

Baden bei Wien

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TRAVEL GUIDE

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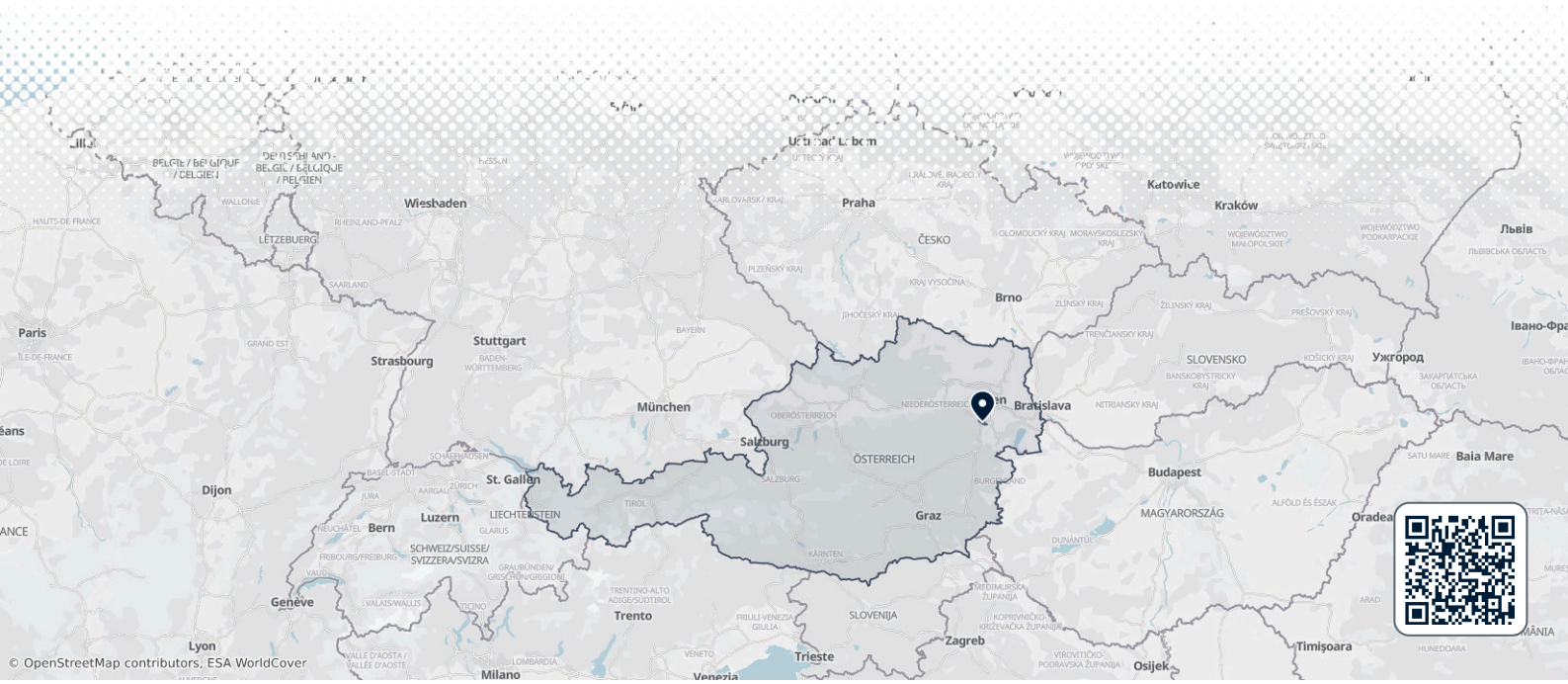


Overview

Baden bei Wien is a spa town at the edge of the Vienna Woods, about 25 km south of Vienna. Its sulphur springs have drawn bathers since Roman times, and in the 19th century the Habsburg court and composers such as *Beethoven* spent summers here.

The town has elegant Biedermeier streets, a large spa park and a casino. It is an easy day trip from Vienna, and a quiet base for walks and wine villages.

When to visit

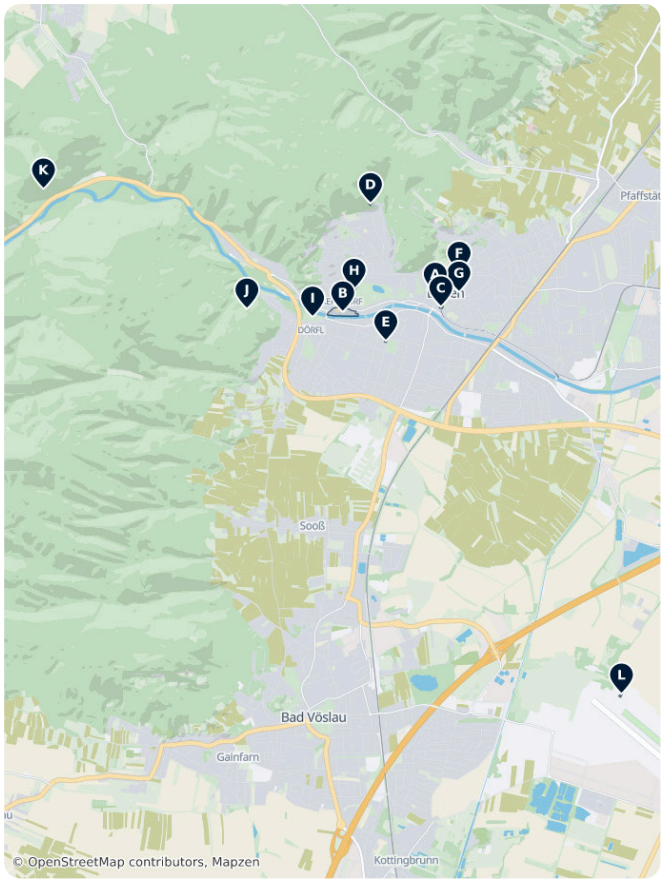
May to September is best for the spa park, the outdoor pool and walks in the woods. The Rose Festival in June is a highlight. Autumn is good for wine villages. Winters are cool and quiet, and thermal baths are pleasant then.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Poor Poor for sightseeing	3° / 11° Feels like -2°	-4° / -12°	Dry air
February	Poor Poor for sightseeing	6° / 14° Feels like 1°	-2° / -11°	Dry air
March	Fair Fair for cycling	10° / 19° Feels like 6°	1° / -5°	Dry air
April	Great Great for cycling	16° / 24° Feels like 12°	5° / -2°	Dry air
May	Good Good for sightseeing	21° / 28°	10° / 5°	15 rainy days · Dry air
June	Great Great for sightseeing	25° / 32°	14° / 9°	14 rainy days
July	Good Good for sightseeing	27° / 34°	16° / 11°	15 rainy days
August	Good Good for sightseeing	27° / 35°	16° / 11°	13 rainy days · Calm winds
September	Great Great for sightseeing	22° / 29°	11° / 6°	Dry air
October	Great Great for cycling	16° / 24° Feels like 13°	7° / 0°	Dry air
November	Fair Fair for cycling	9° / 17° Feels like 5°	2° / -4°	Dry air
December	Poor Poor for sightseeing	4° / 11° Feels like -1°	-2° / -9°	Dry air

Best months: June, September

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

Top sights



- The Kurpark is a large spa park with fountains, flower beds and a bandstand.
- A Beethovenhaus is the house where *Ludwig van Beethoven* spent summers and worked on his Ninth Symphony.
- B Thermalstrandbad Baden is a large historic thermal outdoor pool.
- C Arnulf Rainer Museum shows modern and contemporary art in a former bathing house.
- D Kaiser-Franz-Josef-Museum and E Rollettmuseum cover local history and the town's past.
- F Stadtpfarrkirche St. Stephan is the main parish church, and G Synagoge Baden is the town's synagogue.
- H Schloss Weikersdorf is a castle that now houses a hotel.
- I Weilburgpark is a park with a small palace.
- J Burgruine Rauheneck is a castle ruin on a hill above the town.
- K Helenental is a wooded valley with walking trails.
- L Austrian Aviation Museum presents the history of Austrian flight.
- The Casino Baden is one of the largest in Austria.

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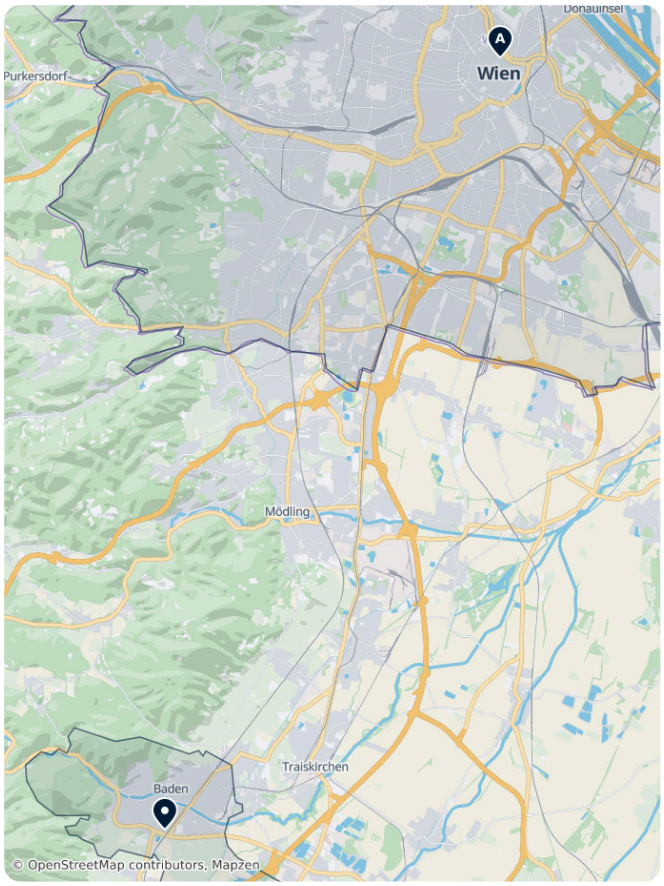
What to experience

- Walk through the spa park.
- Relax in a thermal pool.
- Visit the Beethoven house.
- Hike in the Helenental valley.
- Taste wine in a nearby village.

Day trips

- Vienna is about 30 minutes away by train or car.
- Heiligenkreuz Abbey, a Cistercian monastery in the Vienna Woods, is about 15 minutes away by car.
- Mayerling, the hunting lodge where Crown Prince Rudolf died, is about 20 minutes away.
- Gumpoldskirchen and other wine villages are a short drive away.



Where to explore

- Vienna is the nearest large city and the usual gateway.

Getting there

- By air: Vienna Airport is about 40 minutes away by car.
- By train: Regional trains run from Vienna Hauptbahnhof to Baden in about 30 minutes. The Badner Bahn tram also runs from Vienna Oper. Check times on ÖBB.
- By car: The A2 motorway runs from Vienna to Baden.

Getting around

The centre and spa park are walkable. Local buses cover the town and surrounding villages. The Badner Bahn tram runs into the centre. Cycling is easy on the flat roads.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

High

The centre and spa park are flat and compact.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

High

Flat paths lead to the vineyards and into the Helenental valley.

Driving

A car is not needed for the town, and the centre has limited parking. Motorways in Austria need a vignette. The A2 can be busy at weekends.

Food & drink

Baden is known for its wine from nearby vineyards, served in *Heurigen*, small wine taverns. Viennese dishes such as *Wiener Schnitzel* and *Apfelstrudel* are common. Cafes in the town serve traditional cakes.

What to eat & drink

DINNER

Wiener Schnitzel
A thin, breaded and pan-fried veal cutlet, traditionally served with potato salad or parsley potatoes and a wedge of lemon.

Tafelspitz
Boiled beef in broth, served with roast potatoes and a sauce of apples and horseradish — a favourite of Emperor Franz Joseph.

Viennese Goulash · Wiener Saftgulasch
A rich beef stew slow-cooked with onions and paprika, typically served with a bread dumpling or bread roll.

SNACKS & STREET FOOD

Käsekrainer
A grilled pork sausage studded with melty cheese, a classic order at Vienna's ubiquitous Würstelstand (sausage stands).

Sausage Stand Snack · Würstel vom Würstelstand
Grilled or boiled sausages (Bratwurst, Frankfurter, Bosna) served with mustard, bread and a pickle from street kiosks.

SWEETS & DESSERTS

Apfelstrudel
Thin pastry rolled around spiced apples, raisins and breadcrumbs, usually served warm with vanilla sauce or cream.

Sachertorte
A dense chocolate cake with a thin layer of apricot jam under a dark chocolate glaze, famously served with unsweetened whipped cream.

Kaiserschmarrn
A fluffy shredded pancake caramelised with sugar and dusted with icing sugar, served with plum or apple compote.

Marillenknödel
Apricot dumplings wrapped in potato or quark dough, rolled in buttery breadcrumbs — a Wachau and Viennese summer specialty.

DRINKS

Viennese Melange · Wiener Melange
The signature Viennese coffee: espresso topped with steamed milk and milk foam, the centrepiece of coffeehouse culture.

Grüner Veltliner
Austria's flagship crisp, peppery white wine, widely poured in Vienna's Heuriger (wine taverns).

Sturm
A cloudy, lightly alcoholic partially-fermented grape must, available only for a few weeks in autumn.

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Safety & health

Baden is very safe. Thermal baths can be tiring in hot weather, so drink water. Tap water is clean and safe to drink. The emergency number is 112.

History

The Romans built baths here, and the settlement was called Aquae. The town rose again in the 18th century as the Habsburg court and aristocrats came for the waters. Beethoven, Mozart and later Strauss visited. A large fire in 1812 led to the Biedermeier rebuilding of the centre.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for Austria at a glance:

CURRENCY
EUR €

EMERGENCY
112

ELECTRICITY

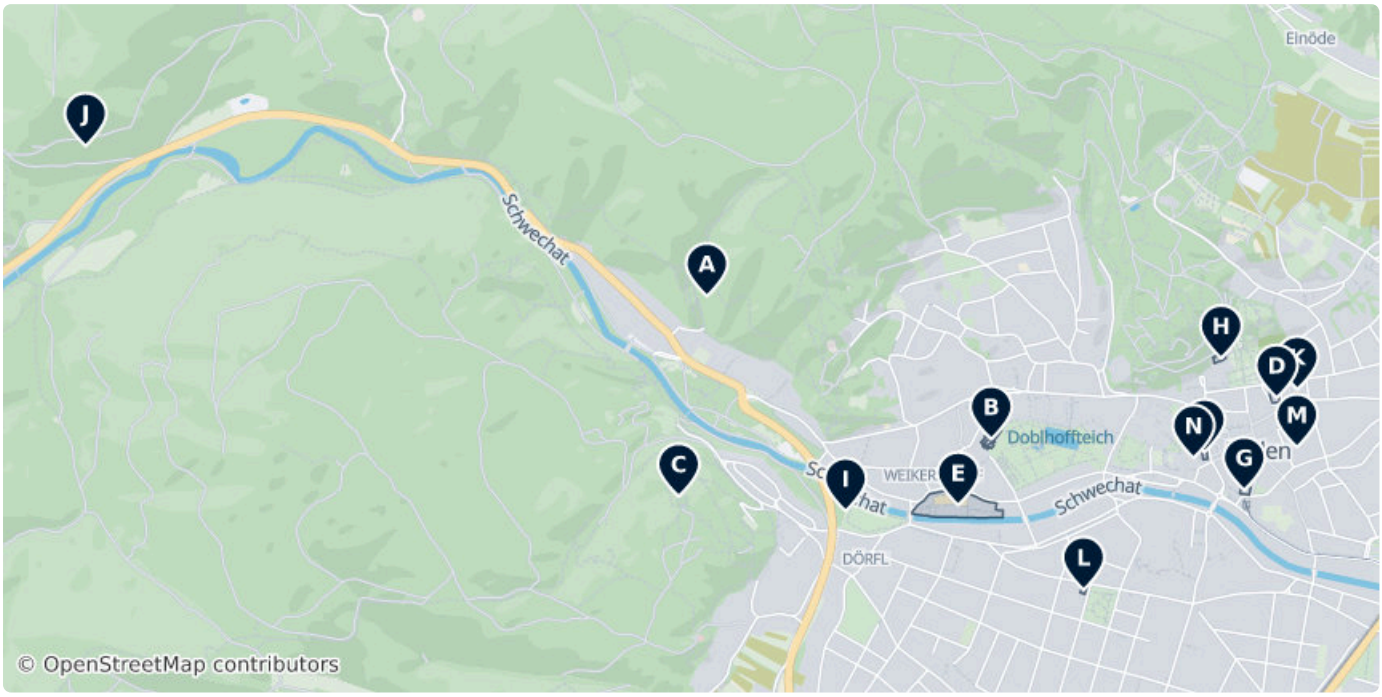
Type C / Type F
230 V · 50 Hz

LANGUAGES
German

TAP WATER
Safe to drink

Baden Essentials

Baden bei Wien, a UNESCO World Heritage spa town, preserves its imperial legacy through Biedermeier architecture and long-standing thermal traditions. This collection highlights the town's diverse landmarks, from the 12th-century ruins of Rauhenstein and Rauheneck to the expansive Thermalstrandbad. Cultural highlights include the Arnulf Rainer Museum, housed in a former bathhouse, and the Stadttheater. Natural beauty meets engineering at the Baden Aqueduct and the scenic Helenental valley, while the historic town center features the Grüner Markt and a reconstructed synagogue.





A Burgruine Rauhenstein

Burgruine Rauhenstein is a castle in Baden bei Wien, Lower Austria, Austria. It was constructed in the 12th century.

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B Schloss Weikersdorf

Renaissance castle formerly surrounded by a moat, now operating as a hotel.

Doblhoffgasse, 2500 Baden, Austria (48.00810, 16.22081)

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C Rauheneck Castle

Rauheneck Castle is a ruined castle in Lower Austria, Austria. It is 348 metres above sea level.

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D Stadttheater Baden

Historic theater building that serves as a primary venue for the Bühne Baden performing arts organization.

Theaterplatz 7, 2500 Baden, AT (48.00951, 16.23532)

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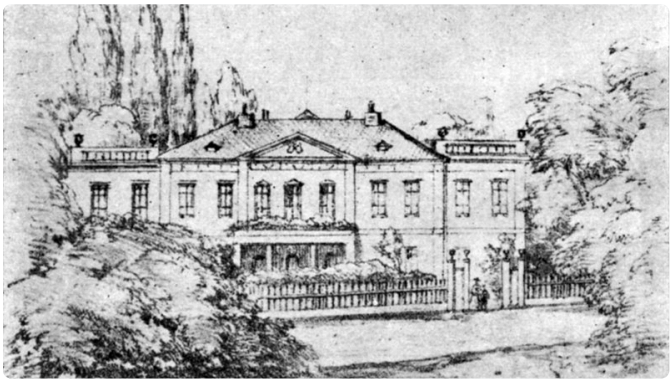

E Thermalstrandbad Baden

One of Austria's largest outdoor thermal complexes, covering 25,000 square meters with Art Deco architecture and sandy beaches.

Baden 2500, Austria (48.00586, 16.21914)



F Grüner Markt

Traditional central market offering regional products and local delicacies in the heart of the spa town.

7 Erzherzog-Rainer-Ring, Baden 2500, Austria (48.00766, 16.23164)



G Arnulf Rainer Museum

Museum dedicated to the artist Arnulf Rainer, located within the neoclassical architecture of the former Frauenbad bathhouse.

Josefsplatz 5, 2500 Baden, AT (48.00637, 16.23367)

Tu–Su 10:00–17:00

arnulf-rainer-museum.at, +43 2252 20919611



H Sommerarena im Kurpark

Art Nouveau theater in the Kurpark featuring a unique retractable glass roof for open-air summer performances.

Arenastraße 1, 2500 Baden, AT (48.01085, 16.23250)



I Aquädukt Baden

A protected 19th-century bridge structure that forms part of the First Vienna Mountain Spring Pipeline.

Badener-Bundesstraße, Baden 2500, Austria (48.00566, 16.21341)



J Schwechat

The Schwechat is a river in Lower Austria.

2500, Austria (48.01806, 16.17479)



K St. Stephan, Baden

The church St. Stephan is a Catholic church in Baden in Lower Austria. The official name is Stadtpfarrkirche St.

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L Rollettmuseum

Baden's municipal museum containing the city archives and the diverse scientific and historical collections of Anton Rollett.

Weikersdorfer Platz 1, 2500 Baden, AT (48.00299, 16.22551)

rollettmuseum.at, +432252 86800 580



M Synagoge Baden

A reconstructed place of worship and cultural center representing the history of the local Jewish community.

16 Grabengasse, Baden 2500, Austria (48.00783, 16.23635)



N Hauervinothek

Wine shop and tasting room located within the historic Heiligenkreuzerhof, a former estate belonging to Heiligenkreuz Abbey.

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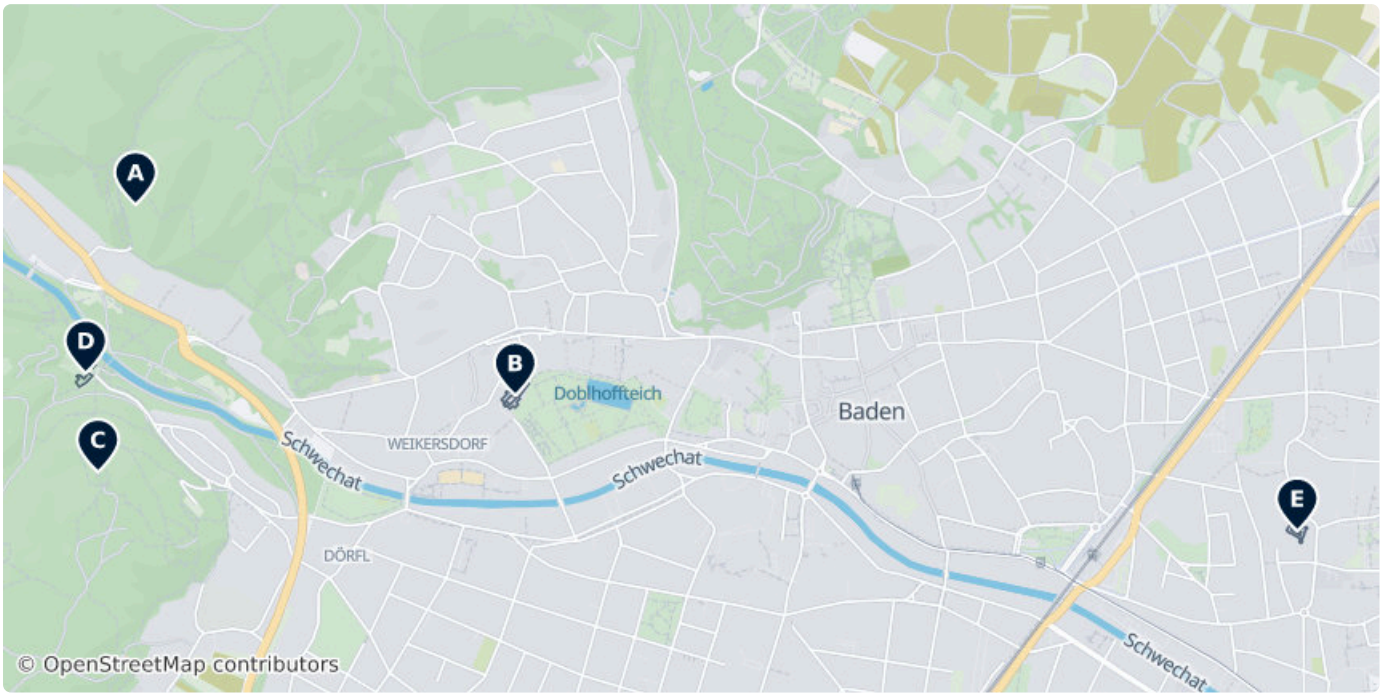
Castles and Palaces of Baden

Baden bei Wien features a diverse collection of fortifications and aristocratic residences spanning several centuries. The 12th-century ruins of Rauhenstein and Rauheneck stand as medieval sentinels over the Helenental valley, while Renaissance structures like Schloss Weikersdorf reflect the town's later architectural evolution. From the moated history of Schloss Leesdorf to the 19th-century elegance of Eugenvilla, these sites showcase the region’s transition from strategic military strongholds to refined estates and educational institutions.





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A Renaissance castle formerly surrounded by a moat. It currently functions as a hotel and is located adjacent to the Doblhoffpark rose gardens.

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D Eugenvilla

A historic villa built in the late 19th century for Archduke Eugen of Austria-Teschen, located on Weilburgstraße.

105 Weilburgstraße, Baden 2500, Austria (48.00867, 16.20447)



E Schloss Leesdorf

A historic castle that currently houses the HTL-Malerschule, a specialized technical school for painting and design.

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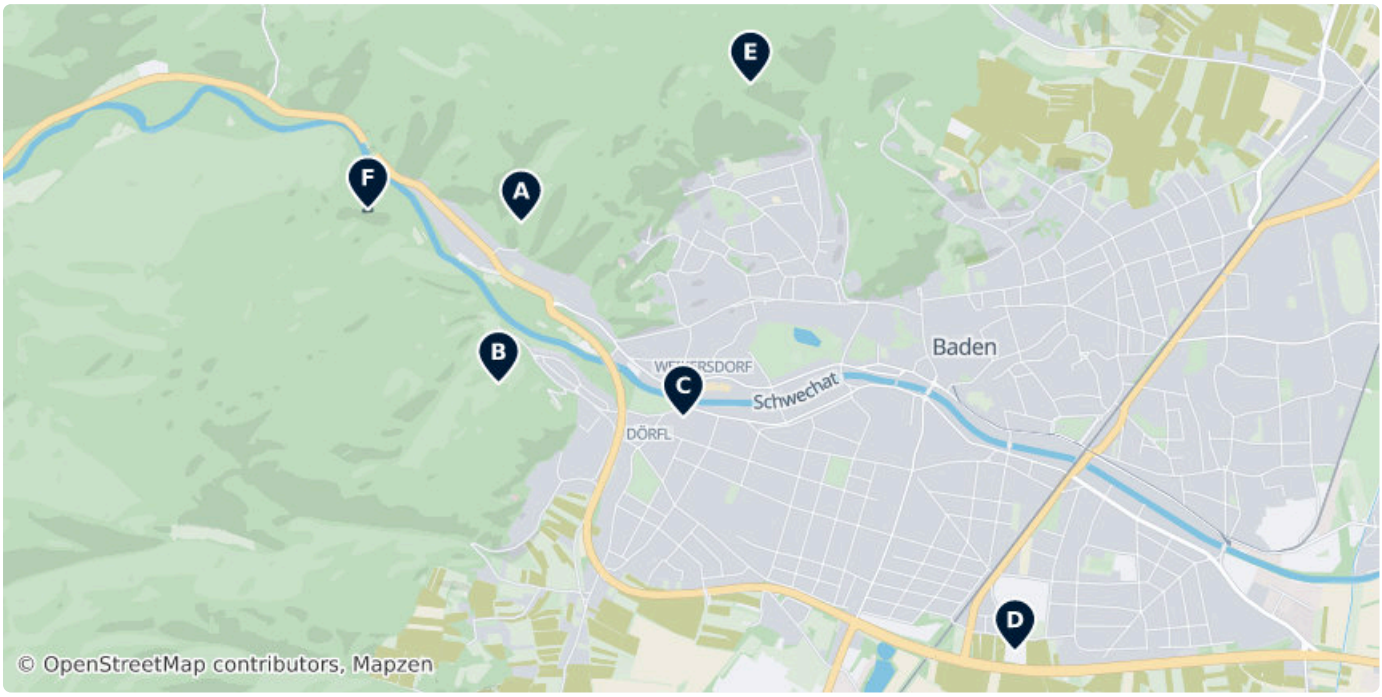
Heritage Sites

Explore the historical layers of Baden bei Wien through its diverse heritage sites. The Helenental valley features the 12th-century ruins of Rauhenstein and Rauheneck, alongside the hilltop remains of Scharfeneck. The town's later architectural significance is represented by Villa Hahn, a residence designed by Otto Wagner. Cultural history is preserved at the Jewish cemetery on Halsriegelstraße and the memorial dedicated to Ludwig Brunner, offering a comprehensive view of the region's medieval and modern past.





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C Villa Hahn

A residential building designed by renowned architect Otto Wagner for Samuel Ritter von Hahn, representing the elegant late 19th-century architecture of the spa town.

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D Israelitischer Friedhof

Located on Halsriegelstraße south of the town's parish cemetery, this Jewish burial ground serves as a significant site of local cultural and religious history.

2500, Austria (47.99484, 16.23756)

E Gedenkstätte Ludwig Brunner

A local memorial dedicated to Ludwig Brunner.

2500, Austria (48.01882, 16.22084)

F Ruine Scharfeneck

The ruins of a medieval hilltop castle situated overlooking the Schwechat river, positioned in close proximity to the Rauhenstein castle ruins.

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