

Karden on the Moselle

Karden - a little village, which looks back on a history of more than 2000 years, today belongs to the municipality of Treis-Karden.

The “Treverer”, the Romans and Franconia’s, settled successively in the Mosel-Valley and on the highlands of the “Eifel” and “Hunsrück”. As early as in 350 A.D. “Castor”, a priest from Aquitania in the south of France, founded the first Christian parish in the Roman town, which was called VICUS CARDENIA at that time.



During the Middle-Ages and up to the secularization in 1802 the Provost of the “Kollegiatsstift St. Castor” administered one fifth of the old archbishopric of “Trier”. Today the panorama of the village is still dominated by the former “Kollegiatsstift”, today the parish **church of St. Castor** with its massive towers. Those who are interested in art history can find all kinds of architectural forms, colours and ornaments of the “Romanesque” style in the eastern part of the church, all of which, including choir and apse, towers and transept, was built in 1183.



The nave, with its two aisles, was completed around 1300 in early Gothic style. In 1699 an architect named Sebastiani raised the western tower by two stories and put a Baroque “steeple” on the top of it called “Helm mit Laterne” since it reminds one of a helmet plus a lantern.



Examples of the rich interior decoration of the church are the late-gothic shrine, made in 1420 from local ceramic material and the Baroque organ built by Johann Michael Stumm in 1728. Unfortunately only the southern wing of the original Gothic cloister has remained. On its upper floor there is a museum today that shows a wide range of local archaeological discoveries.

Apart from the church there are many other remarkable buildings in Karden.



The “**Korbisch**” an almost 800 year’s old residence of the Provost is impressive with its splendid window decorations.

Owing to a number of favourable factors, two fresco paintings from the late 15th century were found in the former college of the convent-today’s “**Haus Dohmen**”.

Furthermore, the “**Burghaus**” the former residence of the village mayor from 1562 and the Gothic



“**Georgskapelle**” from the 14th century are place of interest along the riverside.