

Aschaffenburg -- A Vivacious And Friendly German Town

Aschaffenburg? That's a town in the beautiful state of [Bavaria \(Bayern\)](#), fairly close to — or between — [Frankfurt](#) and [Würzburg](#). It is considered as the Gate to the [Spessart](#) (a nearby forest region) and got its name because of its closeness to the Aschaff river.

Aschaffenburg is famous as a city of museums. The city museums embrace four houses in the form of the *Stiftsmuseum*, the Castle Museum, the Gentil House, and the Museum of Nature. The Museum of Nature comprises compilations of the previous academy of foresters as well as significant private collections from the 19th century.

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The city museum hosts exceptional exhibitions, events, and a number of activities, especially for children. It saw the reopening of its former chapter house in 1994 after more than a few years of restoring of the house and reshaping of the exhibition.

Aside plenty of museums, the city has lots of huge, imposing buildings. [Schloss Johannisburg](#), a huge castle, is certainly one of them. It was built by Archbishop Schweikard von Kronberg in the early 16th century and comprises a library and a fine collection of engravings and paintings.

Another worth seeing spot in the town is the *Stiftskirche* basilica, which was built in 974 by Otto of Swabia.

The city is also known for the U.S. Army bases which have been here from the outset of the [Cold War](#).