

Königstein im Taunus -- Singing Opera At The Castle Ruins

Königstein im Taunus is a spa town in the [Taunus Mountains](#) that dates back almost 800 years. Once a summer retreat for Germany's rich and famous, it's conveniently located near the city of Frankfurt as well as another spa town, [Bad Soden](#).

Now just about everyone can enjoy the curative properties found in this spa town; and while most of what can be found here in Königstein is spa related, there are still some great sites to explore.

The City Museum in the Old Town (*Altstadt*) is a perfect place to start your trip. There's a special exhibition at the museum explaining Königstein's history through the last 150 years.

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Then continue on your tour to the castle ruins of Schloss Falkenstein (from the 13th century). And Schloss Luxemburg, not technically a castle, is a gorgeous 19th century mansion and now a courthouse. The famous von Rothschilds were frequent visitors here and build the Mansion Rothschild. Wilhelm Carl von Rothschild probably never thought his 19th century summer manor house would someday be a hotel for everyone to live like the "rich and famous."

The city holds many exciting events throughout the year, including the annual folk festival called *Burgfest*. There's also the popular *Theater auf der Burg*, holding opera and film events outside at the castle ruins.

Since Königstein im Taunus is a "bath" resort there are plenty of nice Bed & Breakfasts and gorgeous hotels for everyone's pocketbook, and a variety of restaurants throughout town to excite everyone's palates, too.

But, what really draws people to Königstein are the extensive spa and wellness centers. There are smoking cessation programs, whirlpools, and swimming pools that overlook the countryside all designed to promote a healthy well being for body and soul.

Königstein even has an abundance of nature trails — for everyone from beginners to the more advanced aficionados.