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A true pearl in
Southern Germany



Inspiring Ludwigsburg!



LUDWIGSBURG – YOUR NEXT DESTINATION

One city – three palaces!



Welcome to Ludwigsburg, Germany's Baroque gem! Just outside Stuttgart and close to the Black Forest, the Baroque town of Ludwigsburg is a true pearl in Southern Germany.

Ludwigsburg in a nutshell:

- » 3 palaces, among them „the German Versailles“
- » Picturesque palace gardens
- » The world's largest Pumpkin Festival at the palace gardens
- » One of Germany's most beautiful Christmas markets
- » Baroque market square with Italian flair
- » Venetian Festival

Expect the unexpected.





LUDWIGSBURG PALACE & PALACE GARDENS

Beautifully Baroque.



“Now that’s what I call a palace!” First-time visitors are amazed by the sheer size: 452 rooms in 18 buildings. This is one of Europe’s largest original Baroque complexes. Take a guided tour and travel back through 300 years. Admire the art in the Baroque Gallery (Barockgalerie) and tour the private apartments to see how the royal family lived. Outside are the world-class palace gardens.

Flanking the palace on three sides, the majestic **Ludwigsburg Palace Gardens** (Blühendes Barock) are worth a visit in their own right. Youngsters love the **Fairytale Garden**, dedicated to familiar characters, such as Rapunzel and Little Red Riding Hood.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

- » **Ludwigsburg Palace** is also home to the **Ceramics Museum** (Keramikmuseum), with rare porcelain, and the **Fashion Museum** (Modemuseum).
- » Annual events at **Ludwigsburg Palace Gardens** include the International Street Music Festival and grand musical firework displays.





COLORFUL SPECTACLES

Ludwigsburg Pumpkin Festival & Luminous Dream Paths.



When it comes to pumpkins, Ludwigsburg rules! From August to November, Ludwigsburg Palace Gardens host the world's largest **Pumpkin Exhibition**, a vast horticultural show with a different theme each year. Think 450,000 pumpkins and 600 varieties.

From the end of October, The **Luminous Dream Paths** transform the Blooming Baroque into a magical spectacle of laser effects, light installations and atmospheric sound collages. The walk through the illuminated garden show is a truly enchanting experience.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

- » Don't miss the delicious **pumpkin-based dishes**, such as soup, waffles and local favorite Maultaschen, a dish like ravioli.
- » The **Luminous Dream Paths** are a "must-see" experience for all the family. The path opens at nightfall.





A TRUE ROYAL ROUTE

Walk along 3 palaces.

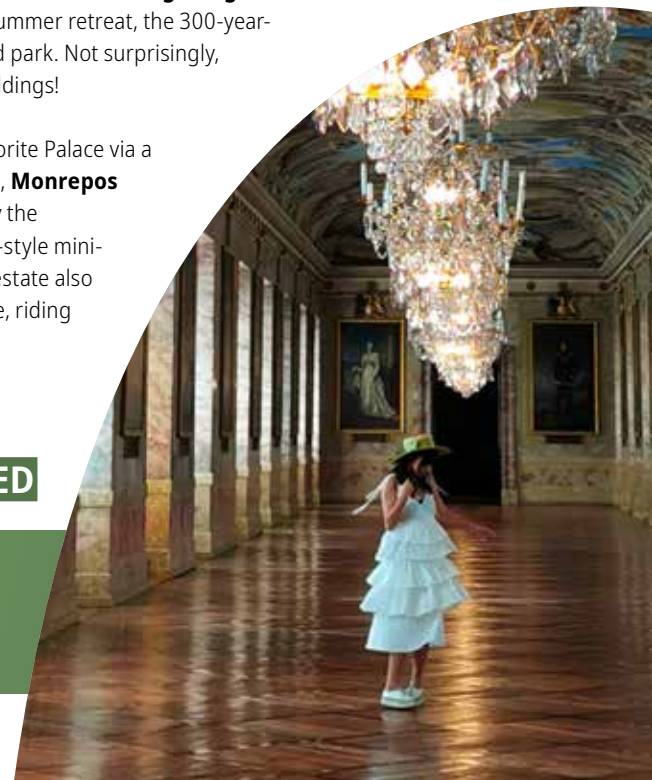


The royal family's vast estate includes more than **Ludwigsburg Palace**. Built as a hunting lodge and summer retreat, the 300-year-old **Favorite Palace** is set in a wooded park. Not surprisingly, this is a popular venue for upscale weddings!

Linked to Ludwigsburg Palace and Favorite Palace via a broad avenue through a spacious park, **Monrepos Palace** overlooks a lake. Still owned by the Württemberg royal family, this Rococo-style mini-palace is now a venue for events. The estate also boasts a winery, an 18-hole golf course, riding stables, a hotel, restaurant and cafés.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

- » Take a **walk along the 3 palaces** (distance: 3.5 km; 45 - 60 minutes).
- » At Monrepos, play golf on the nearby course or take a walk around the lake.





KIDS & FAMILIES FIRST!

A city full of fairytales.



Germany is the land of fairy tales and the **Fairytale Garden** (Märchengarten) within **Ludwigsburg Palace Gardens** features over 40 lovingly recreated classics. See where Sleeping Beauty lives; watch as Rapunzel lets down her hair; warn Little Red Riding Hood about the wolf; ask the mirror on the wall who is "the fairest of them all?"

Just a short stroll away, the **Bärenwiese** offers plenty of space to play, run and relax. Families enjoy the large adventure playground and wide green lawns – perfect for picnics and outdoor fun. In the town centre, the **Arsenalplatz** invites visitors to cool off in the summer, with playful water fountains where children can splash around while parents enjoy a coffee nearby.

In one of the town's oldest Baroque buildings, the lively interactive and hands-on displays in the **Ludwigsburg Museum** explain how the town was planned and developed.

Regularly-changing special exhibitions – many of them especially for kids & families – focus on topics inspired by our past and our present.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

- » The **playground at the Fairytale Garden** provides more fun.
- » Extra special is a **boat tour** along the Märchenbach, the Fairytale Stream, past mysterious trees and through tunnels. Look out for characters from well-loved stories!





A CHARMING PIAZZA WITH FLAIR

Relaxed Italian atmosphere
meets urban cool.



The **Market Square** is the beating heart of Ludwigsburg and the perfect starting point for a stroll through the picturesque city center.

Take in the Mediterranean-style arcades, the elegant market fountain and the two landmarks, the churches that face one another. Then settle down and watch people from one of the attractive outdoor cafés and restaurants.



HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Ludwigsburg Farmers' market is open year round. Few markets have such an elegant Baroque setting! Stroll through the 35 or so stalls; chat to the stallholders (many speak excellent English); enjoy a coffee or a beer at one of the outdoor cafés; sit and watch the world go by.



MUSIC IS IN THE AIR

Performing arts at fascinating settings.



Opera, music, and dance are the cornerstones of Ludwigsburg's cultural life. World-renowned artists and internationally acclaimed dance ensembles regularly perform on the city's stages.

Notably, the **Ludwigsburg Festival** (Ludwigsburger Schlossfestspiele) is a highlight of the city's performing arts. Visitors are spoiled for choice: from small, intimate concert formats in the Monrepos and Favorite palaces to open-air concerts with world stars for up to 3,000 guests in the courtyard of the Residential Palace – the Festival will enchant you with its charm!





IT'S SHOWTIME

Festivals & more.



At the end of May, the **International Street Music Festival** takes over the Palace Gardens! Listen to some 40 international street musicians and bands and singer-songwriters and rockers. The range of styles is enormous, from folk, reggae, pop and hip hop to Blues, Balkan pop, Latin rhythms, and traditional klezmer. Be inspired!

In July & August, the **Ludwigsburg KSK Music Open** showcases national and international bands outdoors in the Palace courtyard. Artists range from German favorites, such as singer-songwriter Sarah Connor to international megastars such as Tom Jones, James Blunt and Lionel Richie. Think of it as Baroque 'n' roll!

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Take an after-show drink at one of the numerous bars and pubs such as Towers Irish Pub, Blauer Engel or Chaplins Bar.





A CULINARY JOURNEY TO REMEMBER

Bon appétit.



Swabian cuisine has a reputation for being rustic, but rich and hearty. Local dishes go with both locally-brewed beers and regional wines – make your choice!

Among the region's best-known dishes are **"Maultaschen"** (Swabian dumplings), meat and spinach-filled dumplings either fried or served in broth as well as **"Spätzle"** (fresh egg noodles).

One of the most typical Swabian dishes is **"Linsen mit Spätzle"**, a dish featuring lentils cooked in a vinegar broth and served over Spätzle. They are often served with Vienna sausages or smoked bacon.

"Schupfnudeln" are another particularity of Swabian cuisine. They are made of a dough which contains equal parts of flour and potato and their shape is oblong with tapered ends.

And make sure to order the popular **"Zwiebelrostbraten"** (Swabian Roast Beef with fried onions).

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

- » The **Swabian Pretzels** ("**Schwäbische Laugenbrezeln**") are a true Swabian sanctuary. They taste best when freshly baked with some butter.
- » The flavorful **Swabian Potato Salad** ("**Schwäbischer Kartoffelsalat**") is the perfect accompaniment to a hearty local dish.





OUTDOOR & ACTIVE

Boat trips & water sports.



Ludwigsburg is on the Neckar, one of Germany's prettiest rivers. For those who enjoy an active vacation, we have lots of suggestions in Ludwigsburg. Why not starting with a bike tour along the Neckar, taking the comfortable **"Neckartal Radweg"** (Neckartal cycle path)? For those who prefer hilly routes, there are plenty of opportunities.

An unexpected pleasure for many visitors is taking a tour by canoe, kayak or SUP (Stand Up Paddle Board). The scenery along the way includes steep vineyards and medieval villages.

In the Ludwigsburg suburb of Hoheneck am Neckar, the „Zugvögel“ rental company welcomes everyone from beginners to experts.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

A must-do experience is a trip on the Neckar River aboard an elegant boat in the **Neckar Käpt'n** fleet. Take one of the regular, scheduled ferry services, a short cruise or a themed cruise, perhaps for brunch or a wine-tasting.





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VENETIAN FESTIVAL

A glittering event full of colour.



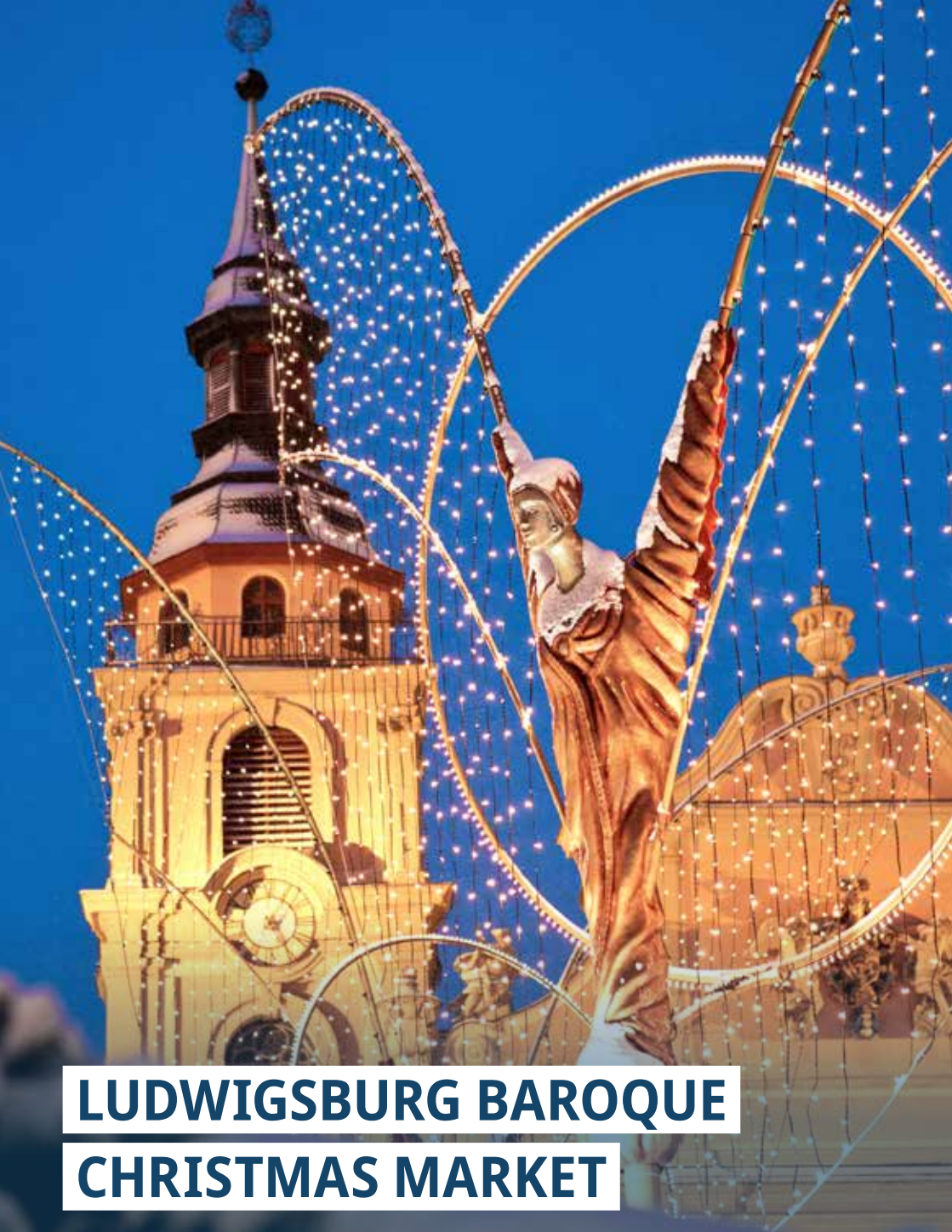
Every two years in September, Ludwigsburg morphs into the **Venice Carnival** for three fun-filled days. Think 18th-century gowns and capes, masks, fans, and hats; artists and musicians from all over Europe; concerts and shows galore! Best of all, you, too, can join in the fun. With or without a mask!

Wearing mysterious masks and elaborate costumes, 2,000 artists present a spectacular array of entertainment, from acrobatics, stilt walking and comedy to drama, music and dance. These top-class national and international artists perform on various stages; there is plenty of room and everyone can enjoy the entertainment.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

- » Families love the “**Venezianische Messe**” festival, as there is so much for little ones to see and do – from face painting to a fun fair.
- » Don't miss the arts and crafts market, a showcase for the work of artists from all over Europe.





LUDWIGSBURG BAROQUE CHRISTMAS MARKET

No words - simply fascinating.

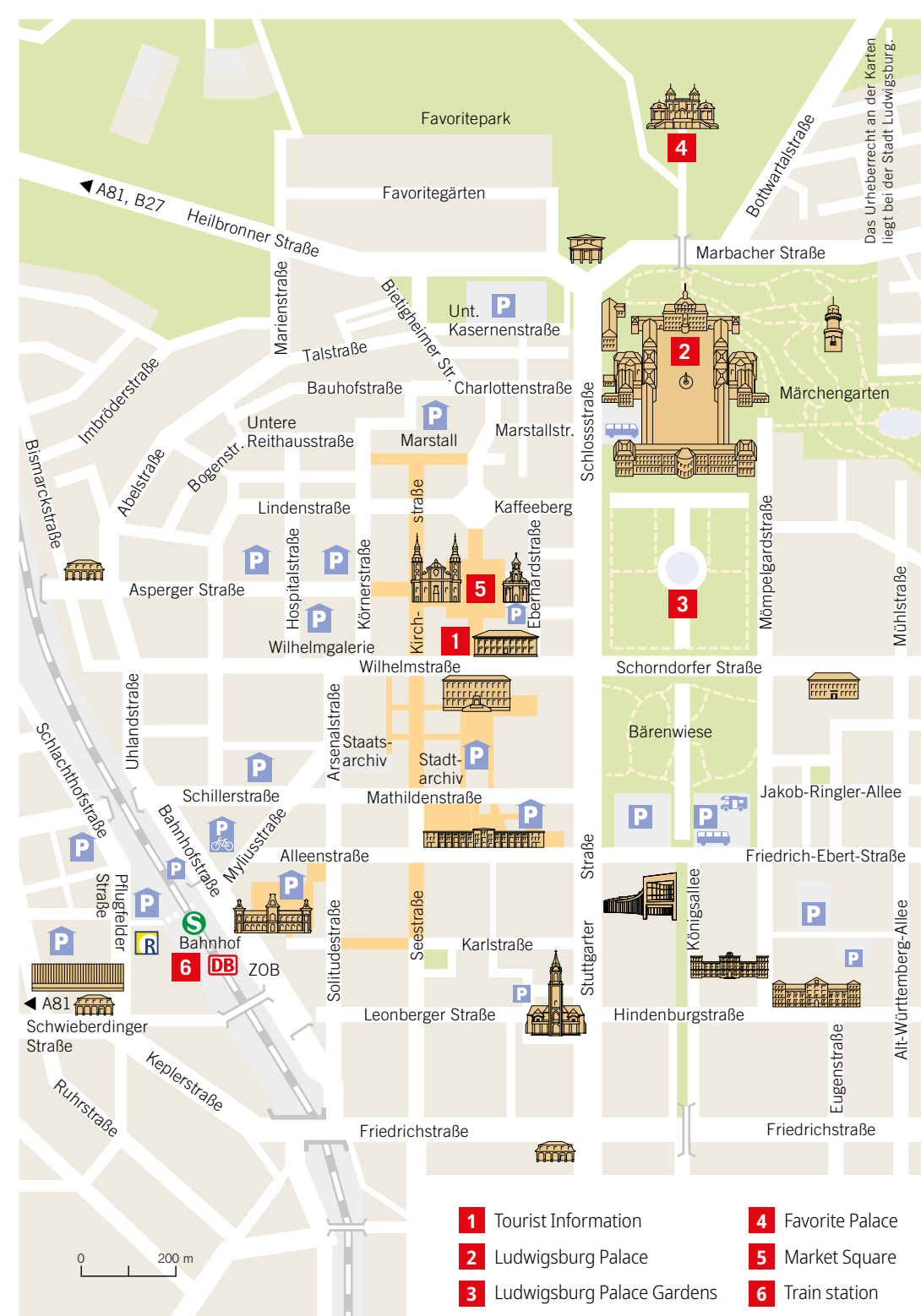


Germany is the land of Christmas markets. So what makes ours here in Ludwigsburg truly special? Start with the setting: our elegant Baroque main square. Add lights and soaring angels, sparkling Christmas trees and the mouth-watering smell of fresh gingerbread and roasting chestnuts. The 180 individually decorated stalls are laden with locally-made crafts and toys, food and drink. That's why **Ludwigsburg Christmas Market** ranks among the most popular Christmas markets in Germany!



HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

The ideal place for Christmas shopping! Most of what is on the stalls is handmade, from glass Christmas tree decorations and carved wooden toys to crèche figures, traditional Christmas cookies and chocolates.



MORE IDEAS FOR YOUR TRIP?



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