

ML Components GmbH



Welcome to ML Components! We are an international company specialised in sourcing hard-to-find and obsolete electronic components for a wide range of companies around the world. Our office is located in the beautiful city of Mainz, the capital and largest city of the state of Rhineland-Palatinate in Germany.

This document will provide you the information as well about our company as about the city of Mainz (weather, attractions, social life, public transports, accommodation, public healthcare, and so on). If you have any questions, feel free to contact us!

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About the Company

ML Components has a young and multilingual workforce, with over ten languages spoken, such as English, German, French, Spanish, Italian, Russian, Chinese, Dutch, Finnish, Slovak, and Indian.

Our company currently consists of 33 employees and is divided into 3 different departments: HR, Sales, and IT. The office is situated in the city centre, with shops and restaurants close by. It currently has space for up to a maximum of 63 employees.

In our company we enjoy a positive atmosphere and open-minded culture. We are big fans of Beer Friday! Every Friday our fridge is packed with beer and all types of beverages. We finish work at 3 PM on that day and have a drink all together. This is the best way to relax and enjoy the start of the weekend with fun and enthusiasm!

At ML Components we believe that a happy workforce is a productive workforce, and we provide rewards and incentives to increase the performance, the efficiency, and the job satisfaction of our employees. After every reached target, we organize fun activities for the entire team, like go-karting, bowling, golf, or nights out.

Working hours:

8.00 – 17.00 from Monday to Thursday

8.00 – 16.00 on Friday

2 days off per month

Break Times:

12.00 – 13.00 Lunchtime

15 minutes break at 10.00 and at 15.00



About Mainz

Mainz is the capital and largest city of the state of Rhineland-Palatinate in Germany. It is located on the west bank of the river Rhine, opposite the confluence of the Main with the Rhine. Mainz has a population of approximately 200.000, including about 40.000 students in the Mainz University.



Weather

The climate in Mainz is mild and generally warm and temperate. There is a great deal of rainfall, even in the driest month. The average annual temperature is 9.8 °C. About 553 mm of precipitation falls annually.

Attractions

Mainz is one of the oldest cities in Europe and it is full of museums and monuments to visit. The most famous museum is the Gutenberg Museum, dedicated to the world of printing. Other interesting museums are the Roman-Germanic Central Museum, the Museum of Ancient Navigation, and the Mainz State Museum, whose roots trace back to 1803 when Napoleon donated a large personal art collection to the city. In the centre of the city one can find Mainzer Dom, the spectacular six-towered catholic Cathedral of St. Martin and St. Stephen. In Rheingoldstrasse are two old towers that once formed part of the town's fortifications. The oldest of these, the Eisenturm (Iron Tower), was built in 1240 and took its name from the former Iron Market held nearby. Finally, another beautiful attraction is the Mainz Botanic Garden, part of the University of Mainz, which includes 8.500 species of plants.

Social Life

Mainz is a lively young city with a great social life, and there are plenty of communities, bars, and clubs. The Irish pubs are really popular and host live music many times per week. There is also a variety of nightclubs, including rock, hip-hop, and culture clubs.

The German people love festivals, and, especially during the summer, Mainz hosts a lot of festivals and events. On the occasion of the Johannismacht (Johannes night) in June, for example, the city celebrates the inventor Johannes Gutenberg. In the last weekend of August and the first weekend of September, the famous Mainz Wine Market takes place in the city park and attracts visitors from all over the world. The biggest celebration in the city is the Mainz Carnival, during which about one million people flood the streets in party costumes. During the Christmas season, in front of the 1000-year-old St. Martin's Cathedral, the Mainz Christmas market shines with over one hundred festively decorated stalls.

Public Transports

Being a small city, Mainz has only a limited tram and train system that is supplemented heavily by a large number of buses. The central hub for all this activity is the main train station. From here there are trams that run north to south. There are also a few S-Bahn trains running to destinations like Wiesbaden. For ticketing and travel information check out www.rmv.de.

The nearest major airport is Frankfurt am Main International Airport. It has international and domestic flights from Frankfurt and is 19.5 km from the center of Mainz. From there, the local train S8 towards Wiesbaden stops at Mainz Hauptbahnhof ("Main Station"). The train runs at least every 30 minutes daily and takes around 30 minutes to get to Mainz. The tickets cost 4.50€.

Mainz is also close to Frankfurt-Hahn Airport. Buses from here take about an hour and the ticket costs 13.50€.

Accommodation

It is not so easy to find an apartment in Mainz, so for this reason it is important to look for it in advance. For a comfortable room you can expect to pay a monthly rent of around 250€ to 400€. It is recommended to use Facebook groups or popular websites such as:

- www.wg-gesucht.de
- www.immobilienscout24.de
- www.zwischenmiete.de
- www.studenten-wg.de
- www.mitwohnzentrale.de

Note that most of the apartments in Germany are rented without furniture and that it is quite normal for the landlord to require a deposit equal to 2 months' rent. Rent itself is generally split into two amounts (rental fee and living costs). You will pay these two amounts together to the landlord as a fixed fee, and at the end of your stay you might be reimbursed some money if you haven't used too much heating, water, and hot water.

Please be aware of possible scams. Even though it's not very likely, it can still happen. There have been cases of people who wanted to book an accommodation and got scammed. So please be careful in situations that might be suspicious, such as transferring money to a landlord before meeting them, especially if they're not in Germany and claim that they will send you the key by post, or another similar situation.

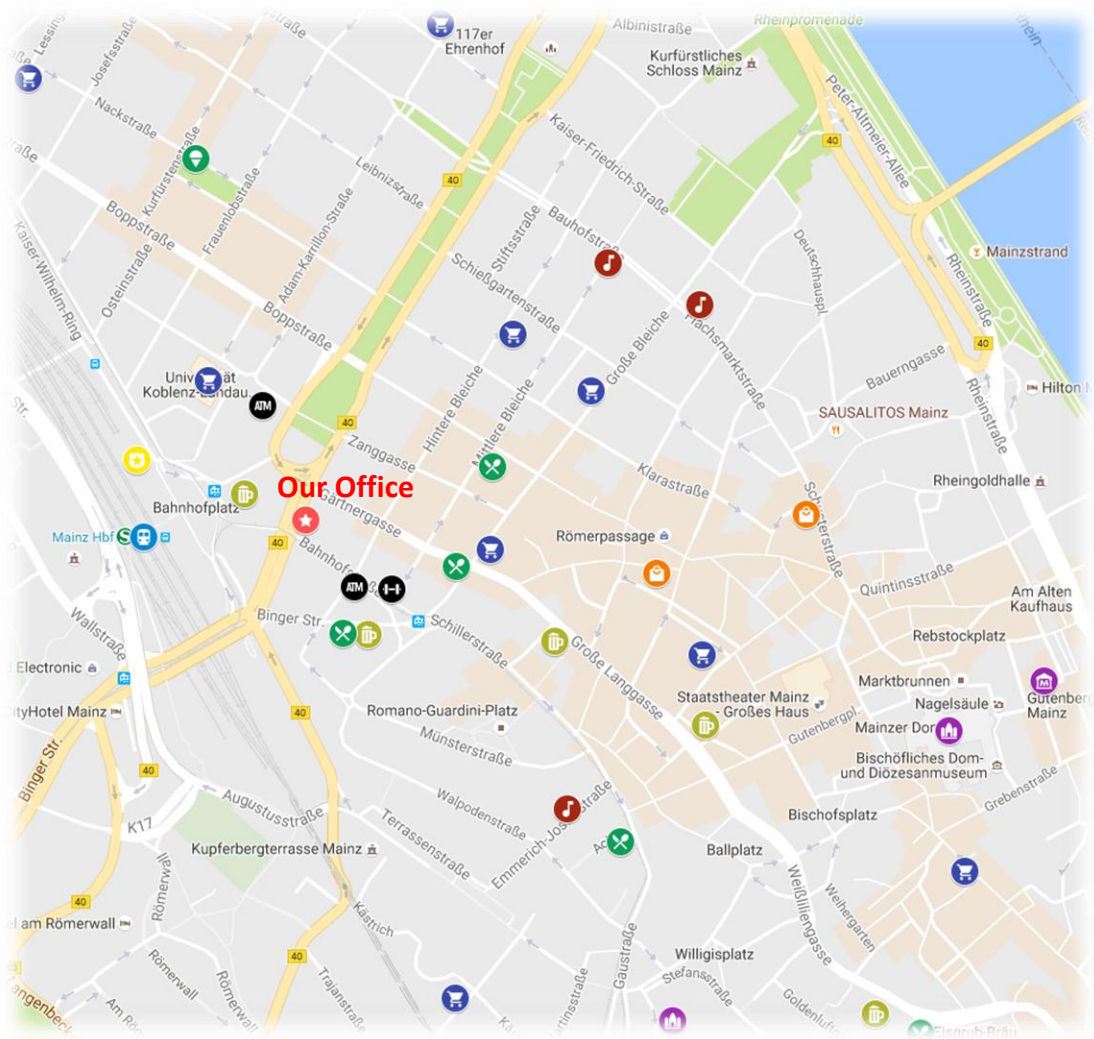
Public Healthcare

Healthcare in Mainz is excellent. There is a good number of hospitals, both public and private, and also several local health centres and clinics across different localities.

Family doctors are usually available at private clinics. There is a wealth of family doctors close to the company which are usually available from 8.00 to 16.00 from Monday to Thursday and from 8.00 to 12.00 on Fridays. On weekends family doctors are usually not available. In this case, hospitals and clinics have an emergency service. The amount of money they charge depends on the consultation.

Pharmacies are found just around the corner, and they are open between 8.00 to 20.00 from Monday to Saturday.

Emergency number: 112



Useful Tips

- All residents in Germany must register with the City Office while they are living there. This is a typical and easy process. Required documents include identification and residential contract or similar.
- Remember that cash is king! A lot of the smaller shops in Mainz don't accept credit cards at all.
- When you drive a car, make sure to always stop at the zebra crossing as people will cross the road here and expect to have way. Traffic rules are very important in Germany.
- Downloading illicitly off the Internet is punishable by law and subject to huge fines.
- Don't be late for appointments and work. Germans are extremely punctual; showing up late to these appointments can offend people.
- Be careful when talking about German history. Using a Nazi salute or showing swastikas can lead up to 5 years' imprisonment.
- The major mobile phone network operators available in Mainz are Vodafone, O2, Telekom, and Congstar.
- Try to learn a few words of German. Generally, people love it when you try to speak German.