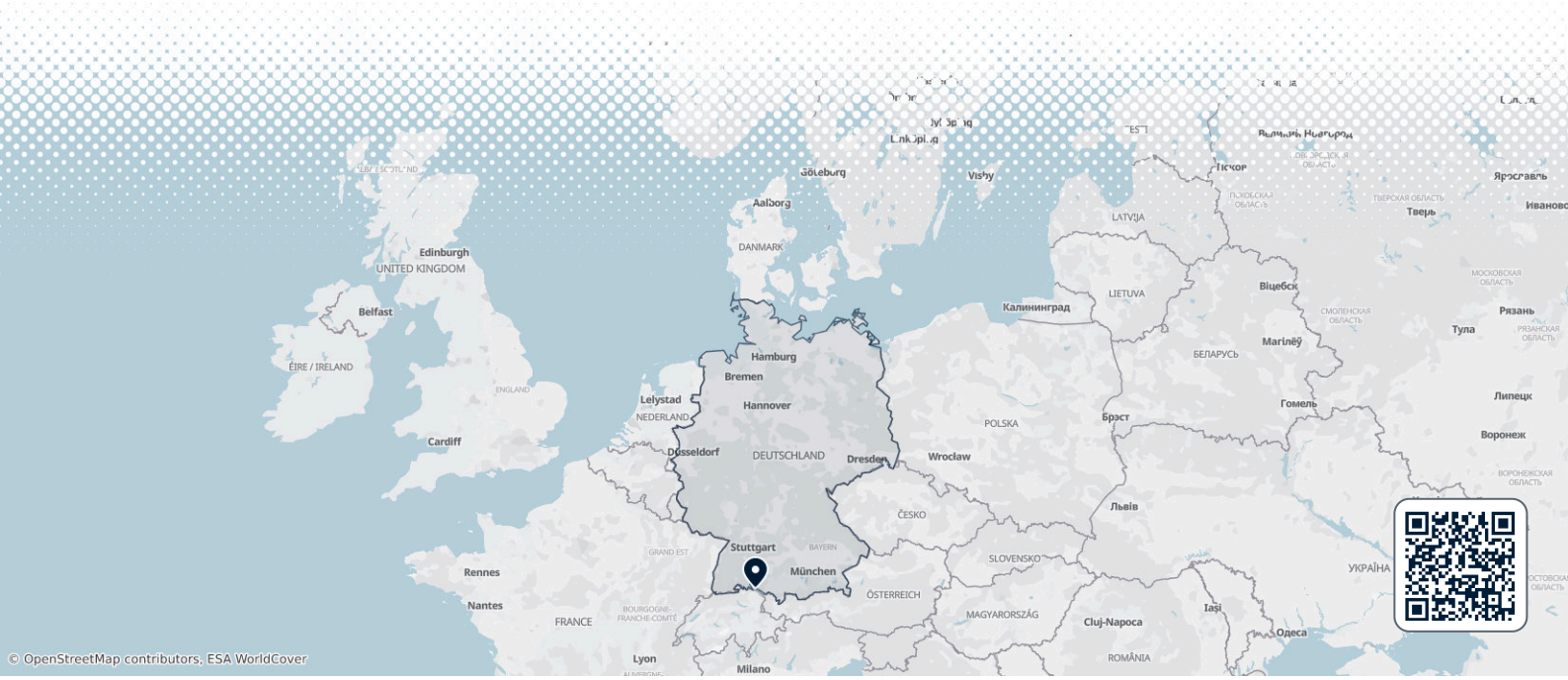


Meersburg

Bodenseekreis · Germany

TRAVEL GUIDE

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Overview

Meersburg is a small wine town on the north shore of Lake Constance. Its name means "castle on the sea". Two castles, an old town on a hill and a lakefront below it make up most of the visit.

The town suits a day trip or one or two nights. Boats and a car ferry link it with other lake towns, and vineyards start at the edge of town.

When to visit

Late spring to early autumn is the best time. Boats run most often and the vineyards are green. Autumn is calm and good for wine. Winter is quiet, and many lake services run less often.

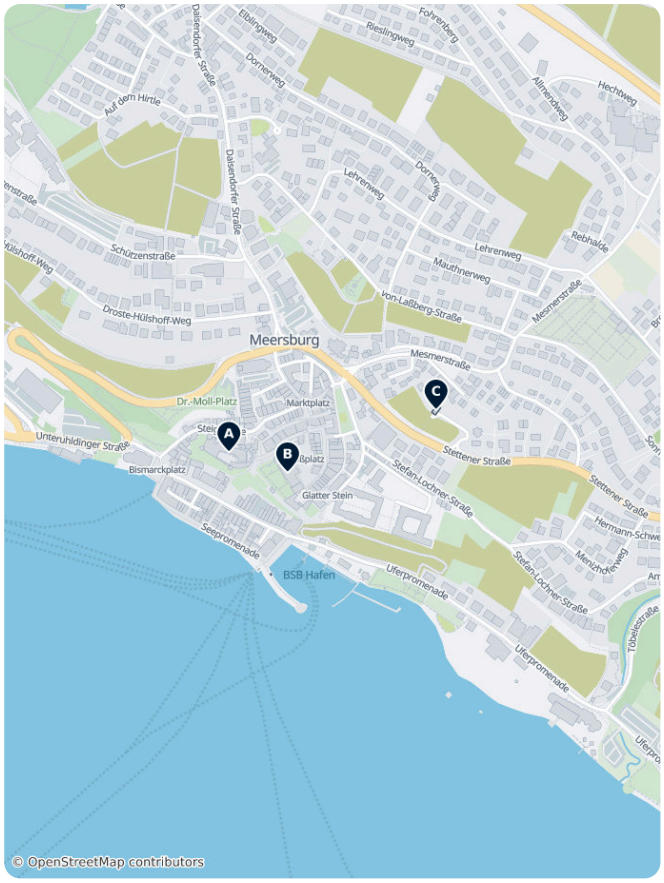
A Christmas market fills the old town in the weeks before Christmas.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Poor Poor for watersports	3° / 9° Feels like 0°	-2° / -7°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
February	Poor Poor for watersports	5° / 12° Feels like 2°	-2° / -8°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
March	Fair Fair for cycling	9° / 16° Feels like 6°	1° / -4°	15 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
April	Good Good for cycling	14° / 21°	5° / 0°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
May	Good Good for sightseeing	18° / 25°	10° / 5°	17 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
June	Good Good for sightseeing	22° / 29°	14° / 10°	16 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
July	Good Good for sightseeing	23° / 30°	16° / 11°	17 rainy days · Calm winds
August	Good Good for sightseeing	23° / 30°	16° / 12°	15 rainy days · Calm winds
September	Good Good for sightseeing	19° / 25°	12° / 7°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
October	Good Good for cycling	14° / 20°	8° / 2°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
November	Poor Poor for sightseeing	8° / 14°	3° / -2°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
December	Poor Poor for watersports	4° / 9° Feels like 1°	0° / -5°	15 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds

Climate data: NASA POWER + Copernicus ERA5-Land · 1996–2025

Top sights

- A Burg Meersburg is the old castle above the town. It is one of the oldest surviving castles in Germany. A self-guided tour shows its rooms.
- B Neues Schloss is the baroque palace of the bishops. It is now a museum.
- C Droste-Museum im Fürstenhäusle is a small vine-covered house on the hillside. It holds a museum about the poet *Annette von Droste-Hülshoff*.
- Obertor is a gate of the old town wall.
- Steigstraße is the steep street that links the upper town with the lakefront. Half-timbered houses line it.
- The Vineum Bodensee is a museum about wine on Lake Constance.



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What to experience

- Take a lake boat to another shore town and back.
- Walk the vineyard paths above the town.
- Relax at the Meersburg Therme, which has an open-air pool.

Day trips

Most trips use the lake boats, the car ferry or the road along the shore.

- Konstanz: A car ferry crosses the lake from Meersburg. The old town and the lakefront are worth a half day.
- Überlingen: A lake town with an old town and a promenade. Boats and buses link it with Meersburg.
- Friedrichshafen: The Zeppelin Museum tells the story of the airships built here.
- Unteruhldingen: The Pfahlbauten are reconstructed prehistoric pile dwellings on the shore. They are a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- Mainau: A garden island near Konstanz.

Getting there

- By air: Zurich Airport is a main gateway for international visitors. Friedrichshafen has a small regional airport. Both need a transfer by train, bus or boat.
- By train: Meersburg has no railway station. Regional buses and lake boats link it with nearby towns. Plan trains at Deutsche Bahn.
- By boat: Passenger boats reach Meersburg from Überlingen, Lindau, Bregenz and Konstanz.
- By car ferry: A car ferry runs between Konstanz and Meersburg.

Getting around

- Local buses link Meersburg with nearby lake towns.
- Boats and the car ferry are part of the trip, not only a way to arrive.
- Visit Stadt Meersburg for timetables, parking and visitor information.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

Moderate

The old town is small, with steep lanes between the lakefront and the upper town.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Moderate

Paths run along the lake shore, and the streets above it are hilly.

Driving

- A car is not needed for the town.
- The roads B 31 and B 33 lead to Meersburg.

Food & drink

Meersburg is wine country. Weissherbst is a local rosé wine. Felchen, a lake whitefish, is a common fish dish on the shore.

Wine taverns and cafés cluster in the old town and along the lakefront.

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

- Check the weather before a boat trip. Services can stop in storms.

History

- A tradition says King *Dagobert I* built the first castle here in the 7th century. The bishops of Constance later used Meersburg as a residence, and the Neues Schloss comes from that period.
- *Annette von Droste-Hülshoff* lived in the old castle from 1841 until her death in 1848. She also owned the small house now known as the Droste-Museum.

Country facts

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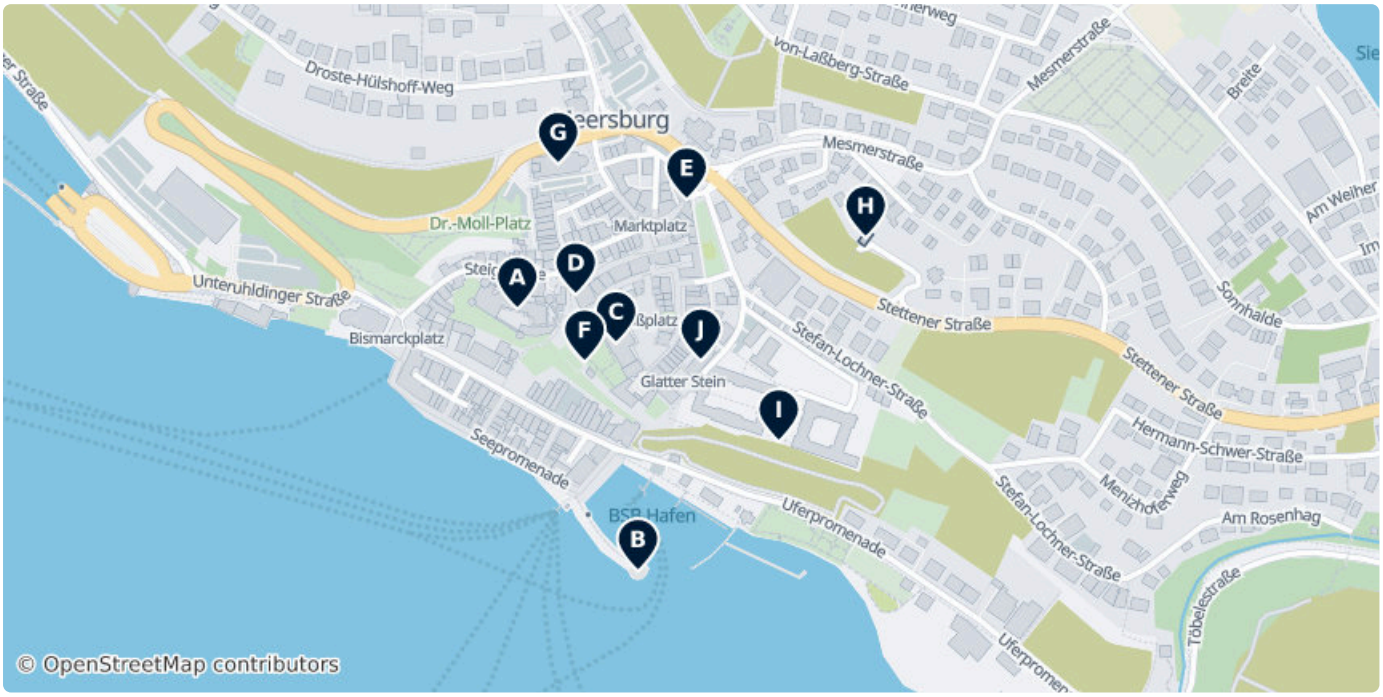
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LANGUAGES
German

TAP WATER
Safe to drink

Meersburg Essentials

Meersburg is defined by the architectural contrast between the medieval Alte Burg, Germany's oldest inhabited castle, and the 18th-century Baroque Neues Schloss. This selection covers the town's most significant landmarks, including the Obertor city gate, the literary museum at Fürstenhäusle, and the Zeppelinmuseum. The town's viticultural heritage is represented by the Staatsweingut, while elevated viewpoints like the Schlossterrasse and Känzele offer panoramic vistas across Lake Constance toward the Swiss Alps.





A Meersburg Castle

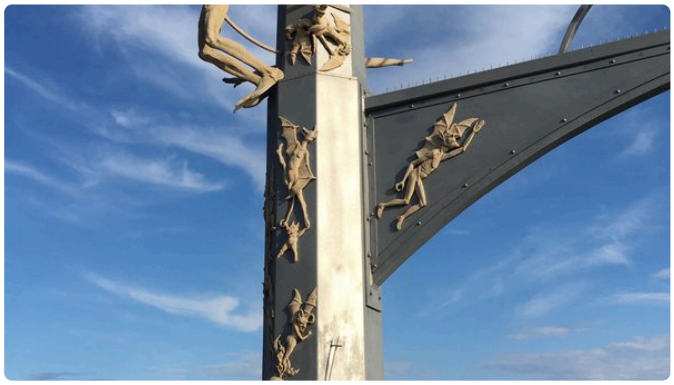
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B Magische Säule

A modern sculpture by Peter Lenk located at the harbor. The artwork features satirical caricatures of historical figures associated with Meersburg, including the poet Annette von Droste-Hülshoff and the physician Franz Anton Mesmer.

88709, Germany (47.69149, 9.27234)



C New Castle

The Neues Schloss Meersburg is located in Meersburg near Lake Constance in Baden-Württemberg, Germany.

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D Zeppelinmuseum

A private collection founded in 1989 by Heinz Urban. Located in a historic basement, the museum displays original airship parts, uniforms, photographs, and technical blueprints documenting the history of Zeppelin aviation.

Schloßplatz 8, 88709 Meersburg, DE (47.69398, 9.27150)

Mo–Su	10:00–18:00

zeppelinmuseum.com, +49 7532 7909

E Obertor

The oldest surviving city gate in Meersburg, serving as the northern entrance to the upper town. The stone tower features a distinctive stepped gable and marks the historic boundary of the medieval fortifications.

10 Marktplatz, Meersburg 88709, Germany (47.69484, 9.27299)



F Schlossterrasse

A spacious terrace located between the New Castle and the lakefront. It provides unobstructed views of the lower town, the ferry harbor, and the Swiss Alps across Lake Constance.

12 Schloßplatz, Meersburg 88709, Germany (47.69338, 9.27162)



G Mariä Heimsuchung

A Roman Catholic parish church rebuilt in the 1830s. The interior features Baroque altars and artworks preserved from the earlier cathedral of the Prince-Bishops of Constance.

1 Kirchplatz, Meersburg 88709, Germany
(47.69516, 9.27127)

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H Little House, Meersburg

The Little House, also called the Prince's House, is a historic house and museum located in Meersburg, Germany, overlooking Lake Constance.

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(47.69450, 9.27539)

Mo–Su	10:00–17:00

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I Känzele

A cliffside lookout point situated along the town's upper paths. It offers a panoramic perspective of the red-roofed lower town, the harbor, and the expanse of Lake Constance.

(47.69266, 9.27422)

J Staatsweingut Meersburg

A historic state-owned winery with roots dating back to the 13th century. The shop offers regional wines, including Pinot Noir and Müller-Thurgau, produced from the steep vineyards surrounding the town.

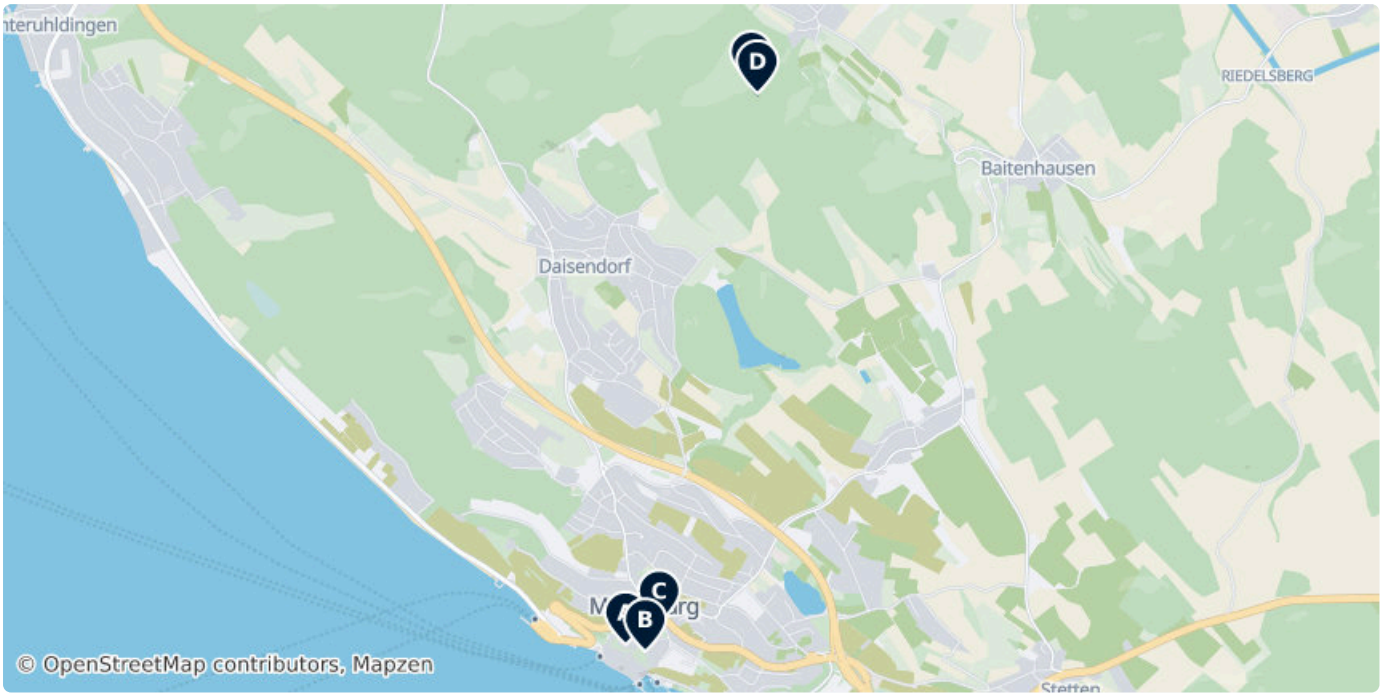
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Historic Sites

Meersburg's historical landscape is defined by its strategic position above Lake Constance. This selection features the 7th-century Old Castle, Germany's oldest inhabited fortress, and the 18th-century Baroque New Castle, the former residence of the Prince-Bishops of Constance. The list also includes the Obertor, a preserved medieval city gate, and the archaeological earthworks of Burg Schiggendorf, a former hilltop fortification illustrating the region's early defensive architecture.





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D Erdwälle Burg Schiggendorf

Archaeological remains of a medieval hilltop fortification featuring preserved earthworks on the Schloßberg spur.

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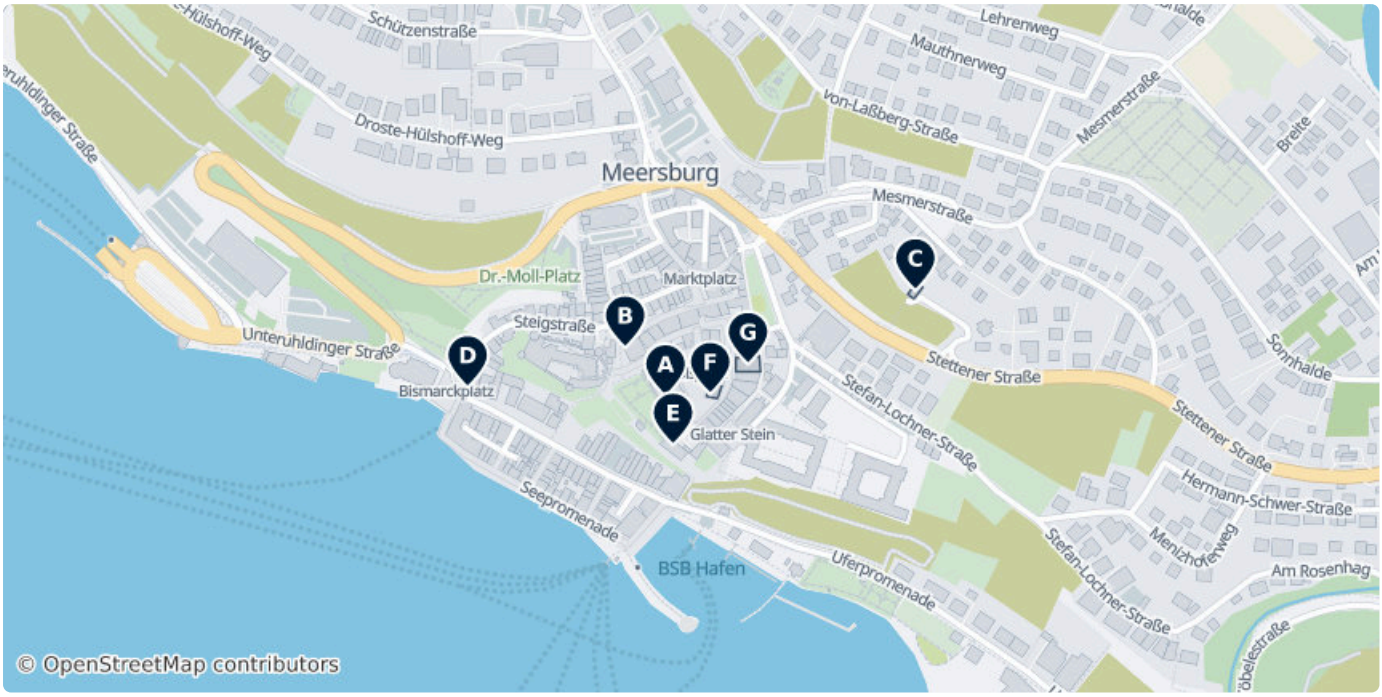
E Erdwälle Burg Schiggendorf (abgegangen)

Archaeological site consisting of the ramparts and earthworks of a vanished hilltop castle.

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Museums & Galleries

Meersburg's cultural landscape is anchored by the 18th-century Neues Schloss, the former residence of the Prince-Bishops of Constance, and the historic Fürstenhäusle, once home to poet Annette von Droste-Hülshoff. The town's specialized museums include the private Zeppelin Museum, showcasing airship history in a historic cellar, and the Weinbaumuseum, which documents centuries of regional viticulture. Artistic offerings range from the contemporary exhibits at Galerie Bodenseekreis to the unique tapestry works at the Bildteppichkunst-Atelier.





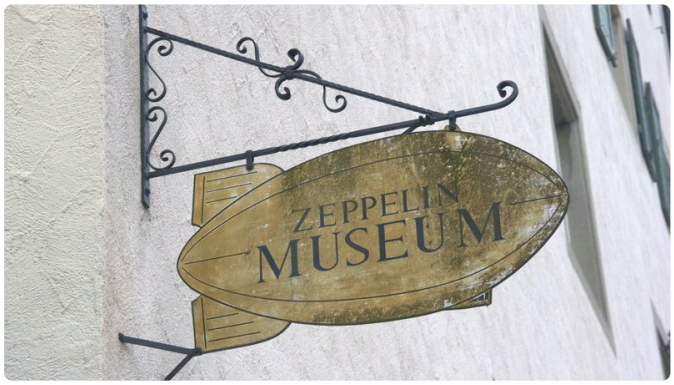
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D Kunst Antiquitäten Thum

An art and antique center located in the historic district of Meersburg.

(47.69362, 9.26939)

E Bildteppichkunst-Atelier Museum für Meersburger Bildteppichkunst

An atelier and gallery dedicated to the craft and history of tapestry weaving.

(47.69311, 9.27215)

F Galerie Bodenseekreis

Situated in the historic Rotes Haus, this gallery features rotating exhibitions focusing on regional art and contemporary works from the Lake Constance area.

Schloßplatz 13, 88709 Meersburg, DE (47.69356, 9.27264)

Mo	Closed
Tu–Su	11:00–17:00

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G Vineum Bodensee

Housed in a historic former hospital, this museum displays antique wine presses and artifacts detailing the centuries-old winemaking traditions of the region.

Vorburggasse 11, 88709 Meersburg, DE (47.69383, 9.27315)

Tu–Su	13:00–17:00

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