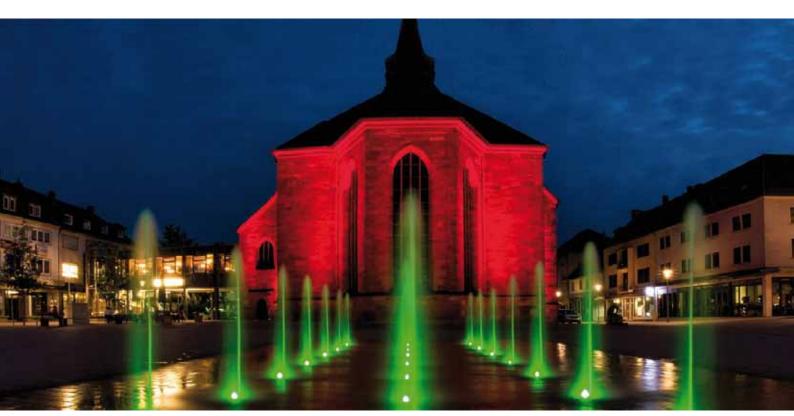


Zweibrücken.

Town. Country. Water.



Herzogplatz (Duke Square)



As was quite common in the 18th century, the development of the Herzogplatz was financed by a lottery. Duke officials and communities had to buy a lottery ticket. In addition to cash prizes, the main prizes were the houses on Herzogplatz.

Down. Town.

Meeting. Point.

An attractive scenery for daily encounters or a setting for special events – each of Zweibrücken's inner city squares has its own special flair and developed historically. The Schlossplatz (Castle Square) only has three corners and is characterized by the imposing ducal castle in Nordic style. There are ground level water fountains on the hustling and bustling Alexanderplatz (Alexander Square). On the Hallplatz (Hall Square), you can find a place in the sun in the street cafés and kids can romp around on the newly designed "Exe" (large drill ground) with the water playground which provides lots of opportunities for children to play.

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Water games in the city centre



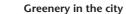
Schlossplatz with ducal castle



Water playground at the Exe

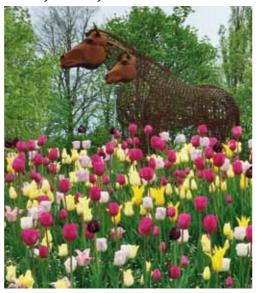


Horse racing on the racecourse











Green. City.

Water. Horses.

Powerful stallions and tender foals. There is some movement at the Zweibrücker Landgestüt (Zweibrücken State Stud): at horse races, carriage rides, riding and vaulting lessons and at the glamorous horse gala.



Riding lessons at the Zweibrücken State Stud

A pleasant living environment for people and animals. In the green town of Zweibrücken, the castle garden, the Rose Garden and the Schwarzbach alleys are relics of the long garden tradition that has existed since the 16th century.

The new water playground, sandstone grandstands on the river banks and water games in the pedestrian zone have recently given Zweibrücken the name "City by the Water".

In the 18th century, Duke Christian IV founded the Zweibrücker Landgestüt (Zweibrücken State Stud). The stud farm, riding arenas and the racecourse are located in the city centre – horses simply are a part of Zweibrücken.

www.landgestuet-zweibruecken.de

Water games in

the pedestrian zone

Alley along the Schwarzbach stream











Rose Garden pond



Rose Garden guided tour



Rücker Garden

Roses. City.

Rose. Garden.

Concerts, picnic in the park, the Rose Days, garden markets, seminars and guided tours – the Zweibrücken Rose Garden offers a varied range of events.

On the occasion of the Festival of 1000 Lights the whole garden is illuminated by candlelight.



Picnic in the park



Festival of 1000 Lights

The Rose Garden, a green oasis of 45,000 square metres near the city centre, has been an attraction for guests from all over the world for over 100 years. Roses in more than 1,500 different species and varieties present themselves in a stylish and well-kept environment of groves, flowers and ponds. In the Garden, you will find a large event stage, some theme gardens, a small rose museum and the Dornröschen café. Besides the Wild Rose Garden, the Rücker Garden and the baroque garden monument, the Rose Garden is one of the stops during the Zweibrücken Garden Tour.

www.rosengarten-zweibruecken.de





In the local recreation area of Fasanerie (pheasantry), ruins bear witness to the former "Tschifflick" estate. It was built around 1714 by the exiled Polish king Stanislaus Leszczynski as a summer residence. Today, at this place, there is a unique baroque garden monument

with three terrace levels and the "Trumpet Hill". The Wild Rose Garden with the premium walking trail "Zweibrücker Fasanenjagd" (pheasant hunt) can be found just opposite the romantic hotel Landschloss Fasanerie with a playground and spring-fed Kneipp basin.

www.zweibruecken.de

Wild Rose Garden

The ancestors of the modern rose bloom in a wild and romantic setting. In this living rose museum, "old" varieties and cultivars that have long since disappeared from the market tell the story of rose breeding.

Spiegelweiher (Mirror pond)

City. King.

Wild roses. Faraway exile. Noble food.



Tschifflick: baroque garden monument





Stadtfest (City festival)

When around 80 artists and bands play a total of 200 hours of music on 9 stages and when more than 150 beverage, food and sales stands leave nothing to be desired then that can only mean one thing in Zweibrücken:

It's city festival time!



City. Festival.

Lots going on. Lots to see.

Events all year round. Here is a small selection: the carnival procession with the "Herzogsnarren" (Duke's carnival revellers), the street theatre spectacle with street musicians and walking acts, the Turnerjahrmarkt, a fun fair with numerous rides, the children's day, the big city festival, the Saarlanders' Day, regular flea market dates, the after work parties with live music, Halloween and finally the Christmas market.

www.zweibruecken.de/veranstaltungen



"Saarlanders' Day" in the city centre

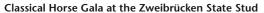


Walking act from Boulogne-sur-Mer



Street theatre event







Concert series in the Festhalle



The music school on children's day

Culture. City.

Children, Cherries, Costumes,

Zweibrücken from above: Children's city tour



"The cherries of Tschifflick": The duke's chambermaid leads

through the baroque garden monu-ment in Fasanerie telling the story of Leszczynski's joys and sorrows and the fateful story of his family: lust for life, intrigues, longing and hope – worthy of a film!



"The cherries of Tschifllick"

Euroclassic Festival

Musical highlights can be experienced at the Franco-German Euroclassic Music Festival. Top class artists offer musical culture at its finest. A familiar territory for theatre, dance and comedy events is Zweibrücken's festival hall. The city's art and music schools take care of training young talents.

Active groups such as the municipal band, various dance and folklore groups, choirs, theatre and comedy ensembles as well as bands from different genres enrich the cultural life.

www.zweibruecken.de/theaterundkonzerte

Guided tours through the town with its baroque tradition and the State Stud as well as through the town museum, through meadows and forests into the Naturpark Pfälzerwald (Palatinate Forest Nature Park) and across the green border to France broaden your horizon. According to your taste, you may do this on foot, in a carriage, on horseback or in a rowing boat. Also, the Bibliotheca Bipontina, the former library of the dukes, can be visited on a guided tour.



Zweibrücken Porcelain in the City Museum

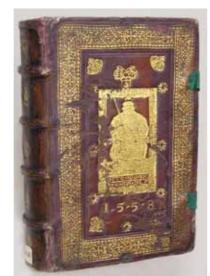
Apart from old views of the city, the Stadtmuseum (City Museum) houses the permanent exhibition on the history of the city and the "Schau!Platz Freiheit" exhibition. The focus is on the heyday of the city in the baroque period and the beginning of the German democracy movement in the Saarpfalz region.

City. Stories.

Learn more. Understand more.



In the City Museum



Bibliotheca Bipontina



"Schau!Platz Freiheit"



The City Museum in the Petrihaus

The interesting and varied history of the former duke's residence has been researched and passed on by many historians and citizens.

Today, dedicated guides are available to help you discover Zweibrücken's history.

www.zweibruecken.de/museum

In the course of conversion, a campus of the University of Kaiserslautern was established in the former barracks of the US Army in 1994. Today, students from more than 50 countries graduate from university in Zweibrücken.



Zweibrücken observatory

The observatory of the Natural Science Association on the university campus in Zweibrücken received a new coat of paint in 2018 and has resembled the droid R2-D2 from the Star Wars saga since then.



University campus in Zweibrücken

The Zweibrücken university delivers innovations in the information and communication technology, the microsystems technology as well as in the growth sectors of biotechnology and medical technology.

www.hs-kl.de

Above all, companies in the mechanical engineering and steel and metal processing fields are typical for Zweibrücken. But also the German Armed Forces, the Palatinate Higher Regional Court located in the ducal castle, numerous schools and service providers offer education and employment opportunities for the population of the entire region.

www.zweibruecken.de/wifoe



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Strong. City.

Location. University.



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Zweibrücken Fashion Outlet

City. Life.

Shopping. Pleasure.

Zweibrücken Fashion Outlet:
One of the largest outlet
centres in Germany.
More than 130 attractive
boutiques offer trendy fashion
and lifestyle products from
renowned brands.

In Zweibrücken's car-free pedestrian zone, shopping is a real pleasure thanks to well-stocked retailers, cafés and bistros. The weekly farmer's market offers fresh products from regional suppliers while the regular flea markets offer antique rarities and bargains.

www.gemeinsamhandel-zw.de www.zweibrueckenfashionoutlet.com



Flea market on Schlossplatz



Ice cream parlour in the city centre



Weekly farmer's market on Alexanderplatz





Sport is practised in over 60 clubs in Zweibrücken. In numerous attractive sports facilities there are offers for each age and ability group: Westpfalz stadium, tennis courts, "Badeparadies" indoor swimming pool with wave pool, outdoor pool, "Ice Arena" ice hall,

riding halls and racecourse at the stud farm, Icelandic horse centre in Wattweiler, "Camp 4" climbing hall and last but not least in the course rooms of the adult education centre or in the fresh air on the many cycle and hiking paths.

> www.zweibruecken.de/freizeit www.sportinzw.de

"Badeparadies" indoor swimming pool

Sports. City.

Hobby. Active.

Thanks to the many schools, Zweibrücken boasts one of the highest concentrations of sports badges in the whole of Rhineland-Palatinate.



Pole vault in the athletics sports centre LAZ Zweibrücken



Jumping tournament at the State Stud



Ice Arena / Ice hockey club EHC Hornets



Camp4 climbing hall Karthaus





World of Fun



Grass track race





Bliesgau biosphere region

City by the water Guldenschlucht (Gulden ravine)

City. Country. Beautiful.

Here. There.

The young Bliesgau biosphere region is a beloved neighbour and easily accessible by bike or on foot. Zweibrücken and the Bliesgau share the Gulden ravine, a gorge worth seeing, where you can find fire salamanders and the rare honesty plant.

The gentle hills of the Zweibrücken Westrich region are situated between the Bliesgau Biosphere Reserve and the Palatinate Forest northern Vosges Nature Park. On the grounds of the independent town of Zweibrücken, there are five areas for the protection of the regional flora and fauna.

The cultural landscape in the border area between the Palatinate, Saarland and France is very popular with excursionists, hikers and cyclists as the numerous tree and natural monuments are sights of a special kind in this picturesque landscape.

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Saga riding school in the Felsalb valley



Herb garden of the Hornbach monastery

City. Neighbours.

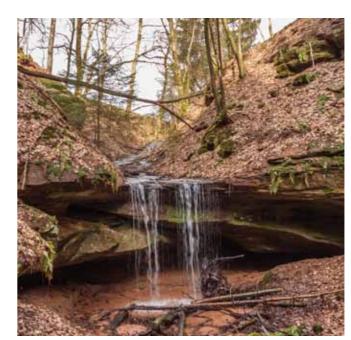
No. Borders.

The monastery complex in Hornbach houses the tomb of Saint Pirmin.
Today, there is a first-class hotel with a beer and herb garden where the former monastery was once located.
In the interactive "Historama" museum you will get some information about the history of the complex.

Excursions to the surrounding area are highly recommended: The monastery town of Hornbach with its medieval centre offers guests many sights.

Also very interesting is the university town of Homburg with the baroque Karlsberg and Europe's largest bunter sandstone caves.

www.zweibruecken.de/ausflugstipps







Rock crystal museum in St.-Louis-lès-Bitche

Upstream along the Schwarzbach stream, Thaleischweiler with its new water studies trail can be reached. Across the border to France, Bitche and its Citadel and Garden for Peace attract many visitors as well as St.-Louislès-Bitche with its Rock Crystal Museum or Meisenthal with its Glass Art Centre.

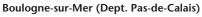


European Mill Cycle Path

In Zweibrücken you cultivate good friendships! Even across borders.
The best examples are our sister cities: Boulogne-sur-Mer in northern France, Yorktown in the eastern United States and Barrie in southern Canada.

Groups, clubs and city representatives regularly visit each other. The exchange of pupils and students is of particular importance.

www.ville-boulogne-sur-mer.fr www.visityorktown.org www.barrie.ca





Barrie (Ontario)



City. Knowledge.

Facts. Figures.

Partner. Cities.

World. Friends.

The sons of Duke Christian IV of Zweibrücken were part of the "Royal Deux Ponts Regiment" which contributed to the victory in the Battle of Yorktown in 1781. This victory established the independence of the United States of America.

Yorktown (Virginia)



Town privileges granted by Emperor Charles IV. 1352

City free of districts since 1 March 1920

Number of inhabitants: approx. 36,500

Geographical location:

Northern latitude 49°15′ Eastern longitude 7°22′

Total marking area:

7,064 hectares

3 day nurseries19 day care facilities for children1 after-school care facilities6 play and learning facilities

8 primary schools 2 secondary schools 2 grammar schools 1 vocational school 2 special schools

1 university

Music schools Adult education Youth art school

City and junior library
City museum and city archives

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