

FOLLOW OUR RECOMMENDED ROUTES OR CREATE YOUR VERY OWN STROLL THROUGH THE CITY

Discover Freiburg Step by Step!

Freiburg's old town has awe-inspiring sights, narrow little streets, historical buildings and lively places – we want to take you with us on a discovery tour through 900 years of the city's history and through a city that is modern and young, nevertheless. You can simply follow our route or take a detour wherever and whenever you please.

We begin at the Rathausplatz (Town Hall Square) in the middle of the city: The **Altes Rathaus (Old Town Hall)** (1), once the location of the town clerk, is particularly impressive with its red facade and its Tourist Information offers a point of contact for your questions and wishes. Just next door is the **Neues Rathaus (New Town Hall)** (2), which served as a lecture building 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 stands **Martinskirche (St. Martin's Church)** (3). It was built around 1300 and was a monastery church of the nearby Franciscan monastery until 1783. There is a very special legend surrounding Berthold Schwarz, the most famous monk at the time: As an alchemist, it is said that he discovered gunpowder by accident. At the foot of his fountain monument in the middle of the Rathausplatz (Town Hall Square), the coats of arms of Freiburg and its partner cities shine as elaborate mosaics. Many such works made from colorful rhinestone decorate Freiburg's old town and the entrances to many stores at the same time. It is worth taking a look down!

Here we can linger in one of the cafés or stroll on to the left past St. Martin's Church through the Franziskanerstraße to the **Haus zum Walfisch (The Whale House)** (4) with its magnificent late-Gothic doorway. Built by Grand Treasurer Emperor Maximilian I, it housed the famous humanist Erasmus von Rotterdam between 1529-1531. We now follow the stream and arrive at **Basler Hof (Regional Council)** (5), one of the most important secular buildings in the city, which since its edification between 1494-1496 has been an important institution. Today, it is the location of Freiburg's regional council. Here on the Kaiser-Joseph-Straße, still called the "Große Gass" ("Large Street") in the Middle Ages, was where the city market would set up at the time. The "Kajo", with its arcade passages built after the war, is considered Freiburg's strolling and shopping street and invites you to browse around.

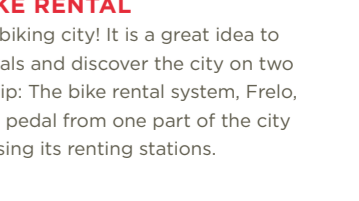
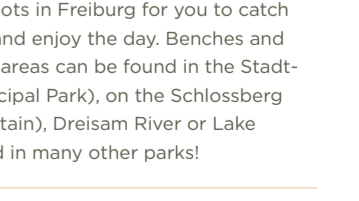
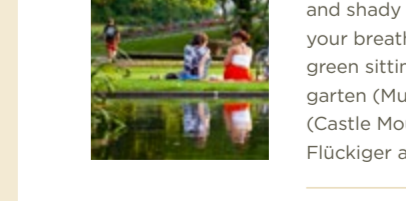
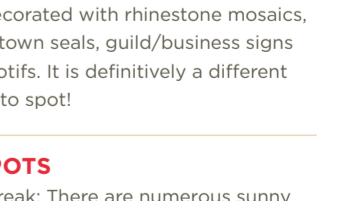
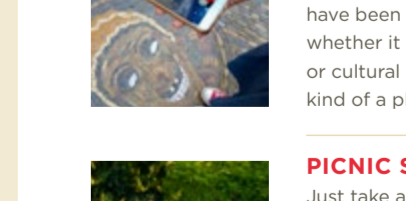
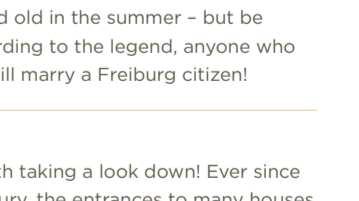
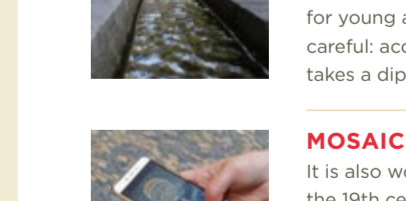
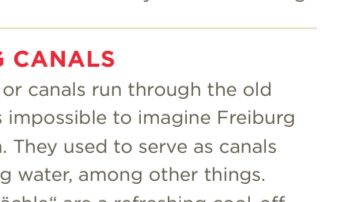
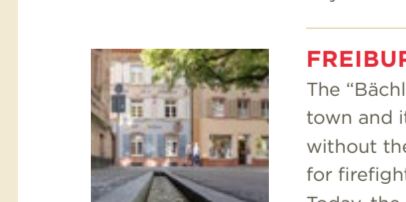
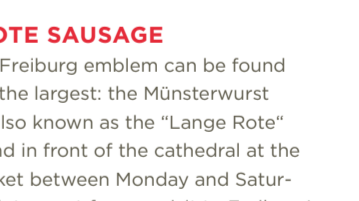
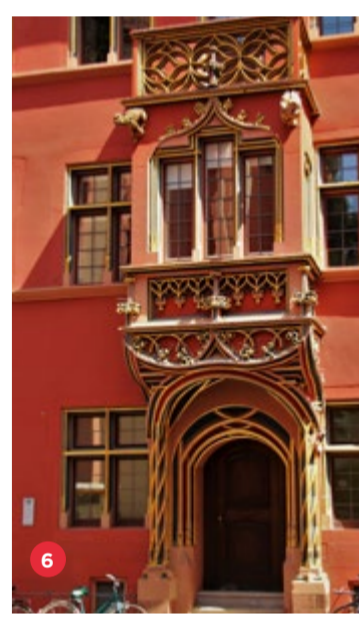
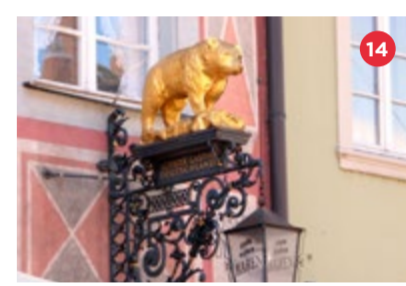
Whether you stopped to shop or not, to the right, past the Basler Hof (Regional Council), we can already see the centerpiece of Freiburg, the **Münsterplatz (Cathedral Square)**. Here, from Monday to Saturday, farmers and merchants sell their wares at the Cathedral Market, which is an experience and a delight all in one. Try a long red sausage, the "Lange Rote", drink a glass of wine or enjoy "Stefan's Käsekuchen", the best cheesecake in the city. You can take a stroll here, observe the hustle and bustle of the market and, above all, marvel at Freiburg's highest landmark. In the middle of the plaza, the majestic **Freiburger Münster (Cathedral)** (6) stands tall with its 380-foot tower, once described as "Christianity's most beautiful tower." Built between 1200 and 1513, it has survived multiple years nearly unscathed – most recently the bombing of Freiburg during WWII – and features captivating sights such as the magnificent tympanum in the vestibule, the historic stained glass windows in the nave, and the high altar painted by Hans Baldung Grien.

Here on the south side of the cathedral, the red facade of the **Historisches Kaufhaus (Historical Merchants' Hall)** (7) really stands out. Decorated with Habsburg sculptures and coats of arms, it was built from 1520-1532 to manage the markets in the city and served as a customs, trade and financial building. Right next to it stands the **Erzbischöfliches Palais (Archiepiscopal Palace)** (8) with its richly decorated balcony, once the palace of estates for the Breisgau knights. The **Wentzingerhaus (Museum of Municipal History)** (9), further east on the plaza, was built in 1761 as the "Residence on the Beautiful Corner" by painter, architect and sculptor Johann Christian Wentzinger and houses the museum of the city's history today. The "House of Baden Wines" is an absolute must for all wine lovers and connoisseurs: the **Alte Wache** (10) with the yellow facade invites you to taste and enjoy several Freiburg wines. It is worth it to linger here. When to get back on your route is totally up to you!

Anyone feeling a bit curious or "wunderfrützig", as we say, can continue on past the Cathedral Workshop on Herrenstraße, where you will find the **Erzbischöfliches Ordinariat (Archiepiscopal Ordinariate)** (11), one of the superb structures of late historicism in Baden. After passing through in the numerous restaurants, we arrive at one of the most beautiful streets in Freiburg, the Konviktstraße. With its curved route, it was a lively artisan street in the Middle Ages. Today it invites you to wander through the charming house facades and small boutiques. We stroll on leisurely and arrive at the **Schwabentor (Swabian Gate)** (12). Built in the middle of the 13th century, it is the younger of the two remaining gates and its facade tells the legend of the Swabian who once tried to buy the city but with no success. If you would like to take a detour into nature, it is just five minutes away! From here, it is worth walking over the Schwabentorsteig to the Schlossberg to take and enjoy in the priceless view of Freiburg. Anyone interested in a break instead can try out some Baden specialties in the numerous restaurants such as, for example, in Germany's oldest hotel, the inn "Zum Roten Bären" (13).

In Freiburg, everything is a can, not a must. Freiburg's upper old town is worth every step with its Gewerkbaln stream, the Gerberau and Fischeru streets and the "island" "Little Venice", as the idyllic small street is called, invites you to visit galleries, wander through family-owned stores, spend some time in cozy cafés or watch the crocodile in the canal. Following the canal, we are at the lively Augustinerplatz (Augustine Square) with the former monastery of the Augustine hermits. Built in 1300 and reconstructed in the Baroque style in the 18th century, it has been under renovation for several years and holds Freiburg's most beautiful museum, the **Augustinermuseum** (14). The upper old town was once the artisans' district of Freiburg. Today you can take in the almost Mediterranean charm of the city, cool off your feet in the little canals and watch the hustle and bustle. After a short walk through the Fischeru street, we reach the oldest intact watchtower in the city, **Martinstor (Martin's Gate)** (15). Used as a prison for a time, it was raised and expanded at the beginning of the 20th century.

Next we pass by Bertoldsbrunnen (Bertold's Fountain), the hub of public transportation, and enter the Bertoldstraße. Here we follow the tram lines toward the university, can admire its history at the **Uniseum (University's Museum)** (16) and reach the Platz der Alten Synagoge (Old Synagogue Square). This is where traditional meets modern with the eye-catching new **Universitätsbibliothek (University Library)** (17) and the historical **Stadtheater (Theater)** (18). It is worth it to take a break on the wooden pedestal and let the active student scene work its magic. Passing through the newly designed Rotteckering, we reach the **Colombiapark**. Not only does it invite you to linger here in the summer, it's also where the **Colombischlössle (Colombi Castle)** (19) is located. This villa was built for the Countess de Zea Bemolde Y Colombi from 1859-1861 in an English neo-gothic style and today holds the **Archäologisches Museum (Archaeological Museum)** (20). On the home stretch of our route, we can take a look at the oldest council building in the city on the **Turmstraße** past the **ZunftHaus der Breisgauer Narren (Carnival Museum)** (21). The **Gerichtslaube (Old Court House)** (22), documented as a council building since 1303, is in the inner courtyard behind the Old Town Hall, where our tour started.



HISTORIC CITY CENTER

- 1 Alte Wache (House of Baden Wines)
- 2 Basler Hof (Regional Council)
- 3 Erzbischöfliches Ordinariat (Archiepiscopal Ordinariate)
- 4 Erzbischöfliches Palais (Archiepiscopal Palace)
- 5 Gerichtslaube (Old Court House)
- 6 Haus zum Walfisch (The Whale House)
- 7 Historisches Kaufhaus (Historical Merchants' Hall)
- 8 Martinstor (Martin's Gate)
- 9 Münsterbauhütte (Cathedral Workshop)
- 10 Rathaus (Town Hall) with Tourist Information
- 11 Schwabentor (Swabian Gate)
- 12 Stadtbibliothek (Municipal Library)
- 13 Stadtgarten (Municipal Park)
- 14 Inn "Zum Roten Bären"

- #### MUSEUMS
- 15 Colombischlössle (Archaeological Museum)
 - 16 Augustinermuseum
 - 17 Fasnetmuseum (Carnival Museum)
 - 18 Museum für Neue Kunst (Museum of Contemporary Art)
 - 19 Museum Natur und Mensch (Museum of Nature and Man)
 - 20 Uniseum (University's Museum)
 - 21 Wentzingerhaus (Museum of Municipal History)
 - 22 Zinnfigurenklaue (Tin Figure Cabinet)

- #### CHURCHES
- 23 Adelhauser Kirche (Adelhauser Church)
 - 24 Martinskirche (St. Martin's Church)
 - 25 Münster (Cathedral)
 - 26 Synagoge (Synagogue)

- #### CULTURE
- 27 Jazzhaus (Jazz House)
 - 28 Konzerthaus (Concert Hall)
 - 29 Kunstverein (Art Society)
 - 30 Planetarium
 - 31 Theater Freiburg
 - 32 Theater im Marienbad
 - 33 Wallgrabentheater

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

- #### CHARGING STATIONS
- 38 Hauptbahnhof (Central station)
 - 39 Busbahnhof (Bus terminal)
 - 40 Post office
 - 41 Police
 - 42 Tourist Information
 - 43 Charging station for electric vehicles
 - 44 Handicapped parking
 - 45 Frelo Bike Rental

- #### PARKING GARAGES
- 46 Bahnhofsgarage
 - 47 Konzerthaus
 - 48 Volksbank
 - 49 Am Bahnhof

- #### PARKING SPACES FOR COACHES
- 50 Karlsplatz
 - 51 Stadtgarten
 - 52 Schreiberanlage

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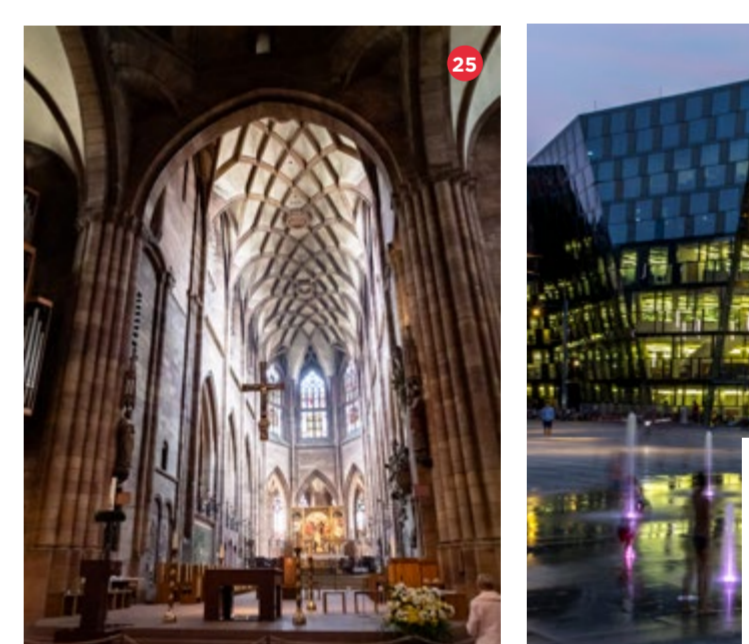
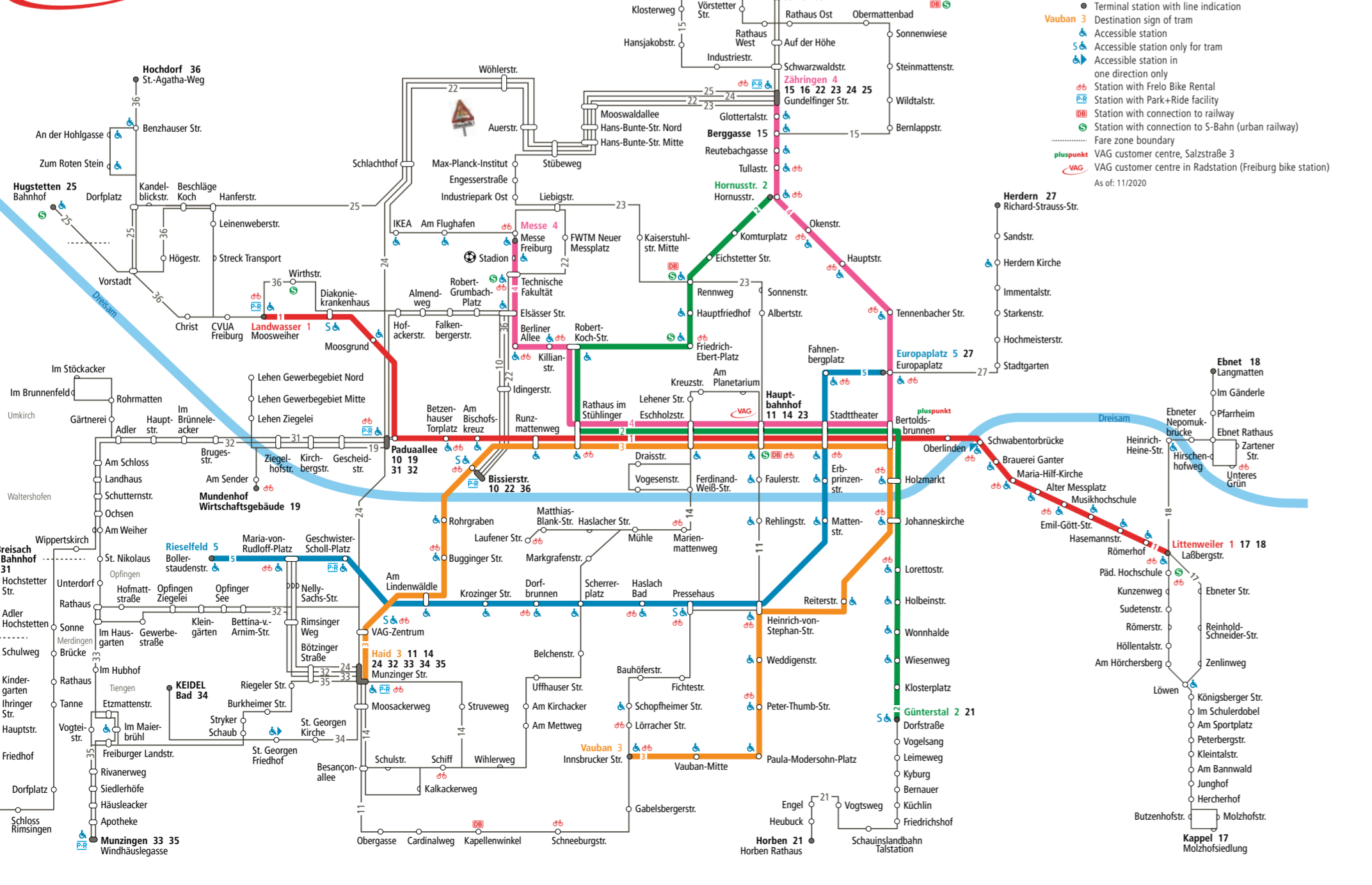
Would you like to discover Freiburg with barrier-free access? You will find a lot of helpful information here: visit.freiburg.de/en/barrier-free

DO YOU NEED A NICE RESTROOM?

Aside from the public toilets, you will also find the "Nette Toilette" (nice toilets) available to guests in Freiburg's old town, even those who did not buy or order anything. Look for the symbol on the entrance door to see which restaurants have these "nice toilets". Click here for additional information: visit.freiburg.de/en/toilets

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A PARKING SPOT? Then follow the Freiburg's parking guidance system freiburg.de/parken

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TYPICAL FREIBURG

LANGE ROTE SAUSAGE

The smallest Freiburg emblem can be found right next to the largest: the Münsterwurst (sausage) – also known as the "Lange Rote" – can be found in front of the cathedral at the farmer's market between Monday and Saturday. An absolute must for any visit to Freiburg!

FREIBURG CANALS

The "Bächle" or canals run through the old town and it is impossible to imagine Freiburg without them. They used to serve as canals for firefighting water, among other things. Today, the "Bächle" are a refreshing cool-off for young and old in the summer – but be careful: according to the legend, anyone who takes a dip will marry a Freiburg citizen!

MOSAICS

It is also worth taking a look down! Ever since the 19th century, the entrances to many houses have been decorated with rhinestone mosaics, whether it is town seals, guild/business signs or cultural motifs. It is definitively a different kind of a photo spot!

PICNIC SPOTS

Just take a break: There are numerous sunny and shady spots in Freiburg for you to catch your breath and enjoy the day. Benches and green sitting areas can be found in the Stadtgarten (Municipal Park), on the Schlossberg (Castle Mountain Park), Dreisam River or Lias Flockiger and in many other parks!

FRELO BIKE RENTAL

Freiburg is a biking city! It is a great idea to push the pedals and discover the city on two wheels. Our tip: The bike rental system, Frelo, allows you to pedal from one part of the city to the next using its renting stations.

MILESTONES FREIBURG'S HISTORY

1120	Market foundation by Konrad von Zähringen
1200	approx.1513 Building of the cathedral
1238	First mention of the Freiburg canals ("Bächle")
1368	Freiburg puts itself under the protection of the House of Habsburg
1457	Archduke Albrecht VI. founds the University of Freiburg
1677-97	Freiburg is a French fort
1805	Integration of Freiburg into the grand duchy of Baden by Napoleon
1821	Freiburg was appointed as the Bishop's Seat
1901	Freiburg receives electrical power
1910	Inauguration of the new city theatre
1911	Opening of the new university building
1914	Air strikes during the 1st World War
1918	A revolution is called for on Karlsplatz; Baden becomes a Republic
1923	Opening of the Augustinermuseum
1930	Opening of the Schaulandsbahn (Schaunland Cable Car)
1944	Severest airstrike during the 2nd World War on 27th November
1952	Freiburg belongs to the state of Baden-Württemberg
1959	The French city of Besancon becomes Freiburg's fr 1st twin town. Another 11 cities follow until 2016
1986	Horticultural show in Freiburg
1993	1st promotion to the Bundesliga for Sportclub Freiburg
1996	Opening of the Konzerthaus (Concert Hall) in Freiburg
2000	Opening of the new Messe Freiburg (Exhibition Center)
2011	Pope Benedict XVI. visits Freiburg
2015	Opening of the new university library
2017	Opening of the Platz der Alten Synagoge (Old Synagogue Square)
2018	Completion of Rotteckering, Kronenbrücke and Siegesdenkmal (Victory Monument)
2020	City anniversary: 900 Years of Freiburg

Population	230,940 (2020) including approx. 32,000 students
Tourism	1.5 Mio. overnight stays per year
Location	Height difference of over 1,000 m; Waltershofen 196 m, Münsterplatz 278 m, Schaulandsland 1,284 above sea-level