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### Königstein im Taunus: an overview

More information: [www.koenigstein.de](http://www.koenigstein.de)

#### Geographical

##### location:

25 kilometers Northwest of Frankfurt in the nature park Hochtaunus. From 180 to 800 meters above sea level. Gate to the first German curative climate park. Below the Große Feldberg (880 m), highest elevation of the Taunus mountains.

##### Traffic connections:

Rhein-Main airport at about 25 car minutes distance. Approximately 20 minutes to Frankfurt by car, with public means approximately 30-40 minutes (train Regionalbahn 12 from station Königstein to Frankfurt main railway station). Several bus lines connect Königstein with the neighboring villages. Change in Kronberg and Bad Soden to S-Bahn trains to Frankfurt. Coming by car from Cologne and Würzburg take the A3, the A5 and A661 coming from Karlsruhe and Kassel and the A66 coming from Fulda and Mainz.

##### City quarters:

Beside the core city there are the three quarters Falkenstein, Mammolshain and Schneidhain. Königstein is part of the Hochtaunus district.

##### Politics:

Mayor Siegfried Fricke (CDU) to the end of May 2006. Mayor as of June Leonhard Helm (independent). Municipal council composed of: CDU, Aktionsgemeinschaft Lebenswertes Königstein (ALK), FDP, SPD and Bündnis 90/Die Grünen. Head of the municipal council Alexander Freiherr von Bethmann.

##### Population:

18.048 inhabitants, of which 14.5 % foreign citizens.

##### Schools:

Eight schools, of which four primary schools, three secondary schools and one junior high school.

##### Economy:

Mainly service business (56.3% of persons employed) and trade, gastronomy and traffic and transport (28.2%). Major enterprises are the spa clinics, the railway company Hessische Landesbahn GmbH and the Seeger Orbis GmbH, a leading guard rings manufacturer. Purchasing power index per inhabitant in relation to the federal average (100): Hochtaunus district 139.8 and Königstein 168.7. Total purchasing power in Königstein: 423.5 million Euro.

##### Tourism:

2005: 50,982 guests and 275,730 overnight stays: 1,463 beds.

##### Congresses:

Congress facilities in several hotels, in the KTC (Communication and Training Centre), in the Haus der Begegnung and in the Siegfried-Vögele-Institut.

##### Distinctions:

In Germany, the only curative climate resort with double distinction (for the core city and for the city quarter Falkenstein). First distinction as curative climate resort in 1935. Moreover, premium-class curative climate resort (extra-high level regarding holiday and environment quality ([www.heilklima.de](http://www.heilklima.de))).

##### Clinics:

5 clinics and one reservation hospital:

- KVB-Klinik: heart and vascular diseases, metabolic diseases, diabetes, rheumatic diseases and orthopedics.
- Migräne-Klinik: detoxication, food and targeted therapy schedule with elements of classical medicine, bio-chemistry and natural healing procedures.
- Klinik Dr. Steib: mainly for treatment of psychiatric symptoms, neurotic disorders and psycho-somatic diseases.



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- Klinik Dr. Amelung: diagnosis and therapy of psychiatric, psycho-somatic and neurological diseases and internal medicine.
- Asklepios Neurologische Klinik Falkenstein: Centre for care and rehabilitation of patients with neurological diseases, especially multiple sclerosis or stroke syndrome.
- St.-Josef Krankenhaus: occupancy hospital for basic care, dialysis station.

**Spa:** Bathing and sauna environment with health centre connected. Dorsal spine centre, also curative climate park centre with bio-monitor, curative climate walking and Nordic walking.

**Clubs:** More than 100 clubs with emphases on the areas youth, sports, culture and social matters.

**Partnerships with cities:** Le Cannet-Rocheville, Le Mêle-sur-Sarthe, Königstein in Saxony and since July 2005 the Polish city Kórnik. Friendly relationship also with Königstein in the Upper Palatinate.

**Burgfräulein:** Since more than 50 years a tradition in Königstein: the enthronement of a new Burgfräulein (young lady of the castle) during the castle festival. Burgfräulein in charge is Marijke I.; Annika I. will be installed in the office with a big pageant during the castle festival from 7 - 10 July 2006.

**Tourist sights:** Landmark of the city is the castle ruin Königstein. Also: historical old city, old town hall with museum of local history and culture, castle ruin Falkenstein, several churches, resort park with sanatorium, Villa Andreae and Luxemburger Schloss (Chateau of Luxemburg).

**Castle ruin Königstein:** Originally castle of the Hohenstauffen emperors from the 12th century, in the 16th century enlarged as fortification by the earls von Stolberg. Blown up with dynamite in 1796 by the French revolutionary troops. Owned by the city since 1922.

**Castle ruin Falkenstein:** Resulted from a 11th century fortification. In the 13th century, the lords of Falkenstein erected the new castle "Neu-Falkenstein". Damaged during the wars, the fortification finally became a ruin, which is owned by the city since 1954.

**Events:** All-year cultural program of the city, of the Königsteiner Kur GmbH, various clubs and external organizers. Highlights: castle festival, castle plays, theatre in the castle, summer of music and a series of lectures by the Königsteiner Forum ([www.koenigsteiner-forum.de](http://www.koenigsteiner-forum.de)).

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