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SIEGBURG

THE TOWN FOR EXPLORERS

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Enjoy ...

- important sights spanning 950 years of the town's history, such as the Baroque Benedictine Abbey, the Saint Servatius Church with its famous church treasure or the town museum with town history collection;
- attractive shopping facilities in the impressive inner city of Siegburg.
- a lively and varied gastronomic scene;
- sophisticated entertainment including numerous cultural events;
- recreation and hiking opportunities in the woods and along the romantic wetlands of the Sieg and Agger;
- and, if you are planning to stay in Siegburg for a little longer, Siegburg offers a diverse range of accommodation, whether you are looking for a luxury hotel, guesthouse or holiday apartment.



Siegburg pedestrian zone



Siegburg Abbey

WELCOME TO SIEGBURG

It is always worth paying a visit (or another visit) to Siegburg. In addition to the many historical sights, this lively town at the foot of the Michaelsberg is steeped in tradition and offers its guests a varied programme to suit all tastes. Visitors with an interest in culture and those oriented rather towards leisure activities can find their own personal highlights here. And those wishing to end their trip to Siegburg with a little relaxation or culinary pleasure will not be disappointed!

Siegburg can be reached quickly: The journey by ICE from Frankfurt Airport to Siegburg Station only takes 37 minutes. Siegburg can also be quickly accessed by car, with two motorways connecting it to Bonn, Cologne and Frankfurt. And if travelling by plane, the journey from Cologne/Bonn Airport to the town takes just minutes.





The TOWN - FOR EXPLORERS

Siegburg residents and guests to the town particularly value the high quality of life. Historical buildings, unspoilt nature, an inviting pedestrian zone – despite its proximity to the urban areas of Bonn and Cologne, the town has retained its own unmistakable character: modern, attractive, but nevertheless homey and charming.



Modernity meets tradition: S-Carré centre with the Michaelsberg Abbey

Siegburg is a town on the move, with the new ICE station and the nearby pedestrian zone which is guaranteed to let you have a good time.

It is not only visitors to the town who are enthusiastic about its excellent infrastructure, superb shopping opportunities and a wide range of sports and cultural facilities. Located attractively between Cologne and Bonn, on the one hand, yet with direct proximity to unspoilt nature on the other: your guarantee for a varied leisure programme to suit every taste.

Siegburg is a town made for relaxation. The Michaelsberg in the heart of Siegburg and the parks surrounding it, as well as the promenades along the mill stream canal (Mühlengraben) offer restful areas for contemplation. Both the wetlands of the Sieg and the Siegburg city forest on the other side of the town provide recreational spaces just a few minutes from the town centre.





SHOPPING AND MORE

Here you can find a colourful range of goods and distinctive atmosphere. And not only locals enthuse about shopping trips in Siegburg. Many shoppers from the region are drawn to the town at the foot of the Michaelsberg. Over 35,000 people shop daily at the historic market square and spacious pedestrian precinct.



Lively market square

TIP

Get to know Siegburg by train. Several times a day, the Michel-Express can take you from the brewery (the Siegburg Brauhaus), across the market square and to the Michaelsberg (and of course back again).

There are good reasons for Siegburg's popularity as a shopping town. Everyone can find what they are looking for in the Siegburg City, irrespective of what is on their shopping list. A market is held here every day throughout the year. The numerous market stands sell everything for your everyday needs: from ripe pineapples and freshly-caught salmon through to French unpasteurised cheese. The town centre is shown to best advantage in the summer months when people can enjoy a large sundae or cool drink in peace and quiet at one of the street cafés on the market square.



Street café on the market square



FOR THE PALATE AND SENSES

Siegburg offers its guests a diverse gastronomic scene: whether an espresso in a café, a sundae at the gelateria, a drink from the bistro, a chilled beer in the Brauhaus (the Siegburg brewery), or regionally or internationally-based cuisine in the many restaurants, Siegburg has something to suit every taste. Those in search of lively nightlife will also find both Rhineland pubs and stylish cocktail bars.

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Abbey café

By the way, the people of Siegburg are real sun worshippers: at the first rays of the sun, many restaurateurs open up their beer gardens and place tables and chairs out on the forecourts of their restaurants.

This transforms the market place into an open-air stage for the popular activity of “seeing and being seen”.



Numerous beer gardens entice visitors

A distinctive feature is the Siegburg Brauhaus: the “Siegburger” beer freshly brewed here is famous well beyond the city limits. Incidentally, you can also take this beer home with you in an original glass carafe. An overview and detailed description of all restaurants and cafés can be found at www.siegburg.de.



ACCOMODATION

Get to know the people of Siegburg as charming hosts. Spend some time in the town and enjoy its atmosphere and charm. In Siegburg a wide choice of accommodation options are available for your stay: a luxury suite, a pleasant hotel room in hotels of all categories, a well-equipped holiday apartment or a simple, nice room in private lodgings. The many hotels, guesthouses and apartments offer you the comfort of your choice at reasonable prices.



Kranz Parkhotel

TIP

You can find detailed descriptions of all Siegburg hotels at www.siegburg.de.

There is a lot to discover about the hotels in Siegburg. While one attracts guests with a cocktail bar and fantastic views of the Michaelsberg, another has established itself on the site of a former monastery close to the Wahnbach dam. A cinema dating back to the 1950s has been transformed into a traditional, family-run guesthouse.

Incidentally, Siegburg also makes an ideal place for an overnight stay during a tradefair visit or business meeting in Cologne or Frankfurt. Thanks to the efficient urban railway (the S-Bahn) and ICE intercity connections, it is possible to reach both cities quickly.

Tips on package deals are available at the Tourist Information Office in the ICE station.



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OVER 950 YEARS OF HISTORY

One cannot fail to see the Abbey on the Michaelsberg, which so characterises the townscape of Siegburg. The history of the town is closely interwoven with that of the monastery. It is believed that there was a settlement in what is today's town site during the period of the Franken (500 – 900 AD), and that this lay at the foot of a fortification on the Siegberg. The name Siegburg, however, only appeared for the first time in connection with the foundation of the Abbey in the 11th century.

At that time, around 1060, Anno II, the Archbishop of Cologne, drove Count Palatine Heinrich from his fortification on the Siegberg. Anno then built a monastery in lieu of the castle, which he placed under the protection of the Archangel Michael, handing it over to the Benedictine monks.

Bestowed with plenty of land and rights, the monastery rapidly blossomed. Civil society flourished all around the Siegberg, which was shortly afterwards renamed Michaelsberg after its patron. Many artisans settled in the flourishing town, and merchants did a brisk business on the imposing market square.



Siegburg ceramics

Tankards and glass beakers

Pottery has enjoyed a long tradition in Siegburg. Because of the rich quantity of clay, pottery has been made in the town since the 11th century. By the end of the 16th century, the high quality pottery had become a real hit and was

exported to Ireland, North Africa, Asia and America. Characteristic of the Siegburg ceramics were Schellen – tall and slender tankards – which were used as drinking vessels on special occasions, even at European royal courts.

The Industrial Age

The industrialist Christian Gottlieb Rolffs set the pace for economic growth. He founded the calico printing company Rolffs & Cie. in 1840 on the Siegfeld, a precursor of today's Siegwerk Druckfarben AG. When two state armament factories, the Königliche Geschossfabrik and the Königliche Feuerwerkslaboratorium, were established in the town after the formation of the Empire in 1870/71, Siegburg developed into an industrial town. At the height of armament production during the First World War, over 20,000 people were employed there.

From industrial location to attractive shopping town

In the 1970s Siegburg successfully changed from being an industrial town to an attractive shopping and services town for the entire region. Since the beginning of this millennium, the new ICE station has not simply altered the face, but also the perspectives, of this pleasant town, making Siegburg an active part of a closely-integrated Europe.

TIP

You can experience the history of Siegburg live – from the beginnings to the present day – at the Siegburg Town Museum on the market square. Information on Page 17.



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THE LANDMARK

The Benedictine Michaelsberg Abbey lies high above the town on a conical hill surrounded by century-old trees. Even from afar its attractiveness is an invitation for a visit. A short climb across the park in the middle of the town transports you to a different world. Up here, far away from the bustle of the town centre, there are wonderful views of the town and surrounding countryside. On a clear day, Bonn and Cologne are visible from the tower, and the Siebengebirge (Seven Mountains) appears to be just a stone's throw away.



Abbey bell tower

Founded in 1064 by Archbishop Anno of Cologne, the Abbey served as a monastery for over 700 years. After secularisation in 1803, it was used among other things as barracks, an "asylum" and prison. Today, the Abbey is again a Benedictine monastery and also houses the St. Maurus youth hostel, "Abtei-Stuben" restaurant, a bed and breakfast hotel and a book shop and art dealership.

The inner courtyard, with its handsome Baroque church, is well worth a visit. Those wishing a view that is higher still should definitely take advantage of the opportunity to climb the tower.

Visitors can then recuperate from this hike in the Abtei-Stuben restaurant or, in summer, on the garden patio with its fantastic view of the town centre.

TIP

"Siegburg Abbey Liqueur" made by the Benedictine monks in the Abbey on the Michaelsberg from fine herbs according to an age-old, secret recipe. Book a liqueur tasting in the Siegburg town museum!





WORTH SEEING

Of course, the Abbey is not the only thing in Siegburg worth a visit. The character of the townscape is also shaped by the historic buildings, churches and decorative Wilhelminian-style facades around the market square and the pedestrian zone.

A trip to the surrounding area is also worthwhile. For example, one of the oldest Franciscan churches in Germany can be found in Seligenthal, a district of Siegburg.

St. Servatius Parish Church and St. Servatius treasury

St. Servatius Church – situated directly next to the Siegburg market square – was constructed in the 12th/13th century as a basilica with a nave and two aisles.

The treasury of the St. Servatius Church houses the world-famous late-Roman Gothic church treasure from the former Benedictine Abbey.

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SUN: 11:30 a.m. –12:30 p.m.

Town Museum – the birthplace of Engelbert Humperdinck

The museum documents the history of Siegburg and surrounding area from its beginnings to the present day. Collection of Siegburg ceramics from the Middle Ages and Renaissance. Temporary exhibitions of contemporary and classic modern art. Guided tours of the town museum can be booked at:

Marktplatz, Markt 46

Tel.: 02241 / 102-7410

Admission € 3.00

Concessions € 1.00

Opening times:

TUE–SAT: 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

SUN: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Seligenthal Minster

Situated just a few minutes by car from the town centre is one of the oldest Franciscan churches in Germany. Even though only a few of the former cloister buildings still remain, these still convey the idyllic feeling of the Minorite cloister in the “vallis felix” (holy valley). A visit to this church, one of the most beautiful in the region, and the nearby chapel, the Rochuskapelle, is well worthwhile.



Seligenthal monastery garden (Klosterhof)

Siegburg for explorers – Guided city tours

There are numerous options available for those wishing to explore the town with the help of a professional guide. Tours through the town clearly trace the development of Siegburg from a medieval settlement to



Mill stream canal

a modern county town on the basis of architectural evidence from the past 900 years. The lively market square, the St. Servatius Parish Church, the former mill quarter on the romantic mill stream canal (Mühlengraben) and of course the town's landmark, the Benedictine Abbey on the Michaelsberg, are introduced and enriched by entertaining anecdotes.

The town boasts a museum housed in the birthplace of the composer Engelbert Humperdinck, Siegburg's most famous son, and also the S-Carré centre and ICE train station, which were built just a few years ago. There are also numerous unexpected treasures awaiting discovery. Our knowledgeable town guides ensure that you will not miss a thing. Even an invigorating liqueur tasting in the historic Abbey liqueur cellar is possible. The Tourist Information Office organises customised sightseeing tours to suit groups of all kinds.



Historic town wall

Alternatively, you can book one of our themed guided tours:

• For everyone

On the first Sunday of each month, the Tourist Information Office offers guided tours of the town including a walk to the Abbey.

Meeting point is in front of the town museum at 2 p.m. (Adults € 6.00, children € 3.00).

• “Tales of the stocks, bearded men and monks” – children discover medieval Siegburg

Market woman Waldraudis and her puppets “Siegbert the potter” and “Siegy the mole” guide children through the changing history of Siegburg on this tour especially designed for kindergarten and primary school children.

• In “Experience myths and fairy tales at close hand in Siegburg”, the town is haunted by ghosts in cellars and horseshoes with golden nails. The countless Siegburg myths and fairy tales come to life during this guided tour of historic locations.

• Historic costume tour

Travel through time with a town guide to different historical periods. In an enjoyable tour through the Siegburg town centre you will meet all sorts of historical characters: for example, you will encounter a nagging washer woman at the stocks who will fill you in on the town gossip. You will experience Siegburg in a very special way as the guest tour guide repeatedly slips into different roles – and you will soon feel transported back to times long gone.

• Siegburg and its Protestant history – visit significant Evangelical sites

What happened in Siegburg during the Reformation and Counter-Reformation? What was the significance of the Abbey for the creation of the first Evangelical community in Siegburg? And what role did industrialisation play in Evangelical life? Take a look at Siegburg from a completely different perspective!

• Jewish life in Siegburg

A tour of the former Jewish quarter and the Jewish cemetery sheds light both on aspects of the Jewish religion and on interesting aspects of German cultural history.

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Käx (the stocks)



EVENTS

Cultural events and discerning entertainment are an inherent part of active public life in Siegburg. The town publishes the “Siegburg Kultur” brochure each month, which provides details of the entire cultural programme of art, theatre/literature, rock/jazz, classical music/concerts, history, special events, film and offers expressly for children. You can also find the events calendar on the internet at www.siegburg.de.



Siegburg ceramics



Humperdinck music festival

Dates

- Siegburg Sommer Live , summer
- Engelbert Humperdinck music festival, June
- Siegtal pur, cycling day first Sunday in July
- Siegburg ceramics second weekend in July
- Fairy tale festival, first sunday in july
- Antiques market, spring and late summer
- Siegburg literature weeks, November
- Medieval Christmas market, November to Dezember



The centre for events: Rhein-Sieg Hall

The modern flair of the attractive Rhein-Sieg Hall makes concerts and shows, conventions, seminars, galas or exhibitions a unique experience. Organisers and guests can enjoy a pleasant atmosphere in the multifunctional premises.

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THE MEDIEVAL MARKET

On the Saturday before the first Sunday of Advent, the travelling folk make their arrival in Siegburg. Medieval artisans, merchants and players erect their tents and stalls, offer their wares for sale and captivate the town at the foot of the Michaelsberg with their colourful activity. Around 50 market stalls and the most diverse assortment of artisans enable crafts, which are hardly practised anymore, to be revived in their original form.

TIP

During the medieval market there are guided tours that explore the town each Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. – and of course these do not fail to include a visit to the market.

The “Medieval Christmas Market” has a long tradition in Siegburg – the Spektakulum as it is called has been an inherent part of the pre-Christmas life of the town for over a decade now.



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Children experience the Middle Ages

It takes place without the use of electricity or artificial light, producing an atmospheric feeling surrounded by Siegburg’s historical backdrop. Why not combine your visit to the medieval market with a romantic weekend for two, or invite your colleagues to a medieval company outing. A family excursion will also certainly turn into an



Musicus

unforgettable experience, and also offers a good opportunity to get some Christmas shopping done. The Christmas shopping trip will also be an exciting experience for the little ones, with puppet shows, storytellers and a children’s tournament.



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Evening atmosphere in the medieval market square



Opportunity for a family tour

EXPLORE THE SIEG VALLEY

Cyclists can look forward to undisturbed cycling pleasure at the annual “Siegthal pur” event. Around 120 km of the Sieg Valley is closed to all motorised traffic for one Sunday in summer. From 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., the road is then taken over by cyclists, inline skaters and walkers.

The length of the car-free route has grown year on year. What started as a small section, now takes the cyclist or rambler from Siegburg to Hennef, Eitorf, Windeck, Au, Wissen and Kirchen in Rhineland-Palatinate via Siegen right to the source of the Sieg in Netphen.

One attraction after the other awaits participants en route. Many communities organise street festivals, sports events or meetings for cyclists, often flanked by musical and cultural events.

Plenty of refreshments are also available. These range from light snacks to culinary specialities, with something to suit every taste. And those who still feel fit after the tour can join other participants of the Siegtal tour and celebrate late into the night at the “after bike party”.

TIP

Of course, not everybody has to cycle the entire route: those tired from cycling can simply get on a train at any urban railway (S-Bahn) station. The Tourist Information Office will be happy to provide any information you may need.



LEISURE ACTIVITIES

Forming part of the Sieg Valley and with its close proximity to the Siebengebirge (Seven Mountains), Siegburg is both surrounded by nature and very close to the large Rhine urban centres.

As a result, countless active leisure opportunities are available, whether for day-trippers or holidaymakers who have more time.



Wahnbach Dam

Forests and fields, trails along the river bank and one outstanding view after another characterise this walkers' paradise around the dam. The town of Siegburg regularly offers guided walks centred on different themes.

Woody hills and vales along the Sieg provide an inviting backdrop for strolling and cycling. In the summer, the allure of the river, which still retains much of its natural character, tempts visitors to take boat rides and enjoy sunbathing. Also the tranquil villages of timbered houses, churches, monasteries and castles, whose history dates back to the Middle Ages, contribute to the charm of the picturesque Sieg Valley. The easily-accessible cities of Bonn and Cologne are, of course, also appealing, with their multitude of famous sights and attractive city centres.



Oktopus swimming pool

OKTOPUS SWIMMING POOL

While on holiday, why not spend a day at the Oktopus leisure pool with outdoor and indoor pool, fabulous action pools, area for young children and heated outdoor pool.

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TOURIST INFORMATION

Whether you are a day visitor, holidaymaker or business traveller, Siegburg is happy to welcome you. If you are interested in visiting Siegburg there are two ways for you to improve your travel plans with important tips, recommendations and suggestions.

You can either get in touch with the Tourist Information Office or log on to the town's website: www.siegburg.de.

Your contact for information and service

Our staff at the Tourist Information Office is pleased to answer your questions. They will also be happy to put together a sightseeing programme for you, arrange accommodation, tell you about dates of current cultural events and provide valuable tips for an unforgettable stay in Siegburg. You will find the Tourist Information Office in the central area of the ICE station in Siegburg.

Information around the clock on the Internet

Things worth knowing, news, information on events, a town plan, travelling to Siegburg and announcements are available at: www.tourismus-siegburg.de.

One further tip: you can also learn about Siegburg in a playful way. In addition to the well-known sights, the "Siegburg Game" on the website reveals the secret side of Siegburg. However, we won't reveal anything else here!



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WALKING TOUR ON THE TOWN

- 01 Town museum
- 02 Markt 45, former Thurn and Taxis post office
- 03 Madonna with the protective cloak
- 04 Winter house
- 05 Saint Servatius Church
- 06 "Käx" (stocks)
- 07 "War memorial"
- 08 Memorial to the former synagogue
- 09 House „Zum Tannenbaum“
- 10 Witch Tower
- 11 Benedictine Abbey, Michaelsberg
- 12 Johannistürmchen, the Johannis tower
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