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ASCHAFFENBURG: THE CULTURAL CITY BETWEEN THE SPESSART AND THE RHINE-MAIN AREA

In the midst of the diverse cultural landscape of northern Bavaria and as part of the Frankfurt Rhine-Main metropolitan area, Aschaffenburg sets a striking accent with its museums and cultural highlights.

Shaped through centuries by the archbishops of Mainz and the Bavarian kings, spectacular buildings and outstanding garden landscapes create the exceptional setting. The Renaissance Johannisburg Palace with its internationally significant collections and the unrivalled Pompejanum offer the visitor impressive experiences.

The Aschaffenburg museum landscape introduced here has a special richness: the range extends from nationally respected Modernist art exhibitions to the impressive archaeological collections and highlights of medieval and Renaissance art. In addition to the natural sciences and the history of the city and its industry, the focus is on the internationally famous artists Ernst Ludwig Kirchner and Christian Schad.

Aschaffenburg’s excellent transport connections, the central location of all points of interest, the many possibilities for a stroll through the Old City’s shops, restaurants, and hotels, all entice the visitor to linger and enjoy the many natural and artistic offerings.

ADDITIONAL POINTS OF INTEREST OF THE CITY OF ASCHAFFENBURG

STIFTSKIRCHE / ABBEY CHURCH
Testimony of the religious art of the Middle Ages

POMPEJANUM
The Bavarian kings’ love of antiquity

PARK SCHÖNBUSCH
Garden landscape of international rank

KIRCHNER-HAUS
Birthplace of Ernst Ludwig Kirchner

Further information can be found at:
www.schloesser.bayern.de (Aschaffenburg)
www.kirchnerhaus-aschaffenburg.de
www.stiftsschatz.de (Stiftsbezirk)
THE MUSEUMS OF THE CITY OF ASCHAFFENBURG AT A GLANCE

01 CHRISTIAN SCHAD MUSEUM
Expressionism
Dadaism
New Objectivity
Schadography
Pfaffengasse 26
Phone: +49 60 21 . 3 86 74-0
www.christian-schad-museum.de
Opening June 28, 2019

02 KUNSTHALLE JESUITENKIRCHE
JESUIT CHURCH ART GALLERY
Special exhibitions
Classical Modernism and contemporary art
Pfaffengasse 26
Phone: +49 60 21 . 21 86 98

03 SCHLOSSMUSEUM
PALACE MUSEUM
Renaissance palace and chapel
Cork models
Ernst Ludwig Kirchner
Schlossplatz 4
Phone: +49 60 21 . 3 86 74-0

04 STIFTSMUSEUM
ABBEY MUSEUM
Lucas Cranach the Elder
Tilman Riemenschneider
Abbey treasury
Stiftsplatz 1 a
Phone: +49 60 21 . 4 44 79 50

05 NATURWISSENSCHAFTLICHES MUSEUM
NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM
natural history collections
Schönborner Hof
Wermbachstraße 15
Phone: +49 60 21 . 45 61 05 23

06 MUSEUM JÜDISCHER GESCHICHTE & KULTUR
MUSEUM OF JEWISH HISTORY AND CULTURE
History of Aschaffenburg’s Jewish community
Treibgasse 20
Phone: +49 60 21 . 2 90 87

07 KUNSTLANDING ART GALLERY
Current international art
Landingstraße 16
Phone: +49 60 21 . 29 92 78

08 GENTIL HAUS ARTIST VILLA
“the collector’s passion around 1900”
Grünewaldstraße 20
Phone: +49 60 21 . 3 86 74-0 (Administration)
Christian Schad (1894–1982) is one of the most important protagonists of Modernism: His life is connected with the European cities of Zurich, Geneva, Rome, Vienna, and Berlin and reflects in an exemplary way the art movements of the twentieth century, from Dada, Expressionism, and New Objectivity to Magic Realism after 1945.

In addition to the “icons” of New Objectivity, his international fame was established by his camera-less photography – Schadography. The Christian Schad Museum presents the artist’s persona and his work in the context of social developments.

The architecturally and thematically dynamic and contemporary museum will open on June 28, 2019 together with the Kunsthalle Jesuitenkirche.
Since 1990, the Kunsthalle Jesuitenkirche has been Aschaffenburg's exhibition space for works of classical Modernism and established movements in contemporary art.

In 1612 the Mainz elector Johann Schweikard von Kronberg founded a branch of the Jesuit order in Aschaffenburg and provided funds for the construction of a church, which was completed by 1621.

Today, the deconsecrated sacred space with its stucco decoration offers a striking atmosphere for exhibiting modern art. Generally, three or four temporary exhibitions are mounted annually.

With opening on June 28, 2019 the Kunsthalle Jesuitenkirche und the Christian Schad Museum share a common entrance via the Arkadenhof.
SCHLOSS MUSEUM
PALACE MUSEUM

City history
Decorative arts
Painting
Sculpture
Contemporary Aschaffenburg artists
Special exhibitions

From the Middle Ages Aschaffenburg was the favorite residence of the Archbishops of Mainz, the most powerful spiritual princes in the Holy Roman Empire.

The magnificent Renaissance building is administered by the Bavarian Palace Department and in addition to the state collections has also housed the City of Aschaffenburg’s Palace Museum since 1972. The museum’s 1,400 square meters of space display artworks and historical objects from six centuries.

Regular special exhibitions of regional artists and themes in the decorative arts complement the collections of princely prestige and representation and the history of the city and its industry in the nineteenth century.

Hours:
April to September:
9 am - 6 pm
October to March:
10 am - 4 pm
Closed Mondays
Also closed on January 1, Shrove Tuesday, December 24, 25, and 31.

Barrier-free access
STIFTS MUSEUM

ABBEY MUSEUM

Archaeology
Medieval art
Renaissance art
Baroque sacred art
Abbey treasury

Together with the adjacent Abbey Church and the cloisters dating from around 1200, the Abbey Museum of the City of Aschaffenburg forms a unique ensemble. The atmosphere of these historic buildings brings to life the period of the monastic canons.

Aschaffenburg experienced its first flowering in the Middle Ages and Renaissance. Cardinal Albert of Brandenburg chose the city for his residence.

The major works of the famous Abbey treasury and the Altarpiece of St. Magdalene from the workshop of Lucas Cranach the Elder are highlights in the permanent exhibition.

Hours:
Tuesday to Sunday
11 am - 5 pm
Closed Mondays
The former city palace of the Counts of Schönborn from 1681 has housed the natural history collections since 1970, some of which trace back to the collection of the former Royal Bavarian Forestry Academy.

Not only the local flora and fauna are presented, but numerous exotic animals and plants can be discovered here as well. The geology and mineralogy departments introduce the topography and geological history of the Spessart region.

Numerous educational offerings for children, families, and adults are offered by the Tour Guide Network.
MUSEUM OF JEWISH HISTORY AND CULTURE

Witness to the former Jewish community

The permanent exhibition on the history of the former Jewish community in Aschaffenburg extends from the first mention in 1267 to the persecution under the Nazis.

Historical documents such as photographs and newspaper articles and advertisements illustrate the constantly changing life of the community. It is also clear how profoundly Jewish citizens shaped the city's economic and cultural life. Numerous cult objects, including a changing exhibition of Torah wimpels and objects from the working world are the last, impressive testaments of the centuries-long history.

The rabbinate house in which the museum is located today once stood in close vicinity to the synagogue, built in 1891–93. A model shows the urban layout and a film with a 3-D reconstruction of the synagogue, destroyed during Kristallnacht in 1938, vividly presents the imposing former building.

Hours:
Wednesday  9 am - 4 pm
Thursday    2 pm - 6 pm
Every first Sunday in the month  2 pm - 4 pm
June - September:
every Sunday  2 pm - 4 pm

Admission is free
Guides available anytime by arrangement.
ART GALLERY

Neuer Kunstverein Aschaffenburg e. V.

International art
Experimental projects
Regional artists

The classical building on Landingstraße has been used since 1997 by the Neuer Kunstverein Aschaffenburg e. V. for exhibition projects with international and regional artists.

Four to five exhibitions are mounted annually. An accompanying program with artist’s talks, guided tours, film evenings, readings, and creative activities for children supplements the offerings.

The annual Christmas art market at the beginning of December has become a popular event. In the summer the shady courtyard offers a quiet oasis in the middle of the city.
A successful factory owner, Anton Gentil (1867–1951) was able to amass a large fortune and became a part of Aschaffenburg’s history as a collector, artist, and donor.

Over the course of his life he built several fanciful villas in the city, which he furnished with his spectacular and varied art collection. In 1949 he donated the property on Grünewaldstraße including the precious art treasures to his hometown: in this way, a whimsical “collector’s house” has been preserved unchanged to the present day, its originality and special atmosphere interpreting the tradition of the Arts and Crafts movement in its own unique way.

Visits are only possible by prior appointment or as part of a public tour:
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Aschaffenburg can also be reached conveniently with the ICE (Frankfurt-Aschaffenburg 30 minutes). All museum visitors presenting a valid train ticket for the day receive reduced admission.

We look forward to your visit!