

THE BEST ANSWERS TO ALL OF YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT WHERE TO GO

Accessible Destinations in Baden-Württemberg



A WARM WELCOME

in the state of Baden-Württemberg,
also known as Southwest Germany

10 REASONS WHY TO MAKE BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG YOUR DESTINATION FOR A BARRIER-FREE VACATION

- 1 To go wheelchair hiking in the Black Forest
- 2 To take a trip back in time through a residential palace
- 3 To taste Maultaschen, Swabia's special ravioli
- 4 To go stand up paddling without standing up
- 5 To feel comfortable where high society meets one another
- 6 To experience sweeping views all the way to France
- 7 To wheel through the caves all the way to the end
- 8 To overnight in wineries
- 9 To go on an adventure as they did 150 years ago in Swabia
- 10 To experience wellness visits in spas that are accessible for everyone.



**SOUTHWEST GERMANY MAY
BE HILLY BUT MANY VIEWING
PLATFORMS ARE EASILY
ACCESSIBLE WITHOUT STEPS.**

Southwest Germany is a classic. Still, when you head towards the summit, it sometimes turns out to be different than you might have imagined. Our goal is clear however: to pave the way to breathtaking views and enable carefree experiences. And Southwest Germany is doing better and better in this regard. More and more hiking trails, hotels and tourist facilities are now certified as barrier-free.

IT'S AS IF ONE HAD LAID OUT A CARPET

The paths are smooth and even. Even the inclines are moderate. These carpet-like trails take you through nature parks, biospheres and the many other nature areas of Southwest Germany. It is more pristine than you ever imagined.



Neckartal-Odenwald Nature Park, Eberbach

Wild, original, yet still navigable. The northernmost of the seven nature parks in Southwest Germany offers a wildlife park with 400 species (Schwarzach), an almost 2,000-foot-long stalactite cave (near Eberstadt) and exciting handbike tours (around Lobbach). Everything is barrier-free – in the case of the cave, even right up to the furthest chamber.

📍 naturpark-neckartal-odenwald.de

Barrier-free Hiking Tours

Black Forest, Remstal, Schönbuch – the showcase regions of Southwest Germany also present their beautiful barrier-free hiking trails. They lead through vineyards, around lakes and across our fascinating mixed forests and landscapes. Find what you like on the portal of the nationwide labeling system “Travel for All”.

📍 reisen-fuer-alle.de

📍 Hotel Tips

Hofgut Himmelreich

Hofgut Himmelreich: The barrier-free organic hotel directly next to the Hölltal Valley train in the Black Forest. Located at the Himmelreich stop.

Nature Park hotel “derWaldfrieden”

Awarded for building culture, and it received a Green Michelin star for the kitchen. A lot of Black Forest in one house.

Summit meeting on the Schauinsland

This mountain is a challenge but also an invitation. Direct from Freiburg, you can take a gondola up to 4,200 feet above sea level. The cable car is certified, the toilet is extra-wide and the service staff is specially trained. This is an invitation you cannot refuse as you can hardly get a more beautiful view of the country.

📍 schauinslandbahn.de/en

Paddling experience in Bietigheim

Stand-Up Paddling (SUP) is a misleading term as it can also be done in a wheelchair. Simply get on the mega stand-up board and take the paddle in your own hands. The canoe friends from “Die Zugvögel” will take you with them. You can have great fun on the small River Enz near Stuttgart, which is the ideal size for this. You can request a guide.

📍 diezugvoegel.de





Well-being factors of Southwest Germany

DEEP BREATHS AND FEELINGS OF HAPPINESS

Traditional recipe for success for real vacation days: Just stay where you feel comfortable. Being on the move is fine, but you should also feel well right where you have arrived: ideally in these beguiling wellness landscapes – and perhaps, hopefully, definitely: within yourself.

Friedrichshafen Sports Pool

Insider tip on Lake Constance: The Friedrichshafen Sports Pool is barrier-free – from the parking lot to the changing rooms and the pool lift. However, the word “sport” should not be taken literally when it comes to the sports pool. Given the sauna and the many wellness pools, only a few people would think of doing any sport.

📍 baeder.friedrichshafen.de

Panorama Springs Beuren

You could spend an entire vacation in the Panorama Spa: Panorama Therme Beuren. If it weren't for the wonderful Swabian Alb, the Outlets Metzingen and the fine country inns with their regional specialties. But after all that: it's best to get back to the Thermal bath Panoramabad Therme Beuren as quickly as possible.

📍 panorama-therme.de

😊 Hotel Tips

Dorint Thermal Spa Hotel, Freiburg

The address alone is enough for a warm recommendation: The wonderful hotel with a huge spa is located at “An den Heilquellen 8”.

Guesthouse St. Theresia on Lake Constance in the town of Eriskirch

Take a break, breathe deeply, live in the moment and concentrate on what is essential: being



MENU LOVE

You are certainly familiar with Maultaschen (Swabian ravioli), Spätzle (Swabian pasta) and Black Forest cakes. They are on almost every menu, as staples, so to speak. But you will be amazed at how varied our menu selection is. Ham, onions, cheese, lentils - so many Baden and Swabian originals that you can only find here. Beer is also one of these typical specialties. As everywhere else, the golden rule also applies to Southwest Germany: it tastes best where it comes from.

The Pantry, Waiblingen

This grandpa was a particularly good grandpa: Grandpa Werner made Maultaschen with potato salad and onion confit. They are always in stock in the Swabian-Styrian restaurant, The Pantry. Located right next to the STIHL Museum, it has a menu that is really worth reading.

👉 dievorratskammer.com



Rothaus Brewery

What is actually behind the special brewing art of Southwest Germany? In the home of the Baden State Brewery Rothaus, they show you how the famous Zäpfle (pinecone beer) is made. The interactive exhibition is called the same: ZÄPFLE. And, of course, it is barrier-free.

👉 rothaus.de/en-welcome-to-rothaus

👤 Hotel Tips

Hotel Saline 1822, Bad Rappenau

It is hard to find a more stylish salt refinery. The menu of the “Salzwerk” restaurant and bar is reason alone to check into the Hotel Saline 1822.

Hotel Anne-Sophie, Künzelsau

Energy, balance, and spa wrapped into one inclusive hotel that has earned special awards.



Sunny slopes of Southwest Germany

PURELY A MATTER OF TASTE.

The wine in Southwest Germany boasts with two large wine-growing regions. Baden has its superstars, and so does Württemberg. Württemberg has its Trollinger, Baden has its Burgundy. Where your journey takes you is not a question of quality, but purely a matter of taste.



Mayerle Winery, Remshalden

In the Remstal, you will get to know Württemberg's winemaker of the year 2023: Nina Mayerle. If you book a wine tasting with a view, you will be properly served according to all the rules of the art under the FAIR'N-GREEN seal for sustainable viticulture. What a pour! What a location!

📍 weingut-mayerle.de

Abril Winery, Vogtsburg

Where the Kaiserstuhl faces the sun, you will find the Abril Winery. Here you can see, smell and taste how advanced organic farming has become - in terms of planting and development. An elevator takes you from the viewing terrace down to the deep wine cellar.

📍 weingut-abril.de

😊 Hotel Tips

Youth Guesthouse Insel, Waiblingen

For all generations. Ideal starting point for the Remstal wine region.

TAOme Feng Shui Stadthotel

Breisgau, Emmendingen

For all preferences. Ideal starting point for southern Baden and the Kaiserstuhl.





Urban attractions of Southwest Germany

WERE YOU EVER IN...

...our cities? They are not only for just driving through or for business. But for really enjoying. With time for parks, shopping and cafés. With curiosity about art, culture and the narrow alleyways. And, of course, with an appetite for the many specialties of Southwest Germany. Choose your next city trip from our nine cities and 20 small town gems.

Freiburg

No matter why you are coming: for a concert, for shopping, for another appointment, for an SC Freiburg game, for the old town and Dreisamtal, for the market hall and the cathedral and Green City or just because. It's best to plan a few more days. Accessibility? Freiburg has put lots of practical information online.

📍 [visit-freiburg.de/en](https://www.visit-freiburg.de/en)

🏨 Hotel Tips

Premier Inn Stuttgart City, Europaviertel

Just a few meters from the train station. Modern, barrier-free certified. Ideal starting point for Stuttgart and the surrounding area.

Green City Hotel Vauban, Freiburg

The green oasis of hospitality in Freiburg's ecological showcase district. With a tram stop right outside the hotel door.

SAPIA Hotel St. Fridolin, Bad Säckingen

For these hosts in this small-town gem, comfort, professionalism and family charm are the main focus.

Ulm

No matter where you come from, You can see the cathedral from a great distance. If you are standing directly in front of it, enter through the wheelchair-accessible southern choir portal. Even the "Ulmer Spatz" is barrier-free. That is the name of the excursion boat that allows you to see the city from the Danube. Ulm has put informative references on its website.

📍 [tourismus.ulm.de/en](https://www.tourismus.ulm.de/en)

Stuttgart

Take the accessible line 10 along the steep wine tracks. From here you can see the dense valley with all its sights. The cog railway, called Zacke, is an event in itself. Much more will surprise you. The accessibility of the state capital is also clearly documented:

📍 [stuttgart-tourist.de/en](https://www.stuttgart-tourist.de/en)



FROM THE DEPTHS OF THE SOUL

In travel literature, you often read that you can look into the soul of a country if you go to the theater and take time for concerts and galleries. We think that's true! Without false modesty: what is scheduled on the program in our towns and country - or those many places with historical substance - are always worth a visit to Southwest Germany. At least one.



Residence Palace, Ludwigsburg

Well-preserved baroque palaces are a rarity. Baroque palaces that are also certified as barrier-free are as rare as a blue Mauritius. The entire ensemble is now certified as one of the largest and most magnificent German baroque palaces.

➔ schloesser-und-gaerten.de/en

experimenta, Heilbronn

The largest science experience center in Germany was designed to be barrier-free from the start. Digitalization, mobility, climate change, energy transition and health are the focus. The experience exhibition is continuously being supplemented with new discoveries.

➔ experimenta.science/en

Gasometer, Pforzheim

70 feet high, 70 feet in diameter. The gasometer is a gigantic structure. The dimensions are tailor-made for 360-degree installations and allow visitors to immerse themselves in past and future worlds. It's hard to believe that it was once built to supply the city with gas. Today it is certified barrier-free.

➔ gasometer-pforzheim.de/en

Museum Frieder Burda, Baden-Baden

Thermal baths, casino, coffee houses. Great history, UNESCO World Heritage, short distances. You can enjoy vast parklands, urban architecture and a first-class cultural landscape. In the Museum Frieder Burda for example, important artists are presented in the barrier-free certified building.

➔ museum-frieder-burda.de/en

🛏 Hotel Tips

Hohenwart Forum, Pforzheim

Just a few kilometers outside of Pforzheim - and already in the middle of the northern Black Forest. Well-equipped hotel.

Aqua Aurelia, Baden-Baden

Where there once was Roman thermal baths, there is now the Suite Hotel Aqua Aurelia. Just next to today's Caracalla thermal baths.





Playgrounds of Southwest Germany

ALL OF SOUTHWEST GERMANY IS LIKE AN AMUSEMENT PARK

The farms and the beaches are ideal for barrier-free family holidays, but this is not all. Multidimensional fantasy worlds, exciting puzzle tours and many other surprises are the icing on the cake and then the cherries on top. If you want, all of Southwest Germany can become an entertainment park for all generations. At familien-ferien.de you will find a jam-packed website, chock-full of really good ideas. Let's go!

Europa-Park, Rust

Europa-Park is a model for Europe. Almost everything is barrier-free. Only a few paths have bumpy cobblestones. The EP Express has accessible entrances and exits. You can even stay seated in your wheelchair for many of the attractions and all of the shows. You can easily plan your visit using the park's website.

➔ europapark.de/en

Bad Urach Discovery World

If you can read, grab a tablet in the Discovery World and get started right away. After all, Emilie has disappeared, and Konrad has to be rescued from the gallows. So get into the digital adventure that takes you criss-cross through the historic town center of Bad Urach.

➔ badurach-tourismus.de/en

Tripsdrill, Cleebronn

Everyone can and should ride in a coffee cup, soup bowl or wine bucket. You can do this if you visit the Tripsdrill amusement park, a truly unique place among German amusement parks. It is decorated in nostalgic Swabian style - and yet the majority of the attractions are barrier-free.

➔ tripsdrill.de/en

🕒 Hoteltipps

Hotels Europa-Park Resort, Rust

Four hotels with focused themes in Europa-Park offer accommodation for wheel chair users: Krønasår, Colosseo, Santa Isabel and Bell Rock.

Treehouses in the Tripsdrill Theme Park

A treehouse with step-free access. Where can you find something like that? In Tripsdrill, of course! With accessible sanitary facilities in the bathhouse.



PRACTICAL TIPS

This is how you go on holiday: travel without restrictions, enjoyment without barriers, pleasure without major hassle. In Southwest Germany, your holiday starts on the website: visit-bw.com. There you will find information for planning – and over 100 tours and destinations in Southwest Germany.

Travel for All

Travel for All is a Germany-wide uniform labeling system that assesses the accessibility of facilities. Independent and specially trained surveyors collect the data on site every three years. The results are made available online so that guests can quickly and easily decide which tourist offers are suitable before they travel.

 reisen-fuer-alle.de

Wheelmap

A map with wheelchair-accessible places in Southwest Germany and for almost the whole world. Entered and maintained according to the Wikipedia principle. Open to all good tips.

 wheelmap.org

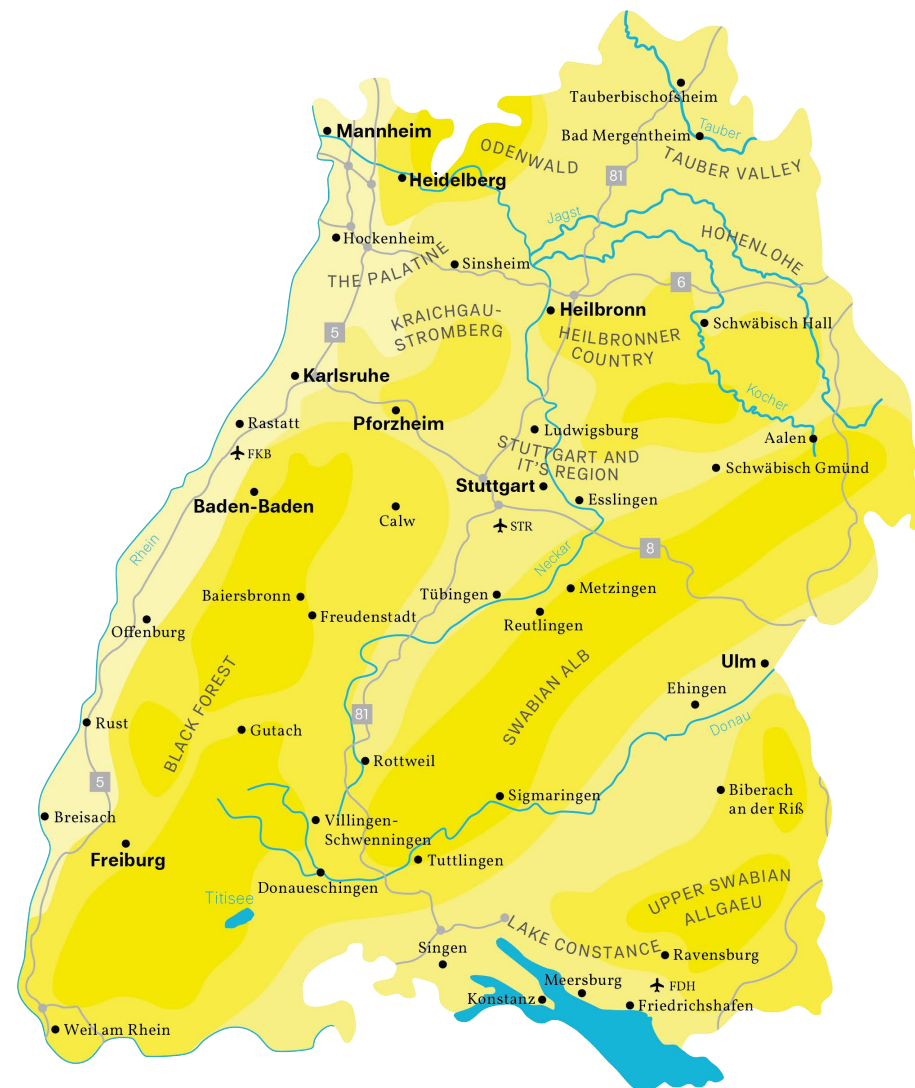
bwegt

Information on the equipment of trains and stations in Baden-Württemberg. Can be found on the central page of bwegt, the portal for supra-regional rail transport in Baden-Württemberg.

 bwegt.de

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