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The foreign tourist who has come to Southern Germany these weeks or months and who is now staying in Heidelberg, should not fail to pay a visit to the City of Karlsruhe. By train with the Rhine-Valley-Express Frankfurt—Basle, or by car via the "Autobahn", it only takes him a short while to reach this beautiful fan-shaped city at the gate to the Black Forest. — A little over two centuries ago the site where to-day this gay and lively metropolis extends its wide streets and bright and cultivated clean parks, was covered with mighty forests yet. It was fortunate that the founder, from the time of its hour of birth gave Karlsruhe a particular, personal character. Sublime in its simplicity and particularity, is the pattern of its streets, the widely known "fan" which opens from the tower of the Castle as central point. It is true that the war marred the classical countenance of the fan-shaped city, but nevertheless Karlsruhe still holds many picturesque attractions worth to be seen and enjoyed. It is not only the particular design of the city which seems new and so attractive to the tourist; there are many other points of interest and institutions which leave valuable impressions. In the field of performances of art Karlsruhe has always enjoyed a most excellent reputation. The Badenian State Theatre, the former stage of the Grandducal Court, presents performances of the opera in its traditional good quality and the dramatic arts are on the highest level. Museums and collections, first of all the "Staatliche Kunsthalle" with the "Hans Thoma Museum" and the "Badische Landesbibliothek" with its precious works, offer an impressive insight into the cultural and artistic achievements of the

people on the Upper Rhine. The "Karlsruher Stadtgarten" is unique in its kind, a modern outdoor swimming bath on the Rhine offers recreation and quiet seclusion. The idyllic "Old Rhine" offers an opportunity for boating trips around the charming national park "Rappenwörth". Karlsruhe's convenient location for all traffic, the variety and beauty of its surroundings are advantages which cannot be appreciated and praised enough. Bergstrasse, Weinstrasse, Black Forest and Palatinate offer wonderful opportunities for trips and excursions, with their Badenian castles in Baroque- and Roccocostyle.

All year round Karlsruhe is the center of a splendid program of social, cultural and traffic-promoting performances and events.