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## Welcome to

### Welcome to the District of Ludwigsburg



Dear citizens,

welcome to the district of Ludwigsburg!

You have arrived in a cosmopolitan and attractive district. With currently more than 540,000 inhabitants, the district of Ludwigsburg is the fourth largest in Germany. As a location for world-famous companies and medium-sized enterprises, it is also one of the strongest economic districts in Germany.

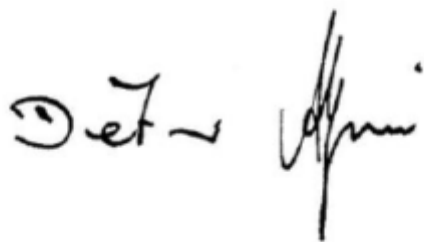
And there's also everything you need here: An excellent infrastructure, a multi-faceted cultural offer, historically special places, active associations and a lively festival culture. For your integration, the district offers a large variety of integration offers and for you important contact points. We are aware that it is a great change for you to leave your own country and find your way around another culture, a new language, an unfamiliar administrative structure and much more.

For the orientation and support of all immigrant people and all full-time and volunteer helpers of immigrants, the district of Ludwigsburg provides the Integreat app free of charge. It contains important information about the administrative district, provides an overview of local offers, informs you about current topics, offers everyday help and gives advice on important documents. The contents are regularly updated.

The Integreat app helps you quickly to find your way around in several languages and thus actively contributes to a sustainable integration in our district. For a better understanding, the contents are written in simple language, and offers can be followed up directly via links to the provider.

I very much hope that this will make it easier for you to settle down in our Ludwigsburg district.

Please also make others aware of the Integreat app and share it in your network.



Dietmar Allgaier  
District Administrator of the Ludwigsburg District

## Living together in Germany

### About Germany

Germany is a **federation** consisting of 16 federal states.

Germany is a **democratic state**, which means that all state power comes from the people.

Germany is a **constitutional state**. The decisions of the state - the government - are bound by the law. The actions of the State may be controlled by courts.

Germany is a **welfare state**. That means: in principle, everyone should make a living by working. The state helps people who cannot, or can only partially, earn a living themselves.

It is the basic law of the Federal Republic of Germany.

### The Constitution

In every country there are rules that all people must abide by. The most important law for Germany is the Constitution (das Grundgesetz). It's a collection of 146 articles. Every article stands for a law, a rule. These rules determine how people live together in Germany. Fundamental rights protect the freedom of every individual. They are laid down in Articles 1 to 19 of the Constitution (catalogue of fundamental rights).

#### Protection of human dignity

**(1) Human dignity is inviolable. To respect and protect it is the duty of all state authorities**  
(...)

#### Right to freedom of persons

**(1) Everyone has the right to the free development of his personality, provided that he does not violate the rights of others and does not offend against the constitutional order or the moral law.**

(...)

💡 It also refers to the right to sexual self-determination. (...)

More info: [»»Sexual self-determination](#)

### **Equality before the law**

Article 3

**(1) All men are equal before the law.**

**(2) Men and women shall have equal rights. The state shall promote the effective implementation of equal rights for women and men and shall work towards the elimination of existing disadvantages.**

**(3) No one shall be disadvantaged or favoured on account of his sex, descent, race, language, homeland and provenance, religion, religious or political convictions. No one shall be disadvantaged because of his disability.**

### **Freedom of faith, conscience and belief**

Article 4

(...)

### **Freedom of opinion, art and science**

(...)

Freedom of the press and freedom of reporting through broadcasting and film are guaranteed. There is no censorship.

(...)

### **Protection of marriage, family and children of unmarried parents**

(...)

(...)

Here you will find the Constitution in 11 languages: \* [»»Arabic](#) [»»Chinese](#), [»»English](#), [»»French](#), [»»Italian](#), [»»Persian](#), [»»Polish](#), [»»Russian](#), [»»Serbian](#), [»»Spanish](#), [»»Turkish](#) and of course [»»German](#).

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## **Universal Declaration of Human Rights**

Human rights are rights which every human being has by virtue of his or her humanity. They protect the dignity of every human being and are equally accorded to all human beings without distinction of any kind, such as "... colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status" (Article 2 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of the United Nations of 10.12.1948)

There are 30 rights. The most important are:

- Every human being can have his own opinion.
- Right to peace and security.

## **Children's rights**

Children need special protection and therefore special rights. The individual rights of the child are laid down in the Convention on the Rights of the Child. It was adopted by the UN General Assembly in 1989 and subsequently ratified by 193 states. The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child comprises a total of 54 articles.

The 10 important children's rights are clearly explained here in [»»Arabic](#) and [»»Persian](#).

## **Things to know about the district of Ludwigsburg**

Ludwigsburg - one thinks of the flourishing Baroque buildings around the impressive palace and grounds, which Duke Eberhard Ludwig of Württemberg had built for himself as "his Versailles".

The centre of the district town of Ludwigsburg still reflects the ambience of this second residence while the grounds the cool austerity of a city designed for and by the military. The district of Ludwigsburg is the heart of the old Württemberg region. It is embedded in a varied landscape around the Hohenasperg - the unofficial landmark of the district - with the historical fortress between Enz and Murr, Glemswald and Stromberg. The Neckar river flows through in the middle.

On its steep slopes of shell limestone, wines grow that are well known to connoisseurs far beyond the borders of the county.

The Ludwigsburg district covers an area of 687 square kilometres. It includes large parts of the Neckar Basin north of Stuttgart.

More than half a million people live in 39 districts, including six large district towns.

Progress and tradition are closely interwoven in the district. The district of Ludwigsburg is one of the most densely populated areas in the state of Baden-Württemberg, being the north-western neighbour of the state capital Stuttgart. Around many historic village and town centres there are large, modern residential areas. They testify to the dynamic development and attractiveness of the Ludwigsburg district for people from near and far. Important industrial and commercial settlements, which are the basis of its economic strength, offer highly qualified, attractive jobs. The focus is on mechanical engineering, vehicle construction and electrical engineering. In addition to numerous medium-sized companies, there are also world-famous companies such as Bosch, Porsche, Trumpf and Mercedes-AMG. In addition, the district has become a sought-after location for many other high-tech companies and (financial) service providers - including Wüstenrot and our highly successful Kreissparkasse - as well as a centre for film and media professionals.

Castles and palaces let you feel the breath of an eventful history.

On the other side: The most modern industrial and commercial settlements, which have their firm, important place in the economically strong region of central Neckar around the metropolis of Stuttgart.

This good mixture of nature, history and economy, in addition to a lively cultural life, make the district attractive.

History and prehistoric man

The area in which the Ludwigsburg district lies today has an ancient history:

250 000 years ago, prehistoric man already hunted here, as the world-famous Steinheimer skull proves.

After this first "district citizen" on record - the "homo steinheimensis" - and his horde, many peoples throughout history have come to appreciate the favourable climate and fertile soils of our district.

Archaeologists have unearthed eloquent evidence of Celtic culture. The grave of the Celtic prince in Hochdorf was the most spectacular find.

The Romans have left unmissable traces behind: 120 manor houses, two forts (Benningen and Walheim) and the unique Mithras sanctuary near Mundelsheim, for example. And last but not least the viticulture so important for the district!

Findings from Alemannic and Franconian burial grounds tell of the early medieval beginnings of the old villages and towns.

Christianity also came with the Franks, which gave rise to cultural-historical gems, such as two Romanesque churches in Oberstenfeld or the Alexanderkirche in the Schiller town of Marbach, one of the most beautiful late Gothic buildings in Württemberg.

The imposing Residenzschloss in Ludwigsburg is a must for tourists. Like hardly any other, it still gives an impression of the magnificent life at a baroque princely court.

A well-developed network of cycle paths and hiking trails and well-connected public transport also offer families good conditions to get to know the many museums, the beautiful wine villages and the varied landscape.

Many brochures and information leaflets refer to these offers.

Tourism in the county

Tourism in the Ludwigsburg district can be expanded. It is precisely the combination of an important wine region with its charming cultural landscape shaped by viticulture and the increasing importance of cycling and hiking that promises growth in tourism.

With almost 2,200 hectares of vineyards\*, the district of Ludwigsburg has a share of around 18 per cent in the Württemberg cultivation area. 192 wineries, 11 wine-growing cooperatives and more than 60 percent of the entire steep slope area in the administrative district of Stuttgart are the reasons for the great variety of excellent wines in our district.

\* Source: State Statistical Office Baden-Württemberg 2008

## City map

Are you looking for a specific address or an interesting area in the Ludwigsburg district? MAPS-Me offers a navigation function, is free of charge and can be used offline.

Here's how to get the city map:

1. Download the app MAPS.ME. You can find the app in the Android PlayStore. It's free.
2. Download a map of your federal state. The district of Ludwigsburg is located in Baden-Württemberg.
3. Then download the city map for your area: [»»Download from MAPS.ME, in the Android PlayStore](#) or in [App store](#).

## About Integreat

This guide supports you in your everyday life in the Ludwigsburg district. Here you will find important addresses, contact persons and tips and tricks that can help you find your way

around the Ludwigsburg district.

Your everyday guide has several chapters. Each chapter deals with a different topic. For example, you will find information about doctors, schools, German courses or other institutions. There is also a chapter with ideas on what you can do in your spare time. The information and leisure offers change and we update regularly. Therefore it's a good idea to look into your mobile app often so you can find out about current actions and events.

You can also use this app offline if you do not have Internet access. When you are online again, the app updates itself.

We hope very much that we can simplify your stay here in the administrative district of Ludwigsburg with this App. We are pleased to welcome you here in the district.



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