

## Activities on your own

Below you will find a list of cultural, sportive and social activities that can be done on your own without prior registration either in Darmstadt or in the surroundings.

### *CULTURAL ACTIVITIES*

#### *1. Museums in Darmstadt*

##### **Hessisches Landesmuseum (Hessian State Museum)**

Multidisciplinary museum

Opening hours: Tuesdays/Wednesdays/Fridays – 10.00 – 6.00 pm  
Wednesdays – 10.00 – 8.00 pm / Saturday/Sundays – 10.00-5.00 pm  
Ticket price: €

<http://www.hlmd.de/museum/geschichte.html>

The museum is especially noted for its [natural history](#) collections, for instance fossils from the nearby [Messel pit](#) and a historic [American mastodon](#) purchased by the Darmstadt naturalist [Johann Jakob Kaup](#)

It also features an important arts collection, including [Pieter Brueghel the Elder's](#) [The Magpie on the Gallows](#)



**Mathildenhöhe Museum „Artists colony“ – Art Nouveau**

**Opening hours:** Tuesdays – Sundays – 11.00 – 6.00 pm

**Ticket price:** €5

<http://www.mathildenhoehe.eu/information/oeffnungszeiten-and-eintrittspreise/>

Interesting shop close to the museum with object of “Art Nouveau style”

Nice café-restaurant close to the museum



**Darmstadt Palace Museum**

**Opening hours:** Fridays – Sundays – 10.00 – 5.00 pm

**Ticket price:** €4

[http://www.schlossmuseum-darmstadt.de/museum\\_engl.html](http://www.schlossmuseum-darmstadt.de/museum_engl.html)

The versatility of the Darmstadt Palace Museum collection with its numerous references to regional and royal history, invite you to make a journey through time. Paintings, sculptures and handicraft, including fine pieces of furniture, tapestry, glass, ceramics, gold and silverware, from the 16th until the early 20th Century are displayed in 14 showrooms.



## 2. Places of cultural interest

### Waldspirale

Residential building complex built in the 1990s. The name translates into English as **forest spiral**, reflecting both the general plan of the building and the fact that it has a [green roof](#). It was designed by [Austrian](#) artist [Friedensreich Hundertwasser](#), planned and implemented by architect Heinz M. Springmann, and constructed by the Bauverein Darmstadt company. The building was completed in 2000.

Friedensreich Regentag Dunkelbunt **Hundertwasser** (December 15, 1928 – February 19, 2000) was an Austrian-born [New Zealand](#) artist<sup>[1]</sup> and architect who worked also in the field of environmental protection. He stood out as an opponent of "a straight line" and any standardization, expressing this concept in the field of building design. His best known work is considered [Hundertwasserhaus](#) in [Vienna, Austria](#) which has become a notable place of interest in the Austrian capital characterized by imaginative vitality and uniqueness.



## Mathildenhöhe with the Wedding Tower, the Russian chapel and Art nouveau (Jugendstil) villas

The **Darmstadt Artists' Colony** refers both to a group of [Jugendstil](#) artists as well as to the buildings in **Mathildenhöhe** in [Darmstadt](#) in which these artists lived and worked.

The **Russian Chapel in Darmstadt**, formally, the St. Mary Magdalene Chapel, is an historic [Russian orthodox church](#). The [Russian revival](#) style church with gold [Onion domes](#) was built between 1897-1899 by the architect [Leon Benois](#), and used as a private chapel by the last [Tsar](#) of Russia, [Nicholas II](#), whose wife [Alexandra](#) was born in Darmstadt. It is named in honor of the patron saint of Tsar Nicholas' mother. It was built of Russian stone and, as some people claim, built on soil from Russia brought to Darmstadt by train, and used during their lifetimes by the Russian royal family and court during regular visits to the Tsarina's childhood home and to her family.



Architect Behrens House Wedding Tower - Landmark of Darmstadt



## “Langer Ludwig” obelisk on Luisenplatz

Opening hours: **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December** – 6.00pm – 11.00 pm

You can climb up this obelisk and enjoy the view on Darmstadt by night from the top (free of charge).

Late Night shopping till 11.00 pm - “**Fire & Ice show**”



## *SPORTIVE and RELAXING ACTIVITIES*

### **Jugendstilbad, SPA and sauna**

**Opening hours** – every day - 10.00 am – 10.00 pm

**Tickets:**

€6.00 (swimming) - €9.30 (SPA) - €14.10 (sauna) for 2 hours

€8.20 - €12.10 - €16.90 for 4 hours

<http://www.jugendstilbad.de/oeffnungszeiten-preise/>

Former public swimming pool in the Art Nouveau architecture style opened in 1909 and completely renovated between 2005 and 2008.



### **Ice skating in the Bürgerpark**

**Opening hours** – Monday – Friday - from 09.00 – 4.30 pm

Saturdays – 1.45 pm – 11.00 m with disco on ice from 7.00 pm

Sundays – Family Disco on ice from 3.00 pm

**Ticket:** €5

<http://eishalle-darmstadt.de/>

