

## Press Release

# From Automobiles to Wine

## Must-sees in Stuttgart

- **The only city in the world with two automobile museums**

With the Mercedes-Benz Museum and the Porsche Museum, Stuttgart is the only city in the world to boast not one, but two automobile museums. For 20 years, the Mercedes-Benz Museum documents the history of the automobile and the Mercedes-Benz brand from the very beginning up to the present day. And visitors to the Porsche Museum can trace the product history of this Stuttgart sports car manufacturer.

- **Who would have known...?**

Many inventions devised in Stuttgart have sweetened people's everyday lives or made them easier. Gottlieb Daimler and Robert Bosch are certainly two of the best-known inventors, but the power saw (Andreas Stihl), the high-pressure cleaner (Alfred Kärcher) and the Leitz ring binder (Louis Leitz) also have their origins in the Stuttgart region. And last but by no means least, of course, so does Ritter Sport chocolate (Alfred and Clara Ritter), still sold today in its unique square bars.

- **The World's most beautiful needle**

The pioneer of all television towers, it's considered an aesthetic and architectural masterpiece: the SWR TV Tower Stuttgart. Constructed 70 years ago, it is one of the city's main landmarks today.

- **Heart of the City**

Palace Square is the heart of the city. A 360° turn gives you a clear view of many of Stuttgart's main attractions: the Old and New Palaces, the Stuttgart Museum of Art, Königstraße, and the Palace Gardens with the Opera House. All year round, this square in the city centre is the stage for countless celebrations and festivals – from the International Festival of Animated Film to the Jazz Open Stuttgart.

- **Europe's largest triple-branch theatre**

The Stuttgart State Theatres are Europe's largest multi-genre theatre. With their long tradition and at the same time a willingness to experiment, they set new benchmarks each season with outstanding performances in opera, ballet and drama. The exterior of the Opera House building itself, built in the style of Classicism, is also well worth seeing.

- **A mecca for culture lovers**

The Stuttgart State Gallery and the Stuttgart Museum of Art are two outstanding showpieces of Stuttgart's art scene. The Stuttgart State Gallery is one of Germany's leading and most visited art galleries and has works from around 800 years of art history. The collection of the Stuttgart Museum of Art comprises more than 15,000 exhibits dating from the late 18<sup>th</sup> century up to the present day. The Museum of Art also owns an important collection of some 250 works by Otto Dix.

- **Stuttgart is a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Site**

The two houses designed by Le Corbusier – the semi-detached building containing the Weissenhof Museum and the detached family home behind it – have been a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Site since 2016, and the first in Stuttgart. Insights into the history and architecture of the Weissenhof Estate are provided by the museum of the same name. In December 2023 the SWR Stuttgart Television Tower was also submitted by Germany on its Tentative List as a potential UNESCO World Cultural Heritage candidate.

- **A culinary trip around the world**

Stuttgart's Art Nouveau Market Hall, built in 1914, is considered one of the most beautiful market halls in the whole of Germany. The listed building with its frescos contains a gourmet's paradise, with 33 stalls selling international delicacies.

- **Wine-loving Stuttgart**

Stuttgart is a city of wine. A unique feature: the vines stretch right into the centre of town. At any time of year the vineyards surrounding the city are a popular place for outings, and one of the finest views over the idyllic Neckar Valley, Stuttgart and the acres of vines is from the Royal Burial Chapel on the Württemberg. One of the region's special features is its so-called "broom taverns" – temporary wine bars where wine growers are allowed to serve only their own wines. The broom at the door shows that they're open for business.

- **Stuttgart for fine food**

Baden-Württemberg's state capital boasts no fewer than seven restaurants with Guide Michelin stars. No less delicious is the regional cuisine that is served, for example, in many of the wine taverns. Typical local specialities include *Zwiebelrostbraten* (fried steak with onions), *Maultaschen* (filled pasta pockets) and *Linsen mit Spätzle* (lentils with Swabian noodles).

- **Drinks in unusual places**

Cocktails in a former bank vault, long drinks in what was once a public toilet, or regional beers in an old saddlery – Stuttgart's bar scene has some unexpected locations.

- **Stuttgart's Promising Prospects**

Stuttgart's topography is unique: The city nestles in a valley basin, surrounded by green hills and vineyards. They afford magnificent panoramic views over the surrounding countryside and the heart of the city. Popular lookout points include, for example, Karlshöhe, Eugensplatz and the Teahouse.

- **Paths with a difference...**

The so-called "Stäffele", meaning steps, or stairways, are a relic from bygone days. In the second half of the 19th century, flights of steps and paths were built to facilitate the cultivation of the steep vineyard terraces. Over 400 of these have survived and lead up to wonderful scenic lookouts and enchanted places.

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