

## VISITOR INFORMATION

HOURS	03/01 – 10/31	11/01 – 02/28 OR 02/29
<b>MONASTERY GROUNDS, PERMANENT EXHIBITIONS AND STAUFER MURAL</b>	Wed – Sun and holidays 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM	Wed – Sun and holidays 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM <i>Closed December 24th and 31st</i>

TOURS	03/01 – 10/31	11/01 – 02/28 OR 02/29
<b>MONASTERY</b>	Sat, Sun and holidays 1:30 PM	Sun 2:30 PM
	<i>Tour in German; Group tours by arrangement with tourism office; special tours as per online program and by arrangement</i>	

<b>COMBINATION TOUR LORCH MONASTERY AND WÄSCHER-SCHLOSS CASTLE</b>	Sundays and holidays 11:00 AM	No tours
	<i>After 05/01; Start at Lorch Monastery</i>	

<b>STAUFER FALCONRY DEMONSTRATION</b>	Sat, Sun and holidays 3:00 PM	Demonstrations by request
	<i>Additionally on Wed and Thu at 3:00 PM during Baden-Württemberg school breaks</i>	

ADMISSION	03/01 – 10/31	11/01 – 02/28 OR 02/29
<b>MONASTERY</b>		
Adults	€ 6.00	€ 6.00
Discounted	€ 3.00	€ 3.00
Families	€ 15.00	€ 15.00
Adult annual pass	€ 30.00	€ 30.00
Groups of 20 or more	€ 5.40 (per person)	€ 5.40 (per person)

<b>MONASTERY (incl. tour)</b>		
Adults	€ 9.00	€ 9.00
Discounted	€ 4.50	€ 4.50
Families	€ 22.50	€ 22.50
Groups of up to 20	€ 60.00 (flat fee, plus individual admission)	€ 60.00 (flat fee, plus individual admission)

<b>COMBINATION TICKET</b> (Lorch Monastery and Wäscherschloss Castle)	
Adults	€ 8.00
Discounted	€ 4.00
Families	€ 20.00
Groups of 20 or more	€ 7.20 (per person)
	<i>The combination ticket is only available after 05/01</i>

*Prices for falconry demonstrations available upon request*

Visit our website for more information on disability access, discounts, special tours and other important details regarding your visit.

## CONTACT

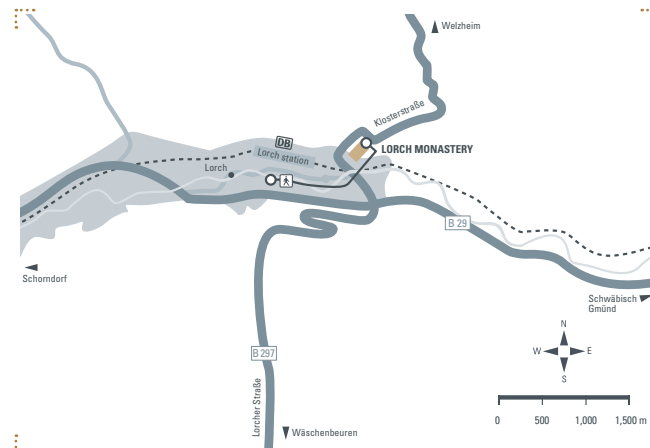
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## HOW TO FIND US



*On public transport: Take the Stuttgart – Schwäbisch Gmünd train line; it is a 10 minute walk from Lorch train station.*

*Further information, including on charging stations, can be found online.*

## INFORMATION ABOUT ALL OUR MONUMENTS

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BURIAL PLACE OF THE HOUSE  
OF STAUFER WITH MANY EVENTS



# LORCH MONASTERY

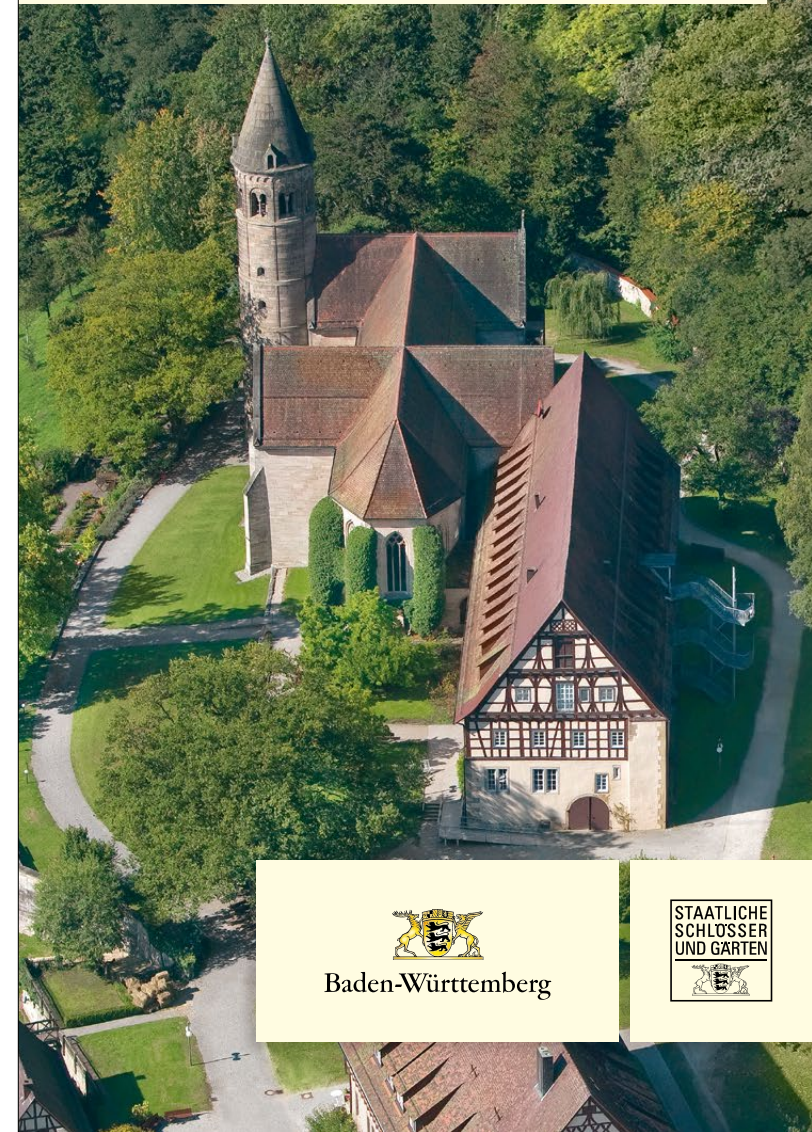


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Baden-Württemberg

STAATLICHE  
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Located in the heart of Staufer country, perched imposingly above the Rems, Lorch Monastery (*Kloster Lorch*) is steeped in fascinating history.

Formerly a Benedictine monastery, Lorch Monastery is perched on a hill in the Rems Valley, twelve kilometers from Hohenstaufen. It was founded 900 years ago and has been largely preserved to this day. Inside the monastery, guests can experience what life was once like for the monks who lived according to the principle of *ora et labora* – “live and work.”

#### THE MONASTERY

Various farm buildings in the eastern part of the monastery are well preserved, while the Marsilius Tower proudly overlooks the western part. Visitors who climb the tower will be rewarded with a spectacular view of the entire monastery. The church, conclave and herb garden, the abbots residence and guest house, and the outbuildings create an impressive ensemble and are surrounded by a completely preserved rampart. The mighty Romanesque church was *built in the shape of a cross*, and originally featured two church towers. The exposed location and widely visible silhouette still demonstrate the former rank and riches of this Staufer-founded monastery.



🏰 *The monastery grounds are the perfect place for guests to take a stroll; the complex can even accommodate strollers*

#### LORCH MONASTERY – THE FINAL RESTING PLACE OF THE STAUFERS

The monastery was founded by Friedrich I, Duke of Swabia and first ruler of the House of Staufer, who donated Lorch Monastery as a family monastery together with his wife Agnes von Waiblingen and their sons. Since 1139, *the monastery church has served as the final resting place for many family members of the ruling dynasty*. In addition to the monastery’s founder, whose remains were relocated to Lorch, the Byzantine emperor’s daughter and wife of King Philipp of Swabia, Irene, was also laid to rest here. As part of the process of honoring the monastery’s Staufer roots, in practice at the Lorch Monastery since the mid-15th century, the convent

🏰 *The collective grave of the Staufen dynasty, the Staufen Tomb, which was erected in 1475, is located in the central nave of the church*

🏰 *The Staufer heritage lives on in Lorch through the monastery’s falconry center*



🏰 *The Staufer mural, a panoramic painting that depicts the rise and fall of the Staufen dynasty, was completed in 2002 and is located*

erected the *Staufen Tomb as a show grave* for the revered founder’s family. In 1475, the then-abbot had all Staufer graves exhumed and the remains moved to the magnificent tomb in the central nave.

#### STAUFER MURAL IN THE CHAPTER HOUSE

After the abolition of the Benedictine abbey in 1556, deterioration of the structure was halted in 1879, thanks to a new German national consciousness and an increased interest in the Staufer family. The story of the rise and fall of the fabled dynasty can be admired in the colorful *Staufer mural, a panoramic painting located in the chapter house*, completed in 2002. 120 towns, 600 animals and 1,500 people from the Staufer era are brought to life across a 30-meter canvas. The prelates’ room, refectory, and dormitories offer further vivid insights into the life of monks at Lorch Monastery. The monastery grounds and herb garden, along with the impressive view of the Rems Valley, invite visitors to linger a while.