SMALL. STRONG. PROMISING.
Biberach an der Riß can look back on a rich historical past. In the reserved, Swabian manner, they are sophisticated, close to their roots and, yes, industrious too. With a firm eye on the future, the people there bank on persistence and security.

Many much-desired products on the world market have their home in Biberach. Not just the administrative district of Biberach and the regional economy, but also the town of Biberach boomt a bissle (is booming a bit), spoken with the typical Upper Swabian understatement. This is definitely because the Biberach people love their town, are keen on voluntary involvement, enjoy its cultural wealth and actively contribute to this themselves.

This love for their town, which usually swiftly captures the heart of even newly-adopted Biberach citizens, is the greatest treasure of this town: so come and be carried away – bountiful Biberach is a place to look forward to.

Norbert Zeidler, Mayor of Biberach

BOUNTIFUL BIBERACH.

WELCOME!
Around 1500
There are plenty of imposing buildings such as the Martinskirche (1337 and 1366), the two town halls (1432 and 1503), the Hospital (after 1516) and the remains of the town fortifications (White Tower, 1476–1484) to remind us of this golden age.

1531
Biberach became Lutheran, yet in 1551, the emperor Karl V put the catholic nobility at the key points of power in the town. 200 Catholics ruled over more than 3,000 Lutherans.

In the 17th century
The town republic settled its confessional dispute with an unconventional constitution that allowed the town council to be occupied by equal numbers of Catholics and Lutherans.

1849
Rail traffic opened up the world. The population doubled in size to 8,000 residents by 1900.

After 1945
Larger industries settled there. The town experienced an economic boom. The former success of fustian was now re-accomplished with cranes, “German Engineering” and the pharmaceutical industry.

The town has tripled its population to over 35,000 today. The development of exemplary public facilities has turned this district capital into an attractive regional centre.

Biberach is one of the most dynamic growth areas in Germany. A powerful small and medium-sized business sector with productive industrial, research and service operations is showcasing its competitive abilities throughout the world.

A great place for living and leisure
In the middle of Upper Swabia. This regional centre has a population of around 33,500.

A neat, well-kept historic district with one of the most beautiful market squares in south Germany.

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Biberach University of Applied Sciences with courses in
- Architecture
- Energy engineering
- Construction engineering
- Project management
- Business administration
- Construction and property
- Energy management
- Pharmaceutical biotechnology
- Industrial biotechnology

With around 2,500 students and 80 professors, this is a university with top marks in the nationwide ranking.

As well as a generous and differentiated offer of places in day facilities for kindergarten and pre-school children, all types of schools in Biberach provide an above-average level of teaching – in free music teaching, for example, for all first formers in instruments of their choice.

A meeting place for research and development
An important location for research and production.
- An efficient economic structure
- A business environment determined by Upper Swabian ownership
- A powerful small and medium-sized business sector with highly productive industrial and workshop operations
- Above-average infrastructure provision from an enlarged economic area
- A well-developed services sector
- Employees with a high level of qualification
- Attractive business parks

Stability
- Below-average numbers of unemployed
- Above-average growth and innovation
- Positive demographic development

The prominent business enterprises that operate throughout the world enable the town to enjoy a stable financial status today and a high degree of investment activity.
small, strong, upper swabian.

This is how Biberach an der Riß presents itself today in Upper Swabia. This former imperial city is now well over eight hundred years old, the gossip is in Swabian here and it is a stopover on three significant tourist routes.

The smart town centre presents itself with pride. Its unhurried atmosphere and broad range of offerings cannot be replaced by any shopping mall. The many owner-run businesses with friendly, personal service can still be found here. Chic little boutiques, cafés, restaurants and pubs make the town centre into an experience.

Tip: Long shopping evenings in March and September, “Biberach leuchtet” (Biberach lights up), spring music and arts and crafts market in May, Sunday trading in November.

www.biberach-tourismus.de
Shops – Markets
small, strong, personal.

“1,000 steps – 80 emotions”: a wide variety of goods present themselves within a short distance in our compact and colourful town centre. Over 300 owner-run specialist shops of all kinds.

The weekly Biberach market takes place here every Wednesday and Saturday morning. One of the biggest markets for fresh food in the region – highly recommended.

The market square is considered to be one of the most beautiful in South Germany. This is the middle, the heart of the town: charming and vivacious with an easy straightforwardness – we know each other here.

Annual markets in Biberach

Fastnachtmarkt (Lent market) in February
Pfingstmarkt (Whitsun market) in May
Michaelimarkt (Michaelmas market) in September
Martinimarkt (Martinmas market) in November
A SHOPPING SPREE

What can I do for you?
Feeling, tasting, smelling and trying – you can find the very latest fashions in shops with metropolitan flair or really unusual styles in small exclusive boutiques and rustic shops against a historic backdrop on a shopping spree through the town centre.

Recommendation: you absolutely must browse through the alleyways for your favourite hand-crafted, premium and individual objects in a tour through the town centre.
BIBERACH – THE TOWN WITH THE FRIENDLY SERVICE

Experience the town with no barriers

Shops with special service or barrier-free access for wheelchair users and buggies.

Umbrellas on loan from Biberach
You can hire an umbrella here for a €10 deposit. Keep it, give it away or give it back.

Nette Toilette (welcome toilets)
The initiative that makes more toilets available to the public in hotels, restaurants and other town facilities.

BequemParken (easy parking)
The first hour is free in the four multi-storey municipal car parks.

The town walk guide:

The Biberach town app is free to download – with thousands of tips for shopping and taking a break, for leisure, sights to see and useful information such as parking, local public transport etc.

The Biberach shopping guide – this little leaflet is available from the tourist information in the town hall and in the Biberach shops.

Free WiFi – in the town centre in the Marktplatz area, Schrammenstraße, parts of the Holzmarkt, Stadthalle and Stadtgarten.

BiberCard – the Biberach bonus card – collect points in 80 shops, use points for parking, special promotions and much more, www.bibercard.de

BiberCard Gift Voucher card: Have it topped up with the desired amount, redeem it in 80 shops and enjoy ...

Free BiberSPASS Child Care – Saturdays in the family centre in Schulstraße
Dates: www.bibercard.de/kinderbetreuung.html

Biberach Advertising Association – Gift Vouchers – give a piece of Biberach. Selection in 100 shops
www.typisch-biberach.de

WALKS THROUGH THE TOWN - GUIDED TOURS

Biberach an der Riß is a town with centuries of history and is full of surprises. You learn about spectacular and amusing moments from its history and take a piece of Biberach life back home with you.

Meeting point: Spitalhof, Museum Biberach

Saturdays 15.00, 2 hours with ascent of the White Tower
Wednesdays 15.00, 1 1/2 hours (May to October)
Sundays 14.00, themed tours

Tourist information
www.biberach-tourismus.de

Information and brochures from: Tourismus & Stadtmarketing
in the town hall, Marktplatz 7
www.biberach-tourismus.de
Phone 07351 51-165

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The medieval guild settlement along with other treasures makes Biberach into a stopping point along the Deutsche Fachwerkstraße.

StadtVerführung
Fancy a piece of Biberach life? This special round walk of the old quarter takes you to hidden corners and historic treasures, shows you curious elements or takes visitors on pub crawls where only the locals would otherwise sit at their regular table.

The Weißgerberwalk: a fabulous ancient tannery.
The oldest German chamois tannery is located in front of the gates of Biberach, where leather is still processed in line with ancient traditions. The Hammerwalk was built in 1699 and has been family-owned since 1723. Guided tours for groups of up to 25 people by prior arrangement.

Our special tip: StadtVerführung “in the tracks of the tanners” with visits to the beam house and the Hammerwalk – for up to 25 people, bookable through Tourismus & Stadtmarketing.

www.biberach-tourismus.de

The refurbished “Weberberg” is a stopping point on every guided walk of Biberach. There are reports of a good 400 weaving looms running in Biberach in 1500. Around a quarter of the population lived from weaving. Fustian, a fabric made from flax and cotton that is unremarkable today, was an innovative export hit in the middle ages and a basis for the prosperity of Biberach at the time. The place is bustling with potters, writers, designers and architects today.

They still exist today: lederhosen finished in line with ancient tradition but with contemporary chic.

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Tourismus & Stadtmarketing
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www.biberach-tourismus.de
St. Martin's is one of Germany's oldest, active so-called simultaneous churches.

A distinctive characteristic of Biberach is its religious development, reflected by the role of St. Martin’s church, which was built in 1337. Right in the centre of a Catholic area, the majority of Biberach became Protestant during the Reformation, resulting in a stale-mate between the two denominations. Since 1548, therefore, the parish church has been used by Catholics and Protestants alike. Today this is not a problem, but in the 16th and 17th centuries conflicts were commonplace.

The 30 Years' War brought death and destruction – and in 1635 even the plague – to Biberach. The town became the bone of contention between the Catholic Emperor and the Protestant Swedes. This situation led to a sense of solidarity within the population beyond the restraints of belief. So the peace treaty of 1649 brought religious parity to Biberach and a division or doubling of every official position from mayor to midwife.

The ability – and indeed the need – to compromise can be seen from the history of the parish church. From 1746 to 1748 it was renovated in the Baroque style.

The council decided to have the 108 foot ceiling of the church painted with religious motifs common to both denominations – biblical scenes from the times of Jesus. The southern German fresco painter Johann Zick (1702-1762) transformed the church into the epitome of peaceful coexistence between the denominations. In contrast, the choir fixtures are purely Catholic while the side aisles remain purely Protestant.

Our special tip: StadtVerführung “Biberach Baroque Special” including a visit to the Museum – bookable through Tourismus & Stadtmarketing.
A SHOWPIECE MUSEUM

The relatively small town of Biberach has produced an astonishingly high number of significant artists. The richly appointed municipal museum bears witness to this. One of the most famous is Johann Melchior Dinglinger (1664-1731), a goldsmith of German Baroque, who created world-famed jewellery at the court of Augustus the Strong in Dresden. His flower basket set with jewels is on exhibition in the museum. Important works of southern German art are assembled here: the Baroque paintings of Johann Heinrich Schanfeld (1609-1684) or the enthrancing genre paintings of Johann Baptist Pflug (1785-1866).

The museum vividly depicts the geological, cultural and natural history of Upper Swabia: fossils of marine saurians, sharks and mammoths take us back to pre-historic times. Deceptively realistic habitats simulate the animal world and a heritage-protected archaeological collection bears witness to the life of stone-age reindeer hunters, bronze-age pile-dwelling fishermen, the Celts, Romans and Alemanni. Displays from 800 years of urban life tell of the battles of the Middle Ages and the infamous robber Schwarzer Veri, of world wars and Nazism.

The completely original studios of Anton Braith (1836-1905) and Christian Mali (1832-1906), animals painters from Munich, are a unique cultural monument of the first order. The traditional German parlours were transferred from Munich to Biberach in 1906.

Tue to Fri: 10.00 to 13.00 and 14.00 to 17.00
Thu: 10.00 to 8.00
Sat, Sun: 11.00 to 6.00
Guided tours on Sundays by arrangement. Admission is free for children and young people up to 18.
Modern art was late but impressive in establishing its place in Biberach. Heinz H. Engler (1928-1986) became one of the most successful designers in Germany with his "Bauscher B 1100" stackable tableware. The studio of the renowned upper Swabian landscape painter Jakob Bräckle (1897-1987) – also rebuilt stone by stone in the museum – is in stark contrast to the studios of Braith and Mali. The idiosyncratic artist, Romane Holderried Kaesdorf (1922-2007) created unmistakable, inventive drawings, and a host of young talent continues to uphold the artistic tradition of the town.

"Colours are the joy of life" – the brother of the most important German impressionist lived in Biberach, and it is to this lucky circumstance that the museum owes the acquisition of numerous works of Ernst Ludwig Kirchner (1880-1938). Kirchner used a great variety of artistic techniques – woodcuts, etchings, water colours, lithographs, drawings and paintings are on show in the exhibition.
FAVOURITE PLACES

1. The Ratzengraben recreation area
2. Ratzengraben by the Town Library
3. The Schillerhohe and Gigelturm
4. The Stadtgarten and White Tower
5. The Wielandpark with its pond and sculptures
6. The Wolfental water playground
7. The Rißinsel with its leisure area
8. Along the Gigelberg town wall

LIVING ENVIRONMENTS
Opening times Wed to Sun: 14.00 to 17.00
(April to November)
Guided tours by prior arrangement outside
the opening hours.
Admission is free for children and young
people up to 18.

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Sophie von La Roche (1730–1807)

Marie Sophie Gutermann von Gutershofen, who later
became Sophie von La Roche, was Christoph Wieland’s
cousin and close confidante. She has a place herself in
the history of literature as the first German best-seller
author. She began writing her “Geschichte des Fräulein
von Sternheim” (1771) in the nearby Schloss Warthausen,
where she lived at the Musenhof, that belonged to Graf
Stadion, until 1770. She was the first German woman
to publish a nationwide women’s journal “Pomona für
Teutschlands Töchter” (1783 to 1784). Among the best-
known female contributors to the journal was the Empress
Catherine II, also known as Catherine the Great. In a
creative period of over 30 years, Sophie von La Roche
published numerous tales, novels and travel accounts.
With her writing there were times when she was respon-
sible for her family’s income and was a colourful figure of
the 18th century.

Haus der Archive

The “red construction” of the archives building has
accommodated the Wieland Archives and the Town
Archives since 2016. The Town Archives are the written
memory of the town where the documentation that has
accrued in the town administration, the Hospital and the
collective upkeep of the churches is kept. The collections
currently extend over around 2,500 metres of shelving
which, among other things, include 5,500 documents.

The Wieland Archives

The Wieland Archives are a research institution with
around 16,000 volumes. It is accommodated in the Haus
der Archive along with the Town Archives. The Wieland
Archives collect, make available and care for archival
materials that are associated with the life and work of
Christoph Martin Wieland. The Wieland Archives also
house around 1,000 letters and writings by Christoph
Martin Wieland, decrees and documents along with
letters and writings by contemporaries and the poet’s
forebears and descendants.

The Biberach Wieland Museum

The Biberach Wieland Museum brings us right up close
to the life and work of the poet Christoph Martin Wieland
(1733–1813). It is located in the summer house that he
rented during his time as Biberach chancery admini-
strator from 1766 to 1769, where he could carry on with
his poetical works without any disturbance. As well as
his impact on the history of literature, music, art and
cinema, visitors also learn something about his affairs
and what was considered the eccentric private life he led
in his day.

Christoph Martin Wieland (1733–1813)

Wieland – “the German Voltaire”, poet, professor, tutor
of princes, translator, diarist and a founder of the Weimar
Classicism movement – is a well-known son of the town.
He was born in Oberholzheim near Biberach in 1733. He
was senator and chancery administrator of the imperial
town from 1760 to 1769, until he became one of the four
pillars of the Age of Enlightenment in Weimar, along with
Herder, Goethe and Schiller.

Wieland wrote the “Geschichte des Agathon”, the first German
coming of age novel, in Biberach. This Sturm und Drang
poet was inspired by his own translations of Shakespeare.
He staged the first German performance of a Shake-
speare play in 1761 with a production of “The Tempest” in
a Biberach abattoir (known as the Komödienhaus today).
This was the beginning of the German enthusiasm for
Shakespeare. Together with the composer Justin Heinrich
Knecht, he laid the foundations for the German musical
comedy and light opera in Biberach.

The Komödienhaus

Christoph Wieland was one of the first
writers to translate Shakespeare’s plays
into German. The first performance of
a Shakespeare play in German-speaking
Europe took place at the Komödienhaus
in Biberach under the direction of Christoph
Martin Wieland.
**A CULTURAL MEETING PLACE**

As participants, visitors or stakeholders – Biberach people are glad to be inspired by the unusually rich Biberach cultural life.

**January**
**A New Year play**
By the Drama Association in the municipal hall

**February**
**Volxmusik Grandprix**
Competition and platform for up-and-coming musicians – takes place every two years

**March**
**Music night**
The pub and tavern music festival with live music for every taste

**April**
**danceprix**
Urban dance competition for groups – takes place every two years

**June**
**Schützentheater**
The start of the Biberach fairy-tale plays in Germany’s oldest and biggest children’s theatre with around 400 children and young people

**May**
**Biberach spring music**
The historic quarter becomes a stage for groups, bands and choirs – admission free

**July**
**Schützenfest**
Large ten-day children’s and home-land festival with historic pageants, funfair, dancing, fireworks and much more.

**August**
**Biberach reads – places for words**
They remain a secret until the last moment on a mixed tour of literary discovery and town experience – takes place every two years

**September**
**KulturParcours**
A night of cultural features with readings, lectures, music and entertainment – admission free

**October**
**Cabaret autumn**
Regional and national artists show their skills at the biggest cabaret festival in Upper Swabia

**November**
**The Biberach Film Festival**
A family meeting of German film makers on the day of Sunday trading

**December**
**Christkindles Markt**
A romantic Christmas village with over 70 festively decorated stalls and a variety of stage events

**Events Programme and Ticket Sales**
Tourist information in the town hall
Marktplatz 7
88400 Biberach an der Riß

**Tickets for Events:**
www.kartenservice-biberach.de

**Events Information:**
www.kulturkalender-biberach.de

**JUST GO THERE**
**CULTURE IN THE TOWN**
- Museums Festival
- Wieland Park Serenade
- Open-air Classical Serenade
- Rondell Concerts
- Kunstverein Art Exhibitions
- Festival of Roses on the Weberberg
- Poetry Slam Word Concerts

“Christkindles rab lass” – custom of the Christ Child’s appearance
VolXmusik Grandprix
A platform for up-and-coming musicians. The style is a mix of traditional folk music with elements of jazz, pop, hip-hop or reggae.

The Biberach Jazz Prize
Organised in cooperation with the Jazz Club since 1990, the Biberach Jazz Prize is one of the few internationally advertised prizes for up-and-coming jazz musicians.

danceprix
Many national and international dance groups compete in this show dance competition for urban dance, with a wide variety of different dance styles. This competition was the idea of the Biberach “Funky Kids” and it draws attention to the large hip-hop scene in Biberach.

Biberach Celebrates! Bar and Club Night
One night, one admission, many locations. At the Bar and Club Night, the Biberach clubs, pubs and taverns are re-decorated to become extraordinary party locations. With all the different styles of music, there is something for every taste and every age.

The Abdera Cultural Centre
A cultural centre run by volunteers from the Lilienthal Association. Organising and trying things out ourselves; where young people can realise their ideas, talents and strengths. Lilienthal e. V., info@abdera-bc.de

Youth Development and Competitions

YOUNG CULTURE

The Biberach Rock Initiative
This registered association for rock music enthusiasts offers training, workshops and appearances at the Abdera. info@rockinitiative-bc.de

The Jugendhaus
This house of youth is a meeting place for children and young people. They can organise their stay there themselves or take advantage of the educational offers from Jugend Aktiv. info@jugendaktiv-biberach.de

Wortkonzert – the Poetry Slam in Biberach
Talented language artists, word poets and storytellers have regularly presented their abilities here since 2012 – at the Poetry Slam in Biberach. info@kultureservoir.com

A “MECCA OF GERMAN CINEMA”

Every year on the first weekend in November the German film industry meets in Biberach to celebrate the “German Film-makers’ Family Festival”. Adrian Kutter founded the Biberach Film Festival together with a handful of filmmakers back in 1979. They wanted to present the latest film ideas to each other – and the public of course – away from the media frenzy. The Biberach Film Festival is still a purely public occasion today. The focus here is on the paying public, as they give their opinion without fear or favour. So 90% of all tickets are sold on the open market. The latest German-language productions are screened here exclusively.

The producers, directors and principal actors present their new works in person. The range extends from feature-length films and documentaries right through to experimental short films.

This gives young talent the rare opportunity to present their first tentative steps to a colourfully mixed audience. The climax is the presentation of a total of ten awards, with the golden beaver and the top prize for the best film.

www.biberacherfilmfestspiele.de

The Cinema History Exhibition
This small town had its first cinema in 1912! At a time when even in the big towns there were only a few cinemas, Gottlob Friedrich Erpff, Adrian Kutter’s grandfather, gave moving pictures to the citizens of Biberach. At the end of 2005, the new cinema museum opened up an exquisite collection of cinematic devices and film souvenirs from over 100 years of film history.

www.film-kinomuseum-bw.de
Camping life in historic pageants

Drums and fanfares, songs and laughter echo across the Gigelberg. The funfair and the camping life cast their spell over the visitors every year. The charm of peasants and robbers is experienced when you are confronted with chicken’s feet among the tasty delicacies.

The historic figures have plenty to laugh about at the Schützen festival – where the history of Biberach rolls through the historic quarter, prepared with passion and lots of attention to detail.

The Schützenfest in July is the climax of the year in Biberach and is celebrated with great enthusiasm by its citizens. It lasts for ten days and nights and divides the year into a “before and after” the fair. The exceptional circumstances embrace the whole town – and many otherwise reserved and respectable Biberach citizen will be giddy with excitement.

The festival was documented for the first time in 1650 and had its origins in a religiously tinged school custom that took place on the Schützenberg (which is where the name came from). Over the centuries it has developed into one of the biggest homeland festivals in south Germany. And children are always at the centre of everything that happens; with a cheerfully colourful children’s pageant or with the acceptance of the “Schützenbatzen”, a sum of money donated by well-meaning citizens since time immemorial.

Around 1,000 men, women, children and almost 300 carriage and riding horses play a part, as the history of the former imperial city – from the Staufer dynasty to the Bismarck era – rolls past the crowds. The magnificent costumes are carefully researched historically and faithfully recreated.

Camping life, beer-garden bliss, Schützen treasure and Schützen roses – just what it all means is best found out for yourself... Roses upwards, Schützen treasure found.

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Dance through the centuries

The couples in the Rococo group demonstrate courteous and gallant dances. From rumbustious peasant dance to cool break dance – the dances, lifestyles and society manners across five centuries bring each separate epoch to life, and the market square becomes a cheerful stage for history.

Threshers and scythes are sharpened: the former tough peasant life from the Bergerhausen district is shown on the large floats.

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The teachers at the municipal Bruno Frey Music School have been dedicated to this endeavour for over 60 years now. All first formers in the Biberach primary schools can get to know the various musical instruments under the guidance of professional teachers free of charge. There are two teaching locations where well over a thousand young musicians are taught to play an instrument and in an ensemble or orchestra. This way many a gifted player has already managed to reach top positions in the regional and national “Jugend musiziert” competition. The young artists and he musicians in the “Music with people with disabilities” project are also a great inspiration here.

Children and young people can get to know other oppor-
tunities in art at the Jugendkunstschule (youth art school): these include methods, techniques and materials from the areas of theatre, dance, creative design, literature and media. It encourages creative and artistic ability along with the social behaviour of children and young people and it supports the development of their imagination. It enriches cultural life with many highly respected theatre and musical productions.

Biberach is a town with family awareness, which is why it was granted the “Family-Aware Town Plus” distinction in 2017 for its commitment. There are contact people, offers and opportunities to meet available from the time before birth right through to old age. So reliable care for children and young people at school is of fundamental importance in Biberach. There are numerous day nursery facilities that follow various educational and theoretical principles. They offer a wide range of education, supervision and upbringing provision.

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The Kindersportschule (children’s athletics school) run by the Biberach gymnastics association, allows young athletes to experience the joy and fun of exercise. Attention here is paid to the individual development of each child, where no early specialisation in any particular type of exercise is promoted and where interest in body control and trials of strength is tested in a team.

Over 9,000 readers from Biberach and the surrounding area regularly borrow books, CDs, films and much more from the town library, one of the leading German centres for media and information. Over half of these are children and young people. Volunteer “reading mentors” carry their enthusiasm out of here into the kindergartens and primary schools, to give young children an insight into the world of language, books and literature at an early age. The MIZ24 online provision at the town library covers further media resources, including several thousand e-books, digital newspapers and music. Several stations are available with internet access, including free WiFi, throughout the building. This provides best facilities to satisfy any thirst for knowledge.

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A good education is the best equipment for a great future for our children and young people. 15,000 pupils and students attend the Biberach educational institutions every day. The wide ranging facilities from the town, the administrative district and independent sponsors offer all the options – for small children to young adults and beyond.

There are numerous day nursery facilities available for infants and children of kindergarten age, with standard service, extended opening times and all-day care. There are all types of school available. Each district has its own primary school with supervision facilities before and after the lessons – and two primary schools are managed as all-day schools.

The secondary schools in Biberach provide a formal school-leaving qualification and open up various further education prospects at universities or in vocational training. Biberach has five municipal schools of further education, all of them located within the town, in the area known as the schools and sports mile. There are special educational training and advice centres for students with disabilities. The wide range of educational facilities is rounded off with the Berufsschulzentrum (vocational training centre), the Bischof Sproll Training Centre and the Waldorf School. The secondary schools in Biberach offer an all-day programme – partly on a voluntary basis, partly on a compulsory basis. The school environment distinguishes itself with an offer of a wide range of workshops and projects, open learning areas, music practice rooms, chill-out rooms etc. A school lunch is provided in the modern dining areas of all schools. A well-sorted media library with books and audio media is available to the pupils on the school campuses of the municipal grammar schools, the Mali Communal School, the Dollinger Middle School and in the All-Day Centre at the Heinz H. Engler Forum.

Information:
Primary schools
Secondary schools
Special schools
Vocational schools
The school locations
School exchange programmes
www.biberach-riss.de/bildung

Biberach continues to educate itself
An extremely reputable adult education centre offers a broad range of general, cultural and vocational further education with over 600 courses, lectures and seminars each year. The District Vocational School Centre, the Chamber of Industry and Commerce and the Chamber of Trade also offer special courses for adults.

www.biberach-riss.de/Bildung-Familie-Soziales/Bildung/Schulen

Tip:
SCHOOL-NAVI – Where am I today? Where do I want to go?
Information about all the connections, training objectives and disciplines that are available after attending a school of general education at www.schulnavi-bc.de.

Biberach VHS (adult education centre)
Schulstraße 8
88400 Biberach an der Riß
vhs@biberach-riss.de
Phone 07351 51-338
Fax 07351 51-524

THE POWER OF EDUCATION
UNIVERSITIES
CENTRES OF EDUCATION

Karl-Arnold-Schule
Vocational College, www.kas-bc.de

Matthias-Erzberger-Schule
Home economics and agricultural college, www.mes-bc.de

Gebhard-Müller-Schule
Commercial college, www.gms-bc.de

Hauchler Studio, the only officially recognised private technical college in Germany with a vocational college and college on graphics, media and print with students from all over the world, www.hauchler.de

Kompetenzzentrum Holzbau & Ausbau und Zimmerer-Ausbildungszenrum (Centre of Competence for Timber Construction and Interior Structures, Training Centre for Carpenters) www.kompetenzzentrum-bc.de

Baden-Württemberg Police University
Institute for Education and Training
www.hfpol-bw.de/index.php/biberach

The Hochschule Biberach (HBC)
Biotechnology, energy, construction and business administration: those are the key subjects at the Biberach University of Applied Sciences in teaching and study, research and transfer activities as well as further education. The places to study at this small but distinguished university are much coveted. This can be seen in the excellent results in the nationwide university rankings. In the current Centre for Higher Education (CHE) ranking, the Biberach University archived a mark of 1.1. Around 2,500 people are currently studying in eight bachelor programmes and nine master programmes. Beyond that, new in-service study courses are starting in 2018.

ITZ Plus as a Hub for Innovation
The regional ITZ Plus innovation and technology centre is developing at the Aspach campus of the Biberach University for Applied Sciences. Especially small and medium-sized companies will find the opportunity to realise applied research and transfer projects together with the University here. The ITZ Plus is a joint project by the Town of Biberach as project sponsor, the Biberach Administrative District, the Ulm Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the HBC to provide an inspiring environment for start-up companies and space for business ideas.

Courses on offer:
- Architecture
- Energy engineering
- Construction engineering
- Project management
- Business administration (construction and property)
- Energy management
- Pharmaceutical biotechnology
- Industrial biotechnology
www.hochschule-biberach.de

In-service courses
- Commercial law (construction and property) – also as a Bachelor degree course!
- Biopharmaceutical medical engineering sciences
- Building automation
- MBA in international property management
- MBA in construction company management

www.future4you-bc.de

Tip: VOCATIONAL TRAINING FAIR future4you
Many well-known companies and secondary schools in the Biberach administrative district provide information about training and further education opportunities. www.future4you-bc.de
Biberach is one of the preferred growth areas in Germany and, consequently, offers the best conditions for the successful development of companies with distinct requirements from the location and its infrastructure. We cultivate a proactive commercial premises policy and a speedy administration procedure. There is risk capital available from a bank for entrepreneurs and established companies. Good transport connections, a strong economic structure and a diverse range of schools and colleges are additional advantages of the Biberach location.

A TOWN PUTS ITSELF QUIETLY OUT IN FRONT.

As well as a powerful small and medium-sized business sector with highly productive industrial and workshop operations, there are also companies in Biberach an der Riß that are active internationally.

Improving patients’ health and quality of life is the objective of the Boehringer Ingelheim pharmaceutical research company. Since its foundation in 1885 as a family-owned company, Boehringer Ingelheim is one of the 20 leading companies in its industry today. This company runs its largest international research and development centre at its Biberach location. Biberach is also considered to be the best address for the development and production of biopharmaceutical products. With a good 5,800 employees (on average in 2016, including 269 trainees) this is one of the largest locations for this pharmaceutical research company. Boehringer Ingelheim wants to continue investing in Biberach in the next few years, in a centre for the development of new biological agents from its own research for instance, which is due for completion by the beginning of 2021.

www.boehringer-ingelheim.de

The family-run Liebherr company was founded by Hans Liebherr in 1949. The foundations of the company developed out of the great success of its first mobile revolving tower crane. Today Liebherr is not just one of the largest manufacturers of construction machinery in the world, it also has a reputation as a supplier of technically sophisticated, practical products and services. In the meantime the company has developed into a group with more than 42,000 employees in over 130 companies on all the continents in the world. The company has been located in Biberach since back in 1954, where it produces mobile and tower cranes, slewing bearings, gearboxes, cable winches, control engineering and electric machines.

www.liebherr.com

www.vollmer-group.com

www.kavo.de

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Lifestyle is as different as the people themselves. Some prefer a house in the middle of the countryside, others want to live smack in the middle of town. Some like to live near their job, others would rather enjoy a child-friendly environment or a home that can be adjusted to suit the size of the family.

Biberach provides modern residential areas in line with state-of-the-art town planning criteria alongside traditional residential areas, areas for new developments in rural surroundings, uncomplicated and affordable housing for families, apartments in the historical atmosphere of the Old Town ...

Genuine dialogue between the generations
Multigenerational housing

Information:
Seniorenbüro Biberach
Marktplatz 7
88400 Biberach an der Riß
Phone 07351 51-553
C.Walz@biberach-riß.de

Tip: Look for a flat at
www.biberach-riß.de/wohnungssuche

Housing quality and satisfaction
Surveys confirm that the 32,000 inhabitants of Biberach are happy with their living situation. It is not without reason that the town engages in contemporary, forward-looking planning and design of residential areas, including the local parks, streams, lakes and playgrounds.
These former agricultural locations have developed into residential communities. Modern settlements have developed around the old village centres to ensure a vibrant community life with their sports centres, primary schools and kindergartens. These are no anonymous dormitory towns, they are lively places to live in rural-inspired communities.
Fun and performance
Anyone who goes in for sports or exercise in Biberach has a thoroughly attractive selection to choose from. From A for aerobics to Z for Zumba, there are all conceivable types of exercise on offer. This is made possible with 26 clubs including the Biberach Turngemeinde (gymnastics association). With around 6,500 members and 29 departments, this association is one of the biggest sports clubs in Baden-Württemberg.

The association can do everything – apart from play football. For this there’s the FV Biberach, the FC Wacker, the SSV Biberach and four district clubs.

Healthy and fit
Health and fitness training is becoming ever more important, and it is divided into two areas. The preventive exercises come under the “healthy and fit” programme, whereas the rehab exercises are given under medical supervision for people who want to become active again after a severe illness.

Information on sports and leisure
The Biberach sports association
Sports clubs in the association
Phone 07351 577-8597
info@sportkreis-biberach.de
www.sportkreis-biberach.de
The Biberach Turngemeinde (gymnastics association)
Adenauerallee 11
88400 Biberach an der Riß
Phone 07351 71855
geschaeftsstelle@tg-biberach.de
www.tg-biberach.de
KISS Kindersportschule (children’s sports school)
Exercise and experiential education for children from 1 1/2 years old
Phone 07351 5280999
Kiss@tg-biberach.de
Brochures
All around Biberach on foot
All around Biberach by bicycle
Tourist Information
In brochures and leaflets from the Tourist Information in the town hall or at www.biberach-tourismus.de

Many thanks to the many citizens whose tireless voluntary commitment makes a considerable contribution towards making our Biberach such a great place to live. Thanks to all the parents, young people and their families, for their dedication, without which this level of association work would not be possible.
THE JORDANBAD
People can let go from their day-to-day lives and find themselves at the Jordanbad (St Elisabeth Foundation). A break directly on your doorstep frees up the mind and ensures an inner equilibrium.

The name of the well-known and, at the time, already holistic therapist and pastor, Sebastian Kneipp (1821–1897), is associated with the long and exciting history of the Jordanbad. Today the Jordanbad responds to people’s needs with tried-and-tested methods and modern approaches in its thermal springs, Park Hotel, wellness, therapy and fitness centre, PraxisAktiv (orthopaedic medical services), residential homes for seniors and Sinn-Welt exploration of the senses.

The Sinn-Welt exploration of the senses opens up some playful insights into the secrets of the senses. At over 100 interactive stations, children and adults experience what kinds of breathtaking phenomena that await us from nature. Opening times are on each Sunday during the school holidays. Guided tours and events for groups can be booked from Monday to Sunday.

THE BATHING MILE
In the town yet surrounded by greenery; that is where the indoor and open-air sports pools share the same location. The open-air pool provides sparkling summer freshness from May to September. With a separate children’s area, play and fun facilities, generous lying areas and favourable offers, it ensures great water fun for all the family. The adjoining indoor pool is carefully designed and modern; a pool for swimmers and divers. It is not just appreciated by schools and clubs. As, ultimately, what can beavers do best apart from building houses? That’s right: swimming.

Tips for water rats
Pool facilities that combine a giant slide, a flow channel, water loungers, aerator, mushroom fountain, a disability-friendly lifting unit, a separate area for parents and children, a kiosk, a beach volleyball area, a badminton court, a streetball court and table tennis.

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For Visitors and Explorers

FOR VISITORS AND EXPLORERS

This Upper Swabian landscape is something you really need to investigate. Those lonely paths and woods, where you set off for hours of walking without meeting another soul, can still be found here. The many natural bathing lakes are not immediately visible. The traces of beavers in Ried, a wild boar enclosure, a water lily pond with bird sanctuary, prehistoric settlements, megalithic tombs, traces of the long-distant past in moorlands and reed beds, open-air museums, nature trails, all of this is hidden behind the typically rolling hills and woods of the Upper Swabian countryside.

For Explorers and Individualists

The caravan site

Around 18 pitches are equipped with free water supply and removal here along with coin-operated automats for electricity supply and parking tickets.

Just where you can find the barbecue areas with adventure playgrounds, taverns selling their own wine with the best “Dünnette” (a kind of Swabian pizza), the beer garden by the little lake with its cabaret, the riding centre or the idyllic forest cabins, the greatest walking or cycling paths – the locals will tell you or you can visit the tourist information (Tourismus & Stadtmarketing) Biberach.

All around Biberach by bicycle

25 tours for families to athletes (from 12 to 105 km) all round Biberach with maps and directions.

All around Biberach on foot

14 tours for Nordic walkers, if you’re out for a stroll or a brisk healthy walk.

Further routes criss-cross Biberach

- The Danube-Lake Constance cycling path (the main route has gone through Biberach since 2012)
- The “Deutsche Fachwerkstraße Süd” (South German Timber Frame Road) is a themed cycling path featuring timber-framed houses – it is 1,000 km long and the longest tourist cycling path in Germany, equipped with e-bike recharging facilities along virtually its entire length.
- The St James’s Way – pilgrims’ route

Tip:
- Climbing park www.kletterwald-biberach.de
- Bathing lakes www.biberach.de
- Cross-country skiing www.wetterwarte-sued.com
- Alpine hiking association www.albverein.net
- Alpine club www.alpenverein-biberach.de
- Kneipp health club www.kneippverein-biberach.de

Request or download All around Biberach on foot All around Biberach by bicycle Accommodation directory Town plan of key historic sights Bookable town guided tours Public town guided tours

Information and brochures from:
Tourismus & Stadtmarketing in the town hall, Marktplatz 7/1 www.biberach-tourismus.de Phone 07351 51-165
**EXCURSIONS**

Above: The Bussen – the “holy mountain” of Upper Swabia
Below: The Steinhausen pilgrimage church, the “most beautiful village church in the world”

Above: The Bad Schussenried library room
Middle: The Ochsenhausen Abbey
Below: The Heiligenkreuztal Convent

Middle and below: The Kürnbach Upper Swabian Museum Village

Below: The Bad Buchau Federsee Lake Museum

Above: The Ochsenhausen Abbey
Middle: The Kanzach Bachritter knights’ castle
Below: Riedlingen

Above: The Heiligenkreuztal Convent
Middle and below: The Kanzbach Upper Swabian Museum Village

**The Federsee** – a unique nature reserve lake for waterfowl and one of the most significant conservation areas in Baden-Württemberg. Long stretches of this lake from the dawn of humanity are hidden from view under reed beds – and it can only really be seen from the end of a long wooden walkway. It has been recognised as part of the transnational World Cultural Heritage by UNESCO since 2011.

The Bad Buchau Federsee Lake Museum

Distances from Biberach
- Bad Buchau 16 km – approx. 15 minutes by car
- Ulm 46 km – approx. 25 minutes by car
- Ravensburger Spieleland 56 km – approx. 40 minutes by car
- Münsingen (Swabian Jura) 50 km – approx. 1 hour by car
- Friedrichshafen 65 km – approx. 1 hour by car
- Gündzburg (Legoland) 70 km – approx. 1 hour by car
- Lindau 75 km – approx. 1 hour 20 minutes by car
- Bregenz (Vorarlberg) 85 km – approx. 1 hour 30 minutes by car
- Ravensburger Spieleland 95 km – approx. 1 hour 40 minutes by car
- Stuttgart 100 km – approx. 2 hours by car
- Romanshorn (Switzerland) 82 km – approx. 2 hours 15 minutes by car

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