LORSCH – DISCOVER AND ENJOY

FOOD & DRINK
Enjoy regional and seasonal cuisine in a wide variety of restaurants on the market square or in front of the Königshalle (King’s Hall), in the shade of ancient, half-timbered houses or in atmospheric vaulted cellars. Lorsch even has its own brewery! Delicious local wines and regional dishes ensure that any dining experience is complete.

TIP Discover the ‘Schwerinsteam’ – a romantic food experience served between four of the best restaurants on the town square! KULTour@lorsch.de

RECOMMENDATION FOR FOODES: The Säuße Werkstatt’s herb dishes, inspired by the Lorsch Pharmacopoeia | Romerstraße 8 | www.sauzeewerkstatt.de

SHOPPING
A stroll around the town centre will give you the chance to buy unique souvenirs, local handicrafts and original souvenirs. Discover the variety of Lorsch products at your leisure.

OUR TIP Quite a few of the smallest, friendly shops in the town centre stock upmarket products, many of which are locally produced.

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WE RECOMMEND A RELAXED LUNCH IN ONE OF THE RESTAURANTS IN THE CENTRE OF LORSCH.

YOUR DAY IN LORSCH

EXPLORE THE MONASTERY, PAST AND PRESENT
Once you have arrived in Lorsch, start off by visiting the UNESCO World Heritage Site Lorsch Abbey. It’s a good idea to plan in one of the regular guided tours of the monastery. The Museum Centre provides information on the monastery’s origins and history. Learn more about the importance of this medieval Imperial Monastery by visiting the famous Königshalle (King’s Hall), the monastery mound with church ruins, the Schaudepot Zehntscheune (Exhibition Depot Tithe Barn) and the Herb Garden.

LUNCH IN THE SHADOW OF WORLD HERITAGE
Our recommended lunch in one of the restaurants in the centre of Lorsch. Many also have an outdoor terrace so that you can enjoy the view of the Königshalle (King’s Hall).

VISIT THE FREILICHTLABOR LAURESHAM (LABORATORY FOR EXPERIMENTAL ARCHAEOLOGY)
In the afternoon, take a guided tour in the Freilichtlabor Lauresham. Immerse yourself in the everyday lives of those who lived at the time of Charlemagne, before continuing your journey through history, past the Absumunter Monastery and the Tobacco Barn.

TIP Use one of the bicycles from the World Heritage Fleet for your discovery tour.

A SOWENIER FROM LORSCH
A stroll through the town, sampling regional specialities such as herb truffles and Lorscher Weißbrot, is the perfect way to round off your day.

ABBEY SITES, AUROCHS
Did you know that there are three abbey sites in Lorsch? Or that we are breeding back the aurochs, characteristic to the local landscape, on vast year-round pastures here? Our World Heritage bikes allow you to discover the abbey sites and the aurochs along flat, tarmac paths. A ticket to the Museums Centre includes free bike hire. Contact us to find out more!

INFO www.megatherbrennen.de | Tel. +49 62651 17526-0

TOBACCO CURING SHED
The shed in which tobacco used to be cured 30 years ago was converted into a museum in 2017. Adjacent to Lorsch’s only (re-)cultivated tobacco field, the shed is filled with a large number of original tools, media displays and historical photos – not to mention tobacco – resulting in a highly interesting and informative exhibition open March–October with a guided tour.

TIP Open all year round, the Museumszentrum (Museum Centre) also houses the Museum of Tobacco Production and the Culture of Smoking, making Lorsch home to one of the largest tobacco museums in Europe. Don’t forget to ask for a Luma Brazil!

TIP For full details about tobacco-related guided tours and workshops, please contact info@nibelungenland.net | Tel. +49 62651 17526-0

SAMPLE WINE WITH A CHAMPION WINE-GROWER
Enjoy the wonderful experience of an exclusive wine-tasting. Sample a wide variety of wines amidst the vineyards or enjoy an unforgettable encounter with wine at the heart of the countryside.

INFO Christine Guth | Tel. +49 62651 860 975 | www.cg-wein.de

HEPPENHEIM
Heppenheim, famous for its wine and festivals, is characterised by medieval half-timbered houses, romantic alleys and idyllic squares.

STARKBURG CASTLE TOWERS HIGH ABOVE THE TOWN.

INFO Tourist-Information Heppenheim | Tel. +49 62652 131 171 www.heppenheim.de

ROMAN TOWN OF LAUDENBURG
This ancient Roman settlement has a well-preserved historical old town.

TIP Take a journey back in time through two centuries full of history, culture and romance.

INFO Town Information | Dr.-Carl-Benz-Platz 1 | 68526 Ladenburg Tel. +49 6252 131 171 www.ladenburg.de

FELSENMEINER (SEA OF ROCKS)
Legend tells us that two giants quarried here and hurled large granite stones into the sea, which now form a ‘sea’ of rocks surrounded by beech trees in the heart of the UNESCO Geo-Naturpark Bergstraße-Odenwald at Buchenbach. Come and marvel at this magical stone landscape, popular among climbers of all ages.

INFO Seltenmaersennweg 59 | 64646 Laudenbach | www.felsenmeiner.org

DISCOVER THE SURROUNDING AREA

JOURNEY INTO THE CAROLINGIAN AGE

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LORSCH ABBEY UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE

RAPID RISE TO IMPERIAL MONASTERY

Originally founded in 764 by the Rupert family of Frankish Counts, the monastery’s economic rise commenced with the transfer of the St. Nazarius relic from Rome to Lorsch in 765. Within only a few decades, the monastery’s possessions included gifts to Saint Nazarius originating from throughout the empire. From the North Sea Coast to Graubünden. In 772, the Abbey was assigned to Charlemagne, who brought it under his protection and granted immunity. Lorsch thus became an Imperial Monastery and was protected from the greed of its neighbouring bishops and counts. This privilege lasted until 1232, when the monastery fell to the archbishopric Mainz, which expelled the Benedictines. The latter were initially replaced by Cistercians and then, shortly afterwards, by Premonstratensians.

HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL IMPORTANCE

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THEMED WEEKENDS

Special themed days and weekends are held throughout the year at the Freilichtlabor Lauresham, focusing on the everyday lives of people in the Early Middle Ages. Visitors can gain an insight into the skills and inventions of our forefathers and the circumstances and events that shaped their lives. They can learn more about handicrafts, animal husbandry, hunting and the lives of people and animals at night. Presentations are always based on the latest research findings. The museum’s hands-on activities are fun and educational for the entire family.

Lauresham is open every day except Mondays from the middle of March to the end of October. Outside of themed weekends, the site can only be visited as part of a guided tour.

ALTEMNÜSTEN ABBEY

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AWARD-WINNING MUSEUM EDUCATION

Lorsch Abbey was awarded a prize by the German UNESCO Commission for the museum’s pedagogical services. The museum hosts a diverse programme of activities for children and adults who want to learn more about life in the Carolingian period both inside and outside a monastery. Activities include writing with goose feathers, medieval metal casting, and mystery reading nights.

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