

**ALT-EBERSTEIN CASTLE
HOHENBADEN OLD CASTLE
YBURG CASTLE**



**OPENING TIMES
HOHENBADEN OLD CASTLE
AND RESTAURANT**
DAILY 10 AM – 10 PM
Closed 10 January to 10 February

DISABILITY ACCESS
Information is available at
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**ALT-EBERSTEIN CASTLE
AND RESTAURANT**
DAILY 2 PM – 10 PM
SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS
FROM 12 NOON
Closed Mondays;
Closed January and February

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YBURG CASTLE AND RESTAURANT
APRIL TO OCTOBER
TUE – SUN 11.30 AM – 10 PM
Closed Mondays
NOVEMBER TO MARCH
WED – FRI 6 PM – 10 PM
SAT AND SUN 11.30 AM – 10 PM
Closed Mondays and Tuesdays;
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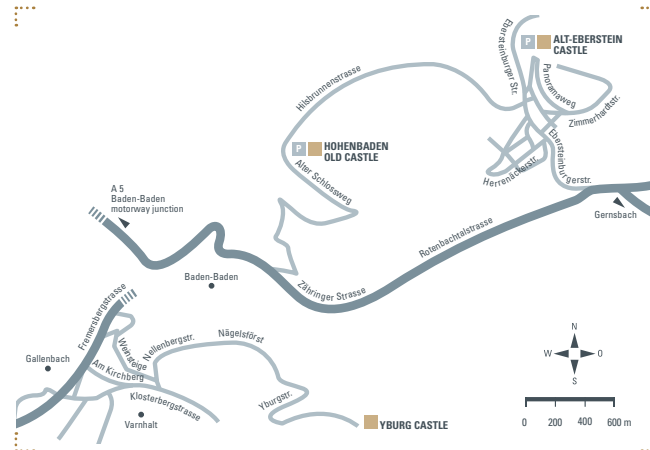
**GUIDED TOURS
HOHENBADEN OLD CASTLE**
Special tours as per schedule

ADMISSION
FREE, DONATION REQUESTED

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HOW TO FIND US



GETTING THERE

Hohenbaden:
The castle is located north of the town of Baden-Baden in the direction of Ebersteinburg – follow the signs from Baden-Baden. Parking is available below the ruins.

Alt-Eberstein:
From Baden-Baden, follow the signs to Ebersteinburg. A curved road leads up to the castle (warning: it is very narrow). Parking is available at the foot of the castle. The ruins of Hohenbaden and Alt-Eberstein are connected by a footpath.

Yburg:
The castle is located in Varnhalt, a suburb of Baden-Baden.

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THREE ANCIENT STRONGHOLDS OF THE HOUSE OF BADEN

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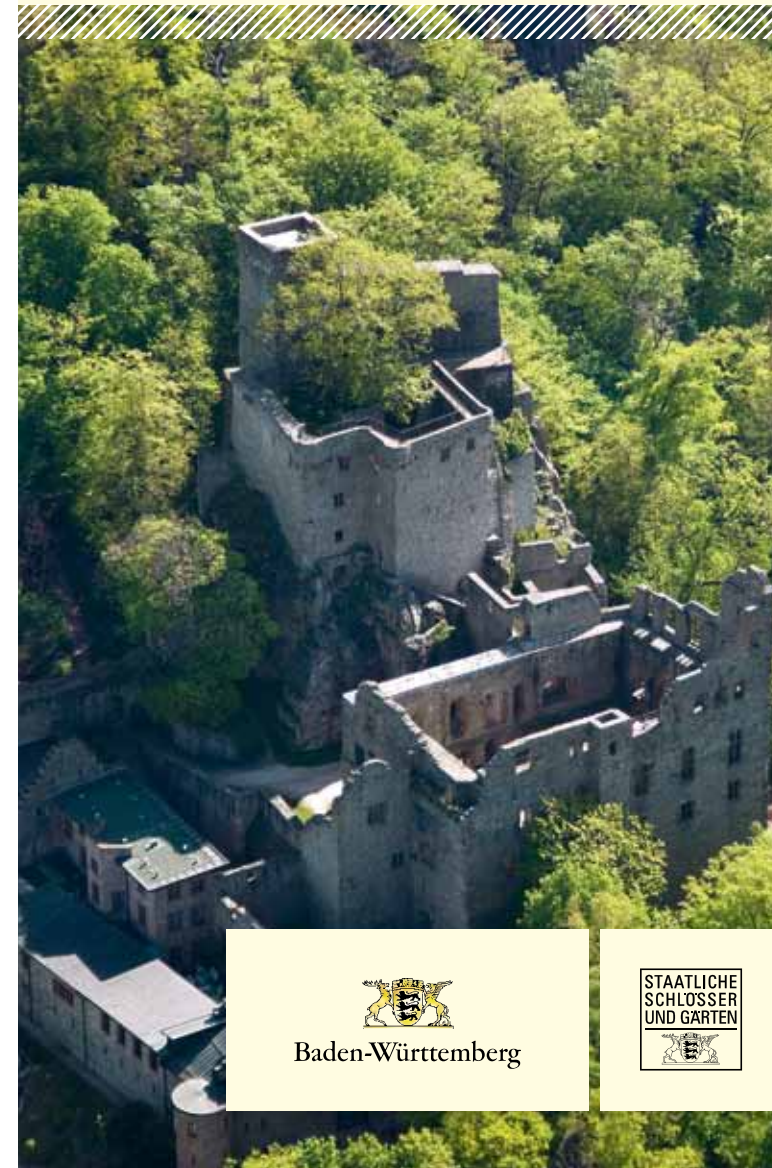


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Crowning the hills of the Black Forest encircling Baden-Baden, the three castles once defended the ruling house of Baden's most prized territory. Today, their ruins offer marvellous views of the breathtaking countryside.

A SUPERB VANTAGE POINT: ALT-EBERSTEIN

Alt-Eberstein Castle (*Burg Alt-Eberstein*) occupies a hilltop with an ideal strategic position. The first historical record of the castle dates from 1197. In the late 13th century, the counts of Eberstein relinquished the castle to the margraves of Baden. As well as extending the building, the margraves also used it as a residence and a dower house (home for widows). In the late 15th century, the castle was abandoned and fell into disrepair. After the Romantic movement brought ruins into fashion in the 19th century, the first efforts at conservation were undertaken. A worthwhile investment: from the keep, which is built on top of the castle's shield wall (an exceptionally thick defensive wall), visitors are greeted with a *magnificent vista taking in the entire castle*, the Black Forest and the Rhine Valley, and even the Vosges mountains in France.



🏰 *The Gothic style gateway of the lower castle takes you to the original Hohenbaden Old Castle, the Oberburg*

AN AWE-INSPIRING STRUCTURE: HOHENBADEN OLD CASTLE

Hohenbaden Old Castle (*Altes Schloss Hohenbaden*) is one of the oldest possessions of the margraves of Baden – with origins that go back to the 12th century. The oldest part of the complex, the *Oberburg* (upper castle) is built on a crest on the southwestern side of the Battert hill. The newer *Unterbург* (lower castle) was expanded on the orders of Margrave Bernhard I in the late 14th century. The *impressive Bernhardsbau*, the main building in the castle's lower bailey (courtyard), bears testimony to the heightened importance of the margraves of Baden. In 1479, however, they moved to the more comfortable *Neues Schloss* (new palace) in the valley. The old castle fell into disuse, and was left in ruins after a fire in the late 16th century. Interest in Hohenbaden Old Castle was reawakened in the 19th century, when Baden-Baden became a popular spa destination. Today, the ruin, with its fabulous view, is one of the most attractive destinations in the northern Black Forest.



🏰 *With a position like this, it is not surprising that Yburg Castle is popular with sightseers*

SYMBOL OF THE REBLAND WINE REGION: YBURG

Yburg Castle, built around 1200, takes its name from the outcrop that it occupies: its historical name *Iberg* probably derives from *Eibenberg* (yew-tree mountain). Of volcanic origin, the bluff towers over the Rhine valley.

The castle, its keep a highly visible landmark, marked the southwestern corner of the territory of the margraves of Baden. In the Peasants' War of 1525, rebels invaded the castle, causing considerable damage. Because of its *strategic significance*, Margrave Georg Friedrich ordered that the castle be rebuilt and fortified, with work taking place between 1617 and 1620. In 1689, however, French soldiers laid waste to the structure. Like many other Medieval ruins, Yburg Castle began to attract increasing numbers of sightseers in the 19th century. The ramparts were reinforced and partially reconstructed. Today, the ruin – and its *Burggaststätte* (castle inn) – is a popular destination for day-trippers, and a well-known symbol of the Rebland wine region of Baden-Baden. The restored keep offers fantastic views of the Rhine Valley and the Black Forest.

🏰 *Left: The keep of Alt-Eberstein Castle towers over the treetops: an impressive sight*

🏰 *Right: The immense ruins of Hohenbaden Old Castle still display the grandeur of the former residence of the margraves of Baden*