



LIVING FAITH AND BAROQUE SPLENDOUR WEINGARTEN'S TREASURES IN THE BASILICA

High above the town, Germany's largest Baroque basilica rises into view – it's the kind of landmark that catches your eye long before you arrive. Step inside, and you'll immediately feel the unique atmosphere: colourful frescoes by Cosmas Damian Asam, magnificent altars, and a fascinating play of light that seems to shift with every glance.

At the high altar, you'll find the **Holy Blood relic** – earth mixed with the blood of Christ. It came to Weingarten in 1094, when the Welf Duchess Judith of Flanders gifted it to the monastery. In the 18th century, to give this extraordinary treasure the setting it deserved, Abbot Sebastian Hyller had the monumental basilica built – and it still leaves a lasting impression today.

But the basilica isn't just something to look at – it's something to experience. The famous **Gabler organ**, completed in 1750 by Josef Gabler, is considered one of the most remarkable instruments of its time. Its delicate tones – from birdsong effects to its legendary Vox Humana – continue to turn services and concerts into truly moving moments.

All in all, this Upper Swabian gem on the Baroque Route brings together architecture, art, music, and spirituality in a way that feels both powerful and personal – a place where history and faith really come alive.

Visiting hours: daily 8 am–6 pm (outside of church services)

Blood Friday

This is Weingarten's most important feast day – and it's been celebrated for centuries in honour of the Holy Blood relic. On the evening of Ascension Day, pilgrims and locals come together for a special torchlight procession from the Martinsberg to the Kreuzberg, creating a truly memorable atmosphere. Then, on the feast day itself, around 3,000 riders on horseback, along with numerous marching bands, accompany the relic through the town and surrounding countryside. The result is something quite unique: a powerful blend of faith, community, and culture that continues to move both visitors and locals year after year.

Celebrations for Blood Friday

Ascension Day

7:15 pm Evening Mass / Basilika

8:30 pm Festive sermon by a renowned clergyman, followed by a torchlight procession to the Kreuzberg

10:15 pm Organ music followed by prayers in the Basilika

Blood Friday

4:00 am Horseback Mass

5:00 am Eucharistic celebration

7:00 am Start of the Blood Ride, with the ceremonial handover of the Holy Blood relic to the Blood Rider

9:00 am Pilgrims' Mass

11:00 am Reception of the Holy Blood Rider in the outer cloister

11:15 am Pontifical Mass and blessing



MUSEUMS & EXHIBITIONS

DISCOVER HISTORY AND CULTURE

Municipal Museum in the Schlössle & archaeological treasures

If you're curious about Weingarten's past, the Schlössle is a great place to start. It tells the story of the town – from the Welfs and the founding of the monastery right through to the basilica and the Blood Ride. Finds from 801 Alemannic graves – brooches, gold leaf crosses, and runic inscriptions – bring history vividly to life.

Scherzachstraße 1, Wed to Sun 2–5 pm

PAVILLON am schlössle

Right next door, a modern timber-framed pavilion offers changing exhibitions from Weingarten's museums, along with art from the Municipal Gallery. It's where local history meets contemporary creativity.

Scherzachstraße 1, Wed to Sun 2–5 pm

Museum of Monastic Culture

Here, devotional objects, monastic robes, and beautifully crafted nativity scenes give you a sense of the richness and variety of Upper Swabian piety.

Heinrich-Schatz-Straße 20, Sat and Sun 2–5 pm

Carnival Museum

Masks, figures, and costumes provide a lively glimpse into the traditions of the Swabian-Alemannic Fasnet.

Am Vorderochsen 3, Sundays and public holidays 2–5 pm

CULTURE & EVENTS

ALL YEAR ROUND

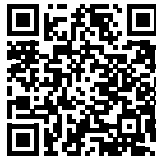
There's always something happening in Weingarten. From organ concerts in the basilica and exhibitions in the Schlössle to lively festivals and the weekly market, culture here is all about connection and shared experiences.

Our guided tours – whether classic town walks, themed tours, strolls along the Stillen Bach, or tours with engaging hosts – offer a more personal way to explore both the town's history and its everyday life.

Much of this vibrant cultural scene is made possible by local clubs and volunteers, whose dedication brings these events to life in a truly special way.

Highlights throughout the year

- Swabian-Alemannic Fasnet (Jan. - March)
- Blood Friday – Europe's largest equestrian procession (May)
- Art and Museum Night with Super Saturday (June)
- Welfenfest (July)
- Promenade concerts in the Stadtgarten (summer)
- International organ concerts (Aug.–Sept.)
- Weingartener Spielzeit – concerts & theatre (all year round)



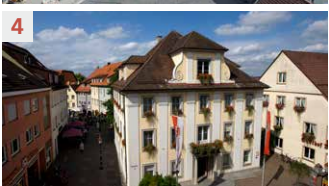
Current events & guided tours:

www.stadt-weingarten.de/veranstaltungskalender



SIGHTS

DISCOVER WEINGARTEN ON THE STELE TOUR



1 | Weingarten Basilica

A place of living faith, wonder, and tranquility – Germany's largest Baroque basilica features Asam frescoes, the Gabler organ, and the Holy Blood relic.

2 | Fruchtkasten (Library)

Built in 1688, this Baroque storehouse once held the monastery's grain and wine. Today, it serves as a university library – a nice example of past and present coming together.

3 | Münsterplatz

The historic heart of the town, shaped by the Martinus Fountain, the 'Hirschen', the monument to the Treaty of Weingarten, and the Welf sculpture (Kleiner Münsterplatz). It's still a lively spot for festivals and markets.

4 | Rathausplatz

Once used for public trials and markets, today it's known for the statue of St. Conrad, the fresco of the Welf legend, and the Carnival Fountain of the Plätzler guild.

5 | Granary (Kornhaus) & Löwenplatz

Built in 1621 as a granary and market centre, with market rights dating back to 1377. Even today, the Wednesday market brings the square to life. The oak column of the historic fountain once served as a ceiling beam in the Kornhaus.

6 | Municipal Museum in the Schlössle & Pavilion

The Renaissance building from 1550 uses multimedia to tell the story of the town, the monastery, and the Alemanni. Right next door, the pavilion features contemporary art and alternating exhibitions.

7 | Stadtgarten

An award-winning green space with sculptures by international artists, a play trail, and a workout park – perfect for relaxing or meeting friends.

A | Lauschtour – Audio walk

Route length: 1,2 km;

Starting point: in front of the entrance St. Martin's Basilika



PRACTICAL INFO

AT A GLANCE

Bus stops

Getting around is easy: the Charlottenplatz, Post, and Löwenplatz bus stops connect you to destinations in and around Weingarten.

Parking

Three car parks are just a short walk from the main sights. There's also a free car park at the Festplatz (about 900 m from the centre). **Tip: parking in the town centre on Saturdays is free!**

Toilets & "Nette Toilette"

Alongside public facilities (Amtshaus, Stadtgarten, Postplatz), cafés and restaurants also take part in the "Nette Toilette" initiative, including the Science Centre, Café Museum, and the Gasthof Rössle.

Free Wi-Fi

You'll find free Wi-Fi throughout the town centre.

Motorhome parking

At the Festplatz, eight well-equipped pitches offer a quiet yet convenient place to stay.

Tourist-Information

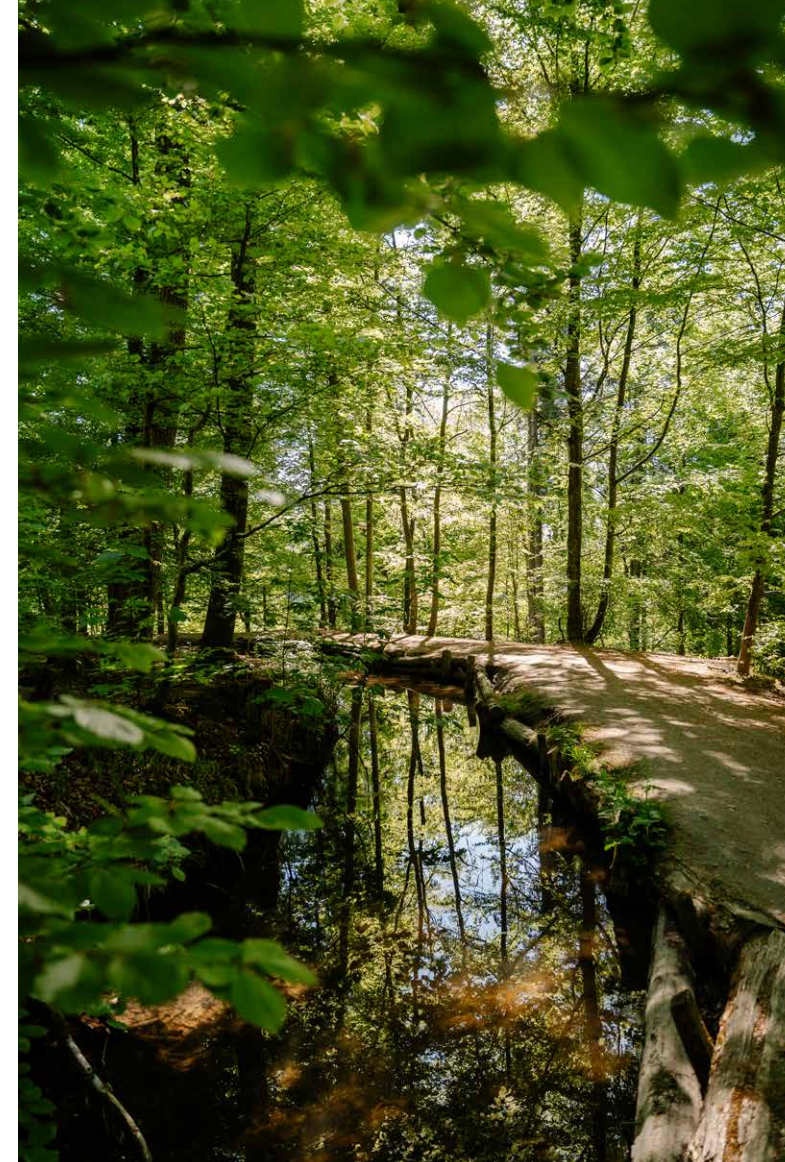
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SPECIAL TIP THE STILLE BACH

Created by Benedictine monks centuries ago, this extensive canal system remains almost entirely in its original state. Along the historic hydraulic trail, you can experience history and nature side by side in perfect harmony.

EAT & RELAX RESTAURANTS AND CAFÉS

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| 1 Acapulco Restaurant & Bar
Löwenplatz 6 | 13 Hotel Gasthof Rössle
Friedhofstraße 3 |
| 2 Restaurant Altdorfer Hof
Burachstraße 12 | 14 Restaurant ku:cook
Abt-Hyller-Straße 37 |
| 3 Bäckerei Frick
Schützenstraße 7-9 | 15 Kultur-Bar-Impuls
Broner Platz 2 |
| 4 Bäckerei und Konditorei Hamma
Karlstraße 17 | 16 Kulturzentrum Linse
Liebfrauenstraße 26 |
| 5 Bäckerei Schwarz
Löwenplatz 8 | 17 Max Café
Kirchstraße 15 |
| 6 Café am Stadtgarten
Gartenstraße 1 | 18 Pizzeria Trattoria Italia
Ettishofener Straße 53 |
| 7 Café Museum
Karlstraße 28 | 19 Restaurant Poseidon
Postplatz 1 |
| 8 Das Martinus
Kirchplatz 4 | 20 Ristorante Pizzeria Aroma
Abt-Hyller Straße 228 |
| 9 India Aroma
Liebfrauenstraße 26 | 21 Ristorante zum Stern
Bronerplatz 4 |
| 10 Eis Café Gelatiarno
Löwenplatz 4 | 22 Shiva Restaurant
Liebfrauenstraße 54 |
| 11 Eis Café Venedig
Karlstraße 14 | 23 Syrlin Speisewelt
Ravensburger Straße 56 |
| 12 Hotel Gasthof Bären
Kirchstraße 3 | 24 Zur Post-Amrit
Postplatz 8 |



All accommodation
and dining options



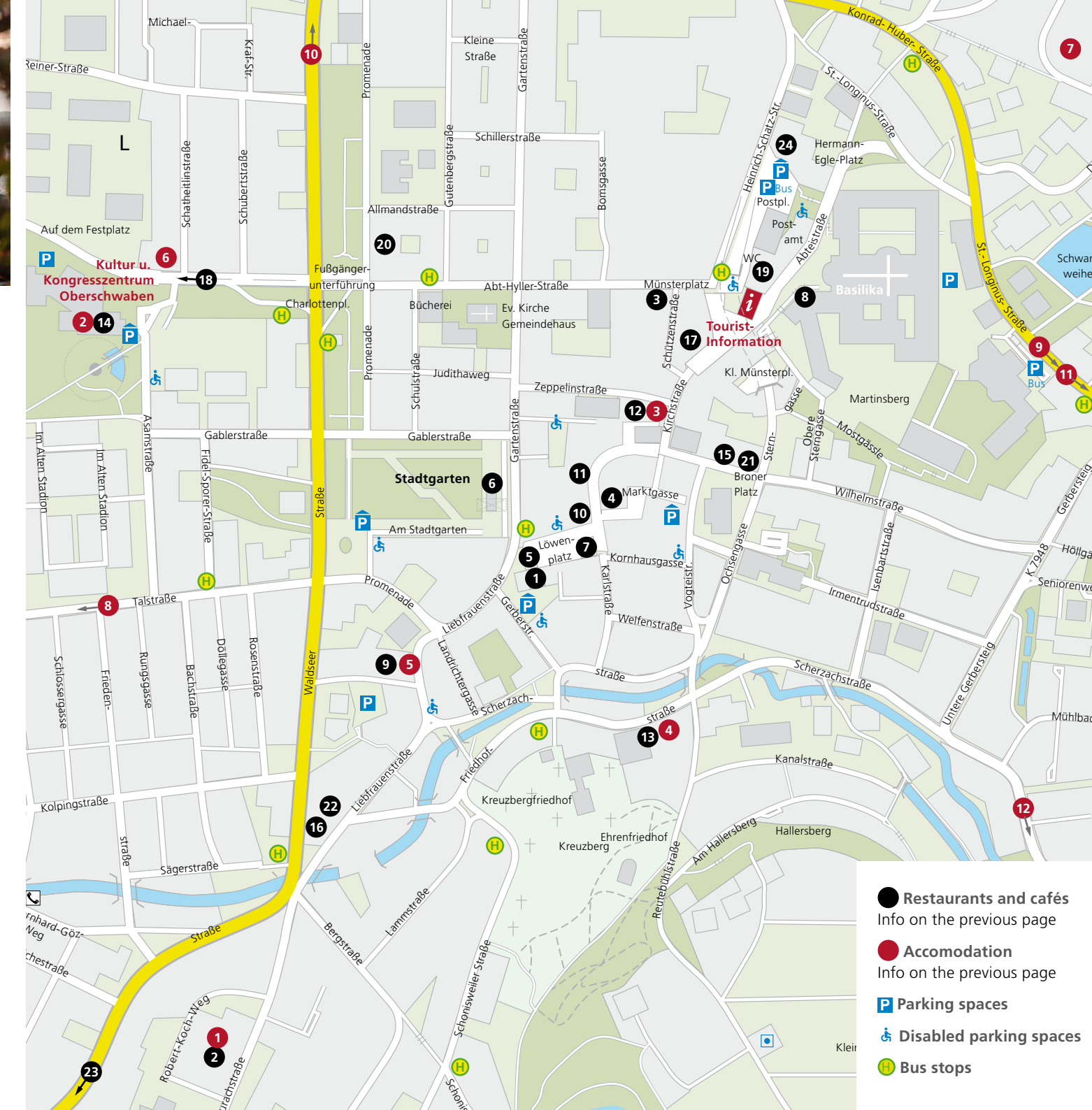
ACCOMMODATION

Hotels

- 1 AKZENT Hotel Altdorfer Hof******
Burachstraße 12
www.altdorfer-hof.de
- 2 Dormero Parkhotel**
Abt-Hyller-Straße 37-39
www.dormero.de/hotel-weingarten
- 3 Hotel Gasthof Bären*****
Kirchstraße 3
www.baeren-weingarten.de
- 4 Hotel Gasthof Rössle**
Friedhofstr. 3-5
www.roessle-weingarten.de
- 5 Hotel Sonne*****
Liebfrauenstraße 26
www.sonnehotel.de

Holiday Apartments

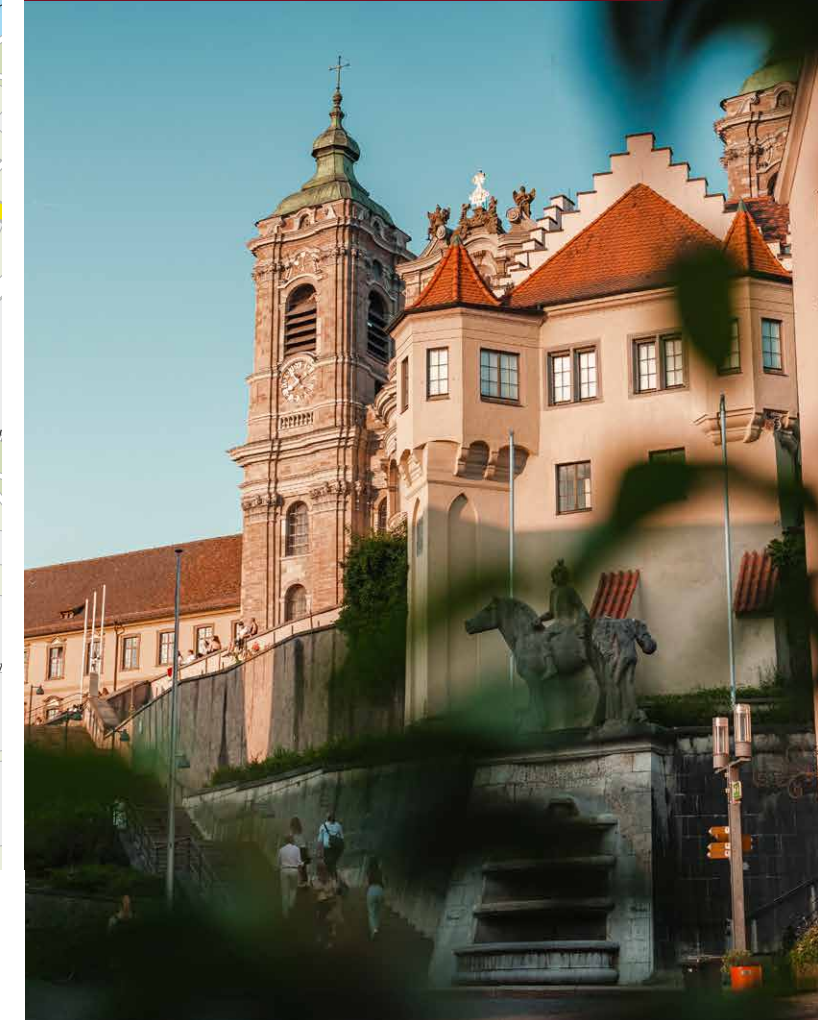
- 6 Wohnen auf Zeit**
Abt-Hyller-Straße 34
www.waz-weingarten.de
- 7 Ferienwohnung-Weingarten**
Fugelstraße 14
www.ferienwohnung-weingarten.de
- 8 Ferienwohnung Steinhilber*****
Keltstraße 1
www.steinhilbers.de
- 9 E&B-Apartments**
Wolfeggerstraße 64
T 0751 44903
- 10 cozy Immo**
Bucherweg 6, 88255 in Baienfurt
www.cozy.immo
- 11 Ferienwohnungen am Rösslerhof**
Rösslerhof, 88281 in Schlier
www.roesslerhof.de
- 12 Ferienwohnung Katzheim**
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