

Heidelberg, Germany Tour



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Tour Summary

This city is magical! Its Old Town lies beneath the Heidelberg Castle, perched on the nearby mountainside. Known as a Romantic City because of the poetry inspired by its picturesque setting, this lovely destination attracts tourists from all over the world. We will walk pedestrian-friendly Hauptstrasse, experience sidewalk cafés and pubs, learn about the city's 14 to 18th-century history, and, of course, tour the castle and gardens. Join us for all this, and then traverse the Philosopher's Walk for stunning views of the town from across the Neckar River. Willkommen!

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Introduction to the Walking Tour





Heidelberg is magical. It is noted for its charming riverside setting, its romanticism, and its history, dating back to before the founding of its university in 1386.



On the nearby mountainside, the red sandstone Heidelberg Castle is the mighty centerpiece above Old Town.



The castle took 400 years to build, incorporating many styles of architecture, from Gothic to Renaissance.



The castle gardens, commissioned by young Emperor Friedrich V, were once considered the Eighth Wonder of the World.



In Old Town the towering Holy Spirit Church is the visual landmark within the Marktplatz.



Here on market days, fresh produce and flowers are in abundance. On other days, enjoy the souvenir shops around the church and the outdoor cafés in the square.



Along the way, stop and listen to the street musicians entertaining the crowds.



As you walk down the pedestrian Hauptstrasse, look right, look left... all kinds of unique shopping and eating experiences await you.



Also along the Hauptstrasse, University Square houses the Students' Prison. Thankfully it's not for today's students,

rather students in the 1700s and 1800s who, during confinement, adorned the walls with paintings and graffiti.



The Neckar River cuts through the city allowing for boating and riverside walkways and parks.



A walk east along the Neckar leads to the Old Bridge with its picturesque Baroque towers.



Cross the river here and look back to see the most spectacular views of the castle and Old Town.

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