



# Saarbrücken

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Saarbrücken, Germany's small jewel lying on the French border, is Saarland's charming and amicable capital that has some truly intriguing stories to tell: a plethora of Roman and Baroque landmarks, all scattered along the Saar river, speak of the region's eventful past.

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## THE CITY



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Saarbrücken was established in 1909 with the unification of three settlements located along the Saar river. Thanks to Saarland's coal resources, local activities such as fishing were soon overtaken by industry, which was, however, destined to suffer several fallbacks throughout the turbulent German history.

The area's earliest years date as far back as the Roman age. Later on, Saarbrücken was at the forefront of several clashes between French and German forces, from the Franco-Dutch war in the 1670s to the World Wars in the 20th century, often resulting in separation from Germany.

Today, the city of Saarbrücken is made unique by a French touch of elegance, the vast greenery typical of entire Saarland, and the many Baroque works of the city's architect Friedrich Joachim Stengel, all easily explorable on foot in this friendly and compact state capital.

## DO & SEE



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From relaxing green areas to historical landmarks, Saarbrücken is a colourful place that offers a plethora of activities.

### Saarbrücken Castle



This Baroque castle is undoubtedly the most prominent landmark of Saarbrücken. First mentions of a "Castellum Sarabrucca" date back to medieval times, but the city had seen several attacks and revivals until the building reached its current imposing presence. Today, it is home to various cultural events and the Invisible Jewish Memorial, made up of cobblestones engraved with cemeteries from all across Germany.

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Address: Schloßplatz 1, Saarbrücken

Public Transport: lines 108, 121

Opening hours: Mon to Fri: 9.00-17.00, Sat and Sun:

10.00-18.00 (winter: 17.00)

Phone: +49 681 506 1313

### St. Johanner Markt



Get a taste of local life at the city's most popular gathering venue, and take a stroll along the narrow alleyways lined with myriad cafés and restaurants. The fountain in the middle of the square was designed by Friedrich Joachim Stengel, and together with Ludwig's Church and the Castle, it forms what is called the Stengel triangle. You'll also find Fröschengasse here, formerly a workers' district with Baroque-style houses.

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Address: Sankt Johanner Markt, Saarbrücken

### Basilika St. Johann



This 18th-century Baroque Catholic church had undergone destruction and renovation several times throughout its history; today it is renowned for its exceptional, three-part organ system, and is a dominant element on the Saarbrücken's cityscape.

Photo: AnRo0002/Wikimedia Commons (image cropped)

Address: Gerberstraße 31, Saarbrücken

Public Transport: Saarbahn to Johanneskirsche or Landwehrplatz

Opening hours: Mon, Fri, Sat: 9.30-19.15, Tue, Thu, Sun: 8.30-19.15, Wed: 8.30-17.00

Phone: +49 681 32964

### State Park (Bürgerpark)



Formerly a coal port, the city's central park has developed into locals' favourite outdoor spot since the 1980s, proudly holding a Landscape Architecture Prize for the design by Peter Latz. It has a photographable open-air stage, a pond, skate park, and plenty of paths for a stroll along the Saar river. It neighbours on the movie theatre CineStar, among other attractions.

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Address: Bürgerpark, Saarbrücken

### Town Hall (Rathaus St. Johann)



Saarbrücken has plenty to offer to the lovers of architecture, and one unmissable landmark is the city's town hall, built at the turn of the 20th century in neo-Gothic style and designed by Georg Von Hauberrisser, whose works also include the town hall in Munich.

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Address: Rathausplatz 1, Saarbrücken

Opening hours: Mon to Fri: 8.00-16.30, Thu: 8.00-18.00

Phone: +49 681 9050

Email: stadt@saarbruecken.de

### Moderne Galerie



A contemporary museum embracing a wide range of German and French art from Impressionism until present-day works. The park of the museum houses a sculpture garden.

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Address: Bismarckstraße 11-15, Saarbrücken  
Public Transport: Saarbahn; bus lines 126, 128:  
Landwehrplatz  
Opening hours: Tue to Sun: 10.00–18.00, Wed: 10.00–20.00  
Phone: +49 681 99640  
Internet: [www.kulturbesitz.de/museen/saarlandmuseum-moderne-galerie.html](http://www.kulturbesitz.de/museen/saarlandmuseum-moderne-galerie.html)  
More Info: The museum is managed by the Saarland Cultural Heritage Foundation, together with Alte Sammlung (History Museum), the Museum in the Castle Church, the Museum of Prehistory and Early History, and the German Newspaper Museum

### Ludwig's Church (Ludwigskirche)



This imposing Lutheran church was constructed in the 1770s, and is another dominant element of the Baroque-style works of F.

J. Stengel, having earned just as much recognition as the Frauenkirche in Dresden or the St. Michael's Church in Hamburg.

Photo: Sergey Dzyuba/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Am Ludwigsplatz, Saarbrücken  
Public Transport: bus lines 101, 121 to HansaHaus/Ludwigskirche  
Opening hours: Tue to Sat: 11.00–17.00, Sunday: from 12.00 by arrangement  
Phone: +49 681 52524

### St. John's Church (Johanneskirche)



This 18th-century Evangelical church is a neo-Gothic addition to Saarbrücken's diverse architectural scene. The surrounding square is

also a major gathering point.

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Address: Cecilienstraße 2, Saarbrücken  
Public Transport: Saarbahn and bus lines 101, 103, 125 to Johanneskirche

Opening hours: Tue to Sun: 15.00–18.00

### Franco-German Gardens (DFG)



This 50-hectare park was established to celebrate French-German relations, and has several jogging trails, a funicular and narrow-gauge railway, blossoming flowerbeds, a pond, catering services, and holds plenty of events and markets throughout the year.

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Address: Deutsch-Franzoesischer Garten, Deutschmühlental  
Public Transport: bus 123 to Deutsch-Franz. Garten DFG Süd, or bus 126 Deutsch-Franz. Garten DFG Nord  
Phone: +49 681 905 2159  
Internet: [www.saarbruecken.de/leben\\_in\\_saarbruecken/freizeit/deutsch\\_franzoesischer\\_garten](http://www.saarbruecken.de/leben_in_saarbruecken/freizeit/deutsch_franzoesischer_garten)  
Email: [stadtgruen\\_und\\_friedhoefe@saarbruecken.de](mailto:stadtgruen_und_friedhoefe@saarbruecken.de)

### Saarland State Theater



Saarland's cultural centre holds a diverse range of performances from opera to ballet productions, and neighbours on a nice verdant park with trees

lining the Saar river.

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Address: Schillerplatz 1, Saarbrücken  
Public Transport: bus lines 126, 128 to Staatstheater  
Phone: +49 681 309 2486  
Internet: [www.staatstheater.saarland](http://www.staatstheater.saarland)

### Historisches Museum Saar



Saarbrücken's history museum, neighbouring on the Saarbrücken Castle, presents the turbulent history of the French-German border area with special emphasis on the era following the Franco-Prussian war of 1870-71, through various permanent and temporary exhibitions.

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Address: Schlossplatz 15, Saarbrücken

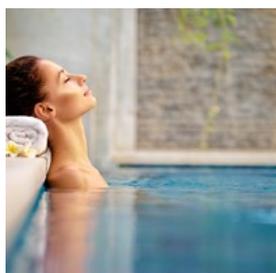
Opening hours: Tue to Sun: 10.00-18.00, Wed: 10.00-20.00

Phone: +49 681 506 4506

Internet: [www.historisches-museum.org](http://www.historisches-museum.org)

Email: [hms@hismus.de](mailto:hms@hismus.de)

### Calypso Wellnessparadise



A true water paradise equipped with several indoor, outdoor pools, and water slides, also offering aqua fitness lessons, wellness programmes, and many more to entertain the whole family. Don't forget to try the Stollensauna, a sauna grotto evoking the region's mining history.

Photo: kudla/Shutterstock.com

Address: Deutschmühlental 7, Saarbrücken

Public Transport: Buses 30, 103, 104, 126 and 151 to Messegelände

Opening hours: Bath and sauna: Mon to Fri: 10.00-22.00, Sat and Sun: 9.00-22.00

Phone: +49 681 588 1770

Internet: [www.erlebnisbad-calypso.de](http://www.erlebnisbad-calypso.de)

Email: [info@erlebnisbad-calypso.de](mailto:info@erlebnisbad-calypso.de)

### Saarbrücken Zoo



Saarbrücken Zoo is home to more than a thousand animals, and provides fun and interactive programmes to introduce them all to you. Join the penguin and seal feeding, or even stay for the night for some bat spotting!

Photo: Nick Fox/Shutterstock.com

Address: Graf-Stauffenberg-Straße, Saarbrücken

Public Transport: lines 105, 107

Opening hours: 8.30-18.00 (March to October), 9.00-17.00 (November to February), 9.00-12.00 (24, 31 December, Mondays)

Phone: +49 681 905 3600

Internet: [www.zoo.saarbruecken.de](http://www.zoo.saarbruecken.de)

Email: [zoo@saarbruecken.de](mailto:zoo@saarbruecken.de)

### Saar Alpaka Farm



Home to an ever-growing number of llamas, alpacas, and donkeys, Saar Alpaka Farm offers visitors fun and educative tours, unique worldwide in that you might even get to cross the border with this adorable family.

Photo: Dieter Hawlan/Shutterstock.com

Address: Im Almet 163, Saarbrücken

Public Transport: bus lines 108, 128 to Tabaksweiher, bus 123 to Spicherer Weg

Opening hours: Sat, Sun and public holidays: 13.00-18.00 (from November to March until 17.00)

Phone: +49 173 190 3930

Internet: <http://saar-alpaka.de/esel>

Email: [info@saar-alpaka.de](mailto:info@saar-alpaka.de)

### Völklinger Ironworks



Völklinger Hütte, one of the world's largest iron works spreading across six hectares, was established in 1873, and has remained remarkably

intact during its operation spanning the next hundred years. Today, as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, it functions as a museum and science centre, offering interesting insight into the industry's history.

Photo: Patrick Verhoef/Shutterstock.com

Address: Rathausstraße 75-79, Völklingen

Public Transport: 10 minutes by train from Saarbrücken, [www.saarvv.de](http://www.saarvv.de)

Opening hours: March to October: 10.00-19.00, November to April: 10.00-18.00 daily

Phone: +49 6898 9100 100

Internet: [www.voelklinger-huette.org/willkommen](http://www.voelklinger-huette.org/willkommen)

Email: [visit@voelklinger-huette.org](mailto:visit@voelklinger-huette.org)

### Mettlach



There are several interesting landmarks in Mettlach that make this small town worthy of a day trip: its 19th-century Old Abbey is the

headquarters of ceramics manufacturer Villeroy & Boch; there is also a visitor centre, while nature lovers can admire the beauty of Saarschleife, a spectacular bend of the Saar river just a few kilometres from the city.

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Address: Villeroy & Boch: Saaruferstraße 1-3, Alte Abtei, Mettlach

Opening hours: Mon to Sat: 10.00-17.00, Sun: 14.00-17.00

Phone: +49 686 481 1020

Internet: [www.villeroyboch-group.com/en/visitors-and-tourism/visitor-information.html](http://www.villeroyboch-group.com/en/visitors-and-tourism/visitor-information.html)

Email: [visit@villeroy-boch.de](mailto:visit@villeroy-boch.de)

More Info: Tourist Information: +49 686 591 150,

[www.tourist-info.mettlach.de](http://www.tourist-info.mettlach.de)

### Roman Villa Borg (in Perl)



Travel back to ancient times at this renovated Roman-age villa, discovered only recently in the 19th century. It houses an archaeological

museum, and has well-tended rose and herb gardens. Special programmes like donkey tours and overnight stays can be organised here too.

Photo: Carole Raddato/Flickr (image cropped)

Address: Im Meeswald 1, Perl

Opening hours: Mon: closed, Tue to Sun: 10.00-18.00 (April to October), 11.00-16.00 (February, March and November), closed in December and January closed

Phone: +49 686 591 170

Internet: [www.villa-borg.de/Roman-Villa-Borg](http://www.villa-borg.de/Roman-Villa-Borg)

Email: [info@villa-borg.de](mailto:info@villa-borg.de)

### Trier



Germany's oldest city is pure history: it boasts eight UNESCO World Heritage Sites, many dating back to the Roman age. The Porta Nigra and

the Cathedral, Germany's oldest, are just a few of the rich heritage of what is also called the "Rome of the North". Trier is also noted as the birthplace of Karl Marx, with a museum paying homage to the great thinker's life and work.

Photo: Tobias Arhelger/Shutterstock.com

Address: Tourist Information Centre: Einbahnstraße 60

Phone: +49 651 978 080

Internet: [www.trier-info.de](http://www.trier-info.de)

## Luxembourg



The small, romantic capital of the world's only grand duchy makes for a perfect weekend getaway. Take a stroll along panoramic Chemin de la Corniche, and be sure to visit the Grand Ducal Palace, the tunnels of Bock Casemates, and the vast art collection of MUDAM.

Photo: Reinhard Tiburzy/Shutterstock.com

Address: Tourist Office: 30, place Guillaume II, 1648

Luxembourg City

Phone: +352 22 28 09

Internet: [www.luxembourg-city.com](http://www.luxembourg-city.com)

More Info: ca. 100 km from Saarbrücken

## DINING



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Saarbrücken has a diverse gastronomic scene with a wide spectrum of foreign and local flavours. The region of Saarland is noted for its potato hash (Dibbelabbes), "flame pizza" (Flammkuchen), and has long-preserved barbecue traditions (called locally Schwenken) which anyone is free to enjoy in the parks lining the Saar river.

## Kalinski Wurstwirtschaft



No visit to Germany is complete without having a filling sausage meal, and when it comes to Saarbrücken, no one prepares it with more passion than the Kalinski brothers. Rich and interesting meals of currywurst, fries, and burgers, with vegan options available.

Photo: gkrphoto/Shutterstock.com

Address: Kaltenbachstraße 4, Saarbrücken

Opening hours: Mon to Thu: 12.00–23.00, Fri and Sat:

11.00–1.00, Sun: 13.00–22.00

Phone: +49 681 3799 7572

Internet: [www.kalinskibrueder.de](http://www.kalinskibrueder.de)

Email: [info@kalinskibrueder.de](mailto:info@kalinskibrueder.de)

## Zum Stiefel



A guesthouse with a traditional restaurant and the region's oldest, 300-year-old brewery, Stiefelbräu: Zum Stiefel is a great place to start your Saarländisch experience.

Photo: morozek/Shutterstock.com

Address: Am Stiefel 2, Saarbrücken

Opening hours: Mon to Thu: 11.45–23.00, Fri and Sat:

11.45–24.00, Sun: visit website

Phone: +49 681 936 450

Internet: [www.braugasthoefe.de/en/guesthouses/zum-stiefel](http://www.braugasthoefe.de/en/guesthouses/zum-stiefel)

Email: [info@braugasthoefe.de](mailto:info@braugasthoefe.de)

## Gästehaus Klaus Erfort



Set in an elegant white villa by a green park, Gästehaus treats visitors to the finest flavours of French cuisine. Guests can also enjoy a sublime wine selection, served by the talented team of

Klaus Erfort. Their Michelin awards have earned Mainzer Straße the nickname "the street of stars".

Photo: Marian Weyo/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Mainzer Straße 95, Saarbrücken  
Opening hours: Sun, Mon: closed, Tue to Fri: from 12.00 and from 19.00, Sat: from 19.00  
Phone: +49 681 9582 682  
Internet: [www.gaestehaus-erfort.de/index\\_en.html](http://www.gaestehaus-erfort.de/index_en.html)  
Email: [kontakt@gaestehaus-erfort.de](mailto:kontakt@gaestehaus-erfort.de)

### ALEX Saarbrücken



ALEX is one of those places everyone in town knows about, and for several good reasons: champagne breakfast, German pizza (or tarte flambée), schnitzel, burgers, and crispy fresh salads, just to pick a few.

Photo: aliasemma/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Saarstraße 15, Saarbrücken  
Opening hours: Mon to Thu: 8.30-0.30, Fri and Sat: 8.30-2.00, Sun: 9.00-0.30  
Phone: +49 681 3799 5950  
Internet: [www.dein-alex.de/saarbruecken](http://www.dein-alex.de/saarbruecken)

### La Bastille



A traditional French restaurant in the heart of Saarbrücken offering culinary specialities like salmon pancakes, as well as local staples such as the potato-leek hash (Dibbelabbes), unmissable when in Saarland.

Photo: NatalyaBond/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Kronenstraße 1B, Saarbrücken  
Opening hours: Mon: closed, Tue to Fri: 11.30-14.30, 17.00-23.00, Sat: 11.30-23.00, Sun: 17.00-23.00  
Phone: +49 681 31064  
Internet: [www.restaurant-labastille.de](http://www.restaurant-labastille.de)

### L'Osteria



From starters to pasta and pizzas 45 cm in diameter, a genuine taste of Italian prosciutto, cheese and tomatoes can be well-enjoyed on the terrace of L'Osteria, proudly representing the worldwide fame of la cucina italiana.

Photo: LStockStudio/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Trierer Straße 33, Saarbrücken  
Public Transport: next to Hauptbahnhof  
Opening hours: Mon to Thu: 11.30-23.00, Fri, Sat: 11.30-0.00, Sun: 12.00-23.00  
Phone: +49 681 9927 4820  
Internet: <https://losteria.co.uk/restaurant/saarbruecken>  
Email: [saarbruecken@losteria.de](mailto:saarbruecken@losteria.de)

### Kulturcafé



This German restaurant fills up every day with hungry city-tourers, to be served with interesting local specialities like the carrot-ginger soup and green mashed potatoes, or for a simple coffee to pair with a view of the buzzing market square.

Photo: Kojin/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Sankt Johanner Markt 24, Saarbrücken  
Opening hours: Mon to Sat: opens at 8.30, Sun: opens at 9.00  
Phone: +49 681 3799 200  
Internet: [www.kulturcafe-saarbruecken.de](http://www.kulturcafe-saarbruecken.de)  
Email: [kontakt@kulturcafe-online.de](mailto:kontakt@kulturcafe-online.de)

### Café Kostbar



A cosy restaurant with both indoor and garden spaces in the hip area of Nauwieser, serving finely prepared but abundant brunch and lunch specials

through several offers a week. They also make some truly mouthwatering fruit mousse, and other confectionery.

Photo: Bliss Hunter Images/Shutterstock.com

Address: Nauwieser Strasse 19, Saarbrücken

Opening hours: Mon: 17.00-1.00, Tue to Fri: 11.30-1.00,

Sat:10.00-1.00, Sun: 10.00-14.00

Phone: +49 681 374 360

Internet: [www.cafekostbar.de](http://www.cafekostbar.de)

Email: [info@cafekostbar.de](mailto:info@cafekostbar.de)

### Brasserie



From oven-baked potatoes, schnitzel, and layered burgers to sweet waffles with ice-cream topping, expect a rich and hearty meal at one of

Saarbrücken's most frequented eateries.

Photo: gkrphoto/Shutterstock.com

Address: Bahnhofstraße 38, Saarbrücken

Opening hours: Mon to Thu: 8.30-0.00, Fri and Sat:

8.30-2.00, Sun: 9.00-0.00

Phone: +49 681 9068 480

Internet: [www.deine-brasserie.de/brasserie-saarbruecken](http://www.deine-brasserie.de/brasserie-saarbruecken)

### Café Zucker und Zimt



A friendly eatery in southeastern Saarbrücken where you can hop in for a coffee and a sweet treat, but there is a lot more to

choose from: beer, wine, evening buffets inspired by Middle Eastern cuisine (with vegetarian options!), plus live concerts every week.

Photo: Goran Bogicevic/Shutterstock.com

Address: Brühlstraße 31, Saarbrücken

Opening hours: Thu, Fri, Sat: 15.00-22.00, Sun: 13.00-21.00, and on demand

Phone: +49 681 985 0247

Internet: [www.cafe-zuckerundzimt.de](http://www.cafe-zuckerundzimt.de)

### Tbilissi Bar, Resto, Lounge



In homage to the town twinning between Saarbrücken and the Georgian capital, Tbilissi Restaurant awaits visitors with the traditional

flavours of Georgian cuisine, from the famous cheese bread (khachapuri) to rich vegetable salads (pkhali).

Photo: Kristina Kokhanova/Shutterstock.com

Address: Saarstraße 13, Saarbrücken

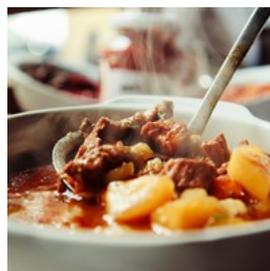
Opening hours: Mon: closed, Tue to Fri: 18.00-23.30, Sat:

17.00-23.30, Sun: 12.00-15.00, 18.00-23.30

Phone: +49 681 9100 5645

Internet: <http://tbilissibarrestolounge.cafelists.com/en>

### Lángos Street Food



A culinary gem in southwest Saarbrücken serving that hearty, paprika-spiced goulash and other Hungarian staples like the

cheese-topped flatbread (lángos): all worth a detour to satiate your appetite.

Photo: Sharomka/Shutterstock.com

Address: Stengelstraße 31, Saarbrücken

Public Transport: bus lines 104, 109, 124, 126 to Roonstraße

Opening hours: Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri: 9.30-16.30, Thu:

9.30-19.00, Sat: 18.00-23.00, Sun: closed

Phone: +49 1522 925 6990

Internet: [www.facebook.com/streetfoodHUNGER](http://www.facebook.com/streetfoodHUNGER)

## CAFÉS



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Homemade fruit butter cakes with a steaming cup of coffee: enjoy the sweet side of Saarland in one of the plenty cosy cafés in town.

### The Bakery



A friendly little café right behind the Town Hall, serving locals' favourite sugar-powdered homemade cakes, crêpes, and quiches, and arguably the creamiest coffee in town.

Photo: CheDima/Shutterstock.com

Address: Gerberstrasse 7, Saarbrücken

Opening hours: Mon to Fri: 9.00–19.00, Sat: 9.00–18.00, Sun: closed

Phone: +49 681 9581 8570

Internet: <http://thebakery.cafelists.com/en>

### Henry's Eismanufaktur



This artisan shop offers flavourful, richly garnished and preservative-free ice cream, and is simply regarded the best place for a refreshing treat in town.

Photo: Marian Weyo/Shutterstock.com

Address: Kapfenstraße 1, Saarbrücken

Opening hours: Wed to Sun: 13.00–19.00, Mon, Tue: closed

Phone: +49 681 9387 7207

Internet: [www.henrys-eismanufaktur.de](http://www.henrys-eismanufaktur.de)

### Chez Jérôme



Open around the clock, Chez Jérôme is a bakery where you can not only give a fresh start to your day, but also sate your midnight hunger after a long night out.

Photo: Sarah Noda/Shutterstock.com

Address: Mainzerstraße 54, Saarbrücken

Public Transport: bus 126, 128 to Paul Marien Straße

Opening hours: Mon to Fri: 4.00–17.00, Sat and Sun: 1.00–13.00, night café: Thu and Fri: 18.00–2.00, Sat: 21.00–2.00

Phone: +49 6816 3730

Internet: [www.jerome-sb.de](http://www.jerome-sb.de)

Email: [info@jerome-sb.de](mailto:info@jerome-sb.de)

### Confiserie Café Schubert



An elegant patisserie which has been serving an ample selection of finely prepared and garnished confectionery since 1950. Lunch is also served every day, so ask for the weekly menu.

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Address: Sulzbachstraße 2 / Schwarzenbergstraße 15, Saarbrücken

Opening hours: Mon to Sat: 8.00–18.00, Sun: 11.00–18.00

Phone: +49 6813 6699

Internet: [www.cafe-schubert.de](http://www.cafe-schubert.de) (webstore)

### Café Lolo



A classic German café well-known citywide for their traditional recipes and exceptional coffees. Their buttercakes are always on demand! There are two locations in town.

Photo: Oksana Shufrych/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Heuduckstraße 67, Saarbrücken  
Public Transport: bus lines 104, 109, 124, 126 to Roonstraße  
Opening hours: Mon: closed, Tue to Sat: 7.00–19.00, Sun: 9.00–19.00. Literaturcafé: Mon to Sat: 9.30–19.00  
Phone: +49 6815 1828, +46 681 390 7745  
Internet: <http://cafe-lolo.de>  
Email: [info@cafe-lolo.de](mailto:info@cafe-lolo.de)  
More Info: Literaturcafé: Bahnhofstrasse 54, Saarbrücken

### Fürst Ludwig



A simple yet welcoming café by the imposing building of Ludwig's Church. Stop by and check the daily lunch menu, which usually consists of rich but healthy meals, from stuffed zucchini to potato soup.

Photo: Jacob Lund/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Am Ludwigsplatz 13, Saarbrücken  
Opening hours: Mon to Fri: 9.00–0.00, Sat: 8.00–0.00, Sun: 10.00–23.00  
Phone: +49 681 52573  
Internet: [www.facebook.com/fuerstlu](http://www.facebook.com/fuerstlu)

### Moccachili



A downtown café with an open-air terrace serving breakfast, home-made cakes and waffles, which also has weekly lunch offers, rich in fresh green ingredients to match every diet. Vegan cakes are

also available.

Photo: vovidzha/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Evangelisch-Kirch-Straße 8, Saarbrücken  
Opening hours: Mon to Sat: 9.00–20.00, Sun: 14.00–18.00  
Phone: +49 681 595 3578  
Internet: <http://moccachili.blogspot.com>  
Email: [moccachili@hotmail.de](mailto:moccachili@hotmail.de)

### Fredrik



A stylish little café with a friendly atmosphere, serving sweet treats and weekly specials ranging from sushi lunch to currywurst with

home-made sauce.

Photo: Irina Soboleva S/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Keplerstrasse 12, Saarbrücken  
Public Transport: bus stop Ludwigkirsche  
Opening hours: Mon to Fri: 7.00–19.00, Sat and Sun: 10.00–19.00  
Phone: +49 681 9476 9922  
Internet: <https://m.fredrik.saarland/website>  
Email: [fredrik@fredrik.saarland](mailto:fredrik@fredrik.saarland)  
More Info: Pre-booking recommended

### BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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If you only see it during the day, you won't see enough: "Saarbrooklyn" has a vibrant nightlife buzzing with beer gardens and plenty of hip clubs, entertaining revelers all night long.

### Old Murphy's



Over 45 beers on tap, pub quiz, karaoke nights, and a lively international atmosphere: this Irish pub in the city's main square never fails to

entertain. Food specials include premium Irish beef burgers and fish & chips, as well as various salads for a lighter meal.

Photo: IsabellaO/Shutterstock.com

Address: St. Johanner Markt 11, Saarbrücken

Opening hours: Mon to Sun: 10.30-3.00

Phone: +49 681 9103 2217

Internet: [www.en.oldmurphys.de](http://www.en.oldmurphys.de)

More Info: Their other location, Wally's, is just 100 m at Katholisch-Kirch-Straße 1

### 100 Tage Bar



A cool alternative nightclub right next to Johanneskirsche throwing some of the best parties on weekends, with different themes and

music, from techno to the good old 80s.

Photo: sad444/Shutterstock.com

Address: Cecilienstraße 3, Saarbrücken

Public Transport: Saarbahn and bus lines 101, 103, 125 to Johanneskirsche

Opening hours: Thu to Sat: 21.00-5.00, Sun to Wed: closed

Internet: [www.facebook.com/hundertTageBar](http://www.facebook.com/hundertTageBar)

### Shotz Bar



Whether it's predrinks or the last rounds of the night, Shotz has a remarkable selection of shots, to be tried and analysed: can you guess

the ingredients of a "Tony Montana" or an

### "All-In"?

Photo: David Tadevosian/Shutterstock.com

Address: Fröschengaße 6, Saarbrücken

Opening hours: Mon to Thu: 19.00-2.00, Fri and Sat:

19.00-3.00, Sun: closed

Internet: <https://shotz-bar.com/locations/saarbruecken>

### Baker Street Criminal Tearoom & Pub



English breakfast is served every Sunday at this elegant tearoom, but be sure to drop in later as well, as it turns into a real Victorian pub with

plenty of English food and Irish beers, and fun events from pub quiz to whiskey tasting. A crime to miss!

Photo: Shebeko/Shutterstock.com

Address: Mainzer Straße 8, Saarbrücken

Public Transport: bus lines 126, 128

Opening hours: Mon: 18.00-13.00 Tue, Wed, Thu:

18.00-0.00, Fri: 18.00-2.00, Sat: 12.00-2.00, Sun: 10.00-0.00

Phone: +49 681 9581 2454

Internet: [www.bakerstreetsb.de](http://www.bakerstreetsb.de)

More Info: Kitchen is open from 18.00 to 22.00

### Jules Verne



A laid-back hipster bar just outside the old town with craft beers, brunch, daily lunch offers, and regular live performances, including

stand-up comedy nights.

Photo: De Repente/Shutterstock.com

Address: Mainzer Straße 39, Saarbrücken

Public Transport: bus 126, 128 to Paul Marien Straße

Opening hours: Mon and Tue: closed, Wed and Thu:

17.00-0.00, Fri: 15.00-2.00, Sat: 10.00-2.00, Sun:

10.00-22.00

### SUR Picadas



From Mexico through Cuba to Argentina, this bar brings you the best drinks and flavours of the Latin American continent.

Burger and tapas day, student discounts, dance lessons, beer and wines, and all in an authentic Uruguayan setting.

Photo: darqdesign/Shutterstock.com

Address: Eisenbahnstraße 6, Saarbrücken

Public Transport: bus stop Ludwigkirsche

Opening hours: Mon: closed, Tue to Sat: from 18.00, Sun: from 16.30

Phone: +49 1516 577 5437

Internet: [www.sur-picadas-bar.de](http://www.sur-picadas-bar.de)

Email: [info@sur-picadas-bar.de](mailto:info@sur-picadas-bar.de)

### Garage Saarbrücken



A stylish nightclub in a brick building hosting parties and concerts that span the entire musical spectrum, from pop and disco to heavy metal; all

this several times a week.

Photo: Melinda Nagy/Shutterstock.com

Address: Bleichstraße 11-15, Saarbrücken

Opening hours: Fri and Sat: 11.00-5.00

Phone: +49 681 989 143

Internet: <http://garage-sb.de>

### Cafe & Bar Celona



Whether it's a morning coffee or afternoon cocktails with some Mediterranean snacks, Bar Celona is a spacious and colourful hangout

spot that also holds theme parties regularly, similar to its other locations throughout

### Germany.

Photo: GANNA MARTYSHEVA/Shutterstock.com

Address: Berliner Promenade 5, Saarbrücken

Opening hours: Mon to Thu, Sun: 9.00-0.00, Fri and Sat: 9.00-2.00

Phone: +49 681 938 66523

Internet: <https://celona.de/mein-celona/details/cafe-bar-celona-saarbruecken>

Email: [saarbruecken@cafe-bar-celona.de](mailto:saarbruecken@cafe-bar-celona.de)

### SHOPPING



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Cobblestone alleyways with charming boutiques and shopping malls with well-known international brands: Saarbrücken has something for every taste and budget.

### Bahnhofstraße



The city's nearly one-kilometre long pedestrian street, linking the central station with St. Johanner Markt, will surely entertain you even

on a rainy day: a shopping round through its international stores and covered walkways can well fill up an entire day.

Photo: Ivanko80/Shutterstock.com

Address: Bahnhofstraße, Saarbrücken

Opening hours: Shops are open from Monday to Saturday, some until 20.00

### St. Johanner Markt



Get a taste of local life at the city's most popular gathering venue, and take a stroll in the narrow alleyways along the myriad cafés and restaurants. The fountain in the middle of the square was designed by F. J. Stengel, and together with Ludwig's Church and the Castle, it forms what is called the Stengel triangle. You'll also find Fröschengasse here, formerly a workers' district with Baroque-style houses.

Photo: Solis Images/Shutterstock.com

Address: Sankt Johanner Markt

### Europa Galerie



A few minutes from the train station, Europa Galerie is a three-storey shopping mall housing over a hundred stores and offering plenty of services and catering facilities. The building is a true architectural gem, with mosaic tiles produced by famous Villeroy & Boch, headquartered in nearby Mettlach. Another few minutes' walk along Trierer Straße, and you will reach Bahnhofstraße, the city's 700-metre long lively promenade.

Photo: puhhha/Shutterstock.com

Address: Trierer Straße 1, Saarbrücken

Opening hours: Mon to Sat: 9.30-20.00, Sun: closed

Phone: +49 681 755 9550

Internet: [www.europagalerie.de](http://www.europagalerie.de)

Email: [info@europagalerie.de](mailto:info@europagalerie.de)

### The Kaiserviertel Quarter



The charming pedestrian streets of Kaiserviertel are filled with a wide range of small boutiques and plenty of services. Its small cafés always make for some prime people-watching, especially during the popular food markets held here every Thursday. Don't miss out!

Photo: zeljkodan/Shutterstock.com

Address: Futterstraße, Sulzbachstraße, Saarbrücken

Public Transport: Saarbahn to Kaiserstraße

### Nauwieser Viertel



Considered the hip quarter of Saarbrücken, this area north of St. Johanner Markt is worth a detour for its art and second hand stores (check out Tabula Rosa), as well as unique bars and eateries. Have this place on top of your list if you are visiting at the end of July, for it hosts the annual Nauwieser Fest.

Photo: krakow.poland/Shutterstock.com

Address: Nauwieser Viertel, Saarbrücken

Internet: [www.facebook.com/NaufestSB](http://www.facebook.com/NaufestSB)

### Mainzer Straße



Just when you think you've found all the gems of Saarbrücken in the old town, you'll reach Mainzer Straße, the city's eastern artery running through this friendly quarter with myriad shops and restaurants. Enjoy the cinema, try yourself at the climbing gym, or indulge in flavours at the Michelin-starred Klaus Erfort restaurant. Tours

in the quarter are also organised.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Mainzer Straße, Saarbrücken  
Public Transport: bus lines 126, 128 to St. Johanner Markt  
Internet: <http://mainzerstrasse.saarland>

### Saarbasar



A shopping mall right next to the Saarbrücken Zoo with several fashion stores, services, supermarkets, cafés, and restaurants. Various

programmes like flea markets or sports days are organised regularly.

Photo: Impact Photography/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Breslauer Straße, Saarbrücken  
Public Transport: bus 107 and 138 to "Saarbasar". Saarbahn: change at Römerkastell to bus 138  
Opening hours: Mon to Sat: 8.00-20.00, Sun: closed  
Phone: +49 681 980 130  
Internet: [www.saarbasar.de](http://www.saarbasar.de)

## TOURIST INFORMATION



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### Best Time to Visit



Like most of Germany, the region is characterised by a continental climate, with notable differences in temperature between the

winter and summer periods. The warmest month is July when temperature peaks at around 25°C, while it is usually close to freezing around December and January, also with considerable precipitation. March and August tend to be the driest.

Saarbrücken hosts several festivals throughout the year. Major winter events are the Christmas market starting at the end of November and the Max Ophüls Preis film festival in January, while in the summer tourists flock to the city for the popular Nauwieser Street Festival.

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### Passport / Visa



Germany can be visited visa-free for up to 90 days by the citizens of Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Malaysia, Israel,

UAE, and most countries in America. If you are unsure whether or not you need to apply for a visa, we recommend that you contact the embassy or consulate in your country. International (non-Schengen) travellers need a passport that is valid for at least 3 months after the end of their intended trip in order to enter the Schengen zone. The citizens of Schengen countries can travel without a passport, but must have a valid ID with them during their stay.

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## Saarbrücken Airport (SCN)



Saarbrücken Airport is located 15 km from the city centre, and is a predominantly domestic airport that also serves some international flights

(e.g. Luxembourg, Spain, Tenerife, Greece, Turkey). Car rental and taxi services are available, and bus line R10 connects the airport with the city centre. The closest major airports are in Luxembourg City (100 km) and Frankfurt (180 km).

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Balthasar-Goldstein-Straße, Saarbrücken

Phone: +49 6893 830

Internet: [www.flughafen-saarbruecken.de/en](http://www.flughafen-saarbruecken.de/en)

## Public Transport



Saarland is served by the lighttrail trains of SaarBahn, running between Riegelsberg and Saareguemines (in France). There are also

various bus lines in the Saarbrücken area which are in the same system as the SB trains. Tickets may only be purchased from machines or on the bus. The area is divided into various zones, with varying ticket validity time.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Address: Nassauerstraße 2-4, Saarbrücken

Opening hours: browse timetable: [www.saarfahrplan.de](http://www.saarfahrplan.de)

Phone: +49 6898 500 4000

Internet: <https://saarvv.de>

Email: [service@saarvv.de](mailto:service@saarvv.de)

More Info: Information on individual stops: [www.saarbahn.de/de/fahrplan/uebersichtsplaene\\_haltestellen\\_](http://www.saarbahn.de/de/fahrplan/uebersichtsplaene_haltestellen_)

## Taxi



Contact any of the companies below. Taxi Saarbrücken: +49 681 55000. Taxi Schneider: +49 681 71111, [www.taxi-steve-schneider.de](http://www.taxi-steve-schneider.de). Taxi

Hartmann (in Dudweiler):

+49 689 773 033,

[www.taxi-hartmann.com](http://www.taxi-hartmann.com).

Photo: Taxi

## Post Office



Postal services in Germany are provided by Deutsche Post, and there are several post offices across the city centre.

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: Dudweilerstraße 17 / Vorstadtstraße 59 / Mainzer Straße 39, Saarbrücken

Opening hours: Mon to Fri: 9.00-18.00, Sat: 9.00-12.30, Sun: closed

Internet: [www.deutschepost.de/en/home.html](http://www.deutschepost.de/en/home.html)

## Pharmacy



Stadtapothekhe  
Bahnhofstraße 37 +49  
681 948 890 Viktoria  
Apotheke Bahnhofstraße  
95-97 +49 681 36148  
Stengel

Apotheke

Eisenbahnstraße 25

+49 681 52363

Photo: Gemma Garner

Opening hours: Usually from 8.00 until 19.00 or later, closed on Sundays

Internet: [www.stadtapothekhe-sb.de](http://www.stadtapothekhe-sb.de)

## Telephone



Country code: +49 Area  
code: (681)

Photo: Jardson Almeida

## Electricity



In Germany, the current  
voltage is 230V. Socket  
type: F

Photo: Stirling Tschan

## Population

178,151

## Currency

Euro, 1 EUR (€) = 100 cents

## Opening hours

Business hours are usually from 9.00 to 18.00, but some  
offices tend to open at 8.00. Shops are open from Monday  
to Saturday, and on selected Sundays.

## Newspapers

Saarbrücker Zeitung  
[www.saarbruecker-zeitung.de](http://www.saarbruecker-zeitung.de)

## Emergency numbers

112

## Tourist information

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