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Baden State Library
Badische Landesbibliothek

The Badische Landesbibliothek originally emerged from the collection of books gathered by the Margrave of Baden. Today it is one of the biggest regional libraries in Germany, and its services ensure the provision of up-to-date, needs-focused information for everyone, particularly for those in education and research. Thanks to its 500-year history, the Badische Landesbibliothek has an abundant collection of manuscripts, music scores, autographs, estates, incunables, ancient prints and maps. Its Manuscript of the 13th-century epic Nibelungenlied is one of the most valuable cultural treasures of mankind and is registered as a UNESCO Memory of the World document. By looking intensively after its collections, the library makes a major contribution to preserving Europe’s cultural heritage. It conveys this heritage through the exhibitions and events of its cultural programme while also making it accessible to an interested global public through its “digital collections”.

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www.blb-karlsruhe.de
Baden Art Association
Badischer Kunstverein

The Badischer Kunstverein was founded in 1818 and is one of the oldest art associations in Germany. Covering an exhibition space of 1,000 square metres, it runs about 10 temporary exhibitions of contemporary art each year. Solo exhibitions alternate with thematic group shows on the upper floor of the Kunstverein, while the atrium provides a platform for experimental artistic processes and artists that create work in direct relation to the specific spatial situation. Besides contemporary positions, the programme also presents art works from the 1960s to the 1980s that are vital for an understanding of art production today. Each exhibition is accompanied by additional events, such as lectures, artist’s talks, workshops, film programmes, performances, concerts and regular public guided tours.

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Baden State Museum
Badisches Landesmuseum

The Badisches Landesmuseum focuses on cultural history and is situated at Karlsruhe Palace, with a tower that affords a magnificent panoramic view of the city’s fan-shaped layout and wider surroundings. The collection covers all historical periods of mankind, from prehistory and early history up until the present day. In particular, it has one of the best collections of antiques in Germany, including items from Cycladic culture, early advanced cultures (Egypt, Mesopotamia and Crete) and ancient Greece. Several major items had originally been collected by princes, including a chamber of art and curiosities, a numismatic collection and a collection of magnificent hunting weapons. The Türkenbeute (Turkish booty) collection is internationally famous for being a unique collection of trophies from the Turkish Wars of the 17th century. The most recent exhibition, entitled WeltKultur / GlobalCulture is dedicated to the interaction between different cultures, showing that the cultural transfer of goods and ideas is older than we think.

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Ständehaus Memorial Place
Erinnerungsstätte Ständehaus

The Erinnerungsstätte Ständehaus was opened in 1993, commemorating the 175th anniversary of the Baden Constitution. Major points in the history of the Baden Parliament are illustrated by historic images of individuals and events – a model of the first German Parliament building (destroyed in an air raid in 1944) and numerous items such as the contents of the cornerstone of Baden Ständehaus. A multimedia Ständehaus info system provides film footage, textual material and photographs which all add up to a guided tour of history, from the announcement of the Baden Constitution in 1818 to the debate on building the new Ständehaus which now houses the memorial place and Karlsruhe’s municipal library.

Karlsruhe State Archives
Generallandesarchiv Karlsruhe

Exhibitions at the Generallandesarchiv Karlsruhe have a long tradition. The first permanent exhibition on the history of Baden was opened quite early, on its own premises, in 1886. After its relocation to its present address, in 1906, this exhibition was considerably expanded. The new extension, inaugurated in 2011, has a generous amount of exhibition space, so that the Generallandesarchiv now provides an appealing framework for historical and political education. The new building reflects the transformation of the Generallandesarchiv from a knowledge repository to an open house of history. From the very beginning the aim of the Generallandesarchiv has always been to “arouse interest in the history of Baden” (1906) through its unique exhibition of documents, manuscripts, files, maps and plans, or, to put it in modern terms, to provide historical and political education. By looking at original historical sources, visitors can gain a greater sense of identification with their own environment and a better understanding of the present.
Michelin Museum

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The Michelin exhibition in Karlsruhe invites visitors to enjoy a graphically appealing journey through time. The exhibition includes historic and present-day tyres for bicycles, motorbikes, cars, commercial vehicles, tractors, agricultural machinery, earthmoving machines, light-rail vehicles, racing cars and aircraft, as well as a Renault delivery van (1923), a Horch car (1938), several historic bicycles and motorbikes, artistically designed advertising posters and numerous other items.

Machines that once served on Michelin’s own premises and clearly structured charts show that a seemingly ordinary everyday item is in fact an extremely complex high-tech product.

A reconstructed carousel, originally built in 1898, enables visitors to gain first-hand experience of the increase in comfort provided by pneumatic tyres, as they can physically experience the difference from coach wheels (!). The exhibition also shows how the nice little Michelin Man was given his name – Bibendum.
**Museum at Market Square**
*Museum beim Markt*

Centrally situated and only a few steps from the market square, the Badisches Landesmuseum (Baden State Museum) presents its collections of applied art from 1900 onwards. Covering approx. 1,600 square metres of exhibition space, it shows developments from the early 20th century to the present day.

The historical overview starts with one of the most important Art Nouveau collections in Germany. It comprises outstanding works of art which illustrate Art Nouveau as an important period in art history, in its different regional forms between London, Paris and Vienna. They include the works of well-known artists, such as Alfons Mucha, Gustav Klimt and Henry van de Velde. The years after the First World War were marked by two major developments: luxury products created under Art Déco in France and, on the other hand, Bauhaus and its related movements. The history of design is then traced from this period right up to the contemporary lifestyle products of our own time.

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**Museum of Literature**
*Museum für Literatur am Oberrhein*

“One of the most beautiful literature museums in Germany [...] with the best stocked permanent exhibition.” (Die Welt)

The Literaturmuseum is a hands-on place of learning. Multilingual audio guides are available, providing visitors with a tour of a literature museum that is among the most innovative and has one of the richest traditions in Germany.

A tour through the various historical periods, from the monastic culture to our digital presence, includes manuscripts of mediaeval scriptoria. Also, sound recordings are available, featuring readings by authors such as Martin Walser, Sibylle Lewitscharoff and other celebrities of contemporary German literature.

The Literarische Gesellschaft (Literary Society) awards the Scheffel Prize for the best final exam results in German at over 400 grammar schools in Baden-Württemberg, 300 in other German federal states and also at German expatriate schools throughout the world. The Literarische Gesellschaft also runs seminars and writing workshops for school classes.
Museum in the Majolica
Museum in der Majolika

The Majolika-Manufaktur Karlsruhe (Karlsruhe Majolica Manufacture), founded in 1901, is the only ceramics manufacture in Germany that has withstood all the crises of the last century and which is still operating today. The Museum in der Majolika traces production from the beginning to the present day, starting with the time of the Grand Dukes, through the State Majolica Manufacture to our own days. Numerous exhibits enable exhibitors to follow artistic change in the 19th and 20th centuries – from Art Nouveau and Expressionism, through art under the Nazis, to present-day art movements. The wide variety of different shapes includes small figures, domestic pottery, wall tiles and fountains. Each movement in art history is vividly brought to life by scenes such as a faithful replica of a shop window in a 1930s department store and part of a trade fair stand at the Frankfurt Exhibition Centre around 1960. Specimens are on show, illustrating each stage in the production of a vase, as well as a range of glazing samples.
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Pfinzgaumuseum Durlach

The museum about the Durlach district of Karlsruhe is situated in the baroque halls of Karlsburg Castle, where it features the history of Durlach from its early beginnings under the Romans, through the Middle Ages, to the present day. Durlach was the residence of the Margraves at one time and continued as an independent town until 1938. The turbulent past of Durlach – now the biggest district of Karlsruhe – is illustrated by a model of Karlsburg Castle before 1689, a model of the town around 1800, a large collection of glazed local earthenware, numerous products made by Durlach’s industrial enterprises, documents, paintings and photographs. The permanent exhibition also includes a range of multimedia facilities. The unique loft of Karlsburg Castle provides visitors with insights into agriculture and the craft sector, and the Renaissance wing, the so-called Princess Building, features a collection of valuable gravestones. Special exhibitions on Durlach’s history are regularly held at the Pfinzgaumuseum.

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Staatliche Kunsthalle Karlsruhe

The Staatliche Kunsthalle Karlsruhe consists of three buildings on Hans-Thoma-Straße – the Main Building, the Young Art Gallery (“Junge Kunsthalle”) and the Orangery. It is one of the biggest museums in Germany and among the richest in tradition. Its work centres around three objectives: preserving the heritage of several centuries, encouraging dialogue with its historic collection and ensuring its high-quality expansion.Opened in 1846, the Kunsthalle is one of the few early German art galleries that have largely been preserved in their original substance and with their original furnishings. 800 works from the late Middle Ages to the present day are permanently on display in the Main Building and in the Orangery. The Junge Kunsthalle features temporary exhibitions, geared specially towards children and young people.
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**State Museum of Natural History Karlsruhe**

_Statliches Museum für Naturkunde Karlsruhe_

The permanent exhibitions of the Naturkundemuseum Karlsruhe (founded in 1785) feature native and exotic animals and plants in lifelike dioramas and biological groups. Rocks, minerals and fossils are on show, providing information about the origin of the Earth and the diversity and development of life. The history of our planet is graphically illustrated by unique exhibits, including a model of the biggest pterosaur (flying saurian) in the world and impressive fossils from the entire world. One special feature of the museum is its many terrariums and its fresh and saltwater aquariums with live animals, integrated into the exhibitions.

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Karlsruhe City Museum
Stadtmuseum Karlsruhe

The museum presents three centuries of Karlsruhe’s history. Staged scenes illustrate housing and living conditions, and architectural models give visitors an idea of the city’s development and architectural history. They include a large model of fan-shaped Karlsruhe in 1835. One section is dedicated to the region before the foundation of the city, while another focuses on industrialisation. Profiles of local personalities and of specific trades and professions in the history of the city can be viewed here, so that visitors can identify with the city at a deeper level. Visitors will encounter the founder of the city, Margrave Charles William of Baden and his successors as well as famous inventors such as Baron von Drais and Carl Benz.

The Third Reich exhibition hall shows propaganda under the Nazi regime and the persecution of political dissidents and minorities. This also includes a memorial book in honour of Karlsruhe’s Jews who were killed under Hitler, and the effects of the Second World War. A 1950s-style cinema vividly shows everyday life in Karlsruhe during the post-war period.

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Karlsruhe Municipal Gallery
Städtische Galerie Karlsruhe

The Städtische Galerie Karlsruhe is one of the most famous art galleries in south-west Germany. Founded in 1981, it started off at the Prinz-Max-Palais. In 1997 it moved to a large hall in Lorenzstraße, directly next to the Centre for Art and Media Technology and the College of Design. It has always been a major point of attraction for modern and contemporary art. Covering 2,700 square metres on three floors, the art gallery features special exhibitions and its show collection, with a selection of major works of art owned by the city and works from the Garnatz Collection. The collections and the exhibition programme of the art gallery focus on art in Karlsruhe and south-west Germany since the 19th century and on German art from 1945 to the present day. Temporary presentations are supplemented by guided tours, lectures, concerts and also events for children, young people and school classes.

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**ZKM | Media Museum**

The ZKM | Medienmuseum focuses on new media, presenting their history and also a critique. For many years now the life of society and of each individual has been impacted by the telephone, the computer and the Internet to an extent that was previously only observed during the Industrial Revolution. The Medienmuseum provides an idea of the artistic potential of those media, featuring one of the world’s biggest collections of media art. A large number of interactive installations can be viewed through which artists and scientists question the technical developments of those media and unfold their visions for the future. The presentation is informative and critical, yet also entertaining. Interaction with most works of art is not just permitted, but encouraged!

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**ZKM | Museum of Contemporary Art**

Since its opening in December 1999, the ZKM | Museum für Neue Kunst has been running path-breaking special exhibitions dedicated to famous artists as well as to collections and issues in contemporary art. The museum has over 7,000 square metres of exhibition space. As a collectors’ museum, it is closely associated with internationally renowned private collections, displaying their exhibits alongside works of the ZKM collection. The diversity and high quality of the collections on display emphasize the museum’s role as a point of contact for an encounter with contemporary art: Landmark works in European and American art provide insights into artistic developments from 1960 to the present day, focusing on socially relevant issues in the development of art and the media. Working together with curators from all over the world, new perspectives of art on other continents are continually being discovered — and also perspectives of new continents of art.

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Galerientag: Karlsruhe

Die Galerientage in Karlsruhe finden jeweils im Januar und September statt. Informationen zu den Ausstellungen auf den Webseiten der Galerien:

- Meyer Riegger
  www.meyer-riegger.de

- Galerie Rottlöff
  www.galerie-rottloff.de

- Galerie Schrade Karlsruhe
  www.galerie-schrade.de

- Neue Kunst Gallery – Michael Oess
  www.neuekunst.de

- gallery artpark
  www.artpark.eu

- MM Projects
  www.martinmertens.com

- Galerie Bode
  www.galeriebode.de

- Galerie Knecht und Burster
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