

5 reasons to live in Saarland:

1. The open and down-to-earth nature of the people from Saarland (the Saarländers) has always made it **easy for newcomers to settle in quickly**. Whether you come from Germany, an EU country or other regions of the world - you are always welcome in Saarland! Looking for a new, family-friendly place to live? Then Saarland is perfect for you. Family plays traditionally a particularly important role here.
2. The Saarland and is located in the **heart of Europe**. In only 1h and 50 minutes, you can reach Paris by train and we have 4 international airports within easy reach. (Saarbrücken, Luxembourg, Frankfurt-Main and Frankfurt-Hahn)
3. The **Saarland is green!** It has the highest proportion of public forest with over 70% and the most natural forest in Germany. It can come up with no less than 3.545 kilometres of rivers and creeks. So: go out into nature, recharge your batteries, and simply leave the stress of everyday life behind you. With its varied landscapes and extensive forests, Saarland is the number one address for health-conscious people from everywhere.
4. **Saarländers love festivals** and one event follows another, no matter if you are looking for street food, French-German theatre, rock music or classical music: everyone finds an event matching his or her own taste. The festival year begins in Saarbrücken with the Max Ophüls festival for talented German-language filmmakers, which marks the discovery of young talents from Austria, Germany and Switzerland for 36 years. It is followed in early summer by the PERSPECTIVES festival with theatre, acrobatics, dance and performance and in summer, there are several open-air events.
5. **The Saarländers are enthusiastic about sports!** No surprise, because there could not be a better framework. More than 390,000 people take part in sports in app. 2,200 Saarland clubs. With 40 percent of the population, the state is the absolute leader in a nationwide comparison. Popular sports include hiking, cycling, running, tennis, horseback riding, etc. If your children are sports aces, the right school for them is only a few minutes away from the Gymnasium am Rotenbühl and from CISPA: The facilities of the Olympic Training Centre is one of the few elite schools of sport and soccer. The sports stars of tomorrow are being coached right here. Water sports enthusiasts love rowing and canoeing on the Saar, sailing and surfing on the close-by Losheim reservoir and on the 120-hectare Bostalsee Lake. For enthusiasts of exotic and extreme sports: Rope climbing, skydiving and hot air ballooning are on offer. Saarland is undoubtedly the hottest low-mountain hiking destination in Germany: we offer the highest number of rewarded so-called premium hiking tours. In case you want to explore the French regions, many cross-border hiking tours are on offer. If you want to combine a hike with culinary highlights, all you have to do is follow the chef's hats marking the "table tour", which skilfully combines exercise with gastronomic pleasure. Our country also scores high with passionate cyclists. Varied, often cross-border routes offer you all levels: from leisurely cycling to multi-day tours to major sporting challenges. As a mountain biker, you will not miss out in Saarland either: St. Wendel and St. Ingbert are well-known locations on the international MTB scene.