Bad Kreuznach and its neighbourhood

Pretty close to Bad Kreuznach there is a city called Bingen, which is famous for the Rhine. The little river Nahe, which also flows through Bad Kreuznach ends up there. The Rhine is one of the largest rivers in Europe. It crosses from its head to the end six states: Switzerland, Lichtenstein, Austria, Germany, France and Netherlands. All in all, the Rhine is 1234 kilometres long and one of the most important transport routes in Europe.

Between Bingen and Bonn the Rhein is called Upper Middle Rhine Valley and since 2002 the Rhein in this area has even UNESCO World Heritage. Many tourists visit every year and watch its castles and the fortresses erected over a period of 1000 years. The legends and the past of the Rhine can be really interesting. Also, the area around the river is famous for its outstanding organic cultural landscape. Vineyards decorate the valley along the river.

In Bingen the Mouse Tower in the middle of the Rhine once was build to be a station for local taxation. A legend has made us call this tower the Mouse Tower and today it is part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site Upper Middle Rhine Valley. We are allowed to visit this tower only by special appointment but sometimes when the Rhine has low water you can even walk by foot to the little island where the Mouse Tower had been placed/was built. (I walked to the island twice because nearly every autumn the Rhine has low water).