

Stuttgart's favourite quarters

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Around the
market square

Bohnenviertel and
Leonhardsviertel



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ovely to meet you. Come and join us. Let's dive straight in and take a closer look at this city, one that is made for inquisitive people like you. You might catch sight of a courtyard, a fleeting glimpse of an artwork, or a sea of roofs as you climb a little higher. As soon as you venture off the beaten track, the excitement builds. Step by step, this quarter will soon become your favourite part of town. This is where it all goes on.

Unique experiences. Friendly welcomes. Creative meeting points. Picturesque corners. Fancy facades. Spellbinding stories. Fabulous views. Oases of calm. There is plenty to discover about Stuttgart. Are you ready for a few surprises?

Our starting point is the heart of the city. There is always a buzz around Marktplatz, the market square. So, let's first check in at the boutique hotel. And then?

Take the paternoster in the town hall. Stroll through the Dorotheen Quarter. Enjoy gourmet pleasures in the Markthalle food hall. Browse for treasures in traditional stores. How about a detour to Geissstrasse? Home to Lucky Hans and happy-go-lucky people! Cheers, Stuttgart, this round is on you! Let's carry on, for the night is young, and we're not far from the Bohnenviertel and Leonhardsviertel. These quaint narrow streets are packed with wine taverns, cocktail bars, speakeasies and jazz clubs. Wherever you end up, make yourself at home.

Have fun in our favourite quarters!

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The must-sees

Bar hopping, luxury shopping. Historical stores, futuristic facades. An art nouveau market hall, a chiming town hall. A paternoster on the up, a bunker hotel down below. Candy floss at the Christmas market, a tippie at the wine festival.



Fun and festivities on the market square

Whether it's the Stuttgart Wine Festival, the Summer Festival of Cultures, the weekly market or the Christmas market, there is always something going on outside the town hall. Whatever the season, Stuttgart's market square is the beating heart of the city.



Markthalle artisan food market

Oil from Italy, honey from Turkey: the Markthalle is a cornucopia of delights. The art nouveau building dating from 1914 is home to a fish market and more than 30 stalls selling delicacies from around the world.



DOQU Shopping in style

With its state-of-the-art architecture, luxury brands and high-end restaurants, the Dorotheen Quarter – or DOQU – certainly brings glitz and glamour to the city centre. If you are shopping for luxury items, you will find plenty to tempt you on the boulevard between the Markthalle and the Breuninger department store.



Fun times at the Lucky Hans fountain

Geissstrasse has its very own buzz. People flock here in the evenings to meet for a beer or a bite to eat. In the summer, the party atmosphere spills into the streets, where everyone enjoys the old-town charm around the fountain.

The real deal!

Classic Marktplatz! Typical town hall!



The Stuttgardia

The Stuttgardia watches over the city from the side of the town hall. This bronze sculpture stands at 2.41m tall and was modelled on the young Else Weil. The daughter of a Jewish doctor was forced to flee to the USA during the Nazi regime.

→ Hirschstrasse /
Marktplatz 1

The paternoster

These days, you don't often see paternoster lifts in Germany, which is why the locals are particularly fond of the one in the town hall foyer. Slowly but surely, it does its rounds on a continuous loop, travelling no more than 0.3m per second.

→ Marktplatz 1



Around the market square



The bunker hotel

Believe it or not, there is a giant bunker five metres beneath the market square. Although it was originally designed for 1,010 people, it provided temporary shelter to as many as 3,000 during the Second World War. From 1945 to 1985, it served as a hotel – the Hotel am Rathaus, and later the Hotel am Marktplatz – and was one of the largest in the city. The bunker opens every year on Museums Night.

→ Marktplatz

The falafel veteran

Open day and night for 25 years, the Vegi was one of Stuttgart's first vegetarian and vegan snack bars and is now firmly established on the city's culinary scene. Here you can tuck into falafel in pitta bread with mouthwatering sauces and toppings.

→ Steinstrasse 13



Food, glorious food

The Markthalle in Stuttgart is a showcase for fine food. The art nouveau building is one of the city's loveliest attractions. There is plenty to tempt you inside, with stalls selling international and regional food in an area spanning 3,500m².



It is Stuttgart's light-flooded gourmet paradise. When the Markthalle opened in 1914, its arcades, bay windows and art nouveau flourishes blended in seamlessly with the surrounding buildings. Its interior, however, was considered radical by the standards of the day. Exposed reinforced steel beams spanned the contemporary hall, and two glass ceilings arched above the 400+ stalls below.

Today, it is home to over 30 stalls selling delicacies from all over the world, including exotic fruit, spices, bread, pastries and cakes. The fish market offers fresh fish and seafood daily.



TIPS

Calling all connoisseurs!

On a guided tour of the Markthalle, you can sample delicious food and hear fascinating stories about this much-loved architectural gem.

→ stuttgart-tourist.de/schlemmerparadies
(Tour in German language)

A spot of shopping

The Markthalle is also home to Merz & Benzing, an exquisite department store selling furniture, cooking utensils, flowers and stylish home accessories over three floors.

Best seat in the house

If you want to escape the hustle and bustle for a while, you can marvel at the Markthalle and its striking architecture from the gallery of the Empore Restaurant.

Sitting pretty

Ceres, the Roman goddess of agriculture, sits in her niche above the fountain at the edge of the hall. A perfect photo opportunity!

Style and substance

No room for understatement. The Dorotheen Quarter – DOQU for short – is all about elegance and style.

The wrinkles of the city

Built from limestone, aluminium and glass, the three new buildings in this part of the city create a striking contrast. The fascinating roof landscape is also a masterpiece of design. The steel and glass construction features creases, folds, slants and printed glazing.

Bird's eye view

The buildings, some of which are nine storeys high, blend skillfully into the urban landscape and afford unimpeded views of historical sights such as the collegiate church, Altes Schloss and town hall.

Shopping in style

Sheer luxury: DOQU is home to exclusive brands such as Rolex and Steiff, plus the first interactive Porsche Brand Store. Fans of trainers will be in their element at the Suppa store, which not only offers footwear but fashion from head to toe.





Stylish new ventures behind the town hall

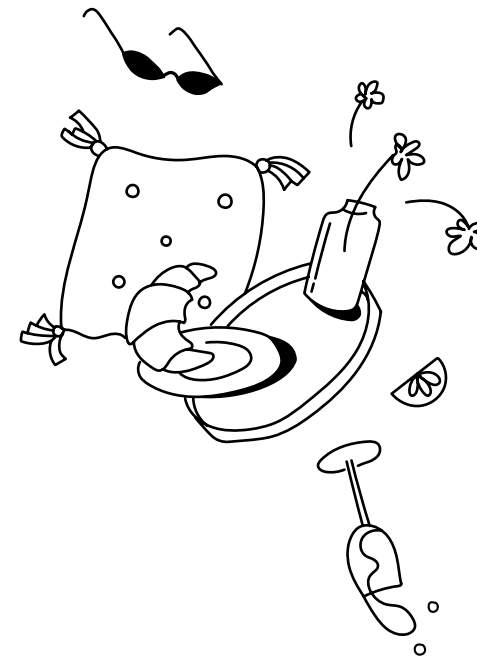
The wind of change is blowing on Pierre-Pflimlin-Platz. The opening of a boutique hotel and three stylish eateries has given this neighbourhood a new impetus.

Sleep easy at the EmiLu Hotel

Since opening in 2021, the EmiLu Hotel has breathed new life into a former administrative building from the 1960s behind the town hall. The bedrooms stand out for their original design and quality furnishings.

The trio cooking up a storm

Fritz, Gian Paolo e Marco and Tatti have created outdoor eating areas on the square where people can see and be seen. In fact, 'stay & see' is the tagline at Tatti, where you can grab a pastrami sandwich and Peroni. Fritz takes brunch to a whole new level. And at Gian Paolo e Marco, you can sip extravagant drinks against a backdrop of marble and pink tiles. The latter two are based at the EmiLu Hotel.



Shopping never goes out of fashion

The people of Stuttgart have been coming to the speciality stores and traditional retailers on the market square for generations. Tritschler, Breuninger and Korbmayer are stalwarts of the city's retail scene and Stuttgart wouldn't be the same without them.



Tritschler

If you are on the lookout for stylish tableware and kitchen accessories, Tritschler is the place for you. The store on the market square stocks glass, porcelain, gifts and household items. The city's oldest retailer has been up and running since 1723. Quite literally, in fact. Back then, the glassware was transported on foot from the Black Forest to Stuttgart's weekly markets.

→ Marktplatz 7



Fine coffee from Hochland

There are few other cities where the locals are as loyal to a coffee brand as Stuttgart. Funnily enough, it was a man from Braunschweig and a woman from Hamburg who founded the first Hochland coffee roastery on Königstrasse in 1930. Coffee lovers should definitely make a beeline for the Hochland coffee roasteries and Holanka Bars, which offer tea and coffee specialities, truffles, sweet ravioli and more.

→ Hochland: Kirchstrasse 10
Holanka Bar: Kirchstrasse 6b



The last word in luxury at Breuninger

Breuninger has been catering to the every need of the discerning city shopper since 1881.

→ Marktstrasse 1-3



Child's play at Korbmayer

Originally a basket workshop, this traditional children's retailer has been delighting shoppers of all ages for more than 160 years.

→ Schulstrasse 2

LAST-MINUTE GIFT IDEAS



Fun and quirky at Superjuju

For something a bit different, Superjuju stocks gadgets, graphic novels and gay literature as well as quirky cards that will raise a smile.

→ Eberhardstrasse 3



Local labels at Kesselgut

Kesselgut showcases spirits, stationery, clothing, accessories and recycled furniture from small regional producers.

→ Breite Strasse 4

The feel-good factor in Stuttgart

There are always good vibes on the square around the Lucky Hans fountain, from breakfast on the terrace to a late-night tippie in your favourite pub.



DELI

Breakfast or a cocktail? From dawn to dusk, anything goes! Choose between panoramic views of the square outside or industrial flair inside.

→ Geissstrasse 7

RUBEN'S

Decked out with mirrors, chandeliers and candlesticks, this plush bar and bistro is known for its tolerant vibe.

→ Geissstrasse 13

MRS. JONES

This 'lady in red' with its upholstered seating, brocade wallpaper and art deco chandeliers plays everything from disco to hip-hop, whatever people are in the mood for.

→ Geissstrasse 8

TRANSIT/ BERGAMO

Transit/Bergamo offers two venues in one. DJs and live gigs never fail to get the party started in this shoebox-sized bar and club.

→ Geissstrasse 5



DID YOU KNOW...

87 dilapidated buildings around Geissstrasse, some of which were medieval, were knocked down and replaced by 36 new buildings between 1906 and 1909. The new 'old quarter' featured gabled houses, bay windows and arcades, with the Lucky Hans fountain providing the finishing touch. If you look closely, you can spot other fairytale characters on the building facades, such as Hansel and Gretel, Till Eulenspiegel and Stuttgart's Hutzelmännlein.

KOTTAN

Relax and unwind, play a game of backgammon, swing your hips and enjoy the coffee-house culture at Kottan, where you can tuck into a delicious cold platter.

→ Geissstrasse 14

MATA HARI

This student hotspot keeps the beers flowing. And as the crowd at the door grows, so does the energy! As they say, the more, the merrier.

→ Geissstrasse 3

PLATZHIRSCH

The friendly atmosphere at this tavern with a bay window, terrace and courtyard attracts a diverse cross-section of patrons.

→ Geissstrasse 12

Picture perfect!

With the contemporary elegance of the Dorotheen Quarter and the art nouveau charm of the Markthalle, taking photos around the market square is always a delight – for the eyes and the tastebuds, for there is always time to drink and dine too.



Gourmet paradise:
Markthalle.



Form and function:
Stuttgart town hall.



Back to the future
in the DOQU.



Pretty as a picture:
the market square.



Weekly highlights

Five times a day

... a carillon at the town hall – 11.05am, 12.05pm, 2.35pm, 6.35pm and 9:35pm. The people of Stuttgart heard the carillon chime for the first time in 1925, but back then in the old town hall.

→ Tip: take a guided tour of the tower, and see the city centre from new heights! Bookings at the town hall.

Three times a week

... a market on Marktplatz! On Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings, the aroma of basil and parsley fills the air as people mill around the stalls buying fresh local produce.

→ Tip: During the week, the panoramic window on the fourth floor of the town hall is the best vantage point for watching the market's comings and goings.

Annual highlights



In the summer

... the Summer Festival of Cultures takes place outside the town hall. The crowds saunter around the market of cultures, sampling curry, flatbread and other specialities, while bands showcase the very best in world music.

In late summer

... the Stuttgart Wine Festival creates a fantastic atmosphere on the streets between Marktplatz and Schillerplatz. For twelve days, everyone congregates under 120 vine-clad arbours to celebrate the finest produce from the region's vineyards.



In the winter

... the Christmas market in the city centre enchants visitors with its 300 festively decorated stalls. With 300 years under its belt, it is not only one of the oldest and largest Christmas markets in Europe, but also one of the most beautiful.



Bohnenviertel
and

Leonhardsviertel

The must-sees

Wine taverns in the evening, speakeasies by night. Classical music at the Gustav Siegle Haus, jazz sounds at the Kiste. Home of the bean king, home of the drag queens. Red-light mood, late-night food.



Party zone in the village

Small-town charm meets city life, as the cobble streets give way to the small red-light district. The Bohnenviertel and Leonhardsviertel districts have always carved out their own path through history, attracting an eclectic mix of late-night party-goers, musical stars and creative types.

Pretty as a picture

The shops and picturesque narrow streets and courtyards of the Bohnenviertel feel far removed from the hubbub of the city. The buildings on Weberstrasse, Wagnerstrasse, Brennerstrasse and Rosenstrasse are a sight to behold with their baroque, art nouveau and neo-Renaissance facades.



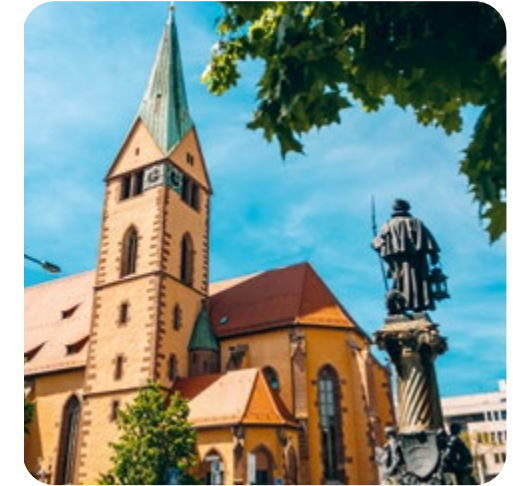
The high life on Wilhelmsplatz

You will find one restaurant after another on Wilhelmsplatz. It attracts the in-crowd and old timers, sipping their drinks and ordering pizza or noodle soup. The terrace is a prime spot for people-watching!

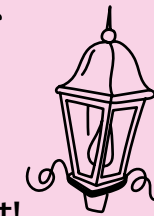


Charity from the heart (of the city)

When St Leonhard's Church was built in 1466, it stood outside the city walls. Today, it is right in the middle of the city. It was the first 'Vesperkirche' to be founded in Germany, helping up to 1,000 people in need every day by providing food, advice, medical care and human warmth.



LOCAL FACTS



Let there be light!

A fountain behind St Leonhard's Church is a reminder of an age-old profession. The statue of a night watchman stands above it with a lantern, halberd and dog. This lantern was the first electric light source on the streets of Stuttgart.

Long live the bean king!

The suburb of St Leonard developed as the first extension of the medieval city centre in the 14th century. It provided homes for winegrowers and craftsmen, whose fireplaces posed a risk in the centre. The hungry locals cultivated vegetables in the courtyards and along the walls – especially bean plants, which gave the quarter its name. For Epiphany, a cake was baked with a bean hidden inside. Whoever found it was carried through the streets as the 'bean king' and allowed to 'hold court' at a feast.

Typical Bohnenviertel!

Cakes galore and late-night snacks, jazz clubs and a hospital for 'pawly' bears.

All that jazz: the Bix and the Kiste

For mellow jazz sounds, head to the Bix Club. This popular venue in the annex of Gustav Siegle Haus hosts 250 concerts a year and has brought a fresh energy to the jazz scene. A block away is the iconic Kiste, an intimate venue that has been showcasing the very best in jazz since 1988.

→ Bix: Leonhardsplatz 28
Kiste: Hauptstätter Strasse 35



Bear essentials

Giuseppe Ricucci has been mending poorly teddy bears and dolls since 1995. Even the shop window is full of vintage dolls and collectibles.

→ Weberstrasse 86



Classic Leonhardsviertel!



Late-night pit stop at Brunnenwirt

Straight out of the club into the snack bar. All kinds of people are out and about in the early hours, but a post-party ritual unites them all: a currywurst special from Brunnenwirt.

→ Leonhardsplatz 25

The icing on the cake

Café Nast opened its doors in the Bohnenviertel in 1902 and has been serving up a delicious array of baked goods ever since. If you are looking for a tasty treat, be sure to drop by and sample its award-winning pretzels, bread and cakes. Open six days a week.

→ Esslinger Strasse 40



Wine bars from A to Z

Wine taverns have a long tradition in the Bohnenviertel. They hark back to the rustic inns belonging to the winegrowers, whose vineyards once started directly behind Weberstrasse. Today, they still offer the same cosy atmosphere and good food, and are the 'local' for many.



Time-honoured

ZUR KISTE

Patrons may have to climb to the third floor to get to their table, but it's worth making the effort to drink and dine at this tavern that served as a restaurant back in the day of King Charles of Württemberg.

→ Kanalstrasse 2



Legendary

WEINSTUBE FRÖHLICH

If only these tables could talk! This charming establishment was once a popular haunt for night owls, theatre folk and journalists and the ghost of iconic landlord Hans Fröhlich perhaps still haunts the coffered ceiling.

→ Leonhardstrasse 5

Elegant

LOKAL BASTA

Frequented by regulars, creative types and lovers of good food and wine, this stylish eatery embodies traditional French savoir-vivre. The menu features French bistro cuisine and French and regional wines.

→ Wagnerstrasse 39

Homely

WEINSTUBE SCHELLENTURM

Schellenturm wine tavern is a cosy retreat within a stone and timber-frame tower that was part of the city's fortifications. Serving up creative and traditional food, it is a place where you can feel right at home.

→ Weberstrasse 72

Traditional

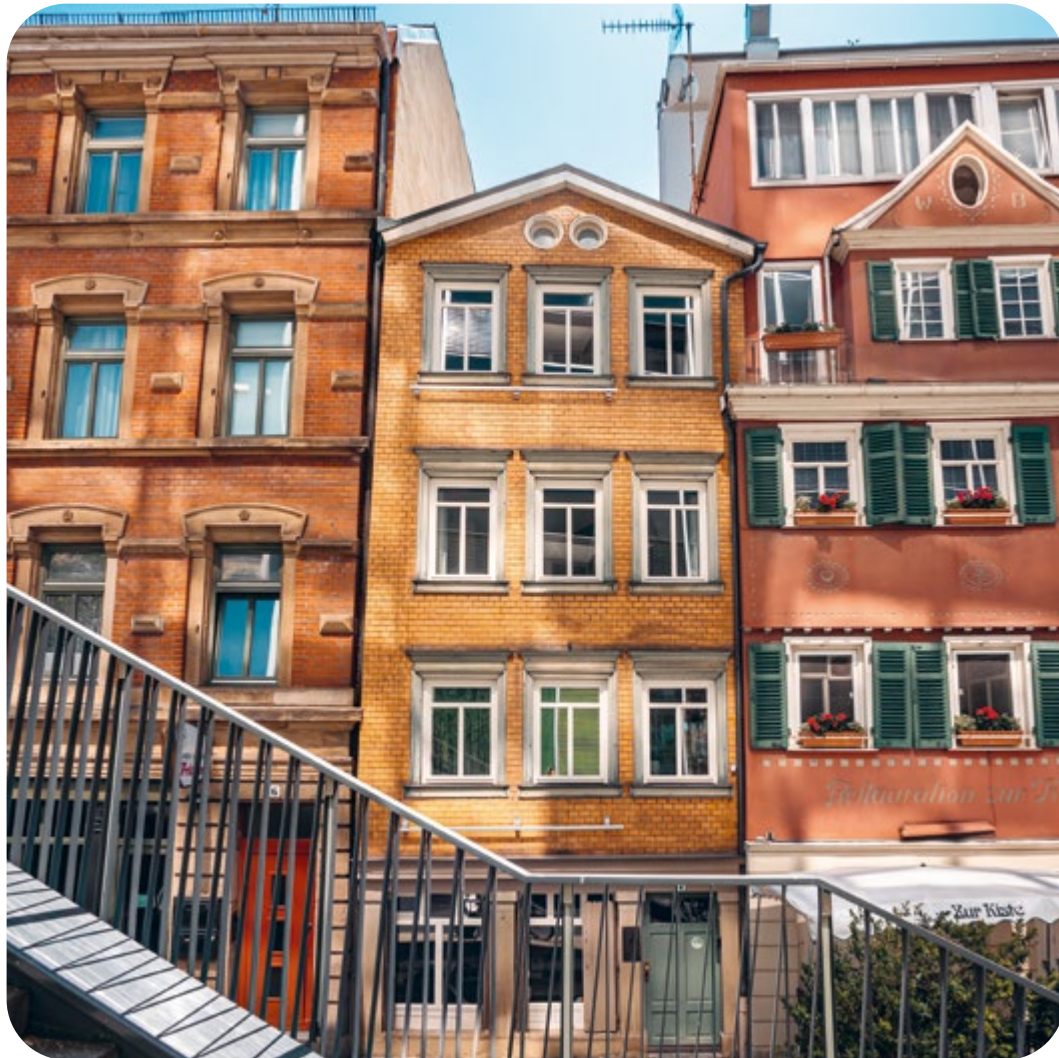
WEINHAUS STETTER

The Weinhaus Stetter wine shop and tavern has a staggering 120 years' experience in the wine trade. Cooper Ernst Stetter first made wooden barrels on Rosenstrasse in 1902. Today, an impressive selection of around 600 fine wines are on offer.

→ Rosenstrasse 32

Picture perfect!

Fish graffiti on a door? Why, sure! The bolder, the better is the mantra here! But, if graffiti is not your thing, there are plenty of charming half-timbered houses, narrow streets and a tower to admire!



Historical row of houses on Kanalstrasse.



Medieval gem: Schellenturm tower.



Aquatic art at the Sichtbar Gallery.



City views at Züblin car park.

Make a date with the city



“In the middle of the orchestra”

... is where you will be sitting for this series of concerts at Gustav Siegle Haus. Experience at first hand how the conductor and the Stuttgart Philharmonic communicate with each other.

→ Leonhardsplatz 28

Sweeping week

... is a serious business in Swabia. Mrs Schwätzele will take you on a no-nonsense tour of the city centre, armed with her broom and duster. A humorous take on the Swabian preoccupation with cleanliness!

→ stuttgart-tourist.de/i-han-kehrwoch

In the right place

Engage the senses

... on this tour of the Bohnenviertel. It will not only appeal to your eyes and ears, but also your sense of touch and taste.

→ stuttgart-tourist.de/von-aellem-ebbes
(Only in German)

Bohnenviertel Festival

The bean takes centre stage at this annual event held between Charlottenstrasse and Leonhardsplatz square. Grab a glass of wine from the surrounding bars and soak up the party atmosphere!



Bohnenviertel and Leonhardsviertel

Magic moments at the Zauberlehrling

Named after the sorcerer's apprentice, this small hotel and restaurant enchants visitors with its creative room design and innovative menu. The chef's magic touch has already secured a coveted Michelin star.

→ Rosenstrasse 38



Off with his head...!

The Executioner's Festival (Henkersfest) takes place on Wilhelmsplatz, where executions were actually carried out in the Middle Ages. Today's proceedings are altogether more jovial with the focus firmly on fun and relaxation. Let's drink to that!

at the right time

Bingo!

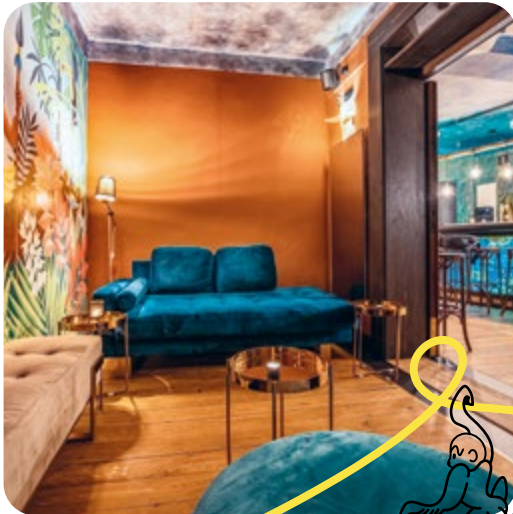
For a fun-filled evening of bingo, head to the Suessholz Café on Tuesdays at 8.30pm. Even if your numbers don't come up, this lively bar with a dance floor promises a great night for all.

→ Wilhelmsplatz 3



From bar to bar

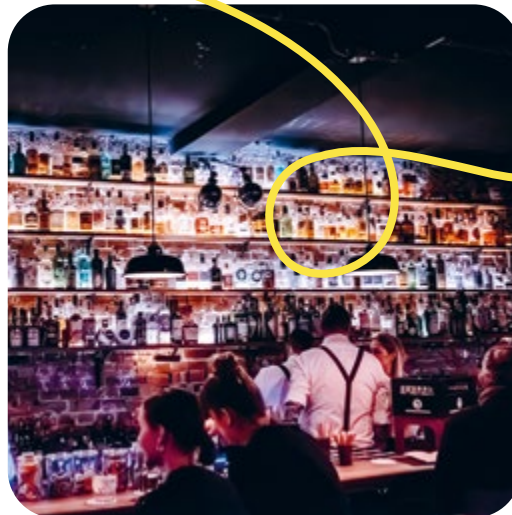
Party-goers and pleasure-seekers flock to the Leonhardsviertel and Bohnenviertel on a night out. From traditional watering holes to elegant cocktail bars, there is something here for everyone.



Hidden in plain sight: the Holzmalerei

The Holzmalerei (Wood Painter) is an elegant speakeasy concept bar. To enter, you must ring the bell for 'Johannes Mack', the wood painter who once had his workshop here.

→ Weberstrasse 9



Nostalgia trip at Paul & George

As you step inside the dimly lit doorway, you may feel as if you have stepped back in time. The dark wood and brick interior with Thonet chairs and copper tables gives the place a nostalgic feel. The extensive drinks menu will not disappoint either.

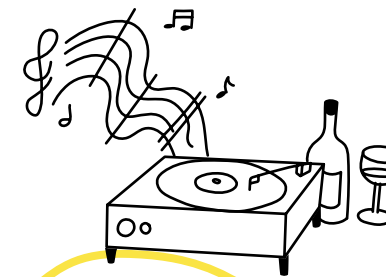
→ Weberstrasse 3



Raise a glass at Fou Fou

Shaken and stirred, please! The Fou Fou cocktail and champagne bar is located at the top of Leonhardstrasse. Relax and unwind in cosy corners or live it up on the dance floor. The bartenders here regularly host gin and whisky tasting sessions, along with cocktail and barista workshops.

→ Leonhardstrasse 13



Treat for the ears and tastebuds at High Fidelity

Renowned sommelier Bernd Kreis serves select wines from his wine shop and sáanguche sandwiches – a popular Peruvian street food (and a first for Stuttgart) – accompanied by jazz in top sound quality from a record player with tube amp technology built by Kreis himself.

→ Brennerstrasse 23



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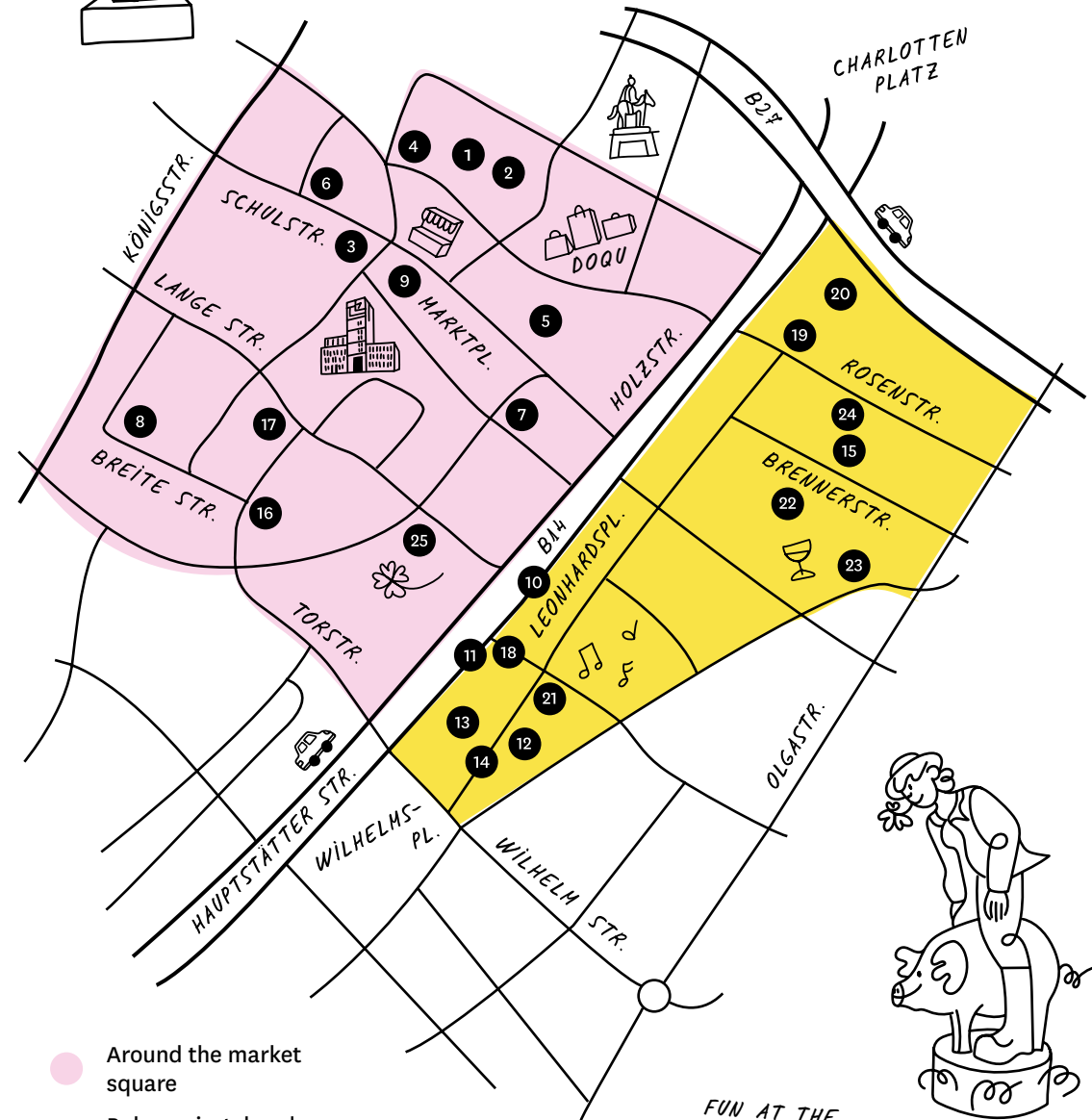
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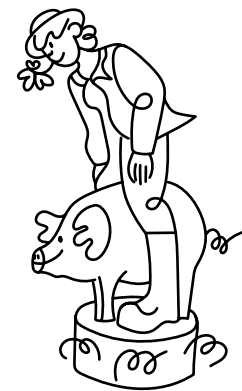


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WINE TOUR
OF THE QUARTER?
WE'LL JOIN YOU!



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FUN AT THE
LUCKY HANS FOUNTAIN!

The show's not over.

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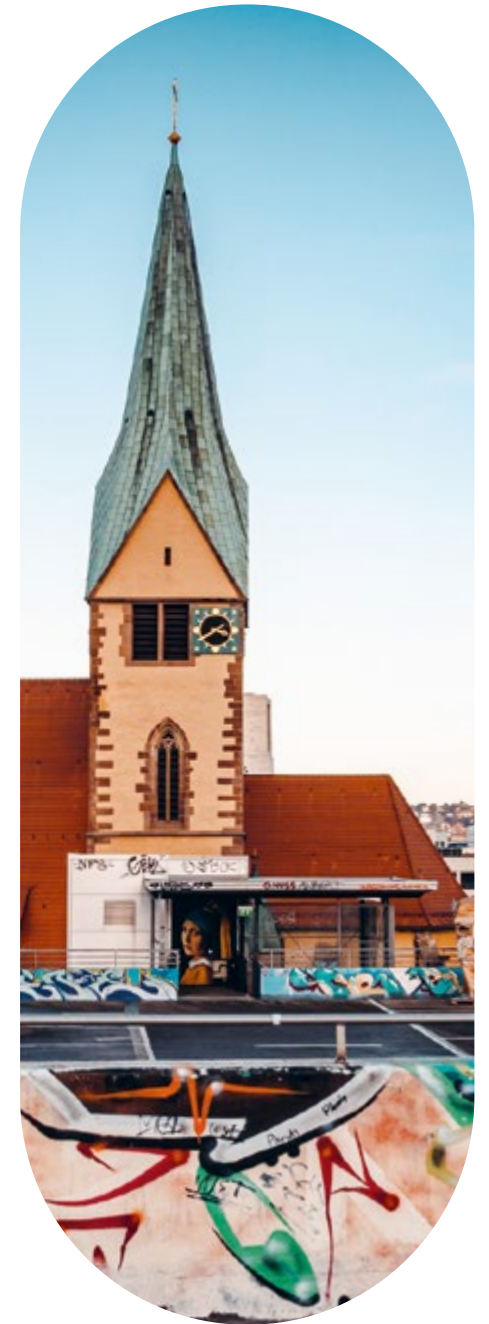
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