

You are cordially invited to Rhineland-Palatinate

A state with more than four million inhabitants and its capital in Mainz. One of 16 German states, created from the French occupied zone after a referendum on the state constitution on May 18, 1947, two years before the founding of the Federal Republic of Germany. A state in the middle of Europe, with the longest German border and the most neighboring countries – Belgium, France and Luxembourg. But that's not all...

History was made in Rhineland-Palatinate: the black, red, and gold of the flag of the Hambach Festival, the first demonstration for democracy on German soil, are still the colors of the Federal Republic of Germany today. History was also printed here: Johannes Gutenberg revolutionized printing with the invention of moveable type and published the first printed Bible, the Gutenberg Bible, in Mainz in 1456.

Rhineland-Palatinate is a model of industry, including major international corporations, small and medium-sized companies, and world-renowned research institutions. Education is a top priority in Rhineland-Palatinate, with a range of general and occupational schools, more than 400 full-day schools and five universities including one of the oldest in Germany. Wine-growing plays a major role in the economy; more than 70% of German wine is produced here. With expansive forests, solitary hiking trails, and world-famous river valleys, the state is a recreational paradise. Rhineland-Palatinate also knows how to celebrate, with innumerable fairs and wine festivals held at castles and estates and a lively spectrum of restaurants, taverns, and pubs.

Rhineland-Palatinate combines tradition with modernity, beautiful landscapes and cultural abundance with a strong economy. People enjoy living in the state and feel at home here. We would be delighted to show you the diversity of our state.

A warm welcome awaits you in Rhineland-Palatinate!

Kurt Beck
Minister President



A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be 'K. Beck', written in a cursive style.