

*holiday region*  
**BLACK  
FOREST  
HIGHLANDS**





## *The tallest in the Black Forest*

Many stories start here: the Danube rises in the Black Forest Highlands and the birthplace of the world-famous cuckoo clock is also located in Germany's largest low mountain range. The trip to the Black Forest Highlands, near France and Switzerland and just 30 kilometres east of Freiburg, leads into the most popular holiday region in the Black Forest.

Original landscapes await with numerous attractions. The Feldberg is the roof of the region and, at 1,493 metres, the tallest mountain in Baden-Württemberg. The Titisee is known around the world, while the Schluchsee is the largest lake in the Black Forest. The Wutach Gorge is Germany's largest canyon.



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# Genuine hospitality...

From cosy and traditional to fashionable and luxurious, from the camp site to star hotels: more than 2.600 hosts invite you to take a relaxing break in the Black Forest Highlands.



...and sophisticated enjoyment



...and all in the middle of country life, on a family holiday on the farm



Find  
your host



...open-minded and sociable



...and modern Black Forest style



...and intense outdoor experiences



# Experience nature AT ITS MOST PURE



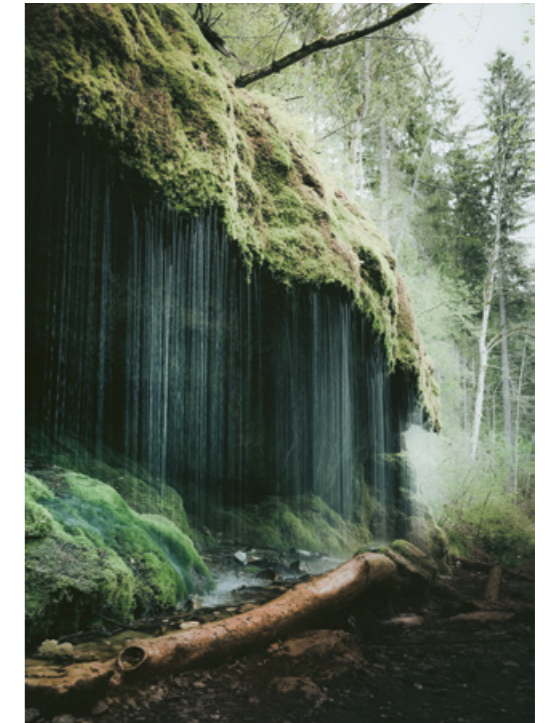
The Black Forest Highlands is a genuine paradise for those who love the great outdoors: sunny peaks, glittering lakes and deep gorges shape the unique idyll in the heart of the Black Forest. The holiday region is one of Germany's most versatile hiking destinations – awarded as a premium hiking region by the German Hiking Institute.



Amalienruhe by Schluchsee – the largest lake in the Black Forest



Feldsee moors, Feldberg nature reserve



Wutach Gorge, Germany's largest canyon



### Pleasure trails

Pleasure trails are excellent premium circular tours. They combine unspoilt forest and meadow paths with magnificent views, cosy resting places and regional gastronomy.

### Long-distance hiking trails

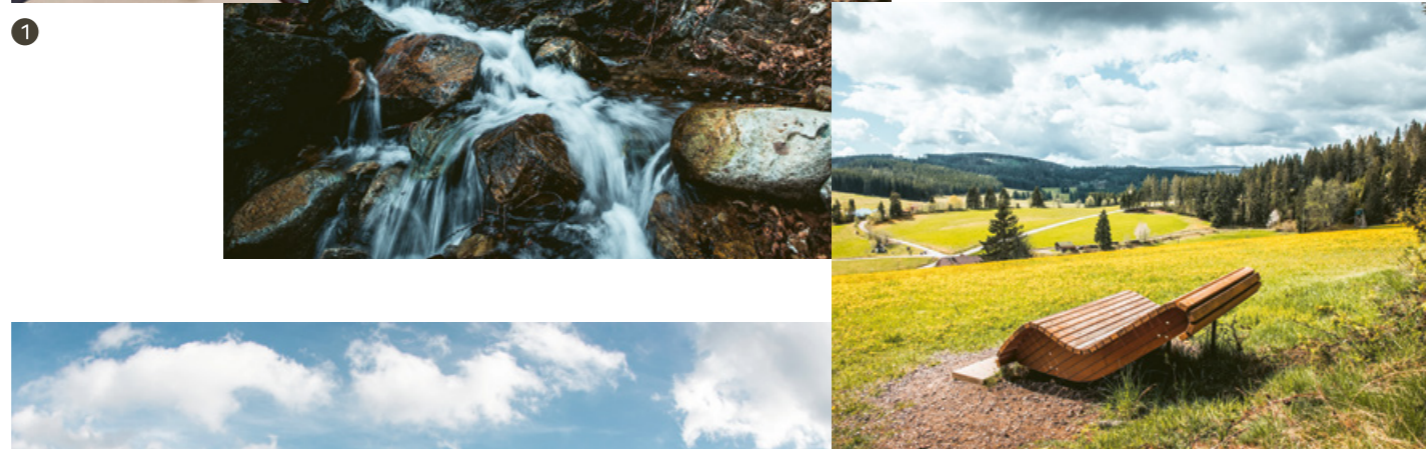
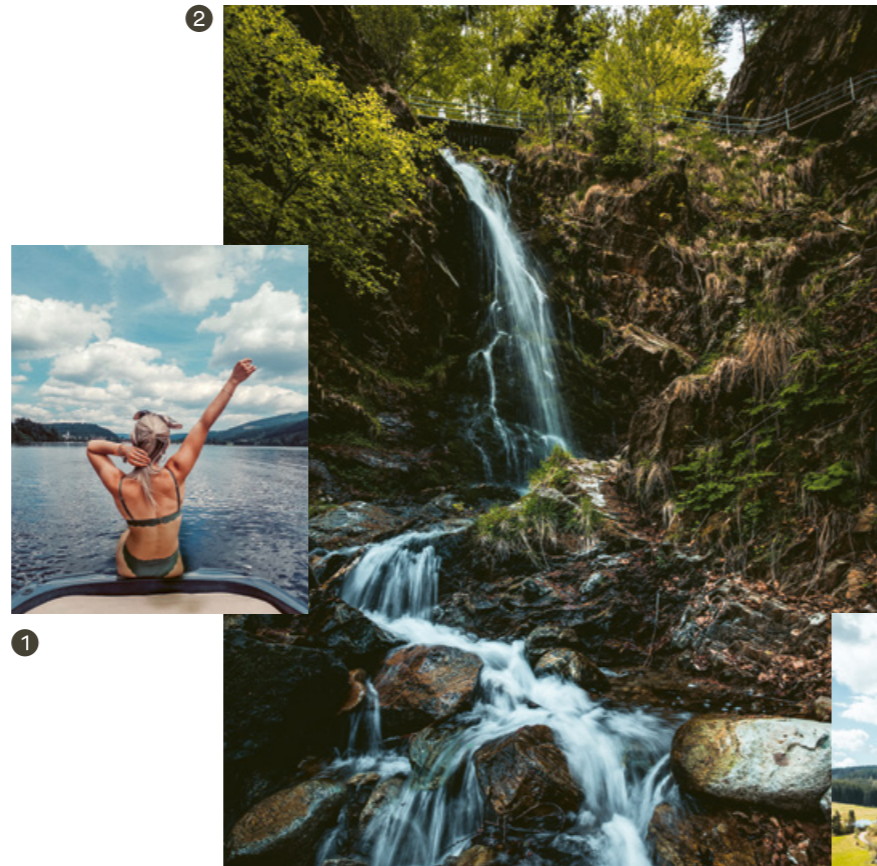
Those looking for a special experience can plan longer tours on the long-distance hiking trails such as the Schluchtensteig, the Albsteig and the Westweg, Mittelweg or Querweg. The long-distance hiking trails lead through the unique and unspoilt Black Forest landscape in several stages.

### Mountain climate region

The Black Forest Highlands is known for its excellent mountain climate. The pleasant coolness, fresh wind, stimulating sunlight and clean mountain air offer the perfect conditions for a relaxing break. 18 vital hiking trails in 7 spa towns are found within the mountain climate region.

### Gorges

For thousands of years, the water in the Black Forest's countless streams and rivers has made its way through rocky landscapes, forming imposing gorges. The Wutach Gorge is the most famous gorge in the Black Forest and is considered the largest canyon in Germany. The wild river valley, up to 170 m deep, stretches over 33 km with its unique flora and fauna with the nature reserve alone being home to 500 different butterfly species and about a hundred bird species.



### Bike region

From panoramic day tours to challenging multi-day routes and downhill runs, the Black Forest Highlands offers a wide range of activities. One of the best-known mountain bike tours in the Black Forest Highlands is the Gipfeltrail at 140 km long. The Seenradweg Hochschwarzwald is also ideal for tours by e-bike, connecting the green natural landscape with the region's deep blue lakes.

### Waterfalls

In addition to the Todtnau waterfall, one of the largest natural falls in Germany, many smaller waterfalls in the Black Forest Highlands also offer an impressive natural spectacle. There are numerous waterfalls to marvel at on the "Wasserfallsteig" pleasure trail between Feldberg and Todtnau.

### Lakes & outdoor swimming pools

If you're looking to cool off in summer, you'll find plenty of options in the Black Forest Highlands: in addition to calm ponds and rushing mountain streams, there are also many natural outdoor pools and lakes. The world-famous Titisee, Schluchsee – the largest lake in the Black Forest – and the Windgfällweiher are particularly popular.

### Exhilarating summits

Experience the sunrise and sunset on the tallest mountain in the Black Forest. Hikes to the most beautiful vantage points on the Feldberg show the vastness and beauty of the subalpine natural landscape. At 1,493 metres, the Feldberg is the highest elevation in Baden-Württemberg and makes the Black Forest Germany's highest low mountain range.



Discover nature's highlights

- 1 – Relaxing at Titisee
- 2 – Fahler waterfall, Todtnau
- 3 – Biking on the Gipfeltrail in the Black Forest Highlands
- 4 – Heavenly lounge on the Hirtenpfad in Lenzkirch (pleasure trail)
- 5 – Hiking on the Herzogenhorn
- 6 – Hiking in Menzenschwand



# HAPPY FAMILIES



Plan a family holiday



At the climbing park, on nature trails or in adventure parks, numerous attractions promise parents with children lots of fun and variety.

The Black Forest Highlands has been awarded the title of the largest family-friendly holiday region in Baden-Württemberg and promises exciting discoveries and adventures whatever the weather. Numerous communities, accommodation establishments, restaurants and leisure businesses have created offers especially for children, contributing to a successful family holiday for all ages.

#### Wälderfuchs children's programme

An exciting children's programme all about nature has been developed in cooperation with Naturpark Südschwarzwald and Forst BW for the school holiday periods, offering around 200 events a year for the whole family. Our mascot, the forest fox, is always involved.





# Winter Wonder Land



When snowflakes lay silently on the branches and meadows, the Black Forest Highlands is transformed into a white winter wonderland. Whether it's on the piste or cross-country, a snowshoe hike in an idyllic winter's landscape, or an exciting descent by sledge – the Black Forest Highlands is a real winter paradise.



Discover winter  
holidays



View from the Bismarck monument over Feldsee, Feldberg



Black Forest idyll in St. Märgen



View of the world-famous Titisee from the lakeside promenade



# TOP 5

## Winter fun in the Black Forest Highlands

### Alpine skiing

Skiers and snowboarders can tackle over 90 kilometres of slopes with 74 lifts in the Black Forest Highlands. The Feldberg mountain has guaranteed snow coverage throughout the winter months and offers perfectly groomed slopes in all levels of difficulty. In addition, there are numerous small lift facilities in the holiday region with family-friendly slopes and offers.



### Cross-country skiing



Cross-country skiing fans can choose from one of our 151 trails, which cover 930 km in total. The Thurnerspur ski trail at St. Märgen offers ideal conditions for both beginners and ambitious athletes, with stunning panoramic views at an altitude of around 1,000 m. The Nordic-Center Notschrei is located in the mountains around Todtnau. What's more, you can take cross-country skiing courses and hire equipment at the federal base for Nordic skiing, which has biathlon facilities and floodlit trails and runs.

### Snowshoeing



Nature lovers can also experience the free and untouched landscape on 13 snowshoe trails, which are specially signposted and reserved for snowshoeing. Different levels of difficulty offer a wide variety of experiences – whether it's a quick tour of the heights around Hinterzarten or a guided trek to watch the sunrise on the Feldberg mountain.



### Tobogganing

There are "Rodel-to-go" stations, where visitors can rent toboggans, on 8 premium slopes in total across the Black Forest Highlands region. Several runs also stay open in the evenings and are floodlit so that visitors can also enjoy them after dark.



### Winter hiking

743 kilometres of winter hiking trails in the sunny heights of the Black Forest Highlands region provide unique panoramas of the Alps and the Rhine valley. 39 premium winter hiking trails promise proven quality. They showcase the most beautiful landscapes, are well-signposted and easily accessible.





A snack in a mountain hut as a reward for active holidaymakers

# Moments of pleasure



Premium trails:  
Easy hike on the Geißpfad in  
St. Blasien-Menzenschwand



The invigorating forest and mountain climate on the Rappenfelsensteig

Maximum indulgence with regional products



Time out in  
the Black Forest  
Highlands



## Dining

Culinary delights are guaranteed in the Black Forest Highlands. Especially by the nature park hosts who cook seasonally and consciously use regional ingredients for their creations. Local delicacies are also available in farm shops, at local weekly markets and at nature park markets.

## Wellness

The Black Forest Highlands combine nature, health and relaxation. Top hotels with the "Wellness Stars" quality seal pamper their guests with high-end service and day spas also enable spontaneous breaks from everyday life.

## Forest

With forest bathing, the person walks through the forest mindfully – smelling, hearing and feeling. Stress levels plummet. The medicinal herb trails also lead you to contemplate and reflect, while the high-altitude climate trails are stimulating. On the certified pleasure trails you can stop off at traditional inns and the hiking trails offer insights into regional culture and history.



# Gemacht für Mich

## MADE FOR ME

The «Red Card» offers you a special discount or free entry to numerous visitor attractions, leisure activities and exclusive courses in the region.



Plus services with attractive discounts e.g. Badeparadies Schwarzwald, Titisee



Free inclusive services, e.g. the indoor play and sport arena »Fundorena«, Feldberg



Hire out cross-country skiing equipment for free



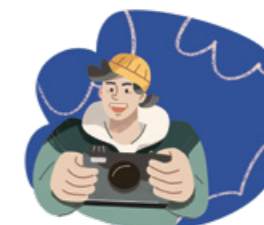
Race down the »Hasenhorn-Coaster« at a special discounted price in Todtnau

The Red Card is available for free from over 450 participating hosts, when staying for two nights or longer. For guests with the digital red card, a QR-Code opens the door to the numerous connected visitor attractions and leisure activities.

Inclusive Services are free to use and a special 20 percent discount is available for Plus Services.

### How it works:

1. Book a stay of at least 2 nights at one of the participating card hosts.
2. After your reservation, you will receive an email for a Quick Check-in. Once you have filled in the registration form, you will receive a further email with an invitation to activate your own personal Red Card.
3. After the card activation is complete, all free Inclusive Services and discounted Plus Services can be booked under: [mein.hochschwarzwald.de](https://mein.hochschwarzwald.de)
4. Your own personal QR-Code gains you access to the visitor attractions and leisure activities.



[hochschwarzwald.de/card](https://hochschwarzwald.de/card)



# Tradition and cultural gems



## World-famous elements of Black Forest culture

**The Black Forest cuckoo clock.** Franz Ketterer made the first Black Forest cuckoo clock in his clock workshop in Schönwald in 1737. The cuckoo clocks then travelled all over the world from here.

**Black Forest ham.** The popular Black Forest ham is made according to an old tradition and gently smoked over fir wood. This gives it its unique, smoky flavour.

**Black Forest gâteau.** It is without doubt one of the best-known gastronomic specialities in Germany. It is made from sponge cake, cream, cherries, grated chocolate and the famous Black Forest cherry brandy.

## Cultural gems

**St. Blasien cathedral.** St. Blasius cathedral is one of the largest domed churches in Europe with its dome span of 36 metres.

**Baroque church and Rococo library in St. Peter's.** Baroque monastery complex, Rococo library and Royal Hall by master builder Peter Thumb.

**Monastery church and museum in St. Märgen.** Baroque monastery complex and monastery museum.

**Clock museum, Furtwangen.** Germany's largest clock collection – more than 8,000 objects, from the Stone Age to the Atomic Age.

**Heimatmuseum Hüsli, Grafenhausen.** World-famous as the country residence of Dr. Brinkmann in the cult TV series "Die Schwarzwaldklinik"



The region's cultural highlights





## Sustainable destination

The Black Forest Highlands was awarded the “Sustainable Destination” official seal by the state of Baden-Württemberg in 2016. The seal stands for the sustainable development of tourism that is fair for all generations.

Along with a vast number of partners, Hochschwarzwald Tourismus GmbH is strengthening ecological, economic and social sustainability in the region. Projects from a wide variety of areas are initiated and funded, such as environmentally friendly mobility, the marketing of regional produce, raising guests’ awareness of nature and the environment, and sustainability among hosts.



Everything on the topic of sustainability

### Tourist infrastructure

Raising awareness for nature conservation and regional customs project “Climate-neutral tourism in the Black Forest Highlands”: Tourism businesses develop strategies for greenhouse gas reduction

25 certified Sustainable Hosts in the Black Forest Highlands, other hosts with the certification process underway  
 Kuckucksnester Design Apartments Black Forest Highlands holiday apartment mark  
 Kuckucksstube restaurant mark  
 Promotion of accessible offers

### Mobility

Free use of local public transport with the Konus guest card

With the Red Inclusive Card, e-cars and e-bikes can be borrowed for three hours a day free of charge

Expansion of e-charging stations with green electricity

### Indulgence

Nature park hosts: Use of regional and seasonal products through cooperation with local producers

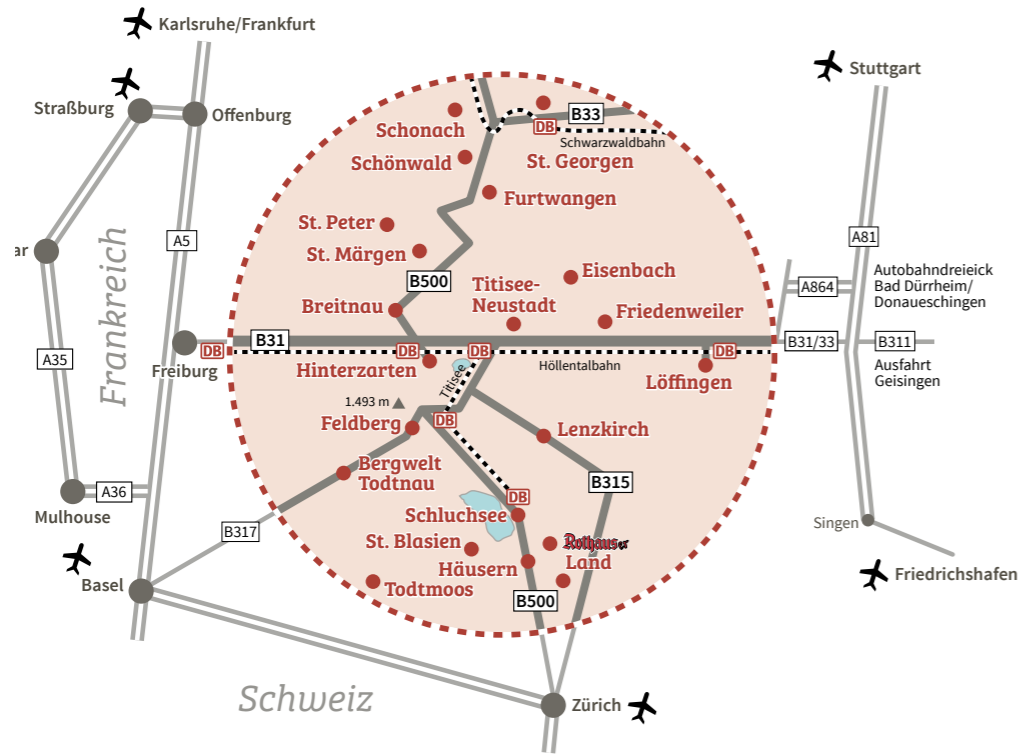
Nature park markets with exclusively regional producers and products

Collaborations with direct marketers (farm shops, cheese dairies, etc.) and cooperatively run inns





## Travelling to the Black Forest Highlands



## Would you like to learn more about the Black Forest Highlands?

In our information brochures you will find lots of tips for your holiday in the Black Forest Highlands, available free of charge at all tourist information offices or online at [hochschwarzwald.de/prospekte](http://hochschwarzwald.de/prospekte)

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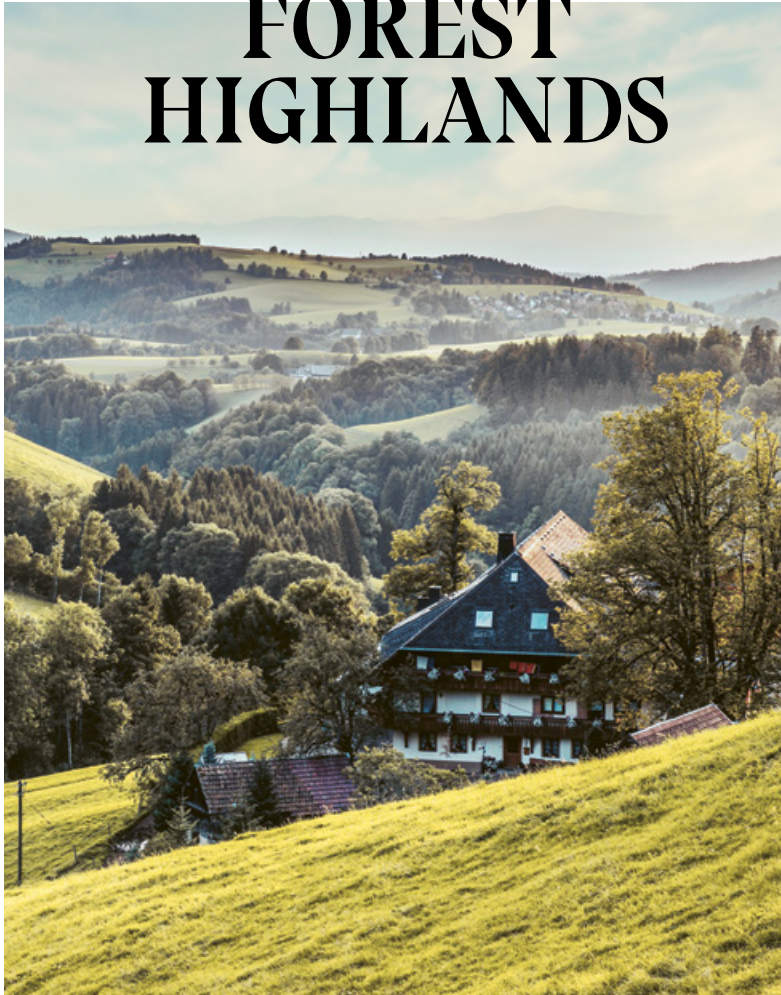
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