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- * A HOLIDAY FOR ALL SEASONS

Sunparks Eifel

 GERMANY



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In the middle of everywhere.

Five reasons to visit Sunparks Eifel

1 MAGNIFICENT VOLCANIC LANDSCAPE.

Truly unique in Europe. What's more, the region is packed with delightful little villages, museums and wildlife parks. Take the vintage Vulkan Express train from one Eifel village to the next and enjoy the breathtaking natural scenery to the full.

2 ACTION-PACKED - also in winter.

The Eifel region is home to Europe's largest **NORDIC FITNESS PARK**. Discover challenging mountain bike trails and there's an experienced guide on hand, if needed. During winter, **HOHE ACHT** (High Eight) is the place to be. The highest point anywhere in the Eifel region, Hohe Acht is highly rated by cross-country skiers, downhill racers and sledging kids alike.

3 WINE AND CASTLES.

Map out your own wine route and sample the Riesling, the famed regional wine. But not only vineyards fill the hillsides. Aspiring young knights and damsels will be inspired by the many ancient castles dotted around the region.

4 PARADISE FOR SPEED MERCHANTS.

The Nürburgring Formula 1 race track is where racing enthusiasts call the shots. Put the pedal to the metal and screech around the track with a real racing driver!

5 COMPLETELY WEATHERPROOF.

Aquafun, Kids World and a wide choice of other indoor facilities make Sunparks Eifel the ideal holiday destination, whatever the weather.

THE BEST OF THREE WORLDS

An action-packed volcanic landscape



The ancient volcanic landscape of the Eifel region is a holiday paradise for all generations. Sunparks Eifel is located at the three-country border of Germany, Belgium and Luxembourg. In its expansive forests and delightful valleys, you can discover the best of all three worlds. Eifel is the ultimate destination for mountain bikers and ramblers. Lose yourself among the romantic wine villages and castles, while the kids enjoy themselves in the amusement and wildlife parks.



Taking in the views at historic Cochem.



Winter wonderland for skiers.



Absolute paradise for Nordic Walking.

Ever since we booked, our family of four has been looking forward to spending a midweek packed with action and culture, in the stunning Eifel countryside. The volcanoes that formed the landscape surrounding Sunparks Eifel had our two teenagers' imaginations running riot. But our youngest is most looking forward to a journey back in time, to the era of knights and chivalry. Consequently, our schedule includes plenty of majestic castles and picturesque villages on the banks of the River Mosel. Our Exclusive Villa at Sunparks Eifel, with its own roof terrace, turns out to be a very comfortable launch pad for our journey of discovery. But before that, we just had to go for a stimulating splash about in the Aquafun swimming pool.

NÜRBURGRING

Then it's straight into top gear, since my Formula 1-loving family have their minds set on seeing the Nürburgring. This world-famous race track is just 15 kilometres from Sunparks Eifel. Our teenage daredevil duo screech around the circuit in a high-speed car driven by a real racing dri-

ver. Even I am talked into a ride with one of these speed merchants behind the wheel. All I remember is screaming my head off! On the way back, we pull over in Zenmüllen, a village that is home to the Formula 1 drivers' favourite Italian restaurant. At La Lanterna, we tuck into some delicious pasta and pizzas, before dropping in at the Irish pub for a nightcap back home in Sunparks Eifel.

ON LAND, WATER AND IN THE AIR

This morning, we are up with the larks as we are off to visit Cochem, a delightful little town near Sunparks Eifel. Strolling around the friendly little streets, lined with beautiful timber-framed dwellings, we pick up some souvenirs for the people at home. A stone's throw from the town centre, we climb into the chair lift to take us up to Klotten, on top of a hill. We are rewarded with breathtaking views overlooking the River Mosel and the vineyards. At the Klotten Wildlife and Leisure Park, the bears and wolves provide a fascinating spectacle, although our teenagers can't wait to try out the long slides, the roller coaster and the bobsleigh run. >>

What not to miss:



1 Discover **QUAINT AND ROMANTIC LOCATIONS**. Cochem and Trier are simply steeped in history. Or how about Monschau or Ulmen? The Germans themselves consider Monreal their most beautiful village.

2 Find yourself enchanted by **VOLCANIC LAKES CREATED MILLIONS OF YEARS AGO**.

The region's numerous volcanic lakes offer plenty of ways to have fun in the water. Paddling, surfing or boating: the choice is yours!

3 **WINE GROWING AND HEALTH RESORT**. The Ahr valley has a microclimate all of its own, making it Europe's most northerly wine-growing area. And the healthy-minded will be happy to learn that the valley is also home to a number of health resorts.

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Archery: one of the village's many activities.

In the end, we lure them away with the promise of boat trip on the River Mosel. From Cochem, we set sail for Bernkastel-Kues: a picturesque wine town, flanked by high hillside vineyards. As we wander past the 16th-century houses, I have trouble dragging my husband away from the wine shops. "A healthy pick-me-up," he winks, as the shop owner hands over a couple of bottles of Bernkastel Doktor; an excellent Mosel wine, which is said to have healing powers. Before the return boat trip, we sit down for a well-earned break among the Renaissance fountains in the friendly market square. Back in Cochem, we gear ourselves up for a steep climb to the Reichsburg – an ancient castle, built around 1000 A.D., which towers over the town. Much to the kids' delight, we all seem to get carried away with the medieval atmosphere. As the day draws to a close, we sit down to partake of a period meal fit for a king, brought to us by serving wenches.

750 KILOMETRES OF TRAILS

"What's the best way to explore all this beautiful natural scenery?" I wondered aloud over breakfast. My boys had the answer: "By mountain bike, of course!" As it turned out, they had already been conferring while I was grabbing a shower. Admittedly, the Vulkan Bike Trailpark is the stuff of dreams, if you enjoy mountain biking. It has a choice of trails, covering no less than 750 kilometres! My husband and eldest son are having doubts. The technical Koulshore course is for 'daredevils only'. With its narrow wooden suspension bridges and spectacular jumps, perhaps it is a bit too much, even for them. Instead, they end up going on a guide-escorted trek. The guide leads them on a 50-kilometre journey that takes them high into the uplands, from which they can take in some of the region's most impressive views. My youngest and I adopt a more leisurely approach and set out on normal bikes. We sit



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Explore the largest Nordic Fitness Park in Europe.

down by the banks of a small volcanic lake, to enjoy an extensive picnic and some sunbathing. This is followed by some shopping in pretty Ulmen, just a few kilometres from Sunparks Eifel. Returning home at the end of a strenuous day out, everyone is feeling ravenous. Time for a barbecue! As my husband fans the flames outside our villa, the rest of us enjoy a refreshing sauna.

BEEN THERE, DAUN THAT

Yesterday's biking adventure has clearly taken its toll, which is why we decide to take it fairly easy on the final day of our holiday. In Daun, we enjoy a leisurely stroll along Leopoldstrasse, with its friendly shops. At the Volcano Museum, we brush up on our knowledge of volcanoes and the origins of the Eifel region. We can't resist a visit to the Schuler Café, where the collection of no less than 408 authentic and antique coffee grinders is enough to stir anyone's curiosity. It turns out that master pastry chef, Kay Schuler, has made quite a name for himself, having recently won an award for his Vulkan torte. Sampling the winning combination of chocolate and cassis mousse, it's easy to understand why. In the meantime, the kids enjoy a 'volcano ice cream'. After that, we could all do with some exercise. >>










A comfortable breakfast in the holiday villa.



A family meal at a Sunparks restaurant.

On the way back, we decide to pull over at Weinfelder Maar, a volcanic lake known to the locals as Death Lake. The village that once stood on its banks was wiped out by the plague. Sinister? Perhaps, but any such thoughts are forgotten the second we take an invigorating dip in the ice-cold water. The only disappointing part of the holiday is the fact that we are headed back home the following day. At least we have a suitcase full of local delicacies to remind us of our stay. We can look forward to reminiscing about our trip for a long time to come, over a nice, cold Bitburger Pils beer or a glass of sparkling Riesling wine. And if the supply runs out, we can always come back for more.

Sunparks Eifel

-  Aquafun + Sauna
-  Indoor and outdoor tennis, badminton, squash, table tennis, mini-golf, bowling
-  Bike & Fun
-  Hotspot
-  Kids World + Outdoor playgrounds
-  Brasserie, buffet restaurant, Italian restaurant, Irish pub, hamburger restaurant, take away
-  Food store



Aquafun for everyone!



Bike & Fun has bikes for all ages and sizes.



Sliding in the kids' pool.

Did you know that?



- The tiny village of Gunderath, home to Sunparks Eifel, only has around 133 inhabitants.
- Neighbouring Höchstberg is exactly 516 metres above sea level.
- The Vulkaneifel Maar has 80 lakes, which the local population call the eyes of the Eifel. Only eight of the 80 lakes are filled with water.
- This region boasts more than 500 natural mineral water sources.

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