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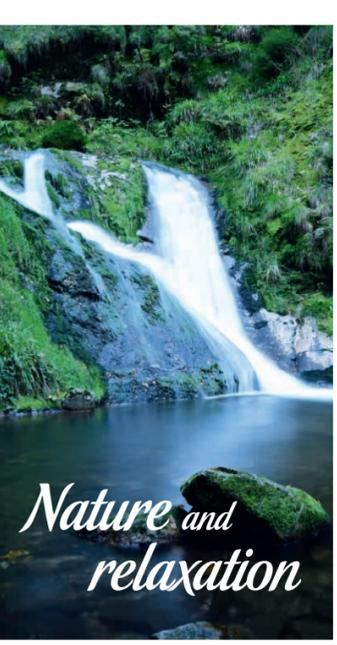
Right in the middle of the Rench valley is the idyllic holiday and pilgrimage town of Lautenbach. A little jewel for art lovers is the 500-year-old, late Gothic “Mariä Krönung” pilgrimage church. The stunningly beautiful orchard landscape is perfect for long walks along the Rench, especially when the blossoms are in full bloom. In addition, Lautenbach’s forests also exude a fabulous charm. In so-called “Little America”, you will find the tallest trees in Germany. After the hike, allow yourself to be pampered with local specialties in one of the guesthouses along the highland route.

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Oppenau

The historic town of Oppenau is located at the heart of the Rench valley. The ruins of the “Allerheiligen” monastery, with its waterfalls, are particularly impressive and testimony to Oppenau’s lively history and is also part of the Black Forest National Park. Enjoy a holiday with the whole family on one of the numerous farms and discover nature up close. One popular destination for all the family is the Buchkopf viewing tower above the Maisach valley, offering fantastic views towards the Black Forest mountains and across the Upper Rhine Valley.



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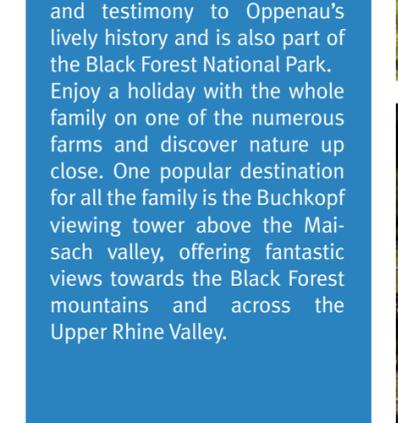
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Oberkirch

The wine town of Oberkirch forms the gateway to the Rench valley on the Baden Wine Route, in the midst of a sun-drenched landscape of orchards and vineyards. The historic old town, with its picturesque half-timbered houses and pedestrian zone, entices you to stroll and spend some time here. From the ruins of “Schauenburg” castle you have magnificent views over the town and the Upper Rhine Valley towards Strasbourg. Unique events take place throughout the year – such as the strawberry festival, wine festival or the culinary wine walk.



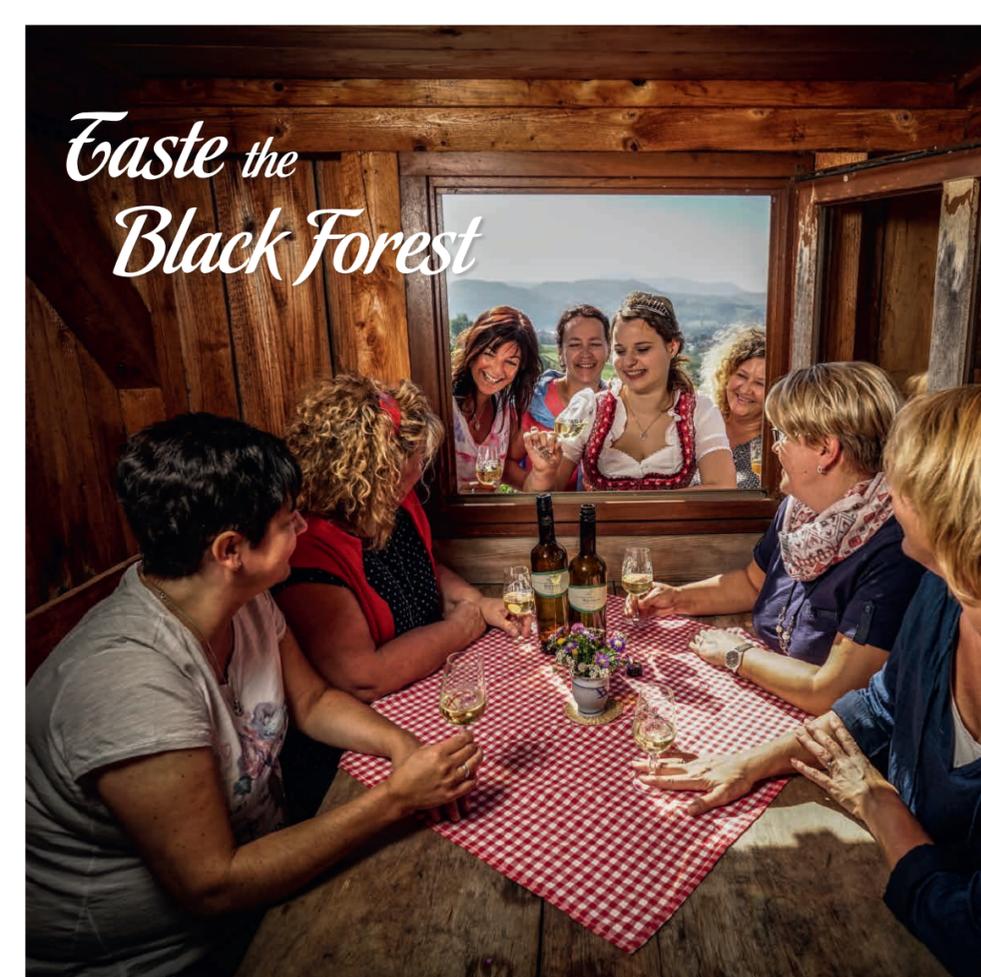
If you would like to do something good for your body and escape the chaos of everyday life for a while, you will find some excellent places to do so in the Rench valley. After all, where better to switch off and wind down than outside, surrounded by nature, noise-free and without the stress of

everyday life? Go hiking through the Black Forest National Park and observe how nature takes its own path, ignoring external influences and thus creating habitats and wilderness with character. Feel-good programs and delightful sauna and bathing landscapes invite you to relax and recharge

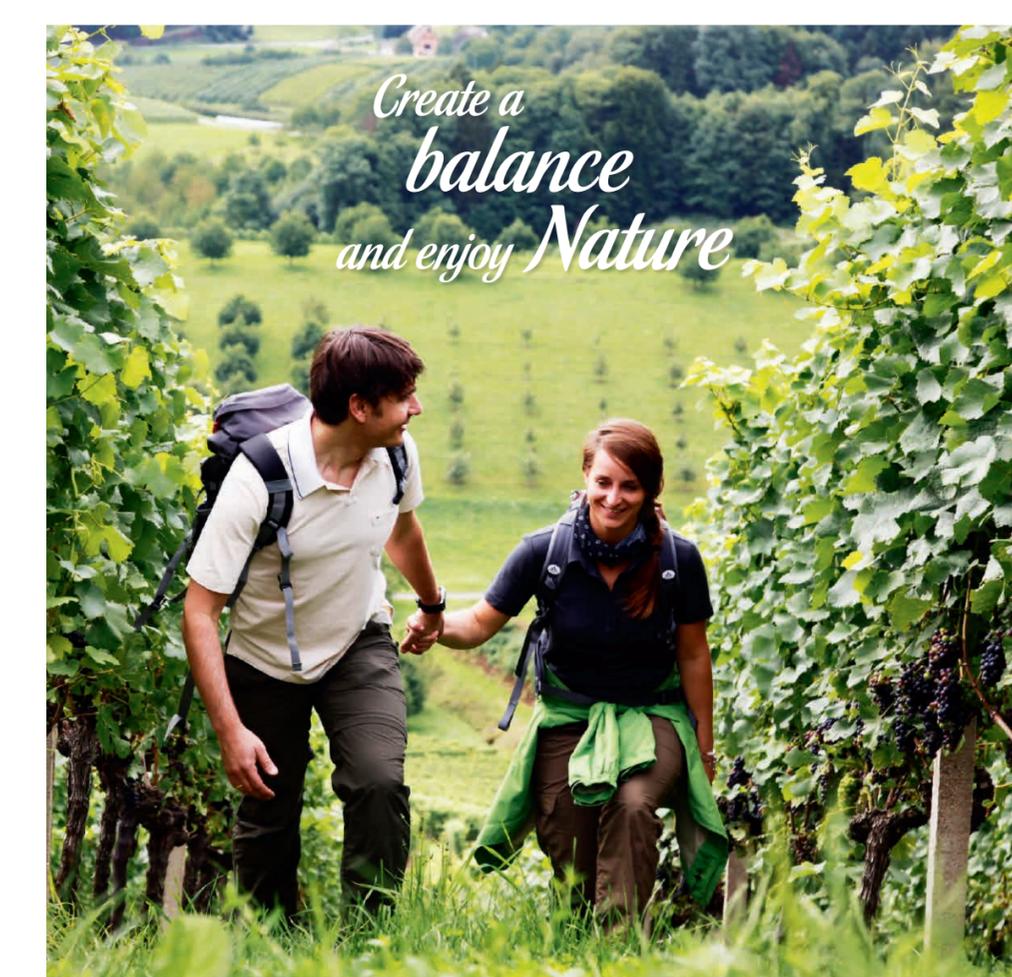
your batteries in one of the idyllically located spa hotels in the area. If you are looking to experience wellness and relaxation of a very special kind and in absolute seclusion, you can go on a little journey through time and, just like in the old days, take a traditional “Zuber” bath in an alpine hut.



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Culinary delights in the Rench valley entice in many variations: whether it's a starred chef or a nature park inn, the high-class gastronomy on offer pampers the palate with tradition-packed specialities from Baden cuisine and includes the influences of the closely-related Alsatian cuisine too. National award-winning wines, mineral water, beer, spirits and liqueurs from more than 1,300 distilleries are considered top-quality products from the region. In addition to that, Oberkirch is one of the most important producers of strawberries – nowhere does this queen of fruits ripen earlier or sweeter than in Ortenau. During strawberry season you will find stalls throughout the Rench valley, where you can pick your own fruit or buy directly from the grower. You will also find a variety of fresh products at the numerous farm shops in the Rench valley. During spring and autumn, the various Strausswirtschaft – wine taverns – offer another option to take some time out and refreshments.



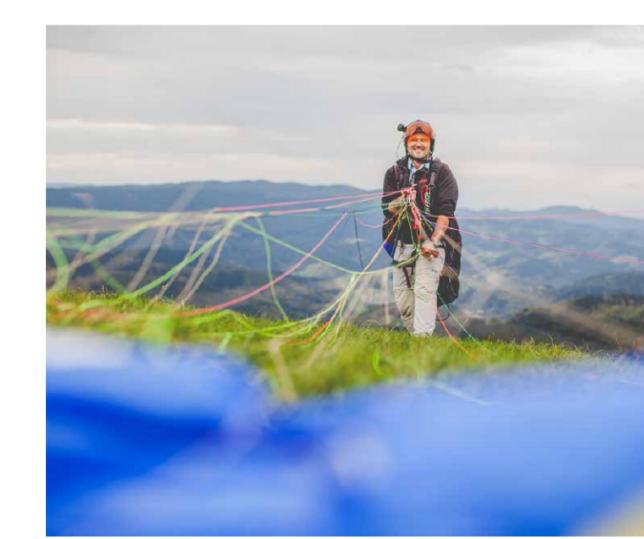
Hikers dream Rench valley

Oberkircher Brennersteig The quality route leads you along narrow forest paths and through stunningly beautiful meadows, orchards and vineyard landscapes and around the Hesselbach valley to the Geigerskopf viewing tower. Numerous distilleries and inns to stop off at line the route.

Maisacher Turmsteig This excellent tour is a dream and takes you over the Maisach ridge up to the Buchkopf viewing tower and offers both wonderful views and narrow and challenging trails. For your well-being, there are plenty of places for a schnapps and rustic inns along the way.

Lautenbacher Hexensteig The circular walking tour extends over the ridge at Lautenbach and takes you along historic pathways as well as newly created trails through a varied landscape with delightful vantage points. A real gem is the witch's cottage on the Sohlberg.

Renchtalsteig On a total of 5 stages, you will hike along the long-distance trail through striking landscapes and past historical sites, such as the vineyards around Oberkirch, the Grinden plateau in the Black Forest National Park, legendary rock faces or the "Allerheiligen" Waterfalls with the monastery ruins.



Let yourself be enchanted by the many charms of the landscape: endless forests, side valleys and the heights of the Black Forest are all enticing for hiking and mountain biking, while the vineyards and orchards of the Rench valley offer a great place for leisurely cycle tours and walks. If you are looking for something sportier, you can rent an e-fat bike and, with the bike version of a Jeep beneath you, explore the Rench valley viewpoints both in summer and in winter. You can also fly high in Oppenau, which is considered to be a Mecca for paragliders in Germany's central uplands. Thanks to its four different starting positions, it is possible to take off here no matter what the wind direction is. Feel as free as a bird and enjoy the beautiful landscape from above. In winter the Rench valley also has a very special charm. With the Black Forest covered in a thick layer of snow, you can escape everyday life by skiing, cross-country skiing, snowboarding or snowshoeing along the Black Forest high roads.