Welcome to Schwäbisch Hall

"Oh the Kocher flows the fair city of Hall, born long ago from fountains of white gold!" Welcome to the once imperial free city of Schwäbisch Hall, a city built centuries ago upon the wealth of the “white gold” of medieval salt extraction. Discover a city rich in history and progress, a city of which the poet Ricarda Huch once wrote: “Nature cradled of medieval salt extraction.

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St. Michael’s Church and the Old Town

Follow the trail of history in the Old Town with its charming half-timbered houses, winding alleys and quaint wooden bridges. The heart of the Old Town is the market square with its majestic Renaissance residence, Baroque town hall and most magnificient of all its Baroque Jesuit Church. St Michael. St. Michael’s holds a rich treasury of fine works of art and another church tower offers the visitor a spectacular view of the Old Town.

Guided Tour:
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The Schwäbisch Hall Open Air Theatre

Did and new complement each other nicely in Schwäbisch Hall. Two can be seen in the Kunsthalle Würth Museum of Art Kunsthalle Würth focuses on 20th/21st century art from the Middle Ages and offers a spectacular view of the city’s historical center.

Kunsthalle Würth
Langstrasse 55, phone 0049 791 / 94672-0
every day 11 am – 6 pm, admission is free

The summer months in Schwäbisch Hall offer the visitor the unique occasion to enjoy the town’s rich tradition of professional open air plays, a tradition dating back to 1925. Whether the performance is classical, musical or experimental, a great time is always guaranteed. Another quality theatre venue is the Kino im Schafstall, a medieval church building, a significant collection of 15th and 16th century altar paintings and sculptures is on exhibit. In addition to the former “Fürstenberger Bilderschatz”, a compilation of paintings, the collection comprises numerous new acquisitions, notably the world-famous “Schutzmantelmadonna” by Hans Holbein the Younger and the Falkenstein Altar by the unknown Master of Würzach.

Johanniterkirche
Im Beller, phone: 0049 791 / 94672-310
Tuesday to Sunday 9 am – 5 pm, admission is free
www.johanniterkirche.de

Kunsthalle Würth
Im Weiler 1, phone: 0049 791 / 94672-330
Tuesday to Sunday 11 am – 5 pm, admission is free
www.kunsthalle-wuerth.de

Hällisch-Fränkisches Museum
Drittmacherstrasse 11, phone: 0049 791 / 751-250
Tuesday to Sunday 10 am – 5 pm, admission is free

Another one of the city’s most important museums is the Hällisch-Fränkisches Museum, which documents the history of the town as well as that of its surroundings. Highlights are the sections about Schwäbisch Hall in the Middle Ages, its history as a salt production center and an extensive collection of painted ornamental symbols.

An extraordinary piece of art is the richly decorated wooden paneling of a Jewish Synagogue dated to the year 1738/39, one of the rare examples worldwide.

Hällisch-Fränkisches Museum
Art History
Koenigstrasse 3, phone: 0049 791 / 735-269
every day 10 am – 5 pm, admission is free

Modern contemporary art can be seen in the Galerie am Markt, im Stadthaus entrance, phone: 0049 791 / 735-2888, admission is free.

www.freilichtspiele-hall.de

www.schwaebischhall.de

www.kunsthalle-wuerth.de

www.haeflisch-frankisches-museum.de

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Comburg Abbey

Beyond the gates of the city lies Comburg Abbey, a former Benedictine monastery (founded in 1078) with Romanesque towers and Baroque reconstructions. Particularly interesting are the Romanesque chandelier and the gilded altar antependium in the church St. Nikolaus. Short guided tours: Meeting point at Michaelskapelle (several times a day during the summer; in winter please phone 0049 791/93020-0), www.kloster-grosscomburg.de

In-depth guided tours: Tourist Information Office phone 0049 791/751-386

Salt and Brine

The salt spring already known by the Celts still continues to flow – nowadays underground underneath the Haalplatz. The octagonal Haal Fountain still reminds us of the spring’s former significance. The tradition of salt production is revived every year during the salt simmerers’ Kuchen- und Brunnen-fest at Whitsun, Simmering Shows in summer and a Salt Day in autumn.

You can still experience the brine up close in Schwäbisch Hall’s Solebad, one of the most attractive spas in the region. Schwäbisch Hall’s brine has a salinity level of 3.5 to 4%, which enhances the well-being of skin, bronchial tubes, bones and joints and strengthens the body’s defences. The modern spa with 5 pools (water temperature 18 to 36 degrees Celsius), a sauna experience with 8 different saunas and 2 large salt grottos is open daily.

Solebad Schwäbisch Hall
Weilerwiese 7
phone 0049 791/7587-130
www.solebad-hall.de

Open Air Museum

Lovers of history can find many treasures in the open air museum. This outdoor farmers museum featuring 70 reconstructed houses in the regional style from the last 4 centuries is equipped with antique furniture, tools and near-extinct species of farm animals. The museum also features daily craft demonstrations.

Hohlenloher Freilandmuseum
Suburb Wackershofen
Guided Tour phone 0049 791/971010
Open 15 March to 11 November: Tuesday to Sunday, 10 am - 5 pm, in summer daily until 6 pm.
www.wackershofen.de

Festivals

Annual festivals celebrated in Schwäbisch Hall:
The historical Salt Simmerers’ Festival during the Whitsun weekend.
The Summer Night Festival at the last weekend of August when the Kocher River sparkles with the light of thousands of Chinese lanterns. Fireworks and romantic music complete the atmosphere.

International Muzzle Loader Competition at the first weekend of September.
The traditional Backofenfest at the last weekend of September in the open air museum.

The annual Christmas Market, starting in the first week of Advent.

Weekly Farmers’ Market on Wednesday and Saturday in the market Place.

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A comprehensive history of the fighting can be found at the fire brigade museum. Wipper’s 2. The outpost of the museum on the grounds of the open air museum covers the history of fire brigades of the villages in the countryside.

www.hallerfeuerwehrmuseum.de

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We are there for you:
Oct. – April: Mon – Fri 9 am – 5 pm, Sat 10 am – 1 pm
May – Sept.: Mon – Fri 9 am – 6 pm, Sat and Sun 10 am – 3 pm, on days with open air theatre performances additionally 6 – 8.30 pm

Guided Tours
phone 0049 791/751/232

Package Deals
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Ticket Office
phone 0049 791/751-650

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