

Sightseeing in Saarbrücken *orangesmile.com*

Saarbrücken is a major scientific and university center that is also rich in cultural and historical monuments. For tourists this is primarily a sightseeing resort, which attracts visitors by its modern infrastructure and excellent service.

Start exploring the city from visiting **St. Yohanner Markt** square. Here you will find most popular cafes and restaurants; every morning thousands of local people gather on the square to enjoy a cup of morning coffee in one of the outdoor terraces.



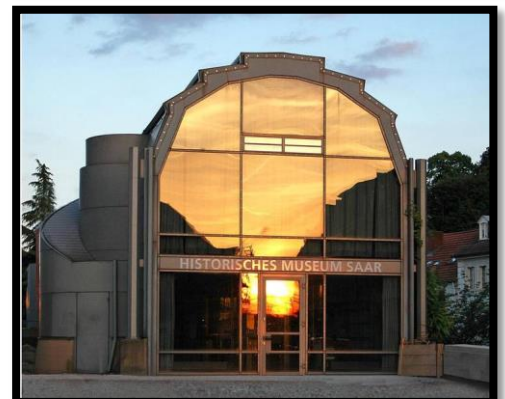
One of the main attractions of the city, **Palace Schloss**, is also located here. This magnificent building features a unique combination of modern and baroque styles. Luxury rooms of the palace are often used to host all kinds of cultural activities. The palace is surrounded by a spacious park. If you relax in the city during summer, you will be able to visit one of the concerts held in the park under the open sky. You will also find a large viewing platform in the distant wing of the palace, which features stunning views of the city and its suburbs.



Ludwigsplatz Square is another remarkable place for tourists. The main decoration of this square is **Ludwigskirche** Church. This is one of the most beautiful buildings made in best traditions of the baroque style.



Visiting museums and exhibition centers will help you to diversify your program of rest. Tourists can get acquainted with the history of this region by attending **Historical Museum of Saar Region**. Here are exhibited the collections of archaeological findings that will tell you about most important events in the history of the city. **Museum of Primitive Human History** provides visitors with a unique



collection of ornaments and jewelry, glassware, coins, pottery and bronze, as well as tools and wall carvings.

Culture of Saarbrücken - Places to visit - old town, temples, theaters, museums and palaces

The **Saint Johannes Market** is considered to be a true center of city life as this area concentrates numerous restaurants, shops and entertainment establishments. Scenic age old streets start right from the market. Most of them are completely closed for transport.

Not far from the Saint Johannes Market tourists will discover the **Schlosskirche** – the **Palace Church** being a marvelous landmark of gothic style architecture. The church was built in the 15th century. Though its long history the church has survived several reconstructions and has sufficiently changed its look. The **Palace Church** was badly damaged during the World War II however its building was entirely restored by modern architects. The main decoration of the church building is elegant stained glass artworks aged more than four hundred years old.

Another remarkable construction of the city is the **Saarkran**. Objects of the kind first appeared in the city of Saarbruecken in the middle of the 18th century. In those days the city of Saarbruecken was a center of transit trade. Numerous cranes erected on a river bank were an essential part of the expanding city. The crane which tourists can observe these days was constructed in 1761.



Another remarkable architectural landmark of the city is the **City Hall**. Its construction was started in 1897 and lasted for three years. The height of the building of the City Hall is 54m. Its plan was developed by a famous architect of the time Georg Von Hauberrisser.

The **St John's Basilica** is another remarkable religious building of the city. Its construction took place in the middle of the 18th century. The famous Ludwigskirche is the same age as basilica. Despite its impressive age the church features plenty of other merits. The church features inimitable architectural style. The religious construction attracts many tourists annually. One can enjoy a magnificent front side of the church forever. Inner halls of the church look even more impressive.



The walls of the church keep numerous religious artifacts and relics as well as age old garnishes and fineries.

The church neighbors with the **German-French gardens** which can be fairly called one of the most beautiful destinations of the city.



Not far from the garden tourists will find a theme park named **Gulliver Welt** – the World of Gulliver. The park is an incredible open air museum which presents a rich collection of scaled-down models of landmarks of global significance.



Another recommended landmark to explore is the **Alte Brücke** (the old bridge) being found in 1546 and having survived in its initial look till present days by miracle. The city of Saarbrücken has also preserved various medieval fortifying constructions. At defensive walls tourists will find observation platforms to enjoy marvelous view of the city.



Cuisine of Saarbrücken – best restaurants

The St. Johanner Place concentrates the most popular restaurants, cafes and bars of Saarbrücken. Tourists will find there as upscale restaurants so quiet budgetary cafes, small grocery shops selling a great variety of original ethnic treats. One of the most favorite treats among city residents is still the *Schwenker* being a toothsome steak grilled with some secret ingredients giving the meat its inimitable taste. Among upscale restaurants of the city the **Gastehaus Erfort** eating house is most worth attention of city guests. It will meet its visitors with a variety of dainty treats inviting them to relax and enjoy meals in festive atmosphere of its spacious hall. The hall being decorated in light shades will be a perfect place for holding of any festive event. The **Kuntze's Handelshof** restaurant offers a vast choice of treats of French cuisine on its menu apart from popular dishes of German cuisine. One of the main features of the Kuntze's Handelshof eating house is its excellent wine list. Among restaurants of ethnic cuisine the **Zum Stiefel** eating house is the next remarkable gastronomy establishment to visit. All the dishes on the menu of the restaurant are cooked following classic age-old recipes. The Zum Stiefel restaurant will be of great pleasure for beer fans as well as for genuine meat gourmards who can not imagine any meal without dainty meat treats. A quiet sweet shop named **Die Kaffeebohne** equals with most upscale restaurants in vast choice of treats as well as in quality of dishes and service. According to sophisticated travelers this sweet shop is exactly the place to buy the tastiest candies in the city. A box of candies will cost about 4 Euro. This popular sweet delicacy is sold by weight as well. A cozy café named **Mr. Baker** offers a quiet nook for rest and relaxation. The café treats its visitors with aroma hot pastry. Its hall is always filled with boon and calm atmosphere. It will turn to a perfect place for a family visit or for tourists travelling with kids. Ice cream addicts should visit the **Jesolo café**. The eating house is mainly visited by tourists.

Saarbrücken - traditions, mentality and lifestyle

The city of Saarbrücken is known for its rich and bright cultural life as during the year the city holds numerous festivals and carnivals of global scale. One of such country scale festivals is the **Filmfestival Max Ophuls Preis** being devoted to German cinema art. The festival takes place in **January** and its program encompasses numerous engaging events among which festival guests will enjoy as the first showings of films so press conferences and interviews of famous film stars and film directors.

The **Premabüba carnival** is traditionally held in the second part of **February**. Bright street parades and marches, plenty of unique costumes and dresses, loud music and breath taking entertainment shows are only few of the events on the schedule of the carnival lasting for three days and filling the city with unique inimitable festive atmosphere. The Weiberfasching carnival by a variety of entertainments and events equals to the February carnival. The

Weiberfasching fest is celebrated in **March**. The youngest guests of the carnival are annually treated with the most exciting entertainment programs.

The most waited and popular event among foreign guests of Saarbrücken is the **Nauwieser Street Festival**. Thousands of artists take part in this scale event. The festival guests will meet musicians, dancers, painters and actors, thespians and other artists. An essential part of the scale fest is gastronomy events and competitions. Dramatic art admirers are recommended to visit the **Altstadtfest Saarbrücken** festival. The festival takes place in the open air being its peculiar feature.

The **summer** in Saarbrücken starts a season of engaging sport events with the most popular among them being the **Saar Spectacle** holiday. Its guests are offered to observe various sport competitions as well as to take part in various games and contests. Christmas Eve sufficiently changes the city of Saarbrücken. The city sinks in a romantic festive atmosphere. The **Christmas market** starts in the **last decade of November**. Local shops, large stores and shopping centers start grand sales. Bright street performances are organized for the youngest visitors of the city. This is only a smallest portion of national holidays and ethnic celebrations being of great interest for tourists. Any visit to the city of Saarbrücken will feature an unforgettable ethnic fest.

Preparing your trip to Saarbrücken: advices & hints



1. The system of public transportation of the city is presented with buses and trams. At night the city is cruised by a special type of night buses running after 23:00. A cost of a trip during daytime is about 2 or 2.5 Euro meanwhile at night the rate will raise up to 2 or 4 Euro. Prudent tourists are recommended to get a travel pass which can be valid through one or several days.
 2. TGV speed trains depart from the central railway station every day and run to various destinations. Tourists will easily get to any neighboring city by these trains. A cost of a trip by a speed train is still kept at an affordable rate with the traveling time being the shortest.
 3. The most popular gastronomy establishments of the city are located in the area of the Saint Johannes Market. Despite central location most of the restaurants feature rather affordable pricing policy. In the area of the central railway station tourists will find numerous attractive budgetary restaurants and cafes.
 4. Tourists should keep in mind that the road traffic through the historic center of the city is limited. The best way to explore the sites and landmarks of the historic area is on foot as most objects of tourist attraction are located in close vicinity to each other.
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5. To rent a car in Saarbrücken one will need a common set of documents including international driving license and a credit card with a limit enough to cover the cost of the rent.
6. Most of local large stores and shopping center are open from 10 am and work till 8pm with a usual day off being Sunday. The city of Saarbrücken has adopted a system of cashless transfers. That is why there is no need to keep substantial sums of money by oneself.



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