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CALW
Die Hermann-Hesse-Stadt



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Calw Touristinformation

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Opening hours

May – September

Saturday

October – April

Mon. – Fri. 09:30 a.m. – 04:30 p.m.

Saturday 09:30 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.

Mon. – Fri. 09:30 a.m. – 01:00 p.m.

02:00 p.m. – 04:30 p.m.

Historical buildings

1 Nikolaus Bridge and Nikolaus Chapel

Calw's oldest stone bridge across the river Nagold which bears the Gothic chapel of St. Nicholas (the patron saint of high, stormy water) on its central pier is the town's landmark. It was built around 1400 and renovated in 1863/64 and 1926 when the chapel was adorned with a new tower and the two figures to the left and right, a clothworker and a raftsman representing the former most important trades of the town, were added.

2 Birthplace of Hermann Hesse · Marktplatz 6

This house is the birthplace of Hermann Hesse, who was born in the apartment on the second floor on Monday, 02 July 1877, at 6:30 p.m.. At that time, the house was both the home and business premises of the grocer Emil Dreiß; in 1882 it became the textile business of Traugott Schiler, later the textile business of Friedrich Daur; today it is the home of the fashion store Schaber.

3 Municipal Church

A church was first documented in 1262. After being destroyed in 1634 and 1692 it was rebuilt around 1700 on the original foundations whereby a tower with a bulbous cupola was added; after various alterations it was partly demolished in 1886 and reconstructed in 1888 with a Gothic steeple.

4 Georgenäum · Im Zwinger 3

'A seeding ground for true and all-round public education, founded as an institution for the encouragement of trade and industry, and of art and knowledge for the public benefit' by Consul General Emil von Georgii-Georgenau (1828 – 1902). It was officially opened in May 1871. Today the building is the home of the well-known Aurelius Boys Choir.

5 Salzkasten ("Salt Chest") · Salzgasse 8

Built in 1696. In 1722 the building was named after its function: the "salt house" (it also accommodated the town recording office as the trade in salt was the privilege of the town).

6 Town Hall · Marktplatz 9

The first town hall was built in 1454. After its destruction in 1634 it was rebuilt in 1672. After being destroyed again in 1692 it was reconstructed to its present form between 1726 and 1730. The façade was renovated in 1929.

The figures symbolise the three most important responsibilities of the town council with respect to its citizens: knighthood - protection and justice, planting a tree - deep rootedness and thriving community, mother with children - protection of those in need.

7 Remains of the Town Wall with Patrol Path between Marktplatz 1 und 3

The town wall was first documented in 1523.

Museums and Art

8 Hermann Hesse Museum (Schüz House)

Built in 1813 for the physician Dr. Johann Georg Zahn by the ducal court architect R.F.H. Fischer. Later it was the home of the doctor and natural scientist Emil Schüz (1828–1877). Since 1990 it has accommodated the Hermann Hesse Museum of the town of Calw.

The museum has the most extensive public collection on Hermann Hesse, who was born in Calw on 02 July 1877 and awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1946.

Marktplatz 30
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Opening hours:

April – October: Tue. – Sun. 11:00 a.m. – 05:00 p.m.
November – March: Wed. – Sun. 11:00 a.m. – 04:00 p.m.

9 The Tall One

The "Tall One" is the only remaining tower of the medieval town fortifications. Formerly it was the home of the town watchmen and also served as a prison.

In its interior it hosts a museum which provides detailed information on the history of the old town fortifications, about some of the prisoners held there and life in past times.

Im Zwinger 22
Phone +49 (0)7051 939710
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www.calw.de/The-Tall-One

Opening hours:

April – October: Sat. – Sun. 02:00 p.m. – 05:00 p.m.
Closed November through March

10 Tannery Museum

The beamhouse with historic machines and equipment, storage areas for skins and furs, a measurement room, the finishing room as well as detailed documentation on the tannery trade can be found in the former Balz tower's workshop.

Badstraße 7/1
Civic Association „Alte Gerberei e.V.“
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www.calw.de/Tannery-Museum

Opening hours:

April – October: Sun. 02:00 p.m. – 05:00 p.m.
Closed November through March



11 Town Museum (Vischer Palace)

This house was built between 1787 and 1791 by the ducal court architect R. F. H. Fischer for Johann Martin Vischer (1751-1801), head of the "Rafting and Timber Trading Company", which in the 18th century was rich and powerful. The house was the birthplace of Emilie Vischer (1799 – 1881) who later married the poet Ludwig Uhland (1787 – 1862). Today it houses the Calw town museum. In 18 rooms the museum provides valuable information on the history of the town, specific events and important persons.

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www.calw.de/Vischer-Palace

Opening hours:

April – October: Sat. – Sun. 02:00 p.m. – 05:00 p.m.
Closed November through March

12 Railway Museum "Stellwerk 1" ("Signal Box 1")

The railway property in Calw includes two signal boxes dating back to the time when the railway was opened more than 140 years ago.

Bahnhofstraße 59 (railway premises above the youth centre)
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Opening hours: on application

13 Sculpture of Hermann Hesse

In 2002, a life-sized bronze sculpture of Hermann Hesse by the artist Kurt Tassotti was erected to mark Hermann Hesse's 125th birthday.

14 Brühl Park with Majolica Wall

Close to the "Brühl" were the gardens of the botanists and pharmacists of the Gärtner families who needed the gardens for their experiments. The scientific achievements of Josef (1732 – 1791) and Carl Friedrich v. Gärtner (1772 – 1850) cannot be valued highly enough. Both father and son dedicated their lives to botany and influenced Charles Darwin and his theory of evolution as well as Mendel's genetics laws with their ground-breaking basic research. The majolica wall was created to celebrate the importance of the two natural scientists.

Gardens and Fountains

15 Literature Garden

Metal steles with poems arranged according to the four seasons pay homage to the authors to whom the steles are dedicated.

16 Municipal Gardens

This park was established with the assistance of the citizens of Calw in 1871 and since that time has claim to one of the first nature trails. The agricultural expert Emil Horlacher had considerable influence on the design of the gardens.

17 Hesse Garden

This "little oasis" in the midst of the town centre offers relaxation for all – and is also meant to allude to Hermann Hesse who highly appreciated the contemplative effect of water and streams.

18 Hermann Hesse Fountain and Hermann Hesse Square

In 1920, the town council of Calw decided to name the fountain in the square in front of the bridge the "Hermann-Hesse-Brunnen". On Hesse's 70th birthday in 1947, the square itself was also named after the 1946 Nobel Prize laureate.

19 Market Fountains Marktplatz

Two large fountains, probably built in 1586 and adorned with the heraldic lions of Calw bearing the coat of arms of the state of Württemberg and the town of Calw are located in the Market Square at the outermost points of an ellipse.



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Places of Interest in Calw.

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