



ALBSTADT

PENTHOUSE OF THE SWABIANS

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THE OUTDOOR CAPITAL OF THE SWABIAN ALB REGION

LOCATION: In the southwest of the Swabian Alb region in Baden-Württemberg

AREA: 134.42 km², of which 81% is covered by nature reserves and conservation areas

POPULATION: 45,544

ALTITUDE: 580.5 m (Eyach, Albstadt-Laufen) up to 981.8 m (Oberer Berg, Albstadt-Lautlingen)

DISTRICTS: Ebingen, Tailfingen, Onstmettingen, Truchtelfingen, Pfeffingen, Lautlingen, Laufen, Margrethausen, Burgfelden



The 45,000-inhabitant city in the south of Baden-Württemberg, situated in the Swabian Alb region, lies halfway between Stuttgart and Lake Constance.

In the lively pedestrian zones, colourful street cafés alternate with small boutiques. The weekly markets offer a large selection of fresh fruit and vegetables as well as regional meat and sausage products.

Albstadt is located on the high plateau and thanks to the impressive views from the steep Albrauf drop-off is known as the “Penthouse of the Swabians”. With its wide juniper heaths, light-flooded forests and rugged rock formations, the countryside offers the best air quality, wide views and a wide range of leisure and recreational opportunities.

TRAUFGÄNGE

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PREMIUM HIKING REGION TRAUFGÄNGE

Dramatic drop-offs and exceptional views: the perfect place for hikers to become true masters of the Traufgang. Ten premium hiking trails, including two winter trails and one family trail, make Albstadt the top premium hiking region in Baden-Württemberg.

The extensive panoramic tours pass through spectacular natural scenery along the steeply declining Albrauf, through wild juniper heaths and beech forests or past ancient rock formations - always impressing walkers with their outstanding features. The premium hiking trails are between four and 17 kilometres long and offer options for daylong or multi-day tours. Picnic spots and cosy restaurants invite you to rest and stop along the way, because a hike without a decent snack is almost unthinkable in Swabia.



BIKEZONE

FEEL LIKE YOU'RE UP AND AWAY

EXPERIENCE THE FLOW AND RIDE OF THE ALBTRAUF

A proven mountain bike route network with challenging single trails, the Bikepark Albstadt and numerous events such as the Albstadt Bike Marathon and the UCI Mountain Bike World Cup in Bullentäle ensure that the Albstadt Bikezone transforms into a real hotspot for mountain bikers in the summer months.

The unique landscape with its crisp uphill and thrilling downhill provides challenges for MTB beginners as well as trail lovers alike.

Besides your own power reserves, you can also recharge your e-bike batteries at your biker-friendly hosts. All in all: optimal conditions for high-profile MTB tours and bike holidays!



ON THE WHITE ALB IN A WINTER WONDERLAND



WINTER AT THE ALBTRAUFL

White forests, untouched nature, glittering blankets of snow. Winter on the Albtrauf is a very special time for snow lovers, nature lovers and winter sports enthusiasts.

Through crunching snow past steep cliffs with views of the fairytale Hohenzollern Castle: hiking here becomes a real experience. Two well-maintained and clearly marked premium winter hiking trails guide walkers through the snow-covered winter landscape.

Cross-country skiers and skaters alike can enjoy perfectly groomed cross-country trails through juniper heaths and small wooded areas. Furthermore, six localities in Albstadt also offer excellent ski lifts with floodlights where skiers and snowboarders can really let off some steam.



CLEAR THE STAGE

A UNIQUE ATMOSPHERE



FROM STRING CONCERTS TO PUB CRAWLS

Albstadt's events calendar offers theatre performances and concerts alongside an exciting programme beyond the classical stages. Open-air concerts in the lively pedestrian precinct or as part of the Christmas market guarantee a particularly lively atmosphere.

Every two years the "Albstädter Literaturtage" (Albstadt Literature Days) book festival - the largest of its kind in the Swabian Alb region - invites renowned authors and actors to a variety of readings and theatre performances. The youth series „#kulturundso“, presented for audiences between the ages of two and 20, impresses everyone with just how much fun culture can be.

Meanwhile, the university town's diverse pub landscape offers a variety of locations for every occasion: relaxed music evenings in a rustic ambience, beer tasting with the local master brewer, karaoke for self-proclaimed singing talents or simply - the perfect location for an exuberant party marathon with friends.



CREATIVITY BEATS FRUGALITY

MUSEUMS IN ALBSTADT

EMBARK ON A JOURNEY THROUGH TIME

Baden-Württemberg is generally considered to be the land of inventors and thinkers - this also applies to Albstadt, because inventive talent has a long tradition here. For more than 250 years, the region has relied on textile production and precision mechanics including the construction of weighing scales. The “Maschenmuseum” (Mesh Museum) stands out most notably as a symbol of the regional textile industry.

The Stauffenberg Castle welcomes visitors to tour a memorial site commemorating the Nazi resistance fighters Claus and Berthold von Stauffenberg. The Jehle Music Historical Collection, which is also housed there, exhibits a variety of historical musical instruments in addition to a complete violin maker's workshop.

The Albstadt Art Museum houses an internationally renowned collection of graphic art, including over 400 works on paper by Otto Dix, as well as a collection dedicated to the landscapes of the Swabian Alb region. Families can also discover the world of art whilst engaging and having fun at the youth art area.



REGIONAL SPECIALITIES FROM THE ALB



FOOD IS SERVED!

From rustic inns along the premium hiking trails “Traufgänge” and mountain bike trails to chic cafés in the city centre: In the summer you can experience Swabian hospitality on sunny terraces in the midst of the beautiful surrounding nature or sitting in cosy fireplace parlours during the cold season.

Culinary hosts not only offer the best Swabian cuisine such as Maultaschen or lentils with Spätzle, produced with seasonal and regional products, but they also provide additional services along the MTB trails and Traufgänge and are therefore perfectly equipped for accommodating hikers and mountain bikers.

Culinary hosts have been awarded the “Qualitätsgastgeber Wanderbares Deutschland” (Hiking Germany Quality Host) and “Schmeck den Süden” (Taste of the South) quality seals.



PREMIUM HOSTS

WITH A FEEL-GOOD ATMOSPHERE

HOSTS IN ALBSTADT

Albstadt's hosts will indulge you with Swabian cuisine, comfortable beds and friendly service. From a modern, chic hotel to a rustic inn, an exclusive apartment or a 5-star campsite with holiday bungalows and sleeping barrels – the guest is always the centre of attention here.

Peace and a feel-good atmosphere are the top priorities when being hosted in Albstadt whether in the middle of green meadows and quiet forests or even directly in the city centre. Some hosts also specialise in offering hiker-friendly services. These venues have been awarded the "Qualitätsgastgeber Wanderbares Deutschland" (Hiking Germany Quality Host) seal.



ACTIVITY LOCATIONS

DOWN BELOW OR HIGH ABOVE



TRIP LOCATIONS

Whatever the weather, many excursion opportunities can be found in and around Albstadt for culture lovers as well as activity and nature enthusiasts.

The bike park, climbing park and outdoor swimming pools featuring large playgrounds and sunbathing areas offer plenty of space for adults and children who are hungry for some exercise to let off some steam. Albstadt's badkap leisure and wellness pool with its exciting games area and one of the largest sauna landscapes in the region attracts young and old bathers alike – not just on grey rainy days!

While Hohenzollern Castle and Sigmaringen Castle tell the story of Prussia with their distinguished halls, the Swabian Alb's past can be experienced first hand at the Dormettingen "Schiefererlebnis" (Slate Experience) which features fossils extracted from the local slate.





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