private luxury hotels
in Baden-Württemberg
FIVE STAR SUPERIOR HOTELS, Nine hotels in SOUTHWEST GERMANY, the German federal state of Baden-Württemberg. Many have a long history. All are privately owned. Most are still FAMILY-RUN. Some are located in glorious countryside. Others are in the heart of beautiful cities. Think culture and nature. Savour great experiences and total relaxation. Eat sumptuous meals. Sleep soundly.

Feel and enjoy. THE BEST IN THE SOUTHWEST.

You have to attempt the impossible in order to achieve the possible.

Hermann Hesse
(Calw, SouthWest Germany 1877)
Simply perfect!

They say that when God created the earth, He did a little test. He took a small piece of land and gave it hills and valleys. Then He added water, forests and meadows. He made the sunshine bright and added occasional rain showers.

He tinkered with it for quite a while, until He decided that everything was perfect. Then He sat back and said: "That's the model. Now the world can be created."

That model was SouthWest Germany!
The A to Z of SouthWest Germany

From poets and philosophers to inventors and legends: Welcome to SouthWest Germany!

A IS FOR AUTOMOBILE
It was back in 1886, in the city of Mannheim, that Carl Benz patented his three-wheel car with its internal combustion engine: a moment and a machine that changed the history of the world. In the same time, in the Stuttgart suburb of Cannstatt, Gottlieb Daimler and Wilhelm Maybach were also perfecting their own horseless carriage, laying down the foundations of the world's first motor industry. And today, SouthWest Germany is still the home of the world's most coveted cars: Mercedes-Benz, Porsche and Audi. Learn all about the men and their motors in some of the world's most fascinating car museums: The Mercedes-Benz Museum and The Porsche Museum in Stuttgart; and also the Automuseum Dr. Carl Benz in Ladenburg and the Dornier Museum in Friedrichshafen.

C IS FOR CREATIVE
When it comes to writers and thinkers, nowhere else in Germany matches the array of talent produced in SouthWest Germany. Leading the list are three cultural titans: the philosopher G. W. F. Hegel, the author Hermann Hesse and the playwright, philosopher and poet Friedrich Schiller. Find out more in the 90 museums and memorials dedicated to the men and women of literature.

F IS FOR FOOTBALL
The FIFA World Cup in 2006 filled Germany with enthusiasm and sporting spirit. Jürgen Klinsmann and Joachim Löw, as coach and assistant coach, both from Southwest Germany, made the German summer fairytale come true.

H IS FOR HOCKENHEIMRING
One of the world’s great motor racing circuits, the Hockenheimring is just south of Mannheim. Since the 1930s, the triangular, 7-mile course through the forest has been a regular venue for Formula One races, including the prestigious German Grand Prix, held here in alternate years. This brings 120,000 spectators, but other events also attract massive crowds: motor cycle racing championships, endurance races, historic car meetings, and even rock concerts. Among its 300 exhibits, the museum has some of the latest formula cars and racing bikes. Open year round.

K IS FOR KUNST
... which means art in German. Baden-Württemberg is home to many of Europe’s leading cultural institutions, from Stuttgart’s world-class ballet and opera to great art galleries. The highlights of Stuttgart’s State Gallery (Staatsgalerie) include Italian, Dutch and Flemish works as well as 19th and 20th-century arts. Karlsruhe’s State Art Gallery (Staatliche Kunsthalle) is a walk-through art history lesson, while the Museum Frieder Burda (Baden-Baden) is in a striking modern building designed by New York architect Richard Meier.

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M IS FOR MEDICINE
The university hospitals in Freiburg, Heidelberg, Stuttgart, Tübingen, and Ulm are known for their world-class medical research facilities, their outstanding professors and doctors and their excellent patient care. So, it is no wonder that visitors from around the world come here for treatment.

M IS FOR MICHELIN STARS
The Michelin Red Guide, the world’s most respected gourmet guide, has awarded SouthWest Germany’s restaurants an astonishing 66 stars. That is unmatched by any other German state! What’s more, three of Germany’s ten “3-star” chefs are in SouthWest Germany.

N IS FOR NOBEL PRIZE
SouthWest Germany has a special connection with several Nobel Prize winners. Albert Einstein and Hermann Hesse are from the region, while many more taught at the fine universities: Robert Koch, W. C. Röntgen, Werner Heisenberg, Klaus von Klitzing, and Christiane Nüsslein-Volhard.

R IS FOR RITTER SPORT
The square Ritter Sport, the world’s most recognizable chocolate bar, was developed in 1932 by Mr. Ritter’s wife, Clara. She came up with the idea of a chocolate bar that fits neatly into a jacket pocket. In Waldenbuch, just south of Stuttgart, you can visit the factory, the factory shop and its art gallery.

S IS FOR STEIFF
The Steiff teddy bear was created by Richard Steiff, nephew of the toy company’s founder. At a trade fair in 1902, an American buyer saw the potential of the cuddly, mohair bear. The “teddy” nickname (from U.S. President Theodore “Teddy” Roosevelt) stuck. Visit the factory in Giengen an der Brenz, where they are still made.

W IS FOR WELCOME
Wherever you want to stay in SouthWest Germany, one of our nine 5-star hotels is waiting to welcome you – in cities, such as Heidelberg, Baden-Baden, Freiburg, and Ettlingen, in the Black Forest, on Lake Constance, and in Hohenlohe. Some have a long history, others are known for their world-class cuisine and hospitality. All are unique, and are much more than “just” hotels. They are your home from home in SouthWest Germany.
This is the holiday you have always dreamed about. Under broad blue skies and endless sunshine, relax in the hotel's giant swimming pools, both indoors and out, the elegant gardens, the natural beach and the Bistro "Oase".

WELCOME TO THE BLACK FOREST.
Welcome to the Hotel Bareiss.
WHAT MAKES THE BAREISS SO SPECIAL?

Is it the rooms that are tastefully elegant yet cozy? Is it the quality of the cuisine in the hotel, with its three à la carte restaurants and, above all, the 3-star Restaurant Bareiss? Or is it the new, spacious Wellness & Spa, with its relaxing lounge and living room area? Or perhaps, it is the appeal of the “3 generation” holiday packages that bring families together? The pretty Children’s Village? The cheerful Sattelei hiking hut? The historic Morlokhof, dating back to 1789?

It is all of these – and more! What makes the Bareiss so special is the staff, always ready to listen and understand, to help and to laugh. That is what friendship is all about. And that is what real hospitality is all about.

UNSPOILED NATURE. THIS TREASURE IS THE HOTEL’S MOST PRECIOUS POSSESSION. NO-ONE CAN STEAL THIS TREASURE. IT BELONGS TO THE WORLD.
Brenners Park-Hotel & Spa is much more than a luxury hotel. It is a combination of philosophy and beauty, of fitness and health, and of outstanding culinary experiences. And the hotel is set in one of the world’s most beautiful destinations: Baden-Baden.

WELCOME TO BADEN-BADEN.
Welcome To Brenners Park-Hotel & Spa.
SAVOIR-VIVRE IN BADEN-BADEN

The grand hotel on the Lichtentaler Allee is known affectionately as "Brenners" by its regular guests. With a proud 140-year tradition and a reputation that is respected around the world, this legendary hotel has been owned by the Oetker family since 1941. It can even claim to be the "Cradle of the European Union" because early negotiations about European political union between France and Germany took place at the hotel in 1962.

In the 1980s, Brenners was one of Europe's first grand hotels to incorporate a spa and wellness center on property. The opening of the "New Brenners Spa" in the Villa Stéphanie in the spring of 2014 sets new, even higher standards in Europe.

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WELCOME TO FREIBURG. Welcome to the Colombi Hotel.
Freiburg – spoiled by the sun!

ROOMS WITH A VIEW

Freiburg is known for its famous cathedral, its beautiful picturesque old town – and the Colombi Hotel.

Waltraud and Roland Burtsche own and run the hotel, with its 112 individually-decorated rooms and suites.

Recognised for many years with a Michelin star, Chef Alfred Klink serves outstanding dishes in the Zirbelstube and Falkenstube dining rooms. And deep in the hotel's wine vaults are the real treasures of the Colombi: more than 30,000 bottles of 600 different fine wines. The oldest vintage dates back to 1934.

The Colombi is also the perfect base for excursions into the Black Forest, to the nearby Kaiserstuhl vineyards and to Alsace in neighboring France.

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ACCORDING TO LEGEND, THOSE WHO STEP INTO ONE OF THE BÄCHLE, THE STREAMS RUNNING ALONG THE CITY STREETS, WILL ALWAYS RETURN. That's good: Freiburg has so much to offer.
Leave the stress of daily life behind. Turn your back on the foggy clouds and noise of the deep valley. Get to the top and join us in the Black Forest, where the air is clean and the sun puts a smile on your face. Find out why one visitor wrote in our guest book: “What a shame you can’t hug a hotel!”

WELCOME TO BAD GRIESBACH.
Welcome to the Relais & Châteaux Hotel Dollenberg.
THE SCHMIEDER AND HERRMANN FAMILIES WELCOME YOU

A hotel with its own outdoor theater?
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CHARMING VINEYARDS AND BROAD VALLEYS. DARK FIR TREES AND ROLLING HILLS. CLEARLY DEFINED SEASONS. That's what our part of the Black Forest is like!
The Erbprinz Hotel has a long, proud history, dating back 220 years. Room sizes at the grand hotel range from modest to luxurious, with modern amenities that blend with the traditional architecture. The bedrooms are richly decorated to match the style and elegance of the hotel. The public areas are also a testament to the refinement of style and get to know him!

Welcome to Ettlingen. Welcome to the Hotel Erbprinz.
More than 220 years of living history.

The River Alb Gurgles busily as it flows through Ettlingen. Everyone else here has time to relax and enjoy the good things in life.

The cradle of German gastronomy

It is many years since the Erbprinz was awarded Germany’s first-ever Michelin star. And that star still shines brightly today in the restaurant, where so many of Germany’s leading chefs started their culinary careers.

First mentioned in 1788, the history of the Erbprinz is long and impressive. As recently as 2010, the hotel was enlarged and completely refurbished. Now guests have an exclusive spa and pool, as well as beautifully-decorated bedrooms, plus meeting and conference rooms with all the latest hi-tech aids. Not forgetting the Hofgut Scheibenhardt clubhouse for golfers, where we also run the restaurant.

The scene at the Erbprinz

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Der Europäische Hof Heidelberg has set the benchmark for European hotels since 1865. This is where luxury has real soul, real character. It is so much more than personal service and timeless charm. This is a hotel where international guests can relax and say: “I feel at home!”

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A grand hotel that is right up to date. What makes the Europäischer Hof so special? Is it the location in Heidelberg? Is it the very individually designed and luxuriously appointed rooms and suites? Perhaps, it is the excellent cuisine in the Kurfürstenstube restaurant? Or, the spa with its panoramic views over the rooftops of Heidelberg, stretching as far as the Odenwald?

Our guests – and most of them are regulars – say that it is the staff, who make the difference at the Europäischer Hof. Since 1865, our warm and friendly service has set us apart from other hotels. Der Europäische Hof Heidelberg Friedrich-Ebert-Anlage 1 D-69117 Heidelberg Telephone: +49 (0)6221 515 0 Fax: +49 (0)6221 515 506 reservations@europaeischerhof.com www.europaeischerhof.com

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Welcome to Lake Constance. Welcome to the Hotel Riva.
THE LAKE SPARKLES...
The Riva Hotel has 50 spacious bedrooms and suites, as well as a spectacular rooftop pool with grand views over Lake Constance.

The Ophelia gourmet restaurant has been awarded two Michelin stars. In addition, the RIVA Restaurant and the RIVA Bar & Lounge have a welcoming fireplace.

Our four meeting rooms can accommodate from five to 70 guests for private or business occasions.

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The Traube Tonbach has been in the same family for more than 220 years. Surrounded by some of the most beautiful natural countryside in Europe, guests feel at home from the moment they meet the friendly reception staff. Despite its sense of luxury, this elegant hotel retains its traditions, its way of life and its personal touch.

WELCOME TO BAIERSBRONN.
Welcome to the Traube Tonbach.
FEEL THE ATMOSPHERE, ENJOY THE VARIETY.
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There are more treats in store at the Traube Spa. You will love our new spa areas, where we aim to spoil you, while your children discover the Traube Kids Court with its 1,000 images of things to do. Breathe in the sparkling “champagne” air of the Black Forest; relax in one of Europe’s most prestigious hotels.

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Deep in the beautiful Black Forest. Enjoy the most glorious view of pure nature.
Enjoy the contrasts between old and new. The castle dates from the 18th century, with all the elegance of bygone days. Our young Michelin-starred chef uses wonderful local produce in his innovative gourmet dishes. Our spacious 48,000-sq ft spa has contemporary pools and saunas.

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Welcome to the Wald & Schlosshotel Friedrichsruhe.
IN THE HUNTING LODGE.
IN THE GARDEN HOUSE.
IN THE GATE HOUSE.
IN THE MAIN BUILDING.
IN THE SPA BUILDING.

No matter which building you decide to stay in, you are sure to have a wonderful time with us. That is because all of our bedrooms are equally elegant and provide gracious living.

Our restaurants and wine cellar are excellent. Our award winning spa offers everything you desire.

As the former summer residence of the Hohenlohe royal family, the hotel is set in a grand park, with wonderful old trees.

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Hospitality is far more than a job. For us, who run private, luxury, family-owned hotels it is a calling and a passion. The warmth of welcome, attention to detail and total commitment to our guests – all are a tradition that is in our blood.

So, why do we choose this way of life? For us, nothing provides more pleasure than to be a guest at our hotel and, in a short space of time, leave behind the stress of everyday life, and feel relaxed, happy and content. That is our objective; that is our greatest goal and our everyday reward.

“BOTH OF US, Hermann Baries and Hannes Baries, father and son, and our staff, take great pleasure in being your hosts with heart and soul, from morning to night, every day, throughout the year.”

Hermann Baries and Hannes Baries, HOTEL BAREISS, IN THE BLACK FOREST

“IT’S RICK and Linda, Executive Director of the Astoria Hotel, who ensure that our guests are made to feel welcome and at ease.”

Frank and Linda Strohhard, Executive Director of the Astoria Hotel

“A HOME can never truly replace your own home, but try to do our very best to carry out all your wishes to fulfill your needs and make you feel at home.”

Roland and Waltraud Bursche, COLOMBO HOTEL

“FAMILY TEAMWORK is the engine that drives the ‘Dollenberg’. The warmth and welcome are what we want to share with our guests. Our greatest pleasure comes from guests, who do not feel as if they are on vacation, but rather that they are coming home.”

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“WITH MORE than 220 years of hospitality, we take great pride in the inimitable history of the Erbprinz. We enjoy its long traditions but also in looking to the past, we also look forward to a promising future.”

Frank Marrenbach, Executive Director, BRENNERS PARK-HOTEL & SPA

“WE LOVE TO TRAVEL and places that are light, bright and airy are the sorts of places that we enjoy as guests. Now we have one of these special spots and it is right on Lake Constance. So we have managed to fulfill our dreams – and that of our guests!”

Birgit and Peter Kolb

“WE ARE DELIGHTED, that our guests want to vacation in the Black Forest, with its clean air and idyllic forest hiking trails. With our hotel’s stylish atmosphere, cozy rooms and suites, culinary delights and also the wellness and recreation facilities – happy memories are guaranteed.”

Roland and Waltraud Burtsche, COLOMBO HOTEL

“THE EUROPEISCHE Hof, HEIDELBERG is a family-run hotel with character, as well as a long history. Many of our staff have been with us for generations and they love what they do. Our guests come with high expectations – and we enjoy surpassing them!”

Dr. Caroline von Kretschmann

“IN FRIEDRICHSRUHE innovation meets tradition. In our spacious resort, we are able to offer both. ‘This is relaxation in the old Jägershain (hunting lodge) and innovation in the spa building, with its stylish suites – but not too fancy – intimate’.”

Hans Schmieder

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CASTLES, FAIRYTALES, SAGAS, AND ENCHANTED CASTLES: SouthWest Germany is rich with history and stories.

- Hotel-Restaurant Erbprinz, Ettingen
- Colombi Hotel, Freiburg
- Hotel Riva, Konstanz
- Hotel Bareiss, Baiersbronn-Mitteltal
- Relais & Châteaux Hotel Dolfenberg, Bad Peterstal-Griesbach
- Bertha Benz, pioneer
- In August 1888, she completed the first long-distance drive by car, from Mannheim to Pforzheim and back (125 miles/200 km).
- The Wives of Weinsberg
- At the siege of Weinberg Castle in 1140, the women surrendered, asking only that they could leave with whatever they could carry on their backs. Each woman emerged, carrying a husband or brother on her back down the hill. And that is how the men escaped execution!
- The Alte Brücke (Old Bridge)
- Built of red Neckar Valley sandstone during the reign of Elector Karl Theodor in 1788, this bridge in Heidelberg was the ninth to span the Neckar. As well as linking the old city with the opposite bank, it offers wonderful views of the romantic city.
- Bollwerksturm (tower)
- Now a landmark in Heilbronn, this was the tower where Götz von Berlichingen, a famous medieval knight and mercenary, was imprisoned in May 1519. It was also known as the Witches Tower.
- Burg Hohenzollern (castle)
- The ancestral seat and still the family home of the German imperial family of Hohenzollern, Burg Hohenzollern is the ultimate fairytale castle, set on a craggy 768 ft/234 m rock, with grand views of the Swabian Highlands.
- The Baroque Road (Barockstrasse)
- In Upper Swabia, this 300-mile/480 km drive links some of Europe’s finest examples of Baroque architecture and design: monasteries, churches, castles, and palaces.
- Museum of Lake Dwellings
- Unteruhldingen
- One of Europe’s largest open-air archeological museums, this recreation of Stone Age and Bronze Age houses built on wooden piles is on the shore of Lake Constance. With plenty of insights, it provides a fascinating day out in a UNESCO World Heritage Site area.

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