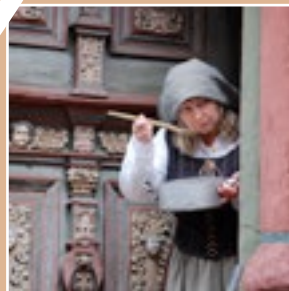




Alsfeld...



...you have to experience it!



Bücking House on the Market Place (1893)

Market Place with Wine House and Town Hall (1878)

South side of the Market Place (approx.. 1870)

If walls and arches could speak, they would tell the visitor many tales about the history of Alsfeld...

Originally called “Adelesfelt”, Alsfeld was founded in 8th - 9th century as the seat of the Carolingian Court. It was first documented in 1069.

In 1605, the Chronicles of “Hessica von Dillich” describe Alsfeld as a distinguished place and as the capital city of Hesse.

This was due to the favourable geographical position on the trade routes leading from Frankfurt to Thuringia, thus cementing Alsfeld’s importance.

Alsfeld had its own royal mint, market privileges and in 1222 acquired city status.

Historical

A living reflection of history



Tradition welcomes the future

Attractions

European model city for heritage building conservation.



The famous Market Place Trio of the Town Hall, the Wine House and No.2 Market Place



The Wedding House, The Stumpf House and The Bücking House



The Walpurgis Church, the main parish church of Alsfeld

Welcome to a town where the wood timbered architecture is a feast for your eyes!

In 1878 the town councillors wanted to have the Town Hall pulled down. Luckily their plans were stopped. Since then no such thoughts have been entertained. On the contrary: preserve, maintain and renovate has become the motto of Alsfeld.

The results were so exemplary and convincing that in 1975, the European Council selected Alsfeld as a European Model Town.

An exciting excursion back in time is to walk through the town with its over 400 half-timbered buildings, spanning 700 years of history.



The Regional Museum with the Neurath and Minnigerode Houses.

The symbol of Alsfeld, the Town Hall built 1512-1516.

*Alsfeld is one of the most original
and striking cities in Germany.*





Guided tour in historical costumes



Witches, Healers & Herbal Women



Children's adventure Tour

Explore Alsfeld in a very special way!

Delve into the past and during your sightseeing tour, meet 'original' characters like General "Bunnsopp".

Accompany the night watchman on his tour through the streets. Make a magical trip back in time to the world of witches, healers and the herbal women. While tasting the variety of Alsfelder beers and foods learn about the history of brewing and of the buildings in Alsfeld. Allow yourself to be captivated by the sayings and legends of Alsfeld: On an Alsfelder theme or adventure tour you'll experience the town in a new, fascinating and exciting way

Original

Let them surprise you...



Alsfeld Town Players.



A tour with the night watchman on his rounds.



Historical scenes.



GENERAL "BUNNSOPP"

*„Is this disgusting food fit for a general?“
How many towns have a General who throws his plate of
bean soup out of the window, thereby becoming immortal
to Alsfeld?*





Magically

In the Grimm Brothers homeland.



Little Red Riding Hood enacted in the Museum yard.



Mother Holle shaking out her bedding.



A fairy-tale guided tour through the town with the Grimm Brothers.

The many characters from the Grimm Brothers stories come to life in Alsfeld!

Meeting the enchanting Little Red Riding Hood in one of the winding streets should be no surprise to you. In the world of fairy-tales, the story of Little Red Riding Hood plays an important role in Alsfeld. It is said that the Grimm Brothers were inspired by the local costumes in the Schwalm when they adapted the story.

A visit to the Alsfeld Fairy Tale House, a wood-timbered house from the year 1628, will bring a sparkle to both children and adult eyes. Listen to fables told by the fairy and be transported back into the land of kings, dwarfs, witches and fairies.

Fairy-tale performances by the Alsfelder Market Players, are bewitching experiences that you will never forget. Compliment that with a fairy-tale dinner in magical ambience or spend the night in fairy-tale accommodation.

Fairy-tales you hear, see and taste: In Alsfeld childhood dreams come true!



And the wolf said, "Little Red Riding Hood, why don't you go to the magnificent old town of Alsfeld and look at over 400 wood-timbered houses? You'll see, it's well worth while."



Snow White



Rumpelstilzchen



Hänsel & Gretel

*In Alsfeld
fairy-tales come true...*



Alsfeld Christmas Market



Magic and Variety Show during the "Bewitching Night"



Little Red Riding Hood Week celebrated in Little Red Riding Hood Country

The people in Alsfeld know how to celebrate and would like to invite others, because the more the merrier.

Alsfeld hosts the Cheese market in April, The Whitsun Market and Annual Market at Whitsun, The Herb and Fairy-Tale Fair in June, Little Red Riding Hood Week and The Home and City Fair both in August, Bewitching Night in September, The Chocolate Market and Beer Festival in October and the Taverns Festival in November. In addition to these, there is the Savoury Cake and Potato Fair as well as a varied music and cultural program...

Eventful

The whole year is a celebration!



Alsfeld Town & Country Fair



Alsfeld Pentecostal Fair –
The biggest Carnival in the Region



Herb & Fairy-Tale Day

In December the Market Place and the old town are lit up with Christmas lights. The 10 day legendary Christmas Market entertains all who come to enjoy the music, stories and plays. Mother Holle will delight young and old alike.

On Christmas Eve hundreds of spectators gather in the marketplace to watch the traditional Christ Child Celebrations, which have taken place on the top of the Walpurgis Church Tower since 1674.

At New Years Eve, all the local taverns and restaurants are full of merrymakers to welcome in the New Year.

Dreamlike

Rustic Wood Timbers meet idyllic green landscapes



A view from the Church Tower



Lama trekking



Post coach ride

As wonderful as the historic old town, so charming is the surrounding landscape.

Alsfeld is the largest town in the Vogelsberg District and lies 268m above sea level. It is situated on the upper reaches of the Schwalm River and in delightful highland scenery nestled against the Vogelsberg.

The countryside is varied. The unspoilt nature around Alsfeld signifies:

peace and quiet, a feeling of well being, diversity and recuperation.

Whether on foot, on bicycle, on horseback, on a lama or donkey ride or on a carriage tour, the countryside around Alsfeld always offers new and memorable impressions.





Altenburg castle



Donkey trekking



horse-drawn sleigh ride

State approved resort.

An Eldorado for nature enthusiasts.





Alsfeld potato sausages



Savoury cake



Altenburger 'cheese'

*An April fool's day joke
turned into reality:
the Alsfeld Kisses.*



Delicious

Alsfeld like love, passes through the stomach!



Sweet tempting morsels, Alsfeld kisses, ducats and plaster stones.



Specialities from Alsfeld



Little Red Riding-Hood Presentation Basket

Specialities in Alsfeld – a gourmet treat!

Everybody will find something that tastes good in Alsfeld. Those who have tasted the Alsfelder Potato Sausage are addicted.

On a town visit, no route escapes the Alsfeld Specialities. Whether hearty home cooking like “Salzekuchen” and “Aleburger Käs” or sweet treats like The Alsfelder Kisses and Ducats: Alsfeld tastes good to everyone!

Using clear mineral water from the depths of the volcanic rock a very special beer is brewed: Alsfelder!

The Alsfeld Speciality Tour is for people who want to discover the Alsfeld culinary specialities, including the locally brewed barley juice, on an entertaining trip.





Old Town Wall beside remains of the ancient cloister

Cloister garden

Fabled Grab Well

Paradise can also be found in Alsfeld!

Visit secluded places like the Alsfeld Herb Garden, where the Alsfelder Herb Woman offers home baked herbal breads and rolls. Be captivated by the delightful back yards and enchanting parks like the cloister garden or the Erlenpark as well as secluded locations like the inner courtyard of the Regional Museum - pure soul food! In Alsfeld it's easy to become enraptured!



Enchanting

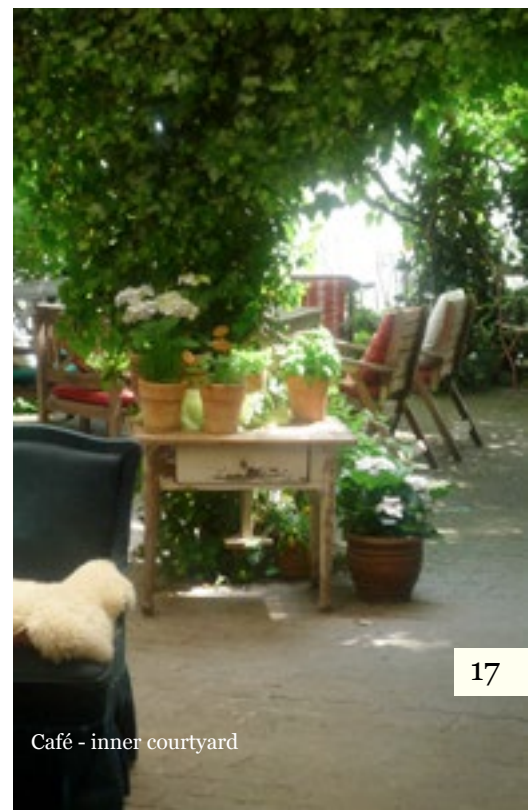
The romantic oases in an old town



The witch's kitchen



Circular walk around the Erlen Pond



Café - inner courtyard

A summer and winter wonderland



Angel's heads incorporated in wooden beams



Inscriptions can be found on many houses



Mysterious groove markings in the sandstone.

On a stroll through the Alsfeld old town, you will come across symbolic, artistic and mysterious features at every corner.

Forced to stand against the wall, with your head in a clamp, this was the sentence for dishonest traders in the middle ages. Today the iron pillory on the corner of the Wine House is one of the most photographed motives in the Alsfeld marketplace:



Fascinating

Stories and history at every turn



The 60cm long Alsfeld cubit on the Town Hall.



An instrument of punishment in the middle ages - the pillory.



Wooden carving on one of the earliest half-timbered buildings.

Only a few steps further on is the Alsfeld Cubit – exactly 60cm long.

Carved figures, symbols and inscriptions on the wood timbers, strange grooves and notches on the sandstone buildings: a voyage of discovery through the old city that never seems to end.

Experience the pleasure of comparing the medieval with the modern, a colourful journey back in time.



Welcoming

Where the visitor is treated like royalty.



Little Red Riding Hood smiles at everybody



Historical wine cellar.



An enchanting overnight stay

Hearty, open and inviting: Alsfeld greets her guests and visitors!

Not only the buildings, the people also make a town. The people in Alsfeld are outgoing, open hearted and sociable - you can sense it. No matter which language the people speak, you will quickly be drawn into conversation with them.

Nostalgic and cosy cafes and venues in the town centre invite you inside. Hearty Alsfeld dishes are served in the original and traditional restaurants.

A special flair is seen in the quaint pubs and wine cellars, such as the oldest vaulted cellar dating back to 1309.

One day in Alsfeld is much too short! Whether you prefer a hotel, a country inn, bed and breakfast or private accommodation: in Alsfeld everyone finds a suitable place to stay.





Heartfelt hospitality...



Favourite photo motives - the Wine house...



... and the pillory.



Celebrating like they did in the 16th Century.

Unique

An unforgettable journey



The Wild West Town of Lingelcreek



“The best day of your life” in Alsfeld



For you we'll portray any character...

**Authentic, unusual, surprising and fascinating...
In short, Alsfeld is different, Alsfeld is a sensation!**

Alsfeld has remained a place that exudes charm, which despite the passing of time has lost none of its originality or its very own atmosphere.

For this reason alone, every visit to Alsfeld is something very special.

Once you've been to Alsfeld, you're sure to come back. You have to experience Alsfeld!

See you soon ...

... in Alsfeld!

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We look forward to seeing you!



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