

Baden bei Wien

Time to enjoy life.

Baden has been a spa resort for over 2,000 years and is nowadays a modern wellness destination. It has 26,200 inhabitants, is just 26 km to the south of Vienna and lies between 220 and 250 m above sea level.

1. Rosarium (Rose garden)



At the end of the 1960's a rose garden was laid out in the parkland of the former moated castle of Weikersdorf with the support of the Austrian Federal Association of Horticulturists. More than 30,000 rosebushes representing 900 different varieties, cover an area of 75,000 square metres with their blooms. Every year in June, rose lovers from all over the world descend on Baden to enjoy the roses in full bloom during the 'Baden Rose Days'.

2. Thermalstrandbad (Thermal outdoor lido)



In 1926, some years after the end of the Habsburg Monarchy, the Baden Municipality built the Thermalstrandbad, an Art Deco outdoor pool complex, in just 16 weeks. With a water surface of 5,000 square metres and a huge, sandy beach, the Lido complex is intended to evoke the atmosphere of an Austrian Adriatic bathing resort from a bygone age. In 1930 the Thermalstrandbad was extended by the inclusion of a part of the Weilburg palace park, so becoming one of the largest Austrian bathing facilities. The bathing season is from May to September.

3. Römertherme (Roman thermal baths)



In Baden traditional spa therapies and modern wellness treatments combine in perfect harmony. Here you will find one of the most beautiful sauna and swimming complexes in Austria. With a water surface area of 900 square metres, it also boasts one of the largest self-supporting glass roofs of any thermal bath in Europe. The Römertherme conveniently interconnects to the Wellness Centre, the Baden Spa Centre and the Badener Hof Health and Spa Hotel, making for a perfect blend of health care, spa luxury and charming hospitality.

4. Josefsplatz



Josefsplatz is the terminus of the Badner Bahn tram-trainline and the most important transport hub in the city. The focal points of the square are the neo-classicist Frauenbad with its imposing colonnaded hall - now the internationally renowned Arnulf Rainer Museum, and the Josefsbad - a popular meeting place for young and old alike. Nearby is the Florastöckl, a work of Josef Kornhäusel which recalls the Empress Marie Louise, Emperor Napoleon's second wife, and her times in residence at Baden.

5. Arnulf Rainer Museum



The Frauenbad is an architectural jewel built in the neoclassical style in 1821 and based on a design by architect Charles de Moreau. After establishing the spa operation in 1973, the building was used as a supra-regional exhibition centre. In 2009, the Arnulf Rainer Museum was opened in the former spa. Here the extensive work of the internationally acclaimed, Baden-born, contemporary artist Arnulf Rainer is displayed in the authentically restored baths and changing rooms.



Excursion tips in the surrounding area ...

Vienna



Vibrant metropolis and Austria's capital city. From the magnificent buildings of the Baroque to the 'golden' Jugendstil to the latest architecture.
 33 km, 31 min.

Mayerling



Former hunting lodge of Crown Prince Rudolph, today it is a Carmelite convent.
 14 km, 18 min.



Schneeberg
In just 40 minutes with the modern Salamander train you can reach the mountain station of Hochschneeburg at an altitude of 1,800 m.
 48 km, 40 min.



Stift Heiligenkreuz
Heiligenkreuz Abbey is a Cistercian monastery in the Vienna Woods, which was built in 1133.
 7,5 km, 11 min.



Seegrotte Hinterbrühl
The Lake Grotto and show cave with the largest subterranean lake in Europe.
 16 km, 27 min.

10. Kurpark & Baden Casino



The former Kurhaus, today's Congress Casino Baden, stands on historic ground. Here is Baden's oldest thermal spring: the Römerquelle or 'Roman spring'. Empress Maria Theresia established the city's first park in this place, from which today's Kurpark evolved. It is one of the most beautiful historical garden facilities in Austria. From gaming fun and entertainment in the casino, to the music of the Spa Orchestra concerts – the original spa atmosphere of Baden can still be found here.



9. Stadtpfarrkirche St. Stephan (St Stephen's parish church)



Baden's parish church was founded in 1312. The late Gothic building, with its 64 m high bell tower, is dedicated to St. Stephen. The former high altarpiece of 'The Martyrdom of St. Stephen' now hangs in the church chancel. The baroque organ recalls Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and his 'Ave Verum' which was composed in Baden and premiered in this church in 1791.

8. Stadttheater (Municipal Theatre of Baden)



Baden's theatre scene is almost 300 years old. Today's 700 capacity theatre building, designed by theatre architects Fellner and Hellmer, is built on the site of an earlier theatre by Kornhäusel from 100 years before. Baden's stages include the Stadttheater (Municipal Theatre) Baden and the Sommerarena (Summer Arena) which offer year-round performances of operettas, musicals and dramas with guest performances. The summer arena in its idyllic Kurpark setting, features a special retractable roof. When the weather is fine, you can not only listen to the magnificent singing, but can also enjoy the wonderful summer night through the open roof.



Neusiedlersee

Lake Neusiedl in Burgenland is Austria's largest steppe lake.
 49 km, 49 min.

