

DISCOVERY TOURS WITH A PANORAMIC VIEW

Embedded in the bizarre rocky landscape of Saxon Switzerland, Königstein Fortress is majestically enthroned 247 meters above the river Elbe. All year, it fascinates visitors with a marvellous view, but also with a lively insight into its 800-year history.



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It is recommendable to walk up, because, on your way, you can marvel at ingenious defence outworks such as the portcullis and a carriage jack to pull up wagons.



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Our Motto: CONTENT GUESTS – OUR MOST IMPORTANT GOAL!

THE ESSENTIALS IN BRIEF

and in detail at www.festung-koenigstein.de/en

OPENING HOURS

1 January: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. • 2 January – 27 March: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
 28 March – 1 November: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. • 2 November – 30 December: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
 24 December: closed • 31 December: 9 a.m. – 3.30 p.m.
 Last admission: 1 hour before closure of the fortress

ADMISSION FEES including exhibitions and lift

	28.03. – 01.11.2026 20.03. – 07.11.2027	02.11.2026 – 19.03.2027* 08.11. – 31.12.2027*
Adults	€ 17.00	€ 15.00
Concessions	€ 13.00	€ 11.00
Families	€ 42.00	€ 36.00

* except for the Christmas market on the Advent weekends: Adults € 17.00, Concessions € 13.00, Families € 42.00

Tip: Plan at least two hours for the visit to the fortress.

OUR SERVICE FOR ENGLISH-SPEAKING GUESTS

- Audio guides for a fortress tour and the permanent exhibition on the fortress history + special audio guides for children, fees apply – or free of charge here:
- Audio guide in simplified language
- Leaflet with a map of the fortress for free at the ticket offices
- Fortress map with tips for guests with reduced mobility
- Map for a fortress tour with short explanations (€1.00)
- Exhibition texts
- “A Large Fortress for Little Explorers” – Search game for kids
- Free WIFI at the ticket offices and at Parade Ground
- Museum shop in the Well House
- Bicycle stands and baggage lockers
- Dogs are welcome, but on a leash on the grounds and not inside the exhibition rooms (with the exception of assistance dogs)



online ticket shop



JOURNEY HERE / PARKING

The mountain fortress is situated 35 km from Dresden and 3 km from the centre of Königstein. It is easily accessible (bus, train, paddle steamers, car). Shuttle service from Königstein town (train station + steamers pier) and from the car park from April to October and during the Advent weekends: www.festungsexpress.de Car park at the through road B 172 (Festung Königstein turn-off) • 8 min walk to the fortress • coaches and disabled parking (with parking card) right by the fortress (20 m to the lift that takes you up to the hilltop fortress)

CATERING

There are various offers: A restaurant in a historic atmosphere, beer gardens with snacks and the Fortress Bakery (self-service)

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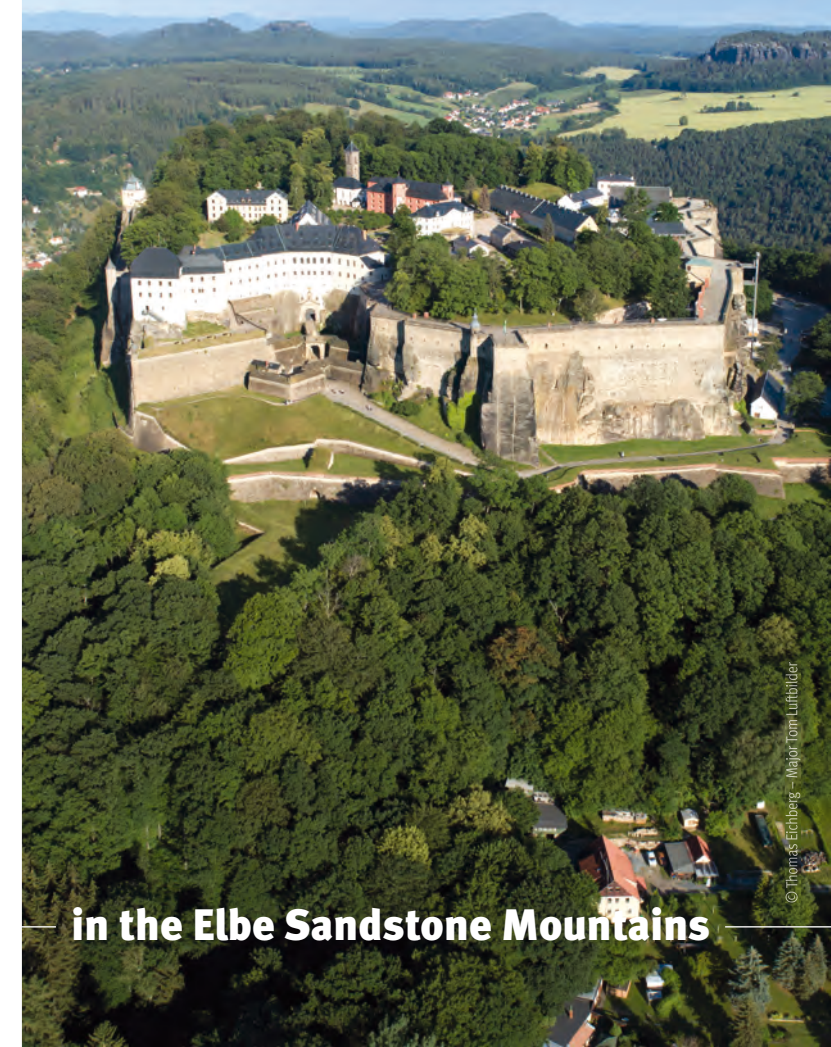


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KÖNIGSTEIN FORTRESS

Vivid history with a panoramic view



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in the Elbe Sandstone Mountains

KÖNIGSTEIN FORTRESS TODAY

The 9.5 hectares large fortification is a **museum with more than 50 buildings, beautiful gardens, and a little wood**. The ensemble of buildings is unique in Europe and documents the art of fortress building over 400 years. In several buildings, entertaining exhibitions explain their construction and use. In addition, tours and an audio guide illustrate what life at the fortress used to be like.



The largest exhibition **“In lapide regis – On the King’s Stone”** offers an insight into the eventful history: castle, monastery, prison, hunting lodge, juvenile detention centre – all of this was on this table hill once.

At the **Old and New Armouries**, the former storages for weapons, cannons and small arms give an insight into the military history of Saxony.

For a long time, the hilltop fortress was the most dreaded state prison and was even called the **“Saxon Bastille”**. Media stations, films, and photographs inform visitors about the prisoners’ tragic fates.

The **Well House** protects the 152.5 metres deep well, i.e. the deepest historic well in Saxony. Models and animations acknowledge this miners’ masterpiece and illustrate different ways of water extraction.



EXCITING – SPECTACULAR – DIVERSE

Concerts, family activities, and events give variety. Especially popular are the morning picnic with a view above the Elbe Valley, the historic spectacle **“The Swedes Conquer Königstein Hill”**, the organ concerts at the Garrison Church, the Thunder of Cannons above the Elbe Valley, and the Historic-romantic Christmas market.



EVENTS FOR 2026



Rent a **holiday flat** on the fortress and enjoy the peace and quiet following the closing of the gates. Experience the sunrise and sunset from this unique site. Between the historic buildings and in the fortress forest the 9.5 ha large fortress plateau not only offers numerous sights but also quaint places tucked away which are worth seeing.



DISCOVER – EXPERIENCE – RELAX

The hilltop fortress is an exciting place for learning and adventures. Under the motto **“A large Fortress for Little Explorers”**, children can discover the gigantic fortification with a special audio guide, explore a Renaissance castle with VR glasses, play many different search and guessing games, borrow Baroque costumes in the exhibition **“In lapide regis”** for free, and much more.



The fortress wood with its stock of old trees, the gardens blooming almost all year, and an idyllic picnic area with many benches invite you to linger.

TIP: Königstein hill is situated at the **“Painters’ trail”** (Malerweg), one of the most popular hiking trails in Germany, which is 116 kilometres long and still inspires artists.

The unique combination of fascinating architecture, historic military technology, joyful flowers, and splendid views to all directions makes photographers’ hearts beat faster.

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