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KOMPASS
A guide for your 1st year.
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We are pleased that you are starting your studies at one of the universities we support, even in these extraordinary times. Unfortunately, it is not yet possible to predict how the Covid 19 pandemic will develop, which is why we want to be all the more a reliable partner for your studies in the coming years.

Studierendenwerk Tübingen–Hohenheim sees itself as a company with a social mission and a modern service center for students. We are there for you in all situations: with bed spaces in our halls of residence, inexpensive meals in the refectories and canteens, daycare centers, support in financing your studies (BAföG) or counselling in difficult situations.

Our „StuWe Kompass“ serves as an orientation guide for you during the first weeks of your studies. With this brochure we want to give you an overview of our most important services. Further information is available around the clock on our website. Alternatively, our my-stuwe app is also available to you as a source of information. With it, you can, for example, call up the current menu of your refectory on a daily basis. Of course, we also keep you up to date via social media such as Instagram and Facebook.

Feel free to use these channels to give us feedback. Your opinion is important to us!

The entire team of the Studierendenwerk Tübingen–Hohenheim wishes you much success in your studies at Tübingen and the surrounding area!

Oliver Schill, manager
Studierendenwerk Tübingen–Hohenheim
OUR SERVICES

Housing
Low rents, a relaxed atmosphere and the chance to make friends quickly — apply for one of the almost 6,000 dormitory places. From shared to single apartments to apartments for student families, there’s something for everyone. S. 13

International
The supervision of international tutors is also one of our tasks. They support you and your roommates and make sure that you settle in quickly with their events. S. 16

Refectory & Cafeteria
In our refectories and cafeterias we offer you delicious meals, snacks and drinks at reasonable prices. Vegan, vegetarian, meat-based, seasonal and regional — you’ll always find something good here! S. 18

BAföG & Financing
Do you want to apply for BAföG or are you interested in student loans? We will support and advise you. And if your semester abroad takes you to Asia or Turkey, our International BAföG department will be happy to help. S. 24

Counselling & Social Services
In case of personal crises or study—related and legal problems, you can contact our counselling centers free of charge. If you are studying with a child, we can support you with our childcare services for children from one to six years of age. S. 32
STUDENT UNION FEE

The Studierendenwerk is financed by revenues from the halls of residence, refectories, and cafeterias, by grants from the state of Baden-Württemberg, and by students’ semester fees.

Purpose
With the amount to be paid each semester, you contribute to the financing of the social services of the Studierendenwerk (including refectories, housing, daycare centers), from which all students ultimately benefit.

Obligation
All enrolled students, including those on leave of absence, are required to pay the contribution.

Due date & payment
The fees are due at the time of matriculation/registration at the respective university.

Refund
In certain cases, for example a change of university at the beginning of the semester, the semester fee can be refunded subject to the deadlines. In the case of a leave of absence, a refund is not possible.

Severely disabled students, who are entitled to free use of public transportation due to their disability, will receive a refund of the part of the fee charged upon application and proof (applications on the website).

Further information can be found in the contribution regulations at: my-stuwe.de/en/organisation/studierendenwerk-fees/
CONNECT WITH US!

Website
On our website you will find detailed information about all our tasks. For example, current menus, the online application for a place in a dormitory, all forms for your BAföG application and much more.
my-stuwe.de/en/

Social Media
Want to know when the refectory is offering free chocolate doughnuts, get reminders about deadlines, and enter competitions? Then follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

App
With our my-stuwe app you are always up to date.

STUWE

Housing and living
The allocation of a place in the hall of residence as well as moving in and out is coordinated by the Studierendenwerk’s housing administration.

Eating and drinking
Our refectories and cafeterias provide you with hot meals, snacks and drinks every day – all at reasonable prices.

Financing your studies
You can apply for financial support for your studies at the BAföG office and get advice if you have any questions.

UNIVERSITY

Office of Student Administration
The Registrar’s Office is the linchpin for the organization of studies. This includes application, admission, matriculation, registration, leave of absence and exmatriculation.

Examination Office
Examination registrations, extensions of deadlines for seminar papers and theses, as well as certificates and diplomas are processed by the Examinations Office and the dean’s offices of the respective faculties.

Data Center
The Data Center is the contact point for everything related to IT. This includes the personal university user account, access to the internet, intranet, e-mail, e-learning and other services.

The Studierendenwerk takes care of your everyday life alongside your studies.
The university takes care of everything that is related to your studies.
OUR TASKS

Housing
Refectory & Cafeteria
BAföG & Financing
Counselling & Social Services

HOUSING

Affordable rents, a student atmosphere and easy contact opportunities make halls of residence very popular for students. The Studierendenwerk offers a total of almost 6,000 housing places at various locations. In addition to single rooms in shared apartments, there are also single apartments, barrier-free apartments and apartments for students with children and for couples.
How can I apply?
You can apply for a place in one of our halls of residence exclusively online. Multiple applications do not increase your chances of receiving an offer.

When should I apply?
As soon as you know that you will be studying at one of our locations. Even if you do not yet have a letter of admission or a certificate of study, you can still apply online. You should submit the missing documents as soon as you receive them.

What happens after my application?
After submitting your online application, you will receive an e-mail with your application data and further information. An e-mail with a link will be sent to you at regular intervals. In order for us to know that you are still interested in a room, you must confirm this link within five days. This way you remain in the applicant pool and we can continue to consider your application.

When will the room offers be sent out?
The allocation of rooms begins two months before the start of the semester by e-mail. However, we need your complete application documents for this. This means that we cannot offer you a room without your letter of admission or certificate of study.

How long is the regular rental period?
The regular rental period is limited to the term stated in the contract and is usually six semesters. The rental contracts are semester contracts, which can be terminated by you at the end of each semester with a notice period of two months.

What is the move-in procedure?
Move-ins are only possible from the beginning of the contract at 12:00 am and only on weekdays during the working hours of the caretaker. Before handing over the rented room, the tenant has to pay a deposit, the amount of which is specified in the rental contract. You will only receive the keys from your caretaker upon presentation of proof that the deposit has been paid.

What equipment do the rooms have?
- Single apartments are equipped with their own bathroom and kitchenette
- Shared flats or apartments share the kitchen and sanitary facilities
- Rooms and apartments are mostly furnished
- Mostly Internet and TV connection*
- Mostly washing machines and dryers for a fee*
- Green electricity from hydropower

* voluntary services of the Studierendenwerk.

VISIT
On our homepage you can find descriptions and pictures of many halls of residence and rooms. Unfortunately, it is not possible to take a look into the rooms, as they are occupied all the time.
Housing tutors will help you to find your way around in your new place of residence.

**International Housing tutors**
The international housing tutors organize numerous events and activities and thus ensure that new students from Germany and abroad quickly feel at home. The tutors also serve as contact persons for questions regarding living together in the dormitory. You can find more information at: my-stuwe.de/en/housing/international-tutors/

**Private room accommodation**
For Tübingen, Stuttgart–Hohenheim, Reutlingen, Rottenburg and Albstadt–Sigmaringen, the Studierenwerk offers an online service for finding private rooms and apartments, either independently or together with cooperation partners. This service is free of charge for students looking for accommodation. You can find more information at: my-stuwe.de/en/housing/private-room-accommodation-service-2/

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**CHECKLIST**
- Apply for a housing place on the website
- Regularly check your email and confirm your continued interest in housing
- Submit missing documents such as notice of admission or certificate of study
- Confirm room offer and sign contract
- Pack everything for the move and move in

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Due to the high demand, we are unfortunately not able to offer a housing place to all applicants.
Where does the food come from?
When buying food, we always look for high quality and freshness. Meat and sausage products, baked goods, fresh fruit and vegetables come from the region whenever possible and are delivered daily. This means, for example, that we can always put fresh toppings on the sandwiches.

Are there vegetarian and vegan dishes?
Every refectory serves vegan and vegetarian dishes every day. But you don’t have to give up meat or fish, we also offer that every day. There are salad buffets in all refectories. In addition, our cafeterias also have a varied vegetarian / vegan offer.

What is mensaVital?
Under the mensaVital brand, we offer easily digestible and nutritionally balanced meals with lots of fresh and healthy ingredients in the refectories in Tübingen, Reutlingen and Stuttgart–Hohenheim.

NOTE
Information about allergens and additives can be found in our refectories and cafeterias on a daily basis at each serving area on monitors, notices or in our allergen folder.
Where do I get my load of caffeine?
You can choose from a variety of specialty coffees in all of our cafeterias and at many vending machine stations. By the way, we source our coffee from fair trade sources. Do you like to drink your coffee on the way to class? Then try not to use a disposable cup and bring your own reusable coffee cup – or take five minutes and enjoy it directly in the cafeteria from one of our cups. You’ll reduce unnecessary waste and your coffee is sure to taste even better. You can also get your own reusable cup in our cafeterias.

Waste management
Our refectory managers order, plan and process all the ingredients of their meals in the most resource-conserving way possible. Whenever possible, food from overproduction is offered the following day as a very inexpensive plate meal, and other leftover items are processed into other dishes (salads, soups, etc.). Food waste that cannot be recycled (in particular, food returned by guests) is collected separately, picked up by a recycler and processed into biogas in a biogas plant.

Fair coffee
The coffee from our cafeterias is fair trade certified. It comes from fair trade. With oat milk, we also offer our guests a climate-friendly milk alternative – because oats are a local grain that does not require long transport routes.

Purchasing goods
When procuring goods, the Studierendenwerk pays attention to factors such as seasonality and regionality. For example, we source our potatoes, baked goods and many beverages from local suppliers in the region. In this way, we keep delivery distances moderate. For years, it has been standard practice to purchase only seasonally available vegetables whenever possible.

Elimination of disposable packaging
Since January 2022, we have consistently dispensed with disposable tableware in our cafeterias. Lunch to-go will therefore only be served in containers brought along. Pilot projects on reusable deposit systems are running in some cafeterias. In addition, hot beverages are now only served in porcelain dishes or reusable cups at all locations.

CONTACT REFECTORY
✉ hochschulgastronomie
@sw–tuebingen–hohenheim.de

CONTACT CAFETERIA
✉ Ute Stirm
07071/29–73893
✉ cafeterien@sw–tuebingen–hohenheim.de
I have lost my EC card/student ID. What should I do?

If you lose your student ID, you must immediately inform the Studierendenwerk of the respective card serial number so that the card can be blocked for further payment functions. For this purpose, you are welcome to contact the colleagues at the refectory/ cafeteria cash desks or the InfoPoints. If you lose your EC card, please inform the Studierendenwerk as soon as possible in order to prevent misuse of your EC card. ATTENTION: An EC-card blocking at the respective banking institution alone is not sufficient!

DID YOU KNOW?

... that we offer vegetarian and vegan dishes.
... that with Autoload you no longer have to stand in line at the EC topup machines, but can top up your credit directly at the cash desk.
... that, in addition to our coffee, some of our lemonades, teas and sweets are Fairtrade products.
BAFÖG & FINANCING

BAFÖG stands for Bundesausbildungsförderungsgesetz (Federal Training Assistance Act). It supports you in completing your studies if your and your parents’ financial means are not sufficient. You receive the money from the state, half of which is a grant and the other half an interest-free loan. This means that at the end of your studies you only have to pay back half of the money.

When should I submit the application?
To ensure that you receive your money on time for the start of the semester, you should submit an initial application as early as possible; you can also do this before you are admitted to your studies. BAFÖG can only be paid from the month in which the application is received and at the beginning of the semester at the earliest. As a rule, the approval period ends after two semesters. In order to continue receiving BAFÖG without interruption, you should submit an application for continued funding three months earlier.

How much will I receive?
The amount of funding is calculated individually. It depends on various factors, for example, whether you live with your parents or how high your own income and assets are, as well as the income of your parents. Siblings are also taken into account.

It’s profitable!
• Financial study support
• 50% of the money as a gift
• 50% as a loan (without interest)
• Repayment five years later
• Don’t be afraid of debt: You never have to pay back more than €10,010

INFORMATION
If you do not manage to complete all the necessary forms by the start of the semester, you can first send an informal application to meet the deadline and then submit all the missing documents in the shortest possible time.
How should I submit an application?
With BAföG Digital, you can easily create, edit, and send your BAföG application digitally on your computer. If you prefer to do it offline, you can either pick up the BAföG forms at our BAföG InfoPoint or download them from our website, then fill them out and send them by post.

How long can I receive BAföG?
Funding is based on the specified standard period of study. BAföG can only be paid from the date of application and not retroactively for earlier semesters or after the end of studies. Funding is also possible for a Master’s degree if it builds on your Bachelor’s degree.

Can I receive other income in addition to BAföG?
Students are allowed to earn 6,251.04 euros gross from non–self–employed work in a grant period of twelve months without having to fear deductions from BAföG. A different income calculation applies when completing a mandatory internship.

How does the repayment work?
The maximum loan to be repaid is 10,010 euros. The loan must be repaid five years after the end of the maximum funding period. Approximately six months before the start of the repayment obligation, the amount of the loan and the start of repayment will be communicated by notice. The loan is collected centrally by the Federal Office of Administration based in Cologne.
BAFÖG ABROAD

Who is entitled to BAFÖG abroad?
Anyone who is studying or doing a compulsory internship abroad. Within the EU and in Switzerland, you can receive funding for your entire studies. In the rest of the world, you must have already studied in Germany for one year before you can receive funding abroad for a maximum of one year. Studies abroad must last at least one semester, and a compulsory internship must last at least twelve weeks.

How high is the amount of funding?
The financial support you receive abroad is the same as the financial support you receive in Germany. In addition, there are some supplements, for example, for the return journey, health insurance or any tuition fees. It is worthwhile to apply for BAFÖG for your planned stay abroad: Even if your BAFÖG application in Germany is rejected because you have sufficient financial resources, your stay abroad could still be subsidised.

For which countries are we responsible?
Afghanistan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei, Darussalam, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Iran, Israel, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Laos, Lebanon, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, North Korea, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Yemen, Qatar, Yemen, Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Syria, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Vietnam.

How should I submit an application?
With BAFÖG Digital, you can easily create, edit and send your BAFÖG application on your computer. If you prefer an offline contact method, you can also download the BAFÖG forms for a stay in Asia or Turkey from our website. Our BAFÖG office at Bismarckstraße 24 in Reutlingen is responsible for these countries.

CHECKLIST
Complete all forms carefully. You must always hand in...
- BAFÖG application (form 01)
- School and professional history (integrated in form 01)
- Certificate of enrolment
- Declaration of father, mother, spouse (form 03)
- Supplementary sheet for training abroad (form 06)
- Declaration of assets (only if car available)
- Declaration on accommodation abroad
- Certificate of enrolment or trainee certificate

When and where do I have to submit my application?
You should submit your application for international funding six months before your stay abroad begins. Depending on where you are studying, different BAFÖG offices are responsible throughout Germany. You can find the responsible offices under the tab Study Abroad and BAFÖG Abroad at www.studentenwerke.de

BAFÖG FOR ASIA & TURKEY

Postal address
Postfach 26 42
72716 Reutlingen

Visitor address
Bismarckstraße 24
72764 Reutlingen

07121/9477-0
auslandsbafoeg@sw-tuebingen-hohenheim.de

Telephone office hours
Mon, Wed 01:30 pm – 03:30 pm
Tue, Thu 09:00 am – 11:00 am

Visiting hours
By appointment
KfW Student Loan
This low-cost loan is provided by KfW Förderbank (KfW promotional bank) and supports students between the ages of 18 and 44 studying in Germany. A monthly subsidy amount of between 100 and 650 euros can be paid out. Repayment in instalments begins no later than 23 months after graduation. You can combine the KfW student loan with BAföG.

Student loan
The federal education loan is aimed exclusively at students in an advanced phase of their studies. It supports you with a low-interest loan of up to 300 euros per month. It is possible to receive funding parallel to BAföG. Your income or assets or those of your parents are irrelevant.

Loans
Loans are for students who are in financial need through no fault of their own. There are two types of financing:

- Short-term loans up to 400 euros are granted without guarantee and administration fee
- For guaranteed loans from 401 to 1,200 euros you need a certified letter of guarantee and an administration fee is charged

Scholarships
In addition to BAföG, loans and credits, you can also apply for a scholarship. You can find information on the various funding opportunities on your university’s website, for example. It’s worth taking a look, because scholarship money does not have to be paid back.

Jobbing
Around two-thirds of all students have a job while they study. There are various forms of employment, such as mini-jobs (up to 520 euros per month), midi-jobs (520–1,600 euros per month), semester break jobs or working student jobs. In order to receive your full BAföG grant, you may not earn more than 520 euros per month on average.

Most students finance their studies through various sources, for example money from their parents, BAföG and a part-time job. However, there are other alternatives:

www.my-stuwe.de/en/bafoeg/funding-loans/
www.kfw.de
www.bildungskredit.de
If you have study-related, personal, social or legal problems, you can contact our various advice centres. We also support students with children with daycare places, family accommodation and other services.

What kind of concerns can I bring to counselling?
If you are at a loss due to study-related or personal difficulties, we offer you professional support, for example in the case of exam nerves and pressure to perform, writer’s block, self-esteem or motivation problems, relationship conflicts, contact difficulties or depressive moods.

When and where does counselling take place?
Counselling takes place in our two counselling centres in Tübingen and Stuttgart–Hohenheim or via video conference. On Mondays from 08.45 am – 02.00 pm and Tuesdays to Thursdays from 08.45 am – 12.30 pm you can register for an initial consultation by telephone or in person at the office. You can then make follow-up appointments directly with your psychologist. You can find up-to-date information about counselling services on our website.
How much does counselling cost? The counselling sessions are financed by the semester fee and are therefor free of charge at both of our counselling centres, regardless of the number of sessions. You can get help not only at our counselling centres in Tübingen and Hohenheim, but also at the counselling centres that cooperate with us at your place of study.

Up to four sessions are free of charge at our cooperation partners.

my-stuwe.de/en/advice/psychotherapeutic-counselling/

What topics can I get advice on? Our expert will help you with legal problems related to your studies. For example, if you have difficulties with your landlord or landlady, questions about exam law or if you are not paid for your part-time job.

When and where does legal advice take place? Legal advice is available by appointment on Tuesday and Friday mornings. Telephone consultations are also possible by appointment.

my-stuwe.de/en/advice/legal-advice/

Who can I contact as a student with a handicap? Disabled and chronically ill students can contact us if they have questions, for example about barrier-free housing. In addition, the central student advisory services at the universities have competent contact persons for students with disabilities.

my-stuwe.de/en/advice/studying-with-disability/
What requirements do I have to fulfil in order to get a day care place?
The following requirements apply to students for a place in one of the day care centres:
• At least one parent must be enrolled at a university belonging to the Studierendenwerk.
• At least one parent must be resident at the respective day care centre location.

How high are the fees for a day care place?
In Hohenheim, the costs amount to 198 euros per month. In Tübingen, the fee is based on the city’s fee scale. The fee includes a flat-rate meal allowance of 80 euros.

What is the educational concept of the day care centres?
The basis of our educational work in the day care centres is to support the children on their way to developing their own personality, building on their strengths and becoming independent. In doing so, we take their individual life situation into account and adapt our actions accordingly. In this way, we can offer students and academic university employees high-quality care, education and upbringing for their children that complements their family and contributes to the compatibility of studies, work and family.

Are there special rooms for students with children?
In Tübingen, we offer a total of 108 flats for young families and single parents with children. Special accommodation is also available at our other university locations. You can find more information on my-stuwe.de/en/housing/residence-families-couples/.

Do special BAföG regulations apply to studying with a child?
There are various BAföG grants and special regulations for pregnant women and students with children. In addition to the allowances for each child, an allowance is granted on the income during the studies. You can get more information at our BAföG InfoPoints and on the internet. my-stuwe.de/en/bafoeg/.

What is the „Mensa for Kids”?
All children of students between one and ten years of age receive a free meal in the refectory on request. Simply apply for the „Mensa for Kids” card at our InfoPoints in Tübingen or Hohenheim. At the other locations, the staff at the cash desks will help you.
There are various insurances for you for the following cases:

- Statutory accident insurance (accidents during courses as well as on the way to and from the university)
- Student accident insurance (accidents in connection with your studies where the statutory accident insurance does not apply)
- Wardrobe and bicycle insurance (theft insurance; limited to university / the Stuwe)
- Household contents insurance in Studierendenwerk dormitories

You can find more information at: my-stuwe.de/en/advice/insurance-policies/

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** Accident & Damage Reporting **

** Central Services **

Friedrichstraße 21
72072 Tübingen

Barbara Hagenauer

barbara.hagenauer@sw-tuebingen-hohenheim.de

Mon – Thu

** SEMESTERTICKET **

Transport associations

There are three transport associations in the university region: VVS, naldo and DING. All students at the cooperating universities contribute to the basic financing of the semester ticket by paying a solidarity fee. This makes the ticket cheaper overall. The amount must be paid each semester as part of the semester fee.

Free time regulation

Thanks to the free time regulation, you can use buses and trains Monday to Friday evenings (VVS and DING from 6 p.m., naldo from 7 p.m.), weekends and public holidays for free without having to buy a semester ticket. The student ID card must have the logo of the respective transport association printed on it for the current semester (valid in conjunction with the ID card; note the special regulations of the University of Tübingen).
Trips to the Region

TRIPS TO THE REGION

Waterfall and AlbTherme Bad Urach
Simply switch off from the daily study routine and let your soul dangle – the AlbTherme in Bad Urach with its spacious bathing and sauna area is the right place for this. Those who want to be active before relaxing should take a hike to the Urach waterfall. The water here plunges a spectacular 37 meters into the depths. albthermen.com

Black Forest Nature Parks
No other region in Germany has such a high density of large protected areas as the Black Forest. Hiking, climbing, swimming and many excursion destinations lure you there! blackforest-tourism.info

Ritter Sport Chocolate Factory
Whether as a remedy for a bad mood, as motivation during hours of cramming or just because – chocolate is always good. At Ritter Sport in Waldenbuch, you can learn all about the delicious chocolate squares and enjoy them with all your senses. ritter-sport.com/en/visit

Europa-Park Rust
Whether you’re looking for an adrenaline rush on the 73-meter-high Silver Star, a leisurely jungle raft ride, or a day at the Rulantica water world, Europa-Park Rust has something for everyone. europapark.com
**Trips to the region**

**Fairy Tale Garden Ludwigsburg**
In the Fairy Tale Garden at the Blühender Barock Ludwigsburg, you can reminisce about your childhood and meet Ali Baba, Little Red Riding Hood, Pinocchio and many other fairy tale characters during an extended walk around the baroque palace. You’re never too old for that! In autumn, the world’s largest pumpkin exhibition is held there every year.

[blueba.de](http://blueba.de)

**Esslingen Medieval and Christmas Market**
A journey through time at Christmas – this unique combination is offered by the four-week Esslingen Medieval and Christmas Market. With a spicy mulled wine or mead you can enjoy the colorful hustle and bustle of jugglers, merchants, craftsmen and artists. Special attractions include the torchlight parade, the medieval bathhouse, a storyteller for adults and the archery tournament.

[esslingen-marketing.de/ weihnachtsmarkt-3](http://esslingen-marketing.de/weihnachtsmarkt-3)

**Hohenzollern Castle**
Perched high on a mountain peak on the edge of the Swabian Alb, Hohenzollern Castle attracts hundreds of thousands of visitors every year. You should definitely pay a visit to this historic place visit this historic site during your studies. Guided tours in English are available for international students. In addition, a shuttle bus takes less wandering students from the valley to the castle gates for a few euros.

[burg-hohenzollern.com](http://burg-hohenzollern.com)

**Campus Galli**
At the „Campus Galli“ monastery construction site near Meßkirch, a piece of the Middle Ages is being created day by day: craftsmen and volunteers are using 9th–century resources to create a monastery based on the St. Gallen monastery plan.

[campus-galli.de](http://campus-galli.de)

**Laichingen Deep Cave**
Instead of going high up, Germany’s only accessible shaft cave in Laichingen (between Reutlingen and Ulm) takes you deep underground. In the museum you will learn everything about the history of the discovery of the deep cave, the living creatures there and geological facts.

[tiefenhoehle.de](http://tiefenhoehle.de)

**Lake Constance**
Lake Constance is the third largest inland lake in Central Europe and borders three countries. The flower island Mainau, the Rhine Falls, the pile-dwelling museum in Unteruhldingen, the monkey mountain in Salem, the Zeppelin Museum in Friedrichshafen are only a few excursion possibilities. Water sports, hiking and cycling provide an active balance.

[bodensee.eu/en](http://bodensee.eu/en)

**Blautopf**
The particularly beautiful karst spring, embedded in the valley basin of Blaubeuren, is an admirable natural phenomenon that shows itself in beautiful blue and green hues.

[blautopf.com](http://blautopf.com)

**Fun in the snow**
When it has snowed, the nearby Swabian Alb is a winter wonderland. Cross-country skiers and winter hikers enjoy paradisiacal conditions here. The plateau is an ideal terrain, icy cold and flat with vast landscapes bathed in a dreamlike snowy white. But also skiers and snowboarders get their money’s worth at numerous ski lifts.

[schwaebischealb.de/winter](http://schwaebischealb.de/winter)
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