



Marburg – urban experience and glorious nature

"If only this were a city! But in fact it is a medieval fairy tale!" (a quotation from Boris Pasternak, a student in Marburg at the start of the 20th century).

And it still is – the unique location of Marburg beguiles visitors to this university city, who enjoy an unforgettable stay between the Church of St. Elisabeth and the Landgrave Castle, between river and mountain.

Whether it's relaxing on the banks of the Lahn, taking in the sights of the old town or visiting the castle gate, Marburg affords wonderful views and insights at an altitude of 100 metres. Ancient monuments and green oases, fascinating history and modern student life – Marburg offers a frequently surprising blend of urban experience and natural pleasure, past and present, modernity and tradition.

A particular pleasure is a stroll through Marburg's picturesque old town. The ensemble of half-timbered houses and stone buildings, some dating back to medieval times, offer the opportunity to explore intricate, hidden alleyways and quaint stairways. Here, as well as enjoying the beautifully restored facades, it is also well worth popping into the countless shops, restaurants, cafes and bars.

The appearance of these stores and eateries is as surprising as the wide range of wares they offer. Often housed in historic buildings, from half-timbered houses to Wilhelmine era villas, it is not just the products that are an attraction but also the history-steeped premises offering impressive views over the town and across the surrounding region.

And it is precisely here where the university town's appeal is further embellished, for the Marburger Land region and the adjoining Burgwald forest offer authentic natural experiences including cycle and water tours and hiking trails. In addition, there is ample opportunity to savour the wonderful regional cuisine.

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