



VIPTOURS

Palace Park in Schwetzingen – A Cultural Monument of European Status

Here's a tour that will enchant your senses. Immerse yourself in the surroundings of the German Versailles and feel yourself transported back to the time of the Prince-Electors at this magnificent palace park.

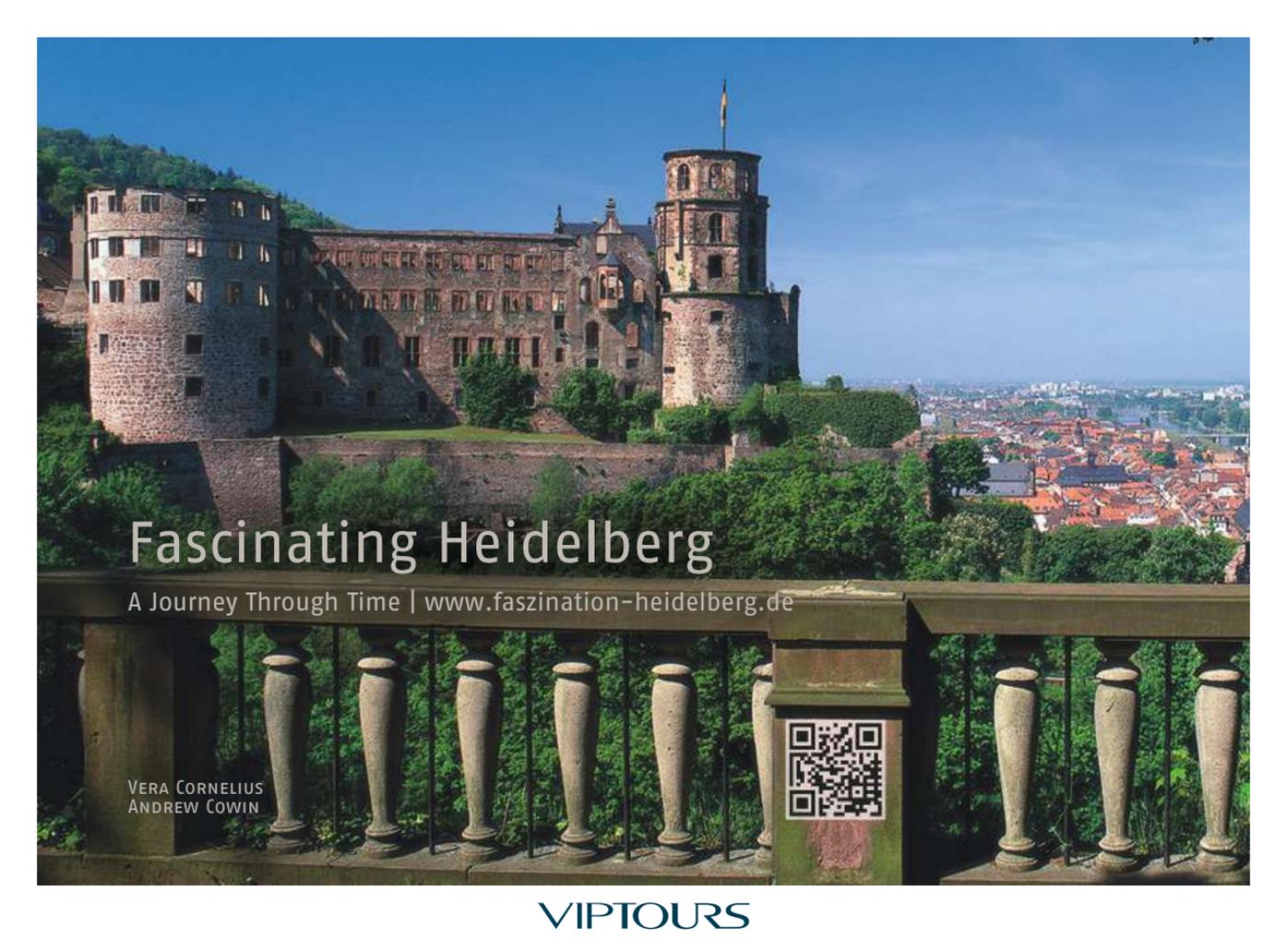
You will walk among flowers, trees and lakes, architectural follies and other structures built for pleasure. This romantic palace park offers a unique combination of baroque and English garden styles full of beauty and harmony. In this green oasis you will discover beguiling statues, water installations and formal garden arrangements. The high point is the fairy-tale mosque – one of the largest in German-speaking countries – the orangery and the rococo theater where Mozart was guest. Experience the charm of this enchanting site. As a guest of VIPTOURS you will also be chauffeured into the park.

Duration and price according to individual wishes

Distance from Heidelberg: 17 km

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VERA CORNELIUS
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Exclusive Walking Tour with the Authors of Fascinating Heidelberg (Old City and Castle)

The founder of VIPTOURS, Vera Cornelius, is also the author of the lavishly illustrated book, Fascinating Heidelberg, that entertainingly covers the history and development of the city over the centuries.

The original idea for the book dates back to 2007, at which time the British photographer, Andrew Cowin, who has lived in the city for many years, was asked to provide the illustrations. An interesting innovation was to create transparencies showing how the city and castle looked before their partial destruction at the end of the 17th century: these are positioned so that they can be placed on modern photographs taken from a similar standpoint. The reader can thus effortlessly compare aspects of the city both then and now. In fact, the exceptional design of Fascinating Heidelberg resulted in it winning the prestigious Red Dot Award. Thus, a walking tour of the city with Vera Cornelius and/or Andrew Cowin is the perfect way to experience that there is much, much more to Heidelberg than you could ever hope to find in a standard guided tour. Needless to say, the tour will include all of the classic sights and romantic views offered by the Old City and Castle, spiced with the sort of stories (not to say gossip) that will make this a memorable excursion. On request, guests can be picked up at their hotel in a luxurious Jeep Grand Cherokee.

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Exclusive Wine Tasting at the First-Class Clauer Winery

Among the vineyards south of Heidelberg lies Dormenackerhof, the idyllic winery run by the Clauer family. It has been in private hands for over 300 years and five generations, and has received numerous awards.

No less than eleven wines from this winemaking family have been awarded gold medals by the Wine Cooperative of Baden. The winery also appears in the Gault&Millau and Falstaff wine guides.

As a guest of VIPTOURS you will be personally greeted by the junior boss himself and introduced to the art of winemaking as well as to the premium league of wines called Sternstunde, which are red and white wines aged in wooden barrels. And what would the knowledge of the pleasures of Bacchus be if these wines were not tasted at this very place?

Needless to say, you will be spoiled after touring the cool cellar with its steel tanks and wooden barrels and then enjoying a lovely wine tasting and some delicious Palatine delicacies.

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Hockenheimring – Behind the Scenes of Formula One Racing That Takes You to the Limit

Feel the atmosphere behind the scenes of the experience of racing. Let yourself be accompanied through Hockenheimring, listen to the spectacular stories that make up this sport and step up onto the podium where Formula One heroes have stood. You can book this exclusively guided tour daily.

In addition to the visit, you can choose the date for having the unique opportunity to be driven on the course in racing taxi. This is definitely a ride of a different kind. Experience up close how professional racing drivers feel when they chase one another through the straights and curves of Hockenheimring. Enjoy a truly breathtaking drive that borders on the limits of the physically possible, whether it's in a Porsche GT3, an Aston Martin Vintage GT4, an Audi R8, a Ferrari 458 Challenge or a BMW 235i Cup.

The dates for a drive in the racing taxi for 2018 are April 25, May 29, June 07, July 25, August 1, August 29, September 26 and October 17.

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From the Idyllic Mountain Route to a Wine Tour in the Beautiful Palatinate
The Bergstrasse (Mountain Route) offers many idyllic places to see. Every spring this route becomes a well-loved destination, especially when the almond trees are in bloom.

But the Bergstrasse is more than just stunning landscape, it is also a special lifestyle. Fortresses, castles and historic city centers between the Jugendstil city of Darmstadt and Heidelberg all let history come alive. For example, in the palace park of Weinheim stands the oldest cedar tree on German soil, and in Auerbach at the Fürstenlager is the tallest giant sequoia. Also, the Bergstrasse is the heart of the UNESCO Geological Park for the Bergstrasse-Odenwald.

On the other side of the Rhine River is the wonderful Palatinate region. Here you will experience hospitality of a kind rarely found elsewhere. In the small, rustic wine taverns and guest houses you can taste Germany's most famous wines and enjoy the cuisine that is typical for the area.

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Wonderful Panoramic Tours Along the River to Medieval Fortress Ruins

Just a few miles from Heidelberg lies a picturesque route: the Burgenstrasse (Fortress Route), which winds along the Neckar River.

Even Mark Twain was fascinated by its wonderful landscape. In the footsteps of this renowned author we take you to romantic places and magnificent fortress ruins as well as to the fortress town of Dilsberg. It is well-known for its fantastic panoramic view of the Neckar valley and the Odenwald (Oden Forest). Another highlight of the trip can be found below the town in the underground gallery. The town of Neckarsteinach on the other side of the river offers the adventurer no less than four ancient fortresses to view. Hirschhorn, another old town, is also worth a trip. The way up to the Carmelite monastery and then to the castle of Hirschhorn with its mighty ramparts winds through narrow streets within the old city wall, most of which has completely survived the ages. From the castle tower you will be rewarded with a breathtaking view of the valley and the meandering Neckar River below.

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Cathedral City of Speyer and the Jewish Ritual Bath – Experience History Up Close
The Speyer Cathedral is one of the most famous church buildings in Germany and is distinguished as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Let its imposing structure fascinate you as you experience this unforgettable as well as spiritual excursion.

Here, where bishops have resided, you will be able to dive into spiritual devotion. When the foundation stone was put in place in 1020, the aspiration was to build the largest church structure of its time. It took forty years before it was dedicated. In the years that followed, the cathedral grew in stature and splendor. The crypt serves as the resting place of German emperors, kings and bishops. After visiting them, we will abduct you to the Jewish ritual bath, which was first documented in 1126 and has remained virtually unchanged over the centuries. It is one of the oldest surviving baths of its kind and, therefore, of great cultural and historical worth.

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Heiligenberg – From Religious Cult Center to the Daily Life of Benedictine Monks
The Heiligenberg (Saints' Mountain) lives up to its name. First settled as a cult site by the Celts and then the Romans, the Heiligenberg today shows the first traces of the Christianization of this area at the impressive ruins of St. Michael's monastery.

Near another monastery ruin, St. Stephen's, you will discover the Heidenloch (water well), a mysterious shaft over 50 meters deep. Centuries later the Heiligenberg had another function: it served as the site of an outdoor stage that was built by the Nazis in the style of a Greek theater. This so-called Thingstaette is constructed of stone with seating for 3,000 spectators.

After a short drive we will reach a gem known as Neuburg Abbey. Its history is as fascinating as its setting within a meadow landscape. Its appearance has a peaceful aura. In addition, there is a fantastic view of the Neckar valley, and you will get to peak behind the walls where the Benedictine monks now live.

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- VIP opportunities for a cruise by the Rhein-Neckar-Schiffahrt company
- Visit Heidelberg's nearby mountains with a trip on the historical funicular and excursion to the observatory
- Personal sport programs: running, personal training, beach and volleyball, yoga, tennis
- Golf at Germany's most beautiful golf course – St. Leon Rot, one of the top clubs in Europe as well as a member of the Leading Golf Courses of Germany since 2010
- Hiking Tour in the Odenwald (Oden Forest) • Falconry show at Heidelberg's nearby hilltop, the Königstuhl
- Exclusive evening out with a cultural program in the Rhine-Neckar metropolitan area
- Helicopter sightseeing trip from Speyer

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