

English tour of the old city



Source: Tourist-Information Wetzlar - Fotograf: Dominik Ketz

The Tour

The old city, with its medieval squares and crooked alleys, sets a backdrop of charming half-timbered houses interspersed with buildings typical of the Imperial Chamber Court period.

The Lottehaus commemorates Goethe's time of residence in Wetzlar. Events in the summer of 1772 inspired the poet's first great literary achievement, the epistolary novel "The Sorrows of Young Werther."

The gothic edifice of the cathedral, which remains incomplete to this day, is a fascinating combination of Romanesque and Gothic stylistic elements, reflecting the history of the city.

The tour is also available in French, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian, and Dutch.

Duration

90 minutes

Booking

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Bergmannsrout (Miners' Route)



Source: Geopark Fortuna e. V., Autor: Roger Lang

The Lahn-Dill region between Wetzlar and Braunfels has been the site of iron ore mines for over 2,500 years. A hike through the region is one way to experience this history. The highlight of the GeoRoute is a tour through the Fortuna mine.

The Lahn-Dill region has a long history of mining. It was a lucrative ore district. When the Fortuna mine closed on March 4, 1983, the over 2,500-year history of iron mining in Hesse came to an end. Today, you can follow the footsteps of the miners and study the history of mining and the miners' stories along the way. See the film here.

In the upper colliery yard of the Fortuna mine, directly on the hiking trail, you can watch the hoist tenders at work in the machine room (opening times here), and a bit further up you can look way down into the old surface mine.

The Bergmannsrout can be combined with Stage 11, upstream of the Lahn hiking trail, to make a nice weekend tour. Glück Auf!

Author's tip:

The authentic underground tour through the Fortuna mine should not be missed. Start early in the morning to make sure to have enough time left.

Start: Wetzlar train station (159 m)

Destination: Braunfels

The tour

Trail description

Stage 1: Wetzlar to Leun (21 km)

From the station Bahnhof (S) toward Zentrum (connector to the Lahnwanderweg trail). Right on "Am Eisenmarkt" to Lahnstrasse, where the first marking for the Bergmannsroute can be found. The gorgeous trail along the banks of the Lahn leads out of Wetzlar. With the splashing stream as a backdrop, the trail on the banks of the Lahn (1) goes on to Dalheim. Vistas of the Lahntal open up at the top, one after another, right across to the Braufels castle. In Altenberg, a side trip (2) to the former abbey (of St. Elisabeth!) beckons. Through broad meadows and glorious mixed forests, the Bergmannsroute leads to the Fortuna show mine (3), the next highlight of this stage. The interesting and educational mining path begins behind the colliery house. Rows of dazzling rest areas stretch out like pearls on a string. Where to stop? The "Karls-Ruhe" rest area on the Schäferburg (4) or "Walters Hütte"? The final kilometers ultimately lead to Leun, the destination for this stage (5).

Stage 2: Leun to Braunfels (7.4 km)

The way to the Leun-Braunfels train station (6) runs through the bottomland meadows. Though Braunfels appears in the name of the station, there are still 5 km to go through the beech forest to the city on the hill. The trail climbs further on the gorgeous path along the Hecksberg. The Bergmannsroute ends at the "Kastanienallee" signpost. To the left, then up the stairs to the top of the hill, with the Braunfels castle and picturesque market square (E). Stage 11 of the Lahnwanderweg leads back to Wetzlar (see also pages 30–31).

Public transportation

Wetzlar or Leun/Braunfels train stations, or by bus from Wetzlar to Braunfels, www.bahn.de

How to get here

By car

B45 to Wetzlar and B45 to Braunfels via Solms, Leun, Grube Fortuna

Parking

Wetzlar: Parking at the north side of the train station, or the Forum/Rittal Arena parking garage (shopping center)

Equipment

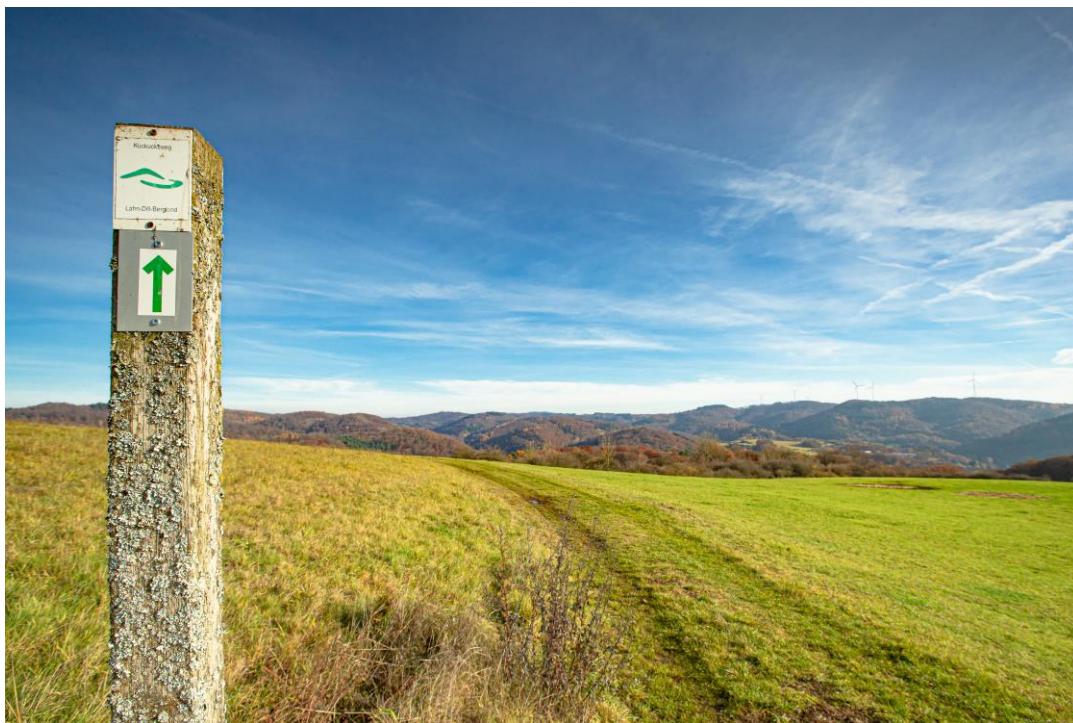
Normal hiking equipment is required. Bring a backpack with snacks and beverages.

You can stop at the mine restaurant Zum Zechenhaus (with beer garden) at the Fortuna mine.

For more information

www.outdooractive.com (This link will bring you to a German-language website)

Bus tours in the Lahn-Dill-Bergland nature park



Source: Naturpark Lahn-Dill-Bergland

New! Starting in spring 2021!

In the heart of Hesse, the triangle of cities Siegen, Marburg, and Giessen is framed by the rivers Lahn and Dill. This is the site of the Lahn-Dill-Bergland nature park.

With its variety of valleys and gentle hills, the Lahn-Dill-Bergland nature park is one of the most beautiful landscapes in Germany. The circuit through the nature park offers amazing, panoramic views and pure relaxation.

A close network of natural brooks, deep-cut valleys, and expansive forests are home to a wide variety of vegetation, rare plants, and a breathtaking assortment of animal life.

The Tour

Picturesque, historical half-timbered villages, such as Herborn, Dillenburg, and Biedenkopf lie within the nature park, inviting you to spend some time or take a city tour.

Our tour guides have been specially trained for the Lahn-Dill-Bergland region and provide entertaining information about attractions, special features, and the history along the trail in the nature park.

Focal points include

- The history of the Nassau nobility and their connection to the Dutch royal line
- Country traditions, such as the Hauberg culture that is only found here
- Geological features and the resulting mining industry, from the Stone Age to the modern era

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● And of course, the imposing natural backdrop of the Lahn-Dill-Bergland nature park <hr/> <p>The duration of the tour can be varied (half day, full day, or several days). Cost for the tours: 25 € / hour (minimum 4 hours) Interested in a guided tour through the Lahn-Dill-Bergland nature park? Find all the details here, including a booking form, text descriptions, and photos for your catalog.</p>
Details	<p>Planning for bus companies—Lahn-Dill-Bergland nature park (lahn-dill-bergland.de)</p> <p>We will send you a timely order confirmation that indicates that the booking has been accepted. Please allow for processing time of one to two weeks per booking. Of course, we will also endeavor to make bookings possible on shorter notice. But please also call or write to the email address provided below for queries with less than two weeks' notice.</p> <hr/>
	<p>Herborn town tour:</p> <p>Learn essentially, entertaining, and little-known facts from the rich history of the city. Did you know that Herborn is not only a historic trading town, but also was once home to a college with a European-wide reputation? Experience all of the attractions, the picturesque half-timbered houses, and gorgeous old town district.</p> <p>Duration: about 90 minutes</p> <p>Price for groups of up to 15 persons: 40 €</p> <p>Price for groups of 16–25 persons: 50 €</p> <p>For over 26 people, a second tour guide is required.</p>
Add city and casemate tours:	<p>Dillenburg town tour:</p> <p>The Orange city of Dillenburg is the cradle of the Dutch monarchy. William of Orange was born here in 1533 and later went down in history as the liberator of the Netherlands.</p> <p>This city tour is based on the historic trail, which leads through winding alleys and across squares, past ornate half-timbered buildings, presenting eyewitnesses to the diverse history of the city. Breathe in pure history on Dillenburg's most beautiful street from the baroque period, Wilhelmstrasse, also home to the Hessische Landgestüt (state stud). The Wilhelmsturm rises above it all and hosts the Orange-Nassau Museum.</p> <p>Duration: about 90 minutes</p> <p>Price: 60 € flat rate</p> <p>Max. group size 25 persons. For 26 or more, a second tour guide is required.</p>

Casemate tours on the Dillenburg Schlossberg:

A tour through the casemates (underground defensive emplacements) is the highlight of a visit to the Orange City of Dillenburg.

The casemates are underground, beneath the former castle, with the Wilhelmsturm as the modern emblem of Dillenburg. Prior to the destruction of the castle in 1765, the casemates were used as barracks for soldiers and defenders. Once they were dug up in the 1950s, the Dillenburg casemates are the second largest in Europe, after Luxemburg, extending over a length of about 1 km. A tour through the casemates gives visitors an impression of the unique atmosphere of past centuries.

The temperature in the casemates is a constant 8 degrees Celsius, regardless of the outside temperature. Appropriate clothing and sturdy footwear are recommended.

Duration: about 60 minutes

Price: Price: 75 € flat rate

Max. group size 25 persons. For 26 or more, a second tour guide is required.

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