

## Wiesbaden -- Thermal Springs And Spas

Wiesbaden, capital of the state of [Hesse \(German: Hessen\)](#), is positioned in [Central Germany](#). It is situated at the [Rhine river](#), opposite the city [Mainz](#), which is on the other side of the river. It is only a short distance from [Frankfurt am Main](#) and has about 275,000 inhabitants.

In this city, you'll find approximately 12,000 U.S. citizens which are mostly associated with the U.S. Army.

Wiesbaden was founded by Romans **about 2,000 years ago** and was called *Aquae Mattiacorum* because of the local German tribe of this area.

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Historically, it is famous since Roman times, and even now people love to come here to cure their health and take advantage of the many spas and hot springs of the city.

At the moment, it is a bruised city with a mundane history but still busy and a lovely place for a relaxing vacation. Apart from all these sites, Wiesbaden is well-known for its thermal springs and spas. Even Romans loved it.

Just think about this... In the year 1900, approx. 86,100 people lived here while having 126,000 visitors.

Like other beautiful [German cities](#), Wiesbaden boasts of its locale and sites. You will see the *Kochbrunnen*, which will certainly give you a beautiful view over the city.

You might take a glimpse of 1,000 year old oak trees which are located up there and give the

whole area a mystic feeling.

The city, being the gateway to the [Rheingau](#), will force you to take a trip to [Eltille](#) or just cross the Rhine river and visit the old city of Mainz. Surely, along with this region, you'll get to see and feel a lot of history.

Another fantastic spot is the *Fasanerie*, which is a local park containing a splendid collection of European animals. It is the only area where wolves and bears are living together in the same area.

The Nero Valley, the *Kurhaus* and adjacent parks are in fact the extremely spirit of Wiesbaden. If you take a trip in fall, then you might feel surprised to spot colorful parrots in the trees of the *Kurpark*. Those birds are in reality, inhabitant to the city itself since their ancestors escaped from cages and now they breed and survive.

Another grand site is Biebrich palace square which is situated in the center of the city. You will come across with two wonderful buildings on this square: the ducal palace and the new town hall. In 1840, this palace was built by Duke Wilhelm of Nassau.

Today, the building serves as parliamentary building for the federal state of [Hesse](#).