



*Welcome to Heidelberg*



*A dream destination in more ways than one*







## Heidelberg – Germany

Heidelberg is a popular tourist destination due to its romantic and picturesque cityscape, including Heidelberg Castle and the baroque style Old Town.

The name of Heidelberg stands not only for our world-famous castle, for Germany's oldest university and for lanes steeped in history in the Old Town but also for a modern scientific and economic location with an international reputation and a most lively and varied cultural scene. This attracts people from all over the world, some 3.5 million guests per year, 65 per cent of whom come for professional reasons.

Heidelberg has a justified international and national reputation as one of Germany's top tourist destinations. The city's urban development, its university life, many fine restaurants, shopping opportunities, cultural offerings and wide variety of annual events all contribute to the worldwide popularity of the city which even Goethe felt had something "quite ideal".

It is the blend of different, thoroughly contrasting characteristics that harmonize to make Heidelberg a fascinating and unique place. The charm of this interplay has inspired artists, stimulated scientists and is an unforgettable experience for all visitors to the city.







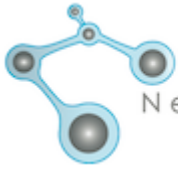
## EMBL Heidelberg – Germany

Heidelberg is home to Germany's oldest university, as well as leading biological and medical science institutes such as the Centre for Molecular Biology, the German Cancer Research Center (DKFZ) and the Max Planck Institute for Medical Research, making it an ideal site for EMBL's main laboratory.

Nestling in the wooded hills above the city, the complex is home to five of EMBL's scientific units: Genome Biology, Cell Biology and Biophysics, Developmental Biology, Structural and Computational Biology and Directors' Research, as well as the Core Facilities and the central administration, from which service functions are provided for the use of staff at all five EMBL sites. Heidelberg is also home to EMBLEM, the laboratory's technology transfer company.

Today more than 900 personnel are located at EMBL Heidelberg, and the close proximity of the other excellent institutes has led to numerous long-term collaborations. EMBL shares a campus with its sister organisation, the European Molecular Biology Organization (EMBO). The two share strong historical ties and work together in many ways; for example, they combine to stage many highly recognised international courses and conferences. Integrated in the campus the newly-built EMBL Advanced Training Centre (ATC) hosts state-of-the-art training facilities for practical courses and computer labs together with a 450-seat auditorium, setting the scene for a new era of scientific conferences at EMBL promoting advanced scientific training and education in Europe.





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## International PhD symposium – EMBL Heidelberg

Started in October 2000, the annual EMBL International PhD Symposium in Heidelberg has developed into an acclaimed high quality scientific event from EMBL students for students all over the scientific world.

For this event, every autumn young researchers from numerous scientific institutes, mostly graduate students and postdoctoral fellows, gather at EMBL Heidelberg for listening to multidisciplinary lectures by top-level speakers and for communicating their own research results in poster sessions and panel discussions. The networking and contact-building between students and established scientists has always proven to be one of the highlights of the event.

## The 14th International PhD Symposium

The 14th International PhD Symposium will be spread over three days that will include many exciting talks from established scientists, as well as short talks from young researchers, poster sessions, and a panel discussion. During these three days, there will be many opportunities for participants to interact with our distinguished speakers as well as with each other, since meals and breaks as well as drink sessions will be included in the program.







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