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## HOST NATION COUNCIL – AN INITIATIVE FOR US CITIZENS IN THE REGION

In 1953 this region gained a very important institution:  
Spangdahlem Air Base!

What an enormous new experience for the people in  
the Eifel!

Although, first rather cautious, people in the Eifel  
soon developed a certain curiosity towards these  
new neighbours coming from an entirely different  
part of the world. Soon their culture, their customs  
and courtesies were very much appreciated and had  
more and more a formative influence on the life of the  
Eifel citizens thus presenting a mutual enrichment for  
both nations, which again resulted in a unique and  
harmonious living together.

Numerous friendships are being maintained ever since,  
and the local people cannot imagine a life without  
their American neighbours and all these close bonds  
and ties.



*Foundation Ceremony*

We would like to consider this wonderful German-  
American relationship as indispensable for both na-  
tions.

And when Spangdahlem Air Base celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup>  
anniversary in 2003 German political, economical and  
social representatives took advantage of this opportu-  
nity and realized a long cherished desire: Foundation  
of the **Host Nation Council**.

With this foundation, the Host Nation Council wanted  
to enhance the already existing strong support for all  
American neighbours, underline the importance of the  
local US Forces presence and stress the significant  
meaning of our friendship. We are striving for the Eifel  
to become your 'Home away from Home'. And last,  
but not least, the Council's foundation is to serve as a  
sign of gratitude for over 50 years of liberty, freedom  
and democracy, guaranteed by the US leadership and  
its service members.

The Council's chairman and head of the Board is  
**Jan Niewodniczanski** with **Michael Billen**  
(MdL), member of state Parliament and County  
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*Jan Niewodniczanski*

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*HNC chairman and board of the HNC with Air Force friends in Berlin*



*52 FW Commander Colonel Darryl L. Roberson and German Minister of Defence Franz-Josef Jung*

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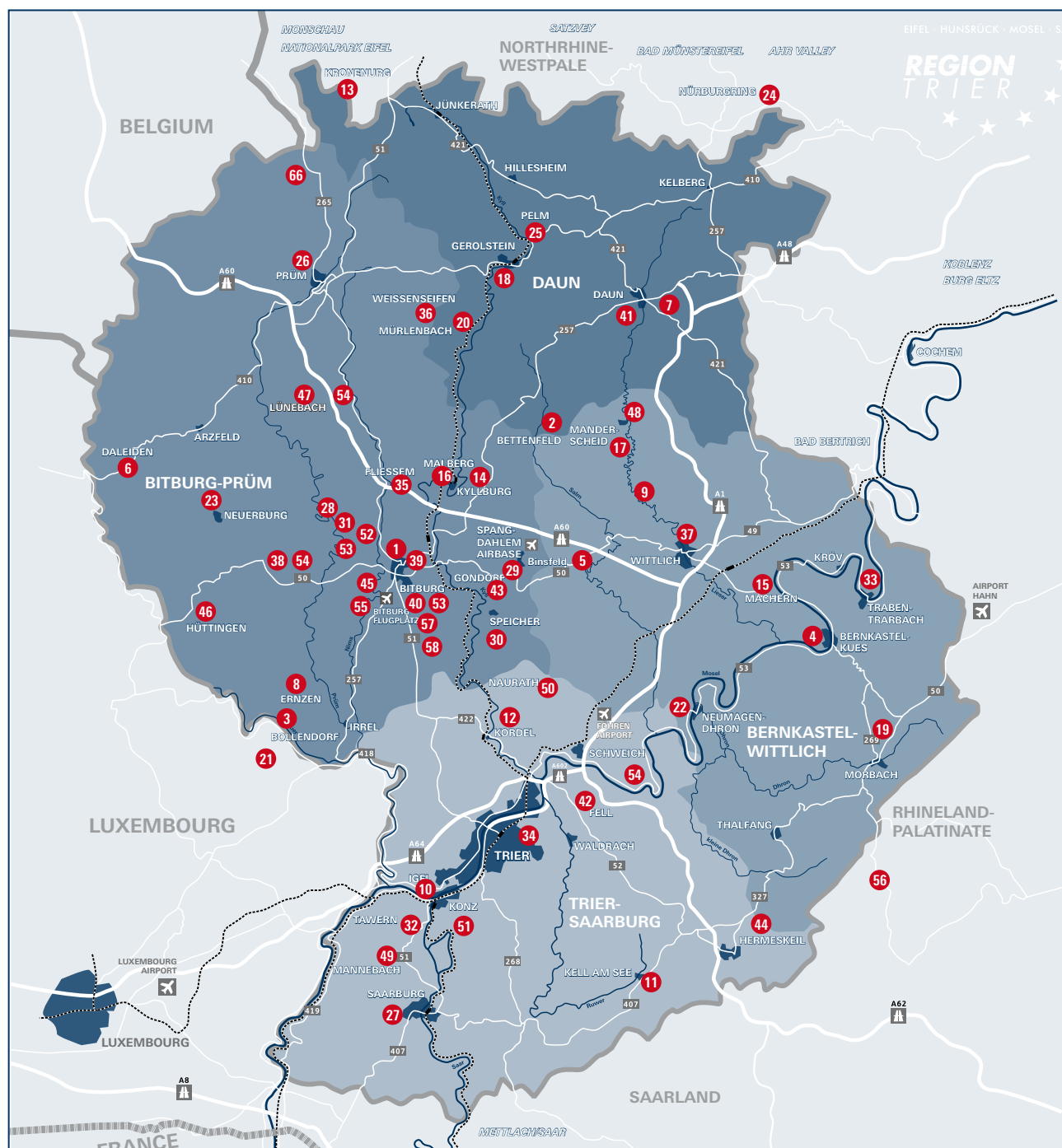
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## HISTORY, TOWN & NATURE

### BITBURG: THE BEER TOWN IN THE EIFEL

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Bitburg's beginnings were very humble. Nearly two thousand years ago, a Heerstrasse (a Roman Military Road that went from Lyon, France, then to Metz, Trier on to Köln) came into being. On their way from Trier to Köln the Roman Army was able to march approximately thirty kilometres in a day. As a result, Bitburg served as their first resting station and thus, became a small Roman fortress. As the Roman Empire expanded, the fortress flourished into a centre of handcrafts and trade.

The Bitburg City-Hall (Background: The Townhall)  
© Bildarchiv Stadt Bitburg

Throughout its history, Bitburg has often been a casualty of war and suffered horrendously with the most horrible event occurring on Christmas Eve in 1944. Artillery shelling and bombing raids from the Allies destroyed nearly 90% of the town. It was concluded in German military reports that Bitburg was a

"tote Stadt", a dead city. Despite all of this, the citizens of Bitburg have ceaselessly proven their fortitude and gallantry and have continually managed to re-establish and restore their city. These reasons account for the development of the modern Bitburg.



"Haus Beda" is located at the "Beda" parking lot between the County Community Bank and the "Volksbank". It was founded in 1976 by Dr. Hanns Simon, who was a **senior partner** of the **Bitburg Brewery**.

Haus Beda is Bitburg's beautiful Cultural Center with a picture gallery of Fritz von Wille, a very famous German painter. Worthwhile visiting is the banqueting hall, where concerts and other exclusive events take place. Also part of the "Beda Foundation" is a well assorted library with over 50.000 pieces of literature.



Haus Beda – the house of culture



Part of Bitburgs "Oldtown"

Bitburg has always had a military presence all through its history. After WW II, the French and the Luxembourg had military control of the area. In 1955, Luxembourg withdrew. After the arrival of the 53rd Fighter-Bomber Squadron and the 36th Fighter-Bomber Wing from Fürstenfeldbruck AB near Munich, Bitburg became an official American military installation in September 1952. There was a time where the sum of NATO forces and their family members outnumbered the local populace. In 1985, the French closed down their garrison and handed their detachment to the Americans providing them with very much needed space. With the fall of the Berlin Wall and Base Realignment and Closure Act, Bitburg was one of the many military bases to be closed. ▶

In September 1994, after 42 years, Bitburg Air Base closed its gates ... and thus, the ending of an era. The sight of the former air base is still referred to by the locals as "Flugplatz".



Bitburg is also the district seat of the Bitburg-Prüm County. It is often regarded as an 'Eifel town with international flair'. Ever since its 1250 year anniversary in 1965, Bitburg hosts the European Folklore Festival. This festivity, which takes place every second weekend in July, has become one of the most famous Folklore festivals within Germany.

## BETTENFELD: MOSENBERGKOMPLEX

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Windsborn Crater Lake is the only real crater lake north of the Alps. A quiet, circular lake surrounded by forest and overshadowed by the bizarre slag rings of Mosenberg, it has been dominated for 24000 years. Take time to linger around one of the footbridges and take in the beauty of the area. Situated next to Windsborn is the swampy inaccessible Hinkelsmaar. A massive lava explosion formed Mosenberg massif into the Kyll Valley. Horngraben (trenches) is particularly wild and rugged, covered with countless craggy basalt boulders.

*Information: Maarmuseum Manderscheid,  
Tel. 06572-920110, [www.maarmuseum.de](http://www.maarmuseum.de)  
(Distance from Spangdahlem 20 km)*

## BOLLENDORF: SCHLOSS WEILERBACH

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Close to the German-Luxembourg border, Schloss Weilerbach has proven itself to be an artistic gem. After heavy war damage, the small, baroque castle was restored from 1986-1996. The impressive grounds include a large-scale baroque garden with a garden house in which one may get married. Products of



Weilerbachs disused ironworks are presented in the museum café, 'The Remise'. Beautiful hiking trails invite you to explore the area. Within a short distance one can view remains of a Roman villa.

*Information: 06561-154270*

*(Distance from Spangdahlem 45 km)*

## BERNKASTEL-KUES



Bernkastel-Kues is considered to be one of the favorite excursions on the Mosel Valley. Every year, visitors from all over the world come to the 'International Town of Wine' to relax and unwind. Situated on both sides of the Mosel, Bernkastel is surrounded by its famous slate covered vineyards, known worldwide to produce some of the best wines. Overlooking Bernkastel are the ruins of Landshut Castle. The narrow alleyways invite one to stroll through its rich history, closely associated with pleasure and viticulture for more than 2000 years. Stroll through the beautiful square with its proud half-timbered buildings which cannot be found elsewhere on the Mosel.

*Tourist Information: 06531-500190, <https://en.bernkastel.de/>*

*(Distance from Spangdahlem 40 km)*

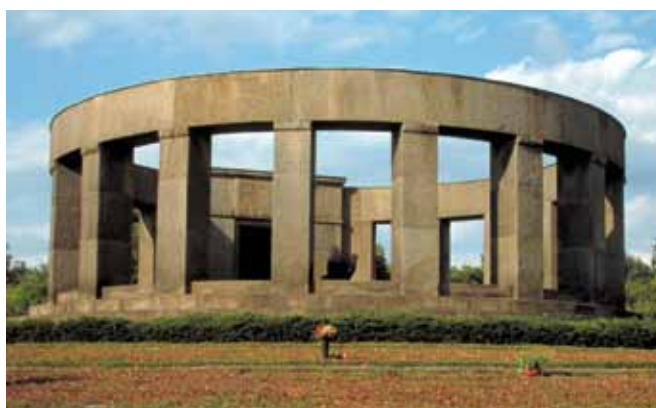
## BINSFELD



The town of Binsfeld borders at south and south-east directly on Spangdahlem Air Base. Binsfeld was first mentioned in the year of 844, thus, looks back on 1167 years of history. Binsfeld was at that time owned by the prince elector of Trier and, until the end of the 17th century, an important postal station between Brussels and Vienna. Between 1900 and 1965 the town was connected to the German railway system and connected Binsfeld with the town of Philippsheim. Proving this is the restored narrow gage engine, now serving as a monument of that time. It is displayed close to the Binsfeld traffic circle.



## DALEIDEN



One of the largest war graves in Rhineland-Palatinate is in Daleiden near the Luxembourg border. This large memorial is reminiscent of the numerous victims of the Second World War, whose deaths took place during the Battle of the Bulge. A total of 3224 soldiers are buried here.

In the nursery, 'Orchidarium Schronen', countless various orchids are exhibited. Orchidarium offers a café and – although many kilometres away from the alps – the Alpine Garden is an impressive mountainous landscape with streams, rocks and emulated with rare Alpine plants. The best time to come is in the late spring when the unique flowering occurs.

## THE DAUN MAARS



Nature awaits the numerous visitors in the Vulkaneifel, a journey through the multifaceted landscape is indeed worth a visit. The dominate form of volcanism in the Eifel are the Maars (crater lakes), which were created by huge volcanic steam explosions when the lava came into contact with ground water. The Dauner Maars include Gemündener Maar, the Weinfelder Maar and the Schalkenmehrener Maar. The last two Maars are in a protected area equipped with hiking trails and educational boards. The Gemündener Maar also functions as a natural swimming pool. Spend hot summer days in the lush green forest on the water. Anyone who wants to see the Vulkaneifel from a bird's perspective may do so at the Daun-Senheld Airfield. Next to Weinfelder Maar is a small airfield for sailing and sports aircraft, where sightseeing flights over the Maars, Mosel or Nürburgring can be booked. The Pulver Maar with Gill's field is the deepest in the Eifel. In summer, the Maar becomes a swimming pool and the refreshment stands assure that one also be cooled on the inside. A boat rental is also available on the premises.

<https://www.eifel.info/en/nature/volcanicity-in-the-eifel>  
(Distance from Spangdahlem 45 km)

## ERNZEN: THE DEVIL'S GORGES

Towards the end of the last ice age, the change from frost and dew formed a bizarre rock formation. A large sandstone block was tipped from the plateau wall and opened a 28-metre deep rock column, the Devil's Gorge. The bizarre rock formations impress everyone who has gone through it once.

The Devil's Canyon on the Ferschweiler Plateau is one of the most beautiful regions of the migrant Eifel. The nature exploration station consists of several parts: the nature pond, the visitor centre, the beekeepers house.



*Further information:*  
*Naturerkundungsstation Teufelsschlucht,*  
*Ferschweiler Straße, 54668 Ernzen,*  
*Tel. 06525-933930, [www.teufelsschlucht.de](http://www.teufelsschlucht.de)*  
(Distance from Spangdahlem 40 km)

## HIMMEROD ABBEY



As he wandered through the Eifel more than 900 years ago, the French abbot St. Bernard of Clairvaux was captivated by the tranquillity of the Salm Valley. As a result, Himmerod Abbey was the first Cistercian monastery founded on German soil by Clairvaux. The Cistercian monks brought the surrounding area to its prosperity by operating fish farming and viticulture. Numerous calligraphic treasures were created here and a major library had been established. During Napoleon's occupation, the entire monastery complex was destroyed and what was once an elegant church served as a quarry. The abbey, with its graceful architecture, was rebuilt from 1937-1959 according to original plans. Today, Himmerod Abbey is part of the European Cultural Heritage, and serves once again as spiritual centre. Upon entering the monastery, visitors will feel the piety and concentration on the essentials.

*Further information:* <https://www.abteihimmerod.de/>  
06575-95130

## IGEL PILLAR AND "GRUTENHÄUSCHEN"



Located amidst the picturesque vineyards west of the Igel Column is locally known as the 'Grutenhäuschen'. Grutenhäuschen is a Roman temple dating back from the 3rd-4th century. It is a burial chamber built over two storeys. It has been fully reconstructed, and the burial chamber is now open to the public.

The 23 metre Igel Pillar was probably built around 250 A.D. by the two brothers Secundinius Aventinus and Secundinius Secunus who were members of a family that had become wealthy through manufacturing and trading textiles. In 1833, the monument was visited by the later Prussian King Frederick William IV who had a fondness towards Roman architecture. Another famous visitor was the French author Victor Hugo who visited when his coach broke down. It is on UNESCO's WHL.



Contact: Tourist-Information Trierer-Land,  
Tel. 06501-602666.  
(Distance from Spangdahlem 60 km)

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## KELL AM SEE

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Kell am See is located in Hunsrück Hochwald. The diverse countryside with numerous natural monuments and a beautiful lake make this region so appealing. Throughout the year various leisure activities such as gliding, horseback riding, cross-country skiing, and more are offered. For music fans, Kell's 'Highway to Kell' featuring non-mainstream bands should not be missed!

<https://hochwald-ferienland.de/?lang=en>  
Touristinformation Hochwald Ferienland,  
Tel. 06589-1044

(Distance from Spangdahlem 70 km)

## KORDEL: BUTZERBACH VALLEY

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A walk through the great Butzerbachtal begins at the most impressive castle ruins of Ramstein Castle. The archaeological circular route starts below the castle, and from there into the Butzerbach valley and waterfalls. Above the valley is a former Roman copper mine dating back to the middle of the second century AD.

Another highlight of the trail Klaus Caverns created through erosion. Not far away is the stronghold on a rocky plateau above the Kyll Valley that once served as a mountain fortress for the Celts. Another attraction is Genovevahöhle (St. Genoveva Cavity).

Tourist-Informationen Tel. 06501-602666,  
<https://www.lux-trier.info/en>  
(Distance from Spangdahlem 25 km)

## KRONENBURG

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The historical city Kronenburg is without doubt one of the most beautiful and picturesque towns in the Eifel. Located on a hilltop high above the Kyll Valley, Kronenburg offers little romantic alleyways, half-timbered houses, castle ruins with walls and historic ensembles. Worth seeing is the late-Gothic Church of St. John the Baptist.

The Kronenburger Lake is heaven for fishers, boaters, windsurfers and swimmers. Surfing is permitted on the entire lake. Paddle boats and rowing boats may be hired.

Not to be missed is the romantic Christmas market on the first Advent weekend.

Tourist-Information Nordeifel Tourismus,  
<https://www.nordeifel-tourismus.de/en/sights-in-the-north-eifel/> Tel. 02441-994570

(Distance from Spangdahlem 65 km)



## KYLLBURG: COLLEGIATE CHURCH

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Kyllburg Collegiate Church is the largest single hall Gothic-styled church north of the Alps. Its central nave has a wingspan of 13.5 meters, a square cloister and numerous gravestones dating from the Middle Ages. Also worth noting is Madonna High on the high altar.

<https://www.eifel-direkt.de/en/a-stiftskirche-kyllburg>  
Tourist Information: 06561-94340  
(Distance from Spangdahlem 15 km)

## MACHERN: KLOSTER MACHERN

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Surrounded by vineyards on the Middle Mosel, the former Cistercian monastery is in an idyllic location on your way from Wittlich to Bernkastel on B50. The monastery complex was restored as recreational facilities. The complex consist of restaurants, wine cabinet, antiques, distillery, brewery, toy museum etc.

The word 'I do' may also be exchanged here.

*Brauhaus Kloster Machern, Tel. 06532-95150*  
<https://www.brauhaus-kloster-machern.de/>  
(Distance from Spangdahlem 35 km)

## MALBERG: MALBERG CASTLE

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Majestic, powerful so crowns the castle the town, from which it acquired its name. In 1990, the palace came into possession of the Kyllburg township. Since then, extensive restoration has been taking place. In 2002, the palace chapel reopened. Completed in 1714, it was the original hall for the Holy Trinity.

The most valuable art possession of the castle, ten valuable baroque statues have found their new home in the castle chapel. The former chapel now serves as an event centre or as place for civil ceremonies.

<https://www.eifel.info/en/a-schloss-malberg>  
Tel. 06561-943417  
(Distance from Spangdahlem 20 km)

## MANDERSCHEID CASTLE <sup>17</sup>



Two castles face each other eye to eye in the Lieser Valley. For many years, the owners of the respective castles were fierce enemies. The distrust amongst the two eventually led to war only a stone's distance apart. Surrounded by dense hardwood forests and lined with the volcanic cliffs, Manderscheid Castle has its annual Medieval Festival on the last weekend in August with fireworks, jugglers, medieval arts and crafts, knights and jousts.

*More information: Tel. 06592-951370*

*<https://www.gesundland-vulkaneifel.de/ausflugsziele/manderscheider-burgen/>*

*(Distance from Spangdahlem 20 km)*

## MINERAL WATER <sup>18</sup>

Mineral water is a liquid treasure of the Eifel. No region of Germany produces more mineral water than the Eifel. It is the Germans' favourite drink preferred to even before coffee and beer. Especially recommended are the source locations of Gerolstein, Daun and Dreis. All these springs are in the Vulkaneifel (Volcanic Eifel) and due to its strong geological and mineral foundation, it guarantees an excellent quality of water. One of the most popular is "Gerolsteiner" and has its headquarters in Gerolstein in Vulkaneifel. It is also possible to tour the bottling plant.



*Information: Gerolsteiner Brunnen GmbH & Co. KG, Tel. 06591-9114238 <https://www.gerolsteiner.de/en/>*

## MORBACH-WEDERATH: ARCHAEOLOGICAL BELGINUM <sup>19</sup>



Vicus Belginum is located on a trunk road between Trier and Mainz. Not only is Roman life being unearthed but also the temple districts and a burial ground with more than 2,500 burials. The museum gives vivid insight into the lives of the Celts and Romans. Special exhibitions and an extensive program invite visitors to linger and explore.

*Audio guides are also available in English.*

*[www.belginum.de](http://www.belginum.de)*

*(Distance from Spangdahlem 50 km)*

## MÜRLENBACH: BERTRADABURG <sup>20</sup>



During the eighth century, the mother of Emperor Charles the Great, Bertrada was said to have lived here. Whether Charles the Great was actually born in Mürlenbach will most likely remain uncertain. Bertrada Castle was restored in the 13th Century, and was equipped with numerous fire places – an unheard of luxury at this time. After extensive restoration work in recent years, the castle now holds apartments and a wine cellar. Regular tours are also available.

*Info at Tourist Info Gerolsteiner, Tel. 06591-133100, <https://www.eifel.info/en/a-bertradaburg-2>*

*(Distance from Spangdahlem 35 km)*

## MÜLLER VALLEY IN LUXEMBOURG



© by Vincent de Groot

Mullerthal at Echternach near the German-Luxembourg border is a remarkable rocky region – better known locally as 'little Switzerland'. The interplay of bizarre sandstone rocks, water, forest, and a variety of flora offers the best settings for walking, hiking or climbing. Many hiking trails lead into the woods and through the gorges and caves of the rocky landscape.

*Information:* <https://www.mullerthal.lu/en>  
(Distance from Spangdahlem 55 km)

## NEUMAGEN-DHRON



[www.neumagener-weinschiff.de](http://www.neumagener-weinschiff.de)

Neumagen-Dhron has one of the oldest vineyards in Germany. During the Roman Empire, wine was already being produced here. Every year, many visitors come here to the many Straußwirtschaften and wine cellars.

*Tourist Info:* Tel. 06507-6555 and [https://www.neumagen-dhron.de/index.php?p=&lang\\_key=en](https://www.neumagen-dhron.de/index.php?p=&lang_key=en)  
(Distance from Spangdahlem 50 km)

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## NEUERBURG

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Located in the picturesque valley of the Enz, is the architecturally notable town of Neuerburg. It was granted its town charter in 1332. This charming town is particularly characterized through its monuments, such as the Gothic parish church. Many old houses contribute to the romantic idyll of the city. East of Neuerburg is the Kreuzkappelle (Cross Chapel), a charming chapel with beautiful Rococo architecture. Enthroning the town is Neuerburg Castle which is one of the best-preserved castles in the Eifel. It now houses a Youth Hostel. In summer many guests go to cool off at Aqua Fun.

*More info:* Tourist Info Tel 06525-933930 and <https://www.neuerburg-eifel.de>  
(Distance from Spangdahlem: 48 km)

## NÜRBURGRING

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It is one of the most famous racetracks in the world: The Nürburgring. Legendary to its name, the north loop demands all that the driver has to give more so than any other track. Nürburgring has provided material for countless books, bold headlines and fascinating, sometimes even amazing, but also very tragic stories. Throughout the years, the Ring has been developed into one of the most modern and safest tracks in the world.

However, Nürburgring is much more than just a race track with a great tradition. Aside from the numerous racing events, music and other mass sports events take place making the 'Ring' today, a multi-functional recreational center. Nürburgring is also home to one of the largest rock festivals in the world, the 'Rock am Ring'. Since 1985, a number of renowned international artists jam at this festival every year and attract countless visitors in the Eifel. There is also a wide variety of attractions for fans of motor sports offer.

*More information: Tel. 02691-302630  
<https://www.nuerburgring.de/en/home.html>,  
 (Distance from Spangdahlem 70 km)*

## PELM: ADLER- UND WOLFSPARK KASSELBURG

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Surrounded by meadows and fields is the Eagle and Wolf Park at Kasselburg. Around the historic castle are wolves, wild boar, birds of prey and other animals. The tower of the castle dates back from the 12th century and provides a splendid panoramic view of the park and the surrounding area. It also provides the room needed for many bird shows.



With the castle as a backdrop, flight demonstrations with eagles, falcons, vultures and Milanen take place. The wolf's gorge is connected directly to the castle located in the forests. Once a day, a public wolf feeding is demonstrated.

*<https://greifenwarte.net/wolfspark-kasselburg/>,  
 Tel : Tourist Info 06591-138082*

## PRÜM

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Emperor Lothar, grandson of Charlemagne turned to his favourite monastery as a place of rest. He died in Prüm, in 855. Today, his remains are in the sarcophagus to the right of the high altar in the St Salvator Basilica. The adjacent abbey is also very historical. In 893, Prüm Urbar was created, one of the oldest legal documents in Germany listing all the property belonging to the Abbey of Prüm. The historical building is now used as a school. The Basilica is one of the most popular churches in the Eifel.

*Information: Tourist Information Prümer Land  
 Tel. 06551-505 and <https://www.stadtpruem.de/>*



On the outskirts of Prüm is an outdoor sculpture park where art and craft are in harmony with nature.

*Information: Tel. 06551-981638,  
<https://www.skulpturenpark-kruft.de/?L=1>  
 (Distance from Spangdahlem 45 km)*

## REGIONALMARKE EIFEL



Have you ever wondered how the Eifel would taste? High quality regional products bear the name 'EIFEL' allowing one to give its palate a taste of the Eifel. Look out for products such as ham, honey, mineral water, juice, cheese etc bearing the Eifel logo and you can be assured you are getting top quality products. ■

## RIDING THE RAIL

Germany has a fantastic rail network connecting all German cities and its neighbouring countries. Taking the train is a relaxing way to see the German countryside particularly when you have children. Purchasing the special tariff tickets and planning in advance is the best way to take advantage of the German Rail's low prices. <https://www.bahn.com/en/view/index.shtml> ■

## SAARBURG 27

The town of Saarburg lies in the bend of the Saar River and it is surrounded by vineyards and verdant forests. The town's landmark is the castle dating back to 964 which overlooks the valley.



The main attraction inside the city is a waterfall, cascading over rocks and then plunges more than twenty meters in the depth. The city has many crooked narrow streets with numerous small bridges. Even the small fishing houses in the Old City are very picturesque. In addition, the city offers extensive leisure facilities including boat tours, bob sledge, an extensive culinary delights and of course a wealth of excellent Riesling wine.

*Information: Tourist Information Saarburg,  
Graf-Siegfried-Straße 32, 54439 Saarburg,  
Tel. 06581-995980, [www.saar-obermosel.de](http://www.saar-obermosel.de)  
(Distance from Spangdahlem 75 km)* ■

## SCHLOSS HAMM 28



Mentioned as early as 1052, this late medieval castle fortress dates mainly from the fourteenth century. The four-storey main-house dating back from the fourteenth century was nearly destroyed in 1945 when SS soldiers set fire to the building. Only parts of the façade and the stair tower remained. Located in Hamm, north-west of Bitburg, it is the largest privately inhabited castle in the Eifel. The castle's woods are also available for off-road-drives. Planning a special event? Begin with a champagne reception in the castle courtyard, then continue on to celebrate your birthday or anniversary in the banquet hall, exchange your vows or have your child christened in the Baroque chapel, which dates back from the 1700s. All this and more can completely be arranged and organized by the Schloss-Hamm Team thus freeing you of hassles and leaving you more time to enjoy yourself and your guests. Ever wonder what it would be like to sleep in a castle? Two holiday flats are available for hire. Guided tours are available upon request only. Various cultural events are held throughout the year.

*For detailed information, please email to  
[info@schlosshamm.de](mailto:info@schlosshamm.de) or call 06569-96290* ■

## SPANGDAHLEM: NICHOLAS BERG, 'DE SCHAPP' 29



The chapel on Nicholas Berg in Spangdahlem represents a cultural speciality. The three sculpture groups, known in German as 'Grablegungsgruppe' date from the year 1643, the 'Beweinungsgruppe' (also called 'Holy Grave'), and in 1750 the 'Group of resurrection' was formed. The way to the chapel is lined with statues made of sandstone. The mills, better known as 'De Schapp' was restored to a recreational facility through countless hours of local volunteer work. De Schapp can be hired out for events.

Request reservation via E-Mail:

eifelverein-spangdahlem@freenet.de

## SPEICHER

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Between the first to fourth century AD, the Romans produced pottery in the forest between Speicher and Herforst. A special feature of Roman pottery is the red fired pottery from the fourth century which were only produced here. For the collectors of such objects, the company Plewa has objects on display. Products from their production line may be purchased at their shop.

In the Museum of Local History (Heimatismuseum) numerous exhibits depict the lives of the local residents throughout the centuries. The exhibition has been lovingly put together. There are also some ancient exhibits.

*Tourist Information: Tel. 06561-94340*

*<https://www.eifel-direkt.de/en/a-museum-speicher>,*

*(Distance from Spangdahlem 5 km)*

## RELAX AT THE 'STAUSEE BITBURG'

Located in the picturesque Prüm Valley, Biersdorf's reservoir, known locally as 'Stausee,' is the holiday oasis of the southern Eifel. The 35 hectare lake allows one to take part in the many leisure activities such as fishing, rowing, walking, wind-surfing and paddle-boating.



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The five kilometre long walking path that surrounds the lake are also illuminated at night and invite one for a tranquil stroll. During the first week-end of August, Stausee's annual festival with fireworks takes place. Many cafés, pubs and restaurants can be found in the vicinity.

*Tourist Information Bitburger Land, Tel: 06561-94340,*

*<https://www.eifel-direkt.de/en/a-water-reservoir-bitburg>*

## STREET OF THE ROMANS



The road connects about 100 Roman sights through-out the holiday regions of Mosel-Saar, Eifel, Hunsrück, Saarland and Luxembourg Mosel to a great 'Archaeological Park'. Along the way, one will find ruins of Roman buildings and villas as well as thoroughly reconstructed, such as the Roman Villa in Borg. Additionally, those wishing to spoil their palate, 'Straße der Römer' offers 'Ancient Foods' in which the Roman kitchen has been revived and reinterpreted. The Roman World comes alive with a number of UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

*Info: [https://www.strassen-der-roemer.eu/cgi-bin/cms?&\\_sprache=en&\\_bereich=ansicht&\\_aktion=detail&schlüssel=strassenderroemer](https://www.strassen-der-roemer.eu/cgi-bin/cms?&_sprache=en&_bereich=ansicht&_aktion=detail&schlüssel=strassenderroemer)*



## TAWERN: GALLO-ROMAN TEMPLE OF MERCURY

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In Tawern is a good impression of the Gallo-Roman temple architecture dedicated to the God of Mercury. Under the leadership of the Rheinisches Landesmuseum Trier, the temple was excavated in 1986-87 and reconstructed. The temple was built approximately 200 metres off the Roman Road Agrippina Colonia in the first half of the first century AD. In the year 392 AD, Emperor Theodosius permanently banned pagan cults and gifts of the holy district destroyed and gradually partially thrown in the fountain. A coin minted in the late 4th century was found in the well in the northwest corner of the temple attest that the well was still intact up until that time.

*For guided tours call 06501-16661*

*(Distance from Spangdahlem 65 km)*

*Information: Tourist-Information Traben-Trarbach  
Tel. 06541-83980, <https://www.traben-trarbach.de/de/tourist-information.html>*

*(Distance from Spangdahlem 50 km)*

## TRIER: GERMANY'S OLDEST CITY

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This unassuming city located on the Mosel River Valley is everything but unassuming. How should one describe Trier? Germany's oldest city, capital of the former Western Roman Empire, seat of Roman emperors as well as Prince Electors, home to Karl Marx, a university city, home to numerous UNESCO WHL monuments, all of this and much more is Trier. During a concert in Trier, the jazz musician, Al Jarreau, said that 'Trier is the best-kept secret'. How right he was. Rich in history, Trier is more than 2000 years old, this however, dating back only from antiquity. Its origins it said to have begun 1300 years before the founding of Rome by Prince Trebeta. Trebeta fleeing persecution from his stepmother Queen Semiramis eventually came across the Mosel River Valley. Enchanted by the surroundings, here he stayed. Of course, no documented proof exists verifying this legend. However, the citizens of Trier claim this as their origin.

## TRABEN-TRARBACH

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Traben-Trarbach is an attractive mix of half-timbered houses and Art Nouveau buildings.

The towns of Traben and Trarbach sit directly across the Mosel River from one another. In recent times they have merged their governments and have taken on the combined name, Traben-Trarbach (Traben to the north and Trarbach to the south). The towns host a variety of attractions from the castle ruins and ancient churches, to the slightly more modern Bruckentor built across the Trarbach end of the Mosel bridge. Despite its architectural and historical wealth, Traben-Trarbach is better known for the wine produced from Riesling grapes. The city, like many others on the Mosel, is built in the valley, with every centimeter of hillside covered by vineyards. The best time to visit and sample the local nectar is during their annual Wine Festival each July.



In mid-fifties BC, Julius Caesar stumbled upon Trier. In 16 BC, Trier officially becomes a Roman city and is named after the Emperor Augusta. Hence, Augustus Treverorum was founded. As the Roman Empire continued to expand, Trier also continued to flourish. When Diocletian divided his empire into four regions in the late third century, Trier became the capital of the north-western territory, the Rome of the north, if you will. In the late third century, the first emperor came to rule. Trier is now an Imperial Residential City. Constantine rules in Trier in the early 4th century. Trier remains in Roman hands until the 5th century when it fell under Frankish rule. Thereupon, Trier is constantly under siege by one country or tribe. In 1212, Trier finally received its charter. Throughout the centuries, numerous Prince Electors rule in Trier until Napoleon

dissolved the electoral archbishopric. After Napoleon's defeat in 1815 at Waterloo, Trier becomes a part of the Kingdom of Prussia. The unification of Germany leads Trier to become a part of the German Empire. World War II bombings destroyed nearly 50% of the city with more than over 1600 buildings and homes being devastated.



After WWII, Trier's economy begins to prosper. It has become known to become a 'shopping mecca', not only for the surrounding vicinity but for the neighbouring countries as well. What better place to shop than with the historical backdrop of Trier's Old Town and market square where department stores, specialty shops and boutiques are to be found. A location not to be missed is slightly off the pedestrian area is Neustrasse, where many individual and family-run businesses and shops are hidden and should not be overseen. See <https://www.einkaufserlebnis-trier.de/en/> for more information.

In 1971, the university is finally able to open its doors after being closed during the Napoleonic wars. Trier is now known as a university city where the students bring on a lot of nightlife for the young and the young at heart. Numerous pubs, discos, outdoor cafés, beer gardens invite one to stay a while. For music fans, Trier offers many venues for live music whether for Punk, Classic, Jazz, Hip-Hop, Alternative or Rock from local to mainstream bands.

Trier is copious with restaurants and 'Gaststätte' often set in historical buildings, serving everything from Roman cuisine, over Cuban and sushi to the ubiquitous schnitzel. Many restaurants offer live music or cabarets, and many monuments often have culture and culinary affairs, what better combination could there possibly be? Not to be missed are Zurlauben, the old fisherman's port with its string of pubs and restaurants overlooking the Mosel and Trier's beach club, Bit Sun Beach. In 1984, Trier celebrated its 2000<sup>th</sup> anniversary. In 1986, Roman Trier was proclaimed to

be a UNESCO's World Heritage Site. 2007 was hailed the 'Year of Constantine' and in 2012 the Holy Tunic has been on display again commemorating when it was first publicly displayed 500 years ago.



Trier is also home to one of the most romantic Christmas markets in Germany. Starting on the first advent weekend, Trier's Christmas market seems magical set in the medieval market square and the imposing backdrop of St. Peter's Cathedral. Several festivals should not be missed such as the 'Altstadtfest' (Old Town Festival), where the entire pedestrian area gets set into a party zone! The Roman festival, Bread and Circuses, held on the second weekend of August is a must for fans of antiquity. English guides may be arranged for groups as well as for individual guests. *Information: Tourist Information Trier, at the Porta Nigra, Trier 54290, Tel. 0651-97808*  
<https://www.trier-info.de/en/home>  
(Distance from Spangdahlem 30 km)

## VILLA OTRANG: RELICTS OF ROMAN GLORY

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Villa Otrang is located five kilometres north of Trier, on the ancient Roman Legion Route that went from the Imperial Residential City of Trier, all the way to Colonia Claudia Ara Agrippinensium, now known as Köln. It is the best preserved Roman Country Seats north of the Alps. Villa Rustica was built in various stages between the second and the fourth centuries. At that point in time, it was an impressively large homestead and contained 66 rooms. Aside from baths, great halls and complex hypocausts, an underground warm air heating system, it also had a farmstead with exceptional dimensions. Parts of the heating systems and baths are still in good condition and are visible for visitors. Unfortunately, due to centuries of decay, only the foundation walls and four mosaic floors, depicting its vast wealth, remind us of the Villa's glorious past.



Roman ceramic box tiles which were built into the walls of buildings heated by a hypocaust to exhaust the burned gases and heat the walls..

For more information :

<http://www.zentrum-der-antike.de/en/monuments/the-villa-otrang/the-villa-otrang.html>

and

<https://www.eifel.info/en/a-villa-otrang-relicts-of-roman-glory>

## VOLCANISM



Fascination and fear are closely linked. This is particularly true for the geological phenomenon of volcanism. Although we live in a safe environment and hardly feel threatened, the threat posed by volcanic activity slumbers in our midst. This is particularly true in the Vulkaneifel, the central and eastern part of the Eifel. The most famous volcanic forms of the Eifel, known as Maars, are the most powerful evidence for volcanism and are the silent superstars of the natural Eifel landscape. These unique in Europe natural phenomena are oval form depressions in the landscape were formed by volcanic steam explosions. In geological time, they are regarded to as very young. The Ulm Maar is 'mere' ten thousand years old. The Maars are no longer in its original form, since Mother Nature and people have since then taken possession of the Maars. More insight to volcanism can be found in a number of geographic information centres at the European Geopark Vulkaneifel and in the 'German Vulkanstraße'.

Info at <https://www.deutsche-vulkanstrasse.com/en/> ■

## WEISSENSEIFEN

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Situated in the middle of a forest, between the towns of Schonecken and Murlenbach, is the artists' settlement 'Weißenseifen'. Monumental statues of the artist Albrecht Klauer-Simonis are integrated in a garden of sculptures. Klauer-Simonis was the founder of the symposium that takes place every year from the middle of July until the middle of August. The settlement is characterized by the unusual architecture of the cottages. Various exhibits take place throughout the year. Surrounding 'Weißenseifen' are fantastic waymarked walking trails.

More information at Tel. 06594-883 and

<https://www.eifel-direkt.de/en/a-weissenseifen-kuenstlersiedlung>

(Distance from Spangdahlem 40 km) ■

## WITTLICH

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In the cultural and conference centre 'Synagogue' a permanent exhibition tells the history of Jewish life in Wittlich. The exhibit gives visitors an insight about the history of the Jewish community in Wittlich beginning from the 14th Century. The restored synagogue building is one of the prominent landmarks and memorial of Jewish history in Germany.

*Wittlich also offers good shopping and lots of fun in Wittlich's indoor swimming pool, Vitelliusbad designed for people of all ages*

Tel. 06571-6088

## FUN & CULTURE

### BAUSTERT: COUNTRY ART AT ESCHBACHHOF

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This town is located on the East border of the Eifel region on the Lieser River. It is also situated a few kilometres distance from the Mosel River. It is the district seat of the Bernkastel-Wittlich County. In 1991, Wittlich celebrated its 700th anniversary. Every August, Wittlich hosts the 'Säubrennerkirmes' – one of the largest folk festivals in the Rhineland-Palatinate. This festival goes back to the town's legend when Wittlich was surrounded by enemies. It is said that the gatekeeper, not finding the bolt to lock the city gate, out of desperation used a carrot to lock the gate. Along came a hungry pig, ate the carrot, the gates opening, allowing the enemies to enter, burning down the city. On the third weekend of August, the citizens also pay homage to the patron saint of the town, St. Roch. On the market square, the pig roasting on a spit takes place. More than a hundred pigs are roasted this weekend. Culturally, Wittlich also has much to offer: The Georg-Meistermann Museum for modern art is one of the most popular museums in the region. It houses a significant portion of the estate of the painter and master glass artist George Mann (1911 to 1990), the most famous is that of 'The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse' from the Revelation of St. John. Altogether, more than 30 glass windows at seven locations were created and today are better known as the 'Treasures of Wittlich'. The museum has various exhibits throughout the year.

More info at Tel. 06571-146610  
<https://kulturamt.wittlich.de/>

Scenically located, the Eschbachhof in Baustert near Bitburg offers a fine selection of country art, carefully restored antique furniture, handmade flower arrangements and wreathes, Bauernmalerei (tole painting) and much more. Decorated according to the season, the house has an exhibit area of more than 250 square metres. A Christmas exhibit can be seen throughout the year in the former stables.

Please phone for an appointment at Tel. 06527/1003  
 or use the "Kontakt" link on  
<http://www.eschbachhof.de/seiten/kontakt.html>

## BITBURG BREWERY

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Who is not familiar with the logo 'Bitte ein Bit'. Founded in 1817, Bitburger Pils is one of the leading Premium Breweries in Germany. Recognized all over, it is one of the largest privately owned breweries both domestically and internationally. In their seventh generation, tradition with modern management accounts for their global success. 'Only the best', this is Bitburger Pils' philosophy. Hence, only the finest aromatic hops, purest Eifel spring waters, premium barley malts and yeast from their own pure culture sources are used for production according to the German Purity Laws.



Often acting out as a pioneer, Bitburger is innovative in their brewing process. In the past few years, Bitburger has expended €40.000 to make certain that its process production is environmentally responsible. Bitburger has an output of more than 4.1 million hectolitres yearly. No other beer in Germany is drafted and served as much as Bitburger. The Bitburg Premium brand ranks second on the German market. In 2003, the number of establishments that sold Bitburger alone was 48,000 world-wide. Any sports' fan will recognize the Bitburger logo as they often sponsor minor as well as major sports events.



Since 1992, Bitburger has had an official partnership with the German Football association (DFB) and the German National Football Team. ▶

The brewery also sponsors major cultural events such as 'Rock am Ring' and musicals such as 'Saturday Night Fever' and 'The Lion King'. On the regional level, the Bitburg Brewery is also very active and supports many local events. Guided tours begin at the historical site of the brewery from Mondays through Thursdays by appointment only. Nearly 40,000 guests are welcomed here annually. The tour begins at the Visitors' Centre and ends at the brewery manufacturing plant where each of the processing steps are explained. The tour ends with 'Bitte ein Bit!' and a sample of a fresh tapped Bitburger. The fee for the tour is €5 per person (16 and under are free) and runs about two hours.

Please phone 06561-142497 for further information ■

## BEDA-MARKET

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Biggest exhibition in South Eifel that presents handicraft, automobiles and agriculture, combined with an entertainment program, book sale, fun fair, Sunday Shopping and much more.

When: 3rd weekend in March (fri/sat/sun)

Where: Bitburg city centre

Website: [www.beda-markt.com](http://www.beda-markt.com) ■

## CASTLES AND PALACES



Listing all the castles and palaces in this brochure would almost be impossible. A few of the most popular have been mentioned here, however there are many scattered throughout the entire region which you should not disregard. Pay attention to the smaller, and not so small, castles. You'll be surprised what you'll come across.

<https://www.romantic-germany.info/things-to-do/culture-castles/castles-palaces/> ■

## DAUN GAME PARK 41

Located in the Daun District is the Daun Wild Game and Amusement Park. Imagine having a safari adventure in the middle of the Vulkaneifel. Indigenous as well as exotic animals may be seen here. Special attractions of the park include the monkeys' and the falconry. In addition, the park has an 800 hundred meters long summer toboggan run and climbing walls.

*For further information:*

*Tel. 06592-3154, [www.wildpark-daun.de](http://www.wildpark-daun.de)  
(Distance from Spangdahlem 40 km)*



*For further information, please call 06565-95660 or  
open <https://www.eifelpark.de/en/>*

## FELL: BESUCHERBERGWERK 42



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In town of Fell, it is possible to have a look at the tools of the miners and utensils used for wine cultivation from down below. The slate quarries are located twenty miles away from Trier. Two large mining chambers, 'Grube Hoffnung' and 'Grube Barbara' are 70 meters deep and underground mine galleries are results from decades of work.

*Besucherbergwerk Fell, Tel. 06502-988588,  
[www.besucherbergwerk-fell.de](http://www.besucherbergwerk-fell.de)  
(Distance from Spangdahlem 45 km)*

## GONDORF: EIFELPARK 43

Covering an area the equivalent of around 100 football pitches, Eifelpark Gondorf is a unique combination of amusement park and wildlife park. More than 45 attractions and over 200 wild animals make Eifelpark the perfect destination for families with children, hiking days for school and nursery school classes, senior citizens' trips and exciting group excursions.

## HERMESKEIL AIR MUSEUM 44

Founded by Leo Junior in 1973, this air museum near Hermeskeil is considered to the largest private aviation museum in Europe. It has now amassed 100+ planes and helicopters as well as over 60 aircraft engines and propellers from around the world. An exhibition of the history of aviation and technology are located in the four halls and outdoors. For technology fans, a few aircrafts on sight VC 10 from Abu Dhabi, a DC 3 from Jordan, the MIL-MI, the Junkers JU52 or 4 Phantoms and F MIG 23rd. A concorde serves as a café where one could sit and enjoy German cakes and pastries.



*Flugausstellung, 54411 Hermeskeil, Tel.  
06503-7693, [www.flugausstellung.de](http://www.flugausstellung.de)  
(Distance from Spangdahlem 65 km)*

## EUROPEAN FOLKLORE FESTIVAL



Throughout the second weekend in July, this festival, which has been taking place since 1965, has folk-dance and music groups literally from all over the world.



Enjoy four cheerful days with traditional music and dances of international groups from all over the world. Many performances will take place throughout the entire city. Simply a must!

For more information: [www.folklore-bitburg.de](http://www.folklore-bitburg.de)

## HÜTTINGEN BEI LAHR: OVEN AND IRON MUSEUM

For many years, Theodore and Brigitte Luke have been passionate collectors of cast-iron stoves, old hardware and household objects. With much love, detail and skill Theo Lukas reconditioned and restored objects in its original form. The cosily decorated museum cafe 'Ofenstube' has 45 seats for museum visitors where the owner bakes delicious cast-iron waffles for visitors.

Contact: Familie Lukas, Am Römerberg 10, 54675 Hüttingen bei Lahr, Tel. 06566-8542, [www.ofen-und-eisenmuseum.de](http://www.ofen-und-eisenmuseum.de) (Distance from Spangdahlem 45 km)

## LÜNEBACH: EIFELZOO



More than 400 animals from all over the world can be seen in the Eifel Zoo in Lünebach near Prüm. Especially popular for the children is the zoo's playground. Apart from the interesting animal world is the old steam locomotive used to tour the park a special experience for young and old alike. Equally interesting is the miniature village, the Eifel and their monuments in small-format displays.

The zoo is opened year round from 09:00 to 18:00 hrs.

For more information: [www.eifel-tiergarten.de](http://www.eifel-tiergarten.de), Tel. 06556 411 (Distance from Spangdahlem 50 km)

## MANDERSCHIED: MOLL CANDLEMAKERS

This candle-making company is of the few remaining in Germany. Both traditional and modern candles are manufactured here. Michael Moll creates small batches, sculptures or flowers from wax all done by hand. Wide selections of candles are available in adjoining gift shop to find. A tour of the workshop is possible.

[www.kerzenmoll.de](http://www.kerzenmoll.de), Tel. 06572-2180 (Distance from Spangdahlem 20 km)



## MANNEBACH: MICROBREWERY <sup>49</sup>

The Mannebach Microbrewery in Saarburg claims to be the smallest brewery in Germany. Since 1994 Mannebach has been brewing and serving natural beer. They have now upgraded to restaurant and can offer their guests fantastic food and their brew at affordable prices.



*Closed Mondays & Tuesdays,  
www.mannebacher.de  
(Distance from Spangdahlem 70 km)*

## MOSEL BOAT CRUISE



One of the best ways to experience the Mosel landscape is by boat. One can be in awe at the natural wonders of the Mosel Valley with its famous steep vine-yards, bizarre rock formations, numerous castles, monasteries and ever so charming villages and towns with its historical wine cellars and buildings.

The German side of the Mosel is over 200 km long where various boats and ships cruise. Throughout the river are steep inclines where multiple locks help tame the water. Six different shipping companies cruise the river offering options on both large and small luxury ships.

From Easter until the autumn, visitors may cruise the Mosel on a regular schedule, some even stopping at larger towns. Some cruise ships even offer wine tasting on board.

*Further Information: Moselland Touristik,  
www.mosellandtouristik.de/en Tel. 06531-97330*

## NAURATH: BRAUEREI ZILS <sup>50</sup>

Middle of the Meulen Forest is an unassuming micro-brewery where a huge copper kettle stands not merely for decorative purposes as beer is still brewed here. A tour of the brewery is possible by appointment only.

*Tel. 06508-91710, www.brauhauszils.de  
(Distance from Spangdahlem 20 km)*

## OPEN-AIR MUSEUMS <sup>51</sup>



The open air museums of Roscheiderhof and Kommern are particularly worth mentioning.

Both museums document country life in Germany as it used to be. Throughout the year, one can witness how life on a daily basis took place from baking bread over forging iron nails to 'Tante Emma's Laden', the corner shop. Often one can experience hands on as history is being acted out.

*<https://www.roscheiderhof.de/index.php/en/welcome-en>  
(distance from Spangdahlem: 58km)*

*<https://kommern.lvr.de/en/startseite/startseite.html>  
(Distance from Spangdahlem: 100km)*

## KNIGHTS' FEASTS AT RITTERSDORF'S CASTLE <sup>52</sup>



Dating back to 1263, this moated-castle, known by the locals as Burg Rittersdorf, has been practically preserved in its original state. It conveys an impressive image of late Medieval and early Renaissance architecture, hence making it a prime exemplar of the Eifel's cultural heritage. Particularly remarkable is the elaborate archway. Located three kilometres north of Bitburg, the medieval castle now accommodates a privately run restaurant and a small museum of local history. The restaurant is well-known for its country cuisine and particularly for its historical Knight's Feasts.



The Knights' Feasts are held at regular intervals. After being greeted by the Castle Lord and his squires, servants dressed in medieval attire serve dinner and drinks at the authentically set Knights' table. Allow jugglers, minstrels, troupers and strolling players entertain you whilst feasting. The feasts can be booked for business and private venues. Naturally you can enjoy the superb country cuisine and first-rate wines in the elegant ambience of the restaurant. The Gothic Knights' Hall holds a satellite register office, for those wishing to say 'I do'. What could be more unforgettable than the back drop of a castle? Mr. and Mrs. Hermann can help you with all the details.

*Burg Rittersdorf  
Bitburger Straße 30, 54636 Rittersdorf,  
For more information: Tel 06561-96570  
or visit [www.burgrittersdorf.de](http://www.burgrittersdorf.de)*

## STRAUSSWIRTSCHAFT

Going back to Charlemagne, Strausswirtschaft have a long tradition on the Mosel. This allows the winemakers to sell their wine in pub style for approximately four months a year, either taking place in the courtyard, wine cellar or vintner's tasting room. Hence, Strausswirtschafts are not real pubs and do not require a license. They can be easily recognized by decorated brooms, ivy vines or wreathes.

## WINE CULTURE AND FESTIVALS



The Mosel is rich with vineyards. Known world-wide for its quality and flavour, the Mosel has been cultivating and producing wine for more than 2000 years. The steep vineyards with their extensive terraces together with the valleys, the sandstone and slate create this unique cultural landscape. The vineyards cover more than 10,000 hectares and more than three-quarters of the grape variety 'Riesling' grow here. Their fruit acidity give the Riesling wine its crisp distinctive flavour, thus making it a favourite amongst culinary specialities. Several vineyards along the Mosel are world famous. These include, for example, 'Kröver Nacktarsch', 'Ürziger Schwarzlay', 'Piesporter Goldtröpfchen', 'Bernkasteler Burgdoctor' or 'Zeller Schwarze Katz'. Harvest in the autumn is indeed a unique experience. Numerous winegrowers are always happy to welcome guests to sample their wines.

*More information at Tourist Info, RömischeWeinstraße, Brückenstraße 26, 54338 Schweich, Tel. 06502-93380 or <https://www.roemische-weinstrasse.de>*

What would the Mosel Valley be without their wine festivals? The annual highlight for many vineyards and towns are their yearly festivals. From summer to autumn, experience first hand 'Moselland' culture. See how wine is firmly embedded in their traditions and how good wine, good food and good moods all go hand in hand.

*Where and When? [www.mosellandtouristik.de/en](http://www.mosellandtouristik.de/en)*



## SPORT & ACTION

### AIRFIELDS AND GLIDERS



The best way to see the Eifel is from a bird's eye perspective.

- **Flugplatz Bitburg GmbH**  
Am Tower 14 · 54634 Bitburg  
Tel. 0160 98679743 · [www.flugplatz-bitburg.de](http://www.flugplatz-bitburg.de)
- **Flugplatz Dahlemer Binz**  
Dahlemer Binz 304 · 53949 Dahlem  
Tel. 02447-1493 · [www.dahlemer-binz.de](http://www.dahlemer-binz.de)
- **Luftsportvereins Hochwald, Kell am See**  
Tel. 06589-7777 [www.lsv-hochwald.de/](http://www.lsv-hochwald.de/)
- **Flugplatz Föhren**  
Tel. 06502-2999 [www.flugplatz-trier.de](http://www.flugplatz-trier.de)
- **Segelfluggelände Konz Könen**  
Tel. 06501-17735 [www.ac-trier-konz.de/](http://www.ac-trier-konz.de/)
- **Segelflugverein Süd-Eifel e. V.**  
Segelflugplatz 54675 Utscheid  
Tel. 06564-4444 [www.flugplatz-utscheid.de](http://www.flugplatz-utscheid.de)
- **Segelflugplatz und Segelflugverein**
- **Vulkaneifel e.V.**  
06592-2976 <https://flugplatz-daun.de/>
- **Ultraleicht-Flugverein Ernzen eV**  
54668 Ernzen, Tel. 06525-7453 ·  
[www.ul-ernzen.de](http://www.ul-ernzen.de)
- **Deutsch-Amerikanischer Segelflug-Club e.V.**
- **Flugplatz Mont Royal/EDRM, DASC e.V.**  
Postfach 1525 · 56841 Traben-Trarbach/Mosel  
Tel. 06541-1005  
[www.moselflugplatz.de](http://www.moselflugplatz.de)
- **Flugplatz Neumagen-Dhron**  
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## CYCLE PATHS



What could be more enjoyable than discovering the vast nature of the Eifel region by bicycle? The cycle paths in Germany are all networked with one another, thus making a day journey possible. Amongst the most interesting cycle paths are Kyll Valley, the Moselle and the bike path Maars-Mosel cycle path. The Kylltal bike path is just a few miles distance from Spangdahlem. The Kyll River is over 130 kilometres long and runs through small villages and a beautiful landscape. The Kyll Valley cycle path is networked with the Mosel cycle path. This is one of the major cycle paths as it connects the border city of Wasserbillig to Koblenz. All along this path, you can appreciate the beauty of the Mosel Valley. Enjoy the numerous small vineyards and towns which the Mosel is well-known for. Bernkastel-Kues is also the convergence of another cycle path, the Maar-Mosel cycle route. This path is 60 km long and leads to Daun in the Vulkaneifel. Built upon a former rail track, it does not require extensive effort. What a way to discover the beautiful scenery of the Vulkaneifel.

*Your regional tourist information can give you more information and the Internet platform*  
[www.radwanderland.de](http://www.radwanderland.de)

*Tourist Information Bitburger Land, Tel. 06561-94340*

Through green landscapes and beautiful places run valleys of the larger and smaller rivers in the region. How is created for a car festival. A whole day belong to the respective roads throughout the cyclists, skaters, pedestrians and walkers. The villages along the route offer in their action zones various programs, a colourful mix of games, sports, fun and, of course, eating and drinking. Among the best-known 'Rad-erlebnistage' include 'Saar pedal' in the valley of the Saar, 'Kylltal Activ' between Gerolstein and Kyllburg, 'Südeifel Tour' in Enztal and 'Funny Prümatal' between Olzheim, Prüm and Waxweiler and 'Nim(m)s Rad' along the valley of river Nims between Rittersdorf and Rommersheim.

*The dates available from the Eifel Tourism GmbH, Tel. 06551-96560*

## GO-KARTING AT BITBURG FLUGPLATZ

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No doubt about it, go-karting is lots of fun! Particularly in Bitburg, because there's not just one, but TWO circuits! The 'Kart-Drom' has an outdoor circuit and go-karting has become one of Bitburg's favourite leisure activities. A further outdoor circuit, the 'Motorpark', is considered to be one of the most modern in Germany. Its tracks are more than six metres wide and one's speed is continuously timed. Both circuits are located at the former Bitburg Air Base. Ample parking is available at both facilities. *Kart-Drom is open daily starting at 15:00, Saturdays and holidays at 13:00 and Sundays at 11:00.*

Telephone 06561-942002

*The Motorpark is open from: Monday – Friday 14-22, Weekends and holidays from 11-22*

Telephone: 06561/68201 or 0170-4720544

## FISHING

Local fishing is regulated differently from region to region. Many of the rivers and lakes are privately leased and a fishing license is required. Therefore, it is best to enquire of the various conditions prior to throwing out a line.

*Enquiries may be made at your local townhall or at Tourist Information Bitburger Land, Tel. 06561-94340*

## GOLFING

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In the midst of the captivating countryside, the Bitburg district has developed itself into an independent golf region with three golf resorts under its belt: The largest amongst the three is the 'Golf Resort Bitburger Land' in Wißmansdorf near Stausee. Often mentioned in major golfing publications, this highly acclaimed 18 hole Par 72 golf course is considered to be one of Germany's best courses. It is also home to major golf tournaments.

The second golf course is located in Baustert. The nine-hole, Par 68 golf course, with its modern Golfdrom (golf training centre) offers golfers ideal conditions in a stunning scenic setting.

Equally attractive is the Lietzenhof Golf Course in Burbach with its 18-hole Par 70, SSS 70, with more than enough room to 'Touch Down, Tee Off.'

*Further information:*

**Golf-Resort Bitburger Land**, Zur Weilersheck 1, 54636 Wißmansdorf, Tel. 06527-92720, [www.bitgolf.de](http://www.bitgolf.de)

**Golfanlage Baustert Ltd.**, Auf Kinnscheid 1, 54636 Baustert, Tel. 06527-934977, [www.golfanlage-baustert.de](http://www.golfanlage-baustert.de)

**Golfanlage Lietzenhof**, 54597 Burbach, Tel. 06553-2007, [www.golf-lietzenhof.de](http://www.golf-lietzenhof.de)

## ICE-SKATING

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Bitburg's rink has become an icon for the winter season. The indoor rink makes ice-skating, for the young and the young-at-heart possible seven days a week. When the weather warms up in May, the ice-rink turns into a Fun-park with various indoor activities such as basketball, darts, table-tennis, hockey field and much, much more! Simply come and cheer on Bitburg's hockey team – 'die Bären' – on to their next victory!

*For further details: [www.eissporthalle-bitburg.de](http://www.eissporthalle-bitburg.de) or phone 06561-8447*

## SKIING, SLEDDING AND SNOWBOARDING

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Located in the northern Eifel at a height of almost 700 m is a slope what is known locally as the 'Schwarzer Mann'. It is, without a doubt, one of the Eifel's best kept secrets. 'Wolfschlucht' located next to Schwarzer Mann is 570 m high. Both slopes offer the opportunity to cross country ski, sledding or snowboarding. The local ski club offers lessons and rental equipment at very affordable prices. This area also has spectacular hiking choices come summer.

Equally the Vulkaneifel, in Mauseberg, offers also the opportunity to ski, sled and snowboard. The longest slope in the Eifel can be found near Nürburgring. Another great run is Erbeskopf, at nearly 820 m high, it is the highest elevation in Rhineland-Palatinate. Provided it is cold enough and there is enough snow, winter sports alongside breath-taking beauty and fabulous panoramic views can be had within the region.

(Distance from Spangdahlem 65 km)  
Info: 06551-505

Swim to your heart's content in the 50m pool and improve your diving skills as you jump off the diving-boards.



During the summer season, the outdoors await you with various pools and a wading pool for the little ones. We also have a sand box to keep the toddlers happy and beach volleyball for those wanting more than just sun and water. Escape from the 'daily grind' and leave the world behind!

Cascade can help you out as health and wellness are at the top of their list! Cascade's body care and wellness line-up includes six different types of saunas, a Turkish steam-room, foot care, hydro jets, sun-beds and a large palette of massages from qualified therapists to relax and/or regenerate you. Since 2003, Cascade also offers two outdoor saunas. The restaurant Aquarell has a great selection of salads and entrees for those whose appetite have left them wanting more than a mere snack. So come on, feel the elements ...

Further information: [www.cascade-bitburg.de](http://www.cascade-bitburg.de)  
Tel. 06561-96830

## TANDEM JUMPING

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One of parachute sports revolutionary ideas was an immediate success in Germany. Experience the exhilarating thrill of a tandem skydive from a plane. Also called a 'Kangaroo Jump', the passenger is locked with the body of the tandem pilot. Freefall from 3500 meters at a velocity of more than 200 km/h! The Skydiving season is from March until the end of October. An appointment is necessary. Your jump can also be filmed on a VHS video cassette which can viewed immediately. Tandem vouchers are an ideal present for people who are constantly looking for excitement and that particular 'kick'.

Further info: <https://www.firebird-skydiving.de/>  
Tel: 49 (0) 15785806637

## CASCADE ADVENTURE POOL WITH SAUNA WORLD

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Neither rain nor shine, neither summer nor winter plays a major roll at Cascade Adventure Pool through. The entire year, let your body and soul to be pampered. Allow Cascade to indulge you with the four elements: air, earth, fire and water. Lots of excitement and fun awaits you at the Adventure area with various slides, cascades, whirlpools, a wave and current pool. Come and find out what the Black Hole really is. Be certain you will not disappointed.

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