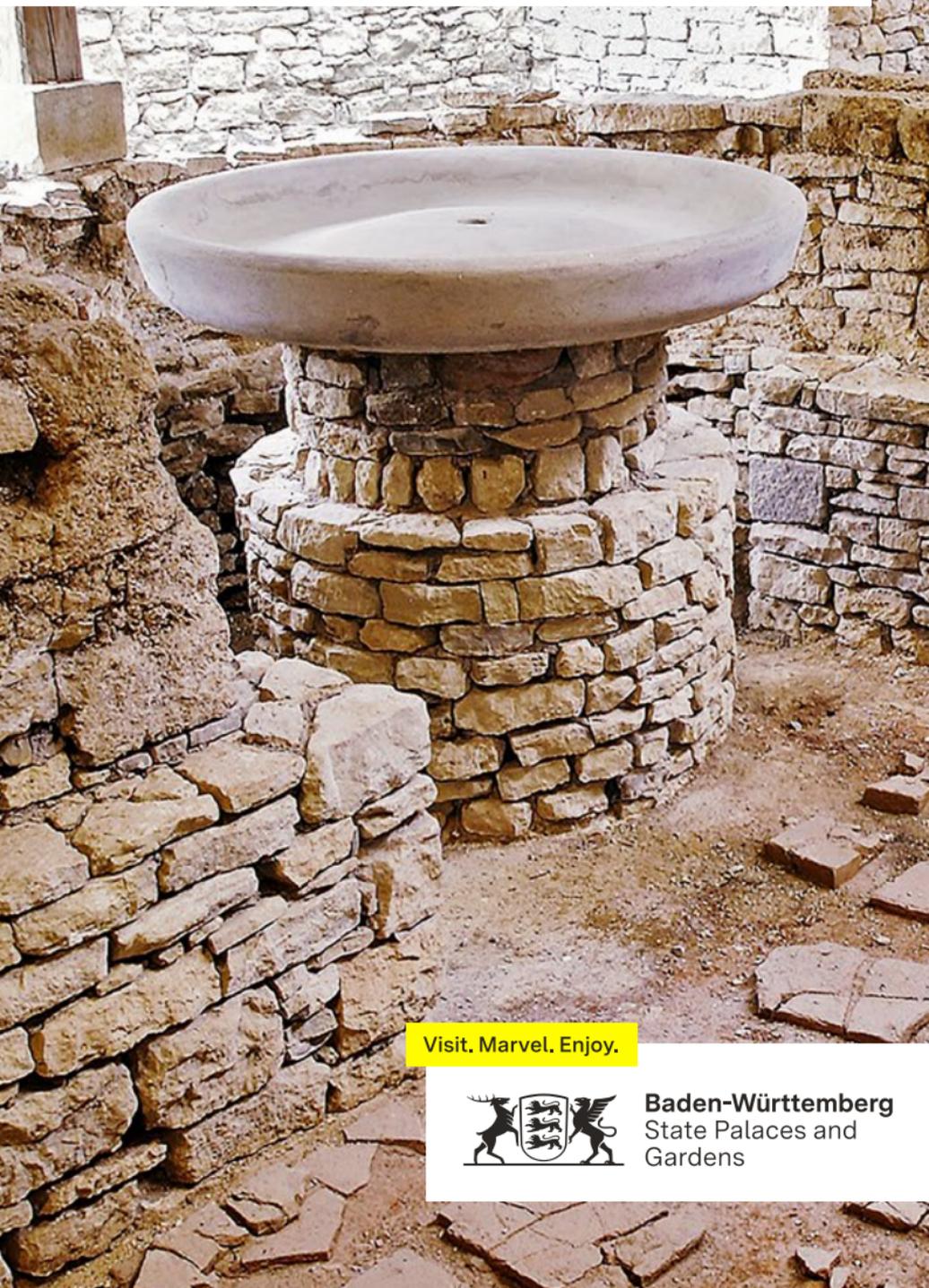




Hüfingen Roman Bath Ruins

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Hüfingen Roman Bath Ruins (Römische Badruine Hüfingen) are an extraordinary testimony to the Roman culture of bathing and one of the oldest examples of baths within a fortress north of the Alps.

Around 70 AD, Roman legions crossed the Alps to construct and secure the Danube Limes, or Roman frontier. At the western end, in today's Hüfingen, the *Brigobannis* fortress was built. It boasted a sophisticated road network, an adjoining settlement for civilians and a balineum: a bathhouse for the soldiers.

Facilities for civilians and the military

The Roman baths in Hüfingen are slightly west of the fortress, situated in a valley beneath Galgenberg hill. Not long after their construction, members of the public from the nearby settlement began paying a small fee to come and enjoy the hot waters and steam baths alongside Roman soldiers. A *hypocaust*, an ingenious Roman underground heating system, ensured the water was warm and kept the floors and walls at an agreeable temperature.

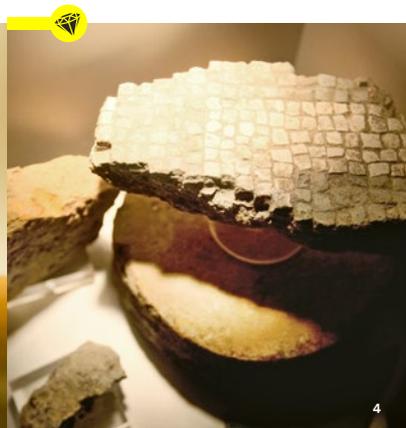
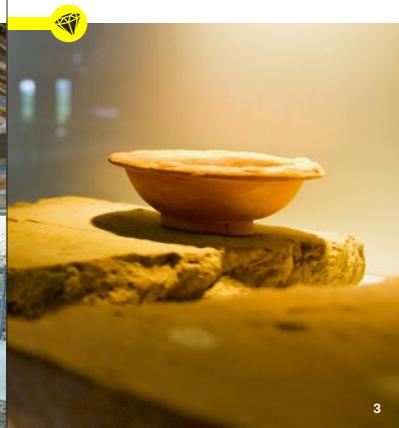
The bath ruins provide an insightful glimpse of life in a Roman military settlement



Easily recognizable by the characteristic walls: the various rooms of the Roman baths

The baths in Hüfingen are an example of a balineum, with a block-like structure, where all rooms were built as compactly as possible. The entire complex—excluding annexes—has an area of around 570 m². Approximately half of this space was taken up by a generously sized room for undressing and relaxation: The apodyterium, which had a cool-water pool, was at its center.

The insights into ancient Roman bathing culture are rounded off with a number of display cabinets containing archeological finds (left) Mosaic floor tiles are a key feature of a Roman bath (right)





Barn-shaped shelter

Roughly 30 years after the baths were constructed, the 11th Legion was forced to move on as the Danube frontier shifted. But the settlement at the foot of the fortress remained intact, as did the 600 m² bathing complex. In 1820, Prince Karl Egon II ordered the excavation of the site and the construction of *a protective outer building. Its shape is similar to the barns* characteristic of this Black Forest region (Schwarzwald-Baar). Today, visitors to the ruins can gain fascinating insight into the history of the Romans and their bathing customs.

Visitor information

Opening hours and guided tours

Bath ruins Open on a seasonal basis;
Visits possible without a guided tour or with a guided tour by arrangement;
Extended opening hours are in effect during the summer holidays in Baden-Württemberg

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Current information



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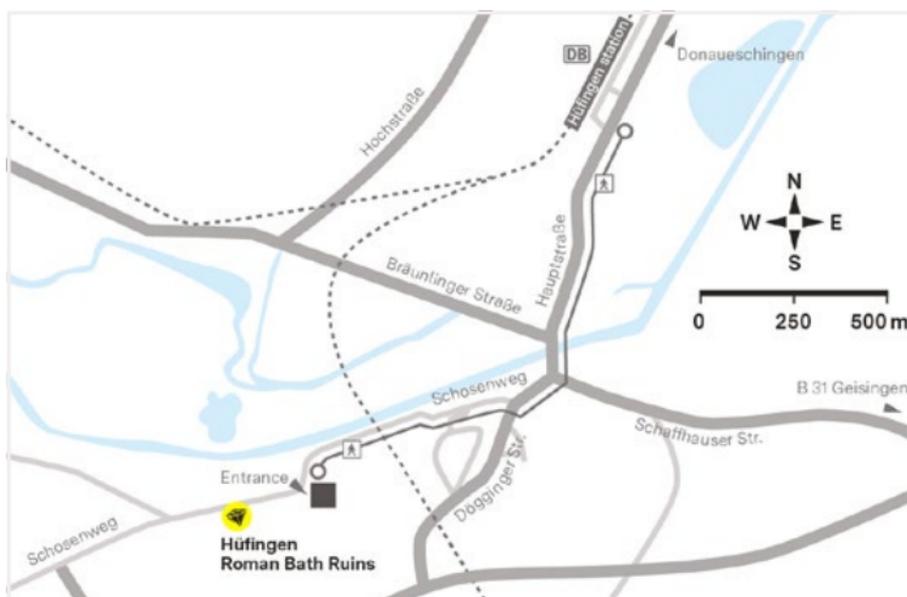
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We would like to thank the town of Hüfingen for extensively managing and maintaining the bath ruins.



How to find us



The baths are a 15-minute walk from Hüfingen station:
Cross Donaueschinger Str./Hauptstr., go through the town gates to
Dögginger Str; from here, follow the signs for the baths (Römerbad).

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