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We discuss the symmetric spaces of exceptional algebraic groups defined over a  $\mathfrak{p}$ -adic field as they relate to the theory of symmetric  $k$ -varieties. We view exceptional groups of type  $G_2$ ,  $F_4$ , and  $E_6$  as automorphism groups of certain  $k$ -algebras, and also identify certain subalgebras of these  $k$ -algebras with the fixed point groups of  $k$ -involutions of algebraic groups of types  $G_2$ ,  $F_4$ , and  $E_6$ . (Received January 08, 2015)