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Ly Pham, influencer

My favorite places

in Tübingen



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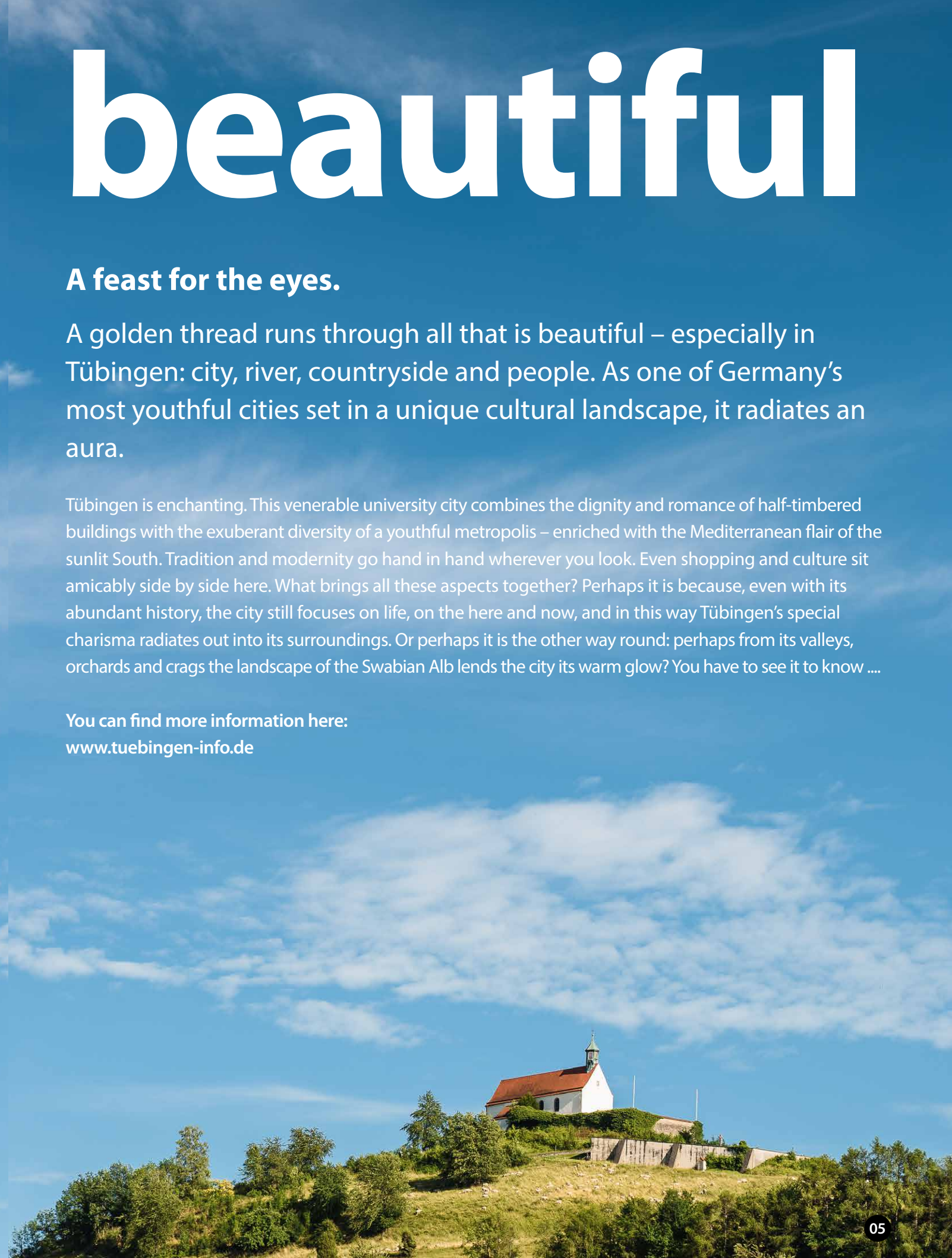
beautiful

A feast for the eyes.

A golden thread runs through all that is beautiful – especially in Tübingen: city, river, countryside and people. As one of Germany's most youthful cities set in a unique cultural landscape, it radiates an aura.

Tübingen is enchanting. This venerable university city combines the dignity and romance of half-timbered buildings with the exuberant diversity of a youthful metropolis – enriched with the Mediterranean flair of the sunlit South. Tradition and modernity go hand in hand wherever you look. Even shopping and culture sit amicably side by side here. What brings all these aspects together? Perhaps it is because, even with its abundant history, the city still focuses on life, on the here and now, and in this way Tübingen's special charisma radiates out into its surroundings. Or perhaps it is the other way round: perhaps from its valleys, orchards and crags the landscape of the Swabian Alb lends the city its warm glow? You have to see it to know

You can find more information here:
www.tuebingen-info.de





mine

Ly Pham has lived and worked in Tübingen for six years and has become a passionate adopted local. Here she takes us to some of her favorite places ...



Heaven on Earth

"I like to start all my tours, long or short, at the historic city hall which dates back to 1435. It's a truly wonderful building with its beautiful frieze front and sgraffito decoration. However what really fascinates me is the astronomical clock in the city hall tower. Even today it reliably shows the phases of the moon and the sun's position in the zodiac. Most interesting of all: the clock hand in the shape of a dragon. This goes back to ancient Chinese beliefs that during an eclipse of the sun or the moon a great dragon devours the celestial bodies. The dragon hand takes 18 years and 224 days to move counterclockwise through the zodiac. The Tübingen mathematician, physicist and astronomer Johannes Stöffler designed the clock in 1511. And it was always in his view, because from 1522 to 1530 he and his students lived opposite the city hall at the inn 'Zur Krone'. Stöffler is one of Tübingen university's most famous scholars."

You can book guided tours at:
www.tuebingen-info.de

Discover the Botanical Gardens

"I think every city should have at least one botanical garden! They are wonderful places of calm and contemplation. Tübingen had one of the first in Europe, right here by the beautifully renovated 15th century nunnery. This stone book I'm sitting on, and the tiny garden in front of the bookshop commemorate Tübingen's professor of medicine Leonhard Fuchs (1501–1566) – did you know that the fuchsia was named after him? Next to the house where Fuchs lived for a while, he planted a herb garden that he used for his experiments with medicinal plants. Later, the university planted more botanical gardens to support scientific research; the Alter Botanischer Garten is now a park that can be found on the edge of the old town, with wonderfully majestic trees and a memorial to Tübingen's famous poet Hölderlin. Today, the University of Tübingen has a botanical garden on the north of the city which is used for teaching and research. And yet it's open to all for free 365 days a year!"

Discover the new botanical gardens at:
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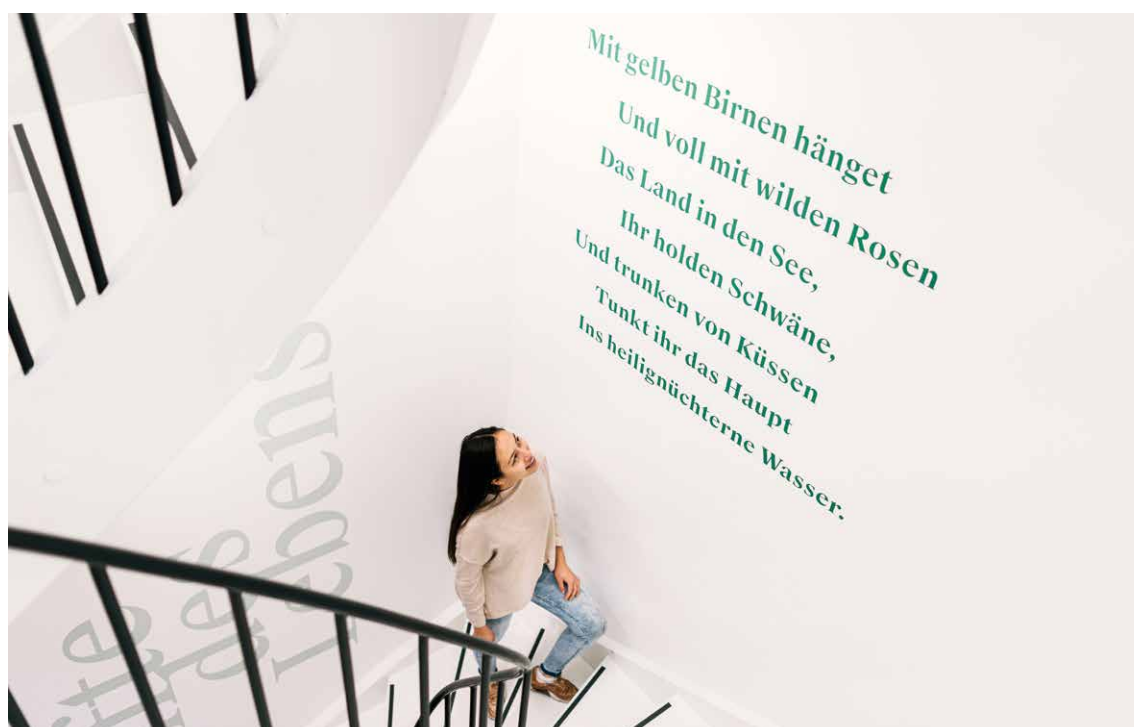




History in motion

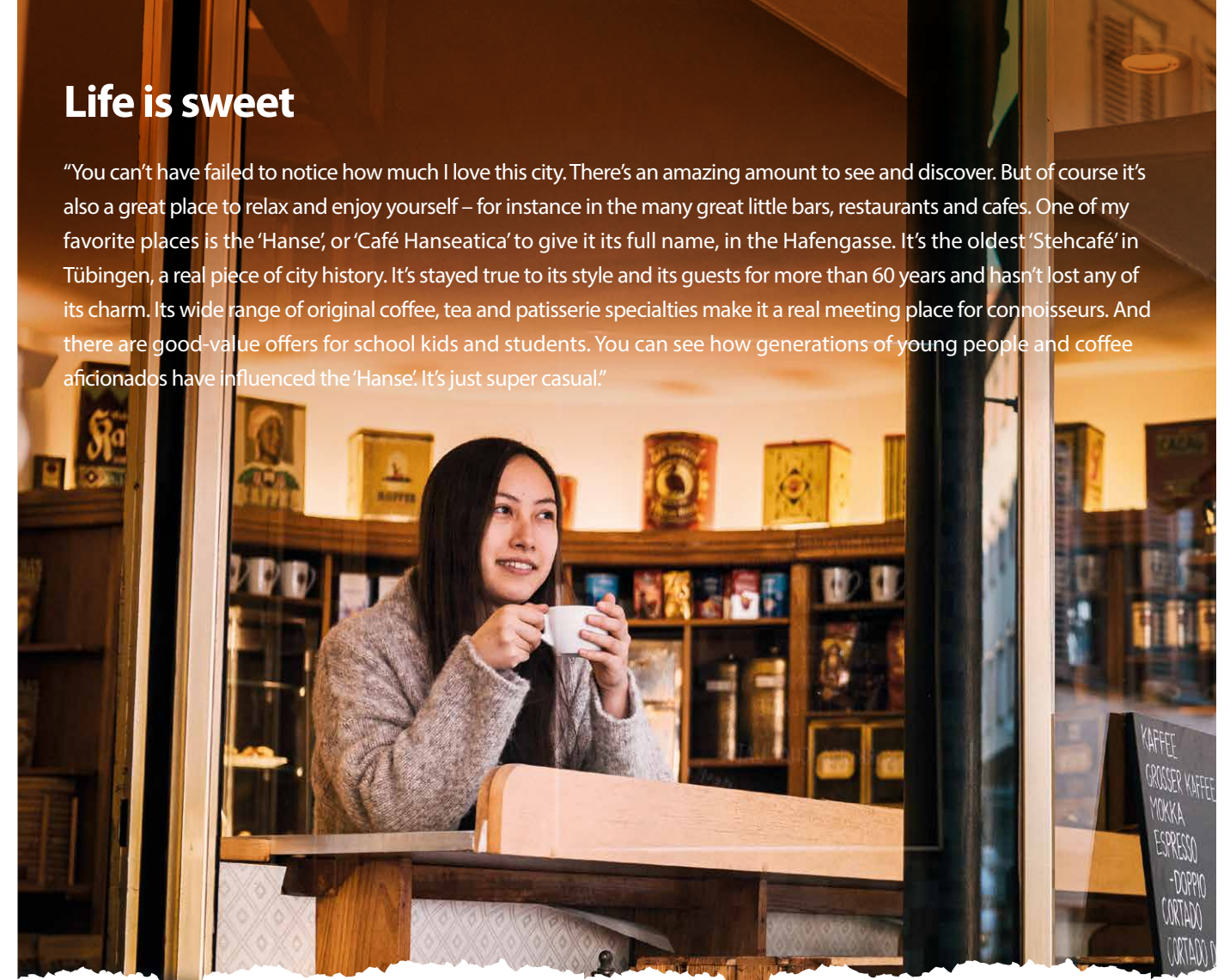
“Let’s head to the top! Hohentübingen Castle is in the heart of the city, but a bit higher up. After Hohentübingen lost its military significance as a fortress in the 18th century, the ancient building gradually became part of the university. Today it houses the Museum Alte Kulturen, which includes the Welt-Kulturen permanent exhibition. Both are part of the Museum of the University of Tübingen (MUT) and show a selection from the university’s teaching collections of Prehistory, Egyptology, Assyriology, Numismatics, Ethnology, and Archaeology. However my absolute favorite spot up here is the little Bohnenberger Observatory in the castle gardens. After original instruments from the 19th century were rediscovered in the crumbling ruins in 2002, the observatory with its rotating roof was gradually restored. In 2018, the Reichenbach meridian circle for which the little observatory was originally built 200 years ago was brought back into perfect working condition. Universal instruments like this are now rare, with examples in Florence, Milan and Paris. But only in Tübingen can you find the unique historic ensemble of the original instrument in its specially-constructed home, which is also the oldest ground observatory in the world. I think it’s just so cool!”

Look around at:
www.unimuseum.uni-tuebingen.de



Life is sweet

“You can’t have failed to notice how much I love this city. There’s an amazing amount to see and discover. But of course it’s also a great place to relax and enjoy yourself – for instance in the many great little bars, restaurants and cafes. One of my favorite places is the ‘Hanse’, or ‘Café Hanseatica’ to give it its full name, in the Hafengasse. It’s the oldest ‘Stehcafé’ in Tübingen, a real piece of city history. It’s stayed true to its style and its guests for more than 60 years and hasn’t lost any of its charm. Its wide range of original coffee, tea and patisserie specialties make it a real meeting place for connoisseurs. And there are good-value offers for school kids and students. You can see how generations of young people and coffee aficionados have influenced the ‘Hanse’. It’s just super casual!”



“ *We are nothing; what we seek is everything.*

Friedrich Hölderlin

“Okay, I know you are wondering what is secret about Hölderlin’s Tower? Everyone knows about the poet and his tower in Tübingen. Sure! But how many have actually read Hölderlin? Here in the museum I suddenly felt very close to the man and the poet: his reluctance to study, his passion for beauty and language, his suffering in the face of real life, his mysterious illness and, at the end, his life in seclusion in the tower, tended by the Zimmer family, visited and honored by very few friends. Then, long after his death, international renown and appropriation by various political ideologies. All of this is well documented by the permanent multimedia exhibition, which covers all three floors of the tower, and even makes Hölderlin’s use of language and rhythm perceptible. However, of his furniture only his table

remains. “He would strike it with his hand when he fought – with his thoughts.” That at least was how Lotte Zimmer who cared for him described it. No one has ever really known whether Hölderlin, who in the second half of his life liked to sign his poems with Scardanelli or Buonarroti, was truly mad. Perhaps he only pretended to be insane there in the tower, in order to escape political persecution as a known supporter of the French Revolution. Who knows?”

Discover for yourself at:
www.hoelderlinturm.de

Ly loves the cosmopolitan outlook and international atmosphere of Tübingen – especially in summer when everyone is dining alfresco. But she’s also fallen in love with the river Neckar which runs through the city, the many green spaces and surrounding landscape – even the local dialect. Tübingen has really become her home.

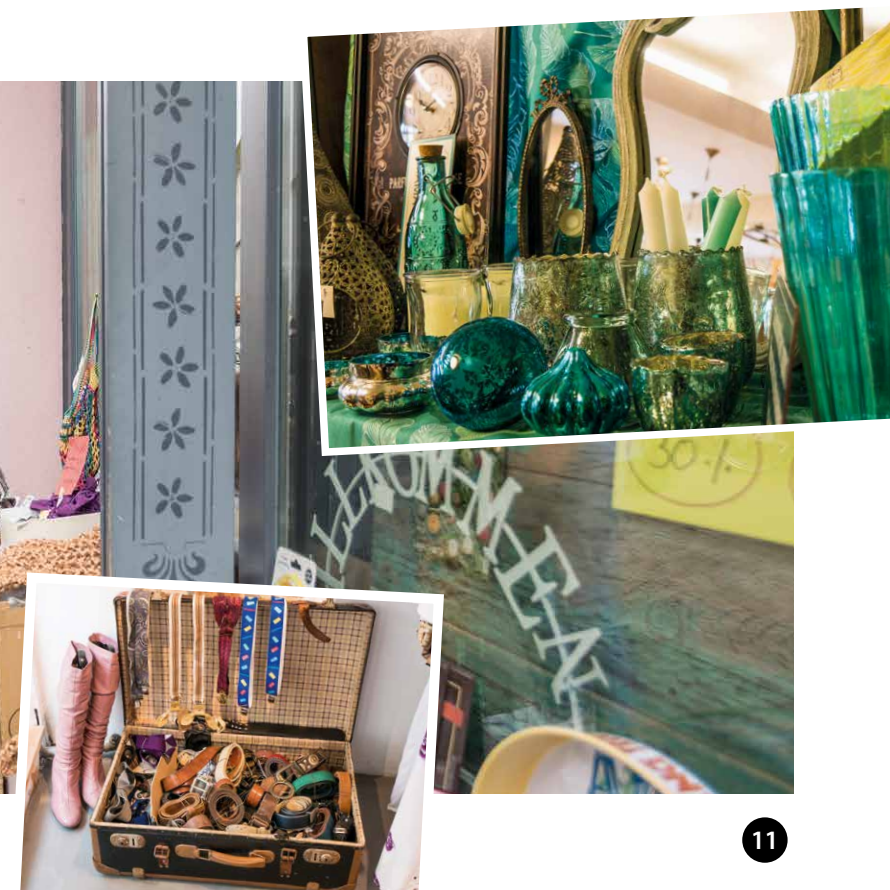


I love



Live like a god in Tübingen. You can find all the little pleasures of everyday life here. Shopping, food and drink are a feast for the eyes and the soul in Tübingen.

Close your eyes for a minute and imagine your ideal shopping trip, on a market day. That's what it's like in Tübingen. But before we go to the market square, let's explore the back lanes. Behind every decorated shop window, behind every inviting doorway there is a small world of things: exotic varieties of coffee, chocolate and tea from around the world, high quality wooden furniture and accessories, colorful ceramics and vibrant fabrics, elaborate flower arrangements, fine wines and spirits as well as fair-trade products from all over. Also Mediterranean perfumes, soaps, herbs and oils, original curated clothing and of course – books. Dive in and be amazed at the gorgeousness and variety that can be captivantly fitted into a very few square meters in a historic building.





Now on to the market. Everything that the hills, fields, meadows, forests and waterways around Tübingen have to offer can be found under the striped canopies of the weekly market in front of the historic city hall. The overflowing selection of local produce is proudly presented by Tübingen's stallholders with a flair for originality and quality. Connoisseurs of such exquisite aromas and flavors will understand how much love is put into these products. Try it – at home or in the wonderful cafes, restaurants and wine bars of Tübingen. Because everything you find at the market can also be found served up as a meal – or as a take-away to be enjoyed sitting on the historic Zwingelmauer wall looking out over the Neckar.

More shopping and culinary tips at:
www.tuebingen-info.de





creative

In the beginning was the Creation. With so many exhibits of UNESCO World Heritage Ice Age Art, Tübingen possesses some of humanity's oldest artifacts, including the world-famous Vogelherd horse sculpture made of mammoth ivory. Tübingen's tradition of art and cultural history has continued to be varied and often world-class ever since.

"Still and empty stands the bulwark of the fathers.

The dark gate and tower are covered with moss..."

[Translator: James Mitchell]

The place Tübingen's great poet Friedrich Hölderlin described is now a very lively and exciting home to culture. Hohentübingen Castle is the only university museum in the world with two UNESCO World Heritage exhibits. Here you can see cultural highlights and around 4,500 exhibits from seven of the university's archaeological and cultural studies collections stretching back over a long period.

And what would Tübingen be without the Word? For centuries people have thought, written and versified here. Tübingen's triumvirate of revolutionary thinkers, Hölderlin, Hegel and Schelling, were as much at home here as the Romantics Uhland, Kerner, Hauff and Mörike. A young Hermann Hesse began his autodidactic path here, made his initial efforts at writing and with this laid the foundations for his subsequent fame. It is well worth keeping your eyes open for traces. The contemporary Word is also celebrated in Tübingen. German author and TV presenter Roger Willemssen called the annual literature festival the 'Woodstock of literature'. Audiences can encounter their favorite authors in magical locations, often in the open air.



Generally, numerous literary, musical and film events await visitors to Tübingen from spring to autumn. Tübingen loves to waltz, swing and jam. No other city in Baden-Württemberg has given rise to so many regional jazz award winners, for example. And the classical music scene also delivers an ambitious and captivating range of events, festivals and concerts.

The Französischen Filmtage Tübingen|Stuttgart is the largest shop window for francophone cinema in the German-speaking region. As a public festival with an attractive supporting program it forms a cultural bridge between Germany, France and the francophone countries of the world. And CineLatino has developed into a small film season that is now the most important platform for Spanish and Latin-American films in Germany.

Tübingen is open, inspirational and creative. In addition to traditional institutions and platforms for art and culture, like the Kunsthalle and the Stadtmuseum, the city has a vibrant cultural scene celebrating the whole spectrum of people in all colors of the rainbow. Culture in Tübingen is exciting – from the Pleistocene to today.

More information about events and tickets from:
www.tuebingen-info.de

get moving!

Get active here.

Hiking. Biking. Golfing. Rowing ... Anything you like.

Tübingen is the ideal base for your active vacation.



From Tübingen into the world. Just outside the city center you can find a network of attractive hiking trails and cycle paths at your feet. Not one but three extraordinary championship courses await golfers, and watersports fans can leap into a canoe or rowing boat and explore the Neckar. Tübingen's activity program is equally interesting for beginners and advanced enthusiasts.

Let's go!

On the premium-rated hiking trails of the 'Früchtetrauf' you can experience the variety of landscapes up close. Well-maintained official hiking trails and local footpaths, mostly narrow tracks and beaten paths, run past orchards and vineyards full of life. Depending on their fitness, hikers can choose between four premium trails and seven premium footpaths all waymarked with a red apple, the symbol of the Früchtetrauf. Numerous spectacular views can be reached from the river banks and vineyards. And well-earned refreshment can be found along the way at many of the vineyards, orchards and pubs that offer regional specialties for their guests.

There is a fairytale charm to this landscape, which is characterized by the sunny juniper heathlands, turquoise natural springs,

mysterious caverns and shady hillside woods typical of the Swabian Alb. Hohenzollern Castle, the home of the Prussian royal family, is literally outstanding, and only half an hour by car from Tübingen. It is one of the most-visited castles in Europe and you absolutely must see it. Anyone who prefers sneakers to walking boots can enjoy the topography of Tübingen just as much from below, for example by wandering through the city and the university's botanical garden. You don't always have to use a map! Losing yourself in the back lanes of the romantic old town is also a kind of goal.



Get back on track!

Right on Tübingen's doorstep are more than 1,000 kilometers of signposted cycle tracks. Spring into the saddle and discover the lively and strikingly varied facets of the Swabian Alb. Cycle tracks and themed routes introduce romantic river valleys, enchanting villages and sun kissed vineyards. Here too, many unique landscapes and impressive views await. Protected natural areas meet imposing cultural monuments: Bebenhausen Abbey, Schönbuch nature reserve and Wurmlingen chapel are just a few of the attractive destinations for bike rides around Tübingen.



Tübingen and golf: a hole in one

Where else in Germany can the contemplative magic of the game of golf be matched with the exceptional program of art and culture of a lively university city? There are three extraordinary championship courses available to keen golfers in the vicinity of Tübingen: the Schloss Kressbach Golf Club has one of the longest courses in Germany with a total length of 6,691 meters; the Schloss Weitenburg Golf Club impresses with its fairways that wind along the river Neckar and cross it five times; and finally, the Hechingen-Hollenzollern Golf Club offers idyllic views of the Alb mountain range and the picturesque Hohenzollern Castle.

Each successfully blends unspoilt nature with elegant sporting concepts – and all only a stone's throw from the vibrant university city Tübingen. Enjoy the greens around the city and have a good round!



Let the water teach you

Tübingen is the ideal place to enjoy water sports in a historic setting. Punting past the romantic backdrop of Tübingen city is probably the best-known pastime that the river Neckar has to offer. Canoes provide a more energetic way to explore the natural setting of the river, while stand up paddleboarding, or SUP, on the river is a unique balancing act, not only in terms of maintaining one's balance on the board, but also as a medium between athletic challenge and meditative composure. Or if you prefer just to gaze at the water instead of taking risks on it, you can simply sit on the banks of the Neckar and let your mind wander.

For more information:

www.tuebingen-info.de/urlaub



brainy

Intellect and research have shaped life in
Tübingen for 550 years now.
The list of famous alumni is long, very long ...

A Mecca for knowledge-seekers.

Eleven Nobel laureates and one Pope. Not a bad record for the Eberhard Karl University of Tübingen, which was founded in 1477, making it one of the oldest universities in Europe. As one of eleven elite universities in Germany its history stretches back a long way and it enjoys a good academic reputation nationally and internationally. And the roughly 27,000 students attending the university make up about one-third of the population of Tübingen – which leaves its mark on the spirit of the city.

With 500 professors, over 4,900 academics, seven faculties and more than 200 degree programs packed together in such a small area, Tübingen is itself practically a laboratory. Curiosity, a thirst for knowledge and joy in experimentation have drawn generations of researchers here over centuries. In the 19th century Carl Sigwart established modern biochemistry, Felix Hoppe-Seyler researched and named hemoglobin, and Friedrich Miescher discovered nucleic acids, the basis of the

genetic materials DNA and RNA. With this, in the best tradition of research in Tübingen, the foundations were laid for another highly significant medical innovation: as a PhD student at Tübingen, CureVac founder Ingmar Hoerr discovered that the instable biomolecule mRNA can be used as a kind of envelope for information and thus for vaccines or therapeutic agents. This radical insight has helped with the fight against Covid-19. Excellence, made in Tübingen. And what about the future? As part of the Cyber Valley Initiative, Tübingen University is researching artificial intelligence. This initiative, involving major players in politics, economics, and science is one of Europe's most important AI projects and will continue to make the Stuttgart and Tübingen region one of the global leaders for research and use of artificial intelligence.

For more information:
www.uni-tuebingen.de

*Cologne has a university, Hamburg maintains
a university, Tübingen is a university.*

Walter Jens, Professor of General Rhetoric at the University
of Tübingen, 1965 to 1988



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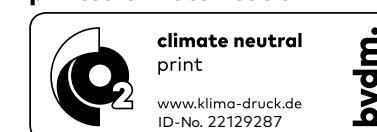
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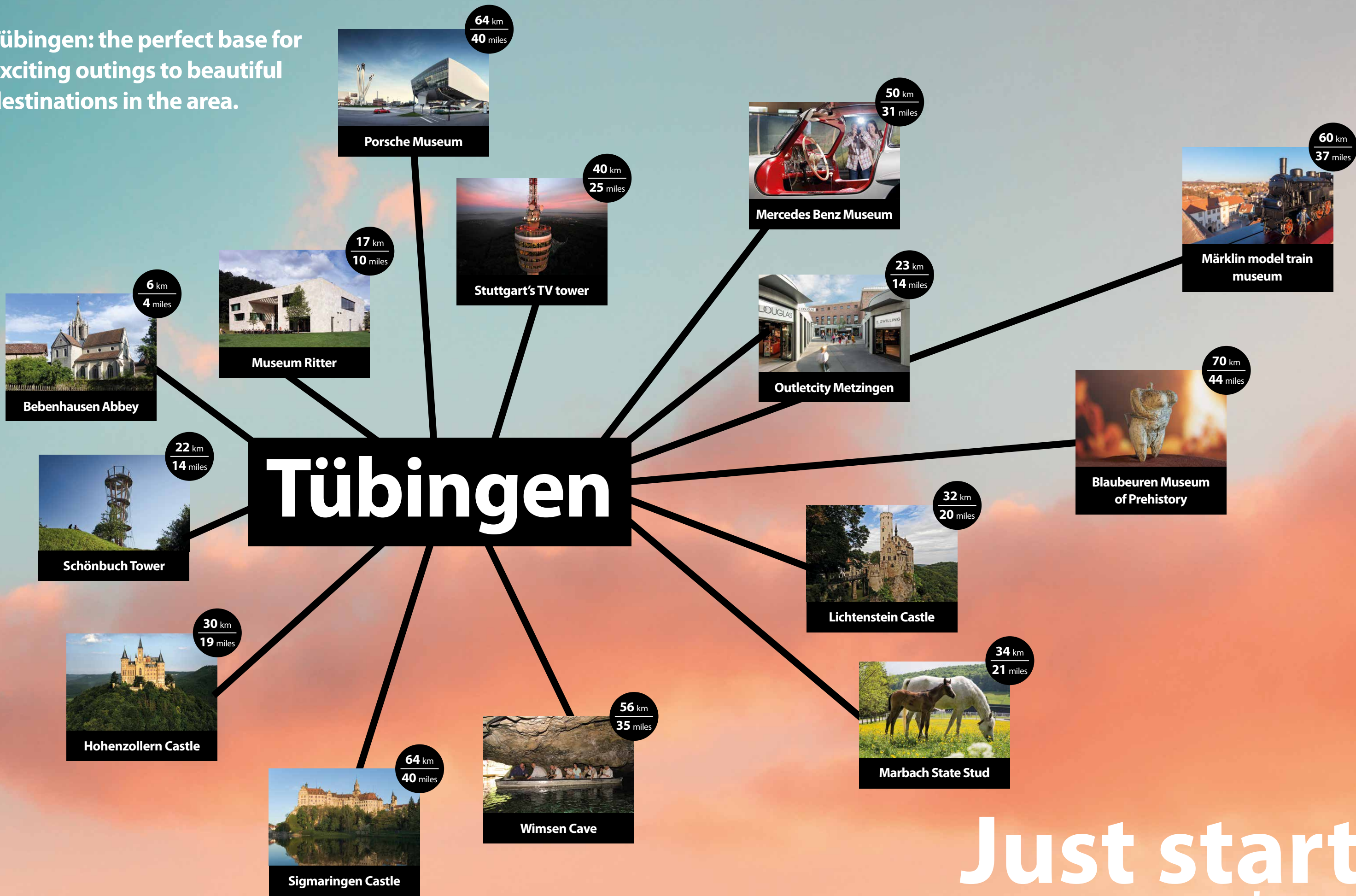
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