

Dear Reader,

This time we want to give you a choice of opportunities you can do during the summer months. There are many different things to explore, because Karlsruhe and its surroundings offer lots of cultural, architectural and natural sights.

Our newsletter presents a selection of city tours, cycling tours, and swimming lakes, most of them are in the immediate vicinity.

When you click on the headline you will be redirected to the page of the respective sight, which are nearly all in English.

I hope you enjoy reading the newsletter and we could give you some tips on how to spend the warm summer days.

Yours

Johannes

Heidelberg

The name of Heidelberg stands not only for its world-famous castle, for Germany's oldest university and for lanes steeped in history in the old town but also for a modern scientific and economic location with an international reputation and a most lively and varied cultural scene. There are lots of sights in Heidelberg. You can visit historical buildings, churches, parks and gardens.

You can easily go by train and if you have a Studiticket, mentioned in our last newsletter, it is also very cheap, because you can travel with it until Bad Schönborn. For the missing part you can buy a ticket in the train which costs 4.90 € or 9.60 € for a 24 hours-ticket



Straßbourg

Strasbourg is the seat of several European institutions, such as the Council of Europe (with its European Court of Human Rights, its European Directorate for the Quality of Medicines and its European Audiovisual Observatory) and the Eurocorps, as well as the European Parliament and the European Ombudsman of the European Union. The city also is the seat of the Central Commission for Navigation on the Rhine.

Besides its political importance, Strasbourg also has other architectural masterpieces, e.g. beautiful cathedral, half-timbered houses, Petit France. Strasbourg is near the French border; therefore, it is not really far from Karlsruhe.



Stuttgart

Stuttgart is the capital of the state of Baden-Württemberg. It is spread across a large number of hills (some of them are vineyards), valleys and parks, which is unusual for a German city. Stuttgart has many large parks, a famous zoo, the Mercedes museum and a beautiful architecture. There is also the famous fun fair called "Cannstatter Wasen" which takes place twice every year.

If you have a Studiticket you can take a cheap ride by train. The KVV area is until Vaihingen (Enz). A ticket from there to Stuttgart is only 6.90 €. However, it is cheaper to take a Tagesticket (one-day-ticket) which you can also buy online on www.vvs.de/en.



Baden-Baden

Baden-Baden is an international and exclusive thermal spa resort located at the foothills of the Black Forest. It has two thermal baths, the modern Caracalla Spa and the historic Roman-Irish "Friedrichsbad". Both are perfect to relax.

Baden-Baden is also famous for its casino, the "Festspielhaus", which is Europe's second largest opera and concert hall, and the Museum Frieder Burda (built by New York star architect Richard Meier), which is an outstanding jewel in "Lichtentaler Allee" – the park and gardens of the city. Baden-Baden is within the KVV area; thus it is cheap to go by tram/train to this place.



Cycling Tours

Karlsruhe and its region offer many beautiful tracks for cycling. You can ride along the river Rhine ([Pamina Radweg](#)) or take a track to the Black Forest. Especially in the summer months you can discover interesting and beautiful things.

With the Studiticket or any other ticket you don't need to take a circular route because you can take the tram or train for your way back home. For example you could go by bike to Pforzheim, visit the city and go back by train.

[On this site](#), you can find several tracks in Karlsruhe and the area around Karlsruhe.



Swimming Lakes

During the hot summer months there's nothing better than a refreshing jump into the water. We have many swimming lakes (Badesee or Baggersee) in the vicinity of Karlsruhe. [Here is a list](#) of all opportunities in the region of Karlsruhe. The nearest ones are Badesee Buchtzig in Ettlingen, Giessensee in Dettenheim, and Hardtsee Bruhrain.

These are only some of the many opportunities how you can spend your leisure time in the summer.

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Selected Events August/September 2012

29 June - 5 August 2012:

Das ZELTIVAL 2012

www.tollhaus.de/de/18/zeltival.html

20 July – 16 September 2012:

Open Air-Cinema

Schloss Gottesaue, Karlsruhe

www.schauburg.de/OpenAir

5 August 2012:

**14. Karlsruher Museumsnacht
KAMUNA**

www.kamuna.de

7 - 9 September 2012:

Folkloria Karlsruhe 2012

Die Welt der Folklore zu Gast in KA

www.folkloria.de

16 June – 11 November 2012:

Baden! 900 Jahre

Geschichten eines Landes

www.landesmuseum.de/website/Deutsch/Sonderausstellungen/Aktuell/Baden_900_Jahre.htm

28 Sept – 14 Oct 2012:

Cannstatter Wasen – Fun Fair

www.cannstatter-volksfest.de

Further events can be found at

<http://www.expat-karlsruhe.com/home/whats-up.html>