

Our Favourite Places

*Submitted by members of the British
Community, Ramstein*



2021 Edition

Local Swimming Pools

Azur Water World - Schernauer Str. 50, 66877 Ramstein

- Indoor and outdoor pools & very family friendly
- Picnic area and outdoor play area
- Water slide indoor and outdoor

Rodenbach - Sportstr. 6, 67688 Rodenbach

- Only open during summer months, bring a lock for locker!
 - Usually May - September
- Has a diving board and baby pool

NaturerlebnisBad & Cubo Sauna

Kaiserstr. 126, 66849 Landstuhl

- Chemical free pool open during summer months
- Parent/child area, play field and volleyball & sauna
- Café & nature setting, something different
- Free parking

Gelterswoog Lake - Gelterswoog 2. 67661 Kaiserslautern

- Parent & child area
- Playfield, beer garden
- Dive into fresh water
- Canoe rides, boat rides

Monte Mare Pool - Mailänderstr. 6 67657, Kaiserslautern

- Huge indoor swim resort
- Water slides, wave pool, 2 children's pools, 5 indoor pools & 2 outdoor pools
- Spa treatments available including spa
- Hot tub

Local Parks

Donnelly Park – Ramstein Air Base

- Located in the housing area on Ramstein Air Base.

Crossroads Roller Skating – Vogelweh Base

- Full service skate rink offering roller skate or roller blade rentals.
- Available for birthday party bookings.
- Café inside offering snacks, sandwiches and coffee/cold drinks.

Hidden Park – Weilerbach

- Walking distance from centre of Weilerbach.
- Small lake, great playground!

Pirate Ship Park – Homburg

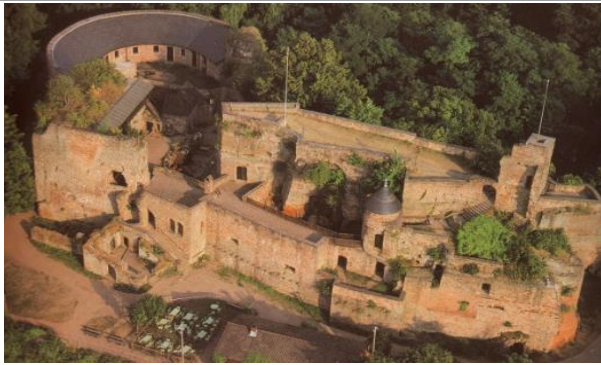
- Knee-deep man made pond with pirate ship.
- Rafts available for children to play on.
- Great to visit on a hot day.

Seewoog – Miesenbach

- Small park for children.
- Great for walking the dog!
- Nearby beer garden and café offering snacks (seasonal).

Gartenbahn (Model Railroad) – Börrstadt

- Model railroad on a scale of 1:5 that has a passenger transport license.
- Great for adults and children!
- Has a train station, signal tower, tunnel, bridge and crossing which offer the perfect scenery round trip.



**Burg Nanstein, Landstuhl
66849 Lanstuhl, Germany**

6 kms from Ramstein

The Castle "Burg Nanstein" was home to the Lord Sickingen in the early 13th Century.

Situated at the top of Landstuhl, the castle provided magnificent views over the town of Landstuhl and has some interesting stories about Franz von Sickingen and Friedrich "Red Beard" Barbarossa over the defence of the Reichsland in the Palatinate. The underground caverns and high walls are accessible to the able bodied but pushchairs will have to be left outside for these parts.

There is a café / Restaurant situated just outside that caters for all, there is a veranda where you can sit and take in the wonderful views. It is surrounded by woodland which is ideal for walkers.

Website:

www.burgspiele-landstuhl.net

- Good walking routes just out- side
- Entrance Fee into castle (see website for more details)
- Dogs Allowed
- Café / Restaurant outside main entrance with views over Lansdtuhl and over to Ramstein

Accessible for pushchairs but it may be difficult in some areas.

Notes from my visit:



Europa Park
 Europa-park-strasse 2
 77977 Rust, Germany

217 kms from Ramstein

This park is absolutely fantastic and has something for everyone.

Europa Park is made up of European countries with each country represented with a theme park experience. Roller Coasters, water coasters, various shows, tasteful souvenir shops, scenic rides and great places to eat (not just burgers and fries) are all over the park.

Spooky Halloween and Magical Christmas themed weeks are worth a visit and the park is beautifully decorated during the holidays.

There are Europa Park hotels that continue this wonderful themed experience with fabulous dinner and breakfast buffets.

Website:

www.europapark.de

- Theme park
- Pushchair friendly
- Accommodation nearby with deals
- Good value for money



Notes from my visit:



Holiday Park

holidaypark-strasse 2
67454 Hassloch, Germany

92 kms from Ramstein

This is an excellent theme park and really is worth the hour it takes to get there. Similar to Alton Tower's at a much lesser cost! What more do you want??

It is suitable for most children and there are rides for the grown-ups / teenagers too.

There is a fabulous area for toddlers which allows them to ride age appropriate rides on their own!

There are restaurants at various points throughout the park that serve the usual Bratwurst, Schnitzel etc. You will also find picnic areas (some are covered) so the choice is yours! You can bring your own food.

Website:

www.holidaypark.de

- Pushchair friendly
- Take a picnic
- Allow a full day to get around everything
- Food can be brought in



Notes from my visit:



Barenlochweiher - Kindsbach
66862 Landstuhl, Germany

7 kms from Ramstein

This is a nice wooded area in the centre of Kindsbach with a swimming / boating lake, small café and lots of walks with interesting sandstone rock formations.

There is a smaller pond behind the first one in which dogs are allowed to swim. If you follow the path up the steep hill after the second pond, you will find your way into the woods, there are plenty of deer here so keep your dog on a lead.

There is a good children's playground just beyond the car park on the way up to the first pond.

Website:

www.holidaypark.de

- Pushchair friendly
- Take a picnic
- Great for cycling

Notes from my visit:



Potzberg Wildlife Park
66887 Fockelberg, Germany

16 kms from Ramstein

This is a wonderful park showcasing many species of wildlife including deer, wild boar and horses.

Situated at the highest point in the Rheinland-Pfalz, at 562 meters, the views on a clear day are fantastic.

The park is predominantly a Falconry featuring eagles, vultures, hawks and buzzards. Between March and October, there are flying shows every day that are worth a view and are covered in the entrance fee.

This is a great place for a half day out and fun for the whole family.

Website:

www.wildpark.potzberg.de

- Dogs welcome but must be on a lead and are not allowed near the café area
- Pushchair friendly
- Food for the animals is also available
- Bring along a picnic or eat in the restaurant

Notes from my visit:



Kurpfalz-Park
Wachenheim

Kurpfalz Park

Rotsteig, 67157

Wachenheim an der Weinstr.,
Germany

74 kms from Ramstein

Enjoy a day with the family looking at animals such as deer, wolves, boar, lynx and watching the birds of prey.

This park also offers plenty of children and family activities such as roller coasters, swan pedal boats, a summer toboggan run, slides and a fantastic pirate fort themed play area which will keep the kids happy for hours.

There are clown and puppet shows at various times of the day and plenty of places to have a picnic or buy a snack.

Website:

www.kurpfalzpark.de

- Picnic friendly
- Pushchair friendly
- Shows for children
- Rodelbahn and slides for children and the young at heart
- Dogs are welcome but not allowed near animals or park areas



Notes from my visit:



Eifel Park

Weißstraße 12, 54647

Gondorf, Germany

133 kms from Ramstein

This large park, 75 hectares, is a wildlife park with plenty of animals. Eifel Park has loads of water activities as well.

Have fun on the family rollercoaster, summer toboggan, several slides and the big mushroom swing! Catch the puppet show and then let the kids play in the ball pool.

There are plenty of places for picnics and many snack stalls throughout the park as well as a restaurant at the entrance. Dogs allowed on lead.

Website:

www.eifelpark.de

- Take a picnic
- Pushchair friendly
- FREE Parking



Notes from my visit:



Kaiserslautern Zoo
Zum Tierpark 10
67661 Kaiserslautern, Germany

14 kms from Ramstein

This is a small zoo with around 400 animals of 60 different species, from around the world including lions, tigers and camels. As it is so close to Ramstein, this zoo is a great place to visit at any time.

There is a lovely little playground for younger children and a restaurant at the Zoo that provides either a full luncheon menu or just snacks, ice- creams and drinks.

Good for a half-day visit.

Website:

www.zoo-kl.de

- The Zoo is open daily every day except Christmas day
- Suitable for pushchairs
- Dogs are allowed but are to be kept on a lead at all times

Notes from my visit:



Speyer Technik Museum
Am Technik Museum 1
67346 Speyer, Germany

97 kms from Ramstein

A fantastic collection of aircraft, classic cars, fire engines, trains and ships. Several of the aircraft are mounted high in the air with a slide as one of the ways out!

There are 2 IMAX theatres. All films are shown in German only.

Children will love walking on the wing of a Boeing 747, exploring a U-Boat and the two tube slides from the top of a 747!

There is a restaurant in the museum as well as a shop and a children's play area.

Website:

www.technik-museum.de/en

- The museum is open all year
- Suitable for pushchairs although you will have to abandon them for the U-boat and jumbo jet!
- No dogs allowed
- Recommended time allowed at the museum 3—4 hours

Notes from my visit:



Bosiland

Am Seehafen 5,
66625 Nohfelden, Germany

49 kms from Ramstein

Children (and big children!) will love this soft play facility. From go carts to ball pits, climbing walls to trampolines there is something here for children of all ages.

Bosiland has its own food facility and outdoor food is not permitted.



Website:

www.bosiland.de

- Shoes are not allowed so be sure to bring no-slip socks
- Able to host birthday parties
- Wheelchair and pushchair accessible
- You cannot bring your own food, but plenty is offered on the menu!

Notes from my visit:



**Hermeskeil (Near Hahn)
B327
54411 Hermeskeil, Germany**

68 kms from Ramstein

This excellent little museum is tucked away in the pretty Hunsrück countryside and it covers 76,000 sq. meters. A good half-day outing, especially if you stop at the café (on-board the full size Con- corde mock-up) for *Kaffee und Kuchen*.

Aircraft from manufacturers such as Antonov, Dornier, English Electric, Lockheed MiG, Vickers and many more are on show both indoors and outside. Take a picnic and enjoy the lovely views while you eat.

Website:

www.Flugausstellung.de



Notes from my visit:



Kinder Spiel & Spaß Fabrik
Entersweilerstr. 54
67657 Kaiserslautern,
Germany

26 kms from Ramstein

Indoor play area for a fun, noisy and energetic afternoon. Suitable for toddlers and children up to 145cms tall. Indoor climbing frames, inflatables, slides, trampolines, ball pool and a separate play area for toddlers. There are some additional toys which require tokens but everything else is covered by the admission fee.

There is plenty of seating for adults and a café serving coffee, hot chocolate, hot snacks and ice-creams.

Noisy and busy but your children will not want to go home.

Website:

www.kinderspielundspassfabrik.de

- Ideal for a group outing
- Good for birthday parties
- Pre-bookable BBQ area
- Outdoor play area (seasonal)
- You cannot bring in your own food

Notes from my visit:



Yabadoo (Soft Play)
Hauptstra. 86
67678 Mehlingen, Germany

31 kms from Ramstein

This place is superb for something to do on a cold or wet day or for hosting a child's birthday party.

Yabadoos is an indoor play area that has a large climbing mountain, bouncy castles, trampolines, swings, and much more. Children of all ages welcome and there is a café selling drinks and snacks but you are welcome to bring your own.

For those planning a birthday for a child, make sure that you book in advance because the place fills fast, especially on the weekends.

Website:

www.yabadoo-mehlingen.de

- Large soft play!
- Birthday Parties. (VAT forms accepted)
- Buy food or bring your own
- Open all year round

Notes from my visit:



Teufelstisch (Devil's Table)
Near Fischbach Biosphärenhaus
66999

52 kms from Ramstein

Enjoy a fun day out at the Devil's table. There are nice walks in the surrounding woodland which can also be combined with a trip to the Biosphärenhaus at Fischbach.

Getting up to the Teufelstisch can be a bit of a push with a pushchair and you'll need to hang onto small children.

It has a very comprehensive play park, a 'Sea of Rocks' with slide, mini golf, cable slide, water playground and labyrinth.

The Devil's Table is above average for a play park and worth the visit.

Website for the restaurant:

www.am-teufelstisch.de

- Pushchairs can easily get around
- Dogs allowed



Notes from my visit:



Bernkastel-Kues, Mosel 54470

85 kms from Ramstein

Actually two towns, Bernkastel and Kues, are joined by the bridge across the lovely Mosel river. Bernkastel is a picturesque town, typically German, with half timbered houses, many which are over 400 years. An ideal place to take visitors!

The Market Square is particularly attractive and there are many delightful shops, cafes and restaurants in the winding streets, as well as cellars where locally grown wine can be tasted and bought.

A walk or drive up to the ruins of Landshut Castle, built in 1277 and burnt down in 1692, offers spectacular views down the river and the surrounding vineyards.

- River trips available at reasonable prices
- Road train ride through the town and up to the castle from the main boarding point for the River cruises
- Wine shopping at very reasonable prices
- Ideal place to take visitors

Notes from my visit:



Felsenmeer (Sea of Rocks)
Seifenwiesenweg 59
64686 Lautertal, Bavaria,
Germany

109 kms from Ramstein

There are marked trails through the forest at the side of the Felsenmeer—keep in mind that children may jump at the chance to climb on the rocks and probably won't notice the climb half as much as Mum and Dad! For the more adventurous, you can climb the hill on the Felsenmeer itself.

The rocks vary in size and can be as large as a garden shed; there are some large gaps between the rocks. A stream runs under the rocks and you can hear the water in a few spots as it emerges in shallow pools (only a few inches deep).

- Not pushchair friendly
- Guided tours offered
- Restaurant and snack stand at the bottom of the park, smaller restaurant at top
- Car park & visitors center with toilets
- English leaflets available from the snack bar
- No website but lots of reviews if you put the name into a search engine

Notes from my visit:



Das Praehistorium
Bildstockstrasse
66578 Schiffweiler, Germany

55 kms from Ramstein

Located on the site of a former coal mine, Das Praehistorium is a fantastic place to take children for an educational / fun day out.

"Steamy forests and moving dinosaurs—its not your typical day in the museum! With animatronic creatures and realistic landscapes, nothing shows you better what life was like millions of years ago."
(Kaiserslautern American)

There are a few surprises around each corner including a flash flood experience, and enjoy the full on sensory 3D film at the end where your seats vibrate!

Website:

www.gondwana-praehistorium.de

- The museum offers hand held electronic translators with your selected language
- The parking is excellent, with lots of spaces
- Interactive activities
- 3-D and 4-D movies offered
- Animatronic dinosaurs
- Restaurant, café, soft play available as well

Notes from my visit:



Gartenschau & Dinosaur Park
At the Kalause 9
67659 Kaiserslautern, Germany

20 kms from Ramstein

Since opening in 2000, the Kaiserslautern Garden Show has been one of the most popular attractions in the area.

Comprising of wonderful flower displays that change with the season, the best playground in Kaiserslautern and the largest exhibit of life-size dinosaurs in Europe this park is sure to be a great day out for everyone.

There are various dining facilities within the park and also two gift shops selling everything from fossils to cuddly dinosaurs. Other attractions include a sports area, children's programs, indoor and outdoor attractions and mini golf.

Website:

www.gartenschau-kl.de

- Playground for small and older children
- Japanese Gardens located just over the road
- Pushchair friendly
- NO DOGS ALLOWED
- Bring cash
- Open April - October
- Season pass is well worth it!

Notes from my visit:



World of Fun Freizeitpark
Europaallee 11
66482 Zweibrücken, Germany

48 kms from Ramstein

World of Fun offers fun for children young and old!

Children up to the age of 12 can enjoy an 11 metre long slide, mini locomotive, trampolines, climbing tower and a trapezoid.

Toddler area is separate. Other activities include mini golf, bowling, worldly themes throughout and ice skating.

Website:

www.wof-zw.de

- Bowling
- Separate toddler area
- 3 themed restaurants
- Host a birthday here!



Notes from my visit:



K1 High Ropes Course
Werner-Liebrich-Strasse
67663 Kaiserslautern, Germany

23 kms from Ramstein

The courses consist of various exercises that make the way from one platform to the next, a genuine adventure, with obstacles of cables, swings, rope and wooden bridges. You can balance, slide and climb high up among the tree tops with the different grades of difficulty on the courses offering a challenge to everyone.

Safety is very important; you are equipped with Alpine safety equipment and climb under the watchful eyes of the instructors who observe from the ground.

Website:

www.k1-waldseilpark.de

- Climbing fun for ages 6 and over
- 8 rope courses with varying difficulty
- Obligatory introductory course
- The perfect venue for team events, birthday parties, family tours and more
- Free play area for younger children
- Kiosk selling a variety of snacks and refreshing drinks with a tree top terrace

Notes from my visit:



Luisenpark
Theodor-Heuss-Anlage 2
68165 Mannheim, Germany

95 kms from Ramstein

Luisenpark has so much to offer year round. Voted “one of the most beautiful parks in Europe” a visit here will be worth your while. Children can cool off in the sparkling water fountains in one of the many play parks. Enjoy a ride on the gondola or eat at one of the many cafes along the way!

Luisenpark also offers a Chinese Garden, hundreds of species of colourful butterflies, flamingos, penguins and many other birds.

Go for a visit to a park that offers recreation, culture, nature and everything green!!

Website:

www.luisenpark.de

- Easy to get around on transport in the park using the tram or gondola ride
- Offers a season pass
- Free parking across the street
- Great for adults and children



Notes from my visit:



Geierlay Suspension Bridge
Kastellaun Str. 23
56290 Morsdrf,
Germany

117 Kms from Ramstein

Opened in 2015 this rope bridge spans the forested valley of a Moselle tributary, deep in the heart of the Hunsruck Mountains.

Measuring 360 metres in length, Geierlay is the longest one rope bridge in Germany and offers a unique experience 100 metres above the valley floor.

- Caf  at the end of the bridge
- Take a walking tour on one of the many discovery routes that begin from the newly built visitors centre
- No cost for walking across the bridge but there is a 2euro parking fee
- Strollers won't fit on the bridge but there is an area to leave them

Notes from my visit:



Stuttgart Zoo

(Wilhelma Zoo & Botanical Gardens)

Wilhelma 13

70376 Stuttgart, Germany

206 kms from Ramstein

Open 365 days a year this 70 acre zoological botanical garden is the only one in Europe.

This park consists of a historical and newer section. There are glasshouses, animal houses, an Aquarium, Insectarium, Ape Houses and an Amazon House.

Definitely not your traditional zoo!

Website:

www.wilhelma.de/en

- Offers guided tours
- Good for children
- Open 365 days a year
- Covered pathways for those rainy days!
- Several restaurants

Notes from my visit:



Amneville Snowhall
Centre Thermal et Touristique
Dr. Jean Kiffer
57360 Amneville, France

140 kms from Ramstein

The Snowhall is for indoor skiing and snowboarding. This facility has artificial snow! There is a small slope for beginners and a large slope (the largest indoor slope in Europe) with a button lift.

The runs are easy but there are a few waves on the slope.

You can book a lift pass hourly and hire all your equipment on sight.

Website:

www.snowhall-amneville.fr

- Bar, restaurant, pizzeria on sight
- Good for beginners, private lessons available, MUST per book
- Open year round
- On sight storage for your equipment and personal items

Notes from my visit:



Bostalsee
Am Seehafen
66625 Nohfelden
Germany

50 Km from Ramstein

Idyllically situated in the low mountain range of the Saar-Hunsrück is the region of Sankt Wendel and Bostalsee lake. It offers two large sandy beaches and sun meadows for swimming, beach volleyball and total recreation!

The lake also offers quiet areas for those who like to enjoy the peace and quiet or just want a hike around the lake.

Check out the website for everything Bostalsee has to offer.

Website:

www.bostalsee.de/en

- Easy parking
- Good for children with loads of play areas. Also has an indoor play area
- Open 365 days a year
- Offers pedalos, surfing, sailing, hiking or cycling
- Several restaurants
- Can hire bikes and boats on site
- Dogs welcome on a lead
- Caravan and camping friendly
- Centre Parks facility is open for all.

Notes from my visit:



Baden Horse Racing
Rennbahnstr 16
76473 Iffezheim, Germany

137 kms from Ramstein

Enjoy a great day out in a relaxed environment on the race track! Baden Horse Racing offers plenty to do, especially for children (including a Kid's Club).

7 to 10 races are put on every day. Dates and times for the races can be found on the webpage.

Many food stands offer 'market' style selections and much more!

Website:

www.baden-racing.com

- Family tickets offered at a discounted price
- Loads of races
- Dogs welcome on lead
- GREAT for children, loads to do. Offer a children's club
- Several restaurants, food stands
- No need to wear a fancy hat!

This guide is a collection of the favourite places submitted by members of the British community at Ramstein. Of course there are many others, but the above places were on the top of our list. It does not constitute a seal of approval regarding the service you may receive.

At the time of print all details were accurate, we cannot be held responsible for any inaccuracies found at a later date.

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