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## 1. Ulm Tourism Guide:

- a. Eating Out – For a small town, Ulm has an abundance of restaurants catering to a plethora of tastes. It is especially recommendable to stroll through the city centre and its lovely areas, such as the picturesque “Fishermen`s quarter” or around the Muenster, where you can find traditional and modern restaurants and great bars with welcoming atmospheres.
- b. Theatre:
  - i. There are no specific theatres in Ulm that only show movies in English. However, the Xinedome, downtown Ulm, will often show the most popular films in their original language for the first week or two of release. Go to the website and select ‘Programm & Tickets’ then again ‘Programm & Tickets’. Click on the magnifying glass on the right hand side (search function) and then click on the box entitled ‘OV’ and then ‘Set filters’. OV stands for Original Version, which means in the original language of release. You should now have a list of movies being shown in English and the days and times for them. Note that they show movies that were created in other languages as well (Turkish, Polish, amongst others) so ensure that the one you choose is actually English-language.
  - ii. Dietrich Theater in Neu-Ulm also shows films in English, usually once-per-week on Wednesday evenings. When you get to the Dietrich Theatre website (vice their sister art-house theatres, Obscura, Lichtburg, Mephisto), along the banner, ‘Diese Woche’ (This Week) should be highlighted and you simply need to click on Original Sound to see the movies and times for English offerings. Again, they are often marked as OV. Dietrich also has Sneak Preview showings ([www.cineplex.de/kino/events/city57/event273/](https://www.cineplex.de/kino/events/city57/event273/)). Usually, they'll let you know on their homepage whether the film will be in its original language, but you won't know what you'll be seeing.
- c. Swimming: Swimming is a favourite pastime in Germany and the public pool facilities (Schwimmbäder) are excellent. Most “Schwimmbad” have both indoor and outdoor pools with extensive locker room facilities, restaurant, sauna, etc. Swimming lessons are also available at most pools.
  - i. Donaubad - Wiblinger Str. 55, 89231 Neu-Ulm, Tel. +49 731 985990 <https://www.donaubad.de> Family water park with slides & water cannons, plus sauna & solarium facilities and regular events like Candle light evenings. Donaubad offers facilities for swim training and has children’s play pools and

slides. There is an adjoining sauna complex. More information and prices can be found on their website.

- ii. Nautilla Illertissen <https://nautilla.com>
- iii. Bad Blau in Blaustein <https://www.badblau.de>
- iv. Naubad in Langenau <http://naubad.de/>

- d. Sports: With its proximity to larger German cities, Ulm is in an excellent location for sport fans:

Hockey (or Ice Hockey as you must say here so as to avoid being mistaken for field hockey): for people wishing to play hockey, there is a rink in Neu-Ulm and another in Senden. For a local league in which you can play, the website for info is EHC Ulm/Neu-Ulm. For those just wishing to watch hockey, there are several choices, from the highest level in Germany, called the Deutsche Eis Hockey Liga, with the Mannheim Adler, for example, to a lower level with the local Neu Ulm Devils. There are also unique tournament opportunities, such as the Spengler Cup in Davos, Switzerland, which is 240km from here.

Football/Soccer: There is the German Football/Soccer Bundesliga and Bundesliga2: e.g. FC Bayern München, FC Augsburg, FC Nürnberg, VfB Stuttgart.

Basketball: There is a basketball arena in Neu-Ulm "Ratiopharm Arena" which is well worth visiting for basketball events. For further information please check <https://www.ratiopharmarena.de>. They also hold larger concerts and other events at this arena.

Wall Climbing: There is a location in Neu-Ulm for climbing and another in Ulm. Info for the Ulm location is found at: <https://ulm.einstein-boulder.com/>

Other Fitness: There are fitness classes taking place within the barracks such as back fitness, yoga, Nordic Walking, Link Moves, Aqua Fitness and Backroll-Training. Local gyms may have special rates for NATO personnel – please ask.

The Komoot app is good for local walking, cycling and hiking routes.

The closest ski resorts to Ulm are in the Allgäu region of Bavaria, just East of the Bodensee. You will most likely find snow in Oberstdorf on the Nebelhorn mountain with unique views. The Nebelhorn cable car takes you right from the centre of Oberstdorf to 2200m above sea level. You will find culinary highlights, an impressive ambience and fascinating peak views up there. However, there are many options, especially if you wish to go a little further afar to Austria, still only about a 4-hour drive. Germans and many of the International personnel in the HQ love to ski – just ask around and they will be able to give you many recommendations.

- e. Theme Parks:

Name	Where	Driving	Comments	Website
Allgäu Skyline Park	Bad Wörishofen	1 hour	A family day out, perfect amusement-park	<a href="https://www.skylinepark.de/">https://www.skylinepark.de/</a>

Legoland	Günzburg	30 mins	Seasonal LEGO-themed amusement park features more than 55 attractions and thousands of models assembled from more than 56 million LEGO bricks.	<a href="https://www.abenteuerfreizeitpark.de/legoland-deutschland">https://www.abenteuerfreizeitpark.de/legoland-deutschland</a>
Zoo Friedrichsau	Ulm	Near downtown Ulm	Little zoo for younger kids	<a href="https://tiergarten.ulm.de/">https://tiergarten.ulm.de/</a>
Kletterwald	Laichingen	40 mins	A climbing forest, where you can swing from tree to tree, climb over shaky bridges and cross obstacles on ropes. All this and much more is possible in the Laichingen climbing forest near the Tiefenhöhle on the Swabia Alb. The longest cable car is 152 m long. From the net bridge to swaying planks to Tarzan rope, a wide variety of tasks have to be solved.	<a href="https://www.kletterwald-laichingen.de/uber-den-kletterwald">https://www.kletterwald-laichingen.de/uber-den-kletterwald</a>
Tripsdrill	Cleebronn	1 hour	Forested zoo housing animals such as bears, foxes & birds of prey, with feeding times & events.	<a href="https://tripsdrill.de/de/">https://tripsdrill.de/de/</a>
Europapark Rust	Rust	2h 45 min	The largest theme park in Germany, and the second most popular theme park resort in Europe, following Disneyland Paris	<a href="https://www.europapark.de/de">https://www.europapark.de/de</a>
Schwabenpark	Kaiserbach	1 hour	Amusement park with a rollercoaster, kids' rides & shows, a petting zoo, plus a restaurant.	<a href="https://www.schwabenpark.de/">https://www.schwabenpark.de/</a>
Sealife seaworld	Konstanz	45 mins	Family-friendly exhibits with a variety of sea creatures	<a href="https://www.visitsealife.com/de/konstanz/">https://www.visitsealife.com/de/konstanz/</a>

f. Day Trips:

Name	Where	Driving	Comments	Website
Roggenburg Monastery	Roggenburg	27 mins	A working Monastery with museum, baroque gardens, restaurant and children play area.	<a href="https://www.klosterroggenburg.de/web/en/">https://www.klosterroggenburg.de/web/en/</a>
Berg Brewery	32 mins	Ehingen-Berg	Berg Brewery can track its past to 1466 and the current owners	<a href="https://www.bergbier.de/">https://www.bergbier.de/</a>

			<p>have been running the Brewery since 1757. The brewery has a restaurant, with a multitude of activities BREWERY TOUR, BEER BREWING COURSE, BEER TASTING, BEER &amp; BREAD BAKING TASTING. There is a 14km long beer hiking trail, or a 2-day round beer tour cycling trip (115 kilometers, 877 meters).</p>	
Ochsle Bahn, Steam Train	31 mins	Warthausen	<p>Streamtrain journey from Warthausen to Ochsenhausen. The journey is 70 minutes one way and you can either stay on the train and return straightaway or depart and return later (about 4hrs). The train runs on Thursdays and Sundays. To book the trip use the booking form on the website.</p>	<a href="https://oechsle-bahn.de/wp">https://oechsle-bahn.de/wp</a>
Bad Urach Wasserfall	Bad Urach	50 mins	<p>The Urach waterfall alone is an experience, but when coupled with magnificent views from the rocky outcrops of Rutschenfelsen and the second, equally spectacular Gutersteiner waterfall, the whole tour becomes a must-see. "Beautiful</p>	<a href="https://www.badurach-tourismus.de/en">https://www.badurach-tourismus.de/en</a>

			waterfall! A feeling like entering a different world. Parking available close to the waterfall (1.6 Km walk). Longer hiking is also possible. A path right next to waterfall leads you almost to the top of the waterfall. Bring either waterproof shoes, walk barefoot or get wet	
Vaduz	Vaduz, Liechtenstein	1h 42 mins	Vaduz is the capital of Liechtenstein and is worth a day trip from Ulm. It has a number of small museums and the royal cellars all suitable for ages 7 years upwards including a postal museum if you are interested in stamps. Though you can't visit the castle there are viewpoints near by over looking the city and Rhine valley. Vaduz is accessible via both Austria and Switzerland but you will need to get toll stickers if you drive on the motorways. For a day trip only pay for Austrian tolls and don't take the route via Switzerland, a bit slower but cheaper.	
Bebenhausen	Tubingen-Bebenhausen	1 h 10 min	Monastery with guided tours.	
Neuschwanstein Castle	Schwangau	1h 20 mins	Neuschwanstein Castle is a 19th century	<a href="https://www.neuschwanstein.de/">https://www.neuschwanstein.de/</a>

			<p>Romanesque Revival palace on a rugged hill above the village of Hohenschwangau near Füssen in southwest Bavaria. The palace was commissioned by Ludwig II of Bavaria as a retreat and in honour of Richard Wagner.</p>	
Hohenzollern Castle	Hechingen	1h 30 mins	<p>Hohenzollern Castle is the ancestral seat of the imperial House of Hohenzollern. The third of three hilltop castles built on the site, it is located atop Mount Hohenzollern, above and south of Hechingen, on the edge of the Swabian Jura of central BadenWürttemberg</p>	<p><a href="https://www.burg-hohenzollern.com/startseite.html">https://www.burg-hohenzollern.com/startseite.html</a></p>
Sigmaringen Castle	Sigmaringen	1h 15 mins	<p>Sigmaringen Castle was the princely castle and seat of government for the Princes of Hohenzollern-Sigmaringen. Situated in the Swabian Alb region of Baden-Württemberg, this castle dominates the skyline of the town of Sigmaringen.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.burg-hohenzollern.com/Sigmaringen.html">https://www.burg-hohenzollern.com/Sigmaringen.html</a></p>
Lichtenstein Castle	Lichtenstein	1h	<p>Lichtenstein Castle is a privately owned tourist attraction built in Gothic Revival style and located in the Swabian Jura of</p>	<p><a href="https://www.schloss-lichtenstein.de/en/">https://www.schloss-lichtenstein.de/en/</a></p>

			southern Germany. It was designed by Carl Alexander Heideloff and has been described as the "fairy tale castle of Württemberg.	
Gardens in Ludwigsburg	Ludwigsburg	1h 20 mins	Spectacular displays of blooms in themed plantings in the 30- hectare gardens of Ludwigsburg Castle.	<a href="https://www.blueba.de/en/">https://www.blueba.de/en/</a>
Lake Constance	Lindau Friedrichshafen Meersburg Konstanz	1h 20 mins	Lake Constance (known as Bodensee in German) is a 63kmlong central European lake that borders Germany, Austria and Switzerland. Fed by the Rhine River, it's composed of 2 connected parts, the Untersee (lower lake) and the larger Obersee (upper lake). Ringed by resort towns, it's a summer destination for sailing, windsurfing and swimming. The Bodensee Radweg cycle path encircles the entire lake in about 260km.	<a href="https://www.bodensee.eu/en">https://www.bodensee.eu/en</a>
Rothenburg ob der Tauber	Rothenburg ob der Tauber	1h 30 mins	Rothenburg ob der Tauber is a German town in northern Bavaria known for its medieval architecture. Half-timbered houses line the cobblestone lanes of its old town. The town walls include	<a href="https://www.rothenburg-tourismus.de/en/">https://www.rothenburg-tourismus.de/en/</a>

			many preserved gate houses and towers, plus a covered walkway on top. St. Jakob's Church houses an intricate, late Gothic altarpiece by woodcarver Tilman Riemenschneider. The medieval Town Hall has a tower with panoramic views	
Blautopf	Blaubeuren	30 mins	The Blautopf is a spring that serves as the source of the river Blau in the karst landscape on the Swabian Jura's southern edge, in Southern Germany	



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- g. Ulm and Neu-Ulm: Linked and yet divided by the river Danube: the old former Free Imperial City of Ulm in the German Federal State of Baden-Württemberg, and the



new city of Neu-Ulm in the German Federal State of Bavaria. Both are well worth a visit: Ulm's historic Fishermen's Quarter, the world-famous Gothic cathedral with the highest church spire in the world, the old lanes and squares; and Neu-Ulm with its unique panorama of the Danube and beautiful parks and gardens.

Together, the cities form a major cultural centre with many museums, e.g. the Museum of Bread Culture or the Museum Ulm with its collections of important masterpieces from medieval times onward, modern sights like the 'New Centre' and with outstanding shopping facilities.

Ulm is both an old and a young city and like all cities, Ulm has gone through the ups and downs of history. Smaller craftsmen's workshops and housing such as the Schiefes Haus expanded and developed into companies that enjoy worldwide standing today (including, but not limited to, Iveco-Magirus, Wieland, Kässbohrer). Cultural facilities: Ulm theatre, Ulm Volkshochschule (evening class training centre), Stadtbibliothek (municipal library), Stadtarchiv (city archives), Ulmer Museum (Ulm museum), Deutsches Brotmuseum (German bread museum), Prähistorische Sammlung (prehistoric collection), Naturaliensammlung (collection of natural findings), an aquarium with a tropical house, and private institutions displaying regular art exhibitions.

The Ulm Sparrow (German= *Ulmer Spatz*) is a symbol of the city of Ulm. According to legend, the inhabitants of Ulm needed a particularly large beam of wood for the construction of its Muenster but could not get it through the city gate. As they were about to tear the gate down, they noticed a sparrow carrying a straw for its nest; which turned it from crosswise to lengthwise in its beak. A realization descended on the people of Ulm and they began to place long loads along, rather than across, their carts to be able to enter the city without rebuilding their gate. Whether true or not, it is a fun little story and the Spatz graces many locations throughout Ulm.



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#### h. Getting Out and About:



Source: <https://germanymap360.com/germany-map>

- i. Augsburg (65 km from Ulm) Augsburg is the third largest city in Bavaria after Munich and Nuremberg. This ancient and famous imperial city was once the home of the two great medieval merchant dynasties of the Fuggers and the Welsers and is now the chief town of the administrative region of Bavarian Swabia (Bayerisch-Schwaben). These days, the city has a very active cultural life, something that grew exponentially after the University of Augsburg opened its doors in 1970. Top things to do in Augsburg include exploring the historic old town on foot, which is especially fun during the famous Augsburg Christmas Market (Augsburger Christkindlesmarkt). Also worth noting: one of the most popular tourist routes in Germany, the Romantic Highway (Romantische Strasse) runs from the main valley via Augsburg to Füssen on the Austrian frontier and includes some of the most quintessentially German scenery.
- ii. Stuttgart (73 km from Ulm) Charmingly situated in the heart of one of Germany's largest wine-growing regions, this vibrant metropolis fascinates visitors from all over the world. The state capital of BadenWürttemberg delights tourists not only by virtue of its magnificent panorama, but also by its cultural diversity. Vineyards and forest-rich heights are marking the conurbation according to the east and south, fertile plains to the west and north. Whether it's culture or relaxation, shopping fun or musical theatre - there's lots to do and see in Stuttgart. Discover over 125 years of automobile history at the Mercedes-Benz Museum and the Porsche Museum, enjoy the world-famous Stuttgart ballet, celebrate at Stuttgart's beer festival or soak up the unique atmosphere of the Christmas market. Chapels and palaces to visit can be found all around the city, and do not forget to spot one of the wine yards just outside the city. After a long day of sightseeing, you might want to relax in the mineral spas or just finish the evening with a nice glass of wine or a pint of beer. For further information please visit [www.stuttgart-tourist.de](http://www.stuttgart-tourist.de)
- iii. Munich (120 km from Ulm) Munich (München in German), the capital of Bavaria in Germany, is one of the most popular tourist destinations in the country. Full of history, culture and amazing architecture, it's easy to be pleasantly surprised by the city. Munich is also famous for holding the largest beer festival in Europe, Oktoberfest, and its beer halls, including the famous Hofbräuhaus, founded in 1589. The best time to visit Munich is the

spring and summer time, especially for those people who are looking to go hiking as there are some stunning routes not too far outside of the city. For those that are looking for a more traditional experience, the winter time is also a good time to visit for the Christmas markets. Moreover, the area around Munich is spectacular and well worth visiting: scenic lakes, unique mountain panoramas whether it's the Watzmann or the Zugspitze! For further information please visit [www.muenchen.de](http://www.muenchen.de)

- iv. Nuremberg (141 km from Ulm) (Nurnberg in German) Dive into the impressive history of the second largest city in Bavaria and enjoy the amenities of a lively urban place. Discover how harmonious the interplay of historic buildings and modern architecture can be on a walk through the Old Town. Enjoy the culinary delights of a city with a century-long beer, sausage and gingerbread tradition. Live history can also be found on the Imperial Castle, Nuremberg's grand landmark. With the historic Memorium Nuremberg Trials, a documentation center in Court Room 600 is accessible to illustrate what happened during the Nuremberg Trials.

- i. The Alps and Ski Areas:

While the nearby Alps are still providing excellent skiing conditions with lots of ski resorts, there are also various military lodges in the South of Germany within short travelling time from Ulm. Germans living in this area love to ski and for good reason. It is a great outdoor activity and there are many, many good ski regions in the German, French, Italian, Austrian and Swiss Alps. Just ask around as there are many people in the HQ that like to ski.

Whether you are a beginner or an expert, you will find wonderful ski places for you and your family. The ski schools in the region for children are fantastic, and even first time skiers can easily learn to ski, especially if put in a weeklong school environment.

The closest alpine ski regions are located in the "Allgäuer Alpen" and there many that can be reached within an hour or two, with slopes for beginners, offering ski playgrounds for kids. Here is a list of the names of some of the village and their ski lifts. Just drive south of Ulm on the A7. For further directions to the villages with ski lifts, check Mapquest or any other search engine. One good website is [https://www.deinallgaeu.de/berge/berge\\_winter\\_skigebiete.html](https://www.deinallgaeu.de/berge/berge_winter_skigebiete.html): Unterjoch (Speiserlifte and Sonnenhanglift), Oberstdorf (Nebelhorn, Fellhorn and Söllereckbahn), Balderschwang (Riedberger Horn and Hochschelpen).

One and a half hours from Ulm, you can also find the enchanting old-world town of Füssen in the foothills of the Alps, framed by one of the most breath-taking natural settings in the world. Towering far above it is a sight made from the stuff of dreams which inspired Walt Disney for his Sleeping Beauty castle – the fabulous and fairy-tale Neuschwanstein Castle! If possible, go at off-peak times, such as during the off-season (e.g. not summer) and on weekdays and get your entrance tickets in advance, if you plan to do the tour. It is a very popular site.

- j. Switzerland, Lichtenstein, Austria:

Ulm is situated close to the border with Switzerland, Lichtenstein and Austria. You can easily reach all these places by car which is perfect for weekend breaks to visit top destinations like Vienna, Salzburg, Innsbruck or Zurich. There are mountain passes and roads but, of course, you have to pay for tolls and parking in many places. Immerse yourself in a world of mountains and valleys, alpine lakes and meadows, waterfalls, gorges, caves and fascinating scenic reserves in the Swiss and Austrian Alps! There are countless possibilities for winter activities for everyone like never ending slopes, cross-country skiing trails, hiking trails and snow parks waiting for you!

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