

# Wine experience "Red Slope"

The wine ambassadors, Dr. Almut Hoffmann-Hempler and Dr. Rainer Holler will take guests of Hyatt Regency Mainz on a walk through one of the most famous German vineyards



Number of participants: 2 - 8 people

Duration: approx. 2 hours

Dates: on request

Booking: via the reception of the Hyatt Regency Mainz

Price per person: €29 incl. a tasting of 3 wines from a renowned Nierstein winemaker

Meeting point: market square in Nierstein

You start the approximately 5-kilometres long tour with a lot of revealing information about the special geology of the "Red Slope", about viticulture and about the seasonal work in the vineyard. The path first leads to the Catholic mountain church of St. Kilian. From there, hikers not only have a beautiful view of Nierstein, but can also take a look at the oldest known and still cultivated vineyard in Germany, the "Glöck".

Via the Catholic cemetery, the tour goes past a vineyard that is managed by an organic winegrower. After a breathtaking ascent, you reach a vineyard, in which orange-coloured capsules are suspended five metres apart. The hikers will also find out what is behind this phenomenon from the wine ambassador.

On the opposite side of the path, you can see a break in the "Red Slope". The formation of this geological attraction began 280-million years ago in the Permian period. The so-called "Rotliegende", which emerged from the hot, dry desert landscape near the then-equator, begins in Nackenheim, is 5-kilometres long, curves past Nierstein and ends in Schwabsburg.

Arriving on the roof of the "Red Slope", the hikers reach a newly planted vineyard. The wine ambassador reveals what is so amazing about this new facility with an impressive panoramic view of the Hessian region. Afterwards, the hikers finally reach the Fockenberghütte. A renowned Nierstein winegrower awaits you there for the final wine tasting. Hikers can look forward to three distinctive and expressive wines: a Riesling, a Pinot Noir and a surprise wine.