

## Newsletter – October 2018

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### Autumn in the Region

Autumn is a wonderful time in the region. Take a walk or bike ride – through the Schloßgarten (garden around the castle), Odenwald (forest south of the city) or Hardtwald (forest north of the castle) in Karlsruhe – or take a day trip.

In the nearby Palatinate (Pfalz), the leaves in the vineyards have lovely colors. Wine is an important part of German culture – the Romans made wine in Germany more than 2000 years ago and the tradition has continued. Fall is the time for picking the grapes and making new wine as well as wine tasting and wine festivals. The hot dry summer promises a very good wine year — both quantity and quality. Combine a hike with a visit to one of the many wine festivals (**Weinfest**) or try a **Besenwirtschaft**. A Besenwirtschaft is a pub run by winegrowers and winemakers themselves, in which they sell their wine directly to the public — only open during certain times of the year. The food served is usually simple & regional. You will recognize this by a broom (Besen) hanging outside.

The Black Forest is another terrific day trip. As of January 1, 2014, a large chunk is part of the **Black Forest National Park**. Opportunities abound to hike, ride a bike, explore or just enjoy nature. Some information in English is available [here](#). During or after a hike there are places to stop and have a bite to eat — some are run by nature groups on weekends only (NaturfreundeHaus), while others offer food daily (also known as Vesperstube).

Many hiking places are reachable by public transportation — it just takes a bit of planning. Remember that service is not as frequent on Sundays. Download the apps for public transportation as well as for hiking (although good old maps are sometimes better) and enjoy!

Fall also brings the new season for dance, theater, opera and movies. Look below for more info:

[Cinema](#) in Karlsruhe — where to go to see what types of films

[Museums in Karlsruhe](#) — listing of museums and museum highlights

[Theater in Karlsruhe](#) — most are only of interest if you have a good grasp of the German language — could be a nice challenge!

[Books in Karlsruhe](#) — curl up with a good book when the weather is particularly unpleasant

### Important dates in October

**October 3 — Day of German Unity (Tag der Deutschen Einheit)** is a national public holiday. All stores and public institutions are closed. Many museums and restaurants are open.

**Halloween** is not a German holiday, but it is often celebrated in the Irish Pubs. For kids ages 9 and up, the [American Library](#) hosts a Hogwarts Halloween Party on **October 26**. Be sure to sign up — this is a very popular event.

Although weatherwise the region is relatively mild, remember the “O to O” rule for winter tires. October to Easter (Ostern) is the time period when snow, sleet and ice are most likely to occur and when you should have winter or all-weather tires on your vehicle. More info [here](#). The first snow (if it comes at all) is always a surprise.

Fall holidays for Karlsruhe schools are from **October 27th through November 3rd**.



Remember to set your clocks back one hour on **October 28th!**

### What to do in Karlsruhe in October

#### 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 practice your English and meet nice people in a relaxed atmosphere. Start is 6:30 p.m. until around 9:30 ish. It's a mix of young and old and all those in-between, who come and go throughout the evening.

The [American Library](#) has regular events in English for kids and adults: **LitNite** (October 2 & 18), **Poetry, Please!** (October 23), **MovieTalk** (October 11), **Storytime for kids 3-5** (October 10), **Teen Time** (new event!)(October 12) and **Storytime for kids 6 and up** (October 26).

The [Karlsruhe Toastmasters](#) meet every 1st, 3rd and 5th Monday of the month at 7:00 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](#).

#### Calendar of Events

**October 9** — [English/German Stammtisch](#) organized by the [English-Speaking Meet-Up Group](#) at the [Old Chapel Pub](#) starting around 6:30 p.m. A great way to meet new people, chat with old friends and enjoy a night out.

**October 10 - 13** — **jazz festival '18** at [ZKM](#), [Jubez](#) and [Tollhaus](#). For ticket information: [jazzclub.de](#).

**October 13** — [Dirty Old Town](#). This event takes place twice a year — the bars and clubs in the old part of town (Altstadt) have live music or djs with free entry.

**October 13 & 14** — **Karlsruhe City Festival (Stadtfest)**. Music, shopping, entertainment in the inner city. Sunday shopping from 1 to 6 p.m. Many shops have special offers on this day.

**October 13 & 14** — **Postgalerie Music Contest and Crazy Streetfood Festival**. The music contest with 20 acts will take place over two days before the finalist is determined on Sunday. Over 20 foodtrucks plus drinks and a Fotobox.

**October 20** — **Creative Writing Workshop** at the [American Library](#) from 1 to 3 p.m. More info and sign up through [www.sxb-write-a-story.org/workshops](#).

**October 26** — **Hogwarts' Library Halloween Night at the [American Library](#) from 7 to 10 p.m.**

Hogwarts students ages 9 and up are invited to this Halloween Night. The brave participants will have to excel in ghostly games and creepy crafts and will be able to achieve their First OWL (Ordinary Wizarding Level) Certificate. The school cafeteria will provide some yucky refreshments. All Hogwarts students should wear an appropriate costume, but please refrain from bringing your owls. Tuition will be 2 Muggle Euros. Please call the library two weeks in advance to reserve a place. [The lessons will be held in English and German.](#)

**October 28** — **End of Summertime**. Time to set your clocks back one hour!

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