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**BEATS:**

**THE CASINO BADEN-BADEN**, Kaiserallee 1, im Kurhaus, 76530 Baden-Baden, + 49 7221 30240, [www.casino-baden-baden.de](http://www.casino-baden-baden.de).

Located in The Kurhaus, Baden-Baden's major landmark, the Casino is the number one venue on any list of places to visit. Edouard Benazet, who took over the lease of the casino in 1848 and in whose honor the G3 Benazet-Rennen is staged, commissioned the large ceremonial rooms to be decorated by artists from Paris. The roulette wheels have been spinning for over 250 years and inspired Fyodor Dostoevsky's *The Gambler*. The Kurhaus also plays host to Baden-Baden's Grand Prix Ball on Sept. 6, celebrating the 150th anniversary of horseracing at the nearby Iffezheim track. Hosted by RTL television's Petra Neftel, it will include a champagne reception and gala dinner, prepared by renowned chef Martin Herrmann, as well as music provided by the Klaus Wagenleiter Band and the Baden-Baden Philharmonic. Tickets for this event can be obtained from [www.badenbadenevents.de](http://www.badenbadenevents.de).

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**LA PROVENCE**, Schloss-Strasse 20, 76530 Baden-Baden, + 49 7221 25550, [www.restaurant-la-provence.com](http://www.restaurant-la-provence.com).

With the border with France being a mere 16km away, it is hardly surprising to find a Gallic influence on the local cuisine. La Provence has the obligatory checked cloths, French signs, a long bar and good mix of French and Italian food. Menu highlights include Turkey in a cognac-mushroom sauce and Barbary duck in a lavender-honey sauce.

**LE JARDIN DE FRANCE**, Lichtentalerstrasse 13, 76530, Baden-Baden, + 49 7221 3007860, [www.lejardindefrance.de](http://www.lejardindefrance.de).

With the emphasis on elegant, imaginative dining in a Victorian setting, Le Jardin de France offers a true French gourmet experience. Owned by Sophie and Stephan Bernhard, who are actually French, the restaurant enjoys the reputation as one of the country's finest and is its own small corner of France in a German setting. The pretty terrace in the inner courtyard of the historical building is a particularly pleasant setting for a meal. Recommendations from the seasonal menu include the lobster risotto served with oysters and the duck liver roasted with apples and macadamia nuts.

**LEO'S**, Luisenstrasse 8-10, 76530 Baden-Baden, + 49 7221 38081, [www.leos-baden-baden.de](http://www.leos-baden-baden.de).

Leo's, which prides itself on being Bill Clinton's favourite place in town, is a popular cafe-bistro which comes alive at night and anybody who is anybody parties at Leo's. Boasting an extensive wine list and good outside seating, the mainly Italian menu caters for a variety of tastes and includes German, French, English and Russian cuisine. The calf's kidneys in a mustard sauce are a must try and there is a wide selection of fish dishes. Shake off those calories later by dancing to live music and the resident DJ.

**Strasbourg Airport**

The following airlines fly to Strasbourg Airport:  
Air France, Royal Air Maroc, Delta Airlines, Iberia, Luxair, Olympic Airlines, SN Brussels Airlines, Turkish Airlines, Tunis Air, Transaero Airlines and Alsac Exel.  
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[www.strasbourg.aeroport.fr](http://www.strasbourg.aeroport.fr)

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**EATS:**

**CAFE KONIG**, Lichtentalerstrasse 12, 76530 Baden-Baden, + 49 7221 23573.

If coffee is your thing then Cafe Konig is your destination. It first opened its doors 250 years ago and was a one-time haunt of Franz Liszt and Leo Tolstoy. Inside, crockery piled high with nuggets of frost white and fudge-brown sugar adorns the tables. The Kapuziner is presented on a silver salver with a frothy topping of whipped cream decorated with shavings of bitter chocolate and is accompanied by heart-shaped Linzertorte. It is the place to sample genuine Black Forest Gateau imbued with local wild-cherry brandy, Kirschwasser. Streetside entertainment comes courtesy of a lederhosen-clad accordionist.

**BBAG RESTAURANT "SURUMU"**, Baden-Badener Auktionsgesellschaft (BBAG), An der Rennbahn 18, 76473 Iffezheim, + 49 7229 186400.

Located on the premises of the sale complex and named after the most influential German sire, the Surumu restaurant offers a relaxed and comfortable atmosphere. There is a good and varied selection of freshly made food which is served in a timely fashion by the helpful and friendly staff.

**SEATS:**

**GERSHWIN'S PORGY AND BESS**, Festspielhaus, Beim Alten Bahnhof 2, 76530 Baden-Baden, + 49 7221 3013101, [www.festspielhaus.de](http://www.festspielhaus.de).

The Festspielhaus, a former neoclassical train station, was reopened in 1998 in its current guise and is a modern concert house with a 2,500-seat capacity, Europe's second-largest such venue. From Sept. 2 through Sept. 7 it plays host to George Gershwin's operatic masterpiece Porgy and Bess. The New York Harlem Theater production, under the artistic direction of William Barkhymer, continues its world tour which has been ongoing since the turn of the millennium. Ticket prices range from €22.80 to €59.90.

**Baden Airpark**

The airport is located some 5 kilometres from Iffezheim and serves many direct flights. Please visit the website for the latest informations:

[www.baden-airpark.de](http://www.baden-airpark.de)

**Travelling By Car...**

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**BRIS Speed Ratings**  
**Top Weekly Stakes Races**

Horse	Sire	Race	BRIS Speed
Mr. Nightlinger	Indian Charlie	Arlington Sprint H.	108
Intangaroo	Oriente	Ballerina S.-G1	104
Lewis Michael	Rahy	Pat O'Brien H.-G2	104
Visionaire	Grand Slam	NetJets King's Bishop S.-G1	104
Whatsthescript (Ire)	Royal Applause (GB)	Del Mar Mile H.-G2	104
Hystericalady	Distorted Humor	Molly Pitcher H.-G2	103
Zada Belle	Indian Charlie	Bennington S.	102
Colonel John	Tiznow	Travers S.-G1	101
Hyperbaric	Sky Classic	Harry F. Brubaker H.	101
J'S Sundance Halo	Fappie's Notebook	Leeward S.	101
Porte Bonheur	Hennessy	Victory Ride S.-G3	101
Spring House	Chester House	Del Mar H.-G2	101
Wait a While	Maria's Mon	Ballston Spa H.-G2	101
Crimson King Cat	Catienus	Iowa Classic Sprint S.	100
Distinguish	Wagon Limit	Brother Brown S.	100
Shakis (Ire)	Machiavellian	Bernard Baruch H.-G2	100
Ginger Punch	Awesome Again	Personal Ensign S.-G1	99
Autobeacat	Autocracy	World Series of Poker S.	98
Dearest Trickski	Proudest Romeo	Rancho Bernardo H.-G3	98
Delaware River	Quiet American	Smarty Jones Classic S.	98
Go Between	Point Given	Pacific Classic S.-G1	98
Marzelle (Ire)	Barathea (Ire)	CTT and Tbred Owners of Calif. H.	98
Phil the Power	Red Bullet	Kelso S.	98

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August 31	G2 Goldene Peitsche
Sept. 2	G2 Darley Oettingen-Rennen
Sept. 3	G3 Fuerstenberg-Rennen
Sept. 5	G3 Maurice Lacroix-Trophy
Sept. 7	G1 Gr. Mercedes-Benz Preis von Baden

[www.baden-galopp.de](http://www.baden-galopp.de)

**Travelling By Train...**

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[www.bahn.de](http://www.bahn.de)