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#### Invitation to Discover the Charm of Ludwigsburg

Dear Participants of the Masters European Championship,

We are delighted to welcome you to Ludwigsburg – a city of elegance, history, and vibrant culture. While the Masters European Championship promises thrilling athletic performances, we also invite you to explore the many highlights our baroque city has to offer.

Join us for a series of carefully curated activities that will give you a taste of Ludwigsburg's unique character and hospitality:

#### Guided Tour of Ludwigsburg Palace

Step into the grandeur of the 18th century with a visit to one of Europe's largest and bestpreserved Baroque palaces.

#### Wine Hikes through the Vineyards

Enjoy scenic walks through the rolling vineyards surrounding Ludwigsburg, paired with local wine tastings and regional delights.

#### Visit to a Traditional Brewery

Discover the art of German beer brewing and sample a variety of local craft beers during an authentic brewery experience.

#### ...and much more.

Whether you're interested in history, nature, or culinary experiences, Ludwigsburg has something for everyone. To find out more about our program please follow this link: <u>https://forms.gle/Jhr1GXBHJaesCkdQA</u>

We look forward to sharing memorable moments with you beyond the competition, and to celebrating this international event in a spirit of friendship and cultural exchange.

#### Warm regards, The Organizing Team of the Masters European Championship







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## Timetable (proposed to WMH EOG; continuously updated)

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Manager Briefing	20 August 2025	tbd	HC Ludwigsburg
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Opening Ceremony		6 pm	HC Ludwigsburg
Opening Party		7:30 pm	HC Ludwigsburg
First match and	21 – 30 August		HC Ludwigsburg,
schedule	2025		TSV Ludwigsburg,
			Bietigheimer
			HTC/HC Vaihingen
Special Theme	24 August 2025	7:30 pm	HC Ludwigsburg
Evening	_		
Gala Dinner	26 August 2025	8 pm	HC Ludwigsburg
Closing Ceremony	30. August 2025	6 pm	HC Ludwigsburg

Storage of goalkeeping equipment at the club facilities

At the HCL, a tent will be set up for storing goalkeeper equipment.

At the TSVL, goalkeeper equipment can be stored in a locker room.

Designation of physiotherapy treatment rooms at the club facilities

At the HCL, a hockey hall will serve as the workspace for the physiotherapists.

At the TSVL, a locker room will serve as the workspace for the physiotherapists.

Contact: <u>masters-ec2025@hc-ludwigsburg.de</u>







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#### Self-service laundromats and cleaning

Self-service laundromats	Adresse	Telefonnummer	Google Maps Link
Waschsalon Ludwigsburg Wash&Go	Stuttgarter Str. 54, 71638 Ludwigsburg	+49 711 96893784	LB-WA-LINK
Waschsalon Stuttgart Washpoint	Paulinenstraße 10, 70178 Stuttgart	+49 179 3401875	S-WA-LINK
Waschsalon Stuttgart Wash&Go	Wilhelmstraße 11, 70182 Stuttgart	+49 711 96893785	S-WA-LINK
Cleaning	Adresse	Telefonnummer	Google Maps Link
Lange - die feine Reinigung	Körnerstraße 17, 71634 Ludwigsburg	+49 7141 8656210	LB-RI-LINK
Topwäscherei Textilreinigung	Breslauer Str. 59, 70806 Kornwestheim	+49 7154 16705	KW-RI-LINK
Textilreinigung Trieb	Arnulf-Klett-Platz 3, 70173 Stuttgart	+49 711 294166	S-RI-LINK

Booking training times before the start of the tournament

Link to court booking:

https://booking.locaboo.com/de/hockey-club-ludwigsburg-1912-e-v/

Please book courts under the category

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Gala Dinner

Approximately 300 participants have registered for the gala dinner. This number makes it impossible to hold the event at the Forum am Schlosspark.

The gala dinner will now take place for registered participants on Tuesday, August 26, 2025, in the HC Ludwigsburg clubhouse (3-course buaet menu; cost €55). If necessary, please send cancellations to <u>masters-ec2025@hc-ludwigsburg.de</u> by July 31, 2025. Unfortunately, further registrations are no longer possible.

More information in the next newsletter

- Detailed information on the schedule and registration formalities for the other social events

- Extensive information on the catering options in the clubhouses and information on registering for team meals.

- Merchandise Concept with Partner Reece

Please note the attached information from our host city, Ludwigsburg, as well as the HCL, TSVL and BHTC site plans.







## LUDWIGSBURG

One city – 3 palaces endless opportunities !

Inspiring Ludwigsburg!



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Welcome to Ludwigsburg, Germany's Baroque gem! Just outside Stuttgart and close to the Black Forest, the Baroque town of Ludwigsburg is a true pearl in Southern Germany.

#### Ludwigsburg in a nutshell:

- 3 palaces, among them "the German Versailles"
- Picturesque palace gardens
- D The world's largest Pumpkin Festival at the palace gardens
- One of Germany's most beautiful Christmas markets
- Discourse of the second second
- Venetian Festival

#### Expect the unexpected.



## LUDWIGSBURG -

## YOUR NEXT DESTINATION

A true pearl in Southern Germany.

## LUDWIGSBURG PALACE

## **& PALACE GARDENS**

Beautifully Baroque.

"Now that's what I call a palace!" First-time visitors are amazed by the sheer size: 452 rooms in 18 buildings. This is one of Europe's largest original Baroque complexes. Take a guided tour and travel back through 300 years. Admire the art in the Baroque Gallery (Barockgalerie) and tour the private apartments to see how the royal family lived. Outside are the world-class palace gardens.

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Flanking the palace on three sides, the majestic Ludwigsburg Palace Gardens (Blühendes Barock) are worth a visit in their own right. Youngsters love the Fairytale Garden, dedicated to familiar characters, such as Rapunzel and Little Red Riding Hood.

## HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

 Ludwigsburg Palace is also home to the Ceramics Museum (Keramikmuseum), with rare porcelain, and the Fashion Museum (Modemuseum).

Annual events at Ludwigsburg Palace Gardens include the international street music festival and grand musical firework displays.

## **COLORFUL SPECTACLES**

Ludwigsburg Pumpkin Festival & Illuminated Dream Path.

When it comes to pumpkins, Ludwigsburg rules! From August to November, Ludwigsburg Palace Gardens host the world's largest **Pumpkin Exhibition**, a vast horticultural show with a different theme each year. Think 450,000 pumpkins and 600 varieties.

Halloween is a ghostly excuse for light installations, fog effects, laser tunnels and sound collages that create the **Illuminated Dream Path**. This special path runs for a mile (1.5 km) through the pumpkin exhibition and historic vineyard. Along the way, special effects create a fairy-tale world.

## HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Don't miss the delicious pumpkin-based dishes, such as soup, waffles and local favorite Maultaschen, a dish like ravioli.

The Illuminated Dream Path is a "must-see" experience for all the family. The path opens when it gets dark, closing at 9.30 p.m.

The royal family's vast estate includes more than **Ludwigsburg Palace**. Built as a hunting lodge and summer retreat, the 300-yearold **Favorite Palace** is set in a wooded park. Not surprisingly, this is a popular venue for upscale weddings!

Linked to Ludwigsburg Palace and Favorite Palace via a broad avenue through a spacious park, **Monrepos Palace** overlooks a lake. Still owned by the Württemberg royal family, this Rococo-style minipalace is now a venue for events. The estate also boasts a winery, an 18-hole golf course, riding stables, a hotel, restaurant and cafés.

## HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Take a walk along the 3 palaces (distance: 3.5 km; 45 - 60 minutes).

At Monrepos, play golf on the nearby course or rent a boat to enjoy views of the palace from the lake.

## A TRUE ROYAL ROUTE

Walk along 3 palaces.





Germany is the land of fairy tales and the **Fairytale Garden** (Märchengarten) within **Ludwigsburg Palace Gardens** features over 40 lovingly recreated classics. See where Sleeping Beauty lives; watch as Rapunzel lets down her hair; warn Little Red Riding Hood about the wolf; ask the mirror on the wall who is "the fairest of them all?"

What is usually banned in most museums is encouraged in the **Children's Kingdom** (Kinderreich), an interactive, living museum for children in **Ludwigsburg Palace**. Touching things, trying things on and joining in the fun are not just allowed, they are encouraged!

In one of the town's oldest Baroque buildings, the lively interactive and hands-on displays in the **Ludwigsburg Museum** explain how the town was planned and developed.

Regularly-changing special exhibitions – many of them especially for kids & families – focus on topics inspired by our past and our present.

## HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

- Extra special is a **boat tour** along the Märchenbach, the Fairytale Stream, past mysterious trees and through tunnels. Look out for characters from well-loved stories!

## **KIDS & FAMILIES FIRST!**

A city full of fairytales.



## A CHARMING PIAZZA WITH FLAIR

Relaxed Italian atmosphere meets urban cool.



The **Market Square** is the beating heart of Ludwigsburg and the perfect starting point for a stroll through the picturesque city center.

Take in the Mediterranean-style arcades, the elegant market fountain and the two landmarks, the churches that face one another. Then settle down and watch people from one of the attractive outdoor cafés and restaurants.

## HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Ludwigsburg Farmers' market is open year round. Few markets have such an elegant Baroque setting! Stroll through the 35 or so stalls; chat to the stallholders (many speak excellent English); enjoy a coffee or a beer at one of the outdoor cafés; sit and watch the world go by.

## MUSIC IS IN THE AIR

Performing arts at fascinating settings.

The **Forum am Schlosspark**, Ludwigsburg's stylish modern theatre and entertainment hub, provides a roll call of international talent throughout the year. Check to see who is playing there; watch an outstanding dance company, such as the Nederlands Dans Theater or Les Ballets de Monte-Carlo.

Opera, music and dance are the mainstays of Ludwigsburg Festival's annual program. In summer, 8,000-strong audiences attend the Ludwigsburg Festival's popular Monrepos Open Air concert, with its spectacular firework display. The beautiful Monrepos Palace is specially illuminated for this evening concert in mid-July.

## HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

The **Monrepos Open Air concert** provides a surprise right at the end. For the grand finale, **a fireworks display lights** up the night sky, with star bursts and rockets, all reflected in the serene lake in front of the palace to **the soundtrack of live music**.



#### At the end of May, the **International Street Music Festival** takes over the Palace Gardens! Listen to some 40 international street musicians and bands and singer-songwriters and rockers. The range of styles is enormous, from folk, reggae, pop and hip hop to Blues, Balkan pop, Latin rhythms, and traditional klezmer. Be inspired!

In July & August, the Ludwigsburg KSK Music Open showcases national and international bands outdoors in the Palace courtyard. Artists range from German favorites, such as singer-songwriter Sarah Connor to international megastars such as Tom Jones, James Blunt and Lionel Richie. Think of it as Baroque 'n' roll!

## HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Take an after-show drink at one of the numerous bars and pubs such as Towers Irish Pub, Blauer Engel or Chaplins Bar.

## **IT'S SHOWTIME**

Festivals & more.





Bon appétit.



Swabian cuisine has a reputation for being rustic, but rich and hearty. Local dishes go with both locally-brewed beers and regional wines – make your choice!

Among the region's best-known dishes are "**Maultaschen**" (Swabian dumplings), meat and spinach-filled dumplings either fried or served in broth as well as "**Spätzle**" (fresh egg noodles).

One of the most typical Swabian dishes is "Linsen mit Spätzle", a dish featuring lentils cooked in a vinegar broth and served over Spätzle. They are often served with Vienna sausages or smoked bacon.

**"Schupfnudeln"** are another particularity of Swabian cuisine. They are made of a dough which contains equal parts of flour and potato and their shape is oblong with tapered ends.

And make sure to order the popular "Zwiebelrostbraten" (Swabian Roast Beef with fried onions).

### HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

- The Swabian Pretzels ("Schwäbische Laugenbrezeln") are a true Swabian sanctuary. They tase best when freshly baked with some butter.
- The flavorful Swabian Potato Salad ("Schwäbischer Kartoffelsalat") is the perfect accompaniment to a hearty local dish.

## **OUTDOOR & ACTIVE**

Boat trips & water sports.

Ludwigsburg is on the Neckar, one of Germany's prettiest rivers. For those who enjoy an active vacation, we have lots of suggestions in Ludwigsburg. Why not starting with a bike tour along the Neckar, taking the comfortable "**Neckartal Radweg**" (Neckartal cycle path)? For those who prefer hilly routes, there are plenty of opportunities.

An unexpected pleasure for many visitors is taking a tour by canoe, kayak or SUP (Stand Up Paddle Board). The scenery along the way includes steep vineyards and medieval villages.

In the Ludwigsburg suburb of Hoheneck am Neckar, the "Zugvögel" rental company welcomes everyone from beginners to experts.

## HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

A must-do experience is a trip on the Neckar River aboard an elegant boat in the **Neckar Käpt'n** fleet. Take one of the regular, scheduled ferry services, a short cruise or a themed cruise, perhaps for brunch or a wine-tasting.

Every two years, Ludwigsburg morphs into the Venice Carnival for three fun-filled days. Think 18th-century gowns and capes, masks, fans, and hats; artists and musicians from all over Europe; concerts and shows galore! Best of all, you, too, can join in the fun. With or without a mask!

Wearing mysterious masks and elaborate costumes, 2,000 artists present a spectacular array of entertainment, from acrobatics, stilt walking and fire juggling to music, drama, comedy and dance. These top-class national and international artists perform across 10 stages; there is plenty of room and everyone can enjoy the entertainment.

#### HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

- Families love the "Venezianische Messe" festival, as there is so much for little ones to see and do – from face painting to a fun fair and even a playground with a shipwreck and a real pirate.
- Don't miss the arts and crafts market, a showcase for the work of artists from all over Europe.

## LUDWIGSBURG

## **VENETIAN FESTIVAL**

A glittering event full of colour.

# LUDWIGSBURG BAROQUE CHRISTMAS MARKET

No words - simply fascinating.



Germany is the land of Christmas markets. So what makes ours here in Ludwigsburg truly special? Start with the setting: our elegant Baroque main square. Add lights and soaring angels, sparkling Christmas trees and the mouth-watering smell of fresh gingerbread and roasting chestnuts. The 180 individually decorated stalls are laden with locally-made crafts and toys, food and drink. That's why **Ludwigsburg Christmas Market** ranks among the most popular Christmas markets in Germany!

## HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

The ideal place for Christmas shopping! Most of what is on the stalls is handmade, from glass Christmas tree decorations and carved wooden toys to crèche figures, traditional Christmas cookies and chocolates.



## MORE IDEAS FOR YOUR TRIP?

### **CONTACT US**

Do you have any special requests or questions? Would you like to book up for a city tour or an event? Are you looking for that perfect souvenir or gift? At the Ludwigsburg Tourist Information Center, we are always ready to help you.

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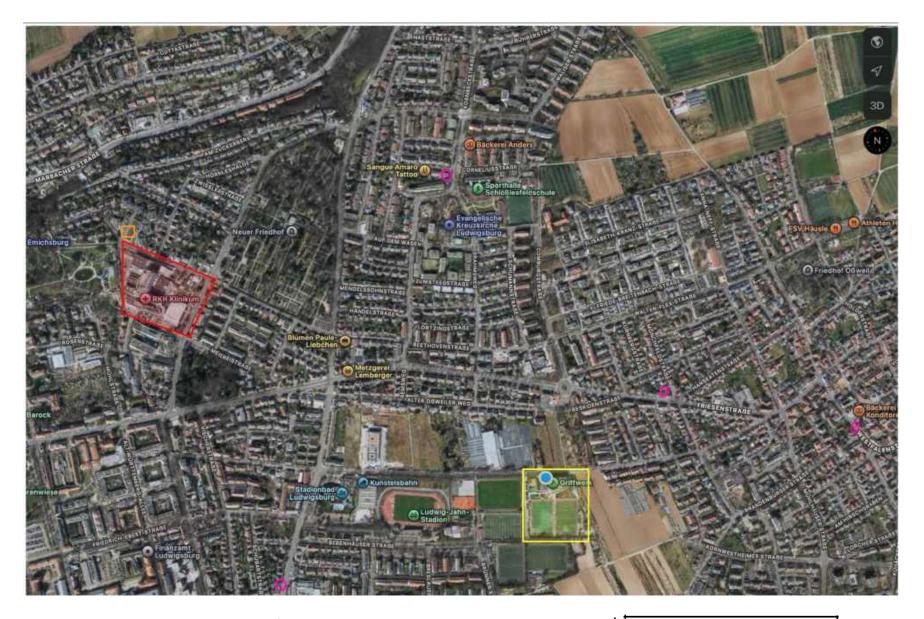
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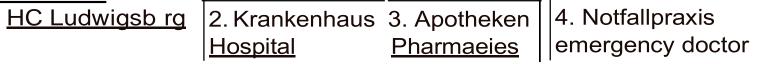
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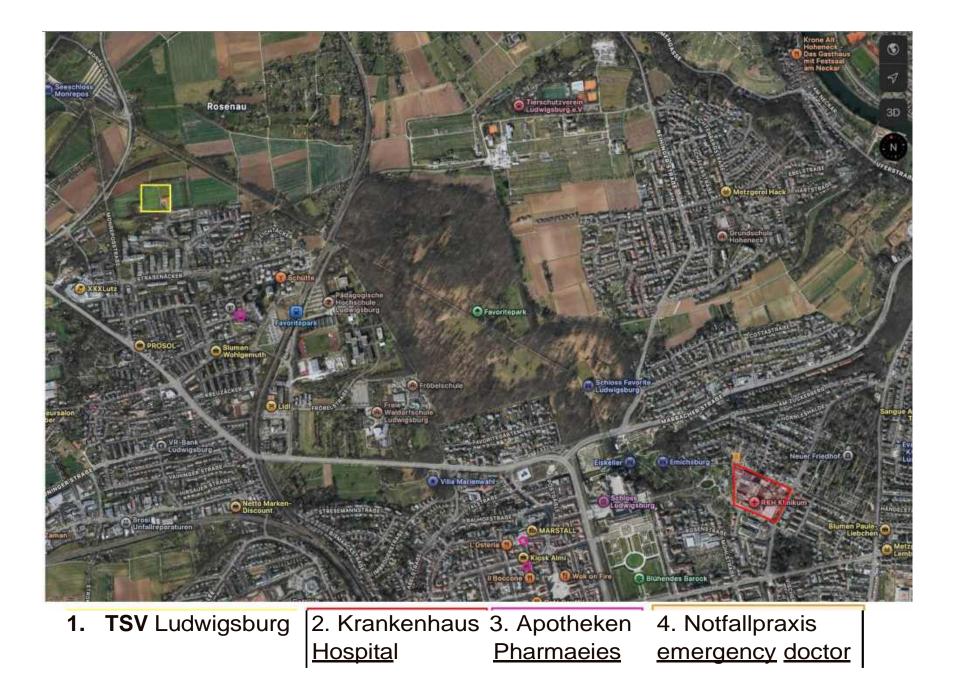
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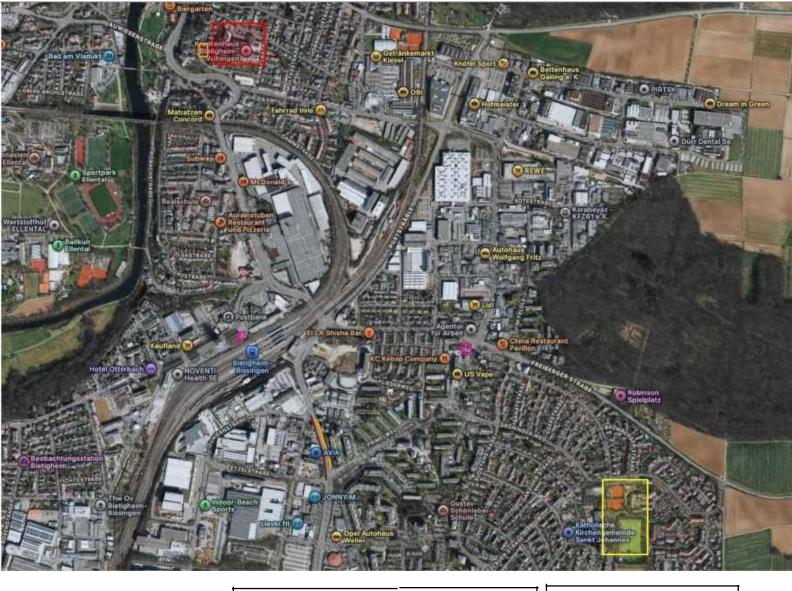
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