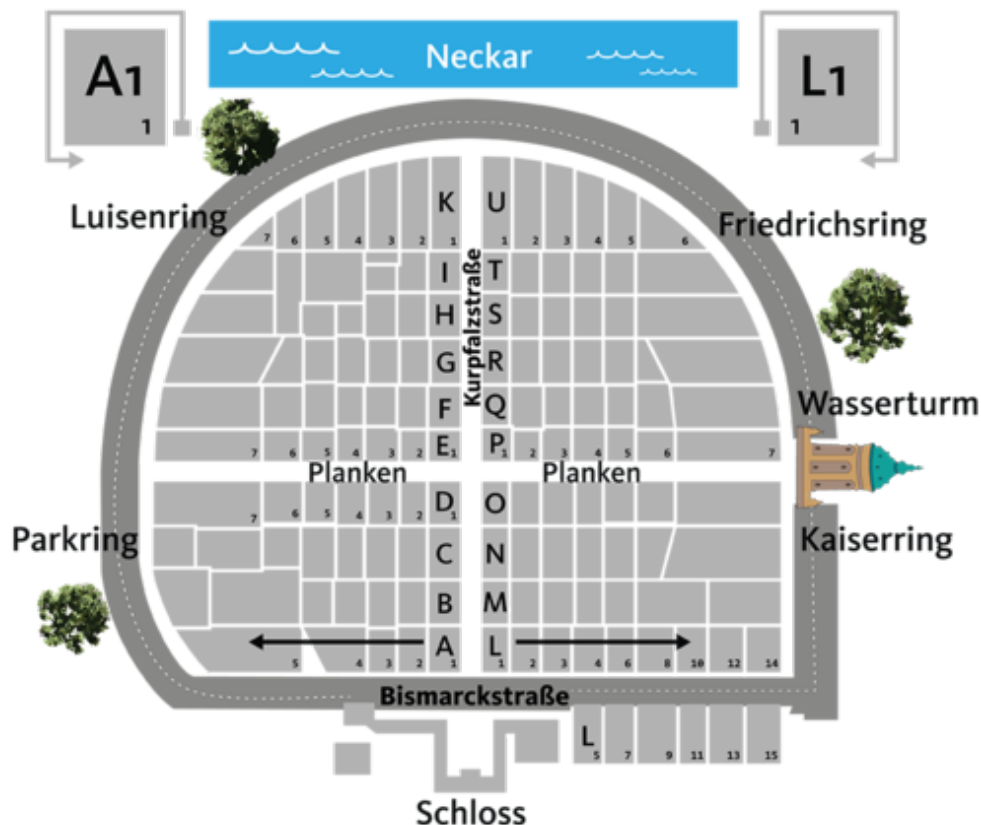


The square city of Mannheim

Mannheim lies on the rivers Rhine and Neckar. The city is located in the **federal state of Baden-Württemberg** and has about 320,000 inhabitants. The city is connected to the city of Ludwigshafen in Rhineland-Palatinate via two bridges.

Mannheim once had a fortress. The road network around this fortress was laid out in the form of a grid. Because of this grid, the blocks of houses in the city centre are square - they are therefore called squares. Mannheim is unique in Germany as a **"square city"**.



The blocks of houses in the city centre are designated with a **combination of letter and number** - for example D1 or E2. In total, there are **144 squares** between the castle and the Neckar, and between the water tower and the Kurt Schumacher Bridge.

Here you can learn more about orientation using the squares:

["What is a square city?" \(EN\)](#)

[Mannheim - City of squares \(EN\)](#)

City figures (as of 31.12.2021)

- Total population: 322.038 Inhabitants
- People with a migration background: 46,3 %
- Population density: 2207 inhabitants/km²
- Area: 144.97 km²

- Highest natural elevation: 114 m above sea level (Unterer Dossenwald, "Rheinauer Wald")