



KRONBERG IM TAUNUS

WELCOME!





Oberhöchstadt, on Dalles

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Welcome to Kronberg im Taunus

Kronberg has preserved its historical character in many places over the centuries. The castle as the origin of the settlement and the picturesque alleys lined with medieval-type half-timbered houses set the tone for the core city of Kronberg. Grand villas and summer residences dating from the time of the penultimate turn of the century and surrounded by park-like gardens dominate in particular the district of Schönberg, whereas Oberhöchstadt located around the center Dalles, with its modern buildings scores with its distinguished shopping centre. Discover Kronberg's attractions and points of interest.

- 1 Castle chapel
- 2 Courtyard
- 3 Prince's garden
- 4 Yew trees grove
- 5 Ascent (to the castle) through the main gate

CASTLE



The landmark of the town of Kronberg im Taunus is the castle **01**, the oldest parts of which were built around 1180. The so-called middle castle was built along with the construction of the „Big House“ around 1320, the North wing

was completed around 1500. In 1330, the Emperor granted the Lords of Kronberg town ordinances and privileges to build a settlement near the castle and allowed them to enclose it.



Middle castle, castle keep and Prince's tower at sunset

- 1 Tanzhausstraße
- 2 „Drei Ritter“ house („Three Knights“) 06
- 3 Pferdstraße

and HISTORIC TOWN

- 4 Johanniskirche Church 07
- 5 Mauerstraße
- 6 Inn „Zum Adler“ 12



Remnants of the town walls 02 are still visible today, as is one of the gates, the „Eichentor“ 03 on Eichenstrasse. House number 6 is the site of what has been verified to be the oldest half-timbered house of Kronberg. Other buildings of the Lords of Kronberg who ruled the town until 1704, are the former mansions Hellhof 04, Doppesstrasse 5 05,

the „Drei Ritter“ house („Three Knights“)(around 1600) 06 and the „Hospital“ (1609) on Talstrasse 5 where the penniless were taken care of 14. Johanniskirche church 07, built from 1440 on under Frank „the Rich“, is located in the historic town centre. The altar of Maria dating from the 15th century is considered the most significant piece of art of

the church, the tombs of the Lords of Kronberg and the painted wooden barrel vault are equally impressive. Located in the immediate vicinity of the Protestant church is „Streitkirche“ Church 09. It was built under the territorial lordship of the Electors of Mainz in the 18th century as a Catholic church, although it was never consecrated as such.

The former official building „Receptur“ 11, whose yard opens behind an archway from the 16th century, also dates back to the times of the Electoral Mainz. The inn „Zum Adler“ 12 was reconstructed in the same style after the major fires in 1780.



CULTURE in Kronberg

- 1 Cello Festival
- 2 Kronberg Lantern Alley
- 3 Scenic guided tour



The city is proud of its rich cultural heritage including one of the first German Artists' Colonies which was founded by Frankfurt painters around 1850 – initially meeting at the inn „Zum Adler“. Cultural life is characterised by its diversity, catering to virtually all tastes. From scenic guided tours along the Kronberg Lantern Alley to the international street theatre festival „Da Capo!“ and on to the outstanding series of events presented by the Kronberg Academy with a focus on the cello and other string instruments.



Street theatre festival



Schlosshotel (Castle Hotel) Kronberg, park view

FRIEDRICHSHOF CASTLE



Victoria Empress Friedrich, dowager of the German Emperor Friedrich III, had Friedrichshof Castle ²¹ built in Kronberg as her dowager's domicile and lived there until her death in 1901. Kronberg im Taunus owes much to her artistic and social interests. She saved the castle from ruin, renovated Johanniskirche Church, established the Town Library and social institutions. Friedrichshof is today run as the „Schlosshotel (Castle Hotel) Kronberg“. Part of the former palace gardens including an Italian-style rose garden and romantic grotto are open to the public.

MUSEUMSⁱⁿ Kronberg

The „Museum Kronberger Malerkolonie“ (Kronberg Artists' Colony Museum) displays works of painters of the Artists' Colony. The permanent exhibition is supplemented with special exhibitions displaying also contemporary art of supra-regional interest.

Even today the introduction of straightforward design and a structured user guidance by the Braun company continues to be a benchmark for excellence in industrial design.

At the company's location in Kronberg the „BraunCollection“ presents the development of its pioneering design of household appliances and equipment.



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4	Fritz Best Museum	28

The castle is home to two historic museums displaying the history of the castle and the town. The exhibition illustrates the development from the little town in the countryside to the Frankfurt garden suburb as well as the use of the castle during various eras. Among the major attractions are a replica of a knight's armour and the castle kitchen.

The former house of the Kronberg artist Fritz Best (1894–1980) today accommodates a museum named after him, displaying his sculptures and paintings. He crafted the sculpture „Feierabend“ (Knocking-OffTime) which can be found on the Schirn fountain.

MARKETS & FESTIVALS

- 1 Kronberg flea market (July)
- 2 Kronberg apple market (October)
- 3 Thäler Kerb (July)
- 4 Art+Wine market (August)
- 5 Autumn fruits festival (October)



In Kronberg im Taunus, social events are of particular importance, and markets and festivals offer special opportunities to take part: the art and wine market, the Kronberg apple market, the large autumn market „Kronberg[er]leben“, the flea markets, the „Dallesfest“ and the traditional Christ-

mas markets in the town's districts are popular meeting places and enjoyed by Kronberg citizens and visitors. The „Thäler Kerb“, the long-established street party in the historic town, is an opportunity not only for former Kronberg citizens all over the world to travel to Kronberg.



Christmas market (December)

HOSPITALITY



Ever since the first excursionists discovered the Taunus more than one hundred years ago, Kronberg has perfected the art of entertaining and accommodating guests. Services range from the quaint apple wine garden to top class cuisine, from scout centre to the Schlosshotel (Castle Hotel) Kronberg.





Victoria Park in autumn

At the heart of

NATURE

1	Historic monument of Emperor Friedrich in the Victoria Park	20
2	Kronthal springs	25
3	Waldschwimmbad (public swimming pool)	22



It is not only along the paths through the Taunus woods that you can enjoy a breath of fresh air. In the town centre you can find Victoria Park, once designed as an English landscape garden to surround the historic monument of Emperor Friedrich III. The renaturalised Quellenpark Kronthal is a reminder of the period when Kronberg was a thriving local health spa. The springs and a Kneipp water basin still exist today. The park is part of the regional park route „From the Nidda to the Opel Zoo“. Sunbathing and cooling down on hot days is a delightful option in the Waldschwimmbad (public swimming pool) with its attractive pools, a vast lawn area for sunbathing – and a view all the way to the Rhine-Main plain.

and as experimental

LEARNING PLACE

- 1 Pastor Christ meadow orchard 27
- 2 Flowering apple trees



The experimental learning meadow orchard and the meadow orchard 26 designed as „monument surrounded by nature“ are in remembrance of the achievements of the Kronberg Pastor and pomologist Johann Ludwig Christ. They provide a wealth of information on traditional fruit-growing and its ecosystem in Kronberg. The Georg von Opel open-air enclosure for animal research – Opel Zoo 23 houses 1500 animals and zoo spe-

cies, among them the only elephants in Hesse which are accommodated in the new elephant facility opened in 2013. Giraffes, gnus, zebras and impala antelopes live together in the Africa Savannah enclosure. With its nature trails, a petting zoo, and a large playground, the Kronberg Opel Zoo attracts more than 600.000 visitors every year and is one of the most frequented leisure and cultural centres in Hesse.





HOW TO FIND YOUR WAY THROUGH KRONBERG

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|--|--|--|
| 01 Kronberg Castle with
Museum Burg Kronberg (Castle Museum)
Museum Stadtgeschichte
(Museum of Town History) | 11 Receptur | 24 Chestnut groves |
| 02 Town wall | 12 Inn „Zum Adler“ | 25 Kronthal springs |
| 03 Eichentor Gate | 13 Cinema Kronberger Lichtspiele | 26 Experimental learning meadow orchard |
| 04 Hellhof | 14 „Spital“ (“Hospital”) | 27 Pastor Christ meadow orchard |
| 05 Doppesstraße 5 | 15 Town Hall (Villa Bonn) | 28 Fritz Best Museum |
| 06 „Drei Ritter“ House (“Three Knights”) | 16 St. Peter und Paul Church | 29 St. Alban Church |
| 07 Johanniskirche Church | 17 School garden | 30 St. Vitus Church |
| 08 Schirn | 18 Berliner Platz with Civic centre | 31 Dalles, Oberhöchstadt |
| 09 Streitkirche | 19 Commuter train station Kronberg im Taunus | 32 BraunCollection |
| 10 Museum Kronberger Malerkolonie
(Kronberg Artists' Colony Museum) | 20 Victoria Park | i Tourist Information
(Bürgerbüro – local town services) |
| | 21 Schlosshotel (Castle Hotel) Kronberg
(Friedrichshof Castle) | i Information panel |
| | 22 Waldschwimmbad (public swimming pool) | WC Public toilets |
| | 23 Opel-Zoo | |

AND A COUPLE OF FIXED DATES YOU SHOULD NOT MISS*

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| MARCH / APRIL | Opening Easter exhibition at the castle and „Kronberg spring“ ** | Kronberg Castle, town centre |
| APRIL | Ceramics market in Oberhöchstadt | Dalles, Oberhöchstadt |
| MAY | DaCapo! International street theatre festival | Historic town and Berliner Platz |
| JUNE | Strawberry festival ** | Historic town |
| JULY | Thäler Kerb | Steinstraße, historic town |
| | Kronberg flea market | Historic town and Berliner Platz |
| AUGUST | Art and Wine market ** | Historic town |
| SEPTEMBER | kronberg er leben – Autumn market 2.0 | Historic town, Kronberg castle, Berliner Platz |
| | Flea market in Oberhöchstadt | Dalles, Oberhöchstadt |
| OCTOBER | Kronberg apple market | Historic town |
| | Autumn fruits festival ** | Historic town and Kronberg castle |
| | Kronberg culture night | Cultural institutions and civic centre |
| NOVEMBER | Martinmas market | Haus Altkönig, Oberhöchstadt |
| DECEMBER | Kronberg christmas market | Historic town and Kronberg castle |
| | Oberhöchstadt christmas market | Dalles, Oberhöchstadt |





Victoria Park with Schiller Pond and Castle



Town Hall / Villa Bonn



Historic Town

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