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Braunfels - Enchantingly Beautiful!

THE TOWN OF BRAUNFELS

Every year the more than 750 year old town with its beautiful sights attracts many visitors from near and far. Come and see our romantic old town centre, the fairy-tale-like castle or our splendid spa gardens!

Last not least, it is the numerous cultural events that make our town so lovable and pleasant to live in. But you should come and see for yourself!

In the „Lahn-Dill“ region, Braunfels is the most prominent place of touristic interest. As an officially recognized climatic health resort, acclaimed for its family-friendliness, Braunfels is member of several German scenic travelling routes, such as the „Lahn Valley Holiday Route“, the „German Half-Timbered Houses Route“ or the „Oranjeroute“.

Culture-wise, Braunfels has much to offer to its guests and visitors: Concerts, theatre, guided tours of town and castle, festivals and markets, hiking tours and sport activities - the town as well as the surrounding countryside invite old and young for a refreshing break!

In short: We want you to feel fantastic in Braunfels!





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CASTLE BRAUNFELS

It looks like coming directly out of a fairy tale, but it's true: On the top of a basalt rock, Castle Braunfels with its magnificent silhouette majestically overlooks the town and greets its visitors from afar. Family-owned for 800 years, the castle is a living cultural monument full of exceptional art treasures and still inhabited by the princely family today.

In the course of the centuries the castle's appearance and interior have changed, the complex was rebuilt and enlarged many times. During the guided tours history becomes alive: Visitors hear about the castle's eventful development and about the history of the princely family who established contacts all over Europe and the United States of America.

The cultural events taking place against the background of the historical scenery of the castle courtyard and gardens are a special treat, open-air opera performances, for example.

The castle's visitor programme is characterised by christian family tradition and open-mindedness towards the guests from all over the world. With flexible opening hours all year round and every day, the castle offers its visitors an unusually broad variety of guided tours and events, attracting visitors of all ages and interests.

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SPA GARDENS „HERRENGARTEN“

The spa's municipal park with its beautiful lindenlined promenade was founded around the year 1700. On May, 1887 the crown prince who would later become the German Emperor Frederick III., visited Braunfels and is said to have made the following statement: „How can a person become so old and never have seen Braunfels before?!“

Today you can stroll around the park, listen to the spa concerts or just relax and enjoy the atmosphere.

WILDLIFE PARK „TIERGARTEN“

The Tiergarten (zoo) with its mouflons (wild sheep) and deer and lovely old trees is always well worth a visit. After a walk through the changing vistas of the park – entrance is free - then a visit to the delightful café-bistro "Forsthaus" with its beer garden is always a great idea in any case. It is also a fantastic place to hold parties.

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TOWN MUSEUM „OBERMÜHLE“

The Obermühle („Upper Mill“) had its first documentary mention in 1445. For over 500 years, until 1971, the mill and its powerful millstream were in operation. Over the years, the mill was used for several different purposes: Firstly as a flour mill, later on as a water supplies. The mill is the oldest stone building in Braunfels and in 1972 it was decided to found a town museum that should be located on its premises. The museum holds many interesting sights for its visitors: The renewed water wheel with its fascinating technology dating back to 1875, remains of the forge mill from 1728, tools and workings of the local craftsmen, women’s workings used in everyday family life, insights into the housing conditions of our ancestors as well as a collection of historic toys.

The impressive stone vault of the forge mill nowadays serves as a location for the local civil registry office and provides marriage ceremonies with a very special ambiance. Recurrent events at the town museum are the annual mill festival as well as the antique and flea markets.

Opening hours: Every 1st and 3rd Sunday in the months of February until November, admission is free.

Guided tours for groups: Outside of opening hours after consultation with the Braunfelser Kur GmbH.

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GOLF COURSE OF THE SCHLOSS BRAUNFELS GOLF CLUB

The golf course of the Schloss Braunfels golf club has a special flair, which harmoniously blends into the idyllic hilly landscape at the edge of the Taunus. In the centre of the golf course there is the historic country house, in which the club house is located.

Visit the golf course in Braunfels and enjoy an 18-hole round of golf in a beautiful natural setting, or book a sampler course for golf at our golf academy. All according to the motto: Welcome to the club! And take a break from the stress!

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TIEFENBACHER WINZERGEMEINSCHAFT E.V.

From 1902 to 1934 the Rheinische Rebenveredelungskommission Geisenheim attempted to cultivate on the Kleeberg in the Tiefenbach area vine rootstocks that were resistant to pests. In 1995 the Tiefenbacher vintners association with its 40 members resumed the creation of a vineyard and since then has cultivate around 700 rootstocks of the Dornfelder and Ehrenfelser types on an area of 1500 square metres. The grapes are pressed, fermented and made into wine in their own wine cellar, where it is also bottled.

Each year on the third weekend in September the association hosts a Federweißerfest (young wine festival) where guests can enjoy the association's own wine, young wines of that year and freshly baked onion tart from the bakehouse.

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CASTLE PHILIPPSTEIN

The castle was built in 1390 by count Philipp I. of Nassau-Weilburg-Saarbrücken. Primarily it served as protection against the counts of Solms, at the time the owners of Castle Braunfels. In the 16. century at the latest, the castle lost its strategically important position and fell into decay even further after the departure of its last steward. During the 19. century the ruins were used by local villagers as a stone pit, so large parts of it were destroyed.

A preservation society was founded in 1975, so after countless hours of rebuilding and restoration Castle Philippstein seems to have a fresh new face today.

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MEDIEVAL GRANGE NEUKIRCHEN

A medieval grange has been reconstructed in the Neukirchen area on the basis of it having first having been mentioned 1.100 years ago. Taking expert help and advice, a residence and stables were built of shaped oak beams that were covered with wattle and daub. The main building was then roofed with bundles of miscanthus and the stables were thatched with reeds.

A further notable attraction in Neukirchen is the viaduct with Roman arches that was built at the beginning of the 20th century when the Solmsbachtalbahn railway was put into operation, and then restored in 2015. At that time the neighbouring villages had an unprecedented economic boom and enjoyed prosperity that fell away again when rail operations ceased in 1986. The viaduct now shines in its former glory once again thanks to the commitment of the people of Neukirchen.

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BONBADEN OPEN AIR THEATRE

The open air theatre in the Bonbaden section of Braunfels was founded in 1951 and in the meantime has developed into a significant cultural asset for the region. Currently around 45 actors take to the stage in the summer months from June to August and bring it to life in a location that used to be a slag heap. The annually changing repertoire of the theatre enjoys great popularity among young and old.

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DIABAS QUARRY ALTENKIRCHEN

You can get an impressive view on the quarry that is still in operation from the "Guck ins Loch" ("Look into the hole") viewing platform that the Jost company had set up on its premises in the Altenkirchen section of Braunfels. What is mined there is diabas, which was created by volcanic action under the sea during the Devonian period around 400 million years ago and is often called greenstone due to the greenish colouring.

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