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OPTIONAL SUNDAY TOURS

Optional Tour A: Heidelberg Castle Tour

Near the Old Bridge over the Neckar River, the impressive Heidelberg Castle (*Heidelberger Schloss*) ruins is one of the most popular tourist attractions of Germany and a major landmark of Heidelberg.

The castle was built from the red sandstone of the Neckar Valley in the 13th century as a fortress and later served as the residence of the Elector of Heidelberg until its destruction in 1689, during the Nine Years' War. Over the centuries it has been rebuilt by various electors and today shows distinct stylistic elements from three periods. Reach the castle by foot or take the cable car from the historical downtown Heidelberg.

After a walk to Bushel Terrace, boasting views of the city far into the Rhine valley, you will be guided through the castle complex and finally down to the wine cellar, where you will find the world's largest wine barrel.

Tour time: 10:00 - 11:00

Suggested time to leave Qube Hotel: 8:30

Start location: *Schlosshof 1, 69117 Heidelberg-Altstadt*

We will have an HIWC Member meet you at the hotel and go with you up to the Castle.

You will need to make your way from the hotel through the Old Town of Heidelberg to the cable car to get up to the Castle. You can take tram line 22 at Volkshochschule stop (just outside Qube Hotel) towards Bismarckplatz, also the end stop. Then you'll need 30 minutes to walk to the Bergbahn (Mountain Cable Car) Station at *Zwingerstraße 20, 69117 Heidelberg-Altstadt*, which will take you up to the Castle entrance.

Price: €16

€9 for the Castle Tour + €7 for the Castle entrance ticket, which includes your ride up and down the cable car

Not included: €1.40 for a one-way tram ticket

Once you are finished the Castle Tour, you can explore the courtyard and big balcony of the Castle, as well as visit the German Pharmacy Museum (located in the castle courtyard). Make your way down to the Old Town via the stairs or the cable car (included in your Castle entrance ticket) and then wander along the pedestrian zone and back to the hotel. We will provide you some recommendations to get lunch and other things to do after your tour.



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Optional Tour B: Old Town Tour + Heidelberg Castle Tour

Winding alleys and dreamy squares, interesting museums and galleries: Heidelberg's Old Town is multi-faceted. A guided tour around the Old Town brings the past to life. Whether the Heiliggeistkirche (Church of the Holy Spirit), the Jesuit Quarter, Germany's oldest university with the Studentenkäker (history students' prison) or any of the other sights - every station in the Old Town has an interesting story to tell. The route also leads through the main street, one of the longest pedestrian zones in Europe.

After the Old Town Tour, you will be guided up to the Heidelberg Castle via the cable car to take the Heidelberg Castle Tour, see the above description.

Tour time: 10:00 - 11:30 (Old Town); 12:00 - 13:00 (Castle Tour)

Suggested time to leave Qube Hotel: 9:15

Start location: *Universitätsplatz, 69117 Heidelberg-Altstadt*

We will have an HIWC Member meet you at the hotel and go with you to the starting location.

You will need to make your way from the hotel through most of the Old Town of Heidelberg to get to the main square of the University. You can take tram line 22 at Volkshochschule stop (just outside Qube Hotel) towards Bismarckplatz, also the end stop. Then you'll need 20 minutes to walk to Universitätsplatz.

Price: €25

€9 for the Old Town Tour + €9 for the Castle Tour + €7 for the Castle entrance ticket, which includes your ride up and down the cable car

Not included: €1.40 for a one-way tram ticket

Once you are finished the Castle Tour, you can explore the courtyard and big balcony of the Castle, as well as visit the German Pharmacy Museum (located in the castle courtyard). Make your way down to the Old Town via the stairs or the cable car (included in your Castle entrance ticket) and then wander along the pedestrian zone and back to the hotel.

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Optional Walk C: Philosophers' Walk + Old Town

The name "Philosophers' Walk" (*Philosophenweg*) can be traced to the fact that Heidelberg's university professors and philosophers found this path, which cuts across the hill opposite the Old Town, a congenial place where they could talk seriously and contemplate while enjoying the charming view of the Neckar River and the Heidelberg Castle, which was already in ruins in the early 1700s.

This view of the town inspired also the poets Eichendorff and Hoelderlin on their walks to write their poems. Among the attractions of this now world-famous walk are the Eichendorff Stone, a sandstone stele with a bronze relief of the poet, and the Merian-Kanzel, a sandstone platform from where in 1620 Matthaeus Merian immortalized Heidelberg in an engraving. The Hoelderlin-Anlage, an area at the eastern end of the Philosophers' Way dedicated to the poet Hoelderlin, pays tribute to his ode to Heidelberg "*Lang lieb ich dich schon...*" ("Long have I loved you...")

Then you'll make your way down the Winding Path (*Schlangenweg*), a cobblestone walkway that cuts steeply down through the terraced vineyards and ends at the Old Bridge. Cross over the bridge, under the famous Bridge Gate (with the two towers) and then wander through the Old Town and down the one of the longest pedestrian zones in Europe back towards the hotel.

This is not a tour, just a guided walk.

Start time from Qube Hotel: 10:00; roughly 2 hours at a leisurely pace

Start location: *Qube Hotel, Bergheimer Str. 74, 69115 Heidelberg-Bergheim*

We will have an HIWC Member meet you at the hotel and be your guide on this walk.

From the hotel, you can use tram line 22 at stop Volkshochschule (outside the hotel) towards the end station Bismarckplatz. Exit there then cross over the *Theodor-Heuss-Brücke* (bridge) and then make your way to the start of the Philosopher's Walk. Once you walk back down the pedestrian street (*Hauptstrasse*) you can take the tram from Bismarckplatz back to Volkshochschule.

Price: Free

Not included: €1.40 for a one-way tram ticket

Important Note: This walk has a steep incline at the beginning of the Philosopher's Path, and steep, uneven decline on the Winding Path. Please wear appropriate shoes and be prepared for a challenging, but enjoyable walk.