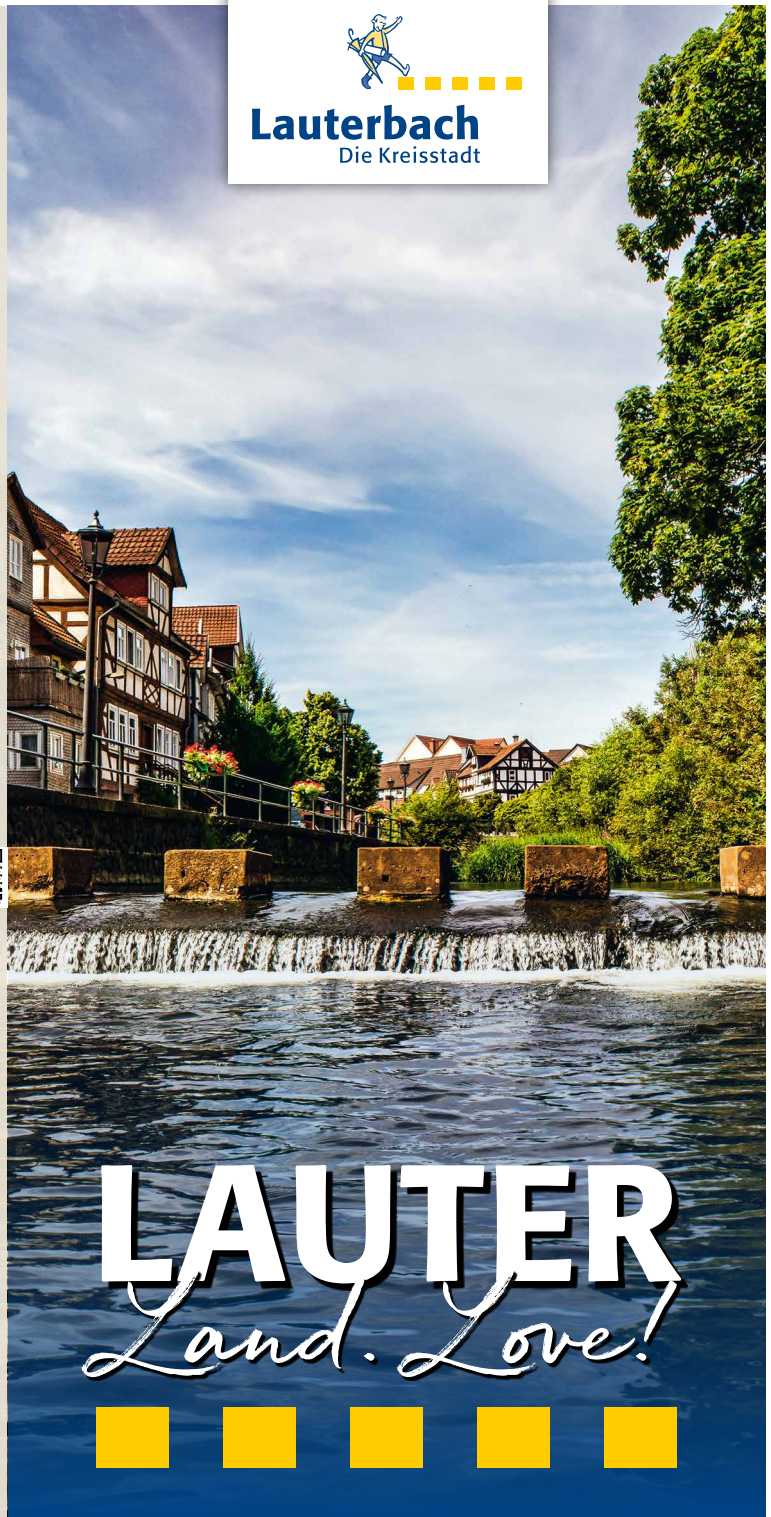





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Good to know



Population approx. 13,000

Area 102 km²

Districts 11



The »Lauterbacher Strolch«

is a well-known figure from an old local legend. He became the mascot for the local dairy, which made him famous throughout Germany with the »Lauterbacher Strolch«- Camembert. The story of how he lost his sock even became a famous song.



Public city tours

take place every Saturday at 2:00 PM from the Tourist-Center Stadtmühle (April to October). With the »Discover Lauterbach« app, visitors can explore the town at their own pace.



The stepping stones

are an historic alternative to the modern bridge in Lauterbach that you simply must experience! They're still widely used today and are part of the premium hiking trail »Bachtour«.



»Freizeitzentrum«

The leisure center is well-equipped for sports enthusiasts, featuring the adventure pool »Die Welle«, an outdoor pool with mini-golf, giant slides and an ice sports arena. For relaxation and rejuvenation, the sauna world includes a steam bath, event sauna and a summer sunbathing lawn.



Hidden gems around Lauterbach

are easy to discover. The Annen Chapel in the valley of Eisenbach Castle and the Heidberg Chapel in Sickendorf, which was awarded the Hessian Monument Protection Prize, are must-see insider tips.



A great excursion tip

is the 764-meter-high adventure mountain Hoherodskopf. It offers year-round fun and excitement for the whole family, with attractions like the summer toboggan run, a climbing forest, a treetop path, ski slopes, cross-country trails and much more.



Unique nature experiences

await in Europe's largest extinct volcanic area, where striking basalt and volcanic rock formations have created impressive geological sites.





1 The town church



2 Hohhaus palace and museum



3 Anchor tower



4 Castle

Sights of Lauterbach

See. Discover. Fall in Love.

Surrounded by gently rising, forested hills, Lauterbach, the former capital and residence city, lies deep in the green Vogelsberg region. The towering spire of the town church, visible from afar, rises above the charming old town and marks the heart of this district town, through which the river Lauter flows. Narrow lanes lined with tightly packed half-timbered houses and beautifully crafted doorways lead to idyllic spots of historical significance. In Lauterbach, peaceful retreats offer picturesque panoramic views, and every stroll invites you to dream.

Don't forget: The stepping stones, which have been used as a bridge replacement then as well as now, should be crossed by everyone here at least once.

1 The town church | This magnificent Rococo-style Protestant church boasts over 1,000 seats, a stunning stucco-marble pulpit wall, double galleries, a Wegmann organ, and the epitaphs of the noble Riedesel family from the 16th century.

2 Hohhaus palace and museum | Step back in time as you explore this three-winged Baroque palace. Today, it houses the Hohhaus Museum, offering a glimpse of historical life with original furnishings. The grand hall is a perfect venue for events and weddings.

3 Anchor tower | A quaint, covered watchtower set between the historic moat, the marketplace, and the banks of the Lauter River. Close by is the cozy Anker Tavern, perfect for a relaxing stop.

4 Castle | Built for defense and now privately owned by the Riedesel family, this castle remains a symbol of the town's rich history and heritage.





5 Tourist-Center Stadtmühle



6 Stepping stones and »Strolch« monument



7 Half-timbered houses »Am Graben«



5 Tourist-Center Stadtmühle | Once the town's brick mill, today it serves as a hub for tourist information and a fantastic starting and meeting point for explorations and city tours.

6 Stepping stones and »Strolch« monument | Both are located in the river Lauter. You can cross the river dry-footed via 12 stone blocks and find yourself in a place dedicated to love.

7 Am Graben | This district, once home to tanners, features a charming ensemble of half-timbered houses and merchant homes. Named after a former stream that powered five mills, this area is filled with small artisan houses, once inhabited by linen weavers and adorned with intricate designs. The most striking building is the Venetian warehouse built in 1823 by linen merchant Diehm.

An aerial photograph showing a stone tower (Hainig Tower) situated in a dense green forest. In the background, a town is visible, followed by rolling hills and distant mountain ranges under a dramatic, cloudy sky with a hint of sunset or sunrise light.

Explorer's Tip:

From the Hainig Tower, you can enjoy a wonderful view of the city and gaze into the distant mountain ranges of the Vogelsberg and Rhön.



Culinary Lauterbach

Enjoy. Taste. Indulge.

The Vogelsberg cuisine is a true feast for connoisseurs. Master chefs create refined yet straightforward dishes from simple recipes and regional ingredients. The hearty classics are diverse and impress with their quality and local authenticity.

A true delight are the typical Lauterbach specialties, such as potato sausage, Beutelches, or Salzekuchen – mouth watering. Upon request, these can also be served in vegetarian or vegan variations.



Did you know? A golden-brown piece of Salzekuchen, fresh from the oven, is a true culinary treat. Traditionally, coffee or strong spirits are ordered to accompany this Lauterbach delicacy, whose delicious aroma wafts from bakeries and inns.

Active Lauterbach

Explore. Experience. Relax.

Lauterbach is the gateway to a wild and romantic natural paradise, the Hoher Vogelsberg Nature Park. A former railway line with fine asphalt and moderate inclines promises cycling fun over 94 kilometers through pristine landscapes.

Premium hiking trails, such as the Wiesen or Bachtour, invite you to embark on a nature expedition through geotopes featuring ancient basalt formations, past almost hidden waterways, and along historic paths lined with gnarled pollard trees.

Unforgettable panoramic views and the beautiful surroundings of Lauterbach make it a haven for nature lovers.



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The personalized advice and information available at the Tourist-Center Stadtmühle, or actively through the app »Discover Lauterbach«, make excursion experiences in Lauterbach and the volcanic region uncomplicated and relaxed.

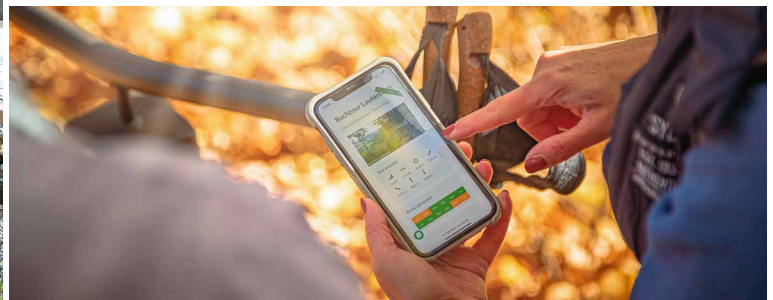
Charging stations for e-bikes and luggage storage options are available directly in front of the Tourist-Center Stadtmühle and at the Steinigsgrund Leisure Center »Freizeitzentrum«.



Lauterbach-entdecken-APP



Bachtour Wiesentour



Hiking Tip:

The romantic path leads directly
to Eisenbach Castle.





Lauterbach city library in the »Goldener Esel«



Playground at the Hohhaus garden



»Die Welle« at the Freizeitzentrum (leisure centre)

Family-friendly Lauterbach

Play. Learn. Discover.

Relaxed or active, a great family day is guaranteed in Lauterbach, regardless of the season or weather! There are a total of seven lovingly designed playgrounds dedicated to the little ones, but the offerings for the whole family are even more extensive. Whether at the covered ice rink, the large outdoor pool with a huge sunbathing area and mini-golf course, or in the palm-lined wave pool with a giant slide, sauna world featuring a steam bath, and much more: no one leaves the leisure center without a smile.

Playgrounds | Protected from traffic and noise, the Hohhaus playground in the garden of the historic Palais offers fun for the little ones and an oasis of tranquility for the adults.

Lauterbach city library at the »Goldener Esel« | The Lauterbach City Library offers more than just books and games – it features a wide-ranging and digital selection with plenty of surprises!



How about an alternative way to relax with a fascinating journey through the baroque Hohhaus Museum from 1775 or an educational trip through the modern city library? Also well worthwhile are the city tours and discovery tour for children.

There's no excuse to be bored in Lauterbach!

Hohhaus Museum and historical classroom | From the primitive vaulted cellar to the elegant Rococo hall, the Hohhaus Museum offers a historical experience with an authentic feel, complete with an audio guide.

Children's city tours | Whether it's child-friendly tours and guided visits, the Explorer's Logbook for self-exploration, or more, the Tourist-Center Stadtmühle has some family highlights in store!



City festival



Prämienmarkt

Vibrant Lauterbach

Celebrate. Laugh. Connect.



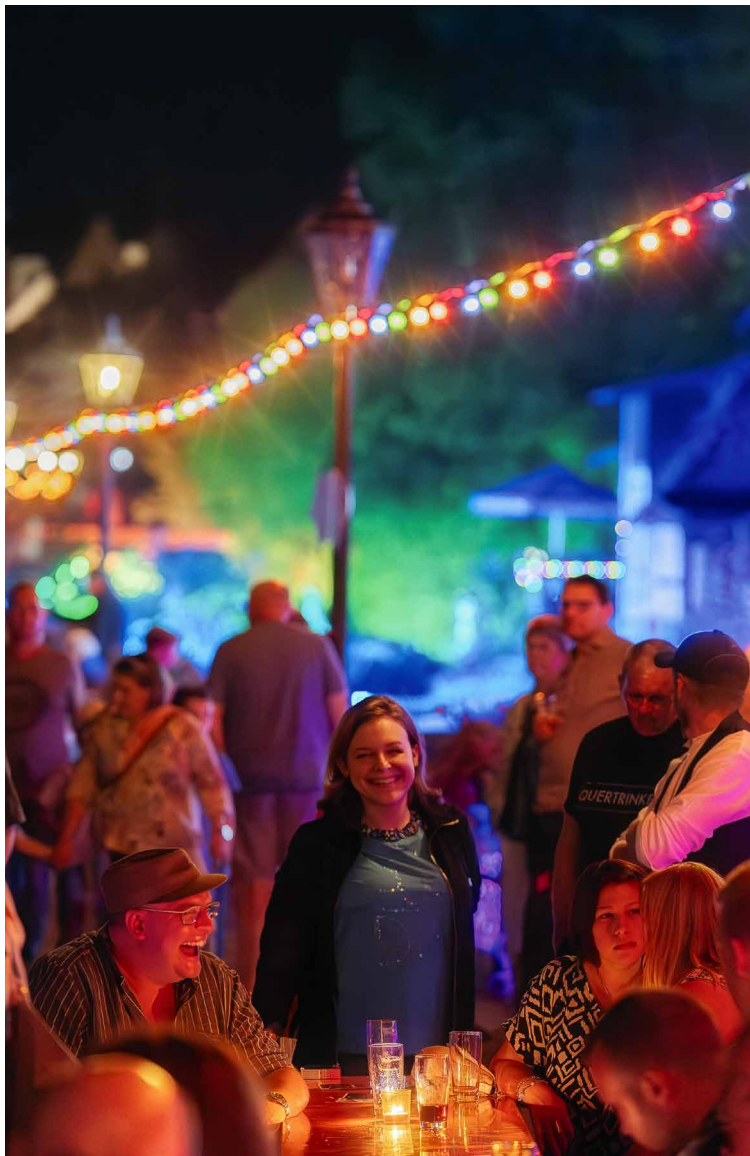
A visit to Lauterbach is worth any time, as a variety of events and cultural highlights are offered throughout the year. The Lauterbach merchant, artisan, and customs markets stand for quality and diversity rarely found elsewhere. The weekly and regional markets provide opportunities for sustainable shopping in the old town.

The Lauterbach Pentecost Music Days are renowned across the county for showcasing the talents of well-known artists through various concerts. A traditional highlight is the Lauterbach Premium Market, featuring a nine-day diverse program with performances by popular music groups from the region.

Originally a livestock show, this market has long established itself as the largest folk festival in the area. The judging and awarding of animals and the merchant market remain integral parts of the celebration. An exciting amusement park rounds off the offerings.

In late summer, the City festival (Stadtfest) or River Lauter Festival (Lauterfest) provides a weekend full of musical and culinary highlights for the whole family, combined with shopping experiences on Sunday.

The Hohhaus Garden transforms into a romantic Christmas market on two weekends in December, one of the oldest in the region.



Weekly Market | Fresh and healthy goods, every Thursday

Regional Market | Regional specialties from April to October, every first Saturday of the month

Spring Market | Tradestalls and open Sunday, on the Sunday before Easter

Lauterbacher Pfingstmusiktage | Choir and orchestra concerts, world music, chamber concerts: www.pfingstmusiktage.de, always on Whitsun weekend

Lauterbacher Prämienmarkt | Fair with livestock exhibition, fireworks, children's runs, merchant market, and live music on multiple stages, during the Corpus Christi week
Medieval Market: Large market event with shows, last weekend of July

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City Festival and Lauterfest (alternating) | Live music on various stages, street musicians, open Sunday, Heritage Day, second weekend of September

Autumn Market | Tradestalls and open Sunday with arts and crafts and customs market, first Sunday in November

Christmas Market | On the 2nd and 3rd Advent weekends, Friday to Sunday each week

Historical Lauterbach

Breathe. Unwind. Regenerate.

As the former residence of the Riedesel barons of Eisenbach, Lauterbach reflects the historical splendor of Hessian nobility. The old town showcases impressive merchant houses in the typical half-timbered style of the region. Everywhere, the original rural life intertwines with noble charm: today, the Stadtpalais Hohhaus houses a museum that offers insights into the history of the estate and its diverse collections.

Exceptional personalities have also shaped the city's history. Their biographies span from the weaving mills along the Lauter to the bays of the Caribbean, from the pottery workshops beside moat to the heart of Brussels, and from the festive halls of the castle to the rotunda of the Capitol in Washington, D.C.

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Friederike Riedesel zu Eisenbach | Two Riedesels crossed the Atlantic and spread the Christmas tree tradition in North America.

Johann Friedrich Diehm | Lauterbach linen sailed around half the world in the 18th century, from the North Sea to Cuba.

Adolf Spieß | In the wake of »Turnvater Jahn«, this Lauterbach native became a pioneer of German gymnastics.

Albert Fink | A Lauterbach resident revolutionized American railway construction.



Inviting

Our old town with historically significant buildings.

Goldener Esel

Hohhaus palace

Town church

Castle

Tourist-Center Stadtmühle

Marketplace

Anchor tower



Cozy Lauterbach

Breathe. Unwind. Regenerate

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Whether luxurious or charming, opulent or original, enchanting or practical, Lauterbach always offers a pleasant stay. From stylish hotel rooms to extraordinary vacation apartments, a relaxed youth hostel on the edge of the forest, or farm stays: Lauterbach provides accommodations for every need and taste.

Motorhome travelers can also find a peaceful spot in designated parking areas in the city center or directly at the leisure center.

Welcome to Lauterbach!



Hotel room



Hostel

**Book your accommodation for your next stay
in Lauterbach right here:**

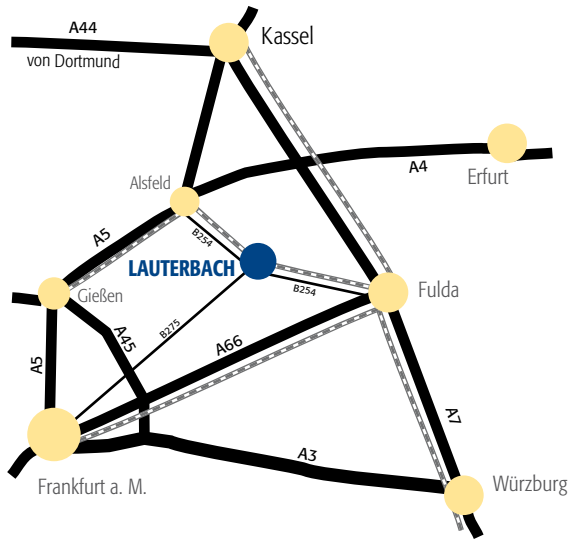


Holiday flat



Many paths lead to Lauterbach

Arrive. Settle in. Feel at home.



Sustainable Travel

Good accessibility is ensured with public transportation options such as the Vogelsberg Railway, bus connections through VGO/RMV, or the city bus.

By Car:

A5 from Kassel or Frankfurt – Exit Alsfeld East, then take B254 to Lauterbach (17 km)

A7 from Kassel or Würzburg – Exit Fulda South, then take B254 to Lauterbach (35 km)

B275 from Friedberg to Lauterbach

By Train:

You can reach **Lauterbach (Hess) Nord** station via the ICE station in Fulda with the Vogelsberg Railway HLB RB45, route Fulda – Gießen.

By Bicycle:

Vulkanradweg

Altenstadt – Lauterbach – Schlitz

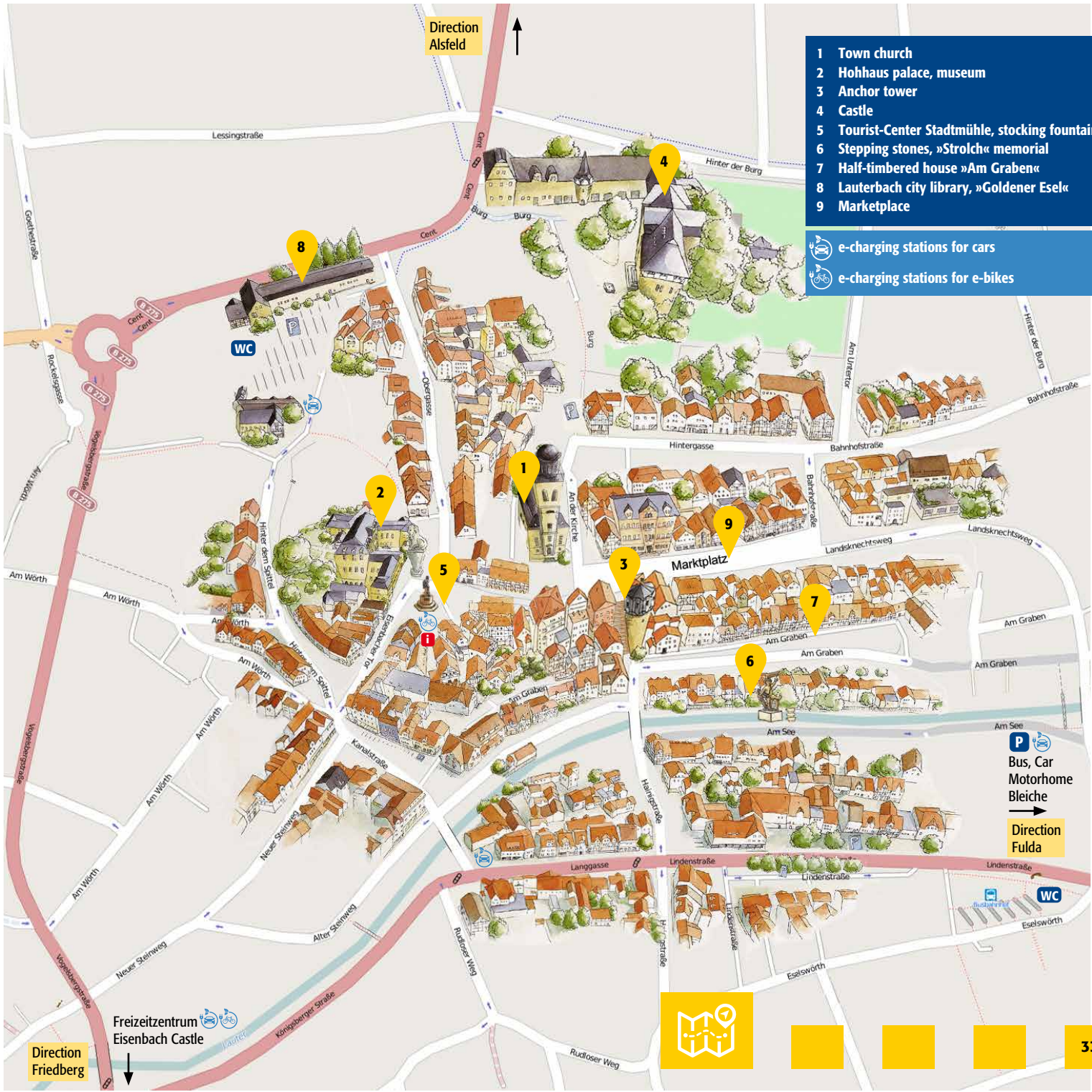
Use the leisure bus Vulkan-Express

Hessian long-distance cycling route

R2 from Fulda or Alsfeld to Lauterbach

R7 from Gießen or Bad Hersfeld to Lauterbach





Direction
Alsfeld



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With the digital city tour, discover the city flexibly and individually while learning more about its history and famous landmarks. Simply download the app »Lauterbach entdecken«, and your own tour can begin.



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