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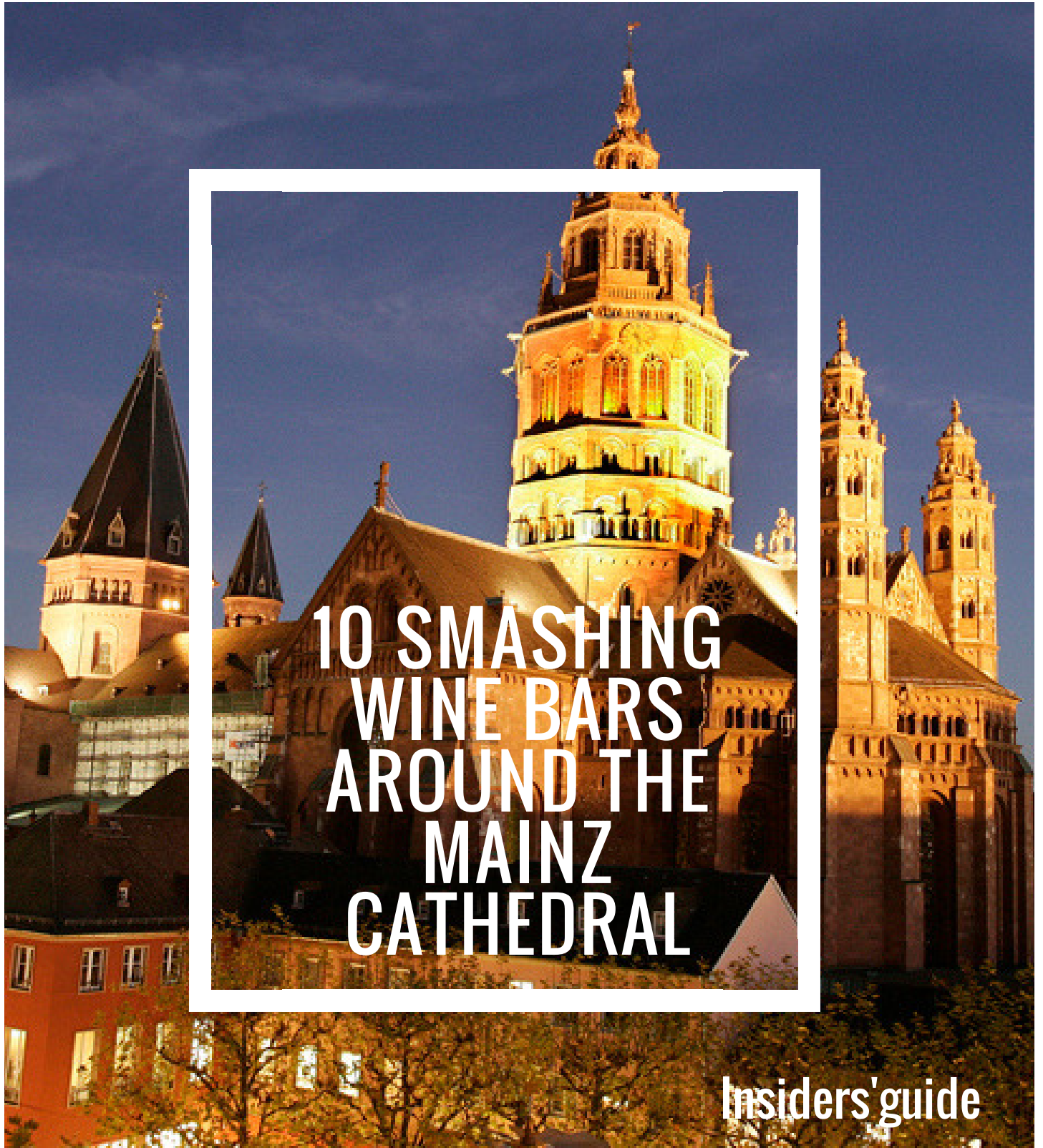


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10 SMASHING
WINE BARS
AROUND THE
MAINZ
CATHEDRAL

Insiders' guide

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Within the walls of old-town Mainz there are plenty of sights to take in, from historic buildings and lively markets, to the grand Mainz Cathedral with its famous stained glass windows designed by Marc Chagall. But pace yourself and take some time to linger in one of these ten distinctive wine bars for a bite to eat and glass of wine while you recharge your sightseeing batteries.

1. La Gallerie

In Gaustraße, in the middle of the “small Mont Martre” quarter of Mainz, you can find the world-famous windows created by Marc Chagall. Tourists from the whole world pilgrim up St. Stephen’s Mount, to see the glowing blue stained glass windows. Several small boutiques, bars and restaurants wait here to be discovered.

The restaurant La Gallerie is one of them. Here you can enjoy high-quality food at reasonable prices. What is special about the restaurant is its great wine selection of 180 different wines. Most of them are from Rheinhessen, some from the Rheingau region. Also wines from other countries – Italy, Spain and France – are on the wine list. Stop by and enjoy!



2. Laurenz - Weinbar, Restaurant, Vinothek

With an extensive wine list and seasonal menu, Laurenz is the perfect place to enjoy a fine meal and great wine from one of the selected regional wine makers in a stylish atmosphere. The tantalizing range of dishes includes items such as Asparagus Cream Soup with wild garlic pesto; Pork Belly with, beans, bacon, apricot, old balsamic, and sweet potato; and Traditional Fish and Chips with peas and tartar sauce. The on site wine shop allows guests to purchase wines at the same retail price as the wineries with no additional mark-up.



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3. Rheinhessenvinothek im Proviantamt

The newly renovated Rheinhessenvinothek im Proviantamt is located in the center of Mainz, inside a 50,000 square foot historic post-war era building. The winebar offers more than 450 local and regional wines along with a great selection of wines by the glass. Those in the mood for beer will enjoy the original Mainzer-Aktien-Bier, brewed since 1859 and offered exclusively for the Proviant-Magazin. The comfy Wirtshaus serves a menu of hearty local dishes or small plates. In summer months, enjoy the outdoor terrace. Rheinhessenvinothek im Proviantamt is also a great place for breakfast buffet Tuesdays thru Saturday and brunch on Sundays.

4. Wangenrot - Weinbar Vinothek Kultur

Visitors from around the world, flock to St. Stephen’s church to see the majestic blue stained glass windows by Marc Chagall. Just across from the church is Wangenrot - Weinbar Vinothek Kultur the ideal spot to relax and take a break before or after you visit St. Stephens. The cozy tavern provides guests a tranquil setting in which to try a variety of fine local wines as well as a carefully selected international assortment. The menu offers Mediterranean and regional dishes with lactose and gluten free options. Enjoy small plates and nibbles in the tavern or downstairs in the beautiful vaulted cellar. Premises are fully accessible for those with disabilities.



Top Photo : La Gallerie

Middle Photo : Laurenz - Weinbar,
Restaurant, Vinothek

Bottom Photo : Wangenrot - Weinbar
Vinothek Kultur

5. Weinhaus Bluhm

Weinhaus Bluhm, located in the heart of old-town Mainz, is a genuine French Connection blending traditional German delights with French flair described as French-Meenzer-Fusion by owners Murielle and Pierre Stadelmann. The wine list—French reds meet Rhine-Hessian whites—has something to please every palate. Menu items include Pierre's legendary fish soup, Handkäs mit Musik (Sourmilk-cheese with onions-- a specialty of the region), Meatloaf, and several vegetarian dishes. A recent renovation lends a feeling of dollhouse coziness to the friendly and informal atmosphere.

6. Weinhaus Michel

The Michel family has been growing wine since 1756 so it's probably not that surprising that Weinhaus Michel is the only pub in old town Mainz where the bartender serves his own wine. The Michel family, which includes Stefan, Astrid and their four children, Marcus, Daniel, David and Johannes, have been into ecological wine-growing for years. Their eco-organic philosophy extends to the food they serve as well, offering lots of great things to eat, from Mainzer Spundekäs to their done-in-the-pan meals, to the tasty Michel-style desserts. The wine list has twenty-two selections from the Rhine-Hessia region and incorporates fun "wine personalities" to describe the wine.

7. Weinhaus Schreiner

Everyone wants to go where the locals go, and when in Mainz, Weinhaus Schreiner is the place for tradition paired with something slightly different. Don't be fooled by the unassuming exterior—inside the atmosphere is warm and intimate. The impressive wine program features daily wines by the glass and over 100 selections by the bottle from Rhine-Hessia, Rheingau, Mosel, Australia, Portugal, Spain, and France. The staff is well informed about wine and eager to help you navigate the list to find something just right for you. The delectable menu offers both German and International cuisine.

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Photo : Weinhaus Bluhm



8. Hotel & Weinhaus Hof Ehrenfels

Just steps away from small boutiques, cafes, restaurants and many attractions, the Hotel & Weinhaus Hof Ehrenfels is ideally located behind the historic wall at the heart of the old city of Mainz. Inside the city walls you'll find a vibrant and lively market life close to the St. Martin Cathedral. The Hof Ehrenfels wine bar is a popular destination for wine connoisseurs and those who appreciate fine hospitality. The kitchen prepares an assortment of hot and cold dishes of regional, national and vegetarian cuisine along with a fine list of wine from Rhine-Hessia and Rheingau, and craft beers. Open every day!

9. Heiliggeist

Be prepared when you pass through the impressive exterior doors of Heiliggeist—at first glance, you may think you just wandered on to the set of Game of Thrones! Inside is one of the most dramatic medieval vaulted rooms in Europe. Dating from 1236, the building is adorned with ancient columns, gothic arches and a soaring ceiling that lends a sacred ambience and “knights of the round table” feeling to the cocktail bar and seating areas. Extensive menu has something for everyone including night owls with breakfast that is served up until 4pm. Or start your day at any hour with a glass of wine, stein of beer, or classic cocktail.

10. Favorite Parkhotel - Restaurant - Lounge - Winebar

A new location in Mainz: The winebar located in the Favorite Parkhotel combines wine, enjoyment and design. 550 square metres space for a relaxed time, whether to enjoy a Sassiscaia by the glass from the handwritten menu of rarities or to sink into the generous upholstery. The rustic “Kabinett” or the lavender blue “Wintergarten” provide room for closed events and tastings. The large wine selection, including 400 wines from all over the world, many of them available by the glass in the open bar, guarantees a new wine experience for each evening of the year. On top of this, the barman creates classic cocktails from the extensive drinks menu which also includes various digestives and brandies.

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Lounge - Winebar