

Koblenz

Rhineland-Palatinate · Germany

TRAVEL GUIDE

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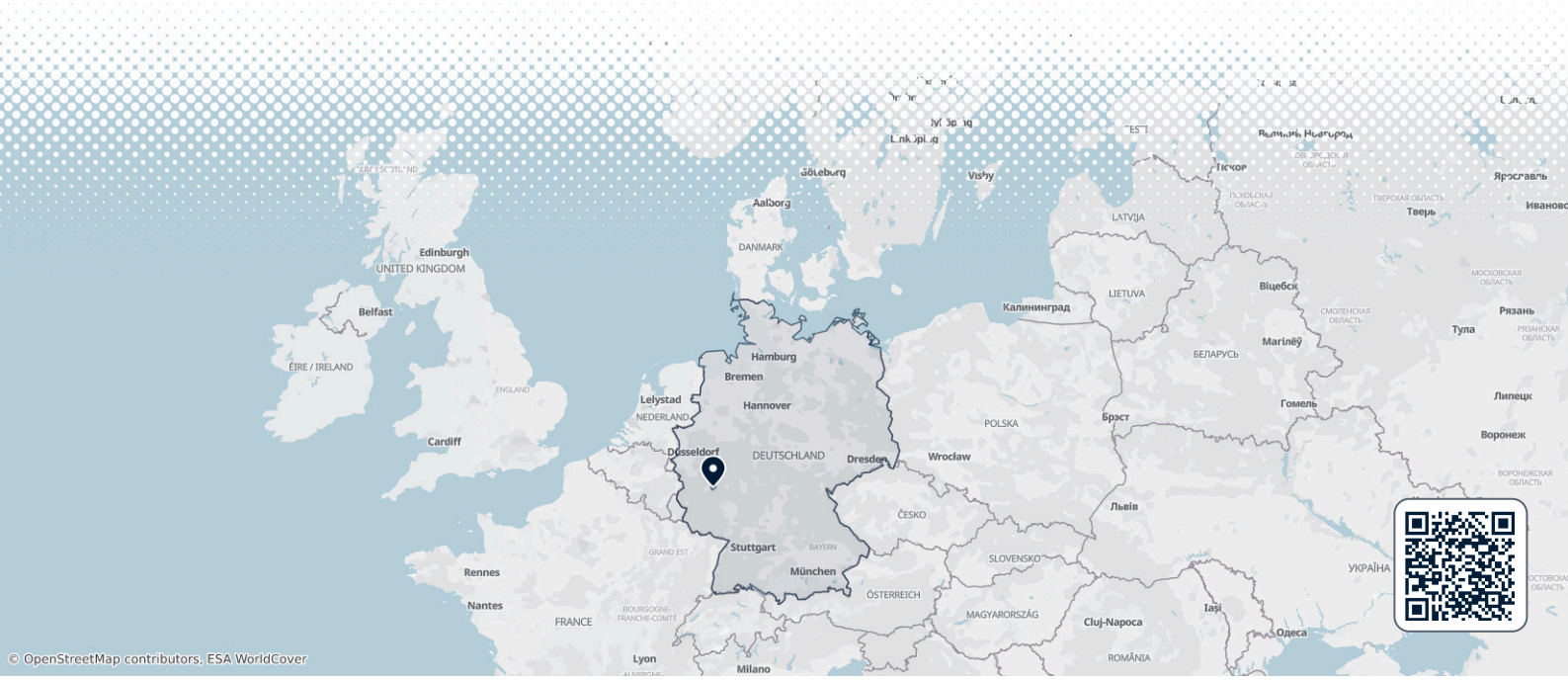


Overview

Koblenz sits where the Moselle meets the Rhine. The city is the northern gateway to the Upper Middle Rhine Valley, a World Heritage landscape of castles, vineyards and steep river slopes.

It suits a short city break or a base for the Rhine and Moselle valleys. The compact old town is easy to walk. A big fortress stands on the hill across the river, and boats leave from the quays along both rivers.

When to visit

Late spring and early autumn are the best seasons. Days are mild, the vineyards are green or golden, and boats and the cable car run in good conditions. Summer is warm, with occasional rain. Winter is grey and damp, but the old town has a Christmas market in Advent.

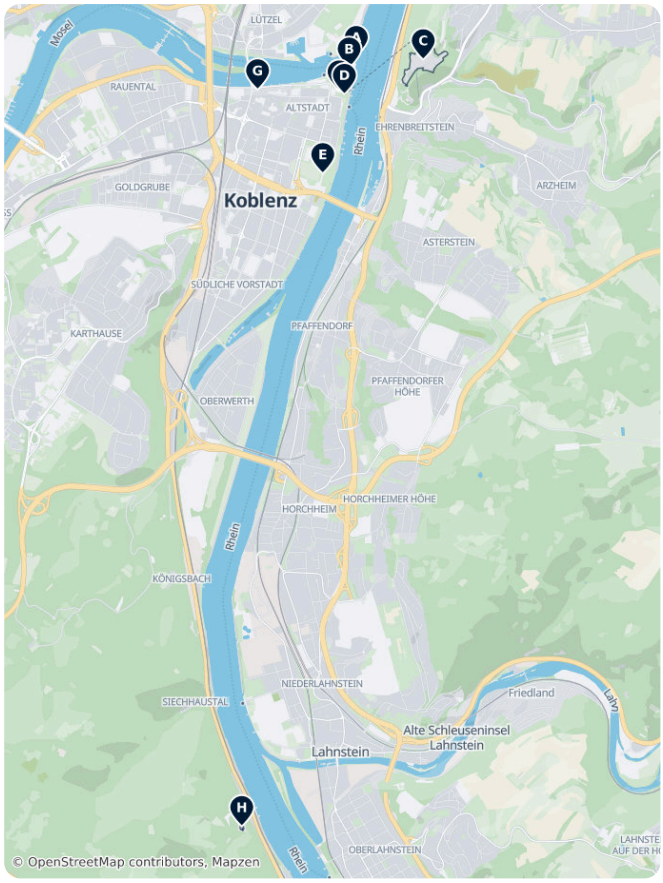
Wine events through the warmer months are worth timing a trip around. The Weinfestival Koblenz is one of them.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Poor Poor for sightseeing	4° / 11° Feels like -1°	-1° / -9°	14 rainy days · Dry air
February	Poor Poor for sightseeing	6° / 13° Feels like 1°	0° / -9°	12 rainy days · Dry air
March	Fair Fair for cycling	11° / 17° Feels like 6°	2° / -4°	12 rainy days · Dry air
April	Good Good for cycling	15° / 23° Feels like 12°	5° / -1°	Dry air
May	Good Good for sightseeing	19° / 26°	9° / 3°	13 rainy days · Dry air
June	Great Great for sightseeing	23° / 31°	12° / 8°	13 rainy days
July	Good Good for sightseeing	25° / 33°	14° / 10°	15 rainy days
August	Great Great for sightseeing	26° / 34°	14° / 10°	13 rainy days
September	Great Great for sightseeing	22° / 29°	11° / 6°	Dry air
October	Good Good for cycling	16° / 22° Feels like 13°	7° / 1°	13 rainy days · Dry air
November	Poor Poor for hiking	9° / 15° Feels like 5°	4° / -2°	14 rainy days · Dry air
December	Poor Poor for sightseeing	5° / 11° Feels like 0°	1° / -8°	16 rainy days · Dry air

Best months: June, August, September

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

Top sights



- A Deutsches Eck is the point where the Moselle flows into the Rhine. The name comes from the Teutonic Order, which once owned this land. It is the symbol of the city.
- B Kaiser-Wilhelm-Denkmal stands on the same spit of land. It shows Emperor *Wilhelm I* on horseback. A copy was installed in 1993.
- C Festung Ehrenbreitstein is a large Prussian fortress on the hill across the Rhine. It has wide views over both rivers and the city.
- D Seilbahn Koblenz crosses the Rhine and takes you up to the fortress. It is the easiest way to reach the top, and the view of the confluence is very good.
- E Kurfürstliches Schloss is the former palace of the archbishop-electors of Trier. It was built in the late 18th century in a plain, classical style. A park runs along the Rhine beside it.
- F Basilika Sankt Kastor is a Romanesque church close to the Deutsches Eck. It is one of the oldest churches in the city.
- G Alte Burg is a medieval castle beside the Moselle. The archbishops of Trier built it to guard the river crossing.
- H Schloss Stolzenfels is a neo-Gothic castle on the Rhine, south of the centre. It was rebuilt in the 19th century on medieval ruins and has river views.

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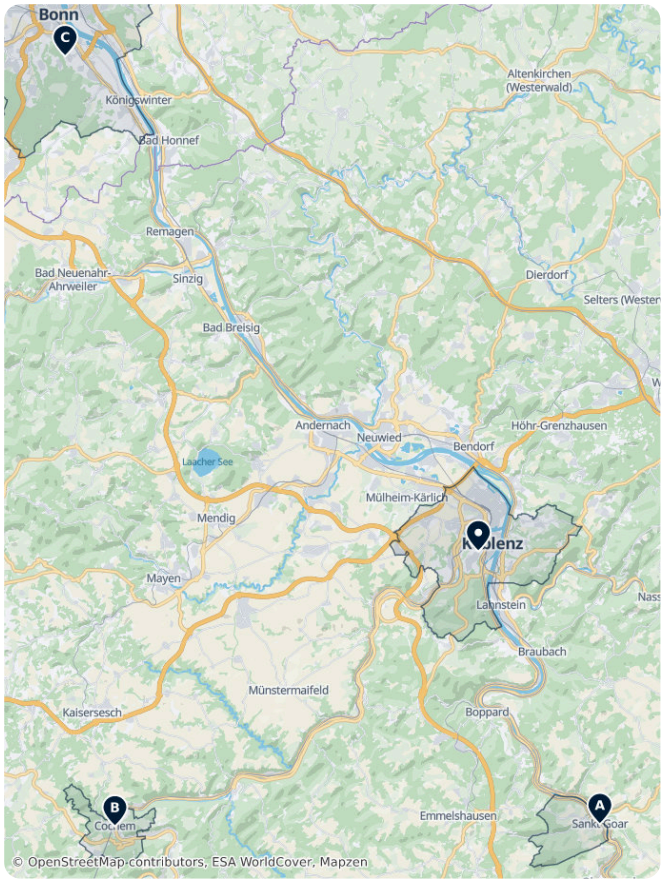
What to experience

- Take a boat trip on the Rhine or the Moselle. Boats start from the quays in Koblenz.
- Visit the Christmas market in the old town during Advent.
- Join a wine event or a guided wine walk in the warmer months.
- Look for the Schängelbrunnen fountain at the Jesuitenplatz. It spits water at intervals. Schängel is the local nickname for a boy from Koblenz.
- Walk the Rhine promenade at sunset.

Day trips

Koblenz is a good base for the Rhine and Moselle valleys. Trains run along both rivers.



- A Sankt Goar is a small town in the Rhine Gorge, under 1 hour by train.
- Boppard is a Rhine town with a long river promenade and a Roman fort wall, under 1 hour by train.
- Burg Eltz is a medieval castle in a forest valley above the Moselle. Take a regional train to Moselkern and walk, or go by car.
- B Cochem is a Moselle wine town below a castle, about 1 hour by train.
- Maria Laach is a Benedictine abbey beside a lake in the volcanic Eifel, a short drive north-west by car.
- C Bonn is a Rhine city with museums and a pleasant old town, about 1 hour by train.
- Trier has major Roman ruins, 1 to 2 hours by train. Plan a full day.

Where to explore

Farther along the Rhine:

- Mainz is a university city and wine centre on the Rhine.
- Worms is one of Germany's oldest cities, with a Romanesque cathedral.
- Speyer has a large Romanesque cathedral.

Getting there

- **By air**: Frankfurt Airport (FRA) is the main gateway. Cologne Bonn Airport (CGN) is the other practical option. From both, take a train to Koblenz.
- **By train**: Koblenz Hauptbahnhof is on the Rhine valley line between Cologne and Mainz. It is also the start of the Moselle line to Trier. See Deutsche Bahn for timetables and tickets.
- By coach: Long-distance coaches link Koblenz with other German cities.

Getting around

- Public transit: Buses cover the city and the nearby valleys. Koblenz is in the VRM regional network. Buy tickets in the VRM app or at ticket machines. See VRM for timetables and fares.
- On foot: The old town, the Deutsches Eck and the Rhine promenade are close together and easy to walk.
- Cycling: The Rhine and Moselle cycle routes both pass through the city. The riverside paths are flat.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

High

The old town, Deutsches Eck and Rhine promenade are close together.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Moderate

The Rhine and Moselle cycle routes pass through the city on flat riverside paths.

Driving

- A car is not needed in the city. The old town is small, and trains cover the main valley towns. A car helps for the Eifel and for villages away from the rail lines.

Food & drink

Local dishes come from the Rhineland. Try Himmel un Ääd, a plate of black pudding with apple and potato. Döppekooche is a baked potato dish. Moselle and Rhine wines, mostly Riesling, are the local drink.

For eating out, go to the old town squares, such as Münzplatz and Am Plan. The wine taverns in the old town are good for a regional meal.

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

- Pickpockets can work in crowds around the station and at the Christmas market.

History

- The Romans built a military camp here around 8 BC. They called it Confluentes, meaning "the confluence". The name became Koblenz.
- Basilika Sankt Kastor and Alte Burg date from the Middle Ages, when the archbishops of Trier ruled the city.
- The last elector built Kurfürstliches Schloss in the 1780s. French troops took the city in 1794.
- Koblenz became Prussian after the Congress of Vienna. The Prussians strengthened Festung Ehrenbreitstein, and the city became the seat of government of the Rhine Province.
- Kaiser-Wilhelm-Denkmal was inaugurated in 1897. American shelling destroyed it in 1945, and a copy was installed in 1993.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for Germany at a glance:

CURRENCY
EUR €

EMERGENCY
112

ELECTRICITY



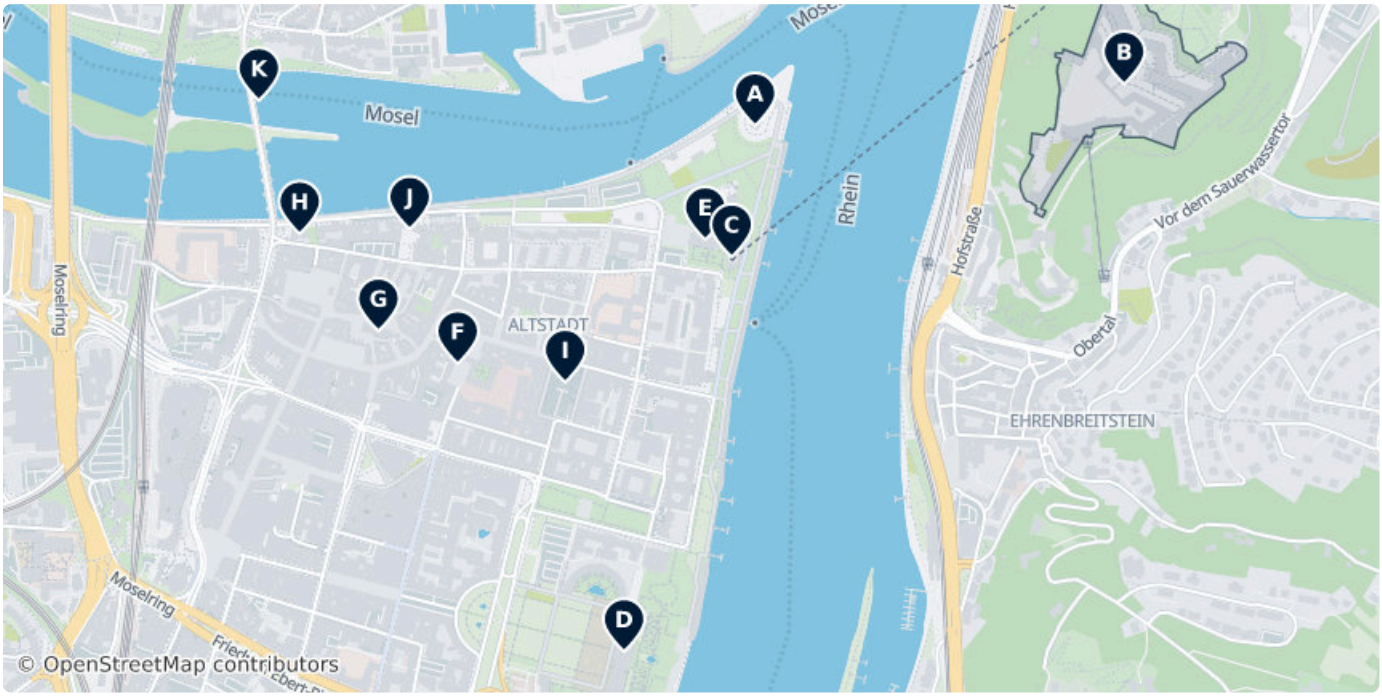
Type C / Type F
230 V · 50 Hz

LANGUAGES
German

TAP WATER
Safe to drink

Koblenz Unmissables

Explore the 2,000-year history of Koblenz at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle rivers. This list features the city's strategic defensive works, including the massive Prussian Ehrenbreitstein Fortress and the medieval Old Castle. Architectural highlights range from the Romanesque Liebfrauenkirche to the neoclassical Electoral Palace. The selection also includes unique local landmarks like the spitting Schängelbrunnen fountain and the mechanical Augenroller, alongside the high-capacity cable car that provides transit between the historic riverfront and the hilltop fortifications.





A Deutsches Eck

Deutsches Eck is the name of a headland in Koblenz, Germany, where the Mosel river joins the Rhine.

Am Deutschen Eck, 56068 Koblenz, Germany (50.36406, 7.60557)



B Ehrenbreitstein Fortress

One of Europe's largest 19th-century Prussian fortifications, situated 118 meters above the Rhine. It houses the State Museum of Koblenz and offers panoramic views of the UNESCO-listed Upper Middle Rhine Valley.

Felsenweg, 56077, Germany (50.36474, 7.61491)

Mo–Su 10:00–18:00

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C Koblenz cable car

An aerial tramway spanning 890 meters across the Rhine. It connects the riverbank near St. Castor Basilica to the Ehrenbreitstein Fortress, featuring 18 cabins, including one with a glass floor for downward views of the river.

10 Kastorhof, Koblenz 56068, Germany (50.36195, 7.60498)

Mo–Su 10:00–19:00

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D Electoral Palace, Koblenz

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E Basilica of St. Castor

The Basilica of St. Castor is the oldest church in Koblenz in the German state of Rhineland Palatinate.

Kastorhof, 56068 Koblenz, Germany (50.36223, 7.60431)



F Schängelbrunnen

Located in the Town Hall courtyard, this bronze fountain commemorates the city's 'Schängel' nickname. The statue of a mischievous boy periodically spits a stream of water several meters at unsuspecting passersby.

2 Jesuitenplatz, Koblenz 56068, Germany (50.36023, 7.59806)



G Liebfrauenkirche

A Catholic church at the highest point of the old town, featuring a mix of Romanesque architecture, a Gothic choir, and distinctive 17th-century Baroque onion domes added after the city was shelled in 1688.

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H Old Castle

The Old Castle was a former Elector-owned, substantial water castle in the German city of Koblenz, incepted in the 13th century.

1 Burgstraße, Koblenz 56068, Germany (50.36232, 7.59406)



I Historiensäule

A ten-meter-high column fountain in Josef-Görres-Platz. Its ten stacked tiers depict chronological scenes from city history, including Roman settlement, the medieval wine trade, and the destruction of World War II.

9 Josef-Görres-Platz, Koblenz 56068, Germany (50.35993, 7.60077)



J Augenroller

A mechanical face located beneath the clock of the Old Merchant's Hall. Every half hour, the figure rolls its eyes and sticks out its tongue, commemorating the 16th-century execution of robber knight Johann Lutter von Kobern.

15 Florinsmarkt, Koblenz 56068, Germany (50.36240, 7.59684)



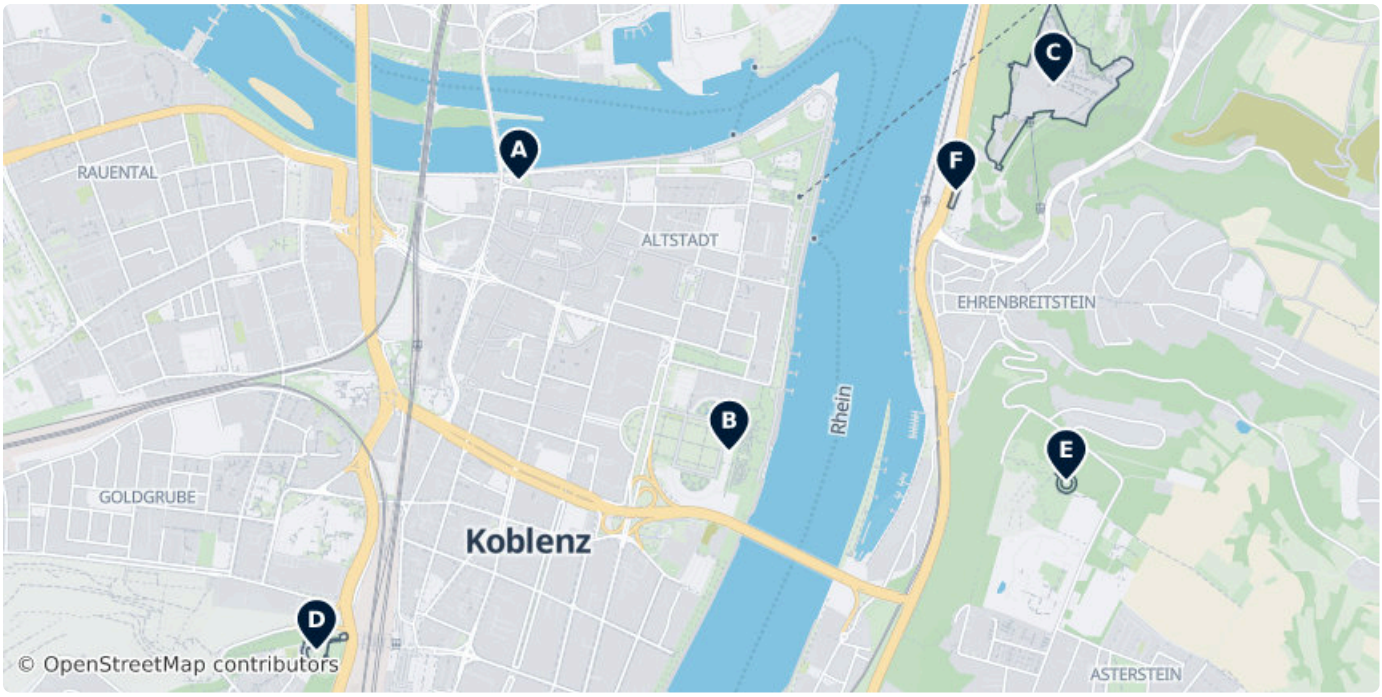
Baldwin Bridge, Koblenz

The Baldwin Bridge is a stone arch bridge over the Moselle in Koblenz, Germany.

Balduinbrücke, 56070 Koblenz, Germany
(50.36447, 7.59303)

Castles and Fortresses

Koblenz sits at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle, a strategic location defined by centuries of military and residential architecture. This collection highlights the Ehrenbreitstein Fortress, one of Europe's largest preserved fortifications, and the Neoclassical Electoral Palace, the final residence of the Electors of Trier. The list also includes the 13th-century Alte Burg water castle and 19th-century Prussian defensive works like Fort Konstantin and Fort Asterstein, showcasing the city's evolution from a medieval stronghold to a Prussian bastion.





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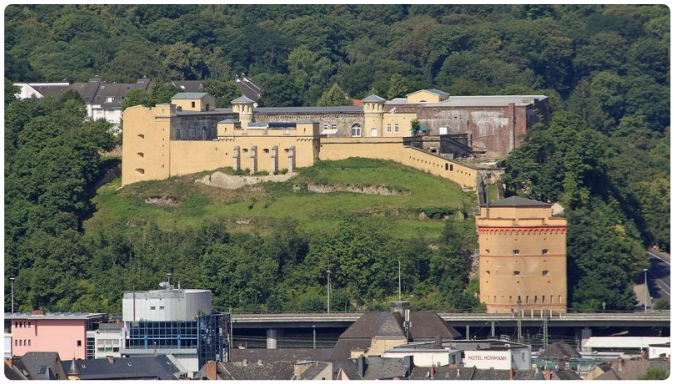


D Fort Konstantin

Completed in 1828, this Prussian fortification on the Karthause hill was designed to protect the city's southern flank. The site remains largely intact and frequently hosts cultural exhibitions.

Am Fort Konstantin, 56075 Koblenz, Germany (50.35063, 7.58617)



E Fort Asterstein

A 19th-century Prussian fort constructed between 1818 and 1828 to defend the city from the east. It features a distinctive circular tower and is part of the former Festung Koblenz system.

13 Kolonnenweg, Koblenz 56077, Germany (50.35486, 7.61541)



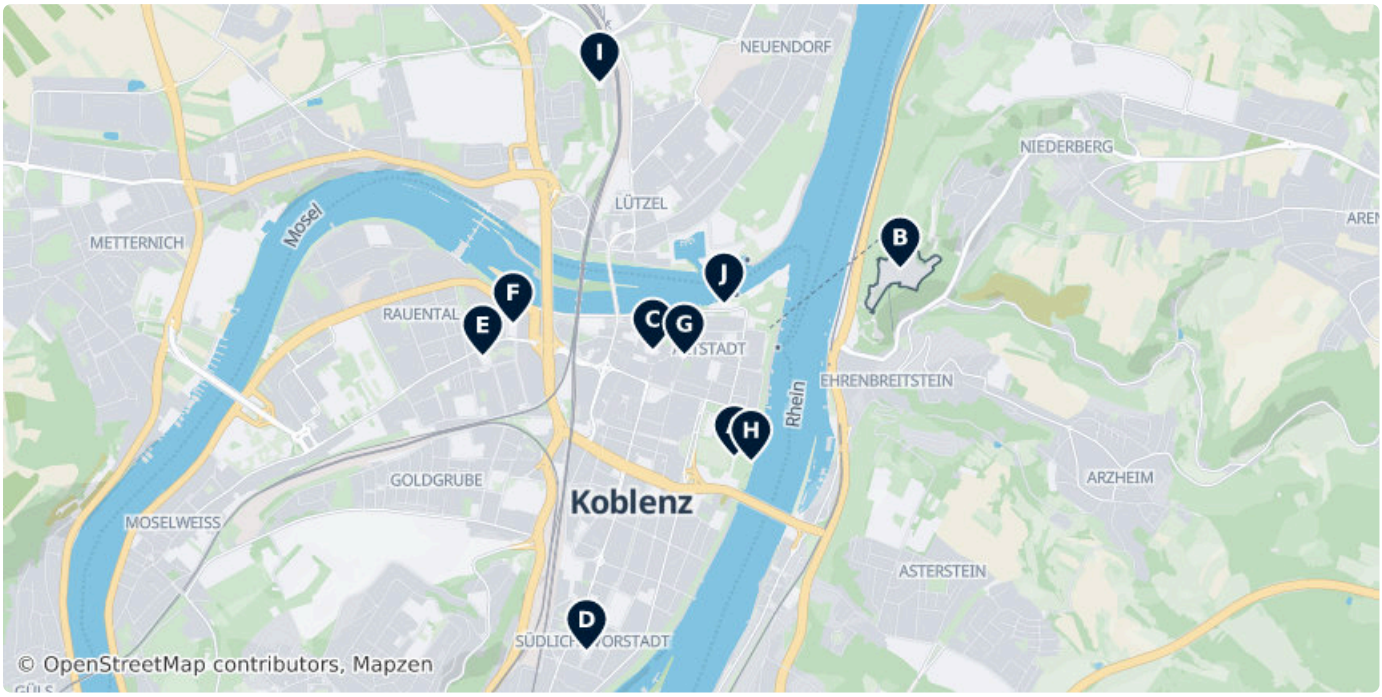
F Dikasterialgebäude

A Baroque administrative building designed by renowned architect Balthasar Neumann between 1738 and 1749. It originally served as the chancery for the Electorate of Trier.

257A Hofstraße, Koblenz 56077, Germany (50.36205, 7.61111)

Historic Sites in Koblenz

Koblenz's history is defined by its strategic position at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle rivers. This collection features the Electoral Palace, the final residence of the Archbishop-Electors of Trier, and the massive Ehrenbreitstein Fortress, one of Europe's largest preserved fortifications. The selection also includes the Romanesque Liebfrauenkirche, the Neo-Gothic Sankt Josef, and the modern Sankt Elisabeth. Memorials to figures like General Marceau and politician Peter Altmeier, alongside the historic Jewish Cemetery, reflect the city's complex political and cultural evolution from the Middle Ages to the modern era.





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C Liebfrauenkirche

A Catholic parish church in the Old Town featuring a mix of Romanesque, Gothic, and Baroque architecture. Its distinctive twin towers with onion domes are a landmark of the city skyline.

(50.36075, 7.59605)

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D Sankt Josef

A Neo-Gothic Catholic church built at the end of the 19th century in the Southern Suburb, known for its tall spire and detailed stone masonry.

(50.34617, 7.59102)

sankt-josef-koblenz.de



E Sankt Elisabeth

A Catholic parish church representing modern 20th-century religious architecture in Koblenz.

8 Sankt-Elisabeth-Straße, Koblenz 56073, Germany
(50.36047, 7.58310)



F Jüdischer Friedhof Koblenz

A well-preserved burial ground of the Jewish community in northern Rhineland-Palatinate, serving as a significant site of cultural heritage and memory.

(50.36205, 7.58541)



G Johannes Peter Müller

Johannes Peter Müller was a German physiologist, comparative anatomist, ichthyologist, and herpetologist, known not only for his...

4 Jesuitenplatz, Koblenz 56068, Germany
(50.36053, 7.59846)



H Joseph-Görres-Denkmal

A memorial dedicated to Joseph Görres, a prominent Koblenz-born writer, journalist, and political activist of the 18th and 19th centuries.

(Unnamed Road), Koblenz 56068, Germany
(50.35537, 7.60354)



I Marceau-Denkmal

A monument honoring the French General François Séverin Marceau, who died in 1796. The pyramid-shaped memorial was originally designed by architect Peter Joseph Krahe.

(50.37373, 7.59200)



J Peter-Altmeier-Denkmal

A monument dedicated to Peter Altmeier, the long-serving Minister-President of Rhineland-Palatinate who held office from 1947 to 1969.

17 Kastorstraße, Koblenz 56068, Germany
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