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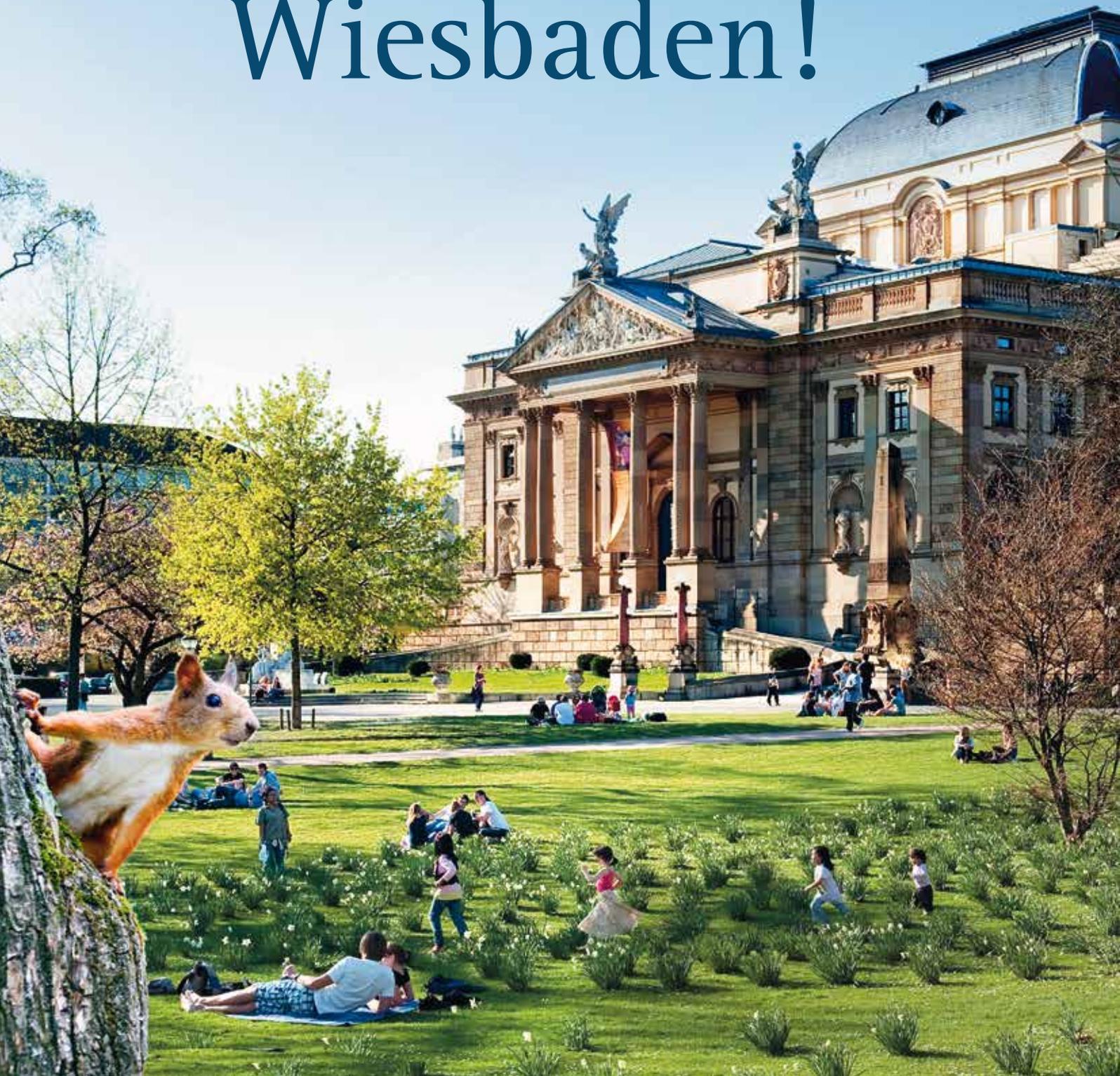
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GREETINGS FROM THIS SPA CITY ON THE RHINE RIVER

# Welcome to Wiesbaden!



Welcome to this city and its expansive green areas, culturally and historically important sights, varied and exclusive shopping and a wide range of cuisines including international and regional specialities.

Wiesbaden, capital of the state of Hesse, was sometimes known as the 'Nice of the North' in its heyday as a city of culture. And rightly so. The city, which has 280,000 inhabitants, enjoys a mild climate and is a vibrant and lively place – characterised at the same time by a Mediterranean attitude towards life. Numerous parks and green areas in the city centre are perfect for outdoor strolls and enjoyment in the summer months and are inviting places to spend some time, as are the wide range of cafés, restaurants and bars.

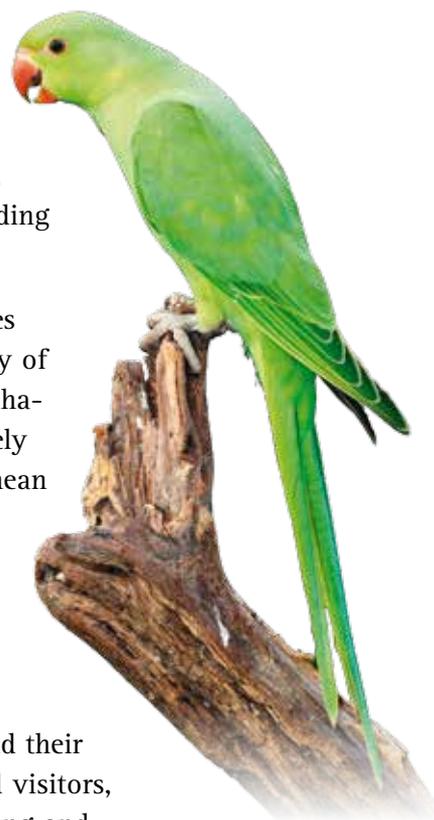
Wiesbaden is a city where people like to enjoy life. And their preferred way of doing so is together with guests and visitors, who are very welcome at the numerous cultural, sporting and social festivals and celebrations and who are included in the merry atmosphere.

Wiesbaden is a city with a long history. And this is reflected in its attractive architecture. On a walk through the city many magnificent and historically important buildings can be admired, many of which today house exclusive and unique shops and boutiques.

Wiesbaden values individuality and originality. This is proven by the wide range of unusual fashion, jewellery and accessories as well as the varied and attractive cuisines on offer. And last but not least the sights of Wiesbaden also stand for its unique character. These include the Wiesbaden Kurhaus, the Russian Church, the Nerobergbahn funicular railway and the Casino Wiesbaden.

Wiesbaden is a city to experience, discover and learn about. And also a city for strolling, shopping and enjoying.

Welcome to Wiesbaden!



*These rose-ringed parakeets that can be up to 40 centimetres long can be seen all over the state capital. These exotic feathered creatures are particularly fond of the many green areas in the centre of the city.*

*A surprising number of wild animals and birds that one would only expect to meet in woods or meadows can be seen in the parks and in the green areas.*

*The construction of the Hessian State Theatre was initiated and patronised by Emperor Wilhelm II as the 'Neues Königliches Hoftheater' (the New Royal Theatre). It was built between 1892 and 1894 in the new baroque style. It is here that the International May Festival takes place every year.*



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THE 'NICE OF THE NORTH' WITH RICH TRADITIONS

## The most beautiful sides of the city

There are many different ways to discover, experience and enjoy the state capital of Hesse. For example guests can drive past the numerous historically and culturally important sights and receive explanations at the same time on the small city railway 'Thermine'. Beyond this there are also opportunities to approach the history of the city on numerous city walks and tours or to conquer it in a sporting and active manner on guided electric cycles or Segway tours. The tours all have one thing in common: they all take you around the many 'top sights' in Wiesbaden, which include the Kurhaus, the Russian Church, the Nerobergbahn funicular railway and the Casino Wiesbaden.

A wonderful green area known as the 'Bowling Green', with cascade fountains and bordered by plane trees, forms a prestigious frame for the Kurhaus in Wiesbaden, a venue with an excellent reputation for events and concerts that at the same times acts as the focal point of social life in the city. The Kurhaus, which was inaugurated in 1907 by the last German Emperor, Kaiser Wilhelm II, has twelve halls and salons, each with its own unmistakable charm. The heart of the Kurhaus is the Friedrich-von-Thiersch hall with its unique foyer. Named after the architect of the Kurhaus, this hall, which seats more than 1,300 guests, fascinates visitors with its magnificent ceiling ornamentation and its acoustic properties. One of the oldest casinos in Germany is located in the former wine hall of the Kurhaus.



*The colourful Egyptian goose has settled in Wiesbaden and has become accustomed to the many visitors.*



- 1 — Kurhaus Wiesbaden with the Bowling Green  
 2 — Segway-Tours  
 3 — Hot spring "Kochbrunnen"  
 4 — Drinking and enjoying: not just spa water, mainly wine!
- 5 — A special experience: the Nerobergbahn funicular railway  
 6 — The Russian Church

The Nerobergbahn funicular railway can also look back on a long and successful history. It is the oldest hydro-powered cable car in Germany and was first operated in 1888 to transport guests to Wiesbaden's local mountain, the Neroberg, in the summer months at a speed of 7.3 kilometres per hour. The two carriages that travel alternately from the valley station across the viaduct to the Neroberg Mountain, are powered only by the force of water. The journey takes just under four minutes and rewards guest with a wonderful view of the city of Wiesbaden.

The sight of the Russian Church is no less fascinating, also located on the Neroberg Mountain in Wiesbaden. Five golden onion domes decorate this Russian Orthodox church, which was constructed between 1847 and 1855 as the tomb for the mortal remains of Duke Adolph's wife Grand Duchess Elisabeth Michailovna and her child. The church, built in the Russian-Byzantine style, is still used for church services. The Russian cemetery, founded in 1856, is in the immediate vicinity of the church and is the last resting place of the famous Russian painter Alexej von Jawlensky, who lived and worked in Wiesbaden for approximately 20 years before his death in 1941.



## ALEXEJ VON JAWLENSKY AT WIESBADEN MUSEUM

The Wiesbaden Museum has one of the world's largest collection of work by the expressionist painter Alexej von Jawlensky. This artist's best-known works include 'Selbstbildnis' from 1912 and 'Frau mit Stirnlocke' or 'Dame mit Fächer'. Besides temporary special exhibitions, which are shown at Wiesbaden Museum, up to 15 works by this artist, who was born 150 years ago, are also on permanent display.





Aukammtal: the 'Apothekergarten' park, the thermal bath clinics and park areas.

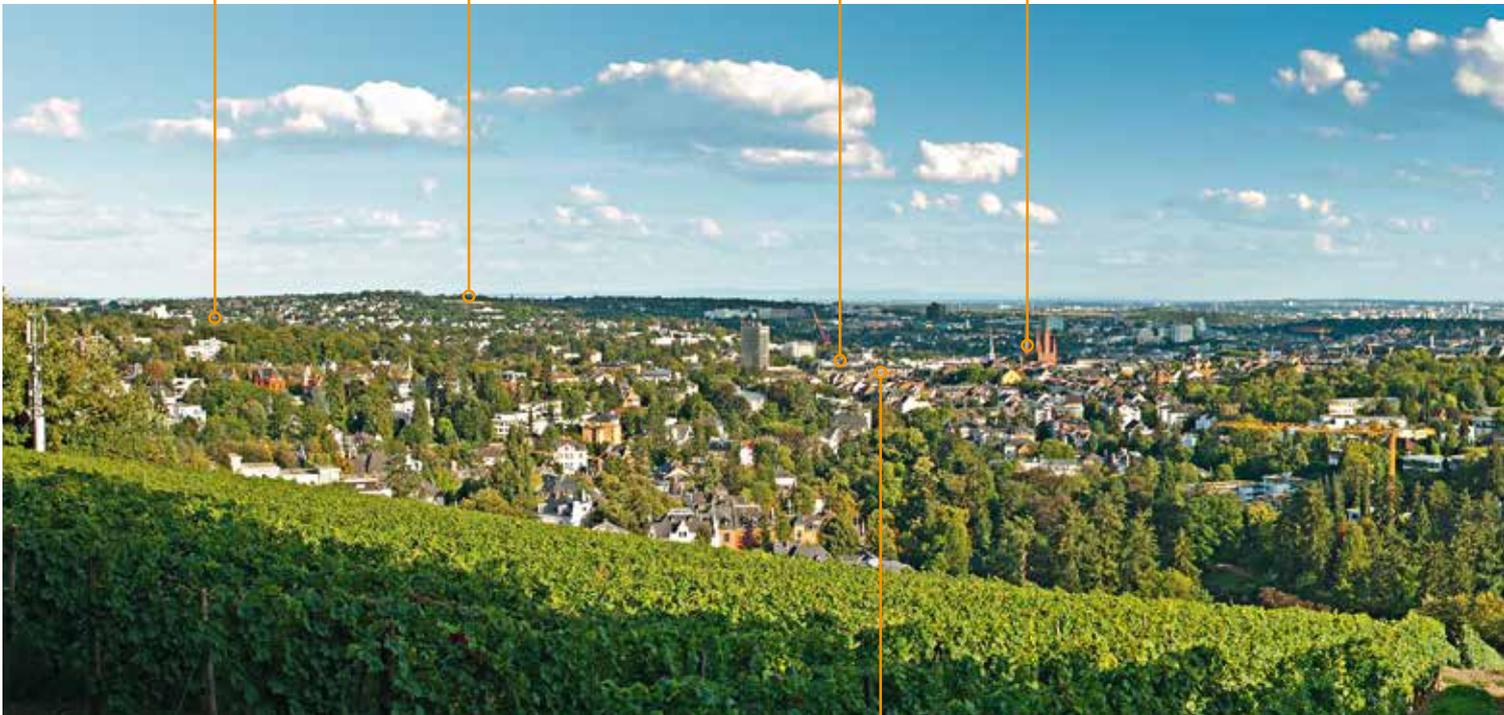
Bierstadter-Höhe: most beautiful view of Wiesbaden towards the Rhine River valley.



The neo-renaissance Kurhaus, the Kurhaus colonnades, theatre colonnades and the Hessian State Theatre.



You are invited to stroll around: the city centre and the Schlossplatz square, the historical old city, the Hesse state parliament, the Markt Kirche church, the old town hall, the market fountain, the new town hall and the 'Dern'sches Gelände' square.



Beautiful cities, like good children, have many names. Wiesbaden is a particularly beautiful city and thus also has many names. The 'Nice of the North', the 'Gateway to the Reingau' or the 'City of Villas' are some popular choices. The city can look back on a long and varied history, in which the hot springs play an important role.

Wiesbaden has enchanting architecture, wonderful parks and green areas that invite you to stroll around them and have an extremely wide range of culture of different kinds. This elegant city on the Rhine River is always worth a visit.



Kranzplatz: the Hesse state chancellery – the office of the state premier. Cafés, Taunusstrasse with its antique shops and Nerotal Park.

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ENJOYMENT IN ALL DIRECTIONS

# The best prospects!



The Rhine River flows through with Biebrich Castle on one side and Mainz on the other.



Towards the Rheingau: just a short distance to one of Germany's most beautiful wine regions.



Photo: Stefan Michalowski

The 4ha vineyard area of 'Wiesbadener Neroberg' is used to cultivate Rheingau Riesling. Wine from the 'Wiesbadener Neroberg' is a fruity, spicy wine with crisp acidity.



Nerotal is a traditional villa area and the 'Nerotalanlagen' green area and the Schwarzbach stream that runs through it are reminiscent of an English park.

The country park 'Oberes Nerotal' stretches up to the Rabengrund conservation area and the Leichtweißhöhle cave, named after the poacher Heinrich Anton Leichtweiss.

A wonderful view can be enjoyed from the Neroberg Mountain over the state capital of Hesse, a 'green city' with its avenues, parks and green areas.



EXCLUSIVE AND UNIQUE SHOPS

# Where shopping becomes an experience!



Numerous 'Tax Free Shopping' businesses ensure a smooth and pleasant shopping experience for visitors from abroad.



**V**aried, sophisticated and a great experience: shopping in Wiesbaden is a very special pleasure thanks to the wide range of products on offer. Exclusive and unique small shops and boutiques are just as easy to find in the state capital and branches of renowned fashion houses, which are often located in extremely prestigious houses and buildings.



The attractive surroundings of the Wilhelmstrasse in Wiesbaden, long renowned for its exclusivity, are formed by the 'Warmer Damm', a large green area, on one side and prestigious, grand Wilhelmine buildings on the other. Shop owners on Wilhelmstrasse can fulfil your wish for unusual products, high quality and exceptional design. They offer haute couture and exquisite jewellery creations, high quality shoes, unusual handbags and sunglasses and a wide range of accessories, lamps, carpets and sophisticated men's apparel.

1/2/3— Varied shopping streets, covered passages and shopping centres, colourful weekly markets – Wiesbaden invites you to enjoy the many sides of shopping it offers.

This is where you will find the exclusive retail outlets of internationally renowned brands such as Rolex, Breitling, Cartier, Gucci, Prada, Burberry, Dior, Strenesse, Windsor and many others. If you are looking for something unusual then you should look on Wilhelmstrasse, in the many unique shops in the old town and also on Taunusstrasse. Surrounded by green, shop owners here offer an attractive mixture of antiques, delicatessen products, accessories for the house and garden and eccentric lamps, fine kitchen interiors and designer fashion.



THE OLD CITY AND THE MARKET

The historical old city has become a small oasis for very special things. Tempting gastronomy and appealing open spaces characterise the old city together with a range of products from small manufacturers. Come here to find enchanting jewellery and accessories, eccentric fashions, exquisite perfumes and aromas and the weekly market just around the corner.

THE PRINCESS REVOLUTION / SMALL PRODUCER OF PRESERVES AND MUSTARD

Each of the 90 varieties of preserves, jams, jellies, mustards and sauces is cooked by hand in small quantities according to grandmother's original recipes in copper kettles. Of course this cottage industry also offers the opportunity to try any of the specialities.



1/2/3— Exquisite, award-winning cuisine, traditional dishes, seasonal cooking with meat, fish and vegetarian specialities



CAFÉ MALDANER is an institution in this spa town metropolis. Guests have been enjoying the unique comfort and atmosphere here since 1859. 'Maldaner' preserves and maintains the 'good old coffee house tradition' that is reflected in the works of art that are presented behind the glass of the impressive cake counter. Enjoy your visit on two floors with this special atmosphere and comfort. Historic furnishings are all around and comfortable sofas and chairs invite you to sink into them.



Stroll, enjoy and experience the state capital Wiesbaden on its historic boulevards! What better way to discover the lively character of a city than to take a long shopping tour? Both the facades of the historic buildings and the green areas in the city centre are a source of fascination. Take a break and relax!



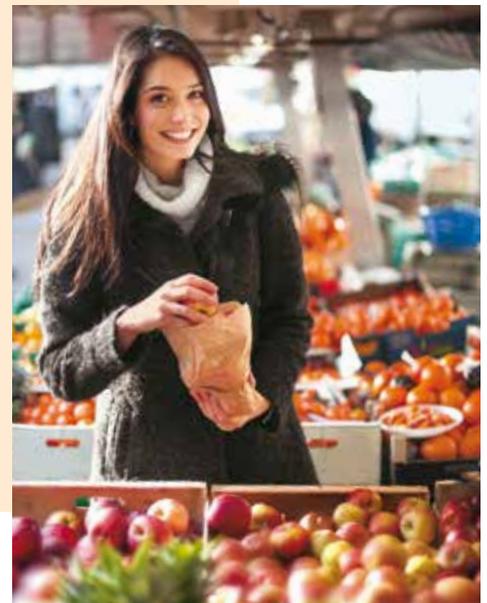
Branches of major label shops, department store chains and small, privately-owned shops are located in Wiesbaden's pedestrian district. Many original shops can be found in the numerous smaller side streets and narrow lanes in the old city. This is where goldsmiths present their creations and often also grant access to their workshops. You can also find eccentric fashion by young designers and high-quality accessories and leather goods. There is also plenty of food and drink. Whether you are seeking fine wines, quality oil, choice spices from all over the world or antique jewellery, soaps and



## SOURCE OF SEASONAL FRESH FOOD FROM WIESBADEN AND THE REGION

**T**he weekly market takes place in Wiesbaden every Wednesday and Saturday at 'Dern'sches

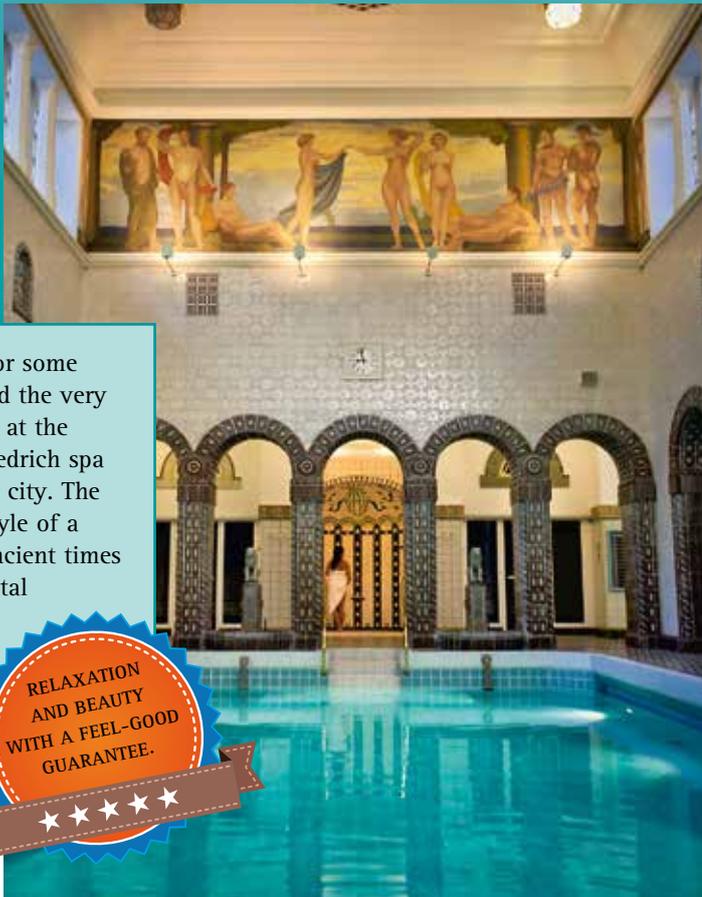
Gelände' square. Visitors will find many products including fruit and vegetables from Wiesbaden and the region. The market is characterised by its wide range of products including cheese specialities, poultry and meat, beekeeping products, flowers and plants. It is also possible to sample the goods at Wiesbaden's weekly market: culinary specialities are on offer from various snack stands.



4 — Stroll around and enjoy the larger squares and small lanes – here with the beautiful backdrop of the town hall and Marktkirche Church

toys – the old city offers all this and much more. Bars, restaurants, cafés are located among the shops and boutiques and welcome visitors for a relaxing break on their shopping tour. The gastronomic diversity of Italian and international cuisines are tempting alongside specialities from the Far East or from the local region and of course there are many cosy corners where you can enjoy a quiet glass of Rheingau wine.

If you are interested in art and antiques you are sure to find the perfect piece on Taunusstrasse, which connects Wiesbaden's pentagon of famous landmarks with its Nerotal Valley. 🌸



Anyone looking for some relaxation will find the very best of spa luxury at the historic Kaiser-Friedrich spa in the heart of the city. The complex, in the style of a thermal bath in ancient times and with ornamental columns and elaborate ornaments, promises the finest in wellness.

RELAXATION  
AND BEAUTY  
WITH A FEEL-GOOD  
GUARANTEE.



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- 1\_ Anyone looking for relaxation will find the very finest in spa luxury at the Kaiser-Friedrich-Therme baths
- 2\_ The Aukammtal thermal baths are modern health baths with separate swimming and sauna areas
- 3\_ The Opelbad baths on Neroberg Mountain were built in the Bauhaus style and offer a fantastic view over the city



AN OASIS  
OF WELL-BEING  
WITH THE BEST  
RANGE OF WELLNESS  
TREATMENTS



Discover the world of thermal baths with the relaxing power of spa water. The sulphurous thermal water bubbles out of the ground at a temperature of 66 degrees Celsius supply the indoor and outdoor pools with spa water for a relaxing and healing bath.

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ARRIVE. DISCOVER. FEEL GOOD.

# Health for body and soul

Wiesbaden does people good. The Romans already knew that more than 2000 years ago. Back then they were already using the hot thermal springs, which emerge from the ground with temperatures of up to 67°C, for healing baths.

'Wellness for the body – balm for the soul?' is a promise made both by the Kaiser-Friedrich baths in the city centre and the Aukammtal thermal baths. Both baths use water from the hot springs and also have various sauna areas, quiet and relaxation zones as well as swimming pools. They also offer massages, treatments and beauty treatments.

In the summer months (from May to September) the Opelbad baths, located high above the roofs of the city, provide an impressive and unique view over the city and through to the Rhine Valley and the Taunus foothills. This elegant, 15,000 square metre spa facility was built in a clear Bauhaus style with expansive lawns for sunbathing and is under a preservation order. Guests who do not use the spa are also able to enjoy the Opelbad gastronomy on the Neroberg Mountain thanks to the excellent cuisine and the view from the sunny veranda.



You can really spoil yourself in Wiesbaden. Swim in the magnificent palace-like baths such as Kaiser-Friedrich baths, take the waters in the form of the heating Kochbrunnen water or find relaxation for body and soul at the modern Aukammtal baths. Visitors will find a first-class range of health and fitness products: exercise classes, beauty treatments and massages all the way to in-house treatment with traditional Chinese medicine.



## APPRECIATED FOR FIRST-CLASS MEDICAL SERVICES

**W**iesbaden was a 'world spa city' for decades in the 19th Century. And the city still enjoys the reputation of a first-class medical city. Many international guests consult with the many medical experts who are based in Wiesbaden and use the excellent rehabilitation and recovery services. Overseas visitors particularly appreciate the Deutsche Klinik für Diagnostik (DKD), which was modelled on and works in the same way as the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, USA: they have been relying on the excellent, nationally and internationally recognised diagnostics here for over 40 years now.



*The dream couple of 1950s cinema:  
Romy Schneider as 'Sissi' and Karlheinz  
Böhm as Emperor Franz Joseph.*



*Empress Elisabeth of Austria. In this, probably her most famous, portrait she wears so-called edelweiss stars in her hair. Portrait by Franz Xaver Winterhalter, oil on canvas, 1865.*

## 19<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY "SOCIETY SPA"

**W**iesbaden first called itself a 'world spa city' in 1852! Aristocrats and the intellectual elite met in Wiesbaden, the 'lounge of travelling Europe'. Personalities from European nobility such as the Russian Tzar Nicholas II and Empress Elisabeth – better known as Sissi – of Austria were welcomed guests. The latter recovered from a heavy blow of fate with the spa treatments in Wiesbaden.

Personalities such as Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, Fyodor Dostoyewsky, Richard Wagner, Johannes Brahms and Alexej von Jawlensky also came to Wiesbaden to visit the hot springs and the Casino Wiesbaden.

The ancient Romans already knew how wonderful it feels to sink into the pleasantly warm therapeutic thermal springs. Rejuvenate body and soul in this haven of relaxation.

THE SPA  
IS THE PERFECT  
SPOT FOR A  
CURATIVE AND  
RELAXING BREAK.



# Wiesbaden Wine Festival



## WINE FROM THE WIESBADEN NEROBERG MOUNTAIN

*W*iesbaden is famous around the world for the production of Henkell-Sekt. But the state capital of Hesse also cultivates wine. The state wineries of Hesse have leased a 4.1 hectare vineyard on Wiesbaden's own Neroberg Mountain. This is used exclusively for growing Riesling, known for its fruity, spicy flavour and crisp acidity. Wine is also grown in the Wiesbaden districts of Dotzheim, Frauenstein, Schierstein and Kostheim.



*Cheers to Rheingau Wine Festival: at different times of the day the friends of Rheingau wines either sit in cosy groups or enjoy the lively whirl of the evening hours. Winemakers offer their noble wines and sparkling wines at approximately 100 stands.*



The state capital of Wiesbaden is located in the heart of the Rhine-Main area and at the gates to the Rheingau, one of Germany's most famous wine-growing areas. The main wine grown here is the world-famous Riesling, which enjoys high regard on international markets. The mild climate brought by the Gulf Stream and the characteristics of the slate soil make German Rieslings from the Rheingau a unique and unmistakable taste experience.

Every year in August Wiesbaden's Schlossplatz square, the square in front of Markt-Kirche Church and Dern'sches Gelände square are transformed into a Mecca for friends of noble Rheingau wines. The city centre of Wiesbaden becomes the 'longest wine bar in the world' and is a great attraction for visitors every year. Rheingau winemakers present their products at around 100 stands, from young wines to select harvest wines and sparkling wines.

Fitting speciality foods are also on offer to pair with the special taste of Rheingau Riesling. If you are looking for a culinary treat you will find international specialities and a wide range of savoury and sweet dishes as well as baked goods – perfect to enjoy with wine. 🌸

# A charming panorama with castles, sloping vineyards and wine-producing villages



1/2/3— The starting point for trips through the charming vineyard landscape of the Rheingau is the beautiful Biebrich Castle in Wiesbaden. Numerous castles are hidden here as if in fairy tales between the lush vineyards and the rugged cliffs. Whether it is the world-famous Drosselgasse Lane in Rudesheim or Kloster Eberbach – visitors are surrounded by idyllic landscapes and wonderful testimonials to our history.



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The Rheingau is characterised by its excellent wines and wonderful sights. The softly rolling landscape stretches between Wiesbaden and Lorch on the southern slopes of the Taunus Mountains along the Rhine River. Its highlights are Kloster Eberbach and Schloss Johannisberg with their impressive buildings and the Niederwald Monument near Rudesheim, which offers an unbelievable view and has a cable car to make the journey to the top easier. Rudesheim itself attracts the crowds to its famous Drosselgasse Lane. This cobblestone road with its many wine merchants and gift and souvenir shops is very popular with tourists.

The fact that Rheingau Riesling tastes just as good alongside local, regional cuisine as it does to accompany eccentric, international specialities is proven in the many bars and restaurants in the Rheingau area. There are so many different dishes on offer, ranging from the typical regional wine taverns to wine bars and exclusive, award-winning restaurants. Gourmets and wine connoisseurs will enjoy the seasonal cuisine to be found here.

The Rheingau region attracts many guests with its range of festivals such as the 'Strawberry Festival' in Eltville-Erbach or the Sekt and Biedermeier festival in Eltville am Rhein – while at the same time fascinating visitors with its castles, impressive wine-growing estates and many tourist attractions. The charming landscape can be explored on foot or from a boat trip along the Rhine. There are also several wine and nature trails that allow visitors to gain an impression of how wine cultivation works. A trip along the Rheingau Riesling routes takes you through towns like Lorch am Rhein, Assmannshausen, Geisenheim, Rauenthal and Eltville am Rhein.



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4. The elector's castle is the symbol of the town of Eltville in the Rheingau. Many cultural events take place within these historic walls.

5/6. Kloster Eberbach Monastery is a former Cistercian monastery near Eltville am Rhein in the Rheingau and is famous for its wine. The historic wine presses and the cellar from the 14th Century can be seen in the film 'In the Name of the Rose'.





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