



Welcome!

Welcome to the Municipality of Perl!

Welcome to the Mosel valley where the borders of Germany, France and Luxembourg converge at the so-called "Dreiländereck", with Europe literally on the doorstep wherever you go.

More than 20 years after the signing of the Schengen Agreement, Perl and the neighbouring villages in France and Luxemburg have become a tourist destination characterised by a surprising number of similarities as well as fascinating differences.

Here, at the heart of the Saar-Lor-Lux border region, you can move from one country to the other almost without noticing. Succumb to the charms of this "little corner" of Europe and pay a visit to the country triangle.

We like to introduce you to some of our tourist sights in Perl. If you like to get to know Europe a bit better, why not start a short tour with us?

We are happy having you here!

Wine and viticulture...

If you want to taste the delicious wine of the Mosel valley in the Saarland, just visit one of the wine dressers in Perl, Sehndorf, Oberperl and Nennig. In summertime we invite you to the "Saarländischer Weinsommer", a programme organised by our wine dressers. Almost every weekend between may and october you can explore the wine cellars and taverns. Of course it is also possible to make an appointment for an individual wine tasting. The wine dressers will be happy to tell you more about their work.

Would you like to taste a homemade schnapps that is made from regional fruit such as apples, peers and cherries? Come and visit the Saarländisches Brennereimuseum in Tettingen-Butzdorf!

Boundless Hiking and Cycling experiences...

Charming and varied landscapes of extraordinary beauty and special hiking trails offer different possibilities to get to know the nature of our region. Different types of routes along the River Mosel and in the country triangle make you discover a lot of interesting places. Let yourself enchant by the amazing views into the Mosel valley and to the French and Luxemburgish neighbouring region. Specially during autumn, when all the trees change their leaves into a flamboyant play of colours, it is wonderful to have a walk through the forest.

We like to introduce to you some of our hiking trails.

The Panoramaweg Perl offers a wonderful view into the Mosel valley and goes along the bordercrossing german-french protected nature area Hammelsberg where you can watch the many butterflies floating through the numerous orchids that are in bloom between end of april and june.

Discover the geological specialities and particularly the Karst features on a trip along the Dolinenweg near Nennig.

What do you think about walking a part of the Camino of Santiago? The route via Perl comes from Trier and leads you to Schengen and further to Metz. You can take a lot of time for yourself while following Saint Jacob's traces.

If you love cycling then our region is perfect for you. We recommend our cycling paths along the River Mosel and those over the hills of the "Mosel-Saargau". You have the choice between easy routes and others that ask for good physical conditions.

And what is better than having a fresh drink after a nice hike?

The sights in the Municipality Perl

Castle Schloss Berg



Schloss Berg, built on a hill overlooking the village of Nennig, is actually made up of two castles: the upper fort and the lower fort. These were two adjoining water-surrounded castles whose history reaches back to the 12th century. The lower fort is privately owned, the upper fort – in later centuries converted into a Renaissance palace – today houses a luxury hotel, a gourmet restaurant (3 stars in Guide Michelin) and a modern casino. The latest attraction is a Renaissance garden that has been landscaped within the framework of the project "Garden without limits".

Opening times: the garden can be visited all year round.

Information: Tel.: +49(0)6866 79-0, <http://www.victors.de>

Roman Villa Borg

In Perl-Borg you can get a taste of what it was like to live in Roman times. A genuine "villa rustica" has been faithfully rebuilt, including covered walkways, baths, gardens and Roman taverna. Have you ever tasted "dulcia domestica" and washed it down with a glass of "mulsum"? In Borg you can, because in the Roman taverna you can savour recipes handed down from the Roman gourmet Apicius. In addition to this, a number of glass display cases hold finds of Roman and Celtic origin and an audio-vision show informs you about the villa's history.



Opening times:

Apr. until oct.: Tuesday until friday: 11h00 - 17h00, weekend and holiday: 11h00 - 18h00

Nov., feb. and march: Tuesday until friday: 11h00 - 16h00, weekend and holiday, 11h00 - 17h00

Closed on Monday and from Christmas until 31 january

Information and guided tours: Tel.: +49(0)6865 91170, <http://villa-borg.de>

Palais von Nell and Park von Nell



In 1733, the heritable tenant of the chapter of Trier cathedral built himself a stately home (palais) between the parish church and St. Quirin's Chapel that later became the property of the von Nell family. Opposite the palais, a garden gateway and a double flight of steps lead to Nell Park, which has been turned into a baroque garden within the framework of the "Gardens without limits" project.

Opening hours: The baroque garden in Nell Park is open all-the-year.

The palais is privately owned.

Information about the project "Gardens without limits" at CEB Merzig-Wadern

Tel.: +49(0)6861 9308-20, <http://www.gaerten-ohne-grenzen.de>

Chapel of Peace



The Chapel of Peace lies in the no-man's land between Perl in the Saarland and Merschweiler in France and was erected as a monument to European friendship. The chapel and plateau, from where it is also possible to get to the Château de Malbrouck in Manderen, are today a popular destination on walking tours.

Besch military cemetery

The military cemetery at Perl-Besch is a memorial to those killed in action in the Second World War. Three large stone crosses stand on a blown-up bunker: 1279 German dead are buried here, most of them victims of the battles of the winter of 1944/45 at Orscholz-Riegel. However, it is also the last resting place for 950 war victims of other nationalities.



Roman mosaic floor in Nennig



The mosaic floor in Nennig, which was restored in 1874 and touched up in 1960, used to grace the reception hall of a Porticus villa that in size and appointments pretty much surpasses all other Roman palaces and villas so far discovered in the Mosel region. The main building alone with its double-columned façade measured 140 metres across. With covered walkways and baths, the buildings had a total length of an impressive 650 metres. All that remains intact is the Roman mosaic from the reception hall. Covering an area of 15.65 m x 10.30 m, this ornate, richly illustrated floor is considered the

biggest and best preserved north of the Alps.

Opening times:

March until sept.: Tuesday until sunday: 08h30 - 12h00 and 13h00 - 18h00

Oct. until nov.: Tuesday until sunday: 09h00 - 11h30 and 13h00 - 16h30

Closed on Monday, in december, january and february

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Anti-tank barrier

Behind the Neo-Roman St. Remigius' church in Tettingen-Butzdorf, you can still see parts of the "dragon's teeth" anti-tank barrier of the former German Siegfried Switch Line.



Saint Jacob's Chapel in Keßlingen



Late Gothic chapel, made baroque in 1769, with attractive interior (Roman tombstone as altar, rare "Siebenschläfer" sculpture). Should the chapel be locked, the key is available from the Hein family opposite the chapel.

Saint Quirin's Chapel



The Celts already had their sanctuary on Zuckerknupp hill. At this prehistoric place of worship, a chapel dedicated to St. Quirin was built around 1700. Legend has it that Pope Leo IX gave his sister Gepa, abbess at the canoness convent at Neuss, the relics of the Christian martyr Quirin as a gift. According to an old Perl tradition, in the course of the Quirin translation of 1050, the relics of the saint also spent one night at Perl. So later it was an obvious choice to name the chapel after the saint. Above all in the Middle Ages, St. Quirin's Chapel and its fountain were a popular pilgrimage destination. The St. Quirin horse parade – every year on 1 May – is a reminder of this tradition.

Sehndorf

The Perl locality of Sehndorf with its farmhouses in the Lorraine style, nestling in the vineyards high above the River Mosel, is simply bursting with charm. The focal point of the village is still the old washing well, where before the invention of the washing machine generations of families used to meet to do their washing. Furthermore, Sehndorf is a wine-growing village par excellence. Just knock on the door of one of the wine-growers near the washing well and sample a drop or two of genuine Moselle wine...



Wochern



The Güth and Franziskus houses in Wochern are wonderful examples of the so-called Lorraine-style farmhouses, a type of house where farmer and animals all lived under the same roof. Wochern has already been awarded numerous prizes for village improvement and is one of the most attractive villages in the Saarland. What's more, the village is reported to have the highest density of eau-de-vie distilleries in Germany per capita of the population. So what about a bottle of fruit-based schnapps as a souvenir?

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