

## Discover Freiburg step by step!

Freiburg's Old Town offers plenty of tourist attractions, narrow little streets, historical buildings and lively squares – Join us on a discovery tour through 900 years of history of a city that is still modern and young. You can either follow our route or head off towards whatever takes your fancy.

We start in the middle of the city on the Rathausplatz (Town Hall Square). The **Alte Rathaus (Old Town Hall)** (11) with its red façade and Tourist Information office offers a point of contact for your questions and requests. Just next door is the **Neue Rathaus (New Town Hall)** (11) which served as a lecture hall for the University of Freiburg until the end of the 19th century. Where Freiburg's municipal leaders now meet was once a place of anatomy and polyclinics. Directly across you find the **Martinskirche (St. Martin's Church)** (32). It was built around 1300 and was a monastery church of the nearby Franciscan monastery until 1783. There's a special legend surrounding the monk Berthold Schwarz. As an alchemist, it is said that he invented gunpowder by accident. At the foot of his fountain statue in the middle of the Rathausplatz (Town Hall Square), the coat of arms of Freiburg and its twin cities shine as elaborate mosaics. Many such works made from colourful stones decorate Freiburg's Old Town and the entrances to many shops at the same time, so it's always worth looking down!

We stroll left past Martinskirche (St. Martin's Church) through the Franziskanerstraße to the **Haus zum Walfisch (The Whale House)** (5) in the middle of the 13th century, it is the younger of the two remaining gates. Its façade tells the legend of the Swabian who once tried in vain to buy the city. Around the Schwabentor (Swabian Gate), there are a number of restaurants offering Baden specialities. Germany's oldest inn "**Zum Roten Bären**" (15) is especially interesting. From here, it's worth taking a detour to the countryside, just five minutes away! We cross the Schwabentorsteig bridge and walk up to **Schlossberg** (16) and take in the magnificent view of Freiburg.

Freiburg's Obere Altstadt (Upper Old Town) with the Gewerbekanal, Gerberau and Fischer-au alleys and the "island" is worth every step you take over the cobblestone pavements! This idyllic quarter is also known as "Klein Venedig" ("Little Venice") and is the ideal place for visiting galleries, wandering around family-owned shops, spending time in one of the cosy cafés or watching the crocodile in the canal. Following the Gewerbekanal, we arrive at the busy Augustinerplatz (Augustine Square) with the former monastery of the Augustinian hermits. Built in 1300 and reconstructed in baroque style at the start of the 18th century, it houses what is arguably Freiburg's most beautiful museum, the **Augustinermuseum** (18). The Obere Altstadt (Upper Old Town) was once Freiburg's artisanal quarter during the Middle Ages.

Today, you can take in the almost Mediterranean charm of the city, cool off your feet in the little canals and simply watch the world go by. Feeling relaxed and refreshed, we reach the city's oldest intact watchtower, **Martinstor (Martin's Gate)** (7). Used as a prison for a while / some time, it was raised by a level and restored at the start of the 20th century.

We continue past Bertoldsbrunnen (Bertold's Fountain), the crossing point for the urban tramways, and enter the Bertoldstraße. Here, we follow the tram lines towards the university, admire its history at the **Uniseum (University's Museum)** (22) and reach the Platz der Alten Synagoge (Old Synagogue Square). This is where traditional meets modern with the new **Universitätsbibliothek (University Library)** (36) and the historic Stadttheater (Municipal Theatre). Passing through the Rotteckring, we reach Colombipark (Colombi Park) and the Colombischlösse (Archaeological Museum). This villa was built for Countess de Zea Bermudez y Colombi between 1859 and 1861 in the English neo-gothic style. Today it is home to the **Archäologische Museum (Archaeological Museum)** (17). On the last part of our route, as we pass the **Zunftthaus (Guild House)** (19) of the Breisgau fools (Carnival Museum) in the Turmstraße, we can see the city's oldest council building, the **Gerichtslaube (Old Court House)** (4), documented as a council building since 1303, is located in the inner courtyard behind the Alten Rathaus (Old Town Hall), where our tour began.

Passing the Basler Hof (Regional Council) on our right, we see the heart of Freiburg, the Münsterplatz (Cathedral Square). From Monday to Saturday – farmers and merchants sell their goods at the Cathedral Market. Try a long red sausage, the "Lange Rote", drink a glass of wine or enjoy one of the other specialities on offer. In the middle of the square is the imposing **Freiburger Münster (Cathedral)** (33) with its 116 m-high tower. Built between 1200 and 1513, it has survived multiple wars almost unscathed and features captivating sights such as the magnificent pediment in the vestibule, historic stained glass windows and the high altar painted by Hans Baldung Grien.

On the south side of the cathedral, the red façade of the **Historisches Kaufhaus (Historical Merchants' Hall)** (6) really stands out. Decorated with Habsburg sculptures and coats of arms, it was built between 1520 and 1532 to manage the markets in the city and served as a customs, trade and financial building. Right next to it you will see the **Erzbischöfliche Palais (Archiepiscopal Palace)** with its richly decorated balcony, once the palace of estates for the Breisgau knights. Further east on the square, the **Wentzingerhaus (Museum of Municipal History)** (23) was built in 1761 by painter, architect and sculptor Johann Christian Wentzinger as his "residence on the beautiful corner". Today it is home to the **Museum für Stadtgeschichte (Museum of Municipal History)**. The "Haus der Badischen Weine" (House of Baden Wines) is a must for all wine lovers. Here, you can sample a number of wines from Freiburg and the region.

Continue past the Alte Münsterbauhütte (Old Cathedral Workshop) to the Herrenstraße, where you will find the **Erzbischöflichen Ordinariat (Archiepiscopal Ordinate)** (3), an outstanding example of late historicism in Baden. After passing through the narrow Münzgasse, we arrive at one of the most beautiful streets in Freiburg, the Konvikstraße. It was a lively street full of artisans in the Middle Ages and remains so until today. Its charming façades and little boutiques make it an ideal place to

wander around. We leisurely stroll on and reach the **Schwabentor (Swabian Gate)** (12). Built in the middle of the 13th century, it is the younger of the two remaining gates. Its façade tells the legend of the Swabian who once tried in vain to buy the city. Around the Schwabentor (Swabian Gate), there are a number of restaurants offering Baden specialities. Germany's oldest inn "**Zum Roten Bären**" (15) is especially interesting. From here, it's worth taking a detour to the countryside, just five minutes away! We cross the Schwabentorsteig bridge and walk up to **Schlossberg** (16) and take in the magnificent view of Freiburg.

## MAP OF FREIBURG'S OLD TOWN



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### TOURIST ATTRACTIONS

- 1 Alte Wache (House of Baden Wines)
- 2 Basler Hof (Regional Council)
- 3 Erzbischöfliches Ordinariat (Archiepiscopal Ordinate)
- 4 Gerichtslaube (Old Court House)
- 5 Haus zum Walfisch (The Whale House)
- 6 Historisches Kaufhaus (Historical Merchants' Hall)
- 7 Martinstor (Martin's Gate)
- 8 Münsterbauhütte (Cathedral Workshop)
- 9 Münsterladen/Alte Münsterbauhütte (Cathedral Shop/Old Cathedral Workshop)
- 10 Platz der Alten Synagoge (Old Synagogue Square)
- 11 Altes/Neues Rathaus (Old/New Town Hall)
- 12 Schwabentor (Swabian Gate)
- 13 Stadtgarten (Municipal Park)
- 14 Colombipark
- 15 Inn "Zum Roten Bären"
- 16 Schlossberg

### MUSEUMS

- 17 Archäol. Museum/Colombischlösse (Archaeological Museum)
- 18 Augustinermuseum
- 19 Fasnetmuseum (Carnival Museum)
- 20 Museum für Neue Kunst (Museum of Contemporary Art)
- 21 Museum "Natur und Mensch" (Museum of Nature and Man)
- 22 Uniseum (University Museum)
- 23 Museum für Stadtgeschichte (Museum of Municipal History)
- 24 Zinnfigurenklaus (Tin Figure Cabinet)

### CULTURE

- 25 Jazzhaus (Jazz House)
- 26 Konzerthaus (Concert Hall)
- 27 Planetarium
- 28 Theater Freiburg
- 29 Theater im Marienbad
- 30 Wallgrabentheater

### CHURCHES

- 31 Adelhauser Kirche (Adelhauser Church)
- 32 Martinskirche (St. Martin's Church)
- 33 Münster (Cathedral)
- 34 Synagoge (Synagogue)

### UNIVERSITY

- 35 Alte Universität (Old University)
- 36 Universitätsbibliothek (University Library)
- 37 Universitätskirche (University Church)
- 38 Universitätszentrum (University Campus)

### TRANSPORT HUB

- 39 Bertoldsbrunnen (Bertold's Fountain) (H)
- 40 Karlsplatz (H)
- 41 Radstation (Bike Station) (B)
- 42 Schlossbergbahn (Schlossberg Railway) (S)
- 43 Europaplatz (H)

- (i) Tourist Information
- (P) Post office
- (S) Police
- (B) Playground
- (F) Drinking fountain
- (R) Relaxation area
- (C) Photo area
- (B) Frelö Bike Rental
- See right for details of our discovery tour



## KEY DATES IN FREIBURG'S HISTORY

|                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| 1120                | Market founded by Conrad, Duke of Zähringen  |
| 1200 - approx. 1513 | The cathedral was built  |
| 1368                | Freiburg puts itself under the protection of the House of Habsburg                                   |
| 1457                | Archduke Albrecht VI founds the University of Freiburg   |
| 1677 - 1697         | Freiburg is a French fort  |
| 1944                | Heavy air strikes during WWII on 27 November   |
| 1952                | Freiburg belongs to the state of Baden-Württemberg   |
| 1959                | The French city of Besançon becomes Freiburg's first twin city. Another eleven cities follow by 2016 |
| 1986                | Horticultural show in Freiburg   |
| 2020                | City anniversary: 900 years of Freiburg  |
| Population          | 230,940 (2020) including approx. 32,000 students   |

## TYPICAL FREIBURG



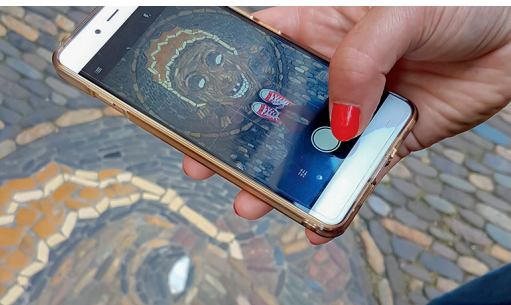
### LANGE ROTE

The smallest emblem in Freiburg can be found right next to the largest: the Münsterwurst sausage – also known as the “Lange Rote” or long red one – can be found in front of the cathedral at the market between Monday and Saturday. It is an essential part of any visit to Freiburg!



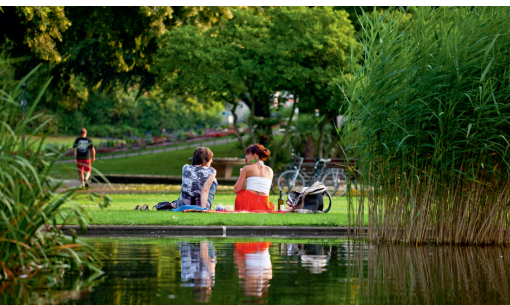
### BÄCHLE

The “Bächle” canals run throughout the Old Town and it's impossible to imagine Freiburg without them. In former times, they provided water for putting out fires. Today, the canals are a refreshing way for young and old to cool off, but beware: legend has it that anyone who steps in will marry a Freiburg citizen!



### MOSAICS

It's also worth looking down! Ever since the 19th century, the entrances to many buildings have been decorated with colourful mosaics portraying the city's coat of arms, guild/business signs or cultural motifs. It is definitely a different angle to take a photo!



### PICNIC SPOTS

Just take a break. There are numerous sunny and shady spots in Freiburg where you can take a breath and enjoy the day. Benches (and picnic areas) can be found in the Stadtgarten (Municipal Park), on the Schlossberg, at the Dreisam River or Seepark and in many other parks.

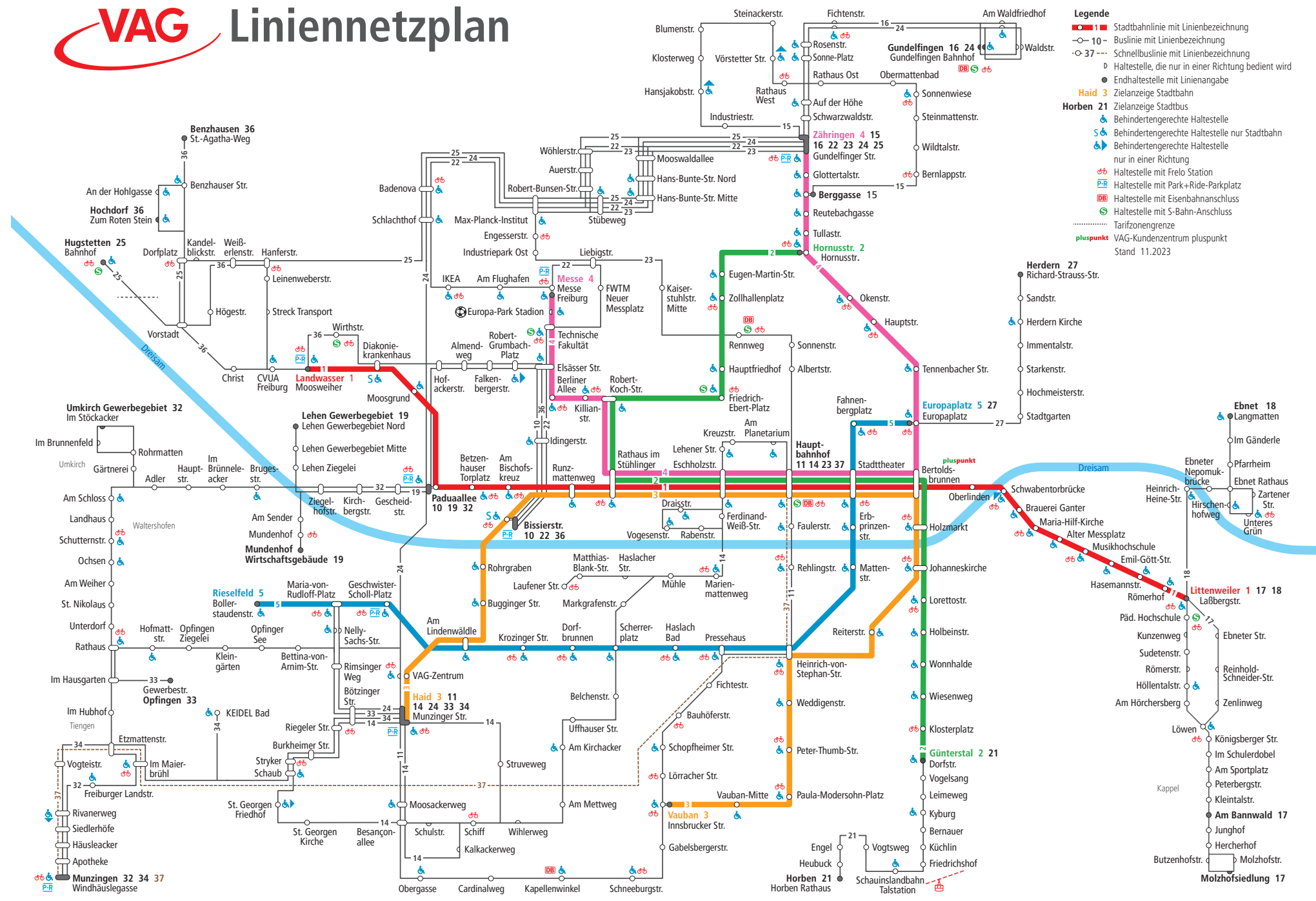


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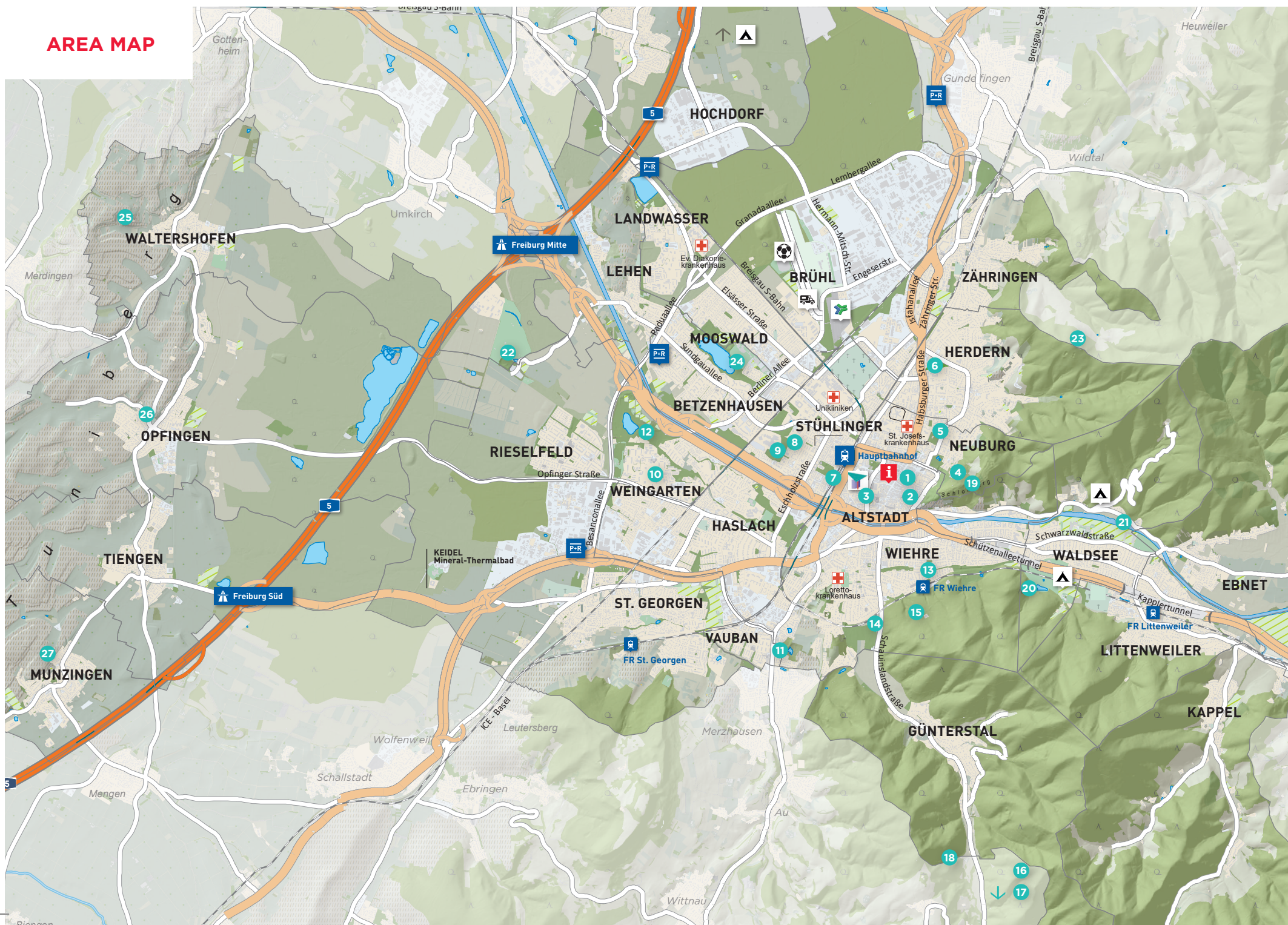
Freiburg is a cycling city! It is a great idea to get on your bike and discover the city on two wheels. Our tip: the “Frelö” bike rental system allows you to cycle from one part of the city to the next using its rental stations!

[frelö-freiburg.de](http://frelö-freiburg.de)

## VAG Liniennetzplan



## AREA MAP



## TOURIST DESTINATIONS & ATTRactions

- 1 Münsterplatz
- 2 Obere Altstadt (Upper Old Town)
- 3 Sedanviertel (Sedan District)/University
- 4 Schlossbergbahn (Schlossberg Railway)
- 5 Alter Friedhof (Old Cemetery)
- 6 Botanischer Garten (Botanical Garden)
- 7 Wiwilibrücke (Wiwili Bridge)
- 8 Rathaus (Town Hall) in Stühlinger
- 9 Garden hose statue in Eschholzpark
- 10 High-rise building on the Bugginger Strasse
- 11 Solar settlement and the Sonnenschiff (Sun Ship)
- 12 Dietenbachpark
- 13 Alter Wiehrebahnhof (Old Wiehre Railway Station)
- 14 Holbeinpfad
- 15 Wasserschlössle (Water Castle)
- 16 Schauinslandbahn (Schauinsland cable car)
- 17 Museumsbergwerk Schauinsland (Schauinsland Mining Museum)
- 18 “Waldtraut vom Mühlwald”
- 19 Schlossbergturm (Schlossberg Tower)
- 20 Waldsee
- 21 Karthauswiesen on the Dreisam
- 22 Mundenhof Zoo
- 23 Zähringer Burg (Zähringer Castle)
- 24 Seepark
- 25 Panoramic Trail Waltershofen
- 26 Themed Trail Opfingen
- 27 Erentrudiskapelle (Chapel of Erentrudis) Munzingen

- 1 Tourist Information
- Messe Freiburg
- Konzerthaus
- Europa-Park-Stadion
- Park & Ride
- Parking space
- Camping



### WELCOME TICKET

A combination ticket that is valid for three consecutive days for bus and rail travel throughout the RVF area. The price includes use of the VAG Schauinslandbahn (Schauinsland Cable Car) and, free entry to Freiburg's museums. You can also enjoy a discount of 2 Euro on some guided tours.

[visit.freiburg.de/en/3-days-welcomecard](http://visit.freiburg.de/en/3-days-welcomecard)



### TOURS

Discover more of our beautiful town! Take some inspiration from our city strolls!

[visit.freiburg.de/en/strolls](http://visit.freiburg.de/en/strolls)



### NATURE & ACTIVE

Step into nature – only in Freiburg! Whether you are looking for relaxation or action, you will find it here in the parks and by the lakes, on walks or bike tours, or as you gaze at the infinite vastness from one of the the Black Forest peaks. Shift into a lower gear and start up again full of power!

[visit.freiburg.de/en/outdoors-active](http://visit.freiburg.de/en/outdoors-active)



### GASTRONOMY

Freiburg is a city for Gourmets. Our wonderful regional dishes from Baden paired with award-winning cuisine, home-brewed beer and excellent wines from the region will delight bon vivants and foodies alike. You can indulge yourself here with a clear conscience!

[visit.freiburg.de/en/gastronomy](http://visit.freiburg.de/en/gastronomy)

### IS FREIBURG ACCESSIBLE?

You can find lots of helpful information about accessibility here:  
[visit.freiburg.de/en/barrier-free](http://visit.freiburg.de/en/barrier-free)

### DO YOU NEED TO “SPEND A PENNY”?

Aside from the public toilets, you can also find many “Nette Toilette” or nice bathrooms that are available to guests in Freiburg's Old Town without them having to make a purchase or place an order. They are marked with the “Nice bathroom” sign at the entrance to restaurants and bars. For more information, see [visit.freiburg.de/en/toilets](http://visit.freiburg.de/en/toilets)



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### EVENTS

From colourful Carnival costumes and ambience in February to wine festivals towards the end of summer and the annual Christmas market, Freiburg's event calendar is full of cultural and seasonal highlights, concerts, exhibitions, fairs and festivals. Let's celebrate together!

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