

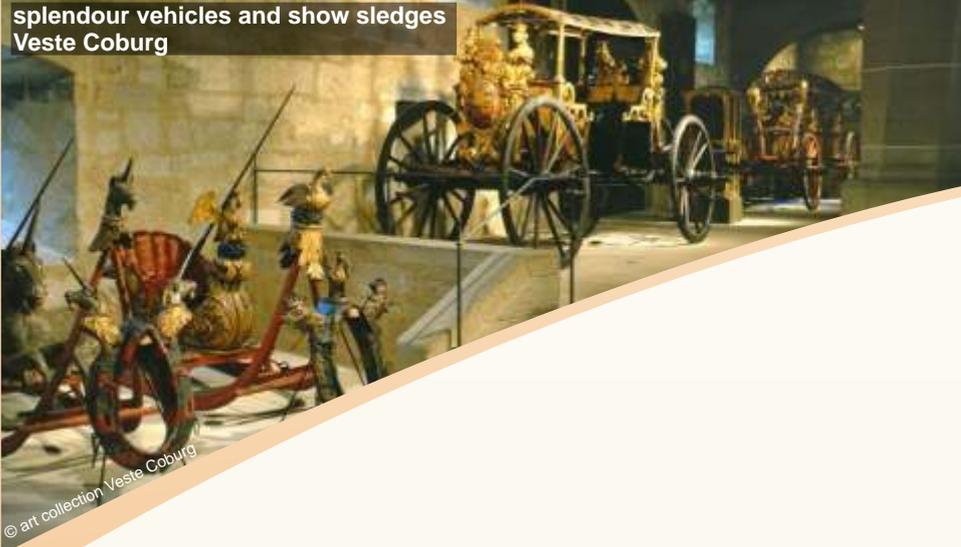
Enjoyment of Art and Love of Life - The Culture Fortresses in Franconia

Attractive museums, exhibitions - stirring events in the Veste Coburg,
Fortress Rosenberg and in the Fortress Plassenburg



European Culture Route
Fortified Monuments

splendour vehicles and show sledges
Veste Coburg



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Our Travel Recommendation

Welcome in the fortress cities Coburg, Kronach and Kulmbach with their widely visible Fortified Monuments!

The Fortress Card leads you to the Upper Franconian and culturally significant strongholds Plassenburg, Veste Coburg und Festung Rosenberg with their extensive art collections, exhibitions and museum offers about the Franconian history and art.

With an extraordinarily rich collection, the Veste Coburg belongs to Europe's leading as a museum used fortifications. Numerous historic exhibits are displayed in the Veste Coburg such as a collection of historic hunting weapons and baroque carriages and sleighs or a collection of medieval and early-modern paintings and plastics. The 'Luther Rooms' inform about the reformatory history of the fortified monument.

High above the 'Cranach-City Kronach' thrones the fortress Rosenberg with a Renaissance castle complex which does not only offer a rich cultural programme but also invites guests to stay in the complex. In the Lucas-Cranach-workshop of the fortress builder's hut, a lot of interesting courses and trainings for hobby fortress engineers take place. Cultural events, such as the history spectacle 'Crana Historica', attract many thousands of people to the fortress but also the 'Fränkische Galerie' delights its visitors. Finally, also the Faust festival, taking place on a bastion, enthuses many guests.

Although Kulmbach is world-renowned for its quality beer, the fortress Plassenburg, as Protestant counterpart of the former prince bishop's fortresses, impresses tourists with its monumental architecture and especially with its four museums: museum Hohenzollern, army museum Frederick the Great, the Upper-Main landscape museum and the museum of pewter figures.

Enjoyable bicycle paths and hiking trails in the smooth highlands as well as the 'Burgenstraße' connect these fascinating cultural monuments of Upper Franconia, also for active tourists.



Fortress Plassenburg in Kulmbach



Culture- and Event-Fortress Rosenberg in Kronach

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Coburg
Veste Coburg

With good reason the Veste Coburg castle is called the „Franconian Crown“. In the 15th century the Staufian castle complex was reinforced with a second curtain wall of nine murals and during the 16th century it was reinforced again with mighty bastions. The Saxonian duke Ernest I. arranged the first exhibition of weapons already in 1839. With its precious art collections the Veste Coburg castle belongs to the most important museum fortifications in Europe today.

Discover the art treasures of the dukes of Coburg, collections of paintings with works of Lucas Cranach or Dürer, a collection of Venetian glasses, a very extensive collection of historical weapons from the 15th to 18th century or the collection of splendour vehicles and show sledges. Stroll through bygone times in the historic premises of the fortress. The Luther Room reminds of Luthers stay at the Veste Coburg Castle, where he was working on his doctrines of faith. The program will be completed with events like the museum night and the „time travel to the past“.

www.zeitreise.vc
www.coburg-tourist.de
www.kunstsammlungen-coburg.de



„Franconian Crown“ Veste Coburg Castle



Armory on Veste Coburg Castle

Kronach
Fortress
Rosenberg

High on the Rosenberg perched the Bishop castle and later rural fortress. Until today it clearly combines the different construction phases of the Middle Ages, renaissance and late Baroque.

Today the fortress is a cultural centre with many offers for all ages. Particularly appealing are the Lucas-Cranach-Atelier, where everyone can have a try on portrayals of today's „modern princes“, but also the builders hut, where visitors can dive into the world of fortress engineers and discover the secrets of fortress construction. Experience a special excitement on one of the tours through the long underground corridor system.

On Saturdays the fortress Rosenberg offers a family day. Visitors of all ages are impressed by the museum educational offers as well as the gallery about Franconian art history. Many cultural events like the Middle Ages spectacle „Crana Historica“, the Faust Festival and the well cared for old city with its typical half-timbered houses will turn your stay in the Lucas Cranach city into a lasting experience.

www.kronach.de



Faust-Festival in Kronach



Museum educational exhibitions in the fortress Rosenberg

Kulmbach
Fortress
Plassenburg

The old margrave city Kulmbach is crowned with impressive Hohenzollern fortress Plassenburg. This renaissance building of the master builder Casper Vischer today accommodates four interesting museums about the history of the fortress, the city and the area. The Hohenzollern museum shows details about the famous dynasty of German emperors, who made a big contribution to the European fortification construction.

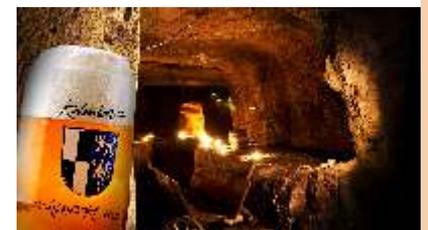
A big collection of old Prussian militaria is shown at the army museum Frederic the Great. The landscape museum Obermain displays a lot of art historic and culture historic exhibits from the Obermain area and the city of Kulmbach. In the Pewter figure museum you will see the biggest collection with 300,000 individual figures coming alive in around 150 history dioramas. On top of all that you will get a free wonderful view of the city and the area around.

Great Franconian brewing traditions are upheld in a Franconian comfort in the Kulmbach monk yard.

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Exhibition on fortress Plassenburg



Franconian brewing art in the Kulmbach monk yard at the foot of Plassenburg

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