

Die Pfalz.

Tagesausflug Nr. 4

Neustadt an der Weinstraße - *english*



The Stiftskirche – Neustadt’s main landmark

For more than 500 years, the two unequal sandstone steeples have towered over the town. Those visitors who do not suffer from heights can climb the 57 m of the south tower. The unique view over the old town is well worth the effort! Until 1970 this tower was the home of the last “Türmer” in Neustadt, whose job, traditionally, was to watch out for fires in the town. The north tower (64 m high) is still home to the “Kaiserglocke”, the largest cast-iron church bell in the world. **Facts:** 1368 foundation stone laid; 1383 chancel consecrated; 1489 twin towers completed; 1707 church divided; burial place of the two electors Rudolf II. und Ruprecht I.



The secret wine capital of Germany

We would like to invite you to discover the charms and attractions of Neustadt an der Weinstraße. Stroll through the narrow streets of the old town, experience the almost mediterranean atmosphere whilst enjoying a capuccino or a glass of Palatinate wine in one of the taverns on the market place. Not to miss the legendary Elwedritsche-fountain, the imposing Stiftskirche – Neustadt’s most famous landmark, the House of Wine (Haus des Weines), carvings and sculptures created by well-known artists, but enough introduction, discover the charm of Neustadt an der Weinstraße for yourself. **Wander and wonder...**



The Elwedritsche-fountain – a fable’s story

These creatures are only to be found in the Palatinate, half bird, half animal but with such human expressions on their faces! Take your time in discovering the uniqueness of each one, magically “brought back to life” by Professor Gernot Rumpf.

Nearby the **Mittelgasse and Hintergasse** – romantic scenes

Lovingly restored half-timbered buildings, idyllic courtyards, mediterranean vegetation, the oldest wine tavern in the town, restaurants, boutiques and art galleries – and all in the heart of Neustadt.

Around the Marktplatz – Neustadt’s historic centre

The market place with its gothic Stiftskirche, town-hall and Scheffelhaus – just to name a few of the sights – is without doubt the heart of Neustadt. Tuesdays, Thursdays (during the summer) and Saturdays it is market day where not only fresh Palatinate produces can be bought but where one can listen to the finer points of the Palatinate dialect when “pälzisch gebabbeld wird”.

The Rathaus: Built in 1729, in baroque style, as a Jesuit College, it was used as such until 1773. From 1838 onwards it has been the town-hall. A watchful bronze lion (by Prof. Gernot Rumpf), Neustadt’s heraldic figure guards the entrance... but also look out for the little mice a ist side.



Hambacher Schloß – an historical point for german democracy

From the Zwöckelsbrücke to the west of the railway station, one can walk to Hambacher Schloß, where, on may 27th 1832, the first demonstration for unity, freedom and democracy in Germany took place. For those with limited time available, a bus leaves from the railway station, on the hour, from march to october. **The Eisenbahnmuseum – the nostalgia of steam trains:** This collection of historical steam trains is an absolute must for every trainspotter who, on the second sunday of the month, has the opportunity of smelling and feeling an age gone by when the “Cuckoo Train” puffs its way from Neustadt an der Weinstraße. Opening times: Tues-Fri 10-13 Uhr; Sa, Sun: 10-16 Uhr.

Anfahrtsbeschreibung

<http://portale.web.de/Auto/Routenplaner/>

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