

# Short Trips from Reutlingen

## Trip Nine: "The Swabian Versailles" in Ludwigsburg

### Features:

- Visit the Palace of Ludwigsburg, the largest surviving baroque castle in Germany.
- See not only the castle, but also its museums and gardens, including the fairytale garden (Märchengarten).
- Take a little more time and visit the Jagd- und Lustschloss Favorite (1717 - 1723), designed as a hunting and pleasure castle, just a five-minute walk from the main Residenzschloss.

### Time Needed:

- Day Trip or two consecutive days (see idea below).

### Expense:

- Transportation (train to Stuttgart and S-Bahn to Ludwigsburg).
- Admission to the two castles and/or museum areas and/or gardens.
- Discretionary: a meal in town or a picnic in the gardens.

Formerly the residence of the Kings of Württemberg, the "Swabian Versailles" was built by Herzog Eberhard Ludwig from 1704 to 1733. The castle is now open to the public. This is a perfect opportunity to understand fully what baroque architecture is all about.

In the main castle (Residenzschloss) you can take a tour (English tour at 1:30 pm Monday - Friday) and visit the museum areas (costume collection, china collection, private apartments of Carl Eugen, and baroque art collection). A short distance away is the second castle "Favorite."

If your visit falls between March 14 - November 7 and you have good outdoor weather you might come back on the next day to see the fabulous baroque gardens (blühendes Barock). (A two-day ticket that includes all of the above is only 6.30 € for students!)

Simply take the train to Stuttgart, transfer to the S-Bahn and take either S4 (Richtung Marbach) or S5 (Richtung Bietigheim) to Ludwigsburg. From that stop you can walk to the Residenzschloss and then on to Favorite without any trouble.

[www.schloss-ludwigsburg.de/de/schloss-ludwigsburg](http://www.schloss-ludwigsburg.de/de/schloss-ludwigsburg)

Now click on:

- "Drei Schlösser" - overview of the castles.
- "Service" - current info. about times and costs.
- "Museen" - get a feel for the various collections.
- "Schlossgärten" - learn about the baroque gardens.

