

EXCURSION PROGRAMFOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



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Every semester, Heidelberg University offers an extensive excursion program to international students. As part of the excursions, you get to know different cities and regions throughout Germany and gain an insight into the cultural and geographical diversity of the country.

The trips and guided tours are usually conducted in German. If necessary and depending on the composition of the group, the tours can be offered in English. The language preference is requested when registering.

REGISTRATION

Registration takes place in person:

Campus Altstadt
Service Portal for International Students
University Administration, Seminarstraße 2, Room 33
Tuesday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Thursday 12 noon to 2 p.m.

Campus Im Neuenheimer Feld Info-Point Zentralmensa, INF 304

Wednesday: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Please refer to the individual trips for the start of registration. The excursion offer is aimed exclusively at international students of the University of Heidelberg. Please present your student ID when registering. Payment is made on site and in cash.

Attention: The number of registrations is limited!

Reservations by e-mail are not possible (Exception are the free excursions).

Students who cannot come in person on the registration days, please contact the person responsible for the program via e-mail in advance.







APRIL 2025

Fri, 11.4.

CITY TOUR HEIDELBERG

Registration from Tue, 8.4.

Before the semester really gets going, you will have the opportunity to get to know Heidelberg and its history better.

City Tour German: 11 a.m. English: 2 p.m. This free city tour will give you an overview of the closely intertwined history of the city and the university.

The tour takes place in German in the morning and in English in the afternoon.

Meeting point Inner courtyard New University The tour is free of charge. However, a binding registration is necessary as the number of places is limited: exkursion@zuv.uni-heidelberg.de

Sat, 12.4.

CHERRY BLOSSOM IN SCHWETZINGEN

Registration from Tue, 8.4.

The semester gets off to a quite relaxed start. We visit nearby Schwetzingen with its beautiful baroque palace and gardens.

After a guided tour of the palace and gardens, you will have the opportunity to explore the extensive grounds and the small town on your own.

Departure 9 a.m.
Bus platform
Kurfürstenanlage
Central station

Enjoy the famous Schwetzingen asparagus or coffee and cake in one of the many restaurants and cafés with a view of the palace.

In the afternoon, the bus will take us back to Heidelberg together.

Price: 20 euros (incl. bus, guided tours and admission)

Sat, 26.4.

AUGSBURG

Registration from Tue, 15.4.

Discover the gem of Bavaria! Augsburg enchants visitors with a fascinating mixture of medieval charm and modern flair. As part of a city tour, we visit the impressive sights such as the Fuggerei and the historic town hall. In the afternoon, enjoy the cozy atmosphere in the old town streets and discover the diverse museum landscape. From the Brechthaus to the Puppet Theater Museum. There is something for every taste!

Departure 8 a.m.
Bus platform
Kurfürstenanlage
Central station

Price: 25 euros (incl. bus, guided tours and admission)





MAY 2025

Thu, 1.5.

Registration from Tue, 22.4.

Departure 8 a.m. Bus platform Kurfürstenanlage Central station TRIER

Trier is the oldest city in Germany and offers an impressive variety of historical sights. The city's Roman past can be felt in the well-preserved Porta Nigra, the Imperial Baths and the amphitheater. Trier Cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is also an important landmark.

In addition to its history, the city's charming old town and proximity to the Moselle make for a leisurely stay. In the afternoon, you will have enough free time to visit other museums or enjoy a glass of the famous Mosel Riesling.

Price: 25 euros (incl. bus, guided tour and entrance fees)

Sat, 3.5.

HIKE THINGSTÄTTE (THING MONUMENT)

Registration from Tue, 22.4.

Meeting Point 10 a.m. Theodor-Heuss-Bridge, Neuenheim At the beginning of May, you will have another opportunity to get to know your student city even better. After a walk through the beautiful weekly market on the cozy Neuenheim market square, we stroll along the Heidelberg Philosophers' Trail in the footsteps of poets and thinkers. The destination of our hike over the Heiligenberg is the Thingstätte. An informative insight into the eventful history of an unusual site that can both fascinate and admonish.

Free excursion. Binding registration by e-mail is nevertheless required at: exkursion@zuv.uni-heidelberg.de

Sat, 17.5.

SWABIAN ALB - HOHENZOLLERN CASTLE

Registration from Tue, 13.5.

This excursion takes you through one of the most beautiful low mountain ranges in Germany: Swabian Alb.

Departure 8 a.m. Bus platform Kurfürstenanlage Central station

First you will discover the idyllic town of Bad Urach with its healing springs and historic half-timbered houses. After a lunch break, the tour continues to a prehistoric stalactite cave beneath the Swabian Alb. In the afternoon, we visit the impressive Hohenzollern Castle, the ancestral castle of the German emperors, with a spectacular panoramic view of the low mountain range.

Price: 25 euros (incl. bus, guided tours and entrance fees)





Sat, 24.5. to Sun, 25.5.

Registration only Fri, 9.5. 9 to 12 p.m. at the Serviceportal

Departure
7:30 a.m.
Bus platform
Kurfürstenanlage
Central station

Sat. 31.5.

Registration from Tue, 20.5.

Meeting Point
10 a.m.
Parking Area
"Blumen Elfner",
Handschuhsheim

LAKE CONSTANCE

Experience an exciting weekend at Lake Constance and discover the diversity of this beautiful and fascinating region.

The excursion takes us to the (art) historical highlights of Constance and the island of Reichenau, to the picturesque Meersburg with its lakeside promenade and to the baroque pilgrimage church of Birnau. The prehistoric pile dwellings in Unteruhldingen (UNESCO World Heritage Site) will also be on the program. Look forward to a varied trip full of history, culture and nature.

Accommodation is in shared rooms at the youth hostel in Überlingen.

Price: 120 euros (incl. bus, overnight stay with breakfast, guided tours, admission to the pile dwelling museum and ferry)

LADENBURG

It is getting sporty. We cycle along the Neckar to nearby Ladenburg. The Roman town of Lopodonum was a center of the region long before Heidelberg. Today, traces of the former Roman metropolis can only be discovered at second glance. In the afternoon, you can discover another aspect of Ladenburg's history at the Carl Benz Automobile Museum. Or you can explore the many fruit farms between Ladenburg and Heidelberg with their extensive strawberry fields. There's something for everyone!

Free excursion. Binding registration by e-mail is nevertheless required at: exkursion@zuv.uni-heidelberg.de The costs for rental bikes and the optional entrance fees to the museums are to be paid by yourself.







JUNE 2025

Sat, 21.6.

Registration from Tue, 3.6.

Departure 8 a.m.
Bus platform
Kurfürstenanlage
Central station

Sun, 29.6.

Registration from Tue, 24.6.

Departure 8 a.m.
Bus platform
Kurfürstenanlage
Central station

MAINZ - RHINE CRUISE

In Mainz, you will discover the impressive Romanesque imperial cathedral and the world-famous, colorful windows by Marc Chagall in St. Stephen's Church during a city tour. At the Gutenberg Museum, you will have the opportunity to admire the original Gutenberg Bible, the oldest printed book in the world.

After a short lunch break, a relaxing boat trip through the picturesque Middle Rhine Valley, UNESCO World Heritage Site with its numerous castles and palaces, awaits you. Passing the legendary Loreley, the journey takes us to Bacharach, a charming wine village with the majestic Stahleck Castle, which towers high above the town and is a true jewel of Rhine romance.

Price: 25 euros (incl. bus, boat trip, guided tours and admission)

BLACK FOREST

Experience one of Germany's most popular vacation regions during our trip to the Black Forest. The day begins with a drive along the Black Forest High Road to the mystical Lake Mummelsee. We then visit the impressive Alpirsbach monastery complex, a masterpiece of Romanesque-Gothic architecture with over 900 years of history.

After a lunch break, we continue to the "Vogtsbauernhof" in Gutach – an open-air museum with original Black Forest houses. Here you will learn a lot about the hard everyday life of the people who shaped life in the Black Forest until well into the 20th century.

Price: 25 euros (incl. bus, guided tours and entrance fees)







JULY 2025

Fri, 11.7. to Sun, 13.7.

Registration only on Fri, 27.6. 9 to 12 p.m. at the Serviceportal

Departure 7.30 a.m.Bus platform
Kurfürstenanlage
Central station

Sat, 19.7.

Registration from Tue, 1.7.

Meeting Point
9 a.m.
Central Station
Heidelberg

ALLGÄU AND UPPER BAVARIA

Experience a varied three-day excursion to the south of Germany that perfectly combines culture, history and nature. Visit the world-famous Neuschwanstein Castle and the picturesque old town of Füssen. Discover the baroque Wieskirche in Steingaden, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and rococo masterpiece, as well as the imposing Ettal Monastery, an important example of Bavarian baroque architecture.

We spend two nights in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, famous for its winter sports and ideal for outings into the breathtaking Alpine landscape. The program includes a hiking tour through the spectacular Partnachklamm gorge and a visit to the idyllic Eibsee lake. If you wish, you can take the cable car from there to the Zugspitze, the highest peak in Germany.

Price: 180 euros (incl. bus, guided tours, entrance fees, two nights' accommodation with breakfast)

4-CASTLE TOUR IN THE NECKAR VALLEY

The last excursion of the semester offers a relaxing break despite the exam preparation. We start in Neckarsteinach with a tour of the town and a visit to one of the "Four Castles". We then take a White Fleet cruise through the Neckar valley back towards Heidelberg.

In Ziegelhausen, a short walk to the Neuenburg Benedictine monastery awaits us, where we enjoy a guided tour of the monastery and an entertaining beer tasting. We end the afternoon on the terrace of the monastery with a magnificent view over the Neckar.

Price: 25 euros (incl. guided tour, admission and boat trip) **Please note:** Transportation by public transport must be paid for by the participants themselves.



DATES AT A GLANCE SUMMER TERM 2025

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SAT 24.5. TO LAKE CONSTANCE

SUN 25.5.

SAT 31.5. BIKE TOUR TO LADENBURG

JUNE 2025

SAT 21.6. MAINZ – RHINE CRUISE

SUN 29.6. BLACK FOREST

JULY 2025

FRI 11.7. TO ALLGÄU AND UPPER BAVARIA

SUN 13.7.

SAT 19.7. FOUR-CASTLE CRUISE THROUGH THE NECKAR VALLEY

Opening Hours

Registration takes place in the summer term 2025 during the following opening hours:

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