

## RESIDENTIAL CASTLE SONDRERSHAUSEN

Imposingly enthroning over the residency is the castle construction. Architectural styles of several periods shape the home for centuries of the Prince of Schwarzburg-Sondershausen. Especially worth looking at is the Amateur Theatre, the Golden Carriage, the Blue Hall such as the gallery of ancestral portraits.



**opening hours:**  
**April - September,**  
**Tuesday - Sunday**  
**10.00 am - 5.00 pm**  
**October - March,**  
**Tuesday - Sunday**  
**10.00 am - 4.00 pm**

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A very special cultural highlight takes place in the historical Marstall (princely stables) and in other rooms of the residential castle from May, 15<sup>th</sup> to October, 3<sup>rd</sup> 2004: The Second Exhibition of the State of Thuringia.

THÜRINGEN **NEU ENTDECKT**  
 LAND DER RESIDENZEN

1485-1918



There the history of residences in Thuringia between 1485 and 1918 will be displayed on an area of more than 2000 square metres.

## ADVENTURE MINE SONDRERSHAUSEN

Excitement and adventure is offered by the oldest descendable potassium mine of the world.

During a fascinating „travel to the centre of the earth“ through a mysterious subterranean labyrinth you can see imposing extraction and production facilities.

Boat trips on a subterranean lake, a tunnel chute and a railway track are great fun, a festival and concert hall offer pleasant entertaining.



**From Monday-Sunday with booking**  
**telephone: 0 36 32/65 52 80**

## ADVENTURE PARK STRAUSSBERG

A very special experience can be made by old and young in Straussberg.

As if having a breathtaking ride at the toboggan run or at having fun with the Barbary apes in the neighbouring open-air enclosure, where not only children can enjoy themselves.



**opening hours:**  
**March - October, every day 9.00 am - 6.00 pm**  
**telephone: 03 63 34/5 32 14**

## KYFFHÄUSER THERMAL BATH BAD FRANKENHAUSEN



The new Fun-Indoor-Pool of the health resort has got 5 different pools to offer, two of them filled with 3.5 %-salt water. Numerous attractions such as benches for massage treatment, a gigantic water chute, a wildwater track such as a children's paddling pool surely offer pleasure and relaxation. A large Salt-Water-Adventure-Pool such as several saunas and a sauna garden are newly-opened offers of the Thermal Bath.

**opening hours: every day 9.00 am - 10.00 pm**  
**Sauna: Monday - Friday 3.00 pm- 10.00 pm**  
**Saturday/Sunday 9.00 am - 10.00 pm**  
**telephone: 03 46 71/51 23**

## BAD FRANKENHAUSEN CASTLE

The 16th-century-Renaissance castle shelters a remarkable museum of local history displaying exhibits of history, culture, geology such as of flora and animal world. Interesting exhibitions inform the visitors about the importance of salt and the cure and bathing treatment of the town.



**opening hours:**  
**Tuesday - Sunday 10.00 am - 5.00 pm**  
**telephone: 03 46 71/6 20 86**

## FUNKENBURG - FORTRESS WESTGREUSSEN

It is not a personal tip any longer to visit the Funkenburg-Fortress in Westgreußen, which is an Old-Germanic Fortress. With its reconstructions in near accordance with the origin the fortress shows life and work of the Old Germanic peoples.



**opening hours:**  
**Nov.-March, Monday-Friday 10.00 am-5.00 pm**  
**April-Oct., Monday-Sunday 10.00 am-5.00 pm**  
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## FURTHER REWARDING PLACES FOR EXCURSIONS

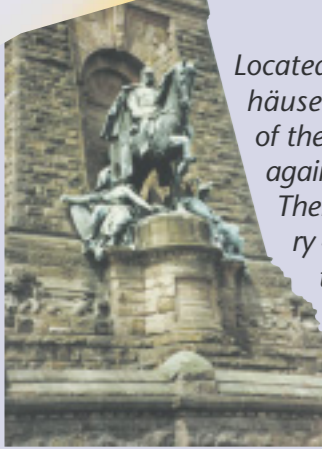


- **Wasserburg (water-surrounded castle) Heldrungen** unique four-wing-castle - and fortress construction dated to the 16th century, protected by a double moat.
- **Leisure and Recreation Park „Possen“** popular destination for excursions and walking tours, open-air enclosure for bears and game, former hunting lodge and half-timbered tower
- **Tilleda - Königspfalz ( royal palace)** out of Ottonic time (972), open-air-museum
- **Sachsenburgen** two ruins of castles from the 13th century, rests of a palace, donjon in a good condition
- **Göllingen - romanic monastery tower** with well-preserved quadrate crypt
- **Donndorf** former Cistercian monastery of nuns, restored church of monastery



Simply worth seeing

## KYFFHÄUSER MEMORIAL



Located in the middle of the Kyffhäuser Mountains the landmark of the region fascinates again and again.

There are ruins of the 11th century - residence Kyffhausen, one of the largest and strongest medieval fortress constructions in Germany to be seen for visitors. Especially remarkable are ruins of the lower part of the construction.

Even much more impressive however is the imposing Kyffhäuser Memorial with a height of 81 metres with its equestrian statue of Emperor Wilhelm the First and the statue of Barbarossa hewed out from stone. Go up the 247 steps up to the dome of the tower and enjoy the overwhelming panoramic view over the Goldene Aue Valley up to the Harz Mountains.



„The old Barbarossa-Kaiser Friedrich. In a subterranean castle - enchanted he hides himself“  
(F. Rückert 1817)

opening hours: every day  
May - September, 9.00 am - 7.00 pm  
October - April, 10.00 am - 5.00 pm

telephone: 034651/2780

## GEOPARK BARBAROSSA CAVE

On the southern edge of the Kyffhäuser Mountains, in a distance of only 5 kilometres from Bad Frankenhausen you can visit the largest plaster stone cave of Europe which is open up for tourists.



Huge hollows with a span up to 42 metres, bizarre ceiling creations and crystal clear lakes determine the picture of the legendary grottos.

Along the nearly 800-metre-guided tour the delightful „Grotto of Neptun“, the mighty „Ball room“ or the imposing „Lohgerberei“ (tanning) wait to be discovered. Of course it is a must for every visitor to have a look at the table and chair of Barbarossa at the end of the tour. Only guided tours possible!



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April - October, every day 10.00 am - 5.00 pm  
November - March,  
Tuesday - Sunday 10.00 am - 4.00 pm

telephone: 034671/5450

## PANORAMA MUSEUM

In the Panorama Museum opened in 1989 above Bad Frankenhausen the largest monumental panoramic painting of Germany is waiting for its visitors.



Over 3000 gorgeously colourful figures painted by the Leipzig artist Werner Tübke in the style of the Old Masters are a vivid record of life in the 16th century on a 14- by 123- metres canvas.

So the painting belongs to one of the most spectacular projects of younger history of art.

The origin on this location is by the way due to the fact that the decisive battle of the Peasant's War took place here.



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April-October, Tuesday-Sunday 10.00 am-6.00 pm  
July/August also Mo. 01.00 pm-6.00 pm  
Nov.-March, Tuesday-Sunday 10.00 am-5.00 pm

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## MODEL RAILWAY WIEHE MOWI - WORLD

A very special highlight is offered by the small town of Wiehe in the Unstrut Valley.



MOWI-World - one of the world's largest centres of model railways has a total area of circa 12,000 square metres. Beside the model of the railway region of Thüringen with faithful replicas of the Wartburg Fortress and the Kyffhäuser Memorial there is a fascinating construction of the Harz- and Brocken railway (gauge LGB) to be seen.

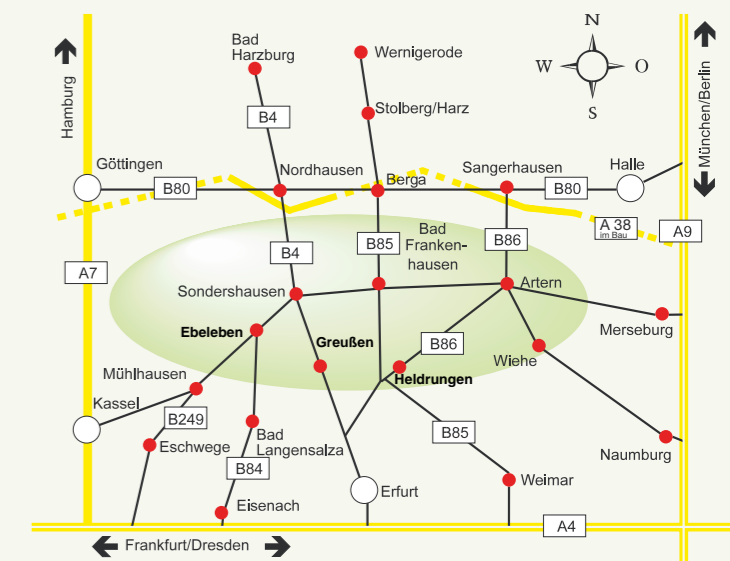
In another hall the first ICE-route Würzburg - Hamburg (TT) can be seen, and with a gauge of HO the legendary Orient express goes on his journey.

In the world's largest garden railway-construction fixed in a hall finally parts of the railway connection from the East to West Coast of the USA are build as a model.



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