Location
The Steigmann Institute is located in the popular vacation town of Neckargemünd along the Neckar River. The town has more than a thousand years of history and many of the seventeenth-century buildings have retained their original charm. There is a lively cultural scene with a wide range of activities, and its proximity to Germany’s famous university town of Heidelberg is a great attraction.

www.lonelyplanet.com/germany/baden-wurttemberg/heidelberg

How to get there
Heidelberg is located one hour south of Frankfurt am Main. You can book a train ticket to Heidelberg on the national railway website: www.bahn.de. Alternatively, you could take a Lufthansa airport shuttle from Frankfurt Airport to Heidelberg. The bus route terminates at the Crowne Plaza Heidelberg City Centre hotel. Buses run every hour between 7:00 a.m. and 10:30 p.m. The meeting point for the shuttle is at Terminal I, “THE SQUAIRE WEST”; next to the Deutsche Bahn long-distance trains (exit next to the REWE supermarket). Seats are guaranteed if they are reserved three days prior to your arrival. The exact bus schedule and information on reservation procedures are available at www.transcontinental-group.com.

What to see and do
The ruins of the once-grand Heidelberg Castle rise up on a rocky hilltop over the city. The castle holds the largest wine barrel in the world, standing seven meters high and eight and a half meters wide, and holding 220,000 liters of wine. In the castle grounds is the Deutsches Apotheken-Museum, which recounts the history of Western pharmacology. Heidelberg Old Town is filled with architectural gems. Visit the town hall, the Old University and historic buildings like the 1592 Renaissance townhouse called “Knight St. George,” and enjoy the open-air cafés dotted along the market squares. The Old Town is also home to a third of all the shops in Heidelberg.

Untere Straße, a narrow cobbledstone street that runs parallel to the river and the main pedestrian street in the Old Town, is filled with great bars, coffee shops and inexpensive eateries.

The Gothic Heiliggeistkirche, Heidelberg’s famous church, was at one time used by both Catholics and Protestants. The top of its spire offers a bird’s-eye view of the town.

According to tradition, Heidelberg’s philosophers and university professors would walk and talk along the Philosophers’ Way, which runs along the side of the Heiligenberg. It passes through the forest and commands panoramic views of the castle.

The university library, built in Wilhelminian style, holds superb collections, including rare books and prints in its exhibition room.

A boat trip down the Neckar offers a different view of the townscape. www.weisse-flotte-heidelberg.de
Europäische Hof Heidelberg, overlooking the city gardens, is a luxury hotel dating back to 1865 in the heart of Heidelberg’s historic centre.
www.europaescherhof.com | TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence | 5-star

Heidelberg Marriott Hotel looks out over the beautiful Neckar River and is close to the university and a short distance from the Old Town.
www.marriott.com

Leonardo Hotel Heidelberg City Center, set along a cobblestone square, is a relaxed hotel with a modern façade and a 15-minute walk from the Heidelberg train station.
www.leonardo-hotels.com/leonardo-hotel-heidelberg-city-center | 4-star

Hotel NH Heidelberg is a 12-minute walk from Heidelberg train station, two kilometers from the Church of the Holy Spirit and less than three kilometers from Heidelberg Castle.
www.nh-hotels.com/hotel/nh-heidelberg | TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence | 4-star

Where to eat
Weisser Bock offers regional specialties with a twist.
www.weisserbock.de

Heidelberger Kulturbrauerei offers home-brewed beer and regional specialties in an Old Town hotel.
www.heidelberger-kulturbrauerei.de

zum Roten Ochsen, built in 1703, has been owned by the Spengel family for more than 170 years. Enjoy good German-style food in this historical building, with music from the piano man.
www.roterochsen.de

Weisses Rössel Cavallino Bianco is a small Italian restaurant located in the center of Heidelberg.
www.weissesroessel.de

For more information visit:
www.tourism-heidelberg.com

Where to stay
Both in the heart of the city and within walking distance of the Old Town, Heidelberg University and Heidelberg Castle are the following:
Crowne Plaza Heidelberg City Centre is a hotel providing centrally located stylish accommodation.
www.crowneplaza.com | TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence | 4-star

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