

## Welcome to Burkheim

A district in the community of Vogtsburg in Kaiserstuhl, the largest winegrowing community in Baden-Württemberg



**B**urkheim is the size of a small village. In the 14th century it was granted a charter, which gave it the privileges of a town. The 3 distinct parts of the old town, das Oberstädtle = the Upper Town, das Mittelstädtle = the Middle Town, and das Unterstädtle = the Lower Town are different in their geography, social structure and architec-

**T**he remains of the castle, built by Lazarus von Schwendi, (1522-1583), are the landmark of Burkheim. Under the pledge lordship of this general in the imperial army of Karl V, Burkheim became prosperous. He established the craftsman's guild, the farmer's and winegrower's guild and was the founder of a hospital.



### Discover the charming parts of the Oberstädtle

The farmers and winegrowers lived here.



**W**inegrowing has always been important for Burkheim's economy. From the town walls the vines sweep across the hills, and their cultivation structured the lives of the inhabitants.



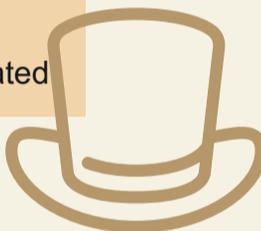
**T**he Burkheim Seal was an important symbol of power for the town. The central design is a defensive wall with 5 towers and can be seen on many buildings in Burkheim.

**I**n the Oberstädtle, the small houses are dominated by the representative home of the parish priest. The heads of angels decorate the entrance



### Stroll over the cobblestones in the Mittelstädtle

Business, trade and administration were concentrated



**T**he Mittelstädtle was the part of the town where the more prosperous people lived. The representative houses along the cobblestoned market street had bay windows and coats of arms that proclaimed their self-assurance. The inhabitants here had achieved prosperity and prestige.

The people of Burkheim know their history and traditions. In 2012 they celebrated the 1250 year jubilee, and in 2016 the 700 year anniversary of the first historical record of Burkheim having the privileges of a town.

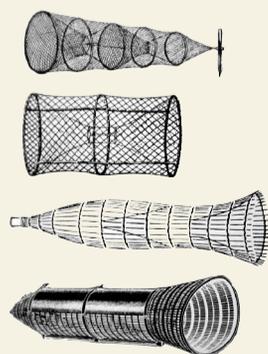


The impressive half-timbered houses in the Mittelstädtle are abundant with details. They are not only decorative, but also functional. This carved head protects the inhabitants from demons, illness and disease.



### Enjoy the charm of the Unterstädtle

Wander through the old fisherman's quarter.



**A** variety of nets, baskets and traps gives witness to the past abundance of fish in the Rhine. The fishermen of Burkheim could catch the migrating salmon, eel and allis shad as well as resident species such as pike, tench, carp and catfish.



**P**art of the oval town walls and fortifications dating from the 13th century. The cellars of several fishermen's houses are



**B**efore Johann Tulla's correction of the riverbed, a sidestream of the Rhine flowed past the simple houses of the Unterstädtle. Although they worked hard, the fishermen and their families could not escape poverty. This damp quarter was also full of flies and mosquitos, the carriers of malaria.