

More than 100 years ago, a teacher called Johann Schneider discovered traces of a Roman settlement between Borg and Oberleuken and carried out the first small-scale excavations. Since 1 April 1987, the cultural foundation for the district of Merzig-Wadern in collaboration with the state conservation office, the public employment service and the municipality of Perl, have all been involved in the scientific excavation of a Roman villa in Borg. It has emerged that the site hides the remains of one of the largest Roman villa complexes in the Mosel-Saar region, and in 1994 the decision was taken to reconstruct the entire site in line with the discoveries made during excavation work and current knowledge of Roman villas. Since then, the villa baths, the tavern, the manor with a museum section, the courtyard, the residential building, a workshop area, the gatehouse and the Roman kitchen have all been rebuilt. The ongoing nature of the work means that the appearance of the complex changes almost daily. Excavation work on the site, which covers an area of more than 7.5 hectares, also continues.

## The gatehouse

Visitors enter the site of the Roman Villa Borg through the gatehouse. It stands on the original foundations, and today probably looks much as it did during the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> century AD. The interior has been designed to meet contemporary requirements and accommodates the ticket office, museum shop and administrative offices.

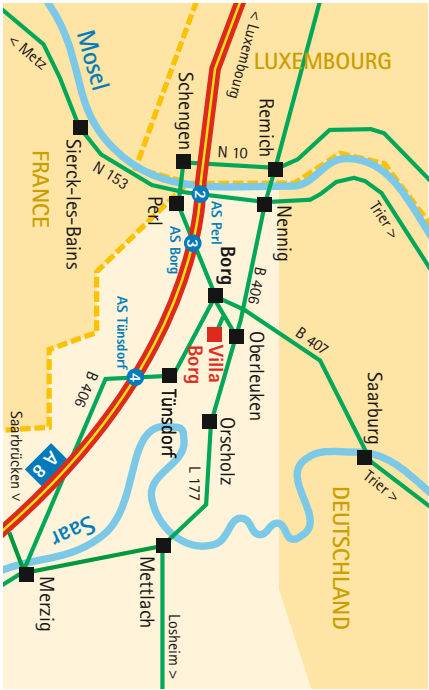


**Guided tours (by appointment only)**  
Groups ..... € 50,00 plus admission price  
Schools ..... € 50,00 plus admission price  
(Special event tours and garden tours available on request.)

**Admission prices**  
Adults ..... € 5,00  
Reduced entry price ..... € 4,00  
School children, students, disabled (please bring your ID with you) ..... € 4,00  
Family (two adults with children up to 14 years) ..... € 10,00  
Children under 6 years ..... Free admission  
Children up to 14 years ..... € 2,00  
Groups of 20 or more, per person ..... € 4,00  
Schools, flat-rate price for up to 30 people ..... € 35,00

**Opening times of the tavern**  
Same opening times as the Roman Villa Borg. Special events (club, office parties, family gatherings) can be held outside official opening hours on request.

**Opening times of the Roman Villa Borg**  
Tuesday to Sunday and public holidays  
April - October 10 to 18 h  
February, March and November: 11 to 16 h  
Mondays and December and January - closed



## Archaeological Park



## From the initial finds to the reconstruction



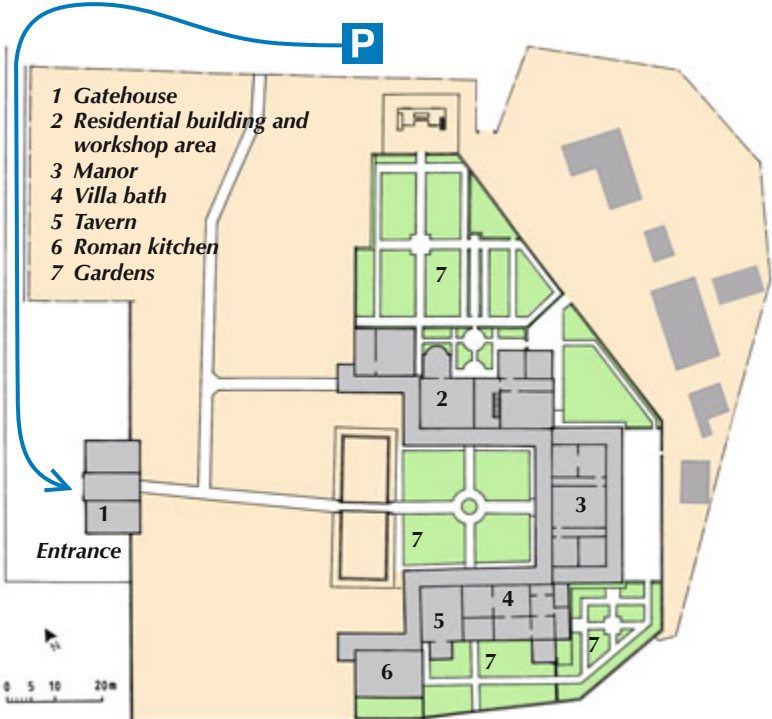
First foundations of the new baths



Mercury with a cock



Filigree gold jewellery



Plan of the site

# The manor



Reception hall in the manor

The manor, the main building in the complex, was and is the structure on which the entire villa complex is focused. Like the Roman Villa Nennig, the reception hall had a large mosaic floor, in this case in black and white. The remains of a coloured mosaic were found in one of the adjacent rooms. The mosaics, marble, and wall compositions of pilasters and cornices all hint at the grandeur of ancient times. The picturesque designs seen in the manor and baths are partly based on original archaeological finds in Borg, and the furniture, doors, windows, hot water boiler in the boiler room, and many of the technical details inside the villa are all exact reproductions of the Roman originals. The rooms of the manor are today used as a museum, in which the most important finds from Borg are displayed. Civil weddings are also held here.

# The tavern – eat like the Romans



Dining room in the tavern

In the tavern of the Roman villa, our chefs prepare Roman specialties based on recipes drawn up by the gourmet Marcus Gavius Apicius. The menu also includes a wide selection of regional dishes. For a small charge you can even dine in a Roman tunic. Both the tavern and the "Great Hall" with its unique atmosphere are ideal for festivities involving up to 120 people. Whether for a family celebration, business trip or conference, the villa represents the perfect setting.



# The Roman kitchen



Reconstructed Roman kitchen

The Roman kitchen and the storeroom have been reconstructed and are in full working order. This means that, under the general heading of „Eating and Drinking in Roman Times“, we are able to organise guided tours and special events, such as making bread or preparing roast sucking pig. A bread oven, a cupola furnace, an open hearth, over which food may be cooked in a cauldron, and a Roman table grill have been replicated. The wheat for making bread is ground by hand. At the end of the meal, the pots and pans used in the cooking are washed up in a stone washbasin.

# The residential building and workshop area



Large hall in the residential building and workshop area

Only the outside appearance of the reconstructed residential building and workshop area is similar to its ancient predecessor. Inside the rooms have all been designed in line with current requirements, and accommodate cultural events, meetings and conferences.

The former residential building and workshop area also houses the media centre, where a multimedia presentation transports visitors back to the ancient world of the Romans.

# The villa baths



The cold bath

Learn all about and be impressed by the ancient Roman baths. The villa baths are the most interesting historical part of the villa. From the entrance area you reach the cold bath with its large pool. Next to it - in line with ancient bathing customs - is the vaulted room containing the hot bath. The other rooms were used for relaxation and conversation. The villa baths were heated using the Roman floor heating system called the hypocaust. The way in which a hypocaust is constructed is explained in one of the corners of the room. The boiler room, which is located to the side and which houses the hot water boiler, can be reached through a separate entrance at the rear of the building. The villa baths with their Roman ambience can be hired for events on request.



The hot bath

# Events/celebrations



Gladiator fight during the Roman Days

The Roman Villa Borg has a year-round programme of events and festivals for young and old alike. From an "Exclusive bathing evening", through "Roman wine tasting with the slave Jatros" to "Cooking like the Romans", there is something that is sure to appeal to everyone. During the "Roman Days" - the annual highlight – visitors are transported back 2000 years to ancient Rome with its merchants, craftsmen, legionnaires and gladiators.

# The gardens

In June 2000 the villa complex was expanded in the wake of the EU project "Gardens without Limits". Six gardens were created on the complex site: the courtyard garden, the herb garden, the rose room, the fruit garden, the vegetable garden and the flower garden. The scent of roses, herbs and flowers and the sight of the box tree-lined courtyard with the pool in the middle all hint at past splendour. At the Roman Villa Borg the ancient garden world of the Romans is brought back to life.



The rose room at the manor

