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Many ancient monuments have been preserved: Stiftskirche (1256), Stadthous, formerly the Jesuits' Lecture Hall, Casimianum (from 1578—1592 University).

From Mannheim one can reach Worms, an old Bishop's Seat. There is the Cathedral, the finest Romanesque cathedral on the Rhine, with splendid statues of the 9th century. (Of the same period there are the churches St. Martin, St. Andreas with Romanesque cloisters, and St. Paulus: of the Gothic period, Liebfrauenkirche, and Maria Himmelskron: of the baroque period, Dreifaltigkeitskirche.) Of modern buildings the Luther Memorial must not be missed.

SUGGESTIONS FOR MOTOR TRIPS IN THE IMMEDIATE NEIGHBOURHOOD OF HEIDELBERG

The Western Odenwald

From Heidelberg over the Bridge along the right bank of the Neckar to Neckarsteinach, up the Steinach Valley, *Illustration No. 24* trough Heiligkreuzsteinach to Waldmichelbach. From here, either via Stallenkandel or Kraidachtal, to Morlenbach, through the Weschnitz Valley via Birkenau to Weinheim, along the Bergstrasse and back to Heidelberg.

The road from Neckarsteinach rises steadily from Neckarsteinach to Waldmichelbach to 1,300 ft. and falls through the two valleys to Weinheim to the level of the Neckar. This trip can be divided into two separate ones as follows:

1. Heidelberg, Neckarsteinach, branching off at Alneudorf to the left via Wilhelmsfeld, Schriesheimer Hof to Schriesheim, and back along the Bergstrasse (27 Miles: a very popular trip).

2. The same start and then from Schoenau via Heiligkreuzsteinach, Unterabsteinach, Troesel, Flockenbach,

through the Gorrheim Valley to Weinheim and back via the Bergstrasse (40 miles).

3. From the road between Neckarsteinach and Waldmichelbach, roads lead through romantic little valleys so that every stretch of country offers a new picture.

In The Central And Northern Odenwald

Along the Neckar to Neckarsteinach, Hirschhorn, along the Finkenbach Valley, turning to the right to Rothenberg, from Rothenberg along the Hirschhorn Heights to Beerfelden (25 miles). From Beerfelden the following routes can be taken:

1. Via the Gallows to Offen, Affolterbach, to Waldmichelbach and from here back as described above, or, through the Laxbach Valley via Heddesbach to Hirschhorn and back to Heidelberg (60 miles).

2. Beerfelden can also be reached from Hirschhorn by proceeding further along the Neckar towards Eberbach and, just before reaching Pleutersbach, to the left through the Gammelsbach Valley to Beerfelden and from here to Hetzbach, Marbach, Erbach, Lindenfels, Fuerth, Heppenheim, Weinheim, Heidelberg (about 85 miles).

3. From Beerfelden, to Hetzbach, over the Krahberg, via Schollenbach, Kailbach to Ernstal, through the Leiningen Park and back through the Itter Valley to Eberbach (20 miles).

This last drive can also be taken in the reverse direction from Eberbach over the Katzenbuckel to Strumpfelbrunn, Wagenschwend, Oberscheidental, Ernstal and then back.

To The South Of The Neckar

The drives south of the Neckar are limited to the drive via the Kohlhof to Gaiberg, Bammental, Wesenbach, Langenzell, Dilsberg along the Neckar to Neckargemund, Heidelberg (about 30 miles).

Or starting as above, continue from Langenzell via Waldwimmersbach, Haag, through the Pleutersbach Valley via Schwanheim to Eberbach and back to Heidelberg.

The roads, apart from the main road Wiesebach-Langenzell, are used very little by motorists and the scenery is very lovely.

IN THE OUTLYING DISTRICTS

The Odenwald And Bergstrasse

Heidelberg, Eberbach, Kailbach, Kraiberg, Hetzbach, Erbach, Michelstadt, Amorbach, Miltenberg, Hoechst, Hering, Darmstadt, Bergstrasse (about 150 miles). Variation: Miltenberg, Amorbach, Mudau, Mosbach, Aglasterhausen, Wiesebach, Neckargemund.

Heidelberg, Bensheim, Lindenfels, Reichelsheim, Michelstadt, Koenig, Vielbrunn, Amorbach, Walldurn, Buchen, Adelsheim, Mockmuhl, Wimpfen, Sinsheim, Wiesebach, Neckargemund (about 150 miles).

The Neckar Valley And Kreichgau

Follow the Neckar to Offenau, then Wimpfen, Rappenu, Sinsheim, Duren, Angelbach Valley, Wiesloch (About 76 miles). Or Wimpfen, Heilbronn, Eppingen, Bretten, Malbronn, Monastery, Bretten Bruchsal, Wiesloch.

The Castle-Crowned Disrrict Of North Württemberg, Hohelohe And Franconia

From Heilbronn on Neckar there radiate roads and paths into a stretch of country with an ancient civilization with more than a hundred castles, fortresses and ruins, ancient monasteries, former Free Towns of the Empire and works of art of very great value — the romantic district of North Württemberg, Hohenlohe and Franconia. The landscape is broken up into the valleys of the Kocher, Jagst and

Weinsberg; the forests of Mainhardt and Hardthaus; the Waldenburg and Ellwangen mountains; the Hohenlohe Plain; the Heuchelberg, Stromberg, Zabergau and Bottwartal. Among the many attractive goals of an excursion are Weinsberg, Neuenstein, Loewenstein, Schwab. Hall, Vellberg, Ellwangen, Crailsheim, Kirchberg on the Jagst, Langenberg, Bartenstein, Creglingen, Weikersheim, Bad Mergentheim, Stuppach, Schloss Stetten, Kunzelsau, Schontal, Jagsthausen, Mockmuhl, Neuenstadt a.K., to the east of Heilbronn; to the south and west Beilstein, Lauffen on Neckar, Brackenheim and Maulbronn.

In The Palatinate

Heidelberg, Schwetzingen, Speyer, Frankenthal, Worms, Lorsch, Heppenheim, Bergstrasse (about 70 miles). Or, Worms, Nierstein, Darmstadt, Bergstrasse.

Bergstrasse, Heppenheim, Worms, Grunstadt, Durkheim, Spa, Neustadt on the Weinstrasse, Speyer, Schwetzingen (about 92 miles).

Trip To Goethe's Birthplace, Frankfurt Am Main

By Bergstrasse and back, either: a) via Offental, Hoechst in O., Michelstadt, Erbach, Beerfelden, Eberbach on Neckar Hirschhorn, Neckarsteinach, Neckargemund (the total journey some 245 kilometers) or b) via Darmstadt, Oberramstadt, Gadernheim, Lindenfels, Rimbach, Morlenbach, Weinheim (total journey, some 215 kilometers).