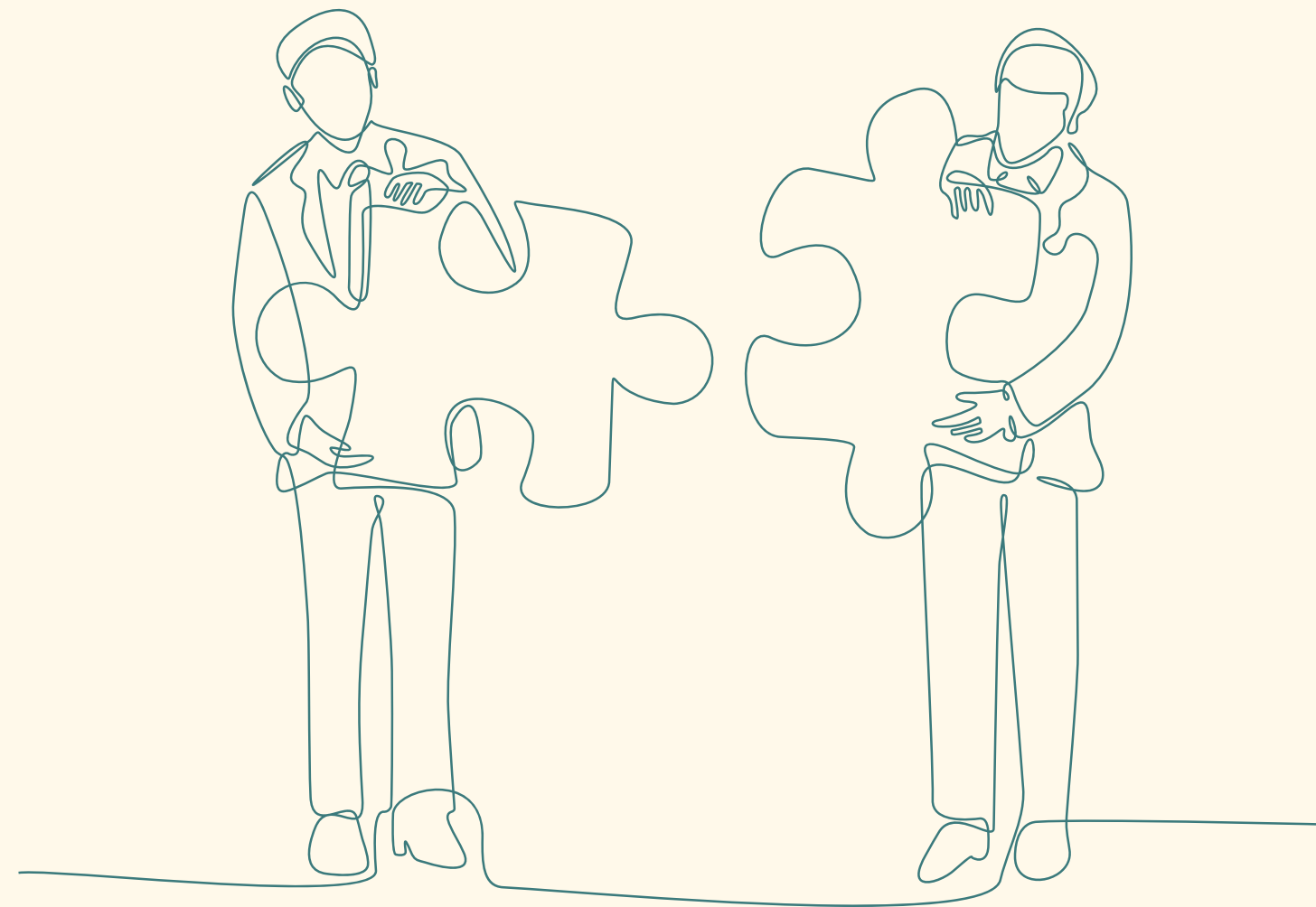


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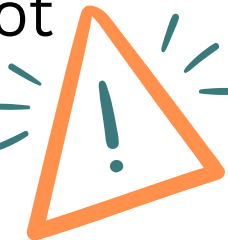


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Are you in for a challenge? Do you want to get to know Freiburg and do touristy things?

No matter whether you have just arrived in Freiburg or whether you've been living here for years already - this challenge is perfect for you if you want to get to know the city better and have fun at the same time!

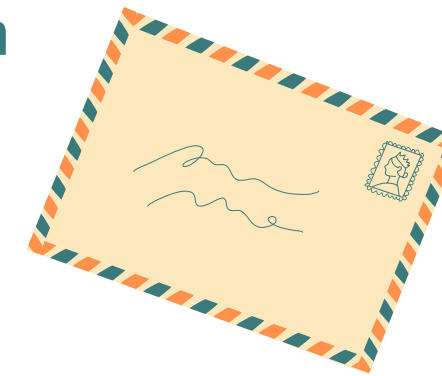
- We have prepared you some cards. Each card belongs to famous sights in Freiburg. To start, pick a card! The first challenge starts now! You are gonna wald around the town with your guide. Watch out, so that you do not miss your sight.
- You have found it! Great! Now ask your guide to give you the information card about your sight. Present your sight to the group!
- Selfie time! Make sure you include your sight in your background! It was worth the challenge, wasn't it?



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- Now it's time to do some shopping. Let us buy a post card together and send it to ICM. People there would be happy to know how your adventure in Freiburg is going! Send the postcard to the following address:

**Intercultural Mentoring Program
Service Center Studium
Sedanstr. 6
79098 Freiburg im Breisgau**



- You have walked a lot and experienced a great deal! It's time to treat yourself to some ice-cream or coffee!
- Now that you have gained a first impression of the town, we want you to write a list of the places you would still want to discover (to icm@zv.uni-freiburg.de). We will get together, stroll again through the city, and have some more fun pretty soon!





Wiwilíbrücke (Wiwilí Bridge) also called Blaue Brücke (Blue Bridge)

Since the link between the Stühlinger district and the old town was closed to cars in 1980, the Bridge has become a popular meeting place and is one of the most important connections from western Freiburg to the city center for pedestrians and cyclists. An average of nearly 8,000 people cycle across the iron lattice bridge, built in the late 19th century, each day. It's one of the last remaining bridges of its kind in Germany, and stands out in particular for its elegantly curved arches and blue color.

Anyone who wants to experience many young Freiburg's favorite place should grab a bike, e.g. at the Radstation (bike station), ride from the station towards the Jazzhaus (Jazz house), and make a short stop on the bridge. Enjoy the view of the towers of the Sacred Heart Church and the Schönberg.





The Freiburg Konzerthaus (concert hall)

The "Konzerthaus" attracts thousands of music lovers every year with its program of top-class symphony concerts, musicals and performances by the Freiburg Baroque Orchestra. The dancing spirals will get you in the swing of things as you enter the Konzerthaus. The twirling sculptures by Stuttgart artist Andrea Zaumseil are meant to embody music and rhythm, making them the perfect companions for a musical evening.

Besides the large concert hall, the building also has two additional rooms and a majestic light-filled foyer, which are used for cultural events such as readings, comedy shows, trade fairs and conferences. Designed by the Berlin architect Dietrich Bangert, the open architecture of the "Konzerthaus" provides a stunning setting for all kinds of events and is rightfully considered as one of the most exciting examples of modern architecture in Freiburg.





UB (the main library of the university)

The main library of the university had to be renovated primarily because the technology that was used in the building, e.g. the air conditioning system, was outdated, and because the front was damaged. However, opinions are divided when it comes to the building's exterior. Critics feel that its modern architecture is too overwhelming, situated between landmarks steeped in history, such as the Stadttheater (City Theater) or other university buildings. But there are those who think that the dark, glass building looks like a black, finely cut diamond, with the facade reflecting the historic buildings and creating a strong symbiosis between the modern library and its surroundings. The fact is that everyone is talking about the new University Library. The structure is also primed for the future. It uses 65 percent less energy than the old University Library and produces its own electricity using a 2,000-square-meter photovoltaic system.





Universität Freiburg (University of Freiburg)

Fondly known as the “Albertina” by Freiburg residents, the university today educates some 25,500 inquisitive minds from over 100 countries, who are enrolled in eleven faculties and pursuing 196 different fields of study. More than 7,000 professors and educators as well as other staff work in 100 institutes, 20 scientific centers and 13 special research divisions.

Many famous philosophers, leading researchers no fewer than 10 Nobel laureates have taught and researched at the University of Freiburg, which has, not surprisingly, earned the university many awards for its excellent research and teaching achievements.





The Martinstor (Martin's Gate)

The Martinstor (English Martin's Gate), a former town fortification on Kaiser-Joseph-Straße, is the older of the two gates of Freiburg im Breisgau, Germany, that have been preserved since medieval times. Both gates, the Martinstor and the Schwabentor, are located in the city centre. In medieval times the Martinstor was also known as Norsinger Tor.





Säule der Toleranz (Pillar of Tolerance)

The Pillar of Tolerance has stood on the Augustinerplatz in Freiburg since June 2009 and is intended to ensure peace and quiet every evening. When the Pillar of Tolerance turns "red" in the evening, this is a sign for visitors to the cozy square in front of the backdrop of the Augustiner Museum Freiburg to behave more quietly. Many people live around Freiburg's Augustinerplatz, including families with children. But on many days of the year, Augustinerplatz is a kind of "open-air pub", with a corresponding background noise. By means of "optical signals" from the column, an attempt is now being made to admonish the party people on the square to be quiet.





Klein Venedig (small Venice)

While ducks quack and drift in the shallow rippling brooks, sparrows hop happily along the narrow cobblestone paths. Freiburgers affectionately call these idyllic alleys between Martinstor and Schwabentor Little Venice (Klein Venedig).

Once known as the "Schneckenvorstadt", craftsmen of the various guilds lived and worked in this part of town. In order to practice their trades, millers, tanners and fishermen needed the water of the Dreisam, and so, by means of an ingenious system, the valuable resource was channelled via several canals specifically to the businesses located here. From the so-called "island" with its oil mill, the brooks, which are much deeper and wider here than in the rest of the city, meander through the Fischerau and Gerberau.





Freiburg Bächle (water filled runnels)

Sit back and relax, toes in the water! It is not just children who love to splash around in the shallow, babbling clear waters of the Freiburg Bächle, many an adult succumbs to the charms of these urban rivers in miniature. Fed by the Dreisam River, the water runnels flow through countless narrow streets in Freiburg's Old Town.

Water makes a city livable and lively, in the past and also today. As early as the 12th century, when the city was founded, the flat paved gutters supplied Freiburg with water for drinking, fighting fires and other uses.

Today, the Freiburg Bächle serve as the course for the quirky Bächle Boat Race, a backdrop for gory crime novels and a treacherous trap for singles. According to local legend, any single person who accidentally stumbles into a Bächle has to marry a Freiburger.





Schwabentor

Unlike the Martinstor, however, the exact age of the Schwabentor is unknown - but it is assumed that it dates from the middle of the 13th century. Together with the minster and Martin's Gate, the striking entrance to the old town towers over the roofs of the old town and forms a beautiful backdrop that can be enjoyed especially from the adjacent Schloßberg.

How the Schwabentor got its name...

A rich farmer from Swabia heard about the beauty of the city of Freiburg and decided to buy it. He loaded his money into two barrels, drove it to Freiburg and asked, "How much is the little town?" - The fact that it was worth a thousand times more than his money astonished him, and the citizens laughed at him. But they laughed even more when the barrels were opened and sand appeared instead of money. The farmer's wife had secretly emptied the money out of the barrels, but had filled them with sand, thus proving that there are also clever people in Swabia.





Konviktstraße (Street Konviktstrasse)

When sunny days herald the arrival of summer, wisteria vines bedeck one of Freiburg's most beautiful narrow streets. The light-purple flowers adorn Konviktstrasse and its medieval houses like a profusion of garlands. The former trade's street dates back to the 11th century. It was completely destroyed during the war but is now a jewel of Freiburg's Old Town restoration. The charming facades of the houses have been restored with great attention to detail and respect for their historical structure. The curve of the street has also been preserved.

Most visitors immediately reach for their cameras when they lay eyes on the scenic streetscape. Perhaps you will too?





Freiburger Münster (Minster)

Freiburg Minster is the cathedral of Freiburg. The last duke of Zähringen had started the building around 1200 in romanesque style. The construction continued in 1230 in Gothic style. The minster was partly built on the foundations of an original church that had been there from the beginning of Freiburg, in 1120.

Miraculously, Freiburg's Cathedral was spared in the bombings during the war and now bears witness to over 800 years of Freiburg's history. And so much history needs to be preserved, which is why nearly every day of the year, the Cathedral is being maintained, cleaned and restored. Freiburg Cathedral is history, but also present and future. Today, you can experience the colorful scene of the Münstermarkt farmer's market.





The Historisches Kaufhaus (Historical Merchants' Hall)

The Historisches Kaufhaus (Historical Merchants' Hall) is the most traditional building in Freiburg and ideal for stylish events. Built on Münsterplatz in 1520, evidence of the past can be appreciated throughout the Historisches Kaufhaus.

The carefully restored, elegant spaces offer a unique atmosphere for conferences, speeches and receptions. Whether it's one of the halls, the parlour or the pretty internal courtyard, the Historisches Kaufhaus provides a special setting for 30 to 350 guests at exclusive events.





Münsteruhr (Minster Clock)

What are minutes compared to the age of the cathedral? The Minster clock has only one hand - if you want, you can see this as a call to slow down!

No, the hand did not fall off, and it was not forgotten during restoration: The Minster clock actually has only one hand for the hours. That was accurate enough in the Middle Ages. And strangely enough, it still is today, at least nothing is known of complaints about Freiburg's most prominent clock. The Münsteruhr defies the spirit of the times.





Münstermarkt (Minster Market)

There is a lot of hustle and bustle on weekday mornings on the large cathedral market surrounding Freiburg's landmark. Here, every morning except Sundays, the Minster Market takes place - with up to 180 market stalls and a rich selection of fruit, vegetables, souvenirs and handicrafts. Fresh fruit, vegetables and flowers attract people just like the "Lange Rote", Freiburg's legendary bratwurst. This is where the gourmet and slow food scene meets, purchasing ingredients for unusual or sophisticated dishes. Tips and ideas on how to combine the products, for example, are available free of charge during a pleasant chat with the farmer or the olive merchant.

