



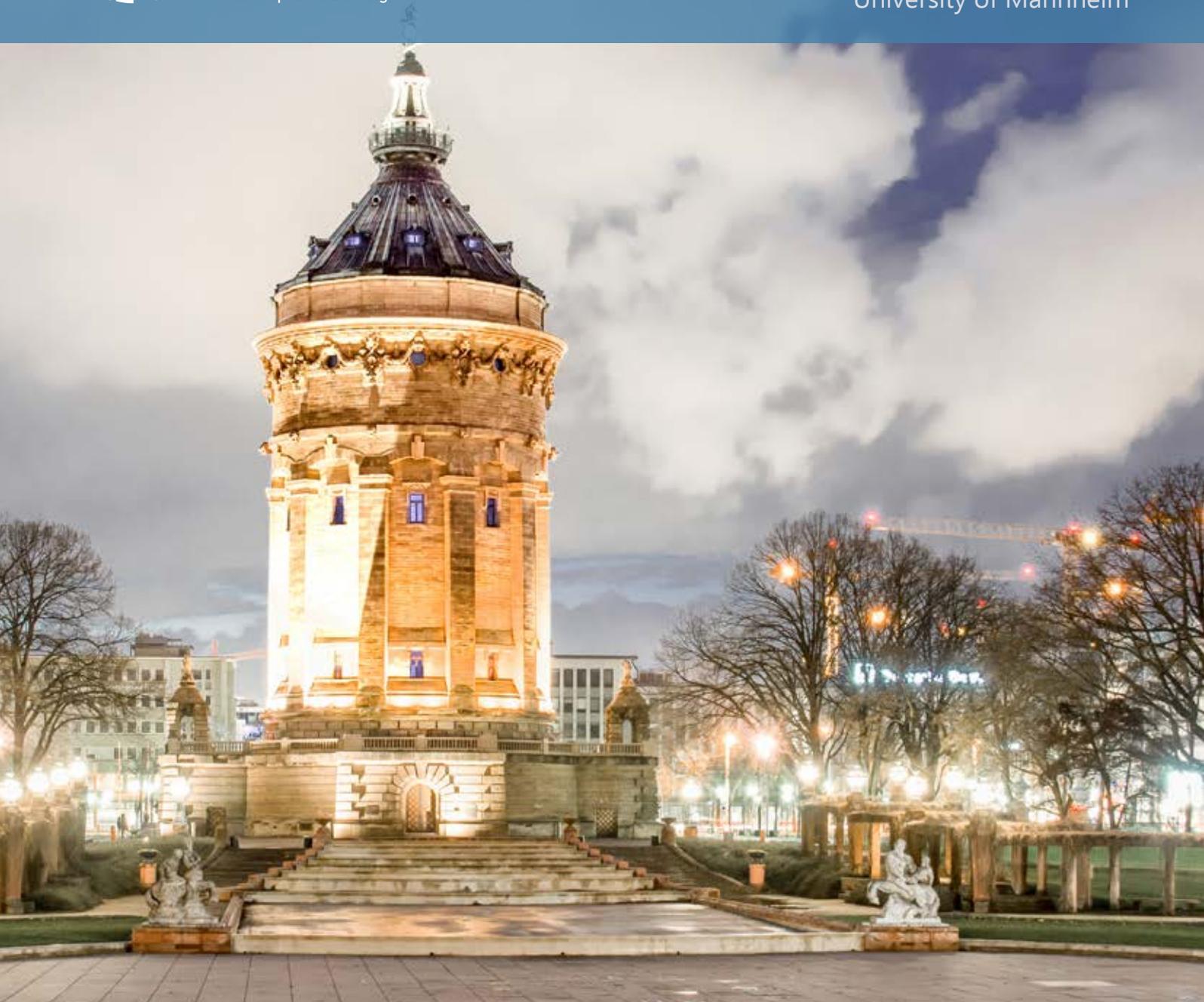
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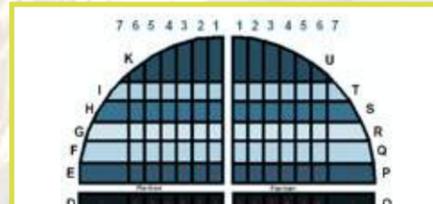
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# GETTING TO MANNHEIM

## TRAVELING

No matter where you are coming from or how you choose to travel, all roads lead to Mannheim. The “City of Squares” enjoys ideal traffic connections thanks to its central location between the Rhine and Neckar rivers. As Germany’s second-largest ICE high-speed train hub, you can reach Mannheim from cities within Germany like Berlin, Hamburg, or Munich and from the capitals of neighboring countries like Paris, London, Amsterdam or Zurich within just a few hours.

### By Plane

The closest airport to the City of Mannheim is [Frankfurt International Airport \(FRA\)](#), one of the world’s busiest airports. Don’t confuse Frankfurt International Airport with Airport Frankfurt-Hahn. The latter serves low cost airlines in Europe and is a two hours bus ride away from Mannheim.

### From Frankfurt International Airport to the City of Mannheim

#### ICE Train

As Germany’s second-largest ICE high-speed train hub, Mannheim can be reached within just 30 minutes from Frankfurt International Airport! The ticket for high-speed ICE trains costs EUR 25 one way. Trains leave at least every hour, during the day usually every 30 minutes. Mannheim is the first stop.

If you arrive at Terminal 2, a bus leaves every few minutes to Terminal 1. Alternatively, the “Skytrain” travels regularly between Terminal 1 and Terminal 2. At Terminal 1, the signs for “Fernbahnhof / long-distance trains” will guide you to the train station. The walking distance is about 10 minutes. Don’t confuse the long distance train station with the train station for local trains. A ticket booth is positioned in the middle of the hallway which connects Terminal 1 with the long-distance train station. Also, on the right hand side, there is the “[Deutsche Bahn](#)” (German rail) travel center where you can purchase tickets. Furthermore, it is always possible to purchase a ticket inside the train

Only 30 mins by train from Frankfurt airport



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from the conductor but at a higher price (payment with credit card only).

#### Flixbus

Mannheim can also be reached via long-distance bus. Ticket prices start at EUR 5 and need to be purchased in advance. The bus leaves at Terminal 2, terminal area E, close to column 25N-27N. If you are arriving at Terminal 1, take the “Skytrain” to Terminal 2. To book your ticket, please visit the following website: <https://www.flixbus.com/>.



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### Airport Shuttle / Taxi

Several airport shuttle / taxi companies offer a specialized airport transfer to Mannheim. Shuttles need to be booked in advance and cost around EUR 90. Two possible taxi services with fixed prices are [SAS Flughafentransfer](#) or [Deutscher Fahrdienst](#). Please be aware that a regular taxi from Frankfurt International Airport to Mannheim without prior reservation will be more expensive (approx. EUR 120).

### Rental Car

Major rental car companies, such as Hertz, Europcar, Avis, Budget or Sixt, have their service counters in the Car Rental Center of Frankfurt International Airport, which is located in the middle of Terminal 1 in the Airport City Mall.

### Overview: Airport to the City of Mannheim

	Time & Frequency	Duration	Price	Destination
ICE Train	5:34 – 0:28 Every 30 min. to an hour	30 min.	EUR 25	Mannheim main station
Flixbus	0:10, 0:25, 5:25, 8:35, 10:15, 14:05, 16:35, 19:40	1 hour	EUR 5-15	Mannheim main station
Airport Shuttle / Taxi		55 min.	Approx. EUR 90	

### From Frankfurt-Hahn Airport

Please be aware that Frankfurt-Hahn airport is 102 km from Frankfurt and 100 km from Mannheim. The airport is served by low cost airlines (Ryanair, SunExpress, Wizzair). For more information on Frankfurt-Hahn airport visit the [airport website](#).

### Hahn Express

If you are arriving at Frankfurt-Hahn Airport, you may reach Mannheim by taking bus line 140. From Frankfurt Hahn to Mannheim, the coach takes about 2 hours before reaching the central bus station Mannheim next to the main train station. A one-way ticket costs EUR 20 and can be purchased on the bus (cash only, accepted currency: Euro). The coaches are running irregularly according to the published timetables without any need for reservation. See timetable [here](#).



By Train

Traveling by train in Germany is easy and reliable. Mannheim is connected to all major cities in Germany and to European metropolises like Paris (3h) and Zurich (3.5h). Mannheim main station is located at the edge of the city center. The pedestrian zone and the university are just a 5 minutes' walk from the station.

Information and reservations can be made on the [German rail website](#).



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City	Km (car)	Minimum travel time (train) hours
Berlin	620	4:50
Frankfurt Airport	80	0:30
Hamburg	570	4:20
Cologne	245	1:30
Munich	345	3:00
Paris	520	3:10
Zurich	330	3:15
Brussels	430	3:30

By Car

Two international (E35, E50) and eight national (A5, A6, A61, A65, A650, A656, A659, A67) highways meet in Mannheim. The city can be reached from Heidelberg directly via the A656 in just 15 minutes. In order to reach the university via the autobahn A6, you must leave the motorway at the exit "Mannheim Mitte". At the end of the highway there is a planetarium on the left. Follow the signs to the left indicating "Universität". After passing the main train station, also on the left, you will be led to the baroque palace which accommodates large parts of the university. The main entrance of the university is situated in the east wing, the first wing coming into sight driving along the "Bismarckstrasse".

Environmental Zones for Cars

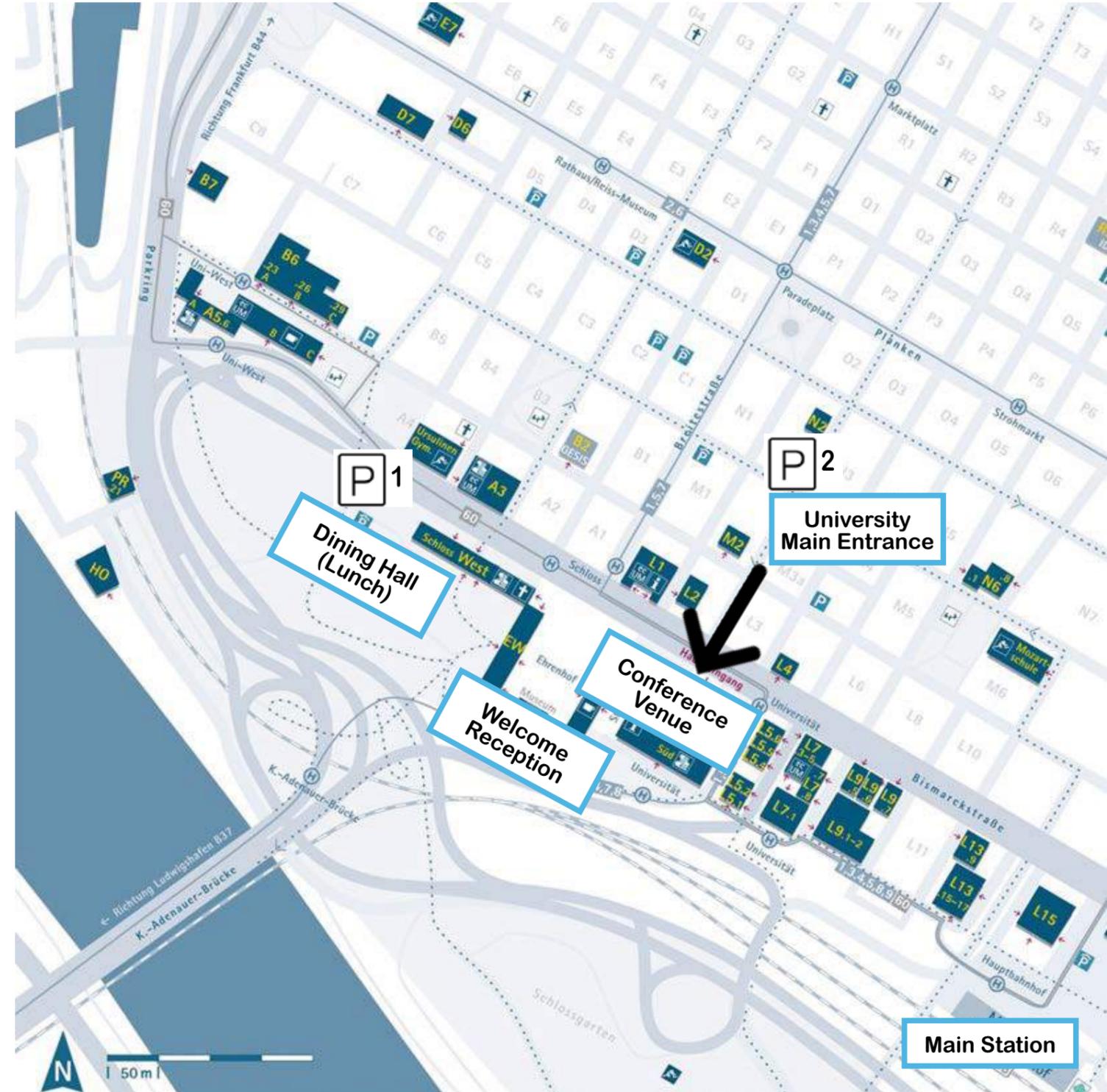
The city of Mannheim requires all cars to have a sticker that identifies their emissions class. Only vehicles with a green sticker are free to move within the environmental zone in downtown Mannheim. Detailed information and a map of the environmental zone are available [here](#).

Rental car companies equip their rental cars with environmental badges. If you plan to drive with your private car to Mannheim, you will need to purchase an environmental badge in advance. More information is available [here](#).



Parking

The university does not have a car park for visitors. There are, however, several parking garages throughout the city. You can park your car in the multi-story car parks closest to the university – the car park directly by the "Bismarckstrasse" next to the west wing of the baroque palace (1) or in N2 (2). Further car parks can be located on the map below as indicated by the P symbols.



# NAVIGATING MANNHEIM

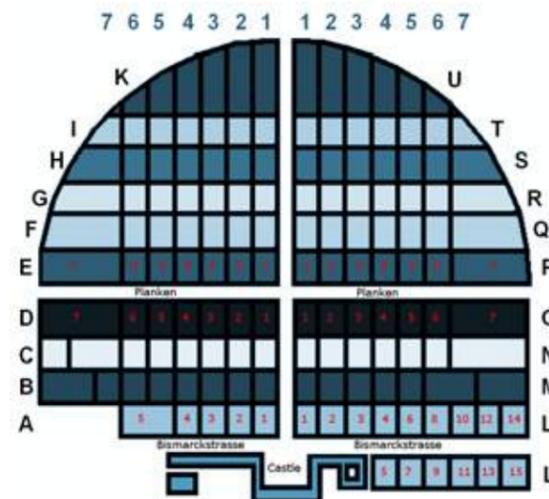
## TRAVELING

Within the “Quadratstadt”, which is the nickname of the city and means “City of Squares”, you can walk to every point of interest within 15 minutes. With about 325,000 residents, the city scores with metropolitan qualities without tolerating the anonymity and chaos of big cities.

### The City of Squares

The chess-board-like city structure of Mannheim was passed on as early as 400 years ago, when Prince Elector Friedrich IV of the Palatinate decided to construct a fortified city with the latest standards at the delta of the rivers Rhine and Neckar. This grid provides the public with a clear and an easy navigation system within the city center.

With such a grid reference system, an address in the centre of Mannheim is characterized by block letter and number, say S6, rather than a street name. When you stand in front of the Mannheim Palace and face the Breite Strasse, block A to K are on your left till the Neckar, while blocks L to U are on your right ended with the banks of the river. Breite Strasse—the main street that vertically divides the city and connects the Mannheim Palace and the Neckar—and Planken—the main shopping street in Mannheim—are the only two streets with actual names. Walking down the Breite Strasse from the Palace, you will notice that the blocks are numbered in ascending order on both sides, from one to seven. Besides the block letter and number, each building has its own house numbers.

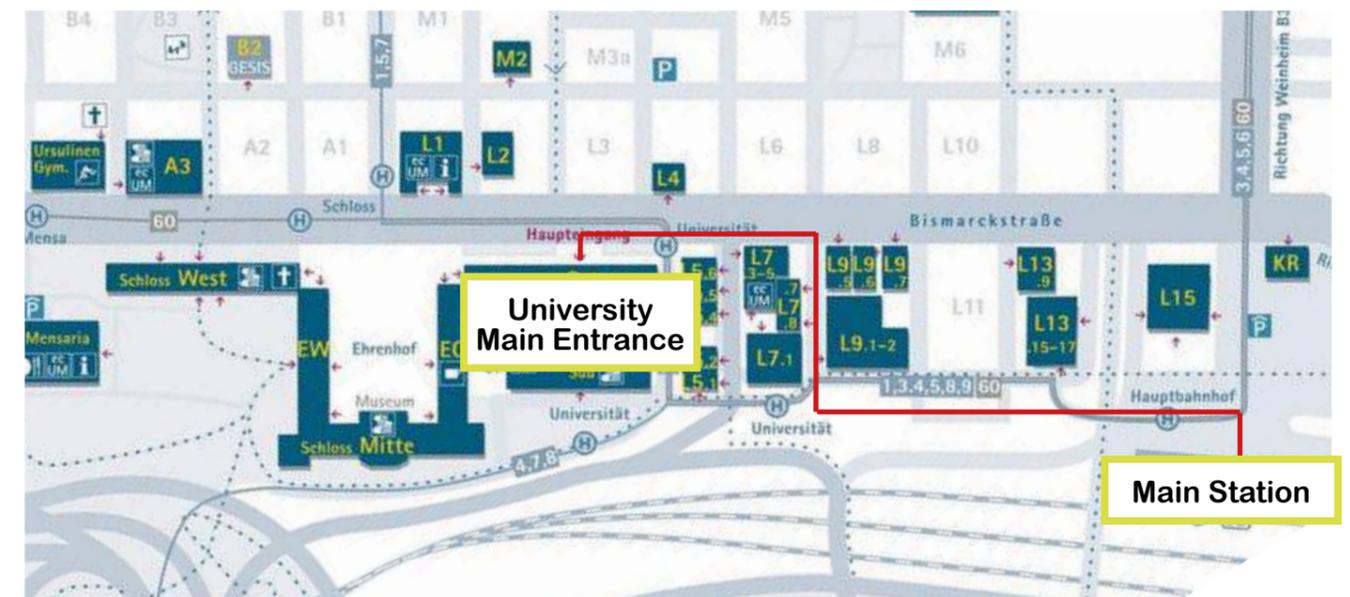


### From the Main Station to the University

From Mannheim main station, the university can be reached within 10 minutes on foot. After leaving the station building, turn left, cross the tram rails and walk towards the InterCity Hotel next to the tram station. Follow the road straight on for about 300m passing a car park on the way. Continue to the end of the road. Here you will come across a house with blue window-frames. Turn right in front of this house and go straight on until you get to a multi-lane road, the “Bismarckstrasse”. Taking a left turn and walking past two blocks of houses, you will reach the university directly. The main entrance is situated in the east wing of the castle in front of you.

If you prefer not to walk to the university, the trams 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 take you to the university where you can either get out at the stop “Schloss” or “Universität”. Also, there is a taxi stand on the right hand side when exiting the main station.

### From the Main Station to the University



### Public Transportation

Within the city as well as the region, you reach everything easily via bus, tram, regional train or train. This is a result of the area-wide line network and the good connection to the transport association Rhine-Neckar (Verkehrsverbund Rhein-Neckar – VRN).

### Public Transportation in Mannheim

Within the city of Mannheim, the transport network comprises trams and buses. A single ticket costs EUR 2.50 independent of your destination in the Mannheim area. The ticket is valid for 90 minutes and can be used for one journey. You may change to different lines and means of transportation and also interrupt your journey.

The modern VRN ticket machines are the simplest and quickest way to get your ticket. Select the ticket on the touchscreen. You can pay in cash or in most places by debit card as well. Please validate your ticket in the tram by putting the ticket inside the validation machine. If you are unable to present a valid ticket to the conductor, you will be subject to a penalty fare of EUR 60.

Detailed information on lines, timetables, and fares for public transportation in Mannheim can be found [here](#).



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### Mannheim and Surrounding Areas

The [VRN line network](#) connects Mannheim, Ludwigshafen and Heidelberg, but also many other cities within the Rhine-Neckar metropolitan region, such as the former free imperial cities of Speyer and Worms. The local train area also encompasses parts of the picturesque Baden and Palatinate wine regions.

The entire metropolitan region is divided into zones and your ticket price depends on the number of zones you pass on the way to your destination. You may buy your ticket at the numerous ticket machines located at tram and train stops throughout the city. Special as well as season tickets can also be bought at the machines. The Deutsche Bahn travel center within Mannheim main station provides assistance to clarify your questions about destinations and tickets. In order to learn more about how to buy a ticket, please visit the [VRN](#) or [Deutsche Bahn website](#).

### Taxis

Taxis are readily available in Mannheim from numerous locations. Waiting taxis can always be found at the train station or across from the main shopping square downtown. If you wish to call a taxi at any time, here are some taxi companies with telephone numbers:

Taxi Company	Phone Number
Taxi Zentrale Mannheim	0049 (0) 621 44 40 44
TAXI Abholdienst	0049 (0) 621 2 18 18
Becker Manfred Taxi	0049 (0) 621 31 44 57

# CURRENCY

## SPENDING

Germany operates on the Euro. Other currencies are usually not accepted in private or public shops.

### ATMs

There are many ATMs in Mannheim, from which it is possible to withdraw Euros directly, using a debit or credit card. Be aware that credit cards are not widely accepted in Germany. Especially, if you are from the UK or U.S. it is important to know that smaller shops, such as bakeries, butchers, news agents, etc. only accept cash or the German EC card. It is always a good idea to check before you buy or sit down in a restaurant to ensure which type of payment is accepted or that your particular brand is readily accepted (MasterCard and Visa are usually accepted, American Express can be a problem).

### Exchange Offices

Money can be changed at foreign exchange booths or banks. Foreign exchange booths might charge higher fees, so double-check before changing your money. You may find an exchange office, for instance, at the ground floor of Mannheim main station. In the city center, most banks in Mannheim are open from Monday to Friday from 9 am to 6 pm. Usually, they have US Dollars and Swiss Franks.

### Tipping

Service and VAT are included in the menu price in restaurants, bars, etc. all over Germany. Still, it is typical to "round up" the amount to some more-or-less round figure. A rule of thumb is to add 5-10%, generally ending with a full Euro amount.

It is not typical to be given a check and then leave your money on the table. You have to tell the amount including tip you want to pay before you pay (via cash or credit card). Typically, the waiter/waitress always comes to you and tells you your total. You then tell him/her how much you will pay, i.e. the amount you owe plus any "rounding up" -- for example, the waiter/waitress might say "EUR 7.60;" you hand him/her a EUR 10 note and say "EUR 8 or 8.50." S/he then will give you EUR 2 or EUR 1.50 in change.

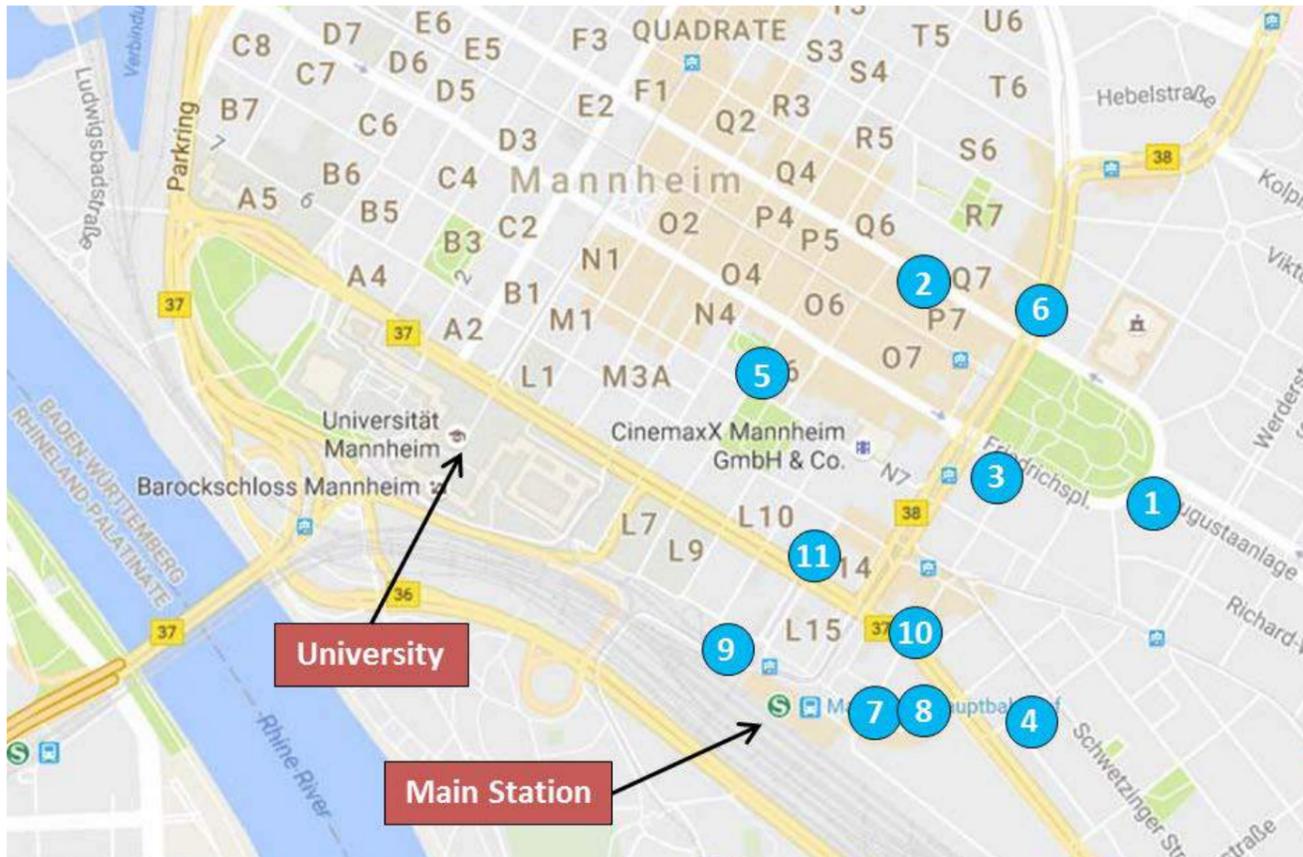
While most hotels will take credit cards, many restaurants and other venues do not. When shopping or consuming anything, it is always wise to ask in advance; otherwise, you will be expected to pay in cash. Personal checks are no longer used in Germany (having been replaced by EC cards), and Traveler's Checks often carry a substantial service charge for cashing them.

# HOTELS

## ACCOMMODATION

Mannheim offers plenty of choices for accommodations to suit all tastes and budgets. The EFA 2017 has secured rooms in an exclusive array of hotels close to the University of Mannheim. Please note that subsequent information and pictures are provided by the hotel. Note that merely the Radisson Blu Hotel (2), the Maritim Parkhotel (3), and the RAMADA Hotel (11) are already available from Tuesday, August 22nd to Saturday, August 26th. All other hotels have been secured from Wednesday, August 23rd, onwards. Please check carefully the last three lines in the hotel description.

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|--|-----------------------------|
| 1. Leonardo Royal Hotel Mannheim       | 7. Syte Hotel               |
| 2. Radisson Blu Hotel Mannheim         | 8. Staytion Hotel           |
| 3. Maritim Parkhotel Mannheim          | 9. InterCity Hotel Mannheim |
| 4. Best Western Plus Delta Park Hotel  | 10. Hotel am Bismarck       |
| 5. Leonardo Hotel Mannheim City Center | 11. Ramada Hotel Mannheim   |
| 6. Dorint Kongresshotel Mannheim       |                             |



## Leonardo Royal Hotel Mannheim



The central location on "Friedrichsplatz" makes the 4-star superior Leonardo Royal Hotel Mannheim an ideal base for business guests and leisure travelers. The 150 sq m fitness, sauna, massage and relaxation area invites guests to pause and unwind.

*Including: breakfast, coffee and tea maker, mini bar, safe, free Wi-Fi, air conditioning, gym, sauna*

Address: Augustaanlage 4-8, 68165 Mannheim  
 Phone: +49 (0) 621 / 40050  
 E-mail: info.royalmanheim@leonardo-hotels.com  
 Web address: www.leonardo-hotels.com  
 Distance from university: 17 minutes' walk  
 Distance from main station: 10 minutes' walk

Room Category: Comfort  
 Price: EUR 125 (single)  
 EUR 147 (double)  
 Valid until: July 12, 2017  
 Check-in: 3 pm  
 Check-out: noon

Booking Information: Rooms have been reserved from Wednesday, 23rd August, to Saturday, 26th August. In order to receive the special conference price, guests must make their reservation via e-mail ([reservations.royalmanheim@leonardo-hotels.com](mailto:reservations.royalmanheim@leonardo-hotels.com)) while mentioning the keyword "EFA". This option is available until July 12, 2017.

## Radisson Blu Hotel Mannheim



The 4-star superior Radisson Blu Hotel Mannheim was newly built in October 2016 and offers a perfect gathering place for business and conference guests.

*Including: breakfast, coffee and tea maker, mini bar, safe, free Wi-Fi, air conditioning, gym, spa*

Address: Q7, 27, 68161 Mannheim  
 Phone: +49 (0) 621 / 8607 4242  
 E-mail: info.mannheim@radissonblu.com  
 Web address: www.radissonblu.com/en/hotel-mannheim/  
 Distance from university: 13 minutes' walk  
 Distance from main station: 11 minutes' walk

Room Category: Standard  
 Price: EUR 119 (single)  
 Valid until: June 26, 2017  
 Check-in: 3 pm  
 Check-out: Noon

Booking Information: Rooms have been reserved from Tuesday, 22nd August, to Saturday, 26th August. In order to receive the special conference price, guests must make their reservation via e-mail ([reservations.mannheim@radissonblu.com](mailto:reservations.mannheim@radissonblu.com)) while mentioning the keyword "EFA". This option is available until June 26, 2017.

### MARITIM Parkhotel Mannheim



Nestled in the magical Art Nouveau complex at the Friedrichsplatz behind a magnificent Renaissance façade is the elegant Maritim Parkhotel, located in the heart of the city.

*Including: breakfast, mini bar, safe, free Wi-Fi, air conditioning, gym, pool, sauna (for an extra charge of EUR 5)*

Address: Friedrichsplatz 2, 68165 Mannheim	Room Category: Classic
Phone: +49 (0) 621 / 15880	Price: EUR 84.80 (single)
E-mail: info.man@maritim.de	EUR 116.60 (double)
Web address: www.maritim.de	Valid until: June 28, 2017
Distance from university: 13 minutes' walk	Check-in: 3 pm
Distance from main station: 7 minutes' walk	Check-out: noon

Booking Information: Rooms have been reserved from Wednesday, 23rd August, to Saturday, 26th August. Guests can make their reservation online. To be redirected to the online booking form, click [here](#). This option is available until June 28, 2017.

### BEST WESTERN PLUS Delta Park Hotel



The BEST WESTERN PLUS Delta Park Hotel, which was refurbished at the end of 2015, is situated just a five minutes' walk from the main railway station and the 'Planken' main shopping street.

*Including: breakfast, coffee and tea maker, mini bar, safe, free Wi-Fi, air conditioning, gym*

Address: Keplerstrasse 24, 68165 Mannheim	Room Category: Business
Phone: +49 (0) 621 / 44510	Price: EUR 99 (single)
E-mail: info@delta-park.bestwestern.de	EUR 111 (double)
Web address: www.delta-park.de	Valid until: June 26, 2017
Distance from university: 13 minutes' walk	Check-in: 3 pm
Distance from main station: 5 minutes' walk	Check-out: 11 am

Booking Information: Rooms have been reserved from Wednesday, 23rd August, to Saturday, 26th August. Bookings can be made by sending the reservation form to the hotel at [info@delta-park.bestwestern.de](mailto:info@delta-park.bestwestern.de). To download the file, please click [here](#). This option is available until June 26, 2017.

### Leonardo Hotel Mannheim City Center



Located at the city center of Mannheim, the Leonardo Hotel Mannheim City Center is ideal for the sophisticated business or leisure traveler.

*Including: breakfast, coffee and tea maker, mini bar, safe, free Wi-Fi, air conditioning, gym, pool, sauna*

Address: N6, 3, 68161 Mannheim	Room Category: Comfort
Phone: +49 (0) 621 / 10710	Price: EUR 105 (single)
E-mail: info.mannheimcitycenter@leonardo-hotels.com	EUR 123 (double)
Web address: www.leonardo-hotels.com	Valid until: July 12, 2017
Distance from university: 8 minutes' walk	Check-in: 3 pm
Distance from main station: 10 minutes' walk	Check-out: 11 am

Booking Information: Rooms have been reserved from Wednesday, 23rd August, to Saturday, 26th August. In order to receive the special conference price, guests must make their reservation via e-mail ([reservations.mannheimcitycenter@leonardo-hotels.com](mailto:reservations.mannheimcitycenter@leonardo-hotels.com)) while mentioning the keyword "EFA". This option is available until July 12, 2017.

### Dorint Kongresshotel Mannheim



The stylish first-class hotel welcomes guests to a prime city center location at the water tower, only footsteps away from the 'Planken' shopping mile, numerous cafes, the Luisenpark and the Baroque Palace.

*Including: breakfast, coffee and tea maker, fridge, safe, free Wi-Fi, air conditioning, gym, sauna*

Address: Friedrichsring 6, 68161 Mannheim	Room Category: Comfort
Phone: +49 (0) 621 / 12510	Price: EUR 110 (single)
E-mail: info.mannheim@dorint.com	EUR 130 (double)
Web address: www.dorint.com/mannheim	Valid until: August 1, 2017
Distance from university: 17 minutes' walk	Check-in: 3 pm
Distance from main station: 11 minutes' walk	Check-out: Noon

Booking Information: Rooms have been reserved from Wednesday, 23rd August, to Saturday, 26th August. Bookings can be made by sending the reservation form to the hotel at [info.mannheim@dorint.com](mailto:info.mannheim@dorint.com). To download the file, please click [here](#). This option is available until August 1, 2017.

SYTE Hotel



Guests in this designer boutique hotel can enjoy an individual, stylish and exceptional atmosphere in which design meets history. The building is nestled in the heart of the city between the main railway station and the water tower.

*Including: breakfast, small kitchen, coffee and tea maker, fridge, safe, air conditioning, free Wi-Fi, gym*

Address: Tattersallstrasse 2, 68165 Mannheim  
 Phone: +49 (0) 621 / 4907670  
 E-mail: mannheim@sytehotel.de  
 Web address: www.sytehotel.de  
 Distance from university: 8 minutes' walk  
 Distance from main station: 2 minutes' walk

Room Category: Medium  
 Price: EUR 129 (single)  
 Valid until: June 6, 2017  
 Check-in: 3 pm  
 Check-out: 11 am

Booking Information: Rooms have been reserved from Wednesday, 23rd August, to Saturday, 26th August. In order to receive the special conference price, guests must make their reservation via e-mail ([mannheim@sytehotel.de](mailto:mannheim@sytehotel.de)) while mentioning the keyword "EFA". This option is available until June 6, 2017.

STAYTION Hotel



Guests in this design boutique hotel can enjoy an individual, stylish and exceptional atmosphere in which design meets history. The listed building is nestled in the heart of the city between the main railway station and the water tower.

*Including: breakfast, coffee maker, safe, sometimes air conditioning, free Wi-Fi*

Address: Heinrich-Lanz-Strasse 5, 68165 Mannheim  
 Phone: +49 (0) 621 / 49076780  
 E-mail: mannheim@staytion.de  
 Web address: www.staytion.de  
 Distance from university: 8 minutes' walk  
 Distance from main station: 2 minutes' walk

Room Category: Medium  
 Price: EUR 109 (single)  
 Valid until: June 6, 2017  
 Check-in: 3 pm  
 Check-out: 11 am

Booking Information: Rooms have been reserved from Wednesday, 23rd August, to Saturday, 26th August. In order to receive the special conference price, guests must make their reservation via e-mail ([mannheim@staytion.de](mailto:mannheim@staytion.de)) while mentioning the keyword "EFA". This option is available until June 6, 2017.

InterCity Hotel Mannheim



The InterCity Hotel Mannheim is situated in direct proximity to the main station and, thanks to its location, offers excellent connections to all destinations in the city. Guests can enjoy pure relaxation in one of the modern, sound-insulated and air-conditioned rooms decorated in earthy colors.

*Including: breakfast, coffee and tea maker, mini bar, safe, air conditioning, free Wi-Fi*

Address: Schlossgartenstrasse 1, 68161 Mannheim  
 Phone: +49 (0) 621 / 4018110  
 E-mail: mannheim@intercityhotel.de  
 Web address: www.intercityhotel.com  
 Distance from university: 8 minutes' walk  
 Distance from main station: 2 minutes' walk

Room Category: Standard  
 Price: EUR 115 (single)  
 EUR 139 (double)  
 Valid until: July 26, 2017  
 Check-in: 2 pm  
 Check-out: Noon

Booking Information: Rooms have been reserved from Wednesday, 23rd August, to Saturday, 26th August. In order to receive the special conference price, guests must make their reservation via e-mail ([reservations@mannheim.intercityhotel.de](mailto:reservations@mannheim.intercityhotel.de)) while mentioning the keyword "EFA". This option is available until July 26, 2017.

Hotel am Bismarck



The privately-run bed and breakfast hotel with modern comforts is only a few minutes' walk from the main railway station and numerous attractions. The rooms are newly refurbished and offer air-conditioning, free Wi-Fi and numerous other amenities.

*Including: breakfast, mini bar, air conditioning, free Wi-Fi, safe at the reception, iron can be borrowed at the reception*

Address: Bismarckplatz 9, 68165 Mannheim  
 Phone: +49 (0) 621 / 40041960  
 E-mail: info@hotel-am-bismarck.de  
 Web address: www.hotel-am-bismarck.de  
 Distance from university: 10 minutes' walk  
 Distance from main station: 4 minutes' walk

Room Category: Comfort  
 Price: EUR 110 (single)  
 EUR 130 (double)  
 Valid until: August 1, 2017  
 Check-in: 3 pm  
 Check-out: Noon

Booking Information: Rooms have been reserved from Wednesday, 23rd August, to Saturday, 26th August. In order to receive the special conference price, guests must make their reservation via phone or e-mail ([info@hotel-am-bismarck.de](mailto:info@hotel-am-bismarck.de)) while mentioning the keyword "EFA". This option is available until July 15, 2017.

### RAMADA Hotel Mannheim



The 3-star, bed and breakfast RAMADA Hotel Mannheim is centrally located – just a few minutes' walk from Mannheim city center.

*Including: breakfast, free Wi-Fi, safe at the reception*

Address: L12, 15-16, 68161 Mannheim	Room Category: Comfort
Phone: +49 (0) 621 / 127400	Price: EUR 68 (single)
E-mail: mannheim@h-hotels.com	EUR 89 (double)
Web address: www.h-hotels.com	Valid until: July 24, 2017
Distance from university: 7 minutes' walk	Check-in: 3 pm
Distance from main station: 4 minutes' walk	Check-out: Noon

Booking Information: Rooms have been reserved from Tuesday, 22nd August, to Saturday, 26th August. In order to receive the special conference price, guests must make their reservation via e-mail ([mannheim@h-hotels.com](mailto:mannheim@h-hotels.com)) while mentioning the keyword "EFA". This option is available until July 24, 2017.

# VISITING MANNHEIM

## CULTURE & THE CITY

*Experience the beating pulse of one of the most diverse major cities in the heart of south-western Germany. Mannheim represents economic strength, vitality and inspiration in the center of the Rhine-Neckar metropolitan region.*

Elector Friedrich IV of the Palatinate elevated Mannheim to the city status in 1606, heralding a rapid advancement as a cultural and scientific center in Europe. From these foundations, Mannheim emerged as a city of pioneers and inventors as well as a meeting place for the nobility and the creative scene of the day.



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### Did you know that?

- In 1817, Karl Freiherr von Drais presented the world's first bicycle in Mannheim.
- Friedrich Engelhorn founded the chemical company BASF in Mannheim in 1865. Its factory, however, was built in Ludwigshafen, just across the river Rhine.
- In 1885, Karl Benz patented the world's first motor car. Three years later, his wife Bertha Benz ventured the first long distance journey by automobile from Mannheim to Pforzheim (104 km).
- Dario Fontanella invented in 1969 the delicious "spaghetti ice-cream".

Today, Mannheim is the host city of top international sporting events and the chosen location of global industrial and service companies. The city has proudly held the title of UNESCO City of Music since 2014 and is a cultural center and region of delights and the good life.



## Cultural and Recreational Highlights

Mannheim particularly impresses visitors with its cultural diversity, from theaters, an opera house and galleries to museums and monuments. Two imposing attractions are immediately apparent to the visitor on the periphery of the city center.

Situated at the heart of Mannheim, this second largest Baroque palace in Europe represents the former status of the city. On the other side of the city center near Friedrichsplatz, one of the Europe's largest and most magnificent Art Nouveau ensembles lays its foundation near the city's landmark, the "Wasserturm" or Water Tower.



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### National Theatre Mannheim

Awarded as the Opera House of 2015, the versatile and well-known National Theatre has housed tremendous music and theater history over the last hundreds of years. It is not only one of the German's largest and most historical municipal repertory theaters, which combines the traditional art with the contemporary one, but also where Schiller and Mozart found the inspiration of their work.

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[www.nationaltheater-mannheim.de](http://www.nationaltheater-mannheim.de)

Mozartstrasse 9  
Visitors' entrance:  
Goetheplatz 1, 68161 Mannheim



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### Reiss-Engelhorn Museum

The Reiss-Engelhorn Museum, the largest municipally-owned museum complex in southern Germany, has a collection of 1.2 million objects which are well exhibited over a total of 12.600 square meters. The museum consists of the Zeughaus Museum with the International Photography Form, the World Cultures Museum, the Bassermannhaus Museum of Music and Fine Arts with the ZEPHYR-Space for Photography and the Schillerhaus Museum.

+49 621 2933 150

[www.rem-mannheim.de](http://www.rem-mannheim.de)

Museum Weltkulturen D5  
68159 Mannheim

## TECHNOSEUM

The TECHNOSEUM invites visitors to participate, experiment and experience scientific and technical concepts in its 110 stations. It illustrates the past and present of science in the historical context so clearly that it outperforms all other German museums.

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[www.technoseum.de](http://www.technoseum.de)

Museumsstraße 1  
68165 Mannheim



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## Planetarium

Opened in 1984, Planetarium is a perfect place for people who would like to escape from earth and dive in the Milky Way and travel to the world that is full of stars, planets and extraordinary galaxies. Visitors can join the adventure in a 360° starry night which is only visible from space, thanks to the Univer-sarium star projector and Full Dome technology beneath a 20-meter dome.

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[www.planetarium-mannheim.de](http://www.planetarium-mannheim.de)

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## The Luisenpark – Mannheim's Green Heart

Planted with over 120 species of trees, 100 types of shrubs, 300,000 spring flowers and hundreds of thousands more blossoms in summer and autumn, Luisenpark is the Neverland for visitors to relax in the sea of flowers, explore the parks' domestic and exotic fauna or simply appreciate the landscape, not to mention the cultural experience and festivals celebration all year round.

Besides a wide range of playgrounds to delight the children's heart, the glasshouse with an aquarium, terrarium, butterfly paradise, tree fern and cactus house provide the whole family with areas to explore. The Chinese garden featured the largest Chinese teahouse in Europe brings the Far East to Mannheim. Luisenpark, hence, is much more than a park for all walks of life.

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[www.luisenpark.de](http://www.luisenpark.de)

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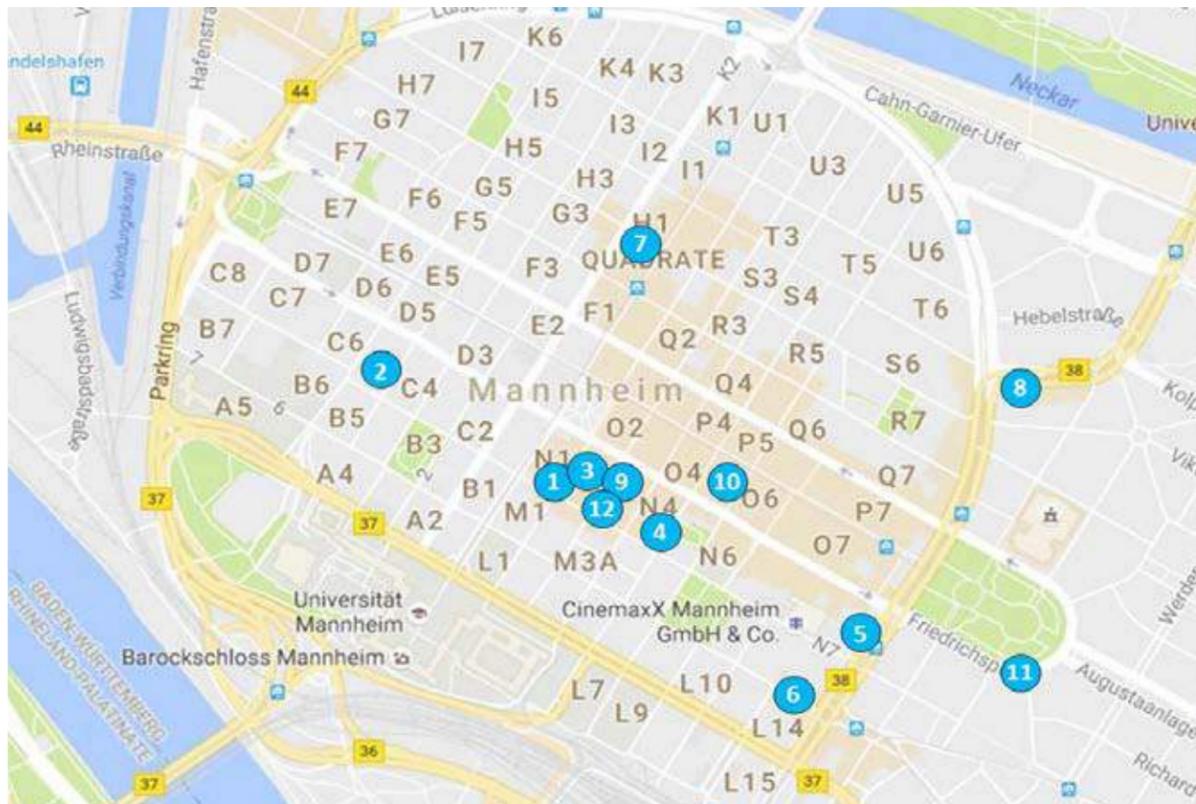


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## Restaurants, Bars and Nightlife

Restaurants, beer gardens, beach bars, cafes, bistros, pubs and scene bars – let us introduce you to Mannheim’s gastronomic variety.

### Restaurants



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No.	Type of Food	Name of Restaurant	Address	Phone Number
1	Mexican	Azteca Mexicana	Stadthaus N1	+49 621 181 4477 7
2	International	C Five	C5, 1	+49 621 122 9550
3	Greece	Dionysos	N2, 4	+49 621 156 8899
4	German	Gasthaus Zentrale	N4, 15	+49 621 202 43
5	Vegetarian	Heller’s	N7, 13-15	+49 621 120 720
6	Indian	Indian Palace	L14, 10	+49 621 204 08
7	Turkish	Istanbul	H1, 14	+49 621 208 88
8	Japanese	KAORU Japanisches Sushi	Goethestraße 4	+49 621 156 8308
9	Italian	La Fenice	N3, 5	+49 621 156 1491
10	International / Fish	Le Corange	O5, 9-12 (in Engelhorn Mode, 6 <sup>th</sup> floor)	+49 621 167 1133
11	International	Onyx Bar & Restaurant	Friedrichsplatz 12	+49 621 128 6888
12	Thai	Sangkha	N3, 1	+49 621 370 9738 0

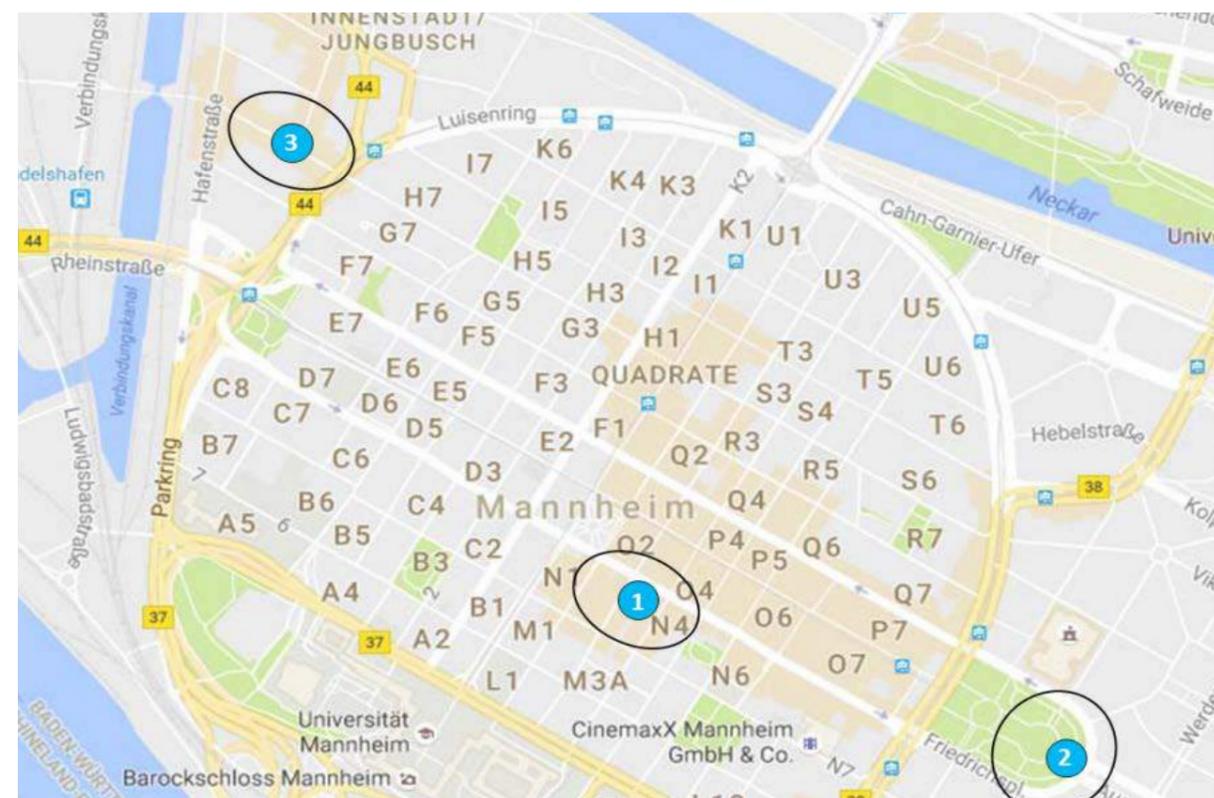
### Beer Gardens



If you are keen on going to a typical German beer garden, please have a look at the following locations. Please note that “Estragon” and “Lindbergh” can only be reached by car, “Gasthaus am Fluss” with the help of a local guide.

Name of Beer Garden	Address	Phone Number
Estragon	Mühlweg 11	+49 621 852 761
Gasthaus am Fluss / Rheinterrassen	Rheinpromenade 13	+49 621 824 161
Lindbergh	Seckenheimer Landstrasse 170	+49 621 412 465

### Bars & Nightlife



The nightlife of Mannheim is exciting and full of variety. Everybody will find a spot to drink, dance and have fun.

In the heart of the city center between N4 and O6 (1), numerous restaurants and bars are located at the so-called “Kapuzinerplanken”. Enjoy a wine, cocktails or a beer at “Bistro Binokel”, “Starks” or the “Faces Lounge” on top of the Engelhorn shopping center. Another famous spot among the more discerning crowd constitutes the area around the water tower (2). Enjoy the beautiful view while drinking a wine at the “Café Flo”, one of its great variety of cocktails at “Dolceamaro”, or the Onyx Bar.

Between the harbor and the city center, the neighborhood “Jungbusch” (3) is Mannheim’s most lively and diverse neighborhood. Within the past years, it has become a very popular spot amongst night owls – not just because of its numerous new bars and restaurants. Take a walk through “Jungbuschstrasse” at night and order a beer at the Craft Beer Bar “Taproom Jungbusch”, eat a vegan dish at “Kombüse”, or dance at the cult pub “Café Blau” to Indie Rock and Punk. Try out a Gin at “Maria” or dance in perhaps the oldest and best known night café at Jungbusch – the “Onkel Otto Bar”.

### Climate

Mannheim is located in Germany's warmest region, the "Rhine shift". In summer, temperatures sometimes rise up to 35 °C (95 °F) and higher. The highest recorded temperature was 39.8 °C (104 °F) on August 7, 2015. The daily lows during heat waves can be very high by north European standards (around 25 °C / 77 °F). In comparison to other regions of Germany, Mannheim has a higher humidity in summer which causes a higher heat index.

#### Climate data for Mannheim for 1981-2010

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Record high °C (°F)	16.4 (61.5)	20.2 (68.4)	26.1 (79)	32.0 (89.6)	32.2 (90)	36.6 (97.9)	39.0 (102.2)	39.8 (103.6)	34.3 (93.7)	28.5 (83.3)	22.6 (72.7)	17.5 (63.5)
Average high °C (°F)	4.7 (40.5)	6.7 (44.1)	11.6 (52.9)	16.2 (61.2)	20.6 (69.1)	23.7 (74.7)	26.1 (79)	25.9 (78.6)	21.2 (70.2)	15.3 (59.5)	8.9 (48)	5.3 (41.5)
Daily mean °C (°F)	1.8 (35.2)	2.8 (37)	6.7 (44.1)	10.7 (51.3)	15.2 (59.4)	18.2 (64.8)	20.3 (68.5)	19.9 (67.8)	15.6 (60.1)	10.7 (51.3)	5.7 (42.3)	2.8 (37)
Average low °C (°F)	-1.3 (29.7)	-0.8 (30.6)	2.3 (36.1)	5.0 (41)	9.4 (48.9)	12.4 (54.3)	14.5 (58.1)	14.2 (57.6)	10.6 (51.1)	6.7 (44.1)	2.5 (36.5)	-0.0 (32)
Record low °C (°F)	-18.7 (-1.7)	-21.1 (-6)	-13.6 (7.5)	-6.4 (20.5)	-0.1 (31.8)	4.0 (39.2)	4.7 (40.5)	5.3 (41.5)	2.5 (36.5)	-5.0 (23)	-8.7 (16.3)	-18.3 (-0.9)

Source: Data derived from Deutscher Wetterdienst

# VISITING THE REGION

## RHINE-NECKAR

The Rhine-Neckar metropolitan region is situated in the south-west of Germany, where the three federal states of Baden-Wuerttemberg, Hesse and Rhineland Palatinate meet. The city of Mannheim is located in the heart of this triangle of states. Home to 2.4 million people, this attractive conurbation is characterized not only by cities such as Mannheim, Ludwigshafen, Heidelberg, Worms, Speyer, Heppenheim and Mosbach, but also by the nature of the Odenwald mountains and the Palatinate. Everything can be reached easily via public transportation.

The Rhine-Neckar region offers everything that makes life beautiful and worth living. Heidelberg, the "City of Literature" and Mannheim the "City of Music" are members of the worldwide UNESCO "Creative Cities" network. The three World Heritage Sites Lorsch Abbey, Limes and Speyer Cathedral, as well as more than 200 castles, cathedrals and places characterize the historic landscape – including world-famous, historic sites such as the Schwetzingen, Heidelberg and Hambach palaces. Outside the big cities, nature-lovers can find peace and relaxation in the forests of three natural parks. A varied regional cuisine, gourmet cuisine and award-winning wines from four wine-growing regions are enough to raise the pulse of foodies everywhere.

### Schwetzingen

### EFA 2017 CONFERENCE DINNER LOCATION



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In Schwetzingen, zest for life meets garden art while musical and culinary delights collide. The palace with its magnificent gardens extends over more than 72 hectares. The palace gardens, with their water features, fountains, wonderful mosque, pavilions, temples and sculptures were completed at the behest of the last Elector of the Palatinate Carl Theodor. Please note that the EFA 2017 Conference Dinner will take place in Schwetzingen Palace.

Just a few minutes' walk from the palace is Schwetzingen city center. The many cafes and restaurants invite visitors to stop and enjoy the surroundings. Schwetzingen can be reached within 12 minutes by regional train from Mannheim Main Station. For more information on Schwetzingen, please visit the Tourist Information:

+49 6202 945 875 | www.schwetzingen.de | touristinfo@schwetzingen.de | Dreikönigstrasse 3 68723 Schwetzingen

## Heidelberg



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Heidelberg's Old Town takes visitors on a journey into the past. The churches and monasteries of Heidelberg are both attractive from the outside and worth a view of the interiors. With its world-famous castle perched high above the romantic Old Town, this "Pearl of the Neckar" inspires visitors from all over the world to "lose their heart in Heidelberg".

### Heidelberg Castle

Heidelberg's ruined Renaissance castle cuts a romantic figure, especially across the Neckar River when illuminated at night. Attractions include the world's largest wine cask and fabulous views. It is reached either via a steep, cobbled trail in about 10 minutes or by taking the Bergbahn (cogwheel train) from Kornmarkt station.

### Philosophenweg

Winding past monuments, towers, ruins, a beer garden and an enormous "Thingstätte" (amphitheatre; built by the Nazis in 1935), the 2.5km-long Philosophers' Walk has captivating views of Heidelberg's castle, especially at sunset when the city is bathed in a reddish glow. Access is easiest via the steep "Schlangenberg" from "Alte Brücke" (old bridge).

### Ruprecht-Karls-Universität

Established in 1386 by Count Palatine Ruprecht I, Germany's oldest and most prestigious university comprises 12 faculties with 30,000 German and international students, and has an esteemed alumni that includes a roll-call of Nobel Laureates. The most historic facilities are around University Square, dominated by the "Alte Universität" (1712-28; on the south side) and the "Neue Universität" (1931; on the north side), the "old" and "new" university buildings respectively. Nearby stands the Lions Fountain.

### Studentenkarzer

From 1823 to 1914, students convicted of misdeeds such as public inebriation, loud nocturnal singing, freeing the local pigs or dueling were sent to this student jail for at least 24 hours. Judging by the inventive wall graffiti, some found their stay highly amusing. Delinquents were let out to attend lectures or take exams. In certain circles, a stint in the "Karzer" was considered a rite of passage.



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From Mannheim, Heidelberg can be easily reached via public transportation within 20 minutes. The S-Bahn leaves every half an hour and stops at Heidelberg main station, Heidelberg-Weststadt/Südstadt, and Heidelberg-Altstadt (near Old Town / Heidelberg Castle). To learn more about Heidelberg, its sights and events, please visit the Tourist Information:

+49 6221 584 4444 | [www.heidelberg.de](http://www.heidelberg.de) | [touristinfo@heidelberg-marketing.de](mailto:touristinfo@heidelberg-marketing.de) | Willy-Brandt-Platz 1, 69115 Heidelberg (in front of Heidelberg main station)

## Speyer



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Make a discovery tour through the cathedral and imperial city of Speyer, a city that is more than 2,000 years old with lots of history and culture. The Imperial Cathedral is the largest Romanesque church in Europe and the landmark of Speyer. Visit the City Hall and the Memorial Church or take part in a guided walking tour in order to explore Speyer's idyllic inner city with its winding alleys, lovingly restored houses and the unique historic attractions.

You may reach Speyer by taking an S-Bahn from Mannheim main station. The train leaves every half an hour and Speyer can be reached merely within 25 minutes. The Tourist Information is in the city center, which is a 15 minutes' walk from Speyer main station. Find more information on attractions and activities in Speyer here:

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## Palatinate Region



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The Palatinate region means a rewarding experience for all the senses. Palatinate wine and the region's cuisine are a treat for the taste buds, and in its mild climate the fruit and almond trees blossom early and lemons, figs and kiwi fruit ripen quickly. Around 22,200 hectares are under vine in the Mittelhaardt/German Wine Route and Southern Wine Route areas. Wachenheim, Forst, Deidesheim and St. Martin are just a few of the many well-known wine villages in this region. The German Wine Route, the best-known wine-themed route, can best be explored by car and takes you straight to where these fresh, fruity wines are made. The hillsides with chalk and slate soils produce full-bodied wines with a typically mineral taste. The flat vineyards with sandy soils produce

wines with a characteristic lightness. If you are keen on extending your wine tour, you may visit the beautiful wine-growing region Alsace, located on France's eastern border adjacent to Germany.

Many wine-growing estates offer wine tasting. The "Winzerverein Deidesheim" is the oldest wine-making association and offers more information on the region as well as regional wines. On 362 days of the year, you can visit their wine tasting and sales showroom "Weinparadies" and savor the aromas of wine to your heart's content, taste wines and sparkling wines and take time to discover your favorites. Please have a look [here](#).

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