

Days out & good food around the Wied valley

Welcome! Hausen sits in the middle of the Wied valley, between the wooded hills of the Westerwald and the river Rhine – and both are only minutes away. On the following pages you will find our favourite places within roughly 30 miles (50 km), ordered from „right on the doorstep“ to „worth a full day“, plus restaurant recommendations and a few practical notes. Enjoy exploring!

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28 places to visit

6 restaurant tips

all within 30 miles

rainy-day list

1 Right on the doorstep

Wied valley & Westerwald – everything under 20 minutes



Wiedtalbad Hausen

in the village

0 km · on foot

Indoor and outdoor pool right here in the village – the classic for hot afternoons and the best fallback on a rainy day. Early-morning lane swimming Tue–Fri, 7:30–8:30 am.

family rainy day inexpensive

wiedtalbad.de · Outdoor pool from approx. €5 · indoor pool from approx. €5.40 · closed Mondays · sauna currently closed

Hiking in the Wied valley

Waldbreitbach & around

approx. 4 km · 5 min

The Wiedweg long-distance trail (107 km, 8 stages) runs practically past the front door: tight river bends, rock outcrops, shady hillside woods. Around Waldbreitbach there are signposted circular routes from 5 to 15 km – perfect for half a day.

free dogs all year

wiedtal.de · Maps and stage brochures are available at the Waldbreitbach tourist office

Waldbreitbach, the monastery village

Waldbreitbach

approx. 4 km · 5 min

Above the village lies the convent hill of the Waldbreitbach Franciscan sisters, with a Way of the Cross, a monastery garden and wide views over the valley. Below, a pretty village centre with cafés. In Advent, Waldbreitbach is known for its nativity scenes.

free relaxed

wiedtal.de

The three „Zwergenwege“ (dwarf trails)

Rengsdorf

approx. 12 km · 18 min

Three short family circuits (2 to 4.2 km) with quiz booklets for ages 5–7 and 8–10: a dwarf obstacle course and a fallow deer enclosure you can feed, a bat tunnel, and a big playground with a view over the Rhine valley. Completed quiz sheets earn a small reward.

family free dogs

rengsdorfer-land.de · Quiz booklets from boxes along the trail or at the tourist office

Altwied castle ruins

Neuwied-Altwied

approx. 15 km · 20 min

A picturesque ruin of the Counts of Wied on a rock spur in a tight bend of the river, freely accessible. Below it sits the small half-timbered village of Altwied. Ideal as a short walk with a real destination.

free family dogs

Freely accessible all year

Ehrenstein Monastery

Asbach / Neustadt (Wied)

approx. 14 km · 20 min

A former monastery of the Crosiers dating from 1489, tucked into a bend of the river – church, castle buildings and a great deal of quiet. Pleasant circular walks all around.

quiet free

kloster-ehrenstein.de · No fixed visiting hours are published – best to call ahead

2 The Rhine, castles & Romans

The Middle Rhine is on the doorstep – 20 to 50 minutes



Linz am Rhein

Linz

approx. 13 km · 20 min

„The colourful town on the Rhine“ and the nearest place for an outing: a fully preserved medieval old town of brightly painted half-timbered houses, the Rhine gate, Linz castle and a riverside promenade. Half a day of ice cream, coffee and strolling.

family

strolling is free

dogs

linz.de · Same town: the Kaschachtalbahnhof railway and the car ferry to Remagen

Arenfels Castle

Bad Hönningen

approx. 13 km · 20 min

A neo-Gothic hilltop castle high above the Rhine, known as „the castle of 365 windows“. Public tours from April to early October on Sundays and public holidays at 1 pm, about 60 minutes, no booking needed. There is also a castle café with a view.

guided tour

café

schloss-arenfels.com · Tour approx. €9.90 · children 6–18 approx. €4.90

RömerWelt am caput limitis

Rheinbrohl

approx. 14 km · 20 min

A hands-on museum at the starting point of the Upper German-Raetian Limes (a UNESCO World Heritage Site): a reconstructed watchtower, palisade, Roman bread oven and plenty of activities – grinding grain, trying on legionary kit, archery.

family

partly indoors

dogs outside

roemer-welt.de · Season approx. mid-March to early November, Tue–Sun · adults approx. €6, children approx. €4

Erpeler Ley

Erpel

approx. 20 km · 25 min

A 191 m basalt dome directly above the Rhine, with a viewing platform: the Siebengebirge hills, the Eifel and the surviving piers of the „Bridge at Remagen“ on the opposite bank. The climb is short but properly steep.

free

views

dogs on lead

Steep drops at the top – please keep hold of children

Rheinsteig stage: Unkel – Linz

Unkel

approx. 20 km · 25 min

The finest day hike in the area: a good 10 km and around 3.5 hours through the Hähnerbach valley with its small waterfall, over the Stuxhöhe viewpoint and the Erpeler Ley, then past Ockenfels castle down into the old town of Linz.

hiking

free

dogs

rheinsteig.de · Easy return by train from Linz to Unkel

Rommersdorf Abbey

Neuwied-Heimbach-Weis

approx. 24 km · 30 min

A former Premonstratensian abbey with a Romanesque-Gothic chancel, cloister, baroque refectories and three gardens. Open from Easter to early November on Sundays, 1–6 pm, with free guided tours on the hour.

rainy day

guided tour

restaurant

abtei-rommersdorf.de · Concerts and theatre in summer – worth checking the events calendar

Drachenfels & Drachenburg Castle

Königswinter

approx. 30 km · 35 min

The Rhine classic: the historic rack railway up to the hilltop ruin, with panoramic views over the Rhine valley and the Siebengebirge, and halfway up the fairytale-like 19th-century Drachenburg Castle with its park and viewing tower.

family

views

schloss-drachenburg.de · Rack railway booked separately: drachenfelsbahn.de · check prices in advance

Maria Laach & Laacher See

Glees / Eifel

approx. 35–45 km · 45 min

One of the best-preserved Romanesque churches in Germany, right beside the crater lake of the Laacher See volcano. Church and grounds are freely accessible; there is also a monastery shop, a nursery, restaurants, boat hire and a flat 8 km lakeside path.

family

mostly free

dogs outside

maria-laach.de · Shorter via the Bad Hönningen – Bad Breisig ferry

3 Families, animals & rainy days

When the children want to come along, or the sky turns grey



Neuwied Zoo

Neuwied-Gladbach

approx. 22 km · 28 min

Around 1,200 animals on 13 hectares of woodland – lions, tigers, coatis, kangaroos – plus a large petting and children's area with playgrounds. Open 365 days a year, which makes it the most reliable plan B in the region.

family

all year

no dogs

zooneuwied.de · Adults approx. €20, children 3–15 approx. €10.50 · paid parking

Andernach Geyser

Andernach

approx. 32 km · 40 min

The tallest cold-water geyser in the world shoots 50–60 m into the air. The visit is a timed „expedition“ combining an exhibition centre and a boat trip out to the geyser field, lasting around 2.5 to 3 hours.

family, age 5+

exhibition indoors

geysir-andernach.de · Season approx. late March to end of October · book ahead · adults approx. €21.50

Butterfly Garden & Sayn Castle

Bendorf-Sayn

approx. 28 km · 35 min

Two tropical glasshouses with hundreds of free-flying butterflies – atlas moths, blue morphos – plus orchids, koi and a caterpillar house where you can see eggs, caterpillars and pupae. In the same park: the neo-Gothic princely castle and the historic Sayner Hütte ironworks.

family

excellent in the rain

no dogs

sayn.de · Season approx. mid-March to early November · combined ticket approx. €17

Kristall Rheinpark-Therme

Bad Hönningen

approx. 12 km · 18 min

A thermal brine spa with indoor and outdoor pools, a waterfall, a current channel and a large sauna area. Free parking.

excellent in the rain

relaxation

kristall-rheinpark-therme.de · Note: under-16s only on family days (Mon, Tue, Sat)

Kaschtalbahnhof railway

Linz am Rhein

approx. 13 km · 20 min

A red 1950s railbus on one of the steepest adhesion railways in Germany: 19 minutes up through the narrow, wooded Kaschtal valley to Kalenborn. The classic plan is to ride up, walk back down through the valley and stop somewhere for a drink.

family

rainy day

zugtouren.de · Sat, Sun and holidays from approx. March to December, also Wednesdays in summer · family ticket approx. €28

Meurin Roman Quarry

Kretz

approx. 28–38 km · 40 min

The largest ancient underground quarry north of the Alps, walkable beneath a protective hall: Roman tuff-stone extraction chambers and working replicas of Roman lifting and building machines you can try out.

family

fully covered

roemerbergwerk.de · Season approx. mid-March to end of October, Tue–Sun · adults approx. €7, family approx. €15

Vulkan-Express, Brohl valley

Brohl-Lützing

approx. 20–35 km · 30–45 min

A narrow-gauge railway climbing into the volcanic Eifel: 18 km with open observation carriages, and steam haulage on selected dates. At the top in Engeln the Vulkanpark walking trails begin.

family

dogs free

vulkan-express.de · Much shorter via the Bad Hönningen – Bad Breisig ferry · family day ticket approx. €40

MONREPOS – Archaeological Research Centre

Neuwied

approx. 18 km · 25 min

2.5 million years of human history in a modern museum inside a small palace, with a tablet tour and the „Mission Mammoth“ children's trail. Combines nicely with a walk in the surrounding park.

family

rainy day

bistro

monrepos.leiza.de · Wed–Sun and public holidays, 10 am – 5 pm

4 Towns & full-day trips

For a whole day out – 40 to 55 minutes



Bonn

Bonn

approx. 40 km · 40 min

The best rainy day in the region: five major museums sit side by side on the Museumsmeile, among them the Haus der Geschichte with free admission, the Bundeskunsthalle and the Kunstmuseum. Plus the Beethoven House, the minster, the market square and the Rheinauen park.

excellent in the rain

family

partly free

visit-bonn-region.de · Haus der Geschichte: Tue–Fri 9 am – 6 pm, Sat/Sun 10 am – 6 pm, closed Mondays

Koblenz

Koblenz

approx. 40 km · 45 min

The Deutsches Eck at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle, the old town and – the highlight – the Rhine cable car across the river up to the vast Prussian fortress of Ehrenbreitstein, with exhibitions and panoramic terraces.

family

views

visit-koblenz.de · Combined cable car + fortress ticket approx. €22 adults, children 7–17 approx. €8.90

Andernach

Andernach

approx. 32 km · 40 min

One of the oldest towns in Germany, with an almost complete ring of town walls, the Round Tower and a Romanesque minster – and nationally known as the „edible city“: public beds of vegetables, fruit and herbs that anyone may pick.

free

family

dogs

andernach-begeistert.de · Easy to combine with the geyser – the visitor centre is on the riverbank

Bad Neuenahr-Ahrweiler & the Ahr valley

Ahr valley

approx. 30–50 km · 45–55 min

Ahrweiler has one of the loveliest walled half-timbered old towns anywhere, and next door Bad Neuenahr has its spa gardens. On the edge of town, the Roman Villa museum preserves a walkable Roman country estate under a protective roof. For walkers: the Rotweinwanderweg through the steep Ahr red-wine vineyards.

hiking

wine

Roman Villa is covered

ahrtal.com · Shorter via the Linz – Remagen ferry · the region is still rebuilding after the 2021 flood

Arp Museum Bahnhof Rolandseck

Remagen-Rolandseck

approx. 22–40 km · 30–45 min

Modern art in a neoclassical Rhine railway station linked to a light-filled new building by Richard Meier: works by Hans Arp and Sophie Taeuber-Arp plus changing exhibitions – and a panoramic view across the Rhine to the Siebengebirge.

excellent in the rain

art

café

arpmuseum.org · Tue–Sun 11 am – 6 pm · adults approx. €12, family approx. €18, under-12s free · shorter via the Linz – Remagen ferry

Bad Honnef & Grafenwerth island

Bad Honnef

approx. 28 km · 35 min

The „Nice of the Rhineland“ at the foot of the Siebengebirge: a mild climate, a villa quarter, spa gardens and a lovely riverside promenade. A bridge leads across to the Rhine island of Grafenwerth, with parkland and flat paths along the water.

free

easy walking

dogs

bad-honnef.de · Combines well with the Drachenfels for a full day

Where to eat – our recommendations

Listed by distance. Almost all of these are small places – please book a table, especially at weekends.

Hotel-Restaurant „Zur Post“

Wiedtalstr. 55, 53547 Roßbach (Wied) · approx. 4 km · 6 min

4.8 / 5

Tripadvisor (20 reviews) · Slow Food guide

REGIONAL & SEASONAL

Our neighbourhood tip, and the closest address for a properly good evening. The Weingarten family has cooked strictly regional food here for some 30 years; the restaurant is listed in the German Slow Food guide.

WHAT THEY SERVE

Beef consommé with wild garlic ravioli · braised beef (Sauerbraten) · Eifel beef rump steak · slow-braised lamb shank · house-made caramel salt ice cream

families welcome

booking advised

Prices Mains approx. €14–28

Phone +49 2638 2559910

Closed Closed Mon + Tue

zur-post-rossbach.de

Landgasthof Lacher Stall

Bergstr. 15, 53547 Roßbach-Lache · approx. 5 km · 8 min

4.7 / 5

Google (377 reviews)

REFINED COUNTRY COOKING, GERMAN-ITALIAN

The cosiest beer garden around, under a large chestnut tree – inside there is a fireplace room and a conservatory. Certified as a „Wanderbares Deutschland“ quality host, so turning up in hiking boots is entirely fine.

WHAT THEY SERVE

The house „Lacher Stall Steak“ · grilled rump steak with herb butter · duck confit · spare ribs · house-made filled pasta, gluten-free on request

beer garden

dogs welcome

families

Prices Mains approx. €15–25

Phone +49 2638 94190

Closed Closed Tue

lacherstall.de

Paganetti's „Zur Erholung“

Waldbreitbacher Str. 15, 53547 Breitscheid-Verscheid · approx. 7 km · 10 min

4.7 / 5

Aggregated from approx. 1,400 reviews · Tripadvisor 4.3 (38 reviews)

TRADITIONAL GERMAN, REGIONAL

A family house since 1875 and something of a local institution, recognised as a „Naturgenuss“ host for its regional sourcing. The view terrace over the Wied valley is a treat, especially for Sunday afternoon coffee and cake.

WHAT THEY SERVE

House mixed grill · rump steaks · pork fillets „Romanoff“ · seasonal chanterelle dishes · regional game and beef · a separate fish menu

view terrace

children's menu

step-free access

Prices Mains approx. €20–30 · children's menu from approx. €5.50

Phone +49 2638 4139

Closed Closed Mon + Tue

paganettis.de

Restaurant Corona at Hotel zur Post

Mittelstr. 13, 56579 Hardert · approx. 14 km · 18 min

Bib Gourmand

MICHELIN Guide · Tripadvisor 4.6 (43 reviews) · Schlemmer
Atlas 2.5 spoons

MEDITERRANEAN-FRENCH, FINE DINING

The address for a special evening. Head chef Sergio Corona was deputy head chef at a three-star restaurant; the MICHELIN Guide lists the place as a Bib Gourmand – good cooking at a fair price.

WHAT THEY SERVE

Wild prawns and scallops with tomato bread salad · monkfish with couscous and Mediterranean vegetables · two four-course menus · the house dessert selection

fine dining

terrace

book ahead

Prices Mains approx. €18–30 · four-course menu approx. €45–58

Phone +49 2634 2727

Closed Closed Mon + Tue

restaurantcorona.de

Restaurant Rheinblick

In der Mark 2, 53545 Ockenfels, near Linz · approx. 17 km · 22 min

4.6 / 5

OpenTable (small number of reviews)

MODERN COUNTRY COOKING

You come here for the panoramic terrace: an open view across the Rhine valley to the Eifel. The kitchen makes a lot from scratch and has an unusually strong vegetarian and vegan selection.

WHAT THEY SERVE

Grilled Namibian rump steak · fish plate with wild salmon, prawns and octopus · 12-hour braised herb turkey roast · vegan: vegetable curry, falafel cheeseburger

panoramic terrace

dogs welcome

vegan options

Prices Mains approx. €16–30

Phone +49 2644 9689064

Closed Closed Mon–Wed

rheinblick-ockenfels.de

Weinbistro Marktwirtschaft

Marktplatz 6, 53545 Linz am Rhein · approx. 18 km · 23 min

4.9 / 5

Tripadvisor (small number of reviews) – top-rated in Linz

FRENCH-GERMAN WINE BISTRO

Bistro, wine shop and café directly on the historic market square – the perfect stop after a wander through the colourful old town. The wine list features growers from the Middle Rhine and the Ahr; lighter at lunch, more ambitious in the evening.

WHAT THEY SERVE

House-made tarte flambée as the speciality · lunch menu of classics and soups · in the evening, dishes such as rib-eye steak · breakfast, coffee and cake

terrace on the square

wine shop

Prices Tarte flambée from approx. €10 · evening mains approx. €18–30

Phone +49 2644 800820

Closed Closing days vary – please call ahead

weinbistro-marktwirtschaft.de

Also worth a look: **Fra Bartolo**, Unkel – Italian, grilled specialities, house-baked bread and an ice cream counter next door. Google 4.8 / 5 from over 300 reviews, closed Mondays, tel. +49 1511 0417733. · **Weinhaus Im Lämmlein**, Unkel – a Rhineland wine tavern serving tarte flambée and „Oma Leni’s farmhouse platter“, Tripadvisor 4.8 / 5, closed Mon + Tue, tel. +49 2224 3179. · **Nassen’s Mühle** and the **Klosterbergterrassen** in Waldbreitbach both sit in lovely spots and are only minutes away.

Good to know

The Rhine ferries are your shortcut

There is no road bridge over the Rhine between Neuwied and Bonn. For every destination on the left bank – the Ahr valley, Maria Laach, the Brohl valley, Bad Breisig, Remagen – the car ferries save 10 to 20 km and often a quarter of an hour:

Linz – Remagen ferry	approx. 13 km to the landing stage	rheinfaehre-linz-remagen.de
Bad Hönningen – Bad Breisig ferry	approx. 12 km to the landing stage	faehre-badhoenningen.de

The ferries run seasonally and not at all when the river is very high or very low – if in doubt, check the website first.

When it rains

The most reliable options for a grey day, by distance:

Wiedtalbad Hausen	in the village	indoor pool on the doorstep
Kristall Rheinpark-Therme	18 min	thermal brine, sauna – under-16s Mon/Tue/Sat only
Meurin Roman Quarry	40 min	fully covered
Butterfly Garden, Sayn	35 min	tropical glasshouse
MONREPOS, Neuwied	25 min	museum with a children's trail
Museumsmeile, Bonn	40 min	five museums, one of them free
Neuwied Zoo	28 min	open 365 days, but largely outdoors
Rommersdorf Abbey	30 min	Sundays, with a guided tour

Practical notes

Emergency 112 (fire & ambulance) · **Police** 110 · **Out-of-hours doctor** 116 117 · **Poison helpline, Mainz** +49 6131 19240

Shopping & fuel Supermarkets, bakeries and petrol stations in Waldbreitbach and Neustadt (Wied); larger supermarkets in Neuwied and Linz. On Sundays usually only the bakery opens, in the morning.

Maps & tips The Wiedtal tourist office in Waldbreitbach has maps, brochures and event listings – wiedtal.de

Mobile signal Reception is patchy in the valley – for hikes, download your route for offline use beforehand.

Dogs On the valley trails dogs must be on a lead during the nesting and breeding season, 1 March to 15 July.

Please note: Distances and driving times are approximate, from Hausen (Wied). Prices, opening hours and closing days were researched in August 2026 and change often – a look at the website listed, or a call before you set off, saves disappointment. Restaurant ratings are from Google, Tripadvisor, OpenTable and the MICHELIN Guide. No guarantee is given for any detail.

We hope you have a wonderful time in the Wied valley.