

DEZERNAT  
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# EXCURSION PROGRAM FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



WINTER TERM 2024/2025

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Every semester, Heidelberg University offers an extensive excursion program to international students. As part of the excursions, students 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 also 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. – 12 p.m.

Thursday, 12 noon to 2 p.m.

### **Campus Im Neuenheimer Feld**

#### **Info-Point Zentralmensa, INF 304**

Wednesday, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

For the start of registration, please refer to the individual trips or the homepage. 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.**

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



# OCTOBER 2024

**Sun, 13.10.**

## **SPEYER / WINE FESTIVAL NEUSTADT**

**Registration for  
participants of the  
orientation days:**

The semester starts with a visit to the picturesque landscape of the Palatinate. After a guided tour in both German and English of Speyer and the Imperial Cathedral, our journey continues along the German Wine Route to the Grape Harvest Festival in Neustadt. Here you can experience Germany's largest wine festival with numerous floats and music groups.

**Thu, 10.10.**

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

**Regular  
registration:**

**Fri, 11.10.**

**10 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

**Service Portal**

**Departure:**

**8.00 a.m.**

Bus platform

Kurfürstenanlage

Central station

**Sat, 19.10.**

## **HIKING ALONG THE “BERGSTRASSE”**

**Registration:  
from Tue, 15.10.**

We use the golden autumn for an extended hike along the popular “Bergstraße”, a beautiful holiday region on the edge of the Odenwald.

The starting point is Zwingenberg, to the north of Heidelberg. Here, Auerbach Castle towers high above the city. Our route takes us along the Burgensteigweg and the Blütenweg to the Fürstenlager State Park. In this park, which was laid out in the 19<sup>th</sup> century in the style of an English garden, we spend a longer picnic break.

Afterwards, it goes to nearby Bensheim. In the pretty half-timbered town, numerous cafés and wine bars await you, where you can end our excursion.

**Meeting place:**

**10.00 a.m.**

Zwingenberg

Central station

Free excursion.

The journey by public transport is to be paid for by yourself.

**Sat, 26.10.**

**Registration:  
from Tue, 15.10.**

## **LUDWIGSBURG CASTLE**

Let yourself be carried to the magnificent Baroque period in one of the largest castles in Europe.

After the castle tour in both German and English, we will take a walk together through the magnificent “Blooming Baroque” gardens.

Afterwards, you will have enough time to explore the world’s largest pumpkin exhibition on your own or visit the museums housed in the castle:  
<https://www.schloss-ludwigsburg.de/erlebnis-schloss-garten/ausstellungen>

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

**Departure:  
8.00 a.m.**

Bus platform  
Kurfürstenanlage  
Central station



# NOVEMBER 2024

Fr, 01.11.  
to Sun, 03.11.

Registration:  
from Tue, 22.10.

Departure:  
7.30 a.m.  
Bus platform  
Kurfürstenanlage  
Central station

## **BREMEN AND HAMBURG – THE GERMAN HANSEATIC LEAGUE**

The first longer trip of the semester takes us to two famous northern German port and trading cities.

**BREMEN:** We spend Friday afternoon with a city tour through the oldest German port city and the home of the “Bremen Town Musicians”. After a leisurely stroll through the pretty Schnoor district, we will continue our journey to the second largest city in Germany.

**HAMBURG:** A varied program awaits us with several city tours through different parts of the Hanseatic city. In addition to a stop at St. Michael's Church and a climb up the “Michel” (the city's landmark), a visit to the traditional fish market and a harbor tour are among the highlights of the trip. However, you will also have enough time to explore the numerous museums and sights on your own and according to your own taste.

Price: 160 euros (incl. coach ride, city tour, harbor tour, admission to St. Michael's Church, two nights with breakfast at the Meininger Hotel in Hamburg-Altona)





**Sat, 09.11.**

### **NECKARELZ CONCENTRATION CAMP**

**Registration:**  
**from Tue, 05.11.**

On this special day in German history, we are visiting the documentation center of the concentration camp in nearby Neckarelz to focus on a serious topic. After a guided tour conducted by members at the memorial, we will take part in an interactive educational workshop. The workshop can be held in German or English. The language preference will be asked for when registering.

**Meeting point:**  
**8.45 a.m.**  
Central station

Price: 5 euros (incl. guided tour and admission)  
The journey by public transport must be paid for by yourself.

**Sat, 16.11.**

### **COLOGNE**

**Registration:**  
**from Tue, 12.11.**

“Cologne is a feeling”... the city you either love or hate. Decide for yourself! The city tour takes you through a history of over 2,000 years: In addition to the world-famous cathedral (UNESCO World Heritage Site, Gothic landmark and most famous architectural monument in Germany), the historic old town offers many other sights.

**Departure:**  
**8.00 a.m.**  
Bus platform  
Kurfürstenanlage  
Central station

The afternoon is free for individual visits to the city's numerous museums or for an extended shopping tour in one of the longest pedestrian zones in Germany.

Price: 25 euros (incl. bus ride and city tour)

**Sat, 30.11.**

### **CHRISTMAS MARKET NUREMBERG**

**Registration:**  
**from Tue, 26.11.**

We start the Christmas season with a visit to the most famous German Christmas market, the “Christkindlesmarkt”. But the old “free imperial city” with its impressive imperial castle has more to offer than gingerbread and Nuremberg grilled sausages.

**Departure:**  
**7.30 a.m.**  
Bus platform  
Kurfürstenanlage  
Central station

After our guided tour of the historic old town and an extended lunch break, you can warm up again by visiting the Albrecht Dürer House or the Toy Museum.

Price: 25 euros (incl. bus ride and city tour and admission)



# DECEMBER 2024

**Sat, 07.12.**

## **CHRISTMAS MARKET ROTHENBURG OB DER TAUBER**

Rothenburg ob der Tauber is considered the epitome of the medieval German city and can serve as an ideal model for any fairy tale by the Brothers Grimm.

**Registration:**  
from Tue, 26.11.

During our city tour, you can expect a walk on the almost completely preserved city wall and a visit to the St. James' Church. Afterwards you will have enough time for an extended stroll through the traditional "Reiterlesmarkt" in front of an enchanting backdrop.

**Departure:**  
8.00 a.m.

Bus platform  
Kurfürstenanlage  
Central station

For all those who have already collected their Christmas gifts, a visit to one of the city's numerous museums is worthwhile.

Price: 25 euros (incl. ride and city tour)

**Sat, 14.12.**

## **CHRISTMAS MARKET TÜBINGEN**

In Tübingen, Swabian cosiness meets a cosmopolitan university town. "Tübingen has no university, Tübingen is a university" is the saying in the small town on the Neckar.

**Registration:**  
from Tue, 10.12.

The city tour through the historic heart takes you past the foot of Hohentübingen Castle, the famous Hölderlin Tower and the old university buildings Bursa, Tübingen Abbey and Alte Aula. Afterwards you can plunge into the hustle and bustle of the unique Tübingen Christmas market.

**Departure:**  
8.00 a.m.

Bus platform  
Kurfürstenanlage  
Central station

Price: 25 euros (incl. bus ride and city tour)

**Sat, 19.12.**

## **CHRISTMAS MARKET MICHELSTADT**

We spend the end of the Christmas season at one of the most beautiful Christmas markets in the region in the nearby Odenwald. The entire town of Michelstadt offers a fairy tale backdrop with over a hundred wooden stalls and the well-known life-size wooden figures scattered throughout the market.

**Registration:**  
from Tue, 10.12.

Free excursion.

**Meeting point:**  
9.45 a.m.:

Central station

The journey by public transport is to be paid for by yourself.





# JANUARY 2025

**Sat, 11.01.**

## **STUTTGART – “HAUS DER GESCHICHTE”**

We start the new year with a visit to the state capital of Baden-Württemberg. After a walk through the city center, our destination is the “cultural mile” of Stuttgart. Here, in the “Haus der Geschichte” – Germany’s first political and historical state museum - an exciting guided tour awaits you on the subject of “Democracy today and yesterday”.

**Registration:  
from Tue, 07.01.**

**Meeting point:  
8.45 a.m.  
Central station**

Price: 5 euros (guided tours and admission)  
The journey by public transport must be paid for by yourself.

**Calendar Week 4**

## **STRASSBURG – VISIT TO THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS**

Discover the beautiful capital city of Alsace and experience how closely French, German and European history are connected in this region.

**Registration:  
from Tue, 07.01.**

**Departure:  
8.00 a.m.  
Bus platform  
Kurfürstenanlage  
Central station**

After a tour of Strasbourg’s old town, we will head to the “European Quarter” in the afternoon. In addition to a walk past the numerous European institutions, we will also attend a lecture at the European Parliament Visitor Center and talk to an elected member of the European Parliament in the “Capital of Europe”.

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





# FEBRUARY 2025

**Sat, 01.02.**

## **DARMSTADT – MATHILDENHÖHE**

**Registration:  
from Tue, 07. 01.**

The last day trip of the semester provides a secret tip for those particularly interested in architecture and art: Darmstadt's Mathildenhöhe. The artists' colony was one of the main centers of European Art Nouveau from 1899 to 1914 and is considered a visionary pioneer of classical modernism. Experimental architecture and the fusion of arts and living created a unique place that has been listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2021.

**Meeting place:  
N.N.  
Central station**

Price: 5 euros (incl. guided tour and admission)  
The journey by public transport must be paid for by yourself.

**Thur, 13.02.  
to Sun, 16.02.**

## **BERLIN**

**Registration:  
only on  
Fri, 10.01.  
9.00 a.m.  
to 12 p.m.  
Service Portal**

The German capital promises a varied program with several sightseeing tours by coach – past the city's most important sights. In further walking tours, we explore the historic center of the city from Gendarmenmarkt to Berlin Cathedral and the Museum Island.

You can learn about the complex and ambivalent history of Germany and its capital on various guided visits at historically and politically relevant sites (Bundestag, Topography of Terror, Hohenschönhausen Stasi prison).

In addition to the wide-ranging cultural program, you will also have the opportunity to explore the vibrant metropolis on the Spree on your own. Our trip offers you enough time for individual visits to the city's many museums or extensive shopping tours on Ku'Damm, in KADEWE and the numerous malls. For those who love the nightlife, various trendy districts offer an almost endless choice of theatres, cabarets, bars, clubs and cinemas.

**Departure:  
7.30 a.m.  
Bus platform  
Kurfürstenanlage  
Central station**

Price: 200 Euro (incl. ride, city tours, entrance fees, 4 nights with breakfast at the Hotel Meininger Berlin Tiergarten)



# DATES AT A GLANCE

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Sat 09.11.	NECKARELZ (KZ)
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Sat 30.11.2024	CHRISTMAS MARKET NÜRNBERG

### DECEMBER 2024

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Sat 14.12.	CHRISTMAS MARKET TÜBINGEN
Sat 21.12.	CHRISTMAS MARKET MICHELSTADT

### JANUARY 2025

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CW 4 2025*	STRASSBURG – INSTITUTIONS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

### FEBRUARY 2025

Sat 01.02.	DARMSTADT – MATHILDENHÖHE
Thur 13.02. to Sun 16.02.	BERLIN

\* The exact date has not yet been set and will be announced on the homepage.

## **OPENING HOURS**

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