

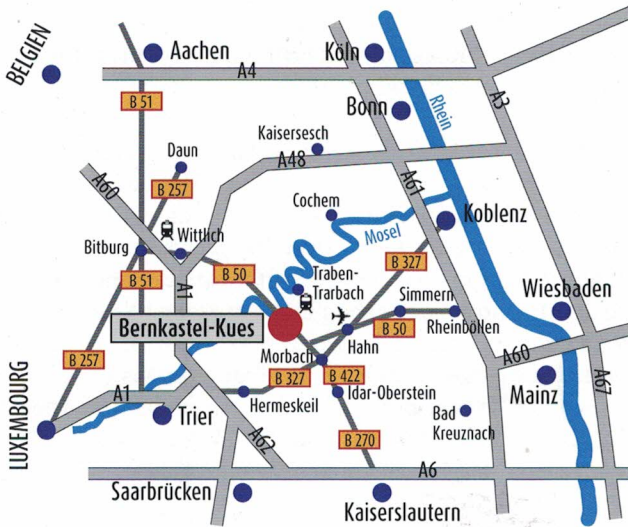


BERNKASTEL-KUES Info

Bernkastel-Kues is looking forward to your visit.
Entertainment and relaxation for all tastes.



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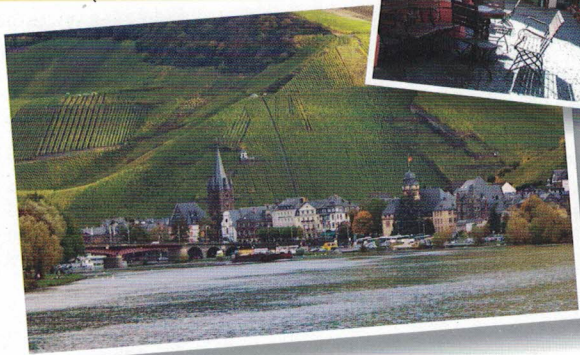
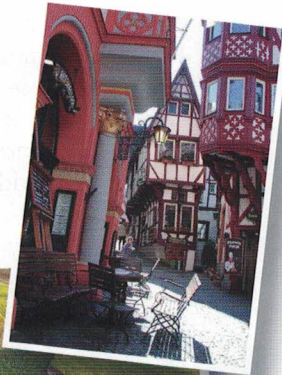


Welcome

There are few other regions in Germany that attract visitors from near and far and spoils them with mild, almost mediterranean temperatures as the Mosel valley. The villages with their timbered houses, famous vineyards and mighty castles along the Mosel river are strung together like beads on a chain – and in the very centre of this region you find the little town of Bernkastel-Kues. The Romans left their mark here and the beautiful medieval architecture can be marvelled at to this day. A stroll through the centre of Bernkastel-Kues promises many possibilities for treating yourself or your loved ones at home.

Top 5 sights

- » Traditional Spitzhäuschen
- » Historic old town
- » The birth house of Cusanus
- » St. Nikolaus-Hospital
- » Landshut castle ruin



Historic places



The medieval marketplace is one of the main attractions of the town on the river Mosel. The century-old timbered houses, the Renaissance town hall (1608), the charming fountain of St. Michael (1606) and the much admired and und photographed Spitzhäuschen (1416) reflect the spirited poetry of the Middle Ages. Today's town hall façade is a magnificent structure from the German late Renaissance. On the left cornerstone of the façade on the ground floor you can still see the pillory which villains used to be tied up to with chains and handcuffs.

As one of the most eminent philosophers of his time Cardinal Nikolaus von Kues left a mark on his hometown. Today his birth house accommodates a permanent documentary exhibition of his life and work. The famous St. Nikolaus Hospital houses his famous library, which includes one of the most valuable private manuscript collections in the world.

Partner towns

Bernkastel-Kues is enjoying a lively partnership with the Czech spa town of Karlovy Vary. The Karlovy Vary Square (Karlsbader Platz) in the centre of Bernkastel-Kues is dedicated to this friendship.



Districts



The two districts of Anadel and Wehlen and the Kueser Plateau add their own attractions and charms to Bernkastel-Kues.

Anadel

In Anadel you will find the lush green floodplains of the Mosel, meadows and fields, sunny hillside vineyards and pristine wooded slopes. Here you do everything to your heart's content: you can go hiking, cycling, inline skating or fly across the Mosel river in a water plane. You can even search for gold here! A genuine gold brook runs through the unspoiled forest landscape.

Wehlen

A mysterious sundial has made Wehlen famous: the clock face misses the number seven. Why? Find out for yourself! The "Wehlener Sonnenuhr" vineyard grows one of the most elegant white wines in the world.

Kueser Plateau

The Kueser Plateau has exactly the right climate for holidaymakers seeking relaxation or more active pursuits: hiking, running or Nordic Walking along the idyllic vineyard paths and cool forest trails, mountain biking, tennis on one of the many courts or even a ride on horseback.

Wine and other delights

In Bernkastel-Kues you can find out everything about wine, from winegrowing to wine tasting. The vine grows on hills at angles of up to 60 degrees, on mediterranean-looking terraces. The mild microclimate and the heat-storing slate soil make this area ideal for the Riesling grape, of which there are many types. Riesling is not the only white wine that grows here, and the main red grape varieties are Spätburgunder and Dornfelder. It's no surprise then that Bernkastel-Kues attracts visitors from around the world year after year. To deepen your knowledge of wine we recommend a visit to the wine shop. It is accommodated in the vaults underneath the St. Nikolaus Hospital and stocks more than 160 wines from the Mosel wine-growing region.

In the multimedia Mosel Wine Museum next door you can experience the cultural wine landscape of the Mosel region using the latest media technology and find out all about the region's landscape, wine and culture.

