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Berlin Beer Week | Berlin | Aug. 30–Sept. 8

Dürkheim Sausages Fair | Bad Dürkheim | Sept. 6–16

Ludwigsburg Pumpkin Festival | Aug. 23–Nov. 3

Onion Market Festival | Weimar | Oct. 11–13

A 365-year tradition, the Zwiebelmarkt or Onion Market Festival, takes place every year. Over 500 stalls display colorful onions, flowers and handicrafts. If you love to eat onions, this is a great festival to attend as you can try specialty foods like onion cake and onion meat. Decorative onion and garlic braids are available to stave off diseases from the home and don't miss your chance to see the crowned Onion Queen.

Oktoberfest | Munich | Sept. 21–Oct. 6

Eat&style Stuttgart | Stuttgart | Nov. 21–24

#### FRANCE

Omnivore Paris | Paris | Sept. 8-10

Picnic in Paris | Paris | March–Oct.

Vimoutiers Apple Fair | Normandy | Oct. 19–20

Cider Festival: Beuvron-en-Auge | Normandy | Oct. 20

Normandy is known for its sparkling apple cider. Celebrate the end of apple harvesting season by participating in workshops such as apple pressing and floral art. A smaller press is available for children to use and take home their own homemade apple juice. There are also other regional foods and dairy products you can try.

Sial Paris 60 Years | Paris Nord Villepinte | Oct. 19–23

The Imperial Chocolate Fair at Château Fontainebleau Fontainebleau | Nov. 10–12

### ITALY

Pizza Village | Milan | Sept. 4-8

L Primi d'Italia | Foligno | Sept. 26–29

This "first courses" festival has been held annually since 1999 and celebrates tasty Italian starters such as pasta, polenta, gnocchi and more. Star chefs present tasting menus and each taverna and main square becomes a tasting village like Risotto village, Gluten-free village or Truffle village.

Fiera Del Riso (Rice Festival) | Veneto | Sept. 20-Oct. 13

Alba White Truffle Fair | Alba | Oct. 12–Dec. 8

National Chestnut Fair | Piedmont | Oct. 18-20

Milan Coffee Festival | Milan | Nov. 23-25

#### BELGIUM

World Confectionery Conference | Brussels | Sept. 12

Eat Brussels, Drink! Bordeaux | Brussels | Sept. 26-29

Boullion Castle- Fete du Fromage | Boullion | Sept. 21–22

Namur Wine and Gastronomy Fair | Namur | Dec. 8–10

Liège's Village de Noël | Liège | Nov. 29–Dec. 30

Taste of Antwerp | Antwerp | April-May 2025

#### **SCANDANAVIA**

Umea Taste Festival | Umea | Sept. 5–8 Aarhus Food Festival | Aarhus | Sept. 6–8 Matstreif Food Festival | Oslo | Sept. 20–21 Harvest Festival of Värmlandsnäs | Säffle | Sept. 7–8

A Taste of Värmland | Karlstad | Sept. 30–Oct. 1

#### Baltic Herring Market | Helsinki | Oct. 6–12

This celebration has been held since 1743 and is the oldest traditional event in Helsinki. Fish vendors gather at the market square to sell their catch directly from their boats. The selection of herring includes salt herring and fish marinated with flavors like rowanberry, red pepper and more. You can also try black archipelago bread, other local foods and buy lambswool and handmade crafts.

Gladmat (Happy Food) Festival | Stavanger | July 2025

### IRELAND AND THE U.K.

Clarenbridge Oyster Festival | Clarenbridge | Sept. 6–14

Abergavenny Food Festival | Wales | Sept. 21-22

York Food and Drink Festival | York | Sept. 20-29

Savour Kilkeny | Kilkenny | Oct. 26–28

Edinburgh Castle Afternoon Tea Experience | Edinburgh | Year Round

Up Helly Aa: Viking Traditional Festival | Shetland | Jan 30, 2025

### HUNGARY

Budapest Wine Festival | Budapest | Sept. 12–15

Bull's Blood Festival | Eger | Oct. 18-28

### LUXEMBOURG

Wine and Dine Gourmet Trip | Grevenmacher Jetty | Sept. 14

Whiskey and Rum on the River | Grevenmacher Jetty Oct. 26

SPAIN Riojo Wine Harvest Festival | Logroño | Sept. 20–26

O Grove Seafood Festival | Galicia | Oct. 3-13

Martos Olive Festival | Martos Jaén | Dec. 8

### Extra -



**By Katie Wells** 

# USAG WIESBADEN FAMILY & MWR SEPTEMBER 2024



### **EXPLORE AND LEARN WITH MWR IN SEPTEMBER**



### **GERMAN-AMERICAN FLEA MARKET**

U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden hosts a German-American Flea Market on September 7, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Lower Hainerberg. German and American sellers have the opportunity to offer their goods to a diverse audience. Admission is free and open to all. Vendors can rent a space for 20 Euro. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis (no advanced registration) starting at 7:30 a.m.

#### RHEINBLICK CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

The Rheinblick Golf Course hosts the 2024 Club Championship on September 7–8. This 36-hole, individual stroke-play championship is open to all eligible users with a verifiable golf handicap. Sign-ups begin August 1 at the Rheinblick Golf Course. Entry deadline is September 3. Rheinblick Members pay \$30. U.S. ID Card Holders pay \$60.

### ARMY FAMILY ACTION PLAN CONFERENCE

This year's Army Family Action Plan Conference will be held September 10–12 at the Wiesbaden Entertainment Center. Delegates from around the U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden will come together and research, discuss and help promote quality of life issues deemed worthy of higher command consideration. This event is open to the entire garrison community

### SHREK THE MUSICAL JR.

Enjoy this magical story about misfits, adventure and true acceptance. The Amelia Earhart Playhouse hosts the production of "Shrek the Musical, JR." from September 13–14 and 20–21 at 7:30 p.m. and September 15 and 22 at 2 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the Arts & Crafts Center or the Playhouse.

### **BAD DUERKHEIM WINE FEST**

Take a trip to the Bad Duerkheim Wine Fest with Wiesbaden Outdoor Recreation on September 14. This traditional Volksfest includes rides, food, wine and more. Register at Outdoor Recreation or call civ (0611) 143-548-9801. Registration deadline is September 3.

### **AI EVERYDAY**

The Wiesbaden Library invites you to learn how to use AI for everyday tasks—such as sending polished emails, vacation planning, writing cover letters and more! Come to the library on September 15 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. No registration required.

### LIVE BAND IN THE LOUNGE

Enjoy an evening of live dance music, courtesy of the band "Joe and Friends", on September 20 at the Wiesbaden Entertainment Center Lounge starting at 8 p.m.

### ACS ANNUAL JOB FAIR

ACS's Employment Readiness Program holds a Job Fair at the Hainerberg Exchange Mall on September 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Multiple vendors will be on hand representing local and worldwide employment opportunities. Come dressed and equipped with your resume for on-the-spot interviews and potential job offers.

### **OKTOBERFEST EXPRESS**

Join the party with Wiesbaden Outdoor Recreation at the world's largest and most famous beer festival—the Munich Oktoberfest—on September 28. Enjoy beer tents with live entertainment, carnival rides, food stands and more. Register at Outdoor Recreation or call civ (0611) 143-548-9801. Registration deadline is September 13.



### SCRAMBLE OF THE YEAR

The Rheinblick Golf Course hosts its Scramble of the Year on September 28. Make your own team for this 18-hole, four-person scramble-format event. The shotgun start is at 9 a.m. Scramble Player of the Year Men and Women will be recognized. Sign-ups begin September 1 at the Rheinblick Golf Course. Entry deadline is September 3. Rheinblick/Rhein-Main Members pay \$30. U.S. ID Card Holders pay \$40. All others pay \$60.

### COUNTRY LINE DANCING

The Wiesbaden Entertainment Center Lounge features Country Line Dancing for all levels of dancers every fourth Saturday of the month. The evening will include dance lessons for those who want to step up their game. Come to the WEC Lounge for this month's session on September 28 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.



### MILITARY APPRECIATION MEAL

Active Duty Service Members (U.S. and Allied), Veterans and First Responders (U.S. and Local National) are invited to the Wiesbaden Entertainment Center every second Tuesday of the month (next one is June 11) for free food, bowling and soft drinks (or water) from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The meals are courtesy of the Gary Sinise Foundation (no federal endorsement implied). The free bowling includes free shoe rental.



# Bologna, Italy

By Kat Nickola

Considered by many to be the culinary capital of Italy, Bologna is a food-lover's destination. Visit a salumeria, or Italian deli, along the Via Pescherie Vecchia where the medieval market vibe is still strong. Many delis offer small seating areas and plates for sampling meats and cheeses. Later, be sure to try some of the local Tagliatella a Ragú, whose meat-filled tomato sauce is known around the world as the eponymous Bolognese sauce. Bologna also offers many pastry shops perfect for an afternoon break, or aperitivo, to sample the sweets and sip a glass of local Pignoletto wine. Our spotlight photo was submitted by a reader after enjoying an "aurora nel bosco" at Caffé Zanarini in the Piazza Galvini. This incredible dessert is primarily a rich dark chocolate bavarois custard with a tangy, fruity jelly center made from forest berries.





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# Eat-Stay-Love Oberhausen By Tamala Malerk

Oberhausen, located about three and a half hours from the KMC area, is the perfect escape for a fun-filled weekend.



The Promenade is a row of restaurants alongside a body of water reminiscent of River Street in Savannah, Georgia and the River Walk in San Antonio, Texas. No appetite will go unsatiated. There is everything from Italian to Greek, German, Tex-Mex and American fare. The pizza from 60 Seconds to Napoli is delectable. I recommend the focaccia bread with three dips appetizer, which is excellent to dip your pizza crust in. I loved the piña coladas from Tijuana, the Tex-Mex restaurant. Cocktails are half-priced until 10 p.m. and my piña colada was accompanied with a marshmallow and a giant gummy bear.



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STAY

I found myself in Oberhausen to attend a concert at the Rudolf Weber Arena, so it was important to me to find a place within a short walking distance. I was pleasantly surprised to find that my hotel, **Oberhausen Neue Mitte**, was directly across the street from the arena, the Centro Promenade and Germany's largest shopping mall, Westfield Centro. Oberhausen Neue Mitte was

the perfect location at a great price. In true German fashion, it rained the entire time we were there, and its proximity to the arena and promenade meant we stayed fairly dry. The hotel offered remote check-in options and the opportunity to add on breakfast. There was a bar and restaurant on-site, though walking five to 10 minutes to the mall or promenade offered way more options.



Tucked among the restaurants along the Centro Promenade, is **GameStation**. For those originally from the U.S., GameStation felt like a smaller version of Dave and Busters. There were arcade and video games across the floor with options for purchasing snacks, coffees and cocktails. After spending more than I care to admit, I traded in my 1,300 tickets for a

coffee cup. Among other prizes were plastic trinkets, playing cards, chips, beer, video games and a slow cooker.

Westfield Centro, located next to the Promenade, is Germany's largest shopping mall. There are plenty of clothing, gaming, Haribo and coffee options as well as the "Coca Cola Oasis," which looks like every mall food court I have seen in America.

Next to Westfield Centro is the **Rudolf Weber Arena**, the main reason I was in Oberhausen in the first place. As a concert venue, I found it easy to navigate. It was not too big, so I didn't get lost. However, it wasn't so small that I felt crowded during the concert. I can only speak to my seat experience, but I felt I had a great view for the price point of the ticket cost. I was seated in section 112 which was on the lower tier on the left, the second closest to the stage.

At the other end of the promenade is a local kino (movie theater) showing German and English-language movies, as well as a **Lego Discovery Center** and **Sea-Life Aquarium**. While not on the promenade, there is also a nearby **Top Golf** which offers a shuttle so you can end your day of food and shopping by hitting some golf balls at the indoor course.

### GERMANY'S TOP-RATED MARY'S TOP-RATED MARY'S TOP-RATED MARY'S TOP-RATED MARY'S TOP-RATED MARY'S TOP-RATED MARY'S TOP-RATED

By Kat Nickola



That is one more than in the U.K. and only three fewer than culinary giant, Italy. Many of these top-notch dining establishments are near enough to U.S. military installations that a reservation may just be the cherry on top for your next special occasion.

Michelin restaurant ratings were first published by Andre and Edouard Michelin to boost sales for their famous tire company. The ratings were included in a small, free French guide that had maps, hotels and, of course, recommended upscale restaurants for the discerning (wealthy) car owner of the early 1900s. Eventually, the guide was rating restaurants extensively across Europe, and it has developed into a highly esteemed system.

### MICHELIN STARS

Restaurant inspectors from the Michelin team anonymously visit, review and rate each establishment multiple times. The company inspectors evaluate their meals based on quality, techniques, the chef's personal representation, flavor harmony and consistency between visits. Inspectors do not rate the restaurant facility or décor. Getting a Michelin star is an honor. Here is the rating system from guide.michelin.com:

හි - High-quality cooking, worth a stop! හිහි - Excellent cooking, worth a detour! හිහිහි - Exceptional cuisine, worth a special journey!

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## THREE-STAR RESTAURANTS IN GERMANY జంజా

There are two three-star restaurants roughly an hour and a half from Stuttgart.

Both are near the village of Baiersbronn, deep in the heart of Germany's Black Forest (Schwarzwald). This area has numerous hiking huts (Wanderhütten) open year-round that are known for their eateries. The region prides itself in producing high-quality local foods such as a regional trout, forest honey, lamb specialties and goat cheeses.

The Michelin guide raves about chef Claus-Peter Lumpp at **Restaurant Bareiss**, whose classic French cuisine earns this restaurant three stars. Set menus offer diners multicourse experiences that include plates such as local roe deer, veal, vegetarian options and choices from the cheese and dessert trolleys. The unpretentious, but chic dining room is situated inside a 5-star hotel of the same name that offers gastronomic packages.

For modern cuisine in a historical setting, the **Schwarzwaldstube's** chef Torsten Michel takes pride in re-inventing local and seasonal classics. Three menus offer a wide variety of plates, from Wagyu beef with lotus to braised lamb or forest mushrooms for vegetarian palates. As a bonus, the restaurant has a beautiful view of the valley, and is situated in the upscale Traube Tonbach hotel.

Within two hours of the Kaiserslautern Military Community or Wiesbaden, and even nearer to Baumholder or Spangdahlem are three restaurants with top Michelin ratings.

All are in close proximity to the Mosel River as it courses through German vineyards past castles and quaint towns. This area is known for its incredible rieslings; winery tours and vinotheks with tastings abound.

The **Schanz** restaurant is modestly tucked behind the associated small family-run hotel in the town of Piesport along the middle Mosel. Offering four- to seven-course menus and á la carte selections, chef Thomas Schanz's modern cuisine features unique offerings like merluza fish with papaya and mint, local venison and a signature truffle egg.

If you prefer a restaurant with a more traditional approach, the **Sonnora** in Dreis offers classic French cuisine in an elegant forest hotel with a country-estate feel. Here, chef Clemens Rambichler prepares ageless plates with a modern twist like the langoustines with mango sauce or a beef fillet tartare with caviar. For something completely different, head south to the town of Perl where chef Christian Bau blends French and Japanese cuisine at **Victor's Fine Dining**. His set menu "Paris – Tokio" has twelve plates with creative dishes like a Portuguese bonito fish with Japanese rice and Korean kimchi or the coconut yuzu ice cream. The restaurant's modern décor contrasts with its location inside an old castle on the grounds of the Victor's Hotel.

Bavaria boasts two restaurants with Michelin three-star ratings. Both are about two to three hours from most USAG Bavaria or USAG Ansbach installations.

The first restaurant, called **JAN** (pronounced yawn), offers modern, creative cuisine in the heart of Munich. Set in the middle of the Kunstareal (art district), JAN is near some of Munich's most well-known museums and historic architecture. Chef Jan Hartwig works in a 'laboratory of love' instead of a kitchen and produces a set tasting menu with regionally-sourced, unique seasonal plates like a foie gras wonton or caviar with mushroom flan.

If you find yourself further south, the **Es:senz** restaurant in Grassau also offers modern cuisine. Chef Edip Sigl presents two set menus; one is focused on the produce from the local Chiemgau region while the other has international fare. Both menus have dishes that blend strong flavors, such as the wagyu with paprika and sour cream or the blue cheese with rhubarb. The restaurant has an upscale rustic charm and is set in Das Achental resort where special dine-andstay packages are offered.

You will have to travel to the north of Germany, for the final three top-rated Michelin restaurants.

**The Aqua**, in the Ritz-Carlton hotel adjacent to Volkswagen's Autostadt in Wolfsburg, turns car factory visits into modern gourmet experiences. In Berlin, the modern moody **Rutz** has a 'Berlin-Size-Menu' for those new to gourmet eating. Lastly, **The Table** in Hamburg plays to the city's port history with an eclectic international menu and a unique open kitchen and group seating concept.

Whether you are a die-hard foodie, new to the gourmet scene or looking for the perfect spot for an extraordinary evening out, Germany has a three-star Michelin restaurant waiting for your reservation.

















## WHAT TO EXPECT

Visiting a three-star restaurant may seem a little intimidating. Here are some tips to help you feel a bit more prepared.

- Visiting a fine dining establishment is not just about having a meal. It is very much a place where food is created as an experience or performance art, with the chef being the star of the show.
- Make a reservation well in advance; this may be from one week to two months, depending on the popularity. Many offer web bookings. Some will require a deposit. Specify dietary needs or allergies at the time of booking.
- Dress respectfully, as you are there to appreciate the chef's artistry. Semi-formal or smart casual attire is expected.
- Menus are small. There will be one to three 'tasting' menus of select dishes that are presented in a particular order established by the chef. They can be from five to twelve courses made of small servings.
- It is possible to book single dishes á la carte, but that is not the typical experience.
- Expect attentive service. Staff will likely describe each dish to you as they are brought out, one at time. New plates and silverware will be set for each course.
- There may be a cheese or dessert trolley. A specialist will describe the options and you may make your selections.
- Questions are welcome! They don't expect you to know what all the foods are.
- Take your time! The experience may take three to four hours.
- Estimate costs between €275 and €400 per person for a tasting menu at one of the German restaurants listed.
- A drink paring of alcoholic beverages is typically an additional cost around €100–€150. Specific wine, cocktails or beers will be selected by a trained sommelier for each course.

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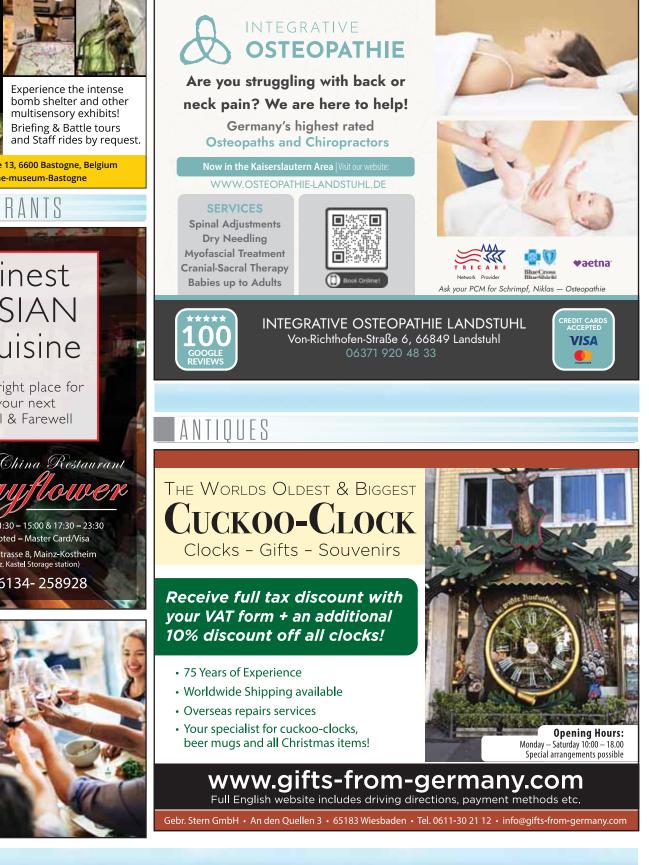
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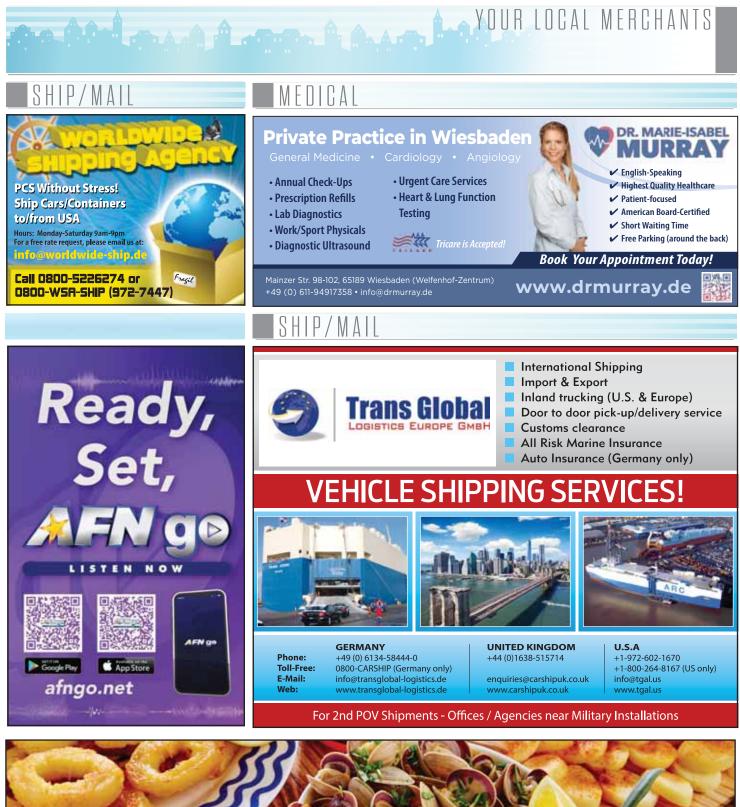
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# along the Red Wine Trail

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**By Karen Bradbury** 

n a sea of world-renowned white wines, Germany's reds often get swallowed up in the mix. That's a shame because many of these varietals are unique and tasty: call to mind Trollingers and Lembergers from Württemberg and Frühburgunders from Franconia.



Another place in Germany where red wine reigns supreme is in the Ahr River Valley, a sun-kissed corner of the Rhineland-Palatinate's northern reaches. The 55-mile long Ahr is a lefthand tributary of the Rhine, into which it flows some 16 miles south of Bonn. Downstream from the village of Altenahr, steep vineyards yielding predominantly Spätburgunder grapes, known better outside Germany as Pinot Noirs, dot the rugged, slate-hilled landscape.

While many of the Ahr wines are truly impressive, adventurers might find themselves even more bowled over by the scenery than the grape juice.

Those with time on their hands could opt for the AhrSteig, a 67-mile, long-distance trail that runs between Blankenheim, the river's source in the Eifel hills, and Sinzig, by the Rhine. For those with just two days to devote to hiking, the Rotweinwanderweg, or Red Wine Hiking Trail, will deliver the most punch per mile. The stretch between Altenahr and Dernau is considered the prettiest part of the trail.

The trail marked by signposts of red grapes on a white background runs for 22 miles through the Ahr valley's most important wine-growing areas. The vibrant colors of autumn make the trail a popular destination in September and October, but any time of year, it's never short on charm. The many wine taverns found directly along the route or by means of a quick detour add to its appeal. For practical purposes, the trail is divided into five stages, each starting and ending at interconnected train stations. Each stage can be done as its own individual hike. Upon return, a cycle trail running alongside the river offers a change of scenery without all those steep ups and downs-just hopping the train back is another option. The trail is graded as easy to medium difficulty, and proper hiking shoes are a must.

### ) Altenahr – Mayschoss (2.5 miles, 1.5 hours walking)

From the Altenahr train station, cross the river and carry along the highway until a left hand turn leads to a road named Rossberg and begin the ascent. Soon after, the trailhead juts from the right, between two houses. Already, there's a detour here worth taking. A slate-strewn path leads to what remains of Burg Are. The castle, in ruins since 1714, once served as a state prison of the archbishops of Cologne. From here, the trail winds through steep vineyards and mixed forest. The Ümerich viewpoint offers an impressive panorama of Mayschoss and the river valley below.

### **Mayschoss – Rech** (2.5 miles, 1.5 hours walking)

From Mayschoss train station, cross over and cut between the two buildings belonging to the winegrower's cooperative and follow the markers indicating the direction of Ahrweiler. Consider a break at the Michaelishof, a wine tavern with a spacious garden. Back on the trail, the ruins of the Saffenburg, the oldest fortification along the Ahr, come into view. A path through the vineyard leads down to the Rech train station.

### **Rech – Dernau** (2 miles, 1 hour walking)

Behind the station, cross the small railway bridge and begin your ascent to a small woods, where you'll find the "Mosesquelle," a small spring. According to legend, knock your walking stick upon it, and red wine shall flow. A bit further on, a row of benches makes the ideal spot to break into that bottle of wine weighing down your backpack. Cross through another vineyard and you'll find yourself in Dernau, a town with many "Straußwirtschafte," a special type of wine tavern that's only open at certain times of the year. If there's one serving on the day of your visit, don't miss it.

### **Dernau - Ahrweiler** (4.5 miles, 2 hours walking)

The path picks up again by the church and leads up a steep slope to the Marienthal, home to Augustinian nuns for nearly 800 years and nowadays a modern wine estate. The next diversions are an observation tower and a pair of wine terraces. Above the town of Walporzheim, at the "Bunte Kuh" cliff, is a rock formation resembling the head of a cow. Another curiosity around these parts is a government-owned bunker that was meant to be used in the event of a nuclear war. Pass a hotel and the high ropes course before entering Ahrweiler through the impressive stone Adenbach gate.

### Ahrweiler - Bad Bodendorf (8 miles, 3 - 4 hours walking)

Pass the high ropes course again and make way to a staircase next to the remains of an old bridge and past the "Ahrweiler Rosenthal" vineyards, reputed to produce some of the Ahr's best wines. The previously narrow valley opens up as the large town of Bad Neuenahr draws near. Between Heppingen and Heimersheim, the massive bridge of the A61 highway cuts through by the Apollinaris spring. The last highlight on this stretch are the ruins of the Landskrone, a 12th century castle. Medieval villages, castle ruins, stunning nature and world-class wines: the Red Wine Hiking Trail delivers everything that makes Germany such a hiker's paradise. Care to explore virtually before the big day arrives? The Der-rotweinwanderweg website features videos sure to spark your wanderlust.



By Katie Wells

s summer comes to an end, so does lavender season. Lavender grows abundantly in Germany, often right in your yard. It is native to European mountainous zones and attracts many types of pollinators. Bumblebees in particular love lavender. So much so, that you can catch them sleeping on it during cool, dewy mornings. There are many things lavender can be used for: calming tea, salves, syrup, sugar, candles and beauty products, just to name a few. Here is one fun and easy recipe to try. Just be sure to leave some flowers for the local bumblebees.



### **TIPS FOR HARVESTING**

- Harvest early in the season when the flowers first start to bloom for a light and mild scent, and harvest towards the end of the season for a strong, bold fragrance.
- Harvest earlier in the morning when it is still cool. The oil in the flowers will be more aromatic.
- Using sharp sheers or scissors, cut the stems about two inches from the woody part of the plant. This will ensure more growth and blooms. Cutting at a 45-degree angle will also help the plant drain water and prevent diseases and mold.

### **LAVENDER SUGAR RECIPE**

An easy and beautiful use for lavender is to infuse it with sugar. The flowers are edible and, mixed with sugar, they look beautiful on top of muffins, scones and tea cookies.

#### 1 tablespoon dried lavender

#### 2 cups granulated sugar

**Step One:** In a food processor add the dried lavender and blend it for 10–15 seconds.

**Step Two:** Add in one cup of the granulated sugar and blend with the lavender for 20 seconds. This infuses the sugar with the lavender oil.

**Step Three:** In a separate bowl, gently whisk or mix the rest of the sugar into the mixture.

**Step Four:** Pour into a mason jar or smaller glass bottles to store or give as gifts.

**Tip:** Save a few un-chopped lavender buds and mix them into the sugar at the end for a prettier infusion. Or sprinkle the top with larger pieces of the lavender as a pretty garnish.



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