

What to do in and around Heidelberg

Maps and information sheets are available at the registration desk.

Castle Uphill from the Altstadt (old town); open 8:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Walk there, or take the Bergbahn (funicular). A combined ticket for the Bergbahn plus admission to the Castle is 5 €. Guided tours are an extra 4 €. For more information on the castle, see <http://www.schloss-heidelberg.de/en/palace-heidelberg/Home/267923.html>

Altstadt and Hauptstraße The 1.6 km long Hauptstraße is the main shopping street of Heidelberg. Together with additional streets it is connected to, it constitutes the longest pedestrian area in Europe. In the street as well as side roads, you will find very nice old buildings, restaurants and cafes where you can sit outside, and of course many interesting shops.

Heiligenberg On the north side of the Neckar river opposite to the castle, the 330 m high Heiligenberg is located. Here is a nice hiking tour: starting from the Altstadt, walk across the old bridge, then the Schlangenweg (snake walk) uphill to the Philosophenweg. Walk towards the west for about 2 km, then upwards to the top of Heiligenberg. On your way, make sure not to miss the Meriankanzel, where Matthäus Merian has drawn some famous maps of Heidelberg in 1620. On top of the Heiligenberg, there is a look-out and the ruins of an old monastery which was built in 1090.

Neckarsteinach is a small village about 14 km east of Heidelberg. On the north side of the Neckar river, you can find the famous four castles of Neckarsteinach. You can go there either by S-Bahn (suburb train) from the main station or the station "Altstadt", or by boat. The pier is at the south shore of the Neckar river close to the Stadthalle.

Dilsberg is a gorgeous small village on top of a mountain opposite to Neckarsteinach. From the tower of the castle ruins, you have a marvelous view over the Neckar valley; see <http://www.burg-dilsberg.de/> for pictures and more information. Dilsberg can best be reached by rental car.

Schwetzingen is a lovely old village 12 km to the south-west of Heidelberg. The main attraction is the castle and its beautiful, large park. It is possible to go there by public transport (contact the registration desk for information), but it is more convenient with a rental car. For more information on Schwetzingen, see http://www.schwetzingen.de/servlet/PB/menu/1137678_l2/index.html

More information on Heidelberg:

http://www.heidelberg-marketing.de/content/index_eng.html