

Mainz -- City Of Carnival And Broadcasting

Mainz is positioned on the [Rhine river](#) and has been a tiring trading hub from the Roman times. Being the capital city of the state [Rhineland-Palatinate \(Rheinland-Pfalz\)](#) as well as a University City, it takes account of various former farm communities in the adjacent areas.

The city is the core of the Rhine wine trades and is the home city of Johann Gutenberg. Its cathedrals grade among the finest Romanesque architectural achievements in the Europe.

The Mainzer wine, being the biggest wine fair in Germany, attracts wine lovers from all parts of the world. Carnival festival which marks the glory of the city, is in fact put into practice to show remonstrations against the social and political injustices they have suffered.

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Interestingly, the dresses worn in the carnival are meant to showcase caricatures of the old uniforms of the French and Prussian Troops. (Though, the largest carnival in Germany you're going to find in [Cologne!](#))

Scores of striking buildings, monuments and museums remind us of the city's vibrant history. Superb baroque buildings, palaces and the imposing cathedral are all seeking their past to the time when the Prince Electors ruled here.

St. Martin's Cathedral is an imposing site which shapes a remarkable disparity to the light stone of the Romanesque Gotthard Chapel. Inside the cathedral, you'll get to see some significant compilation of cultural and historical treasures including gravestones.

The Electoral Palace, initially built as a seat for the Electors and Archbishops, now stages the

Romano-Germanic Central Museum exhibition.

St. Stephen's Church, which is to be found in the south-west of Mainz, was built in 990 by Otto III. It was basically erected as an "imperial place of prayer" for peace.

The municipal park and the rose garden in Mainz catch the attention of tourists from May to July. Both the sites also offer splendid views over the Rhine and Main rivers.

During the summer periods, the promenade next to the banks of the Rhine and the beer gardens on the Malakoff terrace are the wonderful sites to go for a stroll. The park is based on the designs of French and Italian gardens of the time while the garden's unique appeal lies in the wonderfully planned flower clock.

Gonsenheim Game Park is an extreme delight for kids as it was initially planned as a corral for deer and wild boar. Subsequently, several cages were added to accommodate deers and smaller wild animals.

Now, the park possesses a huge area for goats and sheep, red deer, fallow deer, mouflon sheep and wild boar.