SPEYER CITY
SCAVENGER HUNT
Three Tours:
A Altpörtel – B Kaiserdom – C Altstadt
This is how it works ....

On each tour you will be asked questions regarding Speyer’s history, it’s landmarks or curiosities.

You will find the right hints and answers when you walk the tour. Just keep your eyes open and look for signposts, labels and displays.

Large groups can split into smaller ones who run the tours in parallel – either one, two or all three.

Plan with approximately 45 minutes per tour.

For some questions you have to watch out and look very carefully. Those are marked with a little “Sherlock Holmes”.

All teams should agree on a time for the end of the scavenger hunt. Also, pick a meeting point for evaluation of the questions and the “award ceremony”. One of Speyer’s many wine bars or cafes are a perfect spot for this...

Finally, your forms will be checked versus the sheet with the correct answers. Each correct answer is awarded one point. It’s very simple - the team with the most points wins. In case of a draw there is a few more questions on the answer sheet to finally identify the winner.

one more thing… do not google!

Have fun and good luck!
Tour A - Altpörtel

The tour starts on Königsplatz. On Saturdays there is a farmer’s market with a great choice of local food.

Question A1 – On top of the fountain you find a boy holding something in his hand which Speyer is famous for. What is this?

Question for Detectives A2 – If you look closely, you find a mason’s mark on the fountain. Draw it in the box below.

Keep walking down Ludwigstrasse and make a left into Allerheiligenstraße. After 100 meters you find the house in which the Speyer painter Anselm Feuerbach was born.

Proceed through Feuerbach- and Zeppelinstrasse and make a right into the street Am Drachenturm.

Follow Hilgardstraße back to Ludwigstraße and turn into Marienstraße.

At the end of Marienstrasse make a left into Bartholomäus-Weltz-Strasse. From here you can spot the neo-gothic Gedächtniskirche.

Question A3 – You can find Anselm Feuerbach’s initials in his paintings – and also on the house. Draw it in the box below.

Question A4 – You see three towers of the former city wall. Write down their names. Tip: Check the nearby playground.

Question A5 – House # 2 belonged to a famous Speyer merchant. The unique grape-vine that grew in his backyard was named after him. What is the grape’s name? Tip: look for a brass plate.

Question A6 – How tall is the spire of Gedächtniskirche?
Question A7 – The statue of which famous man can be found in the foyer of Gedächtniskirche?

Question A8 – What is the meaning of “Gailer”?

Question for Detectives A9 – What letter can be found on the unicorn’s head?

Question A10 – Inside the passage of the gate you find an iron object in the wall. What is this?

Question for Detectives A11 – The clock on Altpörtel is very unusual. What time is it when the index of the upper face points towards VII and the index of the lower face points towards IIII?

Question A12 – In the tiny Ledergäßchen you find a curiosity. What is it and what is it’s name?

Walk down Gilgenstraße towards city center. Make a right into Große Gailergasse.

Proceed through Große Gailergasse until you see a small place called “Schulplätzl”. You will find a unicorn fountain.

Continue through Roßmarktstraße until you see the ancient city gate “Altpörtel”.

Follow Maximilianstraße towards the cathedral and make a left into Ledergäßchen.
The tour starts in front of the cathedral at the “Domnapf”.

Question for Detectives B1 – How many liters fit into the Domnapf? Tip: You won’t find the answer right at the Domnapf. Look around.

Question B2 – On which occasion does the Domnapf get filled and with what?

Now look at the facade of the cathedral.

Question B3 – On the facade there are four figures with wings. What figures are these and what do they stand for?

Question B4 – How tall is the nave?

Question B5 – On the right side of the facade there is a bronze plate. What does it commemorate?

Now enter the cathedral.

Question for Detectives B6 – The main portal is a huge heavy bronze door with scenes from the bible. Find Jesus Christ. He is surrounded by how many sheep?

In 1146 Bernhard von Clairveaux preached in the Speyer cathedral to convince Emperor Konrad III. to initiate a crusade.

Question for Detectives B7 – According to legend Bernhard made three giant leaps when he entered the cathedral. Still today you can find what he exclaimed with each leap. Write it down.
Tour B - Kaiserdom

Question B8 – Which dynasty of German Emperors is buried in the cathedral of Speyer?

Question B10 – According to the legend the German Emperors were heading to the Rhine to help the Empire which was in great trouble. How many Emperors are calling out for the ferryman?

Question B11 – Name Speyer’s twin cities.

Question B12 – In Kleine Pfaffengasse 20/21 is the entrance to a yard with the remains of the ancient synagogue and an important monument of medieval Jewish culture (the oldest still intact one in middle Europe) What is it?

Take the stairs down to the crypt where the graves of the German Emperors can be found. In the staircase check for an engraving on the right wall. (entrance payment is required).

Walk into the park behind the cathedral towards the Rhine river. You will find a bronze sculpture about an ancient Speyer legend.

Leave the park and head towards the “Historisches Museum”. You pass a monument commemorating Speyer’s twin cities.

At the museum turn into Große Pfaffengasse and continue through Judengasse into Kleine Pfaffengasse towards the cathedral.
The tour starts at the statue of the pilgrim on Maximilianstrasse.

Question C1 – Find a quote from the bible on the statue. Write down book, chapter and verse.

Question C2 – Go to the townhall across the street. It was built from 1712-1726. Who was the builder?

Question for Detectives C3 – Behind the gate of the townhall there is a staircase leading to the “Ratskeller” – a restaurant in the basement. At the entrance there is a cap stone showing the facade of the cathedral. How many windows / gates do you count?

Question for Detectives C4 – In the yard (Kulturhof) behind the townhall you can find a sculpture by Eckart Schembs What is the name of the raven?

Next stop is at the fountain (Georgsbrunnen) in front of the Old Mint building (Alte Münz)

Question C5 – The heads of which animals can be found underneath the huge bronze basin?

Proceed through Salzgasse into Johannesstraße and look for house # 30.

Question C6 – In which year was the Georgsbrunnen built?
Tour C - Altstadt

Question for Detectives C7 – On the portal of house # 30 from 1710 you find a latin phrase. Write it down and translate. (It could be the motto of Speyer's joie de vivre)

Question C8 – What can you see on the capstone of the portal? What used to be behind the portal in ancient times.

Question C9 – To which patrician dynasty did the house belong?

Question C10 – A very famous Saint once lived in the monastery St. Magdalena (entrance house # 32) Who was this?

Question for Detectives C11 – On the portal of the monastery you can find the “truth”. Where?

Question C12 – From here you have a stunning view on the mighty cathedral. How many family homes would fit into it. Make a guess.

From there head towards the Fischmarkt. In St. Georgengasse 2 you see another old portal.

Turn right towards Holzmarkt and go straight into St. Velten Gasse. You will find the remains of a patrician house from the 13th century.

Proceed via St. Margarethen Gasse and Mittelsteg into Hasenpfuhlstrasse – the heart of Speyer's old city.

Walk through Sonnengasse back to the cathedral.