

## Ludwigshafen -- Chemical Spot In The Palatinate

You might be wondering why Ludwigshafen am Rhein is only 150 or so years young... This comes from the fact that, at that date, several townships had been merged into one bigger town, bearing this name.

Situated in the federal state of [Rhineland-Palatinate \(\*Rheinland-Pfalz\*\)](#), Germany, right in opposite of [Mannheim](#) at the [Rhine river](#) (that's why 'am Rhein'; although Mannheim doesn't *need* that addition), it is worldwide well-known for its Chemical industry (**BASF**).

In the distant past, it is believed that the Celtic and Germanic tribes inhabited and for the later period, the Romans surmounted the region. Ludwigshafen played a crucial role in [World War I](#), as chemical constituents of explosives to combat the rebel forces were produced here.

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It turned out to be the world's first resident settlement to be attacked by the air bombing. It were French aircrafts, who assaulted the BASF plants and kept their occupation intact until 1930.

Ludwigshafen witnessed an acute financial collapse in the mid 70s which was the result of the massive preservation costs of the buildings. Some fresh tax guidelines that cut down the trade tax profits from the local industries caused the utter havoc to the city's financial condition. Economic trends in the form of oil crisis further deteriorated its situation.

In recent times, almost every possible measures have been put into place to augment the city's image. The government even tried its level best by cutting down its deficit to pave the way for its glory.

Despite all sorts of trouble, the city still maintains its colossal importance as an industrial city.

Nearby regions take account of the gorgeous wine regions along with the the Palatinate forest hill range. It also boasts of the Germany's biggest attached woodland area in the west.

The *Pfalzbau* theater contains its own regional significance while in the adjoining areas, you'll find several smaller theaters playing regional dialect plays.

The *Wilhelm-Hack-Museum* is a prominent tourist site which is legendary for its Miro wall. Now, the famous wall is turning out to be even filthier owing to the fog and other pollution causes.

Those who pursue a dream to spend some quality time in the lap of nature, will find several parks here. The *Ebertpark*, which was used as a destination for German Horticulture Exhibition in 1925, is a worth visit place. On the other hand, the *Stadtpark*, though far-off from the city center, is particularly **stunning** by means of its mile-long river promenade. *Friedenspark*, which is nearer to the city center, is also a good place to spend some time.