach: A small town up the Murg valley, with half-timbered houses and forest around it.
- Ⓐ Karlsruhe: A planned city with a palace at its centre.
- Ⓑ Black Forest and Ⓒ Triberg: Forest trails, viewpoints and the waterfalls at Triberg.
- Ⓓ Strasbourg: An Alsatian city across the border, with a famous cathedral.
- Ⓔ Freiburg im Breisgau: A university city and old town at the edge of the Black Forest.



Where to explore

Other destinations in the region can be combined with a stay here.

- North and east: Heidelberg and Stuttgart.
- South-east: Konstanz and Lake Constance for a lake trip.

Getting there

- **By air**: Karlsruhe/Baden-Baden Airport is the nearest airport, but it has limited service. Most travellers fly to Stuttgart or Frankfurt and continue by train. Strasbourg Airport in France is another option.
- **By train**: Baden-Baden station is on the Rhine valley line between Karlsruhe and Basel. The station is outside the centre. City buses link it to the centre. Book on Deutsche Bahn.

Getting around

- **Public transport**: City buses run by the Stadtwerke Baden-Baden serve the town and the hills. Find tickets and timetables on Stadtwerke Baden-Baden.
- On foot: The spa quarter is compact and mostly flat along the Oos river. The old town, the Kurhaus and the museums are close together.
- By funicular: The Merkurbergbahn climbs to the Merkur summit.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

High

The spa quarter is compact and mostly flat, with steep hills around it.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Moderate

The valley is flat, but the surrounding hills are steep.

Driving

- **Is a car worth it?**: Not for the town. The centre is compact, and buses cover the hills. A car helps for the Black Forest.
- Parking: Use a central car park and walk. Street parking in the spa quarter is limited.

Food & drink

Baden-Baden lies in the Baden wine region. Vineyards grow on the slopes west of town, in the Rebland villages. Riesling is the local white wine. Menus mix Black Forest and Alsace dishes, such as Flammkuchen.

Eating clusters in the old town below the Neues Schloss and around the Kurhaus. The cafés near the spa gardens are good for cake.

What to eat & drink

LUNCH

Doner Kebab · Döner Kebab
A sandwich of roasted meat, salad, and sauce in flatbread, invented by Turkish immigrants in Berlin and now a national staple.

DINNER

Schnitzel
A thin, breaded and fried cutlet, usually pork, served with potatoes or fries and a lemon wedge.

Sauerbraten
A pot roast marinated for days in vinegar and spices before slow cooking, served with red cabbage and dumplings.

SNACKS & STREET FOOD

Bratwurst
A grilled or fried pork sausage, often served in a bread roll with mustard, sold at stands nationwide.

Currywurst
Sliced sausage topped with curry-spiced ketchup, a Berlin invention now popular across the country.

Pretzel · Brezel
A large, chewy salted bread pretzel, especially common in Bavaria, often eaten with butter or cheese.

SWEETS & DESSERTS

Black Forest Cake · Schwarzwälder Kirschtorte
A layered chocolate sponge cake with cherries, cherry liqueur, and whipped cream.

DRINKS

Beer · Bier
Germany brews hundreds of regional styles, from Bavarian Weissbier to Cologne's Kölsch, each tied to its home city.

Gluhwein · Glühwein
Mulled, spiced red wine served hot, a staple of winter and Christmas markets.

Apfelschorle
Apple juice mixed with sparkling water, the everyday non-alcoholic drink of choice.

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Safety & health

Baden-Baden is very safe for visitors. Pickpockets can work in crowds at the Christmas market and at events.

Thermal baths are hot. Drink water and leave the pool if you feel dizzy.

History

The Romans built baths here around the hot springs. Ruins of the Roman baths survive in the old town. The town was then a small spa for centuries. Around 1100 the margraves of Baden built Altes Schloss on the hill above it. Fire destroyed the castle in 1599, and it has been a ruin since then.

In the 1800s Baden-Baden became a summer meeting place for European nobles and artists. The Trinkhalle was finished in 1842, and the railway arrived in 1845. The Friedrichsbad opened in 1877. *Dostoyevsky* gambled in the casino and drew on it for his novel The Gambler, and *Brahms* lived in the town. In 2021 the town joined the UNESCO World Heritage listing of the Great Spa Towns of Europe.

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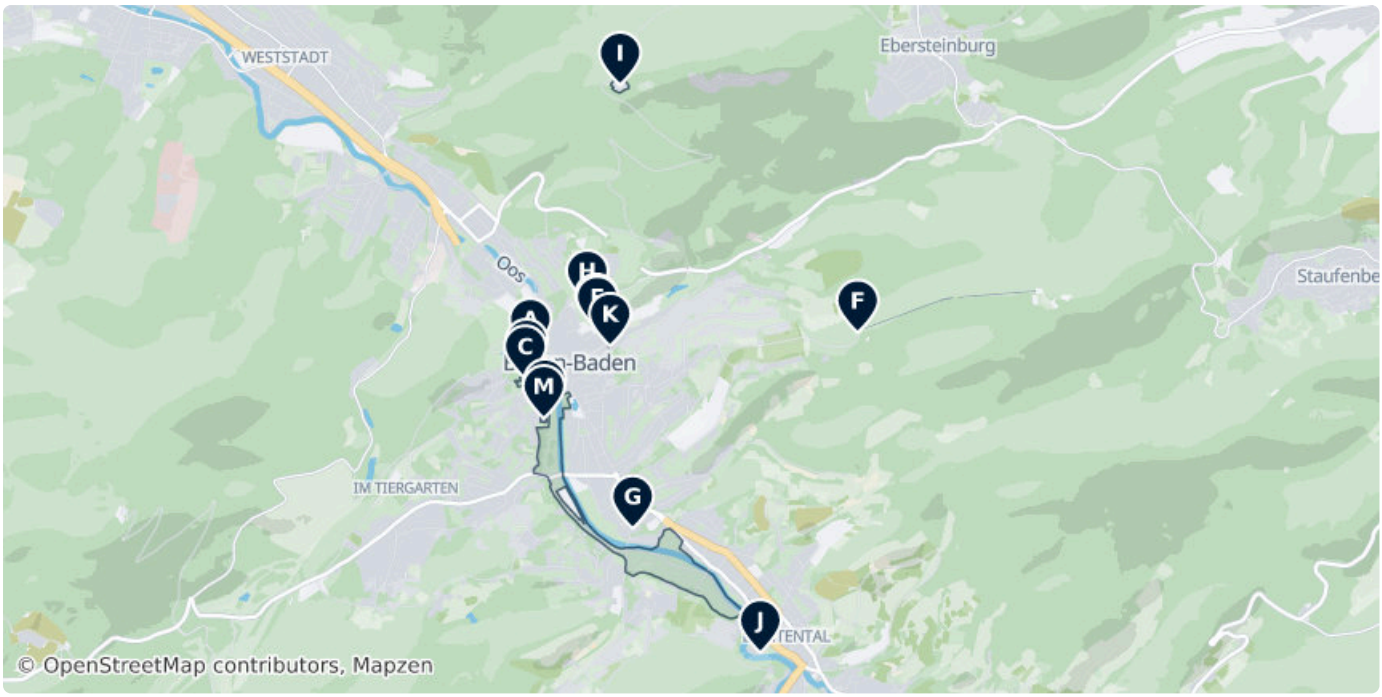
ELECTRICITY

Type C / Type F
230 V · 50 Hz

LANGUAGES
German

TAP WATER
Safe to drink

Baden-Baden Unmissables





Ⓐ Trinkhalle

The Trinkhalle in the Kurhaus spa complex in Baden-Baden, Germany was built 1839–42 by Heinrich Hübsch in a complementary architectural...

Kaiserallee, 76530 Baden-Baden, Germany
(48.76177, 8.23667)



Ⓑ Casino Baden-Baden

1 Kaiserallee, Baden-Baden 76530, Germany
(48.76062, 8.23637)



C Kurhaus of Baden-Baden

The Kurhaus is a spa resort, casino, and conference complex in Baden-Baden, Germany in the outskirts of the Black Forest.

Bühnenstraße, 76530 Baden-Baden, Germany
(48.76025, 8.23624)



D Friedrichsbad

The Friedrichsbad is a spa in the city of Baden-Baden in Germany. The Neo-renaissance spa building was completed in 1877.

Römerplatz, 76530 Baden-Baden, Germany
(48.76313, 8.24223)

Mo–Su 09:00–22:00

carasana.de/en/friedrichsbad/home/, +49 7221 275920



E Friedrichsbad

Wonderful spa built over the remnants of Roman baths. A perfect chance to relax in mineral-rich thermal water.

Römerplatz 1, 76530 Baden-Baden, Germany
(48.76300, 8.24233)

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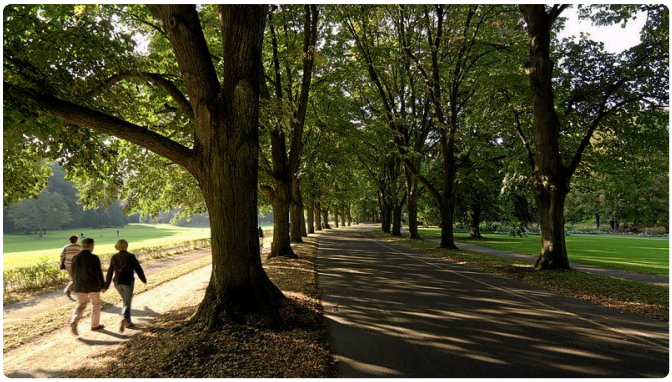


F Merkur Funicular Railway

The Merkur Funicular Railway is a metre gauge funicular railway in the town of Baden-Baden in Baden-Württemberg, Germany.

Merkurwald, Markgrafenstr., Baden-Baden, Germany
(48.76280, 8.26430)

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G Lichtentaler Alle

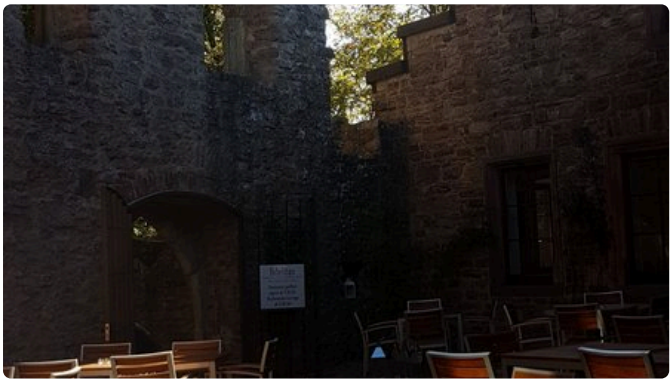
The Lichtentaler Allee is a historic park and arboretum, set out as a 2.3 kilometer strolling avenue along the west bank of the river Oos...

49 Maria-Viktoria-Straße, Baden-Baden 76530, Germany (48.75191, 8.24532)



H Neues Schloss

22 Schloßstraße, Baden-Baden 76530, Germany (48.76444, 8.24148)



I Altes Schloss

Ruined hillside castle on the Battert rock, built around 1100 and home of the Margraves of Baden for almost 400 years until a fire in 1599.

10 Alter Schloßweg, 76532, Germany (48.77657, 8.24424)

altes-schlosshohenbaden.de, +49(0)72 51.74-27 70



J Lichtenthal Abbey

Lichtenthal Abbey is a Cistercian nunnery in Lichtenthal in the town of Baden-Baden, Germany.

Leisbergstraße, 76534 Baden-Baden, Germany (48.74501, 8.25609)

abtei-lichtenthal.de



K Fabergé Museum

The Fabergé Museum is a privately owned museum located in the German spa city of Baden-Baden, dedicated to items made by the Russian...

Sophienstraße 30, 76530 Baden-Baden, DE (48.76206, 8.24340)

Mo–Su	11:00–18:00

fabergemuseum.de, +49 7221 970 890



M Museum Frieder Burda

Private art museum designed by Richard Meier and opened in October 2004. It shows modern and contemporary works from the collection of Frieder Burda, plus regular special exhibitions.

Lichtentaler Allee 8b, 76530 Baden-Baden, DE (48.75804, 8.23781)

Mo	Closed
Tu–Su	10:00–18:00

museum-frieder-burda.de, 07221 39898-0



L Staatliche Kunsthalle

Lichtentaler Allee 8a, 76530 Baden-Baden, DE (48.75840, 8.23791)

Tu–Su	10:00–18:00

kunsthalle-baden-baden.de

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