

Technical Museum of Pforzheim's Jewellery and Watchmaking Industries



The Technical Museum is a place for stimulating encounters with Pforzheim's jewellery and watchmaking industries – in many respects:

In the building of the former Kollmar & Jourdan jewellery manufactory, our visitors can gain insights into the world of Pforzheim's traditional jewellery and watchmaking industries, which once dominated the global market. In addition to showing you the products and the technology involved in their manufacture, we also attach major importance to highlighting the significant role these historical industries played as a work environment for the people concerned, and as a driving force for the city's development, i.e. the cultural context. Individual aspects of our comprehensive subject are explored in detail by special exhibitions.



Retired artisans from the jewellery and watchmaking industries display their goldsmithing or steel-engraving, engine-turning or chain-making skills at workplaces equipped with historical machines. So visitors have an opportunity to witness first-hand the numerous worksteps involved in manufacturing a watch or a resplendent piece of jewellery.

The museum is a place where history comes alive, by judicious and illuminating juxtaposition of these industries' past and present. We spotlight a number of contemporary jewellery and watchmaking companies, as well as a few that have developed other, innovative industries and services from their traditional capabilities.

Admission

€3, reduced price €2, €6 incl. a visit to Pforzheim's Jewellery Museum
Free of charge for holders of a Museum-PASS-Musées

Dialogue

We regard the museum as a place for mutual exchange of information. This means we encourage our visitors to share their knowledge and experience with us, so we can further improve and enhance our exhibitions. You're welcome to send your input to: technischesmuseum@stadt-pforzheim.de

Guided tours

for groups of a maximum of 25 persons by appointment €70 (60 min), €100 (90 min) plus admission fee

Supporters' Association

Museums, too, need friends! You can support the museum in its work by becoming a member of the »Supporters' Association for the Technical Museum of Pforzheim's Jewellery and Watchmaking Industries«. For further information or appointments, please contact us at: technischesmuseum@stadt-pforzheim.de



Pforzheim's icon of industrial architecture

The distinctive building in Bleichstrasse attracts both locals' and visitors' attention with its façade entirely clad in tiles. It was built in the early 20th century for the renowned Kollmar&Jourdan jewellery and chain manufactory. Originally, the building comprised an entire block of houses – which is no wonder, considering the fact that in advertising material dating back to 1910, Kollmar&Jourdan referred to itself as the »world's biggest chain factory«. The edifice was damaged in World War II, but did not lose much of its imposing size and elegant façade. The eponymous company produced jewellery there until 1977. Afterwards, the building became home to shops and offices, to the Technical Museum (in 1983), as well as to other institutions, such as the Pforzheim Gallery – the Municipal Gallery of Regional Art, and a school.



Close by: an architectural gem filled with precious treasures

The city's internationally renowned Jewellery Museum is just a five-minute walk away from the Technical Museum. Architecture and design aficionados can look forward to visiting the famous Reuchlinhaus building, designed by the architect Manfred Lehbruck and inaugurated in 1961. The permanent exhibition comprises about 2,000 original jewellery creations from five millennia.

Opening hours: Tue – Sun and holidays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (except for Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve)

Guided group tours by appointment, phone +49 (0) 7231 / 39-21 26, also combined with a tour of the Technical Museum

Admission €3, reduced price €1.50, €6 incl. a visit to the Technical Museum
www.schmuckmuseum.de

Café at the Jewellery Museum

The Jewellery Museum's café gives visitors an opportunity to enjoy a view of the municipal gardens while relaxing with coffee and cake or during a lunch break.

Groups are recommended to make a reservation, phone +49 (0) 7231 / 280-75 51

Both the Jewellery Museum and the Technical Museum of Pforzheim's Jewellery and Watch-making Industries are institutions of the City of Pforzheim and are thus publicly funded.



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Sun 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Varying opening hours on holidays

