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TOURIST SERVICE CENTER

Our Tourist Service Centres are centrally located in Mainz city centre, and provide a wide range of information not only to tourists and guests to the city – the people of Mainz are also welcome.

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- Information materials
- Expert advice and tips on places to see
- Tours of the city
- Package deals for individuals and groups
- Hotel accommodation service
- Extensive range of souvenirs
- Ticket sales

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Wheelchair Accessible Tourist Service Centres

The Tourist Service Centre at the Brückenturm (bridge tower) is located at raised Rathaus (city hall) level; a lift is available for access by wheelchair from the street below. Tactile guide lines lead you directly from the Am Brand shopping centre to the entrance, and the Centre is designed to be easily negotiable by wheelchair once inside. Information on accessibility and a city guide in Braille (for loan against a deposit) are available, and our trained staff will be happy to give you any information you might need according to your requirements.

The branch at the Landesmuseum is also equipped to accessibility standards.

Welcome to Mainz!

Discover the savoir-vivre and two millennia of culture in the charming capital of Rhineland-Palatinate.

Walk along the path taken by Johannes Gutenberg or the Romans, and enjoy Mainz from its most beautiful and exciting side.

Our Mainz Tourist Service Centre team will be happy to help you arrange your trip to Mainz from beginning to end, ensuring that you have a cheerful stay. You'll be in good hands with us: **We organise – you enjoy.**

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Attractions

Discover Mainz in all its facets – dive into a world of art, culture and history as you learn more about Mainz, a city that goes back two millennia.

Dom St. Martin – St. Martin's Cathedral

You'll find St. Martin's Cathedral right next to the market square (Markt). Features of the cathedral include tombs of archbishops as well as the Romanesque St. Gotthard's Chapel and the late Gothic cloister. The Cathedral Museum is now located in the chapterhouse buildings and cloister, and exhibits works of art from two millennia of Mainz history.

Mainz Altstadt – The Old Town

Leafy spaces, lovingly restored half-timbered houses, and magnificent Baroque churches give the historic centre of Mainz a charmingly cosy atmosphere. You'll find elegant boutiques, cafés and wine bars tucked away behind rococo fronts and in baroque town houses, and winding streets full of life – there's always something going on here.

St. Stephan's Church – Chagall windows

The church of St. Stephan is a veritable attraction with visitors from around the world on pilgrimage to Stephansberg hill and up to the luminous blue stained glass windows. Jewish artist Marc Chagall (1887 – 1985) created these unique works of art as a symbol of Jewish-Christian friendship in 1985.

Gutenbergplatz – Gutenberg Square

Named after one of the city's most famous sons, this square is located in the Old Town, very close to the Cathedral, and closely guarded by a monument to Johannes Gutenberg proudly looking onto Mainz Staatstheater, or State Theatre, across the street, where you'll find an attractive cultural programme for young and old on a variety of stages.

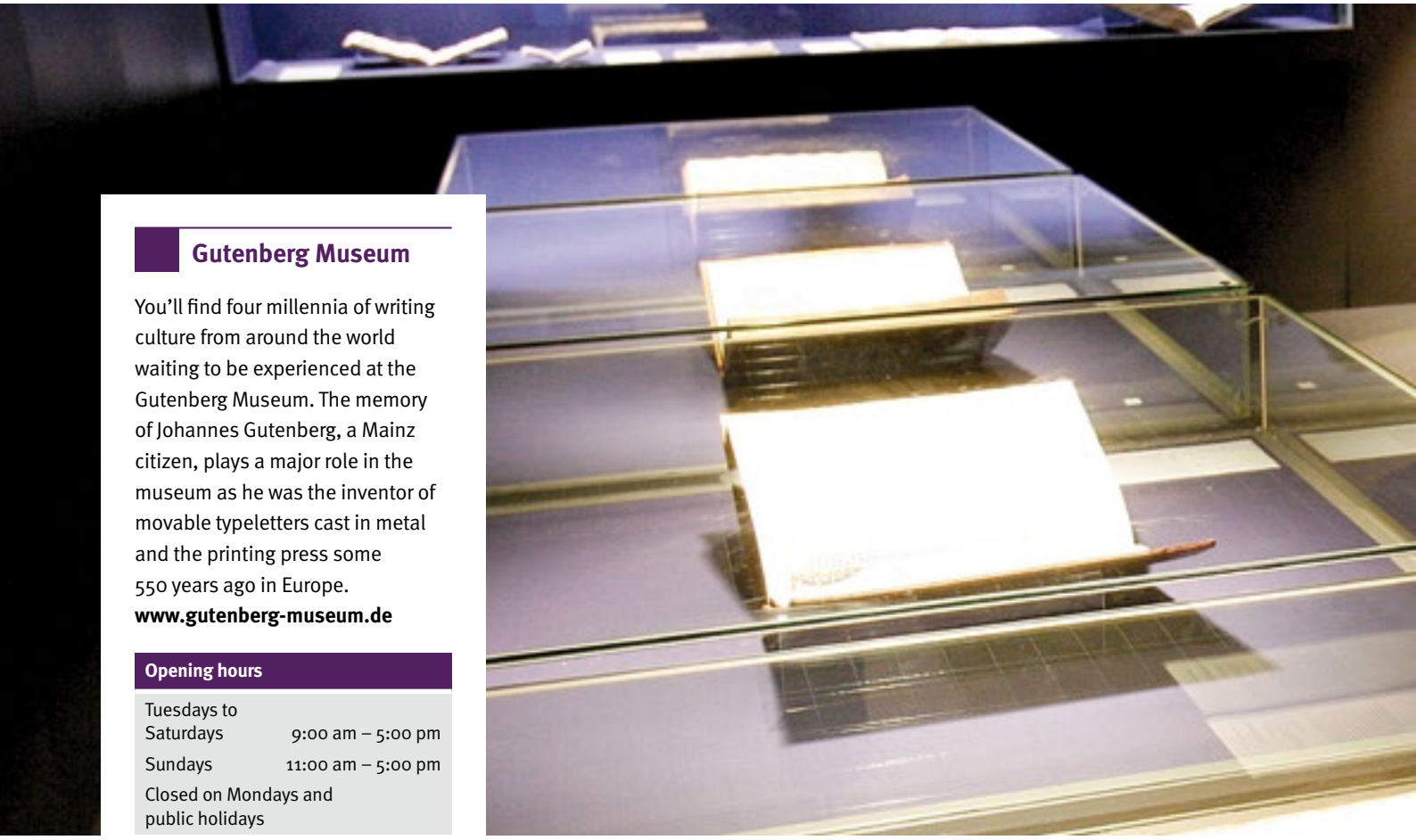
Rheinufer – The Banks of the Rhine

Any Mainz visit should include a walk along the beautiful Rhine Promenade. The joie de vivre on the Rhine that is so typical of Mainz is particularly abundant here. A glass of wine in your left hand, the Rhine to your right – what more could you need?
Special tip: the Mainzer Sommerlichter (Summer Lights) fireworks and music festival is held here on the last weekend in July – a unique experience!

Zitadelle – The Citadel

The Mainz Citadel is located on Jakobsberg hill on the edge of the Old Town close to Römisches Theater (Roman Theatre) railway station. These fortifications reached their present form in 1660 as part of the Mainz fortress. The Citadel also has Roman heritage, with the Stone of Drusus set in honour of the Roman General Nero Claudius Drusus.

Mainz museums



Gutenberg Museum

You'll find four millennia of writing culture from around the world waiting to be experienced at the Gutenberg Museum. The memory of Johannes Gutenberg, a Mainz citizen, plays a major role in the museum as he was the inventor of movable typeletters cast in metal and the printing press some 550 years ago in Europe.
www.gutenberg-museum.de

Opening hours	
Tuesdays to Saturdays	9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Sundays	11:00 am – 5:00 pm
Closed on Mondays and public holidays	

Naturhistorisches Museum – Museum of Natural History

The Museum of Natural History shows exhibits from today's wildlife alongside numerous finds from Rhineland-Palatinate's geological past.
www.mainz.de/nhm

Opening hours	
Tuesdays	10:00 am – 8:00 pm
Wednesday	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Thursday to Sunday	10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Closed on Mondays	

Landesmuseum Mainz – Mainz State Museum

The Mainz State Museum's beginnings included a donation from Napoleon in 1803, making it one of Germany's oldest museums. The museum is home to Rhineland-Palatinate's greatest art collection.
www.landesmuseum-mainz.de

Opening hours	
Wednesday to Sunday	10:00 am – 5:00 pm
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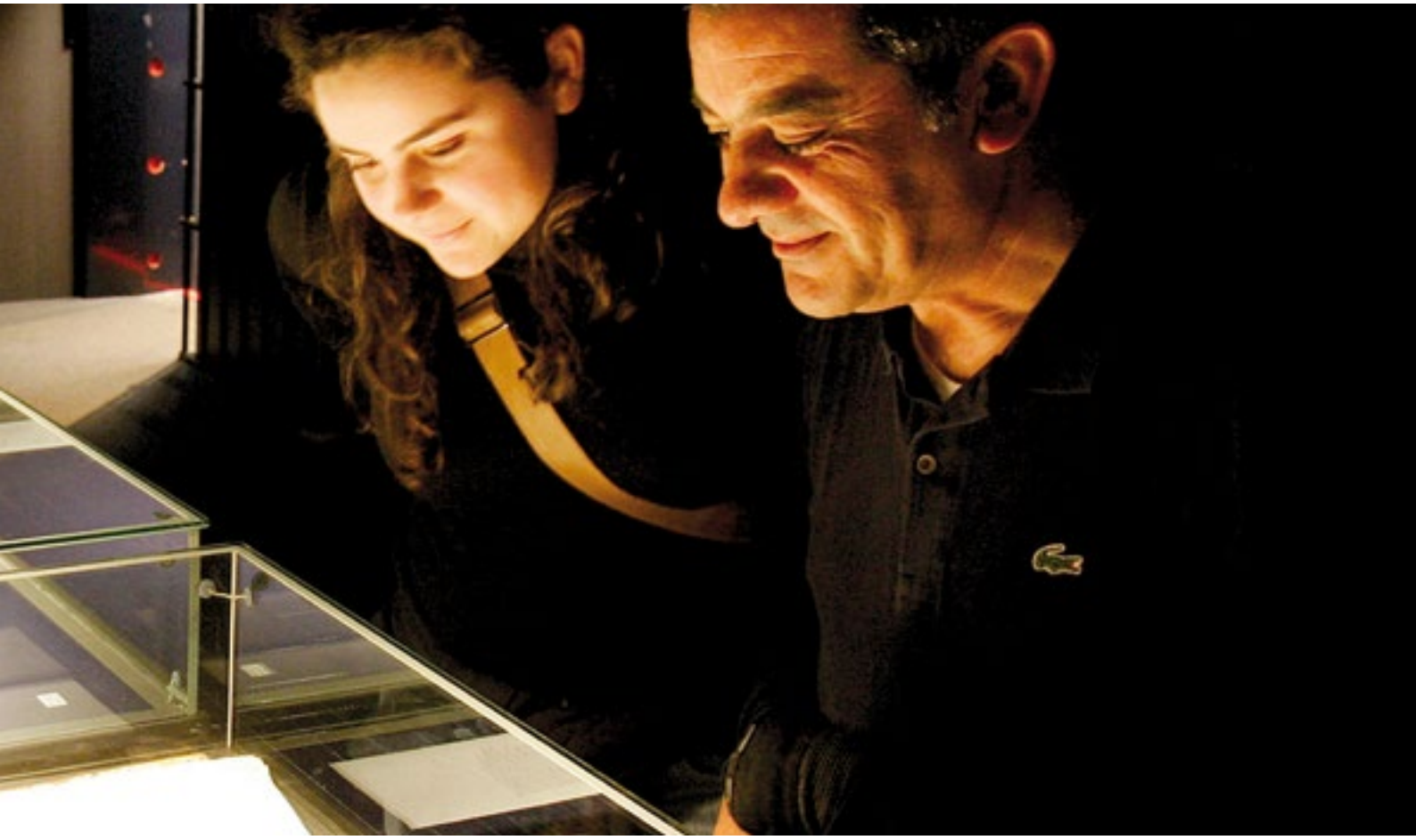
Closed on Mondays	



Kunsthalle Mainz – Mainz Arts Centre

The Mainz Arts Centre at Zollhafen harbour hosts temporary art exhibitions with the contemporary arts scene, individual exhibits and themed exhibitions as well as local specialities.
www.kunsthallemainz.de

Opening hours	
Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays	10:00 am – 6:00 pm
Wednesday	10:00 am – 9:00 pm
Saturday to Sunday	11:00 am – 6:00 pm
Public holidays	11:00 am – 6:00 pm
Closed on Mondays	

Römisch-Germanisches Zentralmuseum – Romano-Germanic Central Museum

The RGZM is a research institute and museum of archaeology in one, and its research period ranges from the Stone Age two and a half million years ago to the Middle Ages.
www.rgzm.de

Opening hours	
Tuesday to Sunday	10:00 am – 6:00 pm
Closed on Mondays	

Museum für Antike Schiffahrt – Museum of Ancient Seafaring

The Museum of Ancient Seafaring is located near the Roman Theatre in Mainz Südstadt, or southern quarter, and exhibits ancient watercraft in all its variety.
www.rgzm.de/museen/museum-fuer-antike-schiffahrt-mainz.html

Opening hours	
Tuesday to Sunday	10:00 am – 6:00 pm
Closed on Mondays	

Isis- und Mater Magna-Heiligtum – Isis and Mater Magna Sanctuary

Parts of a temple dedicated to the ancient Egyptian deity Isis and oriental Mater Magna came to light in the year 2000; the temple was probably used in the third century. The Taberna archaeologica in the Römerpassage shopping centre provides a sensational view of the religious cults prevailing during the Roman period.
www.isis-mainz.de

Opening hours	
Monday to Saturday	10:00 am – 6:00 pm
Closed on Sundays	

Dom- und Diözesanmuseum – Cathedral and Diocesan Museum

Major art treasures from Mainz bishopric going back more than a millennium are on exhibit at the episcopal Cathedral and Diocesan Museum, with unique exhibits from the Cathedral and churches in the bishopric shown in rooms surrounding Mainz Cathedral's late Gothic cloister.
www.dommuseum-mainz.de

Opening hours	
Tuesday to Friday	10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Saturday to Sunday	11:00 am – 6:00 pm
Closed on holy days of obligation	

Fastnachtsmuseum – Carnival Museum

The Carnival Museum showcases a hundred and sixty years of Mainz Carnival. From fools' caps, medals, guards' uniforms to excerpts from the German TV show Mainz bleibt Mainz – wie es singt und lacht (Mainz is Mainz as it sings and laughs), this exhibition presents a lively part of Mainz history and culture.
www.mainzer-fastnachtsmuseum.de

Opening hours	
Tuesday to Sunday	10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Closed on Mondays	

Stadthistorisches Museum – Mainz City Museum

The Mainz City Museum at the Citadel provides a grippingly vivid view into the history of Mainz. Areas of focus include business and working life as well as Jewish history, with special exhibitions rounding off the range of attractions at this private museum.
www.stadtmuseum-mainz.de

Opening hours	
Friday	2:00 – 5:00 pm
Saturday to Sunday	11:00 am – 5:00 pm
Closed on Mondays to Thursdays	

Entdeckerticket

Discovery ticket for individuals and groups

Use all the benefits of mainzcardplus and find out more about Mainz, the capital of Rhineland-Palatinate. The mainzcardplus ticket comes with a variety of discounts on culture, leisure, shopping, and sightseeing.

More information on mainzcardplus can be found at:

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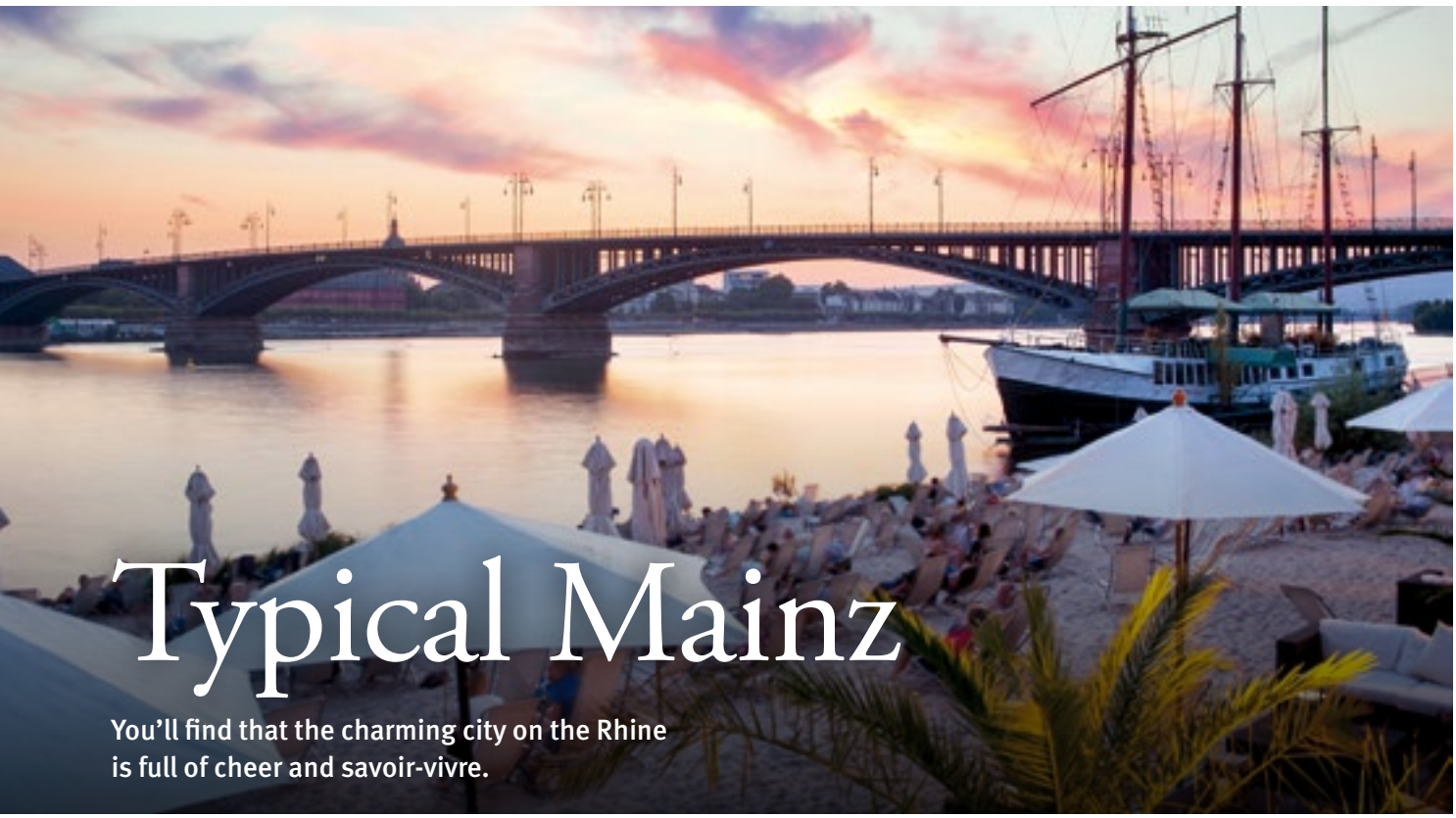

Typical Mainz

You'll find that the charming city on the Rhine is full of cheer and savoir-vivre.

Specialities

Mainz has a range of unique culinary specialities to be discovered such as Weck, Worscht un Woi (roll, sausage and wine) in the many wine bars or at one of Germany's finest weekly markets held in front of the cathedral. Another typical Mainz speciality is Meenzer Spundekäs' mit Brezelchen (cream cheese with pretzels).

ZDF-Fernsehgarten

The ZDF state TV company's ZDF-Fernsehgarten programme has live action every week, with a behind-the-scenes look at show business on Lerchenberg hill, and even a chance to come up close to the show every Sunday from May to October. Information and tickets are available at our Tourist Service Centres.

Wochenmarkt – Weekly Market

All year, three times a week – the Mainz weekly market is one of Germany's oldest and finest markets, and takes place every Tuesday, Friday and Saturday right in the middle of the city centre in the picturesque square around the Cathedral – a perfect place to shop, stroll and generally enjoy life.

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Wine capital of Germany

Nestled in Rheinhessen, Germany's largest wine-growing area, Mainz is the wine capital of Germany with wines maturing at the wineries – authentic, hand-crafted and virtually unbeatable in variety.

Many young innovative winemakers with a keen awareness of their roots and their region have dedicated their lives to high-quality wine.

Mainz Weinmarkt – Wine Market

A unique wine-tasting experience for you to enjoy in an idyllic atmosphere among the old trees of the Mainz city park (Stadtpark) with around sixty winemakers from Rheinhessen, Rheingau and Nahe valley showcasing their best wines. Try out varieties from different regions, enjoy the Mainz way of life, and indulge in a drop of wine at its best. The Mainz wine market traditionally takes place on the last weekend of August and first weekend of September.

Weinstuben – Wine Taverns

Take a comfy seat for a glass of wine and a chat – this is all part of the Mainz way of life. The myriads of small wine taverns, wine shops and restaurants give you a great opportunity to stop and relax, enjoy typical Mainz delights and, of course, a drop or two of finest Rheinhessen wines.

Vinotheken – Wine Shops

You'll find countless wines to taste and enjoy at the wine shops of Mainz. They also sometimes hold book presentations, live music, or other events to go with your wine.

Great Wine Capital Mainz

Mainz and Rheinhessen have been Germany's only member of the international Great Wine Capitals network since 2008 – a network of major cities with internationally renowned wine regions.

Great Wine Capitals
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Sektkellerei Kupferberg – Sparkling Wine Cellars

The Kupferberg sparkling wine cellars in Mainz have the world's largest collection of sparkling wine and champagne glasses. From the Venetian cristallo to the Renaissance to ultra-modern extravagant designer pieces, you will find a truly sparkling piece of cultural history here.

Marktfrühstück – Breakfast at the Market

Everyone loves the Mainz market breakfast, a special highlight at the Mainz weekly market that takes place on Saturdays from March to November. Enjoy Rheinhessen specialities such as Weck, Worscht un Woi – roll, sausage and wine – in Liebfrauenplatz square in front of the Cathedral in the midst of one of the finest markets that the region has to offer.

Mainzer Winzer – Mainz Wineries

The wineries association, Die Mainzer Winzer eV, hosts wine experiences as individually bookable events such as wine tastings and vineyard tours for wine lovers in Mainz; winemakers are regulars in the city as well, for instance during the market breakfast on Saturdays and the wine tasting booth at Fischtorplatz on weekends. The message is as always to find out, taste, and enjoy.

Out and about

There are plenty of activities to enjoy directly on the Rhine – activities such as river cruises, hiking and cycling trails along the Rhine and in the Rheinhessen wine-making region, and a variety of sports opportunities.

Hiking and Cycling

The Mainz and Rheinhessen region provides not only plenty of opportunities for hiking, walking or cycling, but also sightseeing with a difference – such as walking along the walls and towers in the footsteps of the Romans in Mainz, or small guided vineyard tours for groups ending with a wine tasting in the open air.

The RheinTerrassenWeg – Hiking Trail

The 60 km RheinTerrassenWeg hiking trail runs along the Rhine valley taking in the cities of Mainz and Worms and many picturesque wine villages besides, giving you an excellent opportunity to experience the Rheinhessen cultural landscape. You'll find lots of small towns and villages with historic monuments on Rheinhessen's first long-distance hiking trail and, of course, lots of taverns where you can end the day with Rheinhessen specialities and the best wines of the region.

Rheinhessen

See www.rheinhessen.de for more hiking and cycling opportunities,
such as *Hiwweltouren* or *Kleiner Mainzer Höhenweg* (small high road of Mainz)

Discover and experience

Tours of the City

Discover Mainz from an entirely new perspective, dive into the art, culture and history of the city, and enjoy the spellbinding charm of bygone times. A tour around town will take you to places with famous monuments in the footsteps of celebrities, and surprise you with unusual views of the city.

Cultural Walks

Whether beginner or advanced, cultural walks are an ideal way to lose yourself in the two millennia of history and culture in the capital of Rhineland-Palatinate. There are cultural guided tours on various themes throughout the year. Whether typically Mainz, wine tours, or guided tours in historical costumes – Mainz has something for everyone.

Mainz from a Different Point of View

There are the classic city tours, and there are other ways of discovering Mainz – such as taking a historically restored boat from the Thirties, or following in the footsteps of the Romans and French in the catacombs of the Citadel.

(Wheelchair) Accessible Guided Tours

The Mainz Tourist Service Centre and Mainz tour guide association provide private tours for the disabled and people with sensory or learning disabilities. Wheelchair users and the visually impaired are welcome to participate in public city tours, but we would ask you to register beforehand. We can book a sign language interpreter, if needed, for the hearing-impaired.

We hold more than eighty public and individual guided tours a year in several languages for anyone that's curious about our city. Information and reservations are available at www.mainz-tourismus.com, or by phone on (+49) 6131 242-827, or via e-mail at gaestefuehrung@mainzplus.com

Event highlights

There are plenty of celebrations in the city to provide that joie de vivre on the Rhine – our traditional carnival billed as the fifth season of the year; Johannisnacht, Mainzer Sommerlichter, and the Summer in the City concert series are among the highlights of every year.

Mainzer Fastnacht – Mainz Carnival

Fools, fools, the city is full of fools from Fat Thursday to Ash Wednesday – along with guards and recruits, and countless people from near and far just celebrating Mainz Carnival. The indoor comedic events in the Saalfastnacht (indoor carnival) is a highlight alongside the traditional street carnival. Experience Mainz as it sings and laughs!
www.mainz.de/fastnacht

Summer in the City

Summer is brimming with fascinating and exciting events in the Summer in the City concert series, where you can look forward to a varied programme of top international stars and national newcomers for an audience of all ages. Great performers await you at special locations!
www.summerinthecity-mainz.de

Johannisnacht

Johannisnacht has been celebrated in honour of Johannes Gutenberg since 1968, with four days of celebrations surrounding Johannistag (Johannes' Day, 24 June) throughout Mainz. The city keeps the memory of its greatest son, the inventor of printing with movable type letters, in a series of events.
www.mainz.de/johannisnacht

Mainzer Sommerlichter – Mainz Summer Lights

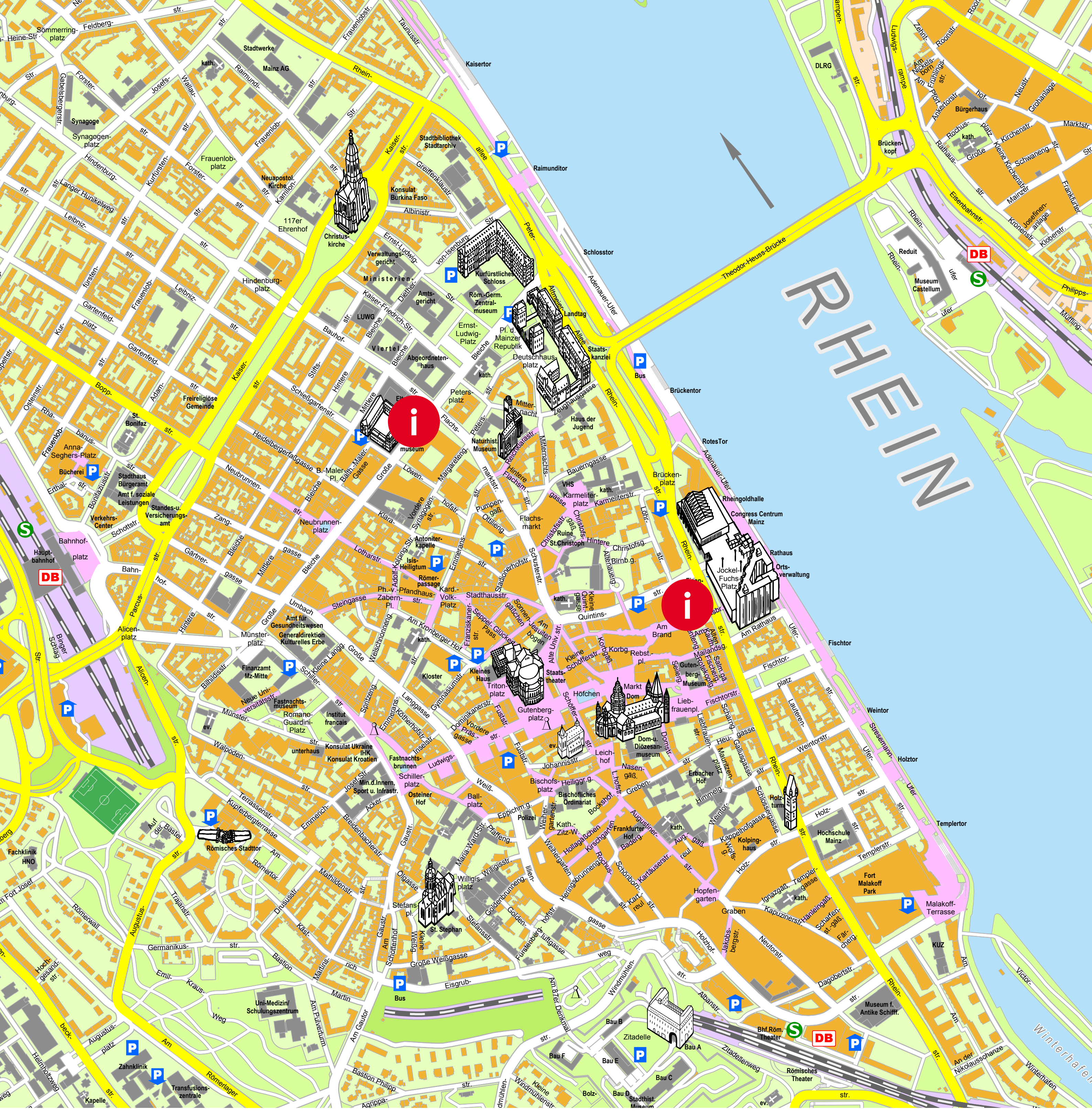
The last weekend in July sees an exciting music programme, a cosy wine village and lots of culinary specialities, events and highlights taking place on the banks of the Rhine from Fischtor to Kaisertor. The highlight is a major fireworks display synchronised to music accompanied by a fantastic laser show on Saturday. You can enjoy the spectacle from the banks of the Rhine or one of the boats on the river.
www.mainzer-sommerlichter.de

Christmas Markets in Mainz

Feel the romance as you stroll through the Mainz Christmas market, take in the scents of mulled wine and roasted meat, sweet pastries and hot chestnuts wafting through the streets of the idyllic Old Town. The festively decorated stalls sell original gifts and traditional handicrafts, ceramics, candles, wooden toys, carved wooden ornaments, and much more. The smaller Mainzer WinterZeit (WinterTime) markets also spread a beautiful Christmas atmosphere.
www.mainz.de/weihnachtsmarkt

New Year's Eve and New Year

Why not welcome the New Year with your loved ones in Rhineland-Palatinate's state capital? We have a variety of New Year's deals at Mainz restaurants, hotels and boating companies for you to enjoy that special night.
www.mainz-tourismus.com/silvesterangebote



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