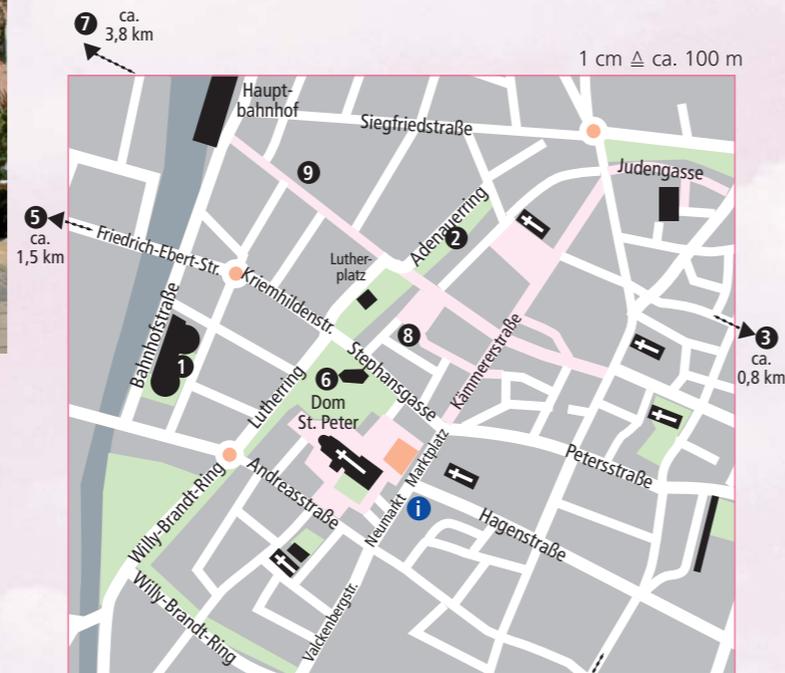




be held here as well as smaller intimate events. There is space for all kinds of conferences, trade fairs, concerts, cabarets, club meetings, carnival meetings and much more. In the past few years, the city's squares and pedestrian zones have been redesigned, trees have been planted and the parks have been enlarged. Thanks to the imaginative city gardeners, the **former moat (2)** is a sea of flowers from the spring to the autumn, which changes according to the season. A long time ago, the people of Worms developed an appetite for the southern way of life and they enjoy strolling through the shopping streets and drinking cappuccino and espresso in the street cafés.



The Rhine is a popular leisure destination. On the **Rhine promenade (3)**, with its wide variety of eating venues, you can walk under shady plane trees, drink a cool beer from the local brewery or have a good time at the beach bar. Anyone who has children - but not only them -, can cycle into the Wormser Wäldchen to the **zoo (4)**, which is extended and



- 1 The Wormser
- 2 Former moat
- 3 Fairground/Rhine promenade
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## worms: city of variety



Events

## Experience and celebrate



Whether the term Wonnegau has something to do with the Celtic tribe of the Vangiones or whether it was coined much later to give the appropriate attribute to the fruitful, sun-drenched region on the Rhine, is uncertain. One thing is clear: people have settled in this blessed region with its endless vineyards and stately villages since ancient times, and Worms was and is the metropolis steeped in history and shrouded in legend.



The old town has experienced a lot and has had to put up with terrible destruction time after time, most recently in the Second World War. A lot has been done since then. What was worthy of preservation was painstakingly restored, what was lost was replaced, new buildings were built. The most beautiful ensemble from the post-war period is, without doubt, the culture and conference centre, "**The Wormser**" (1), a successful architectural extension of the old theatre. In this building, elegance is combined with functionality. Due to its variable design and equipment with the latest technology, large events can



improved year by year. Its stars are undoubtedly the wolves, which can be observed from a tower. They have recently faced competition from the kangaroos. However, other inhabitants of the zoo, various kinds of monkey, farm animals, cute meerkats and graceful pink flamingos, also delight young and old visitors. The adventure garden with the environment house right next door invites visitors to meet the plant world, to research and experiment.

Rest and relaxation, exercise and games cannot only be found in the "Waldchen" with the neighbouring **Bürgerweide (4)**, but also in the rest of Worms Park. Along with the historic **Karl Bittel Park (5)**, which the people of Worms call Pfrimmpark, and the **Heylshof Park (6)**, which reveals its very own magic during the Nibelungen Festival, in particular, **Herrnsheim**

**Park (7)**, located in the north west of the city, is a park of importance. It is part of a baroque castle complex which is well worth seeing, with a managed orangery, and was designed as an English garden. Anyone who likes playing sport can indulge their passion in a variety of ways in Worms: riding, gliding, swimming, tennis and, of course, football - everything is possible. For years, a skating rink in Marktplatz in the centre of the city has been an added attraction in winter.

In the evenings, you can meet in cosy wine taverns or pubs, go to the opera or cabaret at the "Wormser", enjoy smaller scale performing arts and readings at the **Lincoln theatre (8)**, see the special film at the **KW-Cinema (9)**. The people of Worms love conviviality and celebrations. Since the beginning, the Backfischfest with its flamboyant procession, large



**fairground (3)** and many traditional elements has been unbeaten in its popularity. When it is opened, on the last Saturday of August, the Mayor hands over the reins to the venerable guild of fishermen for nine fantastic days. The nine-day festival ends with a wet and merry fishermen's joust and an elaborate fireworks display.

A comparatively new festival, which is, however, already over 20 years old, is the "Worms: Jazz & Joy" Festival on five squares around the cathedral with a number of stars and musical treats. Since 2002, the Nibelungen Festival in front of the cathedral has been

another highlight, attracting people from throughout Germany, and accompanied by an excellent cultural programme.

In late autumn, the period of wine festivals and parish fairs then begins in the districts of the city, and in Advent a beautiful Christmas market in the heart of the city gets us in the mood for the approaching holiday.



**TIP**

"The Wormser" - a top class cultural and conference centre. From hip-hop to Beethoven, from comedy to tragedy - the Worms cultural centre with the connected theatre provides a stage for the creativity of the city. With more than 4,000 sqm, the conference centre provides enterprises and companies with far more than "just" rooms for their ideas, their seminars, their conferences. It offers simply everything that you need at conditions that inspire you. Further information: [www.das-wormser.de](http://www.das-wormser.de)