



Simmern – The Town

Simmern is located in the heart of the Rhein-Hunsrück region, half way between the A 61 motorway and Frankfurt Hahn airport.

More than 8,000 people live in Simmern, which is the administrative centre for both the local area and the Rhein-Hunsrück region. The population of Simmern is on the increase; in the 1990's it rose by more than 20%.



Because of its convenient location, directly on the B50 expressway, Simmern has evolved into an important area for industry and trade. The continued growth of the area is supported by the "Technology - and Gründerzentrum Hunsrück", an organisation which facilitates the establishment of new businesses in the region, providing them with support and expertise. More than 100,000 people regularly shop in Simmern.

In addition, its excellent infrastructure and facilities have already encouraged many large enterprises to settle in Simmern. There are 8 schools, including 2 Gymnasiums (Grammar Schools), a large regional hospital, a leisure park including with swimming pools and saunas, a sport park, an indoor sport stadium and a large function venue.

Several historical sites including castles, stately homes and old mills are within easy reach of Simmern. The beautiful Soonwald, which is one of the largest areas of continuous forest in the Rhein-Hunsrück, is ideal for nature walks. The highest peak of the region, the Simmerkopf (653 m), lies within the Soonwald.

Location

The town is located directly on the dual carriage expressway B50.

By the end of 2006 a new bridge over the river Moselle by Zeltingen will be completed, which will allow for a new, more direct connection between the A48/A1, A61 and A60 motorways. This will result in the town Simmern being located directly on the shortest transit route between the Rhein-Main area and the BeNeLux (Belgium, Netherlands and Luxembourg), providing easy access to the transatlantic ports of this region.



Destination	Travelling time (in minutes)
Town centre Simmern	3
BAB A 61	8
Flughafen Frankfurt-Hahn	15
City centre from Mainz und Wiesbaden	40
Koblenz	40
Rhein-Main-Flughafen, city centre Frankfurt	50
Köln	90
In 2006: Brüssel	120

International Companies in Simmern

Several international organisations have already set up branches in Simmern, including companies from Finland, Canada, and so on. This has been made easier by the fact that English is widely spoken in the region, largely because of the education system – all students begin studying English in their fifth year of school, if not earlier – but also because of historical reasons. Several large US Army Bases were located for many years in the Hunsrück, giving the locals both the need and opportunity to develop their English skills.