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: €6
   [http://www.hlmd.de/museum/geschichte.html](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*. 

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Mathildenhöhe Museum „Artists colony“ – Art Nouveau

**Opening hours:** Tuesdays – Sundays – 11.00 – 6.00 pm  
**Ticket price:** €5  

Interesting shop close to the museum with object of “Art Nouveau style”  
Nice café-restaurant close to the museum

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| **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 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.

“Langer Ludwig” obelisk on Luisenplatz

Opening hours: Friday 1st 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
### Jugendsstilbad, 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/](http://www.jugendstilbad.de/oeffnungszeiten-preise/)


### 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/](http://eishalle-darmstadt.de/)