



Today, tradition combines here with innovative business acumen in the best possible way to testify to the Franconian art of living: enjoy the good things and be receptive to new ideas.

We invite you to discover our town and its treasures. The Ritterkapelle with its 230 coats of arms of German knighthood, the „Vertugendmann“ (man of four virtues) and unique paintings. The parish church with carvings of Maria and St. John the Baptist by Tilman Riemenschneider. Or just enjoy the flair of a sunny day on the meadows lining the Main.

Welcome to Haßfurt!

With its unique location on the Main, surrounded by the Hasberg Hills and the Steigerwald Forest, Haßfurt is an ideal base for getting to know all about Franconian hospitality. Established long ago as a frontier fortification for the bishopric of Würzburg against the archdiocese of Bamberg, the town has developed into a lively centre.

Town walking tours

Go on a town walk and discover the special charms of the old town.

„Historic Haßfurt“ guided walk

Take a leisurely stroll through the historic town and learn more about the variegated history of Haßfurt. Even today, traces of these bygone eras live on in many of our buildings. During the tour, you will wander through the mean beginnings of the fishing and farming community to the time when the Ritterkapelle was built as a demonstration of the powerful knighthood of the day. And you'll discover so many treasures in and about the buildings.

The tour lasts about two hours 60,00 euro

„The alleyways by night“ guided walk

The varying fortunes of the town of Haßfurt find expression not only in the buildings we can still see today. A town which has so often stood at the crossroads of history also has a rich tradition of legends and stories handed down through the generations by word of mouth. On „The alleyways by night“ walk, you will not only experience recorded history; you will enter into a world of incredible events. Let the past come to life in the twilight alleyways with the days of the Black Death, the stories of the Peasants' Revolt and the miraculous deliverance from pestilence, war and famine.

The tour lasts about two hours 60,00 euro

Public guided walks

On the first Saturday of each month,
from May to September „Historic Haßfurt“ starts at 14:00
from November to March „The alleyways by night“ starts at 18:00
(There are no public walks in April or October.)

Meeting place: Altes Rathaus Haßfurt (Old Town Hall)

**The tour lasts about two hours
Cost: 2.00 euro per person**

Réservations et informations :

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Mon.- Fri. : 10h00 - 17h30 Mon.- Fri. : 10h00 - 17h30
Sat. : 10h00 - 14h00
Sun. : 14h00 - 17h00

 **Haßfurt**
am Main
Walking tour of the town



Walking tour of the old town

1 „Floriansplatz“

Starting point is the Tourist Information office on Floriansplatz, in the heart of the Obere Vorstadt (ample parking is available for coaches and cars in the „Tränkberg“ and „Gries“ parking areas close by on the banks of the Main). If you follow the plan, you will reach a series of striking historical features in our history-laden town.

2 The Knights' Chapel /St. Michael's Chapel

Late Gothic shrine to the Virgin Mary, symbol of the town of Haßfurt. Building started in 1431, consecrated in 1465. Nave vaulting under Prince Bishop Julius Echter (1603/05), neo-Gothic restoration by Karl Alexander Heideloff (1858/63) and Anton Dörner (1889/91). Around the outside of the chancel, a three-row frieze with 230 coats of arms; inside, numerous inscribed gravestones of noble and important families (15-18 C.). Above the west door, a tympanum portraying the journey of the three Holy Kings to the crib in Bethlehem (ca. 1430); in the vaulting behind it, the so-called „man of four virtues“.

- Opening times: daily 8:00 – 17:00

To the north of the nave stands the former Michaelskapelle (ca. 1450), today a „Documentation Centre for Historicism“.

- Opening times can be obtained from the Tourist Information office

To the south of the nave stand memorials to those who fell in WWI (Fried Heuler) and WWII (Anton Rückel) and the monument of the French colonel Nicolas Pultière (1806/08).

3 Hl.-Geist-Kapelle (Holy Spirit Chapel) with former Bürgerspital

Late Gothic chapel, built ca. 1450. The hospital built at the same time, originally adjoining it on the west side, was demolished in 1597/99 and replaced by today's hospital building (now the Caritas' Julius-Echter-Haus). On the outer south wall of the chapel, a Mount of Olives relief (mid-15th C.); inside, a winged altar (ca. 1480) with 3-D representation of the Easter miracle.

- Opening times can be obtained from the Catholic parish office Haßfurt, Pfarrgasse 8, Tel. 09521 1484.

4 Lutheran protestant Christuskirche

Church built in the neo-romantic style in 1898/99.

5 Fröschturn

Two-storey, late mediaeval round tower with brickwork of the one-time town fortifications. To the south-east lies the refuge port constructed at the time of widening the Main to European waterway status in 1962.

6 Landratsamt (District council offices)

Archaeological excavations revealed that one of Haßfurt's original settlements was located here in the 4th/5th centuries A.D. The castle built here in the 13th century as administrative centre for Würzburg („Herrenhof“) was used as a school in various forms (Latin school, grammar school, secondary school) and extended and modified several times, most recently in 1985-1988 to council offices.

7 Haßfurt Civic Centre

Built as an Episcopal tithe barn under Prince-Bishop Lorenz von Bibra (ruled 1495-1519) and raised in height by his successor Philipp Adolf von Ehrenberg (ruled 1622-1631), this imposing three-storey building with stepped gables served until well into the 20th century as an agricultural storehouse. Converted by the architect Alexander Freiherr von Branca to a civic centre, since 1988 the building has offered accommodation for celebrations, conferences, concerts, lectures and a good deal more.

8 Rathaus (Town Hall)

Built by Josef Greissing in 1719 as an Episcopal administrative centre; above the portal, the coats of arms of the then ruling Prince Bishops Philipp von Greiffenclau (1699-1719) and Johann Philipp Franz von Schönborn (1719-1724). The building served as headquarters of the more junior provincial administrative officials (until 1804 cellars; until 1862 district court; until 1938 district offices; until 1988 district council offices) and since 1994 has housed town administration offices.

9 Oberer Turm (Upper Tower)

Upper Gate (Bamberg Gate), rectangular tower gate of the former town fortifications. Built prior to 1230, and raised in stages until 1540.

10 Brückentorturm (Bridge-Gate Tower)

Former „Inner Main Gate“, built in 1616 by the master-builder Jörg Biberello, who hailed from Grisons. The „Outer“ Gate was rebuilt into a hunting lodge in the 18th century, and underwent further alterations at the end of the 19th century. From the bank of the Main under the terrace of the villa of today can still be seen the northern abutments of the old bridge, which was destroyed by the Swedes in 1632 during the Thirty Years' War.

11 Main meadows

The banks of the River Main invite you to a relaxing stroll or to take a break alongside the river. Here in the one-time fisher quarter people now meet to play boules, to chat and relax. Undisturbed by traffic, they can enjoy peace and quiet at the waterside.

12 Bridge over the Main

Engineer Heinrich Gerber built an iron bridge over the Main here in 1867; it was the first cantilever bridge and used Gerber type cantilever girders. The bridge you see today was built in the early 1960s. To the south, the eye meets the northern slopes of the Steigerwald Forest and the former Cistercian nunnery of Mariaburghausen, secularised in 1582 by Prince Bishop Julius Echter von Mespelbrunn (ruled 1573-1617) and gifted to the newly-founded University of Würzburg.

13 Former watermill

Built in about 1430 under Prince Bishop Johann von Brunn (ruled 1411-1440) with a weir over the River Main to preserve adequate supplies of water to drive the mill-wheels even when the river was low. The adjustable-height mill-wheels, whose shafts were seated in the wall openings on the south side which can still be recognised today, could be mechanically adjusted to suit the respective water level. A stone on the north-west

corner bearing the date 1548 and a coat of arms remind us that the building was extended under Prince Bishop Melchior Zobel von Giebelstadt (ruled 1544-1558). As shipping on the Main increased, the weir was demolished around 1840 and milling activities ceased. Today it is the headquarters of the Haßfurt Further Education Centre.

14 Unterer Turm (Lower Tower)

Lower Gate (Würzburg Gate), rectangular tower gate of the former town fortifications. Built prior to 1230, and raised in stages until 1540.

15 Promenade

Gardens providing shade on the north edge of the old town, set down on the location of the town moat which was converted from the mid-18th century into a „plantation“. At the western end is the rose-garden with the fountain sculpture „Stork flying in“ (Anton Rückel). In an easterly direction, there is a Crucifixion group attributed to Johann Peter Wagner, the memorial stone for the Sudeten German Landsmannschaft (association), a bronze sculpture as a memorial to the murdered Jews of Haßfurt (Chana Pines, Israel) and a memorial to those who took part in the Franco-Prussian War in 1870/71.

16 Catholic parish church St. Kilian

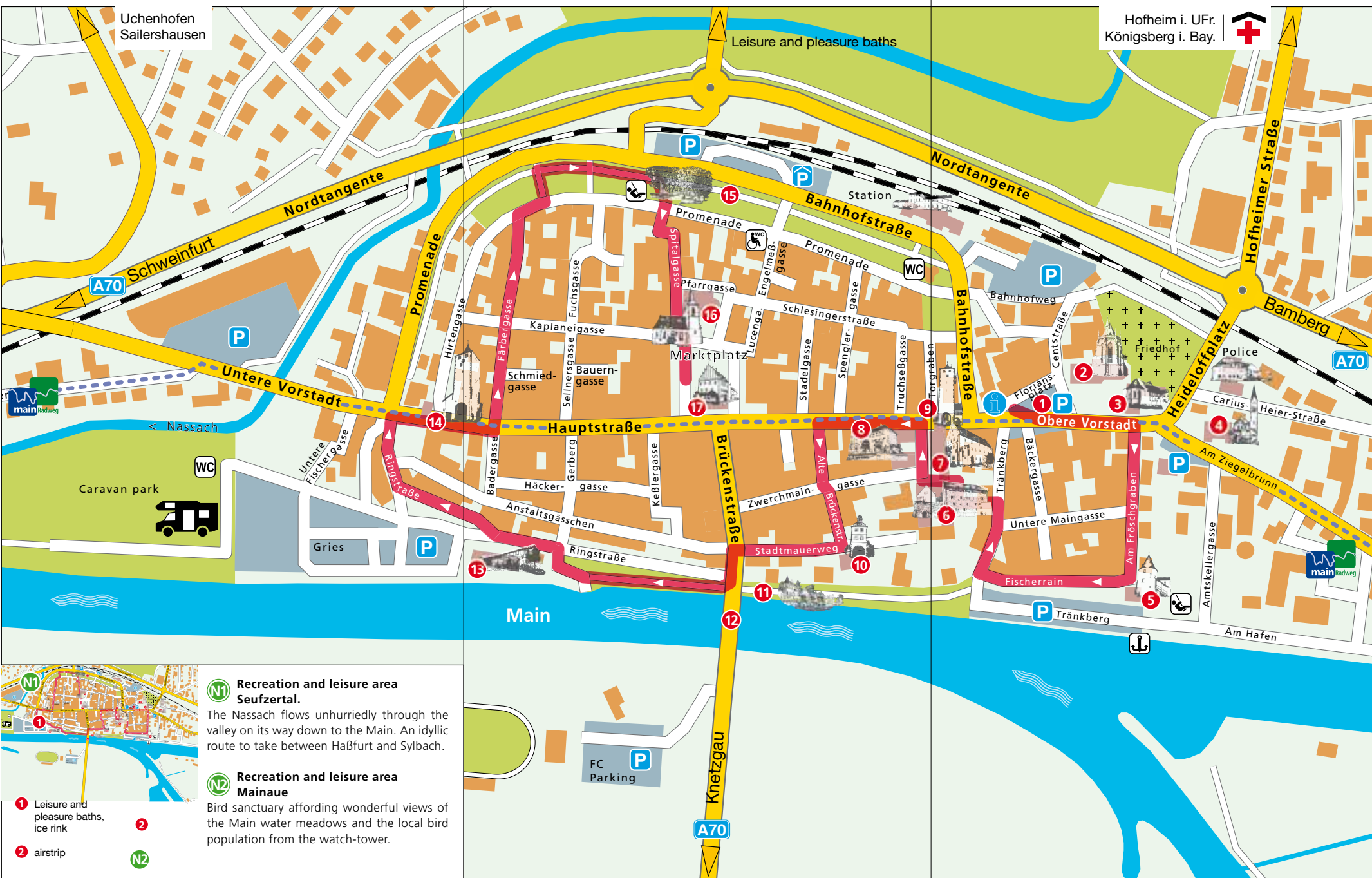
The late Gothic three-aisle hall church, started according to an inscription on the outer wall of the chancel in 1390, houses among other treasures wood carvings by Tilman Riemenschneider (St. John the Baptist, Mary) and his workshop (Franconian apostles in the altar shrine) and by Anton Rückel (Crucifixion group in the chancel arch). The foot of the massive south tower is thought to have its origins in an even older fortification; the two lower storeys of the more slender north tower are characterised by an oriel and an artistic tracery window (ca. 1440/43).

- Opening times: daily from 08:00 – 17:00

17 Old Town Hall

Erected 1514-1516 on the site of a previous building, it has frequently been altered externally and internally over the centuries. The coat of arms of the Würzburg Prince Bishop Lorenz von Bibra (ruled 1495-1519) on the left of the east façade dates from its construction, as do the decorated finials on the gable-end. Around 1770, the second storey was added with its stuccoed rooms, and around 1800, the classic guard house on the west side. On the right of the east portal, the „Haßfurter Elle“ measure (83 cm) is let into the stonework. Since 2004, the building has been used as community offices (residents' registration office, registrar and social security offices); the historical hall on the ground floor is used for all manner of functions and events. The bronze door handles (hare, coats of arms, historical town seal) at the entrances are by Anton Rückel.

On reaching the market place again, our walking tour of the town comes to an end. Take advantage of the stroll back to your starting place in Floriansplatz to stop off at one of the hostellers and enjoy the remainder of your stay in Haßfurt.



- P Parking:**
- Gries
 - FC Sportgelände
 - Bahnhofplatz
 - Tränkberg
 - Floriansplatz

- Underground garage**
Entrance on Bahnhofstrasse
- WC for the disabled:**
underground garage, Arbeitsagentur entrance

- WCs:**
- Caravan park
 - Kiosk at the station
- Playgrounds**
- Promenade
 - Am Tränkberg

- Caravan park**
- Sanitary facilities
 - Attended all the year round
- Landing stage**

- Tourist Information**



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