

Because of its excellent state of preservation, the ROEMERVILLA in Bad Neuenahr-Ahrweiler, situated at the bottom of the Silberberg, belongs to the most interesting Roman monuments north of the Alps and does not have to shun any comparison with Mediterranean buildings of Pompeii or the Herculaneum.

The Roemervilla is the manor house (1000 m²) of this ancient estate, with its stonework still standing up to window height. Even the colourful wall plasters with their figural and floral motifs can be found at their original locations.

Because of its extraordinary state of preservation, it is possible for the visitor to relate to the everyday life the inhabitants led during the golden age of the villa.

The Roemervilla had been found during road construction works in 1980 and was excavated by county archaeologists of the Directorate-General “Kulturelles Erbe” in Koblenz until 1991. Research on the mansion and its ‘predecessor’ (house I) is not completed yet and even today there are new finds and insights which update the permanent exhibition. In the 5th century AD the building was covered by a landslide which preserved the mansion over the centuries.

Therefore, visitors can walk right through the ancient rooms and can discover quite a number of details from times past: the bath, the kitchen, the floor heating system and even a tunnel-vault ceiling which was reconstructed with original parts of the villa. However, those are only a few of the museum’s highlights.

Several different phases of settlement can be proved for the Roemervilla: (1) a previous building of the middle of the 1st century AD, of which only the cellar still exists. (2) The manor house itself, which has been built in the second half of the 1st century AD and which was altered into a ‘mansio’ (hostel) towards the end of the 3rd century. (3) Even a smelting plant, which existed in the second half of the 4th century, still remains. (4) After the building was covered by a landslide in the 5th century, the area was used as an Early Christian burial site in the 7th and 8th century.

In the former yard showcases with small finds of the excavation present various aspects of Roman life, such as high-grade dinner sets, jewellery, tools, theatre masks, a graffito and many other antique pieces.

In alternating special exhibitions the Roemervilla presents current topics out of archaeology, arts and history.

Opening hours

Tuesday to Sunday, holidays: 10 am – 5 pm

Last admittance 30 minutes before closing

Remains closed from mid November until end of March

Entrance fees

Adults.....	5,00 €
Concession tickets (according to display).....	2,50 €
Families.....	10,00 €
(2 adults and children under 14 years)	

Guided tours for groups (only after advance reservation)

Max. 20 persons per group

Adults.....	35,00 €
Foreign language tours.....	40,00 €
Costume tours.....	60,00 €

Pupils/Students.....	25,00 €
Foreign language tours.....	30,00 €
Costume tours.....	50,00 €
Entrance fee in addition/person.....	2,50 €

Guided tours for individuals (only in-season)

Entrance fees (see above) plus attendance fee.....	2,00 €
Wednesdays at 3pm, Saturdays at 2pm and Sundays at 11am	

Tour with the 'landlady'

Entrance fees (see above) plus attendance fee.....	4,00 €
Sundays at 2pm	

Traffic connection

You can reach us by train (Deutsche Bahn) via Cologne-Koblenz to Remagen and from there with the Ahrtalbahn to the way station Ahrweiler-Markt. Or via direct connection from Bonn to Ahrweiler-Markt. From the station it is only a 10 minute walk to the museum.

By car: via A61 (Exit Bad Neuenahr-Ahrweiler) and A 573 (Exit Ahrweiler) onto B 276 with the exit Ahrweiler. Please use our visitors' car park which also includes parking spaces for coaches.