

St. Wendel



... where life lives

Culture • Events • Leisure • Sport • Nature • Economy • Education



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Welcome



Peter Klär, Mayor of St. Wendel

Welcome to the vibrant district town of St. Wendel - a place that celebrates the diversity of life in all its facets. The heart of a vibrant community beats here, characterised by a spirit of innovation and strong cohesion.

In recent years, St. Wendel has established itself as a leader in dynamic progress - a town that prioritises smart innovation, consistent marketing and progressive urban planning. This commitment is reflected in a flourishing economy that not only creates jobs, but also offers a wide range of educational opportunities and great leisure facilities. It is worth living and working here and actively helping to shape the future.

This brochure invites you to experience the diversity and vibrancy of our town at first hand. Join us on a journey to our annual event highlights, discover fascinating sights and immerse yourself in the wealth of leisure activities that St. Wendel has to offer. Find out more about our history, marked by important connections, and a future that is full of growth potential.

Scan the QR codes and experience a lively, inspiring and always up-to-date reading!

Peter Klär

**„St. Wendel - where life is
an experience!“**



Charming St. Wendel



„Bursting with energy from spring to winter!“



Why „event“ should be spelled „WND“

In St. Wendel, the beat is vibrant. And so is life!



There is a lot to experience in St. Wendel - all year round.

There is always something going on here! The major seasonal events have long enjoyed a recognition that extends beyond the local area. The farmers' market and the Easter market, with their extensive accompanying programmes, attract numerous visitors from all over south-west Germany. Connoisseurs and art lovers will feel right at home at St. Wendel's LebensArt, a market for art and crafts. In summer, the town festival and the summer concerts in the old town centre offer compelling reasons to visit to St. Wendel. In autumn, the St. Wendel fair and the Halloween open-air party are the seasonal highlights. But the absolute highlight in the event calendar is undoubtedly the nationally renowned Christmas market, which, combined with the medieval market, creates an unparalleled atmosphere in the city. To make the experience as enjoyable as possible, the town offers guests a wide range of accommodation options.

Must-See St. Wendel

„Lovingly designed façades evoke memories of another era!“



Places that tell stories

Must-see sights of St. Wendel

Due to its long history, St. Wendel offers many must-see sights, including the historic old town surrounding the Wendelinus Basilica. The Gothic basilica with the tomb of the town's patron saint, St Wendelin, is worth a visit all year round. During the Advent season, it serves as a visual highlight of the nationally renowned Christmas market. The centrally located Mia Münster House houses a museum and a local and district library. For those who prefer a less busy location, we recommend the International Street of Peace. The 17-kilometre-long sculpture trail was conceived by international artists and comprises around 40 sculptures that are presented in harmony with the natural surroundings.



Welcoming St. Wendel



Invitingly charming

Culinary delights, joie de vivre & hospitality



„The unique flair makes this place unmistakable.“

The streets of St. Wendel reflect joie de vivre and cosmopolitan flair at every turn. The city is a popular meeting place for people of all ages, a lively centre offering a wide range of shopping facilities and services. The historic streets of the old town lined with cosy street cafés, top restaurants and inviting shops have a Mediterranean vibe. Here you can enjoy a shopping spree, discover fresh produce at the weekly market or enjoy a variety of cultural events with friends. Those who appreciate fine dining will also find plenty to savour. From down-to-earth dishes to Michelin-starred cuisine - there is the perfect dish for everyone.

Something we are especially proud of: In St. Wendel, hospitality is paramount, and the residents are eager to share the beauty and diversity of their town with visitors. St. Wendel welcomes you to enjoy life, discover flavours and experience the special flair of the town at every opportunity. An inviting charm awaits you here, promising unforgettable experiences.





A town that gets you moving

St. Wendel is a premier sports town

„St. Wendel's top-class sporting events are known far beyond its borders.“



As the sports centre of Saarland, St. Wendel not only offers a range of leisure activities such as climbing, horse riding, skating and golf, but is also the venue for top international sporting events. As the venue for the ADAC Rallye Deutschland, St. Wendel attracts countless motorsport fans from all over Europe to Saarland every year, and the international Super Moto World Championship races also captivate fans of two-wheeled motorsport. Another highlight on the long list of exclusive sporting events is the Powerman Duathlon European Championship. There are also numerous high-calibre cycling events, such as the Deutschland Tour, which further cement the town's image as a top international sports venue.

The international pole vaulting competition „City Jump“ on the castle square and the Special Olympics complete the sports programme.

A very special highlight of the sports year in St. Wendel is the Globus Marathon. It combines recreational sport with a sporting event, making it appealing to both professional athletes and amateur sports enthusiasts.



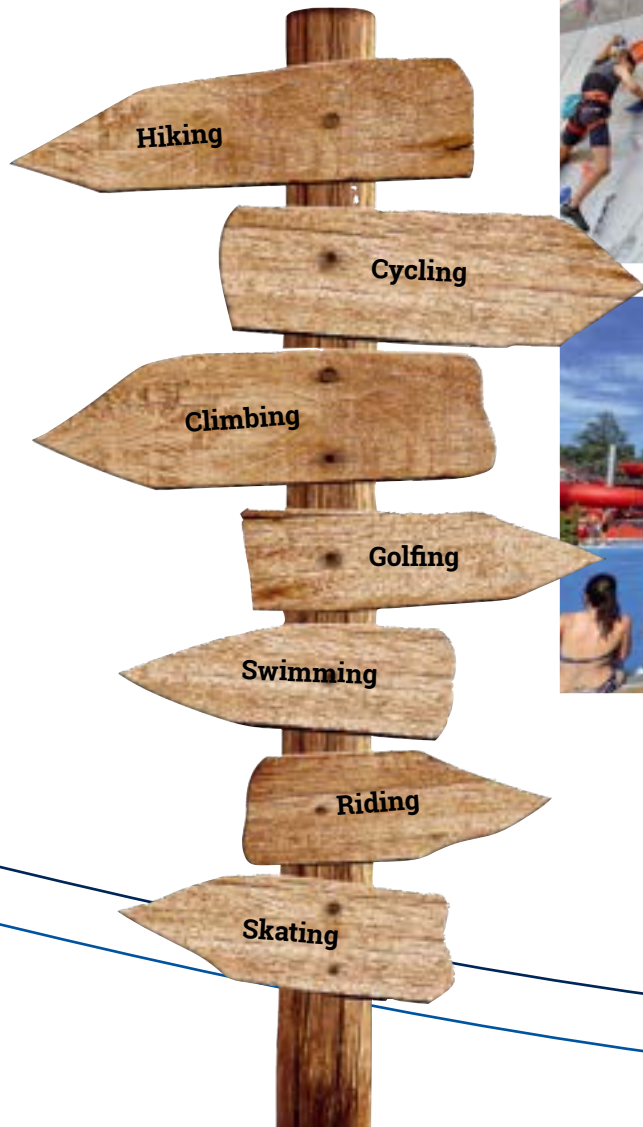
Relaxing St. Wendel

„There is a lot to discover!“



Indoors or outdoors, relaxing or exciting

St. Wendel offers leisure fun for all age categories



St. Wendel offers the ideal terrain for enthusiastic hikers and cyclists. Many challenging premium and themed trails wind through the gentle rolling hills surrounding the town. Whether it is contemporary art on the „Sculpture Trail,“ rustic forests or historical sites - there is plenty to discover and even more to experience. The two premium hiking trails in particular, which have been recognised by the German Hiking Institute, offer an exceptional hiking experience. Those who prefer cycling can enjoy nature on the 200 km long network of cycling trails. Well-developed and signposted trails allow you to choose between optimal trails for the whole family, recreational cycling, multi-day tours and greater challenges for ambitious athletes. The skating park, an indoor and outdoor swimming pool and a golf course complete the wide range of leisure activities in St. Wendel, ensuring there is something for everyone.

Another highlight is the GeoTour „St. Wendel: Discover • Play • Experience,“ which offers a novel way to get to know the town and to engage with St. Wendel’s rich history in a playful manner. For this purpose, five caches have been placed at the gates of the town, which must first be found and solved to then play the mobile cache in the town centre - known as an Adventure Lab. As the first of its kind in Germany, this form of mobile cache is a premium offering with a very special appeal.





Idyllic and authentic

Surrounded by extensive forests, lush meadows & fresh air

„Where the world is still as it should be! Here the soul can breathe ...“

In St. Wendel, nature is always just five minutes away. What others have to travel halfway around the world to experience has been a natural part of life for generations of residents of the district town: relaxing in the quiet forests filled with fresh air, frolicking with children on the green meadows, or strolling through lush fields - it is easy to relax and let your soul unwind in nature here. And there is more: St. Wendel is situated right in the heart of the Saar-Hunsrück Nature Park, surrounded by diverse landscapes, which have always been a fundamental part of the way of life for the people of St. Wendel.





Where the future has already begun

A business location with a vision for the future

„St. Wendel is brimming with opportunities!“



St. Wendel is one of the leading business locations in Saarland. Around 60 companies employ 15,500 people in the West industrial zone. There are also the Hungerthal and Hottenwald industrial zones.

The largest employers, Fresenius Medical Care and Globus, as well as the retail sector, are well-established: from car dealerships and bakeries to supermarkets and owner-operated speciality stores, St. Wendel offers everything a consumer could desire. Medical care is provided by the Marienkrankenhaus hospital, the Bosenberg-klinik and numerous doctors in private practice.

St. Wendel has a direct connection to the B41 motorway. The A62 and A1 motorways can both be reached in around 20 minutes.

In addition, the future prospects of the district town are positively influenced by its commitment to sustainability in ecological, economic and social terms. For example, St. Wendel already sources its electricity from renewable energies and invests in electromobility. Many municipal vehicles are powered by electric motors.



Educated St. Wendel



Learning where others go on holiday

Nurturing the future in St. Wendel



Families will find the perfect combination of living, working, leisure activities and education in St. Wendel. An excellent infrastructure in the area of early childcare coupled with a high density of primary schools - parents in St. Wendel can rely on this. And the choice of secondary schools is also excellent. There are also several technical colleges, a technical secondary school and a vocational training centre. Thanks to the numerous large and medium-sized companies located here, there are always many training places available. And for those who wish to pursue an academic career, Saarland University in Saarbrücken and the Environmental Campus Birkenfeld are within easy reach.

One thing is clear:

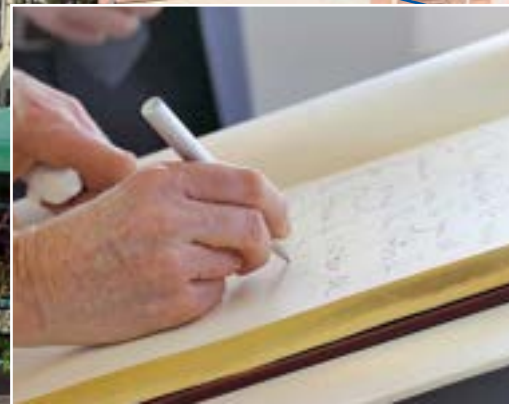
St. Wendel - a city fit for future generations - knows how lifelong learning works! This is highlighted by the award as a „Pioneering Future Community“.

**„Honoured as a Pioneering
Future Community.“**



Historical St. Wendel

"History that extends
into the future."



Royal flair from the past

Duchess Luise - ancestral mother of the Windsors

When Luise of Saxe-Gotha-Altenburg was born in Gotha in 1800, it was not yet foreseeable that the future Duchess would still be playing a role in around 200 years' time, and in St Wendel! After giving birth to two sons as the wife of Duke Ernst I, marital problems and accusations of infidelity ultimately culminated in Luise's banishment to St Wendel. Due to her social commitment, Luise quickly became very popular with the local population and, together with her second husband Maximilian, was seen as an important „economic factor“ in the region. Luise's son Albert married Queen Victoria in 1840 and from 1901 the British royal family bore the name „Saxe-Coburg and Gotha“, which was later changed to „Windsor“.

Today, the Luisenstraße, the Luise Statue, the permanent exhibition in the museum, and the Luise Restaurant in St. Wendel commemorate the ancestral mother of the Windsors. In the historic Amtshaus, formerly the main residence of the Duchess, an elegant meeting and reception room is called the „Luisenzimmer“. The ancestral plaque, which starts with Luise, was inaugurated by Chancellor Merkel in 2017.



Famous St. Wendel



Stars as guests in St. Wendel

Celebrities say hi



Celebrity visits are a common occurrence in St. Wendel. As the sporting capital of Saarland, St. Wendel is well known to sports celebrities such as the professional cyclists Jan Ulrich and Erik Zabel, motorbike racer Giacomo Agostini and Germany's most successful table tennis player Timo Boll. And the district city also has a lot to offer to music fans: St. Wendel has hosted not only German music icons such as Nina Hagen, BAP, Grönemeyer, Westernhagen and Die fantastischen Vier, but also international stars such as Rod Stewart and Joe Cocker. Every year, children and young people have the opportunity to see their idols when the SR Ferien Open Air attracts new solo artists and bands to Saarland. St. Wendel's guest list of political celebrities, which includes Angela Merkel, is also impressive. The visit of Sarah Ferguson, the Duchess of York, known as Fergie, brought a touch of royalty to St. Wendel on behalf of Queen Elizabeth - for many a nostalgic nod to the era when Luise of Saxe-Gotha-Altenburg still resided in St. Wendel.

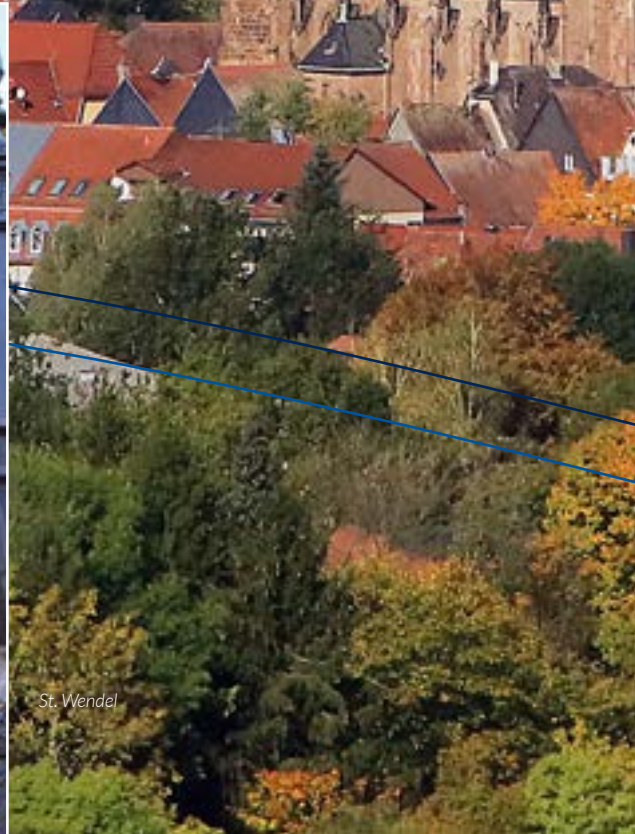


Excerpts from the golden book of the district city of St. Wendel

„Even the celebrities feel
at home here!“



Multifaceted St. Wendel



Surrounded by idyllic villages

There is more to St. Wendel than the town centre - St. Wendel's districts



Marth



Winterbach



Niederlinxweiler



Hoof



St. Wendel consists of 16 districts, each contributing its unique charm to the overall picture. From the bustling town centre to the picturesque villages with restored farmhouses: St. Wendel's diversity offers something for everyone. To name just a few highlights: The Michel distillery in Winterbach has been supplying the locals with spirits since 1887. Urweiler is home to two holiday farms, the Urweiler-Hof, known as Ur Laub's Hof, and the Marienhof. The Wendelinushof farm cultivates 160 hectares of arable land, meadows and pastures and offers people with disabilities the opportunity to actively participate in working life. The idyllic districts on the outskirts of the town are largely responsible for the fact that St. Wendel is considered a district town embedded in nature.



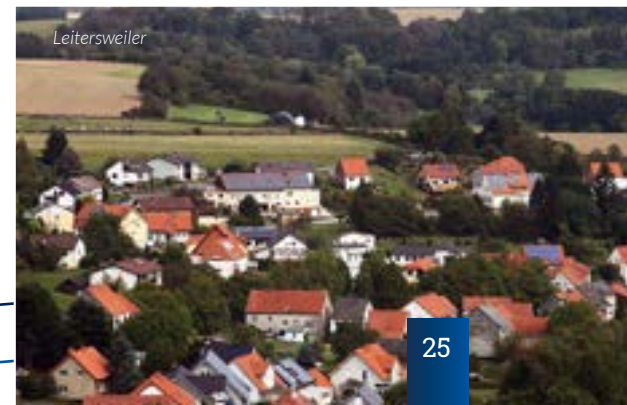
Oberlinxweiler



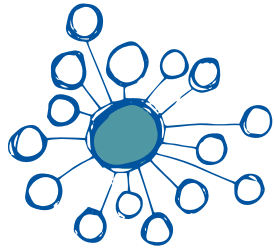
Dörrenbach



Werschweiler



Leitersweiler



Town. Country. St. Wendel.
Making a difference together.



Cohesion is the motto

Community effort makes the impossible possible



**„Moving forward together for
our homeland, nature and the people
of our country.“**



Limitless St. Wendel



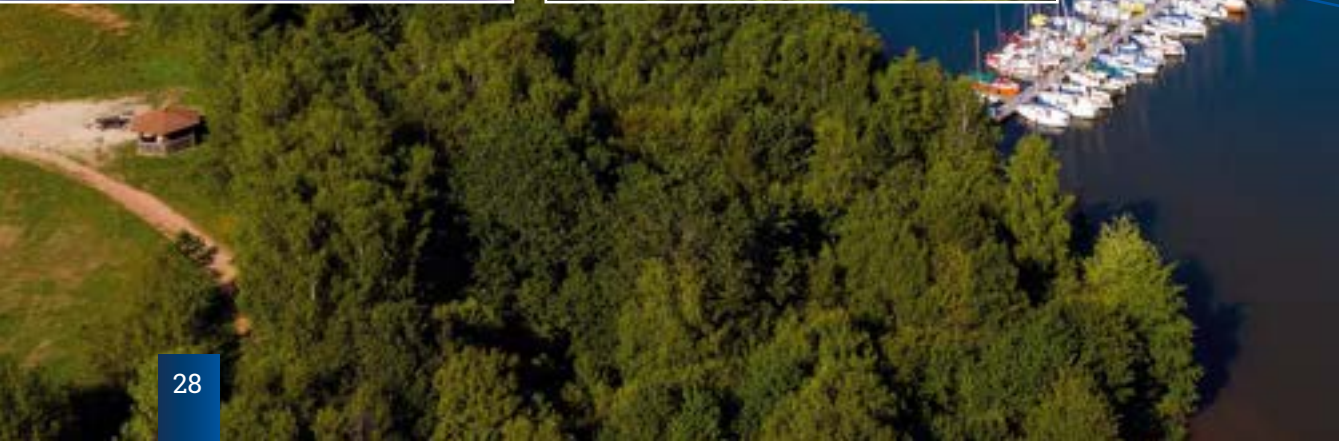
Excursion destinations in the district of St. Wendel:

Bostalsee
Schaumberg
Celtic Ring
Nahequelle
Freisen Nature Wildlife Park
Wendelinushof St. Wendel
Tholey Abbey



Excursion destinations in the surrounding area:

Peterberg toboggan run
Saar-Hunsrück Nature Park
Saarschleife in Mettlach
the state capital Saarbrücken
Trier
Luxembourg
Metz (France)



In good neighbourhood

Whether a distant view or a view of the lake - the surroundings offer endless possibilities



If the numerous sights and leisure activities in St. Wendel are not enough for you, you will definitely find what you are looking for in the immediate vicinity.

To name just a few excursion destinations:

The popular Bostalsee lake is only 20 kilometres away. Swimming, diving, sailing, taking advantage of one of the many sports on offer or simply relaxing. The Tholey Abbey is the oldest monastery complex in Germany and is famous for its choir windows, which were designed by the famous artist Gerhard Richter. The state capital of Saarbrücken is only 40 kilometres away and, with its numerous sights and shopping opportunities, is the perfect destination for a day trip. And for those who want international flair, St. Wendel's proximity to France and Luxembourg puts numerous attractive sights in neighbouring countries within easy reach.

„A variety of excursion destinations within easy reach!“



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At a glance



Location

The district town of **St. Wendel** is located in northern Saarland.

Bostalsee (19 km)

Saarbrücken (42 km)

Trier (75 km)

Frankfurt am Main (172 km)

Luxemburg (120 km)

Metz (120 km)

Paris (440 km)

Transport links

St. Wendel has a **direct connection to the B41 motorway**.

The **A62 and A1 motorways** can be reached in 20 minutes.

Bus & train connections

St. Wendel has a **direct railway connection to the Saarbrücken - Frankfurt (Main)** line via Bingen and Mainz.

A **central bus station** is located in the immediate vicinity of St. Wendel railway station. From there, regional buses take you to the surrounding villages and communities.

Airports

Saarbrücken Airport
approx. 42 km away,
approx. 50 minutes drive

Frankfurt Airport
approx. 155 km away,
approx. 120 minutes drive

Luxembourg Airport
approx. 110 km away,
approx. 90 minutes drive

Frankfurt Hahn Airport
approx. 70 km away,
approx. 65 minutes drive



Good to know

Facts, figures and data

Area: 113,53 km²
Population: 25,583
Licence plate: WND

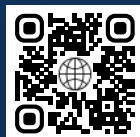
Districts:

16 districts (Dörrenbach, Werschweiler, Niederkirchen, Bubach, Saal, Osterbrücken, Marth, Hoof, Leitersweiler, Urweiler, Bliesen, Winterbach, Remmesweiler, Oberlinxweiler, Niederlinxweiler, town centre of St. Wendel)

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