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# Heidelberg. Our town.

"A FAMILY FRIENDLY TOWN – THAT'S WHAT I STAND FOR."
DR. ECKART WÜRZNER, MAYOR AND PATRON OF THE
'BÜNDNIS FÜR FAMILIE HEIDELBERG'

Heidelberg exists due to the diverse activities of its companies. As employers, we are strong members of this town and closely connected to it. We believe Heidelberg is a great place for our companies and our employees to live and work.

Together we have committed ourselves to the 'Bündnis für Familie Heidelberg', the Alliance of Heidelberg Families. We have developed this brochure in order to advise people of the wide range of opportunities that the town offers.

Through this brochure, we want to show how Heidelberg is an active, diverse, charming, and family friendly community with much tradition! "As a new citizen of Heidelberg, the reasons to come here with my family are still very clear, namely to live in a town offering optimal work and living conditions. There are many good reasons to make the decision to move to and live in Heidelberg.

Creating this brochure has made me more aware of Heidelberg's strengths. It has also been interesting speaking with people who have lived in Heidelberg their whole lives and comparing their point of view of the town with mine.

We found out that many aspects of Heidelberg that make it livable and family friendly are unique: a comfortable infrastructure, cultural diversity, many opportunities for recreation, and events in the surrounding areas."

Sonja Troch

The Neckar shores: A place to go for a walk, relax, or play sports and games.





# Heidelberg. Worth living in.

QUALITY OF LIVE - THE ASPECT OF HEIDELBERG ITS RESIDENTS APPRECIATE MOST.

**Mediterranean climate** – A climate that supports figs, tomatoes, and eggplants, almonds, and melons, which are normally only found in Southern Europe. Heidelberg has mild evening temperatures in the spring and summer, making it feel like the holidays for a couple hours on a daily basis.

**Townscape** – From afar the Heidelberg castle, which was destroyed in the War of the Palatine Succession, dominates the landscape. In the city center and along the Neckar River, there are quaint little streets in the historical area and different guarters with their own unique flair. The Neckar River flows in direction of the Rhine lowlands, the Odenwald, and the Bergstrasse.

**Culture and Pleasure** – Friends of theatre, music and art as well as people loving cinema enjoy the vast range.

Leisure and Nature – The Neckar River, parks, forests, and mountains offer many opportunities for sports and nature lovers.

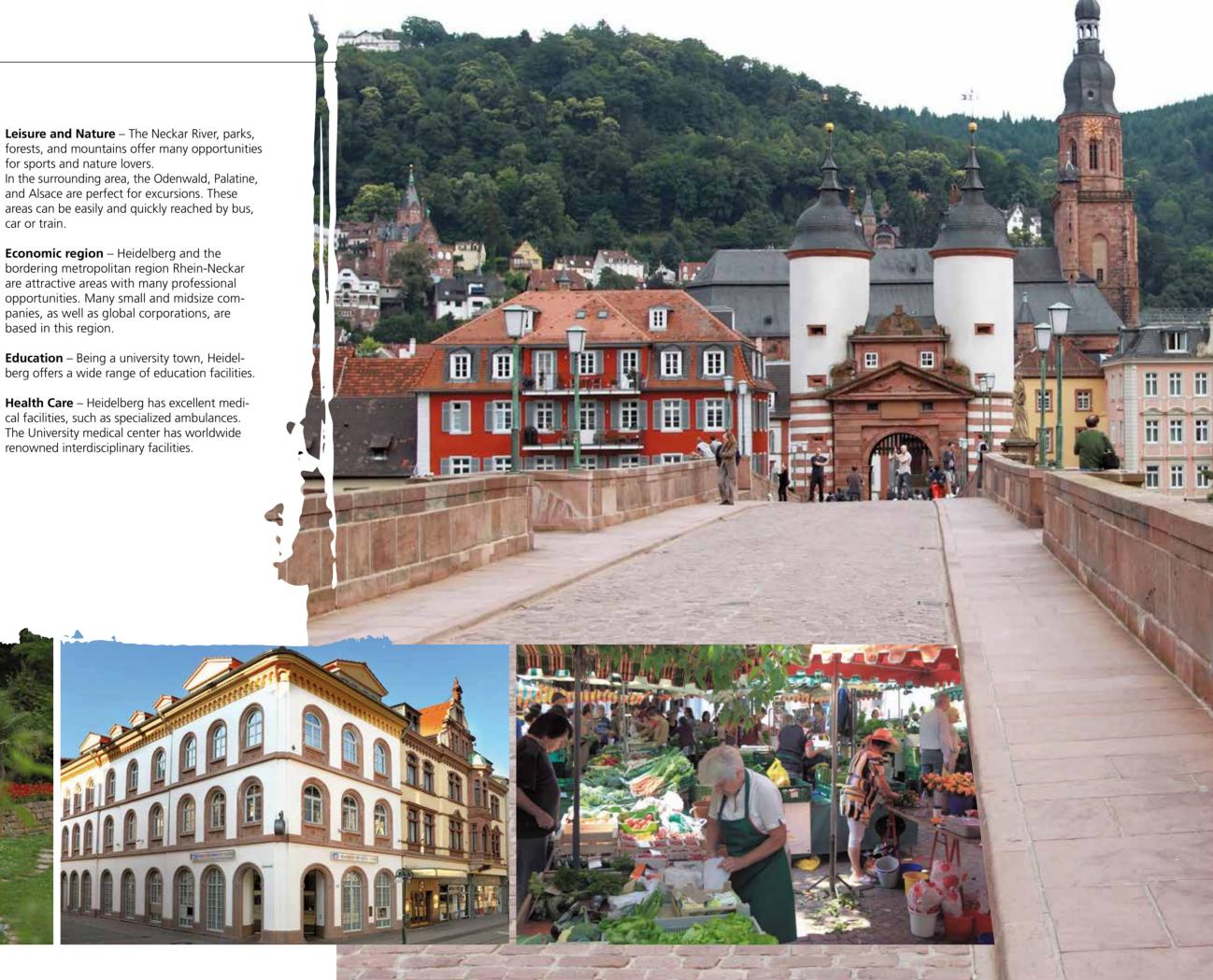
In the surrounding area, the Odenwald, Palatine, and Alsace are perfect for excursions. These areas can be easily and quickly reached by bus, car or train.

**Economic region** – Heidelberg and the bordering metropolitan region Rhein-Neckar are attractive areas with many professional opportunities. Many small and midsize companies, as well as global corporations, are based in this region.

**Education** – Being a university town, Heidelberg offers a wide range of education facilities.

cal facilities, such as specialized ambulances. The University medical center has worldwide

One town, many faces: The Philosophengardens, historic buildings, and markets in the different quarters provide spaces to relax and learn.



# Heidelberg. A nice place to live.

**FULL OF TRADITION AND VIBRANT** – WORTH LIVING AND WORKING IN

**Arriving and living** – It is not always easy to find a suitable apartment or house. Here are some tips and advice for your search:

Newspaper – On Wednesdays and Saturdays the local Rhein-Neckar newspaper (RNZ) publishes apartments and houses to buy and rent. We also recommend to place an advertisement.

Cooperative building societies – some of them offer economical living spaces.

Estate agents – It is useful to switch to one of the free agents in the different web portals in order to be "close to the market". Unconventional ways – Using your own personal network is often successful. Small advertisements posted in the different quarters may also be helpful.

Property – Through a special program Heidelberg supports families who want to buy property.

**Active Town Development** – Newly constructed quarters have all the characteristics of the existing ones, but also have their own individual character.

**Region** – The commute to Heidelberg is very easy, so it is also worth considering moving to the beautiful surrounding areas.

Living in Heidelberg: Different quarters with their own individual character and style make Heidelberg



# Heidelberg. Family friendly.

**VARIETY** – HEIDELBERG OFFERS MANY DIFFERENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE CARE AND LEISURE OF CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS.

Care – Compared with other towns in Baden-Württemberg, the rate of childcare for children under the age of three is extremely high. There are many different care possibilities both part-time and full-time, such as bilingual, alternative education, or integrative concepts care. There are municipal and private facilities, family care, and qualified baby sitters.

Schools – The variety of schools is extraordinary. There are different types of both public and private schools. There are also elementary schools with full-time care and additional programs, as well as evening classes.

Moreover, there are good advisory and support services for handicapped children and teenagers, as well as those with special abilities.

Holiday service – There are many offers from different agencies: Between nursery school and later school years, a child in Heidelberg will never be bored. There are hourly and weekly care services in local schools, recreation programs offered in foreign countries, nature excursions, as well as sports and science camps.

**Sport** – Sports are very well organized by the different clubs in Heidelberg's quarters. Children, teenagers, and adults have the choice of many different sports in different levels. Classically popular sports like football and gymnastics are available, as well as less popular ones like rugby and rowing on the Neckar River.

**Teenagers** – There are meeting points in the different quarters open to all teenagers. In addition, there are a variety of youth associations overseen by the municipal youth department.

Family in Heidelberg: Adaptable, important, family friendly.













# Heidelberg. **Generation-friendly.**

ACTIVE - HEIDELBERG IS A TOWN FOR ALL.

KONTAKTE UND ADRESSEN.

**For every age** – There are many good reasons to live with your family in Heidelberg. Both parents and grandparents enjoy what the town has to offer. Heidelberg makes it possible to live actively until old age.

The 'Akademie für Ältere' for instance is one institution with many cultural, educational, and athletic opportunities in the different town

There are many groups that enable people to engage themselves by choosing their own leisure activities. Different consulting and support facilities meet the demands of young and old people. These facilities help answer the elderly's questions and organize their residents' living situations.

Active during all ages: Interesting opportunities in every phase of life.



# www.familie-heidelberg.de

Information about reconciling family care and work: Babysitter exchange, holiday care and offers for women with the desire to re-enter the job market

# www.heidelberg.de/familie

Information regarding the topics: Family life, childcare, holiday care, senior citizens and living

## www.akademie-fuer-aeltere.de

Education and leisure activities for senior citizens

# www.heidelberg-marketing.de

Culture, events and leisure time in Heidelberg

Database for parents with information about

# www.paed-aktiv.de

Full-day, afternoon and holiday childcare at schools in Heidelberg

### www.rnz.de

The local editorial: job advertisements, housing market, etc.

# www.sportkreis-heidelberg.de

Information about the local sports clubs in Heidelberg

## www.sjr-heidelberg.de

Leisure time activities and vacation programs for teens at:

# www.ferienpilot-heidelberg.de

### www.vhs-hd.de

A diverse education program for all age groups

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