



Dear Expats,

Fall brings festivals to the region — an excuse to eat, drink and discover — choose from wine festivals (**Weinfest**) and harvest festivals (**Kerwe**, **Erntedank** or **Oktoberfest**) or try a **Besenwirtschaft**. In addition, Karlsruhe is celebrating in the middle of the month with a **City Festival** with food, music, shopping and more.

Hiking — in the Fall, is a wonderful family-friendly activity. Of special note is the search for chestnuts (Kastanien/Maroni/Keschde) during a hike in the Palatinate <http://www.keschdeweg.de>. The whole hiking route of “Keschdeweg” is 60 km long, but shorter paths are suggested on the above link — unfortunately, only in German.

The woods and vineyards in the region can be quite colorful in the Fall. The region near Trifels can be especially lovely – a trip to the historical ruins where Richard the Lionheart was imprisoned is worth a detour and provides a terrific vista. Another nice hiking option is the Vosges Mountains (Vogesen in German) in nearby Alsace – also nice colors and castle ruins. The Black Forest offers many opportunities 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).

Closer to home, take a walk or bike ride through the Schlossgarten, Odenwald or Hardtwald, woody spaces with colorful leaves all within the City of Karlsruhe.

Get out and enjoy while you can!

Fall also brings on 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 some 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.

October and November start with public holidays. On these public holidays, all stores (including grocery stores!) as well as government offices are closed. Some museums, theaters and restaurants remain open for business.

October 3rd is **German Unity Day** (Tag der Deutschen Einheit).

November 1st - **All-Saint's Day** (Allerheiligen) - is an official public holiday in Baden-Württemberg and four other German states.

Fall holidays for Karlsruhe schools are from **October 26th through November 2nd**.

Remember to set your clocks back on October 27th! “Spring forward, Fall back.”

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HALLOWEEN for adults is celebrated mostly in the pubs, especially the Irish ones. Very few neighborhoods have "Trick or Treating" (Süßes oder Saueres), so check with your neighbors before sending your kids out. For kids ages 9 and up, the American Library hosts a Hogwarts Halloween Party on October 25th — be sure to sign up early because it is a very popular event.

WINTER TIRES

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](#). Make an appointment to get yours changed. The first snow (if it comes at all) is always a surprise.

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 a way for anyone to organize events and activities or plan adventures. The most popular regular event is the monthly Stammtisch where you can meet nice people who speak English in a relaxed atmosphere. Start is 6:30 p.m. until around 11:30 p.m. It's a mix of young and old and all those in-between, who come and go throughout the evening. The next one is October 8th.

The **American Library** has regular events in English for kids and adults: **LitNite** (October 1 & 15), **Poetry, Please!** (October 22), **MovieTalk** (cancelled for October), **Storytime for kids 3-5** (October 9), **Teen Time** (October 11 & 25) and **Storytime for kids 6 and up** (October 11 & 25).

The **Karlsruhe Toastmasters** meet every 1st, 3rd and 5th Monday of the month from 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. to practice public speaking in English with friendly, relaxed support from speakers from around the world.

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. at Bürgerzentrum Mühlburg Just stop by!

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 4 - 6 — [30th Birthday Celebration of ZKM](#) - a unique world renowned museum worth a visit anytime. Celebrate!

October 6 — English Comedy Night at Scruffy's Irish Pub. More info on the [Meet-Up site](#).

October 8 — [Stammtisch](#) organized by the Karlsruhe English-Speaking Meet-Upgroup at [Erste Fracht Braugasthaus](#) starting around 6:30 p.m. and going until around 10:30 p.m. or longer.

October 12 & 13 — [Karlsruhe City Festival \(Stadtfest\)](#). Music, shopping, entertainment in the inner city. Have a chance to go underground and see the

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progress of the new subway. Sunday shopping from 1 to 6 p.m. Many shops have special offers on this day. All busses and trams within the city (Wabe 100) are free on these two days - for more info click [here!](#)

October 16 - 19 — jazz festival '19 at [ZKM](#), [Jubez](#) and [Tollhaus](#). For ticket information: [jazzclub.de](#).

October 19 — Dirty Old Town Festival. 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 19 — Start of the special exhibition *Emperor and Sultan: Neighbours in the Heart of Europe 1600–1700* at the State Museum of Baden (Badisches Landesmuseum) - in the castle.

October 20 — [International Frühschoppen](#) at Litfaß from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Frühschoppen is a morning get-together, usually with a drink and a chat. This monthly event is organized through the Karlsruhe English-Speaking Meet-Up group. Please click on the link and let the organizers know how many to expect

MUSHROOMS

August through October — Many wild mushrooms can be found in the area, especially in the Black Forest. However, some are poisonous! Take advantage of the free mushroom "help desk." Mondays from 5 pm to 7 pm in the back of the Natural History Museum ([Naturkundenmuseum](#)) at the side entrance of the Pavilion in the Nymphengarten.

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