



Hospitality Pack

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Dear participants and visitors,

This Hospitality Pack contains all the information you need to find your way around FEATS 2010. We invite you to browse this booklet before coming to Bad Homburg, follow the blue links and suggestions and plan your hours of leisure in advance.

There will be print-outs of this info pack at your hotels and at the main venue; however, we aim to make this festival environmentally-friendly and so chose to provide only a limited number of printed copies. Rest assured that no one will miss out on any information!

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FEATS 2010 at a Glance

Venues

- Main festival: [Kurtheater](#), Luisenstr. (central pedestrian zone)
- Fringe: Gemeindehaus St. Marien, Dorotheenstr. 13
- FEATS Forum & Creative Forum: municipal library, Dorotheenstr. 20-24

Both fringe venue and library are just a short walk from the Kurtheater. We will put out tourist maps for you at your hotels, and our [online](#) map also shows all the venues.

Times

- Kurtheater foyer (daily) 10:00 - 23:30 (last call for drinks)
- Showtime (daily) 19:30
- Fringe (Fri-Sun) 12:30 - 17:30ish
- The Party (Sat) 23:00 - 03:00
- FEATS Forum (Sun) 12:00

Tickets

We hope you have already ordered your ticket online, but you can also buy them at the door. There will be separate queues for pre-ordered; pre-ordered and pre-paid; and "at the door".

We encourage you to **order** as much as possible in advance in our [online shop](#) and pick up everything at the box office on the day you arrive – perhaps even in the afternoon – tickets, tokens, raffle tickets for the KLM flight to NYC, programmes, souvenir t-shirts. This way you won't have to bring extra cash nor queue for tokens!

Please take extra care with the **party ticket** – it's a coloured paper wristband, so check upon your arrival that it is in your ticket envelope, and make sure to bring it on Saturday!

Cashless festival

FEATS 2010 is an entirely cashless festival – **tokens only**. There will be several token selling points in the main venue, but we suggest you pre-order some to start with. Bar, food and merchandise sales points and the party bar on Saturday night will not accept cash.

Please note that we cannot take any form of plastic money.

Parking

There is a public [garage](#) underneath the theatre, € 1 per hour or € 3 per night (18:00-01:30).

You generally have to pay for parking anywhere near the centre of town, so we suggest you drop off your stuff at the theatre / your hotel and then find the free parking zones on the **maps** at your hotel and at the info desk in the theatre.

You don't have to pay to park anywhere on Thursday and Sunday, but people will be flocking into Bad Homburg in droves for the wine festival and for Sunday shopping. So once you manage to find a good parking space don't even think of moving your car... that space will be gone within seconds!

Going Green

The FEATS 2010 Organising Committee has pledged to offset carbon emissions incurred in conjunction with this festival (electricity at the theatre, travel etc.) by supporting a project that replaces toxic kerosene lamps in rural areas in India with solar lamps. We hope you will consider joining our effort and make a small donation to "**go green**" – see p. 6.

Main Venue: Kurtheater

The theatre is situated in the Kurhaus, a big red building right at the heart of Bad Homburg. If you access it from the pedestrian zone at ground level, it's up the stairs to the left; if you are coming from the Kurpark side (e.g. those of you who stay at the Parkhotel or Villa Kisseleff), you go up one additional flight of stairs – you can't miss it.

In the foyer you will find:

- a **bar** that also serves tea & coffee during the day
- the **box office** where you can buy or pick up theatre and party tickets;
- an **info desk**
- the **DAW** info stand
- **food** (sandwiches, cakes and snacks)
- our fabulous **souvenir** t-shirts.

You can spot helpers by their grey polo shirts with the FEATS logo.

There will be a computer with **internet access** to check festival stuff (no facebook, private emailing etc. ☺) and a printer for limited use – we're not going to print countless additional copies of this hospitality pack, for example, so please remember to bring yours along from home or the hotel!

Curtain goes up at **19:30** every evening. We encourage you to arrive early, especially on your first night, to allow sufficient time to pick up your tickets and for us to answer any queries.

There are two 20-minute intervals every night. We offer a **pre-order** service for **interval drinks**, so again – come a bit early and order interval drinks before the shows and then enjoy the interval chatting with friends rather than queuing for your wine!

Please note that coats, food and drinks are not permitted in the auditorium. We hope for our customary warm and sunny May weather, so you can leave your coat at the hotel! But if it does stay cool, you can leave it at the cloakroom in the foyer, free of charge.

The Fringe

The Fringe will take place in the afternoons from Friday to Sunday. The [venue](#), a community hall adjacent to a church, offers ample space and a good stage and is only a five-minute walk from the Kurtheater. Click on the blue "venue" link and then follow the "St. Marien Kirche" link to see where it is.

We have a fantastic [programme](#) of 13 short plays, sketches, musical performances and workshops. Do make sure you catch as much as possible of this!

Please note that the FEATS Forum and Creative Forum, which are listed as part of the Fringe, take place in the library café.

The Party!

Following the shows and adjudication on Saturday night, you can head upstairs from the theatre to the FEATS 2010 Party. A buffet of delicious Spanish tapas awaits you, a professional DJ will provide music to rock your socks off, and there will also be some live musical entertainment.

The bar in the foyer will close at around 23:30 (our helpers want to party too!), but you can continue to buy your drinks at the party.

If you intend to join the fun but haven't booked your **ticket** yet, please please please do so [online](#) NOW – our caterer is great but she will be seriously challenged to accommodate 20 extra orders coming in Saturday morning!

Party tickets come in the shape of coloured **wristbands**, and only one of those around your wrist will grant you entrance – so please make sure you bring them to the theatre on Saturday!

FEATS Forum

The FEATS Forum will take place in the library café just across the road from the Fringe venue, at 12:00 on Sunday 16 May. Come along, join the discussion and bring ideas for the future of FEATS!

Going Green

We have decided to attempt an environment-friendly festival. Apart from keeping our waste to a minimum (only recyclable bottles, no disposable cups and glasses, bio-degradable food containers), we have entered into an agreement with the non-profit organization [atmosfair](#) to offset the carbon emissions incurred in conjunction with FEATS 2010.

Based on data from the theatre, the number of hotel bookings and estimated distances travelled by car, plane or train, atmosfair has calculated a price to offset our emissions. The FEATS 2010 Organising Committee has pledged to cover this amount, which will help fund an atmosfair [project](#) in rural India: noxious kerosene lamps will be replaced by solar lamps, which will enable children to study for school under much healthier conditions.

If you would like to support this project too, you can donate at the info desk in the main venue, where you will also find more information about the solar lamp project.

Eating & Drinking

Quite apart from all the food and drink at the Kurtheater, Fringe venue and the wine festival, there are plenty of good restaurants in various price categories within a 10-minute walk. Click [here](#) for a list of suggestions from our website. Italian, Thai, Lebanese, Japanese, and of course German ("Café Klatsch" and the "Kartoffelküche" are favourites with visitors and locals alike)... you will not go hungry.

Our info desk at the Kurtheater will have a list of places that are guaranteed to take orders after 23:00, as well as some menus.

Leisure

There are many ways to while away your hours of leisure in and around Bad Homburg. Take a walk in the huge park across the road from the Kurtheater (rear entrance), and while you "take the waters" you may come across not one, but two [Thai temples](#), and a [Russian church](#).

Continue south through the park, and you can do the wellness thing at the [Kur Royal](#) Spa Centre (open daily from 10:00-22:00) and afterwards amble across the gravel path to the Casino, which boasts to be "the mother of Monte Carlo". (Unlike our box office, they do take plastic money.)

If you want to get a bit more active, you can continue another five minutes south and get to Bad Homburg's two swimming pools, the Seedammbad (open from 07:00-21:00 Tues-Fri and 08:00-20:00 at the weekend) and the more luxurious [Taunus-Therme](#) (open 09:00-24:00 Wed, Fri, Sun and 09:00-23:00 all other days; advisable especially for cooler days).

The park also hosts Germany's oldest golf course, the "[Old Course](#)". There's also the much bigger (and more expensive) "[New Course](#)" just outside town. The New Course is closed for a tournament on Thursday. Ask for details about both courses at our info desk.

If you're already heading that way, just continue up the road for another 2km to visit the [Saalburg](#), a restored Roman fort and UNESCO World Heritage site – this really is quite special and beautifully situated in the wonderful green surroundings of the Taunus, ideal for a walk or even a serious hike.

About 15 minutes by car is the [Hessenpark](#), an open-air museum where over 100 buildings from all over the state of Hessen – many of them hundreds of years old – have been reconstructed on 160 acres. Many handicrafts are kept alive here. A great morning or afternoon. Open 09:00-18:00.

We have arranged for two **guided walking tours** of Bad Homburg in English, on Friday and Saturday from 10:00-11:30. Sign up and pay € 5 at the info desk, where you will also be given directions where to meet the guide.

And if all that is still not enough... Frankfurt is only 20 minutes away by car or train – you can easily spend several hours on and around the [museum embankment](#) – ask for details at our info desk.

For more tips, such as boat trips on the Rhine (basically a day trip), the Gutenberg museum in Mainz or the Rheingau wine region, please refer to the "[things do to](#)" section on our website.

Wine Festival & Shopping

From Friday to Sunday, 14-16 May, Bad Homburg hosts an annual **wine festival**. Up and down the pedestrian zone, the Louisenstraße, there will be countless stands selling food and beverages. It makes for a really nice atmosphere – keep your fingers crossed for good weather – but don't forget our own bar at the theatre; our prices are probably lower and our wine is just as good (if not better)! ☺

General shop opening hours vary a bit; supermarkets are usually open from 8:00 (some even earlier) until 22:00, and most other shops open between 9:00ish and 19:00 or 20:00 Monday to Saturday. Thursday 13 May is a bank holiday and all shops (including supermarkets) will be closed; however, Sunday 16 May is "shopping Sunday", and most shops on and near Louisenstraße will be open from 13:00-18:00.

There are many cash machines up and down Louisenstraße and one even in the Kurhaus (lower level, "Taunussparkasse").

If you want a really special souvenir... what about the famous Homburg hat? The "Hutsalon Rosemann" in Rathausstr. 8, in the old part of town, always has some in stock and will also take orders. The hats cost between € 175-200. Opening hours are Tues - Fri 10:00-13:00 and 15:00-18:30, Sat 10:00-15:00, Sun 13:00-18:00. Our info desk staff can show you the shop on the tourist map.

Public Transport

The train station in Bad Homburg is about 12 minutes on foot from the main venue. You can also take a bus (during the wine festival from Kaiser-Friedrich-Promenade at the back of the theatre), including:

from Kurhaus to Bahnhof

from Bahnhof to Kurhaus

no.	direction	direction
1, 11	Atzelnest	Gotisches Haus
5	Gonzenheim U-Bahn	Saalburg
7	Am Güterbahnhof	Nesselbornfeld
261	Bad Homburg Bahnhof	Oberursel Kronberg Königstein

and any others in the direction "Bad Homburg Bahnhof". You can get tickets at the green ticket machines in the station (the red ticket machines are for long distance trains only) or on the bus.

To go into Frankfurt, take the "S 5" train direction Südbahnhof (direction home: S 5 to Friedberg) and get out at Hauptwache. The fare is € 3,80 one way; you can also get group and day tickets.

To get to the Saalburg, New Course or Hessenpark (see "Leisure" section) it is advisable to take the car, although there is a bus (No. 5) from the Kurhaus to the Saalburg every two hours.

Emergency Numbers

Ambulance (Krankenwagen)	112
Police (Polizei)	110
Fire (Feuerwehr)	112

These numbers can be dialled from any phone, including public pay phones, without inserting coins or pressing special buttons, and any mobile phone ("handy" in German), including foreign mobile phones, can call these numbers free of charge.

Emergency doctor (Notarzt) +49 (0)6172 19292

The nearest accident and emergency treatment is at the Bad Homburg **hospital**, marked by a red cross on the map overleaf.

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Your hotel or our info desk volunteers will also help you find addresses and phone numbers of doctors.

