

Sankt Goar

Rhineland-Palatinate · Germany

TRAVEL GUIDE

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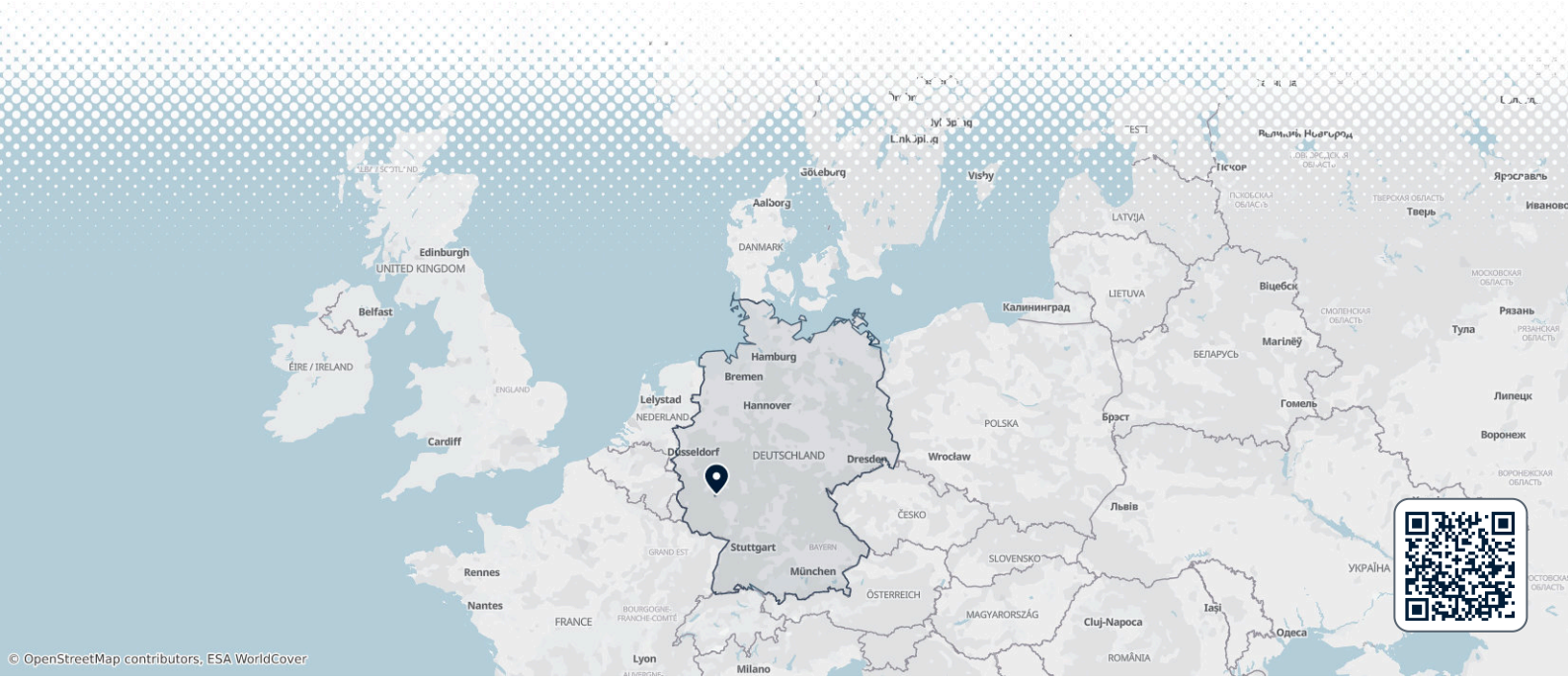

Overview

Sankt Goar is a small town on the left bank of the Rhine. It sits inside the Rhine Gorge, a UNESCO World Heritage stretch of river with steep vineyards and many castles.

The town is compact and easy to explore on foot. A large ruined castle stands above the old centre. A ferry crosses the river to the Loreley side. The town suits a one or two night stay, with river walks, viewpoints and boat trips.

When to visit

Late spring to early autumn is the best time for walks, viewpoints and boat trips. Winter days are short and cold.

Rhein in Flammen is a fireworks evening on the river. It takes place at Sankt Goar in September. Book a seat on a boat or a riverside spot well in advance.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Poor Poor for sightseeing	4° / 10° Feels like -1°	-1° / -9°	13 rainy days · Dry air
February	Poor Poor for sightseeing	6° / 12° Feels like 1°	0° / -9°	12 rainy days · Dry air
March	Fair Fair for hiking	10° / 17° Feels like 6°	2° / -4°	12 rainy days · Dry air
April	Good Good for hiking	15° / 22° Feels like 11°	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	26° / 33°	14° / 10°	14 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 hiking	16° / 22° Feels like 12°	7° / 1°	12 rainy days · Dry air
November	Poor Poor for hiking	9° / 15° Feels like 5°	3° / -2°	13 rainy days · Dry air
December	Poor Poor for sightseeing	5° / 11° Feels like 0°	0° / -8°	15 rainy days · Dry air

Best months: June, August, September

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

Top sights

- A Oberes Mittelrheintal is the UNESCO-listed river valley around the town. Castles, vineyards and small villages line both banks.
- B Burg Rheinfels is a large castle ruin on the hill above the town. It has a museum.
- C Loreley is the famous rock on the opposite bank. Its legend of a singing maiden inspired a well-known poem by *Heinrich Heine*. Viewpoints on top look over the river.
- D Burg Katz is a castle across the river in Sankt Goarshausen. It is best seen from the Sankt Goar waterfront.



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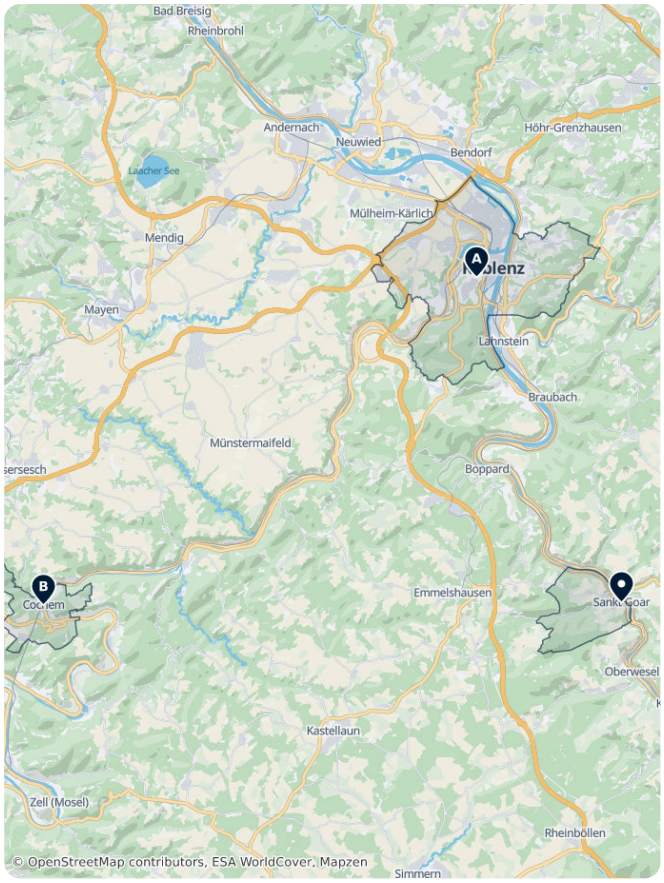
What to experience

- Take a Rhine boat trip through the gorge. Boats call at Sankt Goar.
- Cross the river by ferry and walk to the Loreley viewpoints.
- Walk the hill trails above the town for views of the river bends.

Day trips

The Rhine Gorge has many small towns along both banks. Regional trains and passenger boats connect them.

- Oberwesel is a walled wine town upstream, with towers on its old town wall.
- Bacharach is a small half-timbered wine town farther upstream.
- Boppard is a larger Rhine town downstream, with a long riverside promenade.
- A Koblenz is the city where the Rhine and Moselle meet. It has a good old town and a cable car to a fortress.
- B Cochem is a wine town on the Moselle with a castle above it.



Getting there

- By air: Frankfurt Airport is the main gateway for most visitors. From there, take a train to Mainz or Koblenz, then a regional train along the Rhine.
- By train: Sankt Goar is on the Rhine line between Mainz and Koblenz. Regional trains stop here. Book through Deutsche Bahn.
- By boat: Passenger boats on the Rhine stop at the town landing stage.

Getting around

- Ferry: A car and passenger ferry links Sankt Goar with Sankt Goarshausen on the opposite bank. Use it to reach the Loreley side.
- Train and boat: Regional trains and passenger boats connect the villages along the gorge.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

Moderate

The old town is small and flat, but the castle and viewpoints are up steep slopes.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Moderate

Riverside paths are flat, while the hills above the town are steep.

Safety & health

- Castle paths and viewpoint trails are steep and uneven in places. Wear sturdy shoes.

History

The town is named after Saint Goar, a monk who lived here as a hermit in the 7th century.

In the Middle Ages the Counts of Katzenelnbogen controlled this stretch of river. They collected tolls on passing ships and built Burg Rheinfels in 1245 to defend them. French troops destroyed much of the castle at the end of the 18th century.

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

Sankt Goar Essentials

Located in the UNESCO-listed Upper Middle Rhine Valley, Sankt Goar and its sister town Sankt Goarshausen anchor a landscape of medieval fortifications and river history. This selection features the sprawling ruins of Rheinfels Castle and the privately owned Katz Castle. Key sites include the collegiate church with its Romanesque crypt, historic defensive towers, and the 1917 Häusener Kran. Elevated viewpoints such as Maria Ruh and Dreiburgenblick offer direct perspectives of the legendary Loreley rock and the Rhine's narrowest passage.





A Rheinfels Castle

Rheinfels Castle is a castle ruin located above the left bank of the Rhine in Sankt Goar, Germany.

56329, Germany (50.15407, 7.70483)

st-goar.de/17-0-burg-rheinfels.html, +49 6741 / 7753



B Katz Castle

Katz Castle is a castle above the German town of Sankt Goarshausen in Rhineland-Palatinate.

1A An der Burg Katz, 56346, Germany (50.15211, 7.72415)

burg-katz.de

C Loreleyblick Maria Ruh

A scenic park and viewpoint offering direct panoramas of the Loreley rock across the Rhine, featuring a memorial to the legendary siren.

(50.13552, 7.72533)



D Stiftskirche St. Goar

A 15th-century Protestant collegiate church featuring late-Gothic architecture and a Romanesque crypt dating back to the 11th century.

2 Markt, Sankt Goar 56329, Germany (50.15061, 7.71484)

ev-kgm-stg.de/kirchen/st-goar



E Häusener Kran

A historic portal crane built in 1917, formerly used for loading basalt and other goods from local quarries onto Rhine river barges.

43 Rheinstraße, Sankt Goarshausen 56346, Germany (50.14950, 7.72554)

haeusener-kran.de

F Dreiburgenblick

An elevated vantage point providing simultaneous views of three Rhine fortresses: Rheinfels Castle, Katz Castle, and Maus Castle.

56346, Germany (50.15510, 7.72014)

G Runder Turm

A preserved medieval defensive tower that once formed part of the historic town fortifications of Sankt Goarshausen.

Rheinstraße, 56346 Sankt Goarshausen, Germany (50.15185, 7.72134)

H Viereckiger Turm

A historic square tower on the riverfront that served as a defensive structure and gate within the town's original medieval walls.

(50.15077, 7.72429)



I St. Johannes der Täufer

A Catholic parish church built in the early 20th century, featuring distinctive Baroque Revival architecture and overlooking the Rhine waterfront.

(50.15291, 7.71932)



J Evangelische Kirche

A neo-Gothic Protestant church located in the center of Sankt Goarshausen, serving the local evangelical community since the late 19th century.

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