



Many roads lead to Offenbach.

Welcome to the small metropolis on the river Main where the traditional and the modern meet, reflecting creativity and diversity. Business ideas and industries prosper in this atmosphere of the old and the new, old-established and new residents, local down-to-earth way of thinking and international focus. The image of “Offenbach the Leather Town” is more and more replaced by modern service companies. Favourably situated in the centre of the Rhine-Main area, Offenbach is a thriving business location. But there is more to the city than just economics. The Academy of Design (Hochschule für Gestaltung), the German Leather Museum, the Klingspor Museum and many studios, arts workshops and galleries make Offenbach home to the arts and culture.

Many roads lead to Offenbach. Four commuter train lines connect the city to the airport, the fair grounds and the financial district within minutes. The Frankfurt motorway junction is in close vicinity and those who like it more relaxed may even use the ferry-boat.

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Shopping.

Visitors experience Offenbach as a lively city with short walks. A stroll across the farmers’ market on the Wilhelmsplatz, where vendors and merchants offer quality local goods and specialties from all over the world, is a must. It is said that the buzz of activity around the square with its restaurants and cafés has an almost Mediterranean air. The pedestrian zone with retail shops, department stores and chain stores of well-known manufacturers is only a few steps away and high-quality leather



goods and soaps of international reputation are sold straight from the factory right next door. Large retailers close to the city centre attract people from the whole region. But shopping is not limited to downtown Offenbach. Many small shops and stores in other areas of the city offer a large variety of goods and excellent quality, too.

Leisure and sports.

The city, the countryside and the river are making Offenbach an attractive location with a large variety of recreational offers. The green outskirts are only minutes away from any point in the city – a fact appreciated not only by joggers and cyclists. Direct access to the river Main and numerous parks give Offenbach a green face. Outside the city, most of the cultural landscape could be maintained right in the heart of the Rhine-Main area. Projects such as the Cider Route (Apfelweinroute) and the Regional Park have turned fallow areas into new places of recreation and experience. A spacious weather park explaining natural spectacles in the sky was created in the hometown of the German Meteorological Service (Deutscher Wetterdienst). Thanks to its closeness to lakes and various low mountain ranges as well as to five large wine-

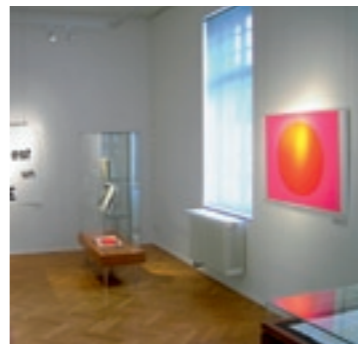
growing areas situated between the Rheingau and Franconia, Offenbach is the perfect starting point for excursions by car, bicycle or regional train. Many clubs meet almost any demand in leisure and sports activities ranging from horse riding and sailing to Japanese archery. Their diversity is presented at the annual riverside feast (Mainuferfest). Top athletic performances can also be discovered in Offenbach; at the National Centre of Fencing or at the local football club, the “Offenbach Kickers” promising thrilling games and an exiting atmosphere every weekend.



To wine and dine.

Offenbach’s food scene is varied and colourful. Restaurants and taverns offer a large-scale choice from regional Hessian cooking to upscale cuisine served in an exclusive atmosphere. The wide range of culinary highlights comprises typical inns serving homemade cider (Apfelwein) in picturesque settings, open-air restaurants situated on the main and Mediterranean cuisine. In the busy inner city, places serving the lunch crowd turn into restaurants with piano music at night. Even some of the scene bars

from the seventies have survived. And because there are so many people of different nationalities living in Offenbach, there are always new ethnic restaurants to discover.



Culture.

Offenbach is home to unique museums. The German Leather and Shoe Museum focuses on the treatment and processing of tanned hide. 15,000 exhibits are on display – from ancient Egyptian sandals to the sneakers of Joschka Fischer, Germany’s first politician from the Green Party to take office. The Museum of Applied Arts and the Museum of Ethnology are housed in the same building. The Klingspor Museum with its exhibits and changing exhibitions of modern book and writing art enjoys



international reputation. It is forming the cultural quarter together with the House of Municipal History (Haus der Stadtgeschichte) and its Senefelder Division, the public library and the Büsingpalais at its centre. Many art studios, workshops and galleries are located in Offenbach. Music is also cultivated: jazz and oldies club, classical music in the Capitol, electronic music in the clubs. And the hip hop scene of Offenbach makes you prick your ears in the whole region.

Economy – Technology.

Previously a workers’ town, Offenbach has become an important services location. Well-known companies such as the European headquarters of the car manufacturer Hyundai and the R&D centre of Honda Europe are registered in the city. The excellent infrastructure in the heart of the Rhine-Main area, a wide offer of business areas and a customer-oriented municipal administration make Offenbach an attractive location for enterprises. A dynamic media, creativity and design industry is

emerging around the Academy of Design, visibly changing the image of the leather and workers’ town. Yet some of the industrial plants that shaped the cityscape in the past have remained: MAN Roland, Germany’s second largest printing systems manufacturer still counts among the largest employers in Offenbach.

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Discover Offenbach.

Some suggestions for starters

Fresh produce and products on the farmers' market, a refreshing dive into the Schultheis pond or an exiting football game at the Bieberer Berg Stadium – from culture to nature: many places well worth seeing invite you to get to know the city and its residents.

- 1 Offenbach Harbour, Northern City Centre, Nordring**
Docking: old quays, industrial history, scene, beach club, water sports. A new area to live and to work is emerging.
- 2 Capitol, Northern City Centre, Goethestraße 1–5**
Enjoying: concert and event hall of unusual architectural design, housed in a former synagoge.
- 3 Büsingpalais, Northern City Centre, Büsingpark**
Strolling: splendid convention and event centre situated in a well-kept park with many historic sites, e.g. the Scheintor, Monopteros and the Metzler bathing temple.
- 4 Cultural Quarter, Northern City Centre, Herrnstraße**
Illustrating: discover calligraphy and modern writing art in the Klingspor Museum, ceramic art and lithography in the House of Municipal History, library tower, Mainländer, doll-house, reading garden and other treasures.
- 5 German Leather Museum / Shoe Museum, West End, Frankfurter Straße 86**
Exploring: shoes from four millenniums, leather and applied arts from medieval to modern times as well as the secrets of the peoples of Africa, Americas and Asia.
- 6 Pedestrian Zone, City Centre, Frankfurter Straße**
Shopping: 240 retail shops, department stores and specialist retailers in the city of short walks.

- 7 Farmers' Market, City Centre, Wilhelmsplatz**
Relishing: fresh regional products and specialties from all over the world, every Tuesday, Friday and Saturday. Watch and also try out the surrounding cafés and bistros.
- 8 Wetterpark, Buchhügel, Buchhügelallee.**
Studying: close-by recreation and information on climate, clouds, sun and rain in the hometown of the German Meteorological Service.
- 9 Climbing Park in the Leonhard-Eißner-Park, Bieberer Straße**
Mounting: relax under a shelter of leaves, climbing in airy treetops, set your soul free high above the ground.
- 10 Bieberer Berg Stadium, Bieberer Straße**
Sharing: the emotions, the joy and the agony in the "temple" of a football club of long tradition.
- 11 Riverside Path, from the harbour to Rumpenheim**
Roaming: along the riverbanks of the Main, from the City to the beer gardens in the districts, jogging, sailing, skating or cycling.
- 12 Schultheisweiher, Mainbogen Bürgel**
Basking: on the quarry pond in a unique nature reserve situated in a natural landscape.
- 13 Rumpenheim Castle, District of Rumpenheim**
Promenading: in an English park along the main passing the restored castle, the mausoleum and the castle church.
- 14 Apfelweinroute / Route der Industriekultur Rhein-Main / Grünring vom Main zum Main**
Crossing: get to know the city on one of the theme routes, combine the traditional with the modern, hectic with recreation, home-style cooking with culinary treats, landmarks with commonplace.



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