

## Newsletter – August 2018

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Dear Expats,

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The heat is the main topic of conversation lately. If you are on holiday and like the warmth, then it's great. If you have to work and find it hard to sleep, it's not so great, especially if the temperatures don't go below 20°C at night. The weather forecasters are predicting similar weather through the middle of August – or even longer!

The many [swimming pools and quarry lakes in the region](#), are good spots to cool down. Or take a day trip to the Black Forest where temperatures are a few degrees cooler because of the woods and the higher elevation. If you are traveling in a group, the German rail system has some good deals such as the Baden-Württemberg ticket. More info in English [here](#).

Some tips to keep cool: keep hydrated, move slowly, avoid the outdoors during the warmest time of the day, keep the blinds closed and wear loose clothing. In the evening, take a cool shower before going to sleep.

### Construction & Traffic

The local public transportation system (kvv) is once again using the summer holidays to do some big construction jobs within the city and beyond. If you regularly use public transportation, you will already be aware of this. For those who only occasionally use the system, be sure to check [online](#) before you leave to find out how to get to where you want to go. The construction will be conducted in two phases: Phase I is from 26.07. to 26.08. and Phase II is from 26.08 to 09.09. Maps of the changes are available [here](#).

### Travel for Kids

Kids can travel cheaper on public transportation during summer throughout the region. Two offers are available. For both, the youth (up to 23 years of age) must provide a Schülerbescheinigung or Schülerschein in order to purchase the ticket. This Schülerbescheinigung or Schülerschein must also be shown when tickets are controlled on the trains, trams or busses.

[Schülerferienpass](#) from kvv, the local public transportation organization. Valid for the entire kvv region from July 26 through September 8 for €20 and can be purchased at any KVV-Kundenzentrum. The German Rail System (Deutsche Bahn) has a [Schüler-Ferien-Ticket](#) valid for all of Baden-Württemberg from July 26 through September 8 for €29,90. This ticket can be purchased online or at one of the DB automats in the train station.

Kids under 15 years of age travel for free on German trains if they are accompanied by a parent or grandparent **and** are listed on the ticket. Kids under 6 travel for free and don't need a ticket.

### Safety

Bicycle theft is on the rise — especially high-end bicycles are being targeted. If you value your bicycle, invest in a good lock and get your bicycle coded (usually costs about €5). Coding is done by bicycle clubs (for example the [adfc](#)) and the police during special times and dates. If you don't want to get your bike coded, at least make a note of the number found on the frame of the bike so that the police have a nominal chance of returning a found bicycle to the rightful owner. Most towns in the

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area have a bicycle auction once a year where these non-returnable bicycles can be had at a good price.

Watch out for pickpockets, especially in crowded areas and when entering and leaving trams/trains. Put your wallet in your front pocket and keep your purse in front of you with the zipper facing forward to make opening your bag more difficult.

### Waste Management

Germans pride themselves on being recyclers. Separation of waste into categories such as glass, plastic, paper etc. and proper disposal is normal. Special care is taken to dispose of special waste. Starting on August 15, 2018, some waste has been newly categorized. For instance, kids shoes with blinking lights are now considered “Elektroschrott” or electrical waste and must be disposed of separately. For an overview of recycling and waste management, look [here](#).

### Ongoing Events

**June 29 - August 5** — [Zeltival](#) is the summer festival at [Tollhaus](#). Great bands and performances - some internationally known, some newcomers - make for a great mix in a relaxed atmosphere.

**July 20 - September 9** — **Open Air Movies** shown outside of Schloss Gottesaue hosted by the [Schauburg](#) movie theater. Mainstream to arthouse. If you like movies and your German is good enough, this is a delightful way to spend an evening in Karlsruhe. Admission charged. Parking limited. Food and drink available for purchase.

**July 28 - September 9** — [Schlosslichtspiele](#). This extremely popular event is now in it's 4th year. Innovative light show projected on the facade of the Karlsruhe castle. Free and outdoors. If you would like to support this great event, purchase a button.

### What to do in Karlsruhe in August

#### Regular English-language Events

Karlsruhe's very own [English-Speaking Meetup Group](#) (sponsored by expat-karlsruhe.com) is an informal platform allowing for the organization of events, activities and adventures. The most popular regular event is the monthly German-English Stammtisch where you can speak English and meet nice people in a relaxed atmosphere. Start is 6:30 p.m. until around 9:30 ish. A mix of young and old and all those in-between, who come and go throughout the evening.

- August 14th at [Kühler Krug](#) in Karlsruhe

The [American Library](#) is closed from August 5 - September 2.

The [Karlsruhe Toastmasters](#) meet every 1st, 3rd and 5th Monday of the month at 7:15 p.m. to practice public speaking in English.

### Improve your German!

#### Sprecht miteinander!

Practice your spoken **German** in a relaxed atmosphere. People of similar language ability form groups moderated by a native speaker volunteer. Free and no registration required. Wednesdays and Fridays from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Just stop by!

Bürgerzentrum Mühlburg (BZM)

Hardtstr. 37 A/2 76185 Karlsruhe

The **IBZ** (Internationales Begegnungszentrum Karlsruhe - International Meeting Center Karlsruhe) offers a number of projects to help with integration. A listing in English is available [here](#).

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### Calendar of Events

**August 3 — [Go swimming - for free!](#)** If you have a valid public transportation ticket, you can swim for free at the following pools from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. : Rheinstrandbad Rappenwört, Sonnenbad, Freibad Rüppurr and Turmbergbad.

**August 4 — [KAMUNA \(Karlsruhe Museum Night\)](#).** 20th year! 20 museums and cultural institutions are open from 6 p.m. until 1 a.m. Most have special tours or musical events and food. Shuttle service between venues. Pick up a brochure to plan your visit. Buy a button for entry into institutions.

**August 4 & 5 — [Klosterfest and Klostermarkt \(Monastery Festival and Market\)](#)** in nearby Bad Herrenalb. See where the Cistercian monks lived in the 12th century (now ruins). Music, food, etc.

**August 17 & 18 — [Light Festival in the Zoo \(Lichterfest im Stadtgarten\)](#).** Lanterns and lights and lit-up figures throughout the city garden (part of the Zoo). Special tickets on sale now for entry starting at 3 p.m. Music and lights.

**August 17 - 20 — [Neureuter Kerwe](#).** A Kerwe is an annual fair, often organized by a church. The one in Neureut (northern neighborhood) has been going strong since the 18th century.

**August 18 & 19 — [Bahnhofsfest in Bad Herrenalb](#).** Old train fan? Take a ride on a steam train, see other railroad rarities and enjoy a snack or drink at the train station in Bad Herrenalb (last stop on the S1 train). Starting at 11 a.m.

**August 18 & 19 — [Frauenalber Klostertage](#).** Music and more.

**August 24 - 26 — [Marktfest](#)** in nearby Ettlingen. Music, food and more.

**August 31 - September 2 — [Bier Börse \(Beer Market\)](#)** in the Schlossgarten of Karlsruhe. 60 stands with over 500 different beers to try, from local to global.

### Relocation Service move-in

With 15+ years of experience in the region, [Relocation Service move-in](#) can help with your move to Karlsruhe, your move from Karlsruhe and with all those day-to-day problems expats experience. Look [here](#) for more information about the services offered.

If you enjoyed this newsletter, please pass it on!

### Keep cool and have a great summer!

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