

Take a closer look



CATHEDRAL 1



Dom
Domplatz
35578 Wetzlar
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www.dom-wetzlar.de

Open:
April to 15 October
9:00 am – 7:00 pm
16 October to March
10:00 am – 4:30 pm

Church Services: Sundays
9:30 am – 10:40 am (Catholic)
11:00 am – 12:30 pm (Protestant)
The cathedral is not open for viewing during church services.

LOTTEHAUS 2



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museum@wetzlar.de

Open*:
Tuesday – Sunday,
10 am – 1 pm and 2 pm – 5 pm

CITY AND INDUSTRY MUSEUM 3



Stadt- und Industriemuseum
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Ernst Leitz Collection of Historic Microscopes 10

Sammlung historischer Mikroskope Ernst Leitz
Neues Rathaus
Ernst-Leitz-Straße 30
35578 Wetzlar
Contact: Leica Microsystems GmbH
Telephone: +49 (0)6441 29-0
Fax: +49 (0)6441 29-2590
www.leica-microsystems.com
Open: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 8 am – 6 pm
Wednesday, 8 am – 5 pm

Dunkelkaufhaus 11

Karl-Kellner-Ring 48-50
35576 Wetzlar
Telephone: +49 (0)6441 2091529
www.dunkelkaufhaus.de
info@dunkelkaufhaus.de
A tour for individuals and groups of less than 8 persons is available daily at 5 pm. Groups of 8 or more persons can arrange individual tours.

The world of LEICA at the Leitz-Park 12

Leica Camera AG
Am Leitz-Park 5
35578 Wetzlar
Telephone: +49 (0)6441 2080-0
www.leica-camera.com
info@leica-camera.com
Open: Monday – Friday: 10 am – 8 pm
Saturday and Sunday: 10 am – 6 pm

Museum of Agriculture 13

Landwirtschaftliches Museum
Frankfurter Straße 113 (Finsterloh)
35578 Wetzlar
Telephone: +49 (0)6441 45150
Contact: Michael Drucker
mail@landwirtschaftlicherverein-wetzlar.de
Open: 2nd Saturday of every month
from 11 am – 4 pm (March – October)
and by appointment.

Blasbach: Museum of Local History 14

Blasbach: Heimatstube
Bergstraße 31
35585 Wetzlar
Telephone: +49 (0)6446 1383 or 1659 or 549
www.wetzlar.de
Open: by appointment

Garbenheim: Museum of Local History 15

Garbenheim: Heimatmuseum
Untergasse 3
35583 Wetzlar
Telephone: +49 (0)6441 946126
www.wetzlar.de
Open: 1st Sunday of every month, 3 pm – 5 pm
and by appointment

Münchholzhäuser: Museum of Local History 16

Münchholzhäuser: Dorfstube
Rechtenbacher Straße 2
35581 Wetzlar
Telephone: +49 (0)6441 97143
www.wetzlar.de
Open: by appointment

Steindorf: Museum of Local History 17

Steindorf: Heimatmuseum
Schulstraße 2
35579 Wetzlar
Telephone: +49 (0)6441 22333
www.wetzlar.de
Open: December – March: 2nd Sunday of every month
2:30 pm – 5:00 pm and by appointment

* Please note: Opening hours may vary on holidays and on days following holidays.

Please check with the museum or the Tourist Information Office.

HOSPITAL CHURCH 9



Hospitalkirche
Am Haarplatz / Langgasse 3
35576 Wetzlar
Telephone: +49 (0)6441 94430

Open:
1st and 3rd Saturday of every month
from 11 am – 4 pm
and by appointment

FRANCISCAN CHURCH 8



Franziskanerkirche
Untere Stadtkirche
Schillerplatz 7
35578 Wetzlar
Telephone: +49 (0)6441 94430

Open:
by appointment and every Friday
from 6 pm for vesper services
featuring musical accompaniment



JERUSALEMHAUS 7



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2 pm – 5 pm

MUSEUM OF THE IMPERIAL COURT 6



Reichskammergerichtsmuseum
Hofstatt 19
35578 Wetzlar
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Fax: +49 (0)6441 99-4134
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THE VON LEMMERS-DANFORTH COLLECTION 5



**European Domestic Interiors
from the Renaissance to the Baroque**
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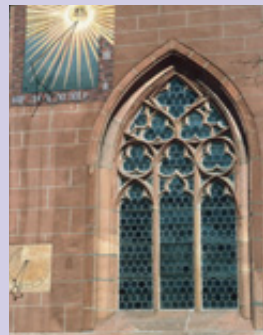
OPENING HOURS
May – September
Monday to Friday: 9 am – 6 pm
Saturday: 10 am – 2 pm
Sunday: 11 am – 3 pm
October – April
Monday to Friday: 9 am – 5 pm
Saturday: 10 am – 12 pm

Wetzlar

is a town alive with history. One look at its remarkable cathedral and old town will tell you as much. If it's history and culture you're looking for, then Wetzlar should be your destination.

Join us on a stroll through Wetzlar!

Churches and Monasteries



The old town of Wetzlar is dominated by the **cathedral (Dom)** ①. But only by taking a closer look does it become clear what makes it so unique.

The Gothic west facade is seemingly unfinished; the left tower is the incompletely planned. A "church within a church" is visible behind the facade, the remains of what was once an important late Romanesque basilica from the 12th century which the town and the cathedral chapter had wanted to tear down and replace with a more imposing new church.

Shortly before the year 1230, barely 50 years after the completion of the Romanesque basilica, preparations were being made for a newer, larger, more lavish church. Financial difficulties plagued the town in the Middle Ages. Progress on construction was excruciatingly slow. Spurts of activity were followed by interruptions that could last decades. Not until 1590 were the current top stories and roof of the main tower completed.

As a result, every era of German church architecture from the late Romanesque period to the modern is represented, each having left its indelible mark on the cathedral of Wetzlar.

During the Reformation, when most residents of Wetzlar converted to Lutheranism, use of the church was shared with a Catholic congregation, an arrangement which has continued to this day.

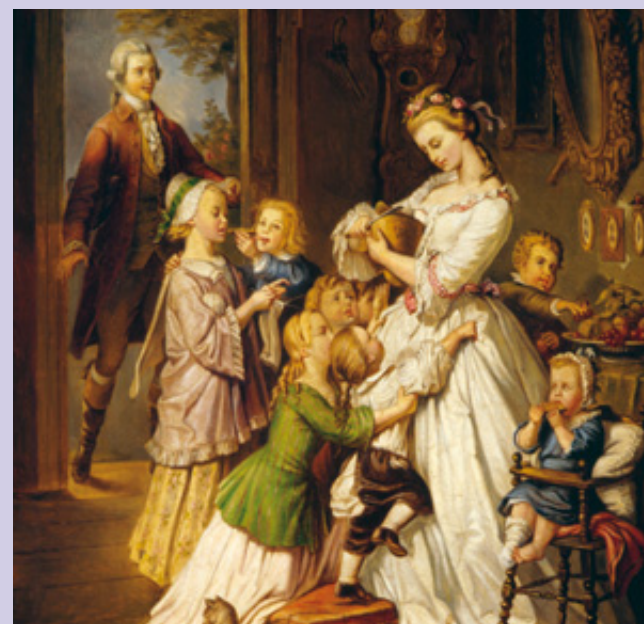
The **Hospital Church (Hospitalkirche)** ②, located at the old bridge over the Lahn, houses an impressive

Baroque interior. The church was built in 1764 to replace a Gothic hospital chapel.

At Schillerplatz you will find the **Franciscan Church (Franziskanerkirche)** ③. Its origins date back to a monastery built around 1300. The spire is typical of Gothic mendicant-order church structures.

Goethe and Justice

Accompany us on a journey to the summer of 1772. The Buff family was living in what was then the Teutonic Order administrator's house, now known as the **Lottehaus** ④. The resident best known to us today was Charlotte, and it was due to her that Goethe visited the house almost daily. His memories



and impressions are reflected in "The Sorrows of Young Werther," the novel which made Goethe world-famous.

The entire house has been used as a museum since 1922. Portraits, manuscripts, utensils, personal articles, and historic furnishings give us a view into domestic life of the 18th century. Three of the rooms are dedicated to Goethe's Werther novel. Besides a rare first edition of the book, there are numerous imitations, polemic pamphlets, parodies, and translations, all attesting to the widespread affect "Werther Fever" had as literary history was being written.

A small literary memorial, the **Jerusalemhaus** ⑤ pays tribute to the tragic circumstances surrounding the Werther story.

It was in this two-room apartment that legation secretary Karl Wilhelm Jerusalem took his own life. Goethe knew the young lawyer personally and was deeply touched by his death.

The two rooms and numerous documents impressively illustrate Jerusalem's unhappy life and the ultimately hopeless situation in which he found himself. A Goethe-Werther library is also located here.

The purpose of Goethe's sojourn in Wetzlar was legal studies at the Imperial Court, which was then the highest court of law in the Holy Roman Empire of the German Nation. Fascinating insights into German legal history await you in the **Museum of the Imperial Court (Reichskammergerichtsmuseum)** ⑥.

From 1495 onwards, any freeman could appeal a decision made by the territorial courts with which he did not agree. As of 1693, appeals could be made to the supreme high court in Wetzlar, the Reichskammergericht.

What we now take for granted was, at the time of the Court's founding, disconcertingly new: not taking the law into one's own hands, but instead taking a non-violent, peacefully arbitrated legal path. The Court was respected throughout the Empire. It set standards for justice in Germany through to 1806, standards which retained their influence long afterwards.



Art and Culture



You are sure to be impressed by the **Dr. Irmgard von Lemmers-Danforth Collection of European Domestic Interiors from the Renaissance to the Baroque** ⑦. In one of Wetzlar's most beautiful townhouses, a distinctive collection of historical furniture, invaluable gold and silverwork, ceramics, tapestries, and paintings is to be found.

The Wetzlar paediatrician Dr. von Lemmers-Danforth was not only a collector and patron, she was also a master of the art of combining pieces of the collection to create authentic interiors ranging from the Renaissance to the Baroque.



Optics and Iron

The **City and Industry Museum (Stadt- und Industriemuseum)** ⑧ allows the visitor to gain insight into the history of Wetzlar as well as of local industries up to the present day.

Wetzlar still sees itself as the "Centre of the Optics Industry." The foundations were laid when Carl Kellner founded the Optics Institute in 1849. Numerous companies followed suit. The **Ernst Leitz Collection of Historical Microscopes (Sammlung historischer Mikroskope Ernst Leitz)** ⑩, located in the "Neues Rathaus", displays various examples of early developments in the history of the microscope.

Not to be forgotten, Wetzlar is the cradle of the 35 mm picture format photography, a stroke of genius on the part of Oskar Barnack. He created this format for his legendary Leica, which went into serial production in 1925. An exhibition of the history and production is shown at **The world of LEICA at the Leitz-Park** ⑨.



The **Viseum** ⑪ continues this tradition of innovation in optics. It has drawn on the collective knowledge and competency of 14 regional companies. Through learning experiments, the visitor experiences what the products of these high-tech companies are capable of. By playfully trying things out for themselves, visitors come to comprehend complex and complicated technologies which affect almost all areas of contemporary life.

Town and Country

The **Agricultural Museum of Wetzlar (Landwirtschaftliches Museum)** ⑫ keeps the memory alive of the region's rural traditions. An extensive collection of ploughs and tilling instruments as well as numerous sowing and harvesting machines vividly illustrate working conditions in farming of days gone by. The exhibition of sowing and harvesting machines and tractors will fascinate not only the mechanically inclined.



Authentic, realistic, cosy, graspable – the **local history museums (Heimatmuseen und Dorfstuben)** ⑬ to ⑰ have a charm of their own. We are not dealing here with sweeping world events, but with village history and traditions: weavers' looms, threshers, shoemakers' workshops, completely furnished rooms of the 19th and early 20th centuries.

Admission Prices and Guided Tours

Lottehaus, Jerusalemhaus, City and Industry Museum, Viseum, I. von Lemmers-Danforth Collection and Imperial Court Museum

	Single Museum	Viseum	All Museums without Viseum	incl. Viseum
Single Admission Adults	3,00 €	3,50 €	4,50 €	6,00 €
Single Admission Children and youths up to the age of 18, trainees and students	2,00 €	2,50 €	3,00 €	4,00 €
Group Admission Adults (minimum of 10 persons)	2,00 €	3,00 €	2,50 €	4,00 €
Group Admission Youths up to the age of 18, trainees, school classes and students	1,50 €	2,00 €	2,00 €	3,00 €
Family Admission (2 adults plus up to 3 children)	7,00 €	8,00 €	14,00 €	19,00 €

Admission is free: for children under the age of 6, for the severely handicapped (handicapped ID must be shown), and for teachers accompanying groups of children.

English Audioguides are available for Lottehaus and Viseum.

Please write or call in advance to arrange a guided tour in English:

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