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Travel Guide: Getting to Burg Ebernburg

Address

Burg Ebernburg, 55583 Bad Kreuznach

About the Location

Burg Ebernburg is a hilltop castle overlooking the town of Bad Münster am Stein-Ebernburg and the Nahe river valley, part of Bad Kreuznach in Rhineland-Palatinate. It dates back to the 14th century and has a notable Reformation history — in 1522, Franz von Sickingen gave shelter here to followers of Martin Luther, and the castle hosted what is considered the first Protestant communion service in southern Germany. Today it's run as an Evangelische Familienferien- und Bildungsstätte (a Protestant conference and retreat center), with meeting rooms, a restaurant, and simple guest accommodations set within the historic walls.

The site sits on a steep spur above the Alsenz and Nahe valleys, so expect some elevation and stairs on the approach, along with good views once you're up. It's also a starting point for several hiking trails in the area, if anyone wants to extend their stay.

The Ebernburg offers accommodation in **single, double, and shared rooms**. All rooms are equipped with a shower and toilet, as well as internet and Wi-Fi access.

Getting there by train

Nearest Train Station: Bad Münster am Stein

Bad Münster am Stein-Ebernburg lies on the Bingen–Kaiserslautern and Mainz–Saarbrücken railway lines. From Bad Münster am Stein-Ebernburg railway station, bus number 201 runs every half hour to the 'Ebernburg alter Bahnhof' stop at the foot of the castle. Above the bus stop, the footpath begins with steps leading up to the castle. It's 1.5 km / 20–25 minutes on foot from the castle, or a short bus ride (see "Last Mile" below).

ROUTE 1: FROM FRANKFURT AM MAIN

- Frankfurt (Hbf) → Bad Münster am Stein (RE3, ~1 hr)
- Frankfurt (Hbf) → Mainz Hbf (ICE/IC or RE, ~35–40 min) change in Mainz Hbf → Bad Münster am Stein (RE/RB towards Kaiserslautern/Idar-Oberstein/Saarbrücken, ~35–45 min)
- Frequency: regional trains run roughly hourly on this line
- Book/check via **bahn.de** or the DB Navigator app — **search "Bad Münster am Stein-Ebernburg" as destination**.

ROUTE 2: FROM BRUSSELS

- **Brussels-Midi → Bad Münster am Stein** or Frankfurt am Main/Flughafen (ICE/Thalys/Eurostar direct connection, ~3–3.5 hours). Then continue as per the Frankfurt or Cologne connection to Bad Münster am Stein.
- Best connection is with 1 change: **Bruxelles Midi – Frankfurt Airport – RE3 direction Saarbrücken until Bad Münster am Stein**
- Total journey time: approx. 4.5–5.5 hours
- Book via **bahn.de** or **sncb.be** — international ICE tickets can often be booked as a through-ticket to Bad Münster am Stein-Ebernburg
- Tip: booking early (Sparpreis Europa / Thalys/ICE promo fares) significantly reduces cost on this route.

ROUTE 3: FROM BERLIN

- Berlin Hbf → Frankfurt Hbf (ICE direct, ~4 hours) or
  Berlin Hbf → Mainz Hbf (some ICE lines run direct via Frankfurt, ~4.5 hours)
- Frankfurt Hbf / Mainz Hbf → Bad Münster am Stein (RE/RB)
- Total journey time: 5–5.5 hours, typically 1–2 changes
- Book via **bahn.de** or DB Navigator — search direct connections "**Berlin Hbf → Bad Münster am Stein** " to see if a through-booking with fewer changes is available on your travel time.

LAST MILE: FROM BAD MÜNSTER AM STEIN STATION TO THE CASTLE

You have two climate-friendly options once you arrive at the station:

OPTION A — WALK (RECOMMENDED IF YOU ENJOY A SHORT HIKE)

- Distance: ~1.5 km, uphill towards the end
- Time: approx. 20–25 minutes
- Follow signage toward "Ebernburg" / Schloßgartenstraße, then Burgstraße; the final approach includes a stepped footpath to the castle (20 minutes from base)

OPTION B — BUS

- Take bus line 201 (or 222) from the station, which run roughly every 30 minutes
- Get off at Stop "Ebernburg alter Bahnhof" (foot of the castle hill)
- From there, a footpath with steps leads up to the castle (~20 minutes)
- Alternatively, get off at "Schöne Aussicht" and walk ~10 minutes via Schloßgartenstraße to Burgstraße.
- Tip: Check exact bus departure times via the **RNN journey planner** or DB Navigator, as they connect to arriving trains.

Getting there by car

(if colleagues combine train travel with a shared car/shuttle for luggage, etc.)

- Free parking at the castle itself: a public car park is located directly on Burgstraße, right at the site — about 200 m walk to the castle entrance,
- Alternative car park: near the Feuerwehrgerätehaus, Burgstraße 37, 55583 Bad Münster am Stein-Ebernburg,

- Access by road: from A61, exit "Bad Kreuznach," follow B41 to Bad Kreuznach, continue to Bad Münster am Stein; the Ebernburg is signposted from there.

What to Bring

Given the castle's hillside location and its character as a historic building (rather than a modern conference hotel), a few practical items are worth packing:

- Comfortable, firm walking shoes — the final approach involves stairs and uphill paths,
- Warm clothing — it can be breezy up on the hill even when it's mild in the valley,
- Light rain protection —just in case,
- A refillable water bottle,
- Adapter/charger as needed — historic buildings may have limited sockets in shared meeting spaces,
- Your personal items for an overnight stay.

*All timings are approximate and based on current regional/long-distance rail patterns. Please verify exact departures and any planned engineering works close to your travel date via **bahn.de** or the DB Navigator app, and book early where possible for the best fares and lowest-emission fare classes.

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