

Since 1977, **Stuttgart** is the capital city of Baden-Württemberg. With about 590.000 inhabitants, it is also the state's biggest city and the sixth biggest city of Germany. In other languages, it is called Stoccarda (Italian), Stugarto (Esperanto), Schduargert (Swabian, the local dialect) or Stuggart (Bavarian).



Collegiate Church

Famous children of the city

The following famous persons are known worldwide and are connected with Stuttgart: Carl Benz, Robert Bosch, Gottfried Daimler, Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel, Theodor Heuss, Eduard Mörike, Ferdinand Porsche, Friedrich von Schiller, Richard von Weizsäcker.

Main Station



Economy and infrastructure

The city and its environments are known for their high tech industry: DaimlerChrysler, Porsche, Bosch, Hewlett-Packard and IBM are some well known companies with world-wide reputation resident in the city with either their national or world headquarter.



Airport Stuttgart

Next to these global players, about 150.000 medium-sized businesses are important contributors to the local economy. Besides Frankfurt, the Stuttgart stock exchange is the most important place of stock trade in Frankfurt. Since 1996, there is a Casino in Stuttgart, too.

Education, research and science

Nearly 45% of Baden-Württemberg's research and development facilities are located in Stuttgart, causing a top-ranking among Germany's educational centres. Elementary and vocational schools, high schools, universities, technical colleges and many other educational facilities contribute to a wide spectrum.



central square in Stuttgart

Six institutes of the Fraunhofer Gesellschaft, two Max-Planck institutes are located in Stuttgart in addition to two universities (Stuttgart and Hohenheim). City of automobiles Stuttgart is home of the oldest automobile company of the world. 115 years of

automobile history in Stuttgart are linked with the names of Gottlieb Daimler, Carl Benz, Wilhelm Maybach and Ferdinand Porsche.

Transport

The capital is of course the most important transport centre of Baden-Württemberg: The biggest airport of the state is located south of the city. Since the opening of terminal 3 in March 2004, it has an overall capacity of 12 million passengers. In 2003, roughly 7.6 million passengers used the airport, in 2004 it were already 8.8 million passengers.

Stuttgart also serves as a railway hub, with connections to Karlsruhe-Strassbourg-Paris, Mannheim-Cologne, Ulm-Munich, Zurich-Milan (Cisalpino), Nuremberg, Tübingen and Heilbronn. In 1997, the municipal council approved the development plan 'Stuttgart 21', including the project 'Bahnhof 21': The new railway station will be built completely in the underground and will be available around 2013.

Furthermore, Stuttgart has a domestic port.

Media in Stuttgart

Stuttgart is an important media town, too. It is home to the public broadcasting company SWR and to the "Stuttgarter Zeitung", one of Germany's biggest regional newspapers. Furthermore, it is headquarter of a leading publishing company.



Neckar cruises

Sports in Stuttgart

European and World Championships, Tour de France, Davis Cup... Gymnastics, cycling, wrestling, athletics or soccer... Not many other German cities hosted more international sport events than Stuttgart.

Some highlights were the first post-WWII international soccer match in 1950 (Switzerland vs. Germany), the World Championships soccer (1974), gymnastics (1989) and cycling

Television Tower



(1991), the European Championships athletics (1986), soccer (1988), wrestling (1991) and table tennis (1992). Outstanding and unforgotten are the World Championships athletics in 1993, followed by the World Championships squash (1998) and volleyball (2002).

In 2005, the German Open Championships take place in Stuttgart for the second time. The city is currently looking forward to host the World Championships soccer in 2006.

Regional Vines

Winegrowing has a long tradition in the region. Although it seems to be sure that the traditions started earlier, the first records are dated 1108: The monk Ulrich donated several vineyards to the monastery Blaubeuren. Since 1236, the yearly yield has been recorded.

Vines like 'Cannstatter Zuckerle', 'Stuttgarter Mönchhalde', 'Uhlbacher Götzenberg', 'Untertürkheimer Mönchberg' or 'Stuttgarter Kriegsberg', ripened in the fifth biggest vine producing region of Germany, are widely known.



Old Palace

International atmosphere

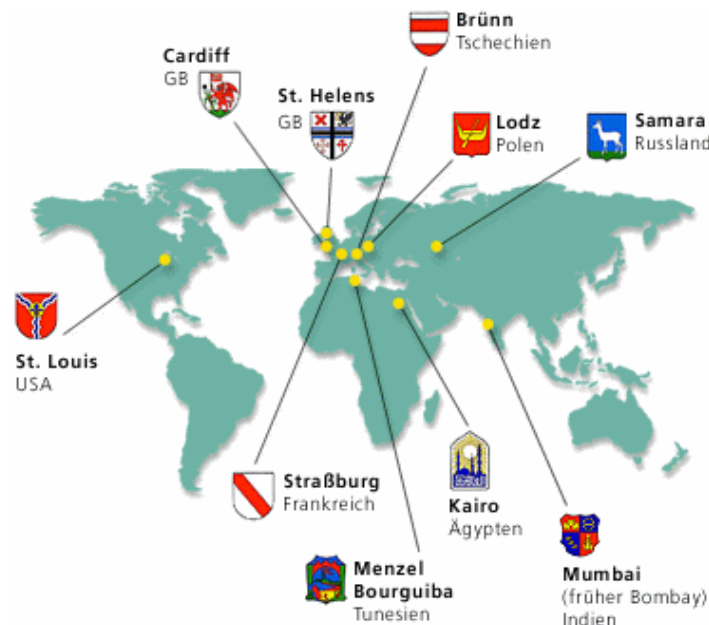
The capital of Baden-Württemberg is constantly gaining importance in Europe. With a globally positioned economical structure, an internationally profiled population and many embassies, it has good chances to withstand the ever growing competition of European urban regions.

GERMAN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS



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Stuttgart's twin cities



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