VISITOR INFORMATION

HOURS	01/01 – END OF NOV.	END OF NOV. – END OF DEC.
ALT-EBERSTEIN CASTLE	Open to the public during daylight hours	Open to the public during daylight hours
ALT-EBERSTEIN RESTAURANT	*Closed January to Easter* Thu and Fri 2:00 PM – at least 8:00 PM; Sat, Sun and holidays 12:00 PM – at least 8:00 PM; Closed Mon – Wed	Thu – Sat 5:00 PM – at least 9:00 PM; Sun and holidays 12:00 PM – at least 9:00 PM; Closed Mon – Wed
	For more information on current Alt-Eberstein restaurant hours, please visit www.alt-eberstein.com; *Reservations can be made for large groups by request even on days when the restaurant is typically closed*	

ADMISSION	01/01 – 12/31
ALT-EBERSTEIN CASTLE	Free admission

Visit our website for more information on disability access, discounts, special tours and other important details regarding your visit.

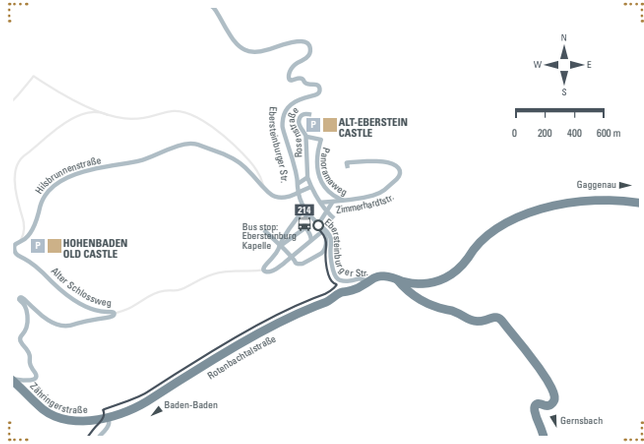
CONTACT

ALT-EBERSTEIN CASTLE
Rosenstrasse 50
76530 Baden-Baden
info@burg-alteberstein.de
www.burg-alteberstein.de/en

ALT-EBERSTEIN RESTAURANT
In Alt-Eberstein Castle
Phone +49(0)72 21.2 88 99
info@alt-eberstein.com
www.alt-eberstein.com

Version: 09/2020; All information subject to change!

HOW TO FIND US



GETTING THERE

From Baden-Baden follow signs toward Ebersteinburg, a small semi-circular road leads up to the castle. The castle access road is very narrow.
Parking available in the Outer Bailey. Hohenbaden and Alt-Eberstein ruins are connected by a footpath as well as a road.

INFORMATION ABOUT ALL OF OUR MONUMENTS

Staatliche Schlösser und Gärten Baden-Württemberg
Schlossraum 22a · 76646 Bruchsal · Germany

Phone +49(0)72 51.74 - 27 70
Daily 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM
(information only, no reservations/ticket sales)
info@ssg.bwl.de

Baden-Württemberg

STAATLICHE SCHLÖSSER UND GÄRTEN

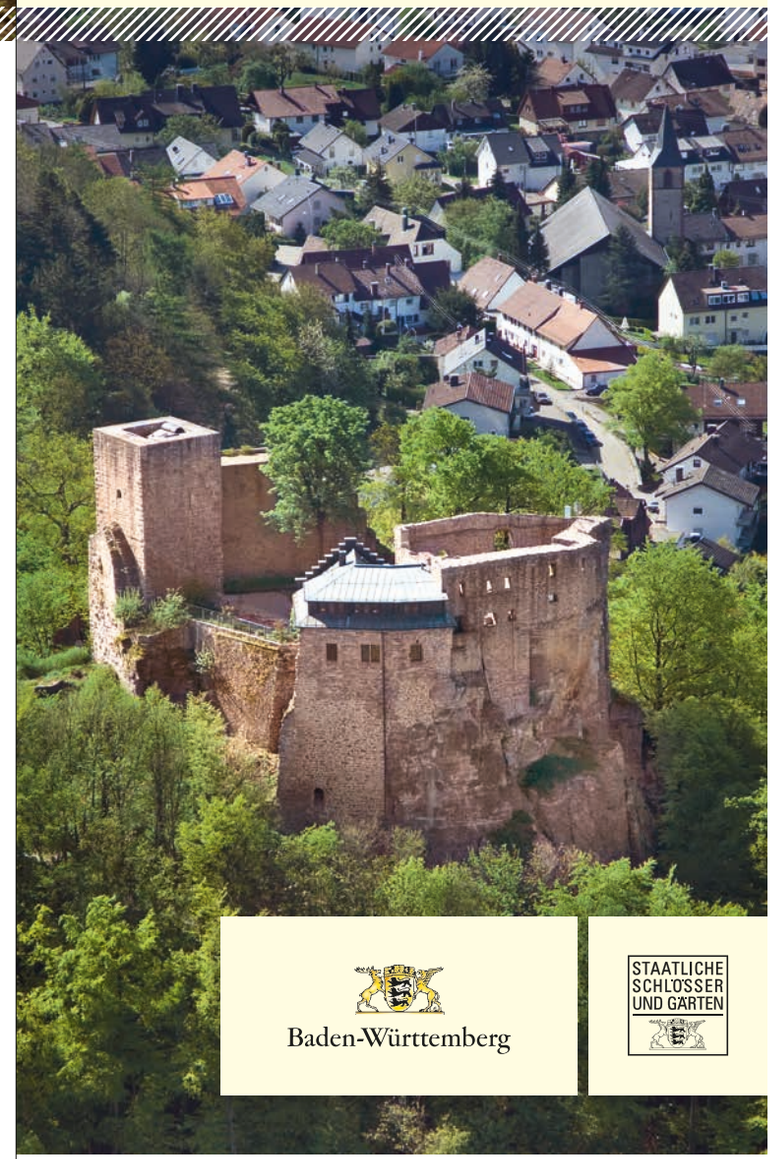
www.schloesser-und-gaerten.de/en

IMAGE CREDIT SSG/LMZ: cover photo Achim Mende; 1, 2, 4, 5 Günther Bayerl; 3 Nils Schubert // Design concept: www.jungkommunikation.de

SSG_OBF13_107_Baden_Baden_RAE_GB_01_21-22

A PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE BLACK FOREST

ALT-EBERSTEIN CASTLE



Baden-Württemberg

STAATLICHE SCHLÖSSER UND GÄRTEN

Alt-Eberstein is a wild, romantic castle ruin. Old walls covered with moss and plants seem to shoot straight out of the rock, while the castle keep offers visitors a spectacular view.

489 meters above sea level, Alt-Eberstein Castle *(Burg Alt-Eberstein)* is perched on a mountain peak high above Baden-Baden. The 18-meter-high castle keep is visible from miles away. Moss, vines and undergrowth lend the ruins a *picturesque appearance.*

A TRULY ROMANTIC CASTLE

The castle ruin is situated on a strategically located mountain peak on the edge of a steep cliff, which offers it natural protection. The side that is open to attack is guarded by a shield wall that was built in 1100, and comprises the oldest part of the fortress. The most important residential building was the palace located to the north of the square castle courtyard, which is no longer accessible today. Originally, the fortress also included an outer bailey with farm buildings, located on the site that is now the parking lot.

1

2

A TURBULENT HISTORY

The first historical mention of the castle is in 1197 as Castrum Eberstein. It was originally the property of the wealthy Counts of Eberstein, but was passed on to the Margraves of Baden in the 13th century as a dowry and by means of sale. The margraves expanded the castle and used it, in part, as a residence. Castle Alt-Eberstein was also used as a prison in 1434. Jacob I of Baden imprisoned his sister, Agnes I, in the castle, where she went blind and died in 1473. The reason for the imprisonment was a dispute between the successors to Gerhard VII, Count of Holstein-Rendsburg, known in German as the *Zwillingssturz von Gottorf.*

A FORTRESS WITH A FANTASTIC VIEW

Over the centuries, the castle lost its significance and remained uninhabited. Measures to conserve the castle and make it safe to visit were first introduced in the 19th century as the German Romantics began to take interest in castle ruins. The castle keep, which is perched atop the shield wall, offers visitors a *spectacular view of the entire fortress,* the Black Forest, and the Rhine Valley all the way to the Vosges. The cliff, which is protected as a historic landmark, and the magnificent surroundings are the perfect place for a hike through the countryside after a visit to the castle.

Top: The wild, romantic castle keep emerges from the surrounding vegetation

Left: The fortress offers visitors fantastic views all the way to the Black Forest

Right: Alt-Eberstein Castle is the perfect place for young and old to explore

3