

## Opening times, guided tours and admission charges

### Hirsau Monastery

The former Benedictine monasteries  
St. Aurelius and St. Peter and Paul

### OPENING TIMES

#### St. Aurelius

Mon - Sun 10.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.  
External grounds freely accessible

#### Hirsau monastery museum

April - October  
Tue - Sun 2.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.

#### St. Peter and Paul (Hirsau monastery)

Monastery grounds freely accessible

### GUIDED TOURS

#### St. Peter and Paul (Hirsau monastery)

May - October  
Sun 11.00 a.m. (in German language)

Guided tours through all of the  
buildings by prior arrangement

### ADMISSION CHARGES

#### Hirsau monastery museum

Adults	€ 2.50
Concession rate/groups over 10 pers. per pers.	€ 1.50

#### St. Peter and Paul (Hirsau monastery)

Guided tours:

Adults	€ 2.50
Adults with Guest Pass	€ 2.00
Children/youths	€ 1.50
Group rate up to 16 pers. (German language)	€ 40.00
Group rate up to 16 pers. (English language)	€ 60.00
each extra person	€ 2.00

### FURTHER INFORMATION

Kloster Hirsau  
Klosterhof  
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#### Hirsau monastery museum

Museum ticket office  
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#### St. Aurelius

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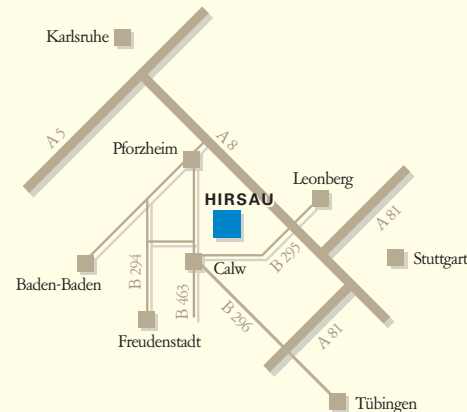
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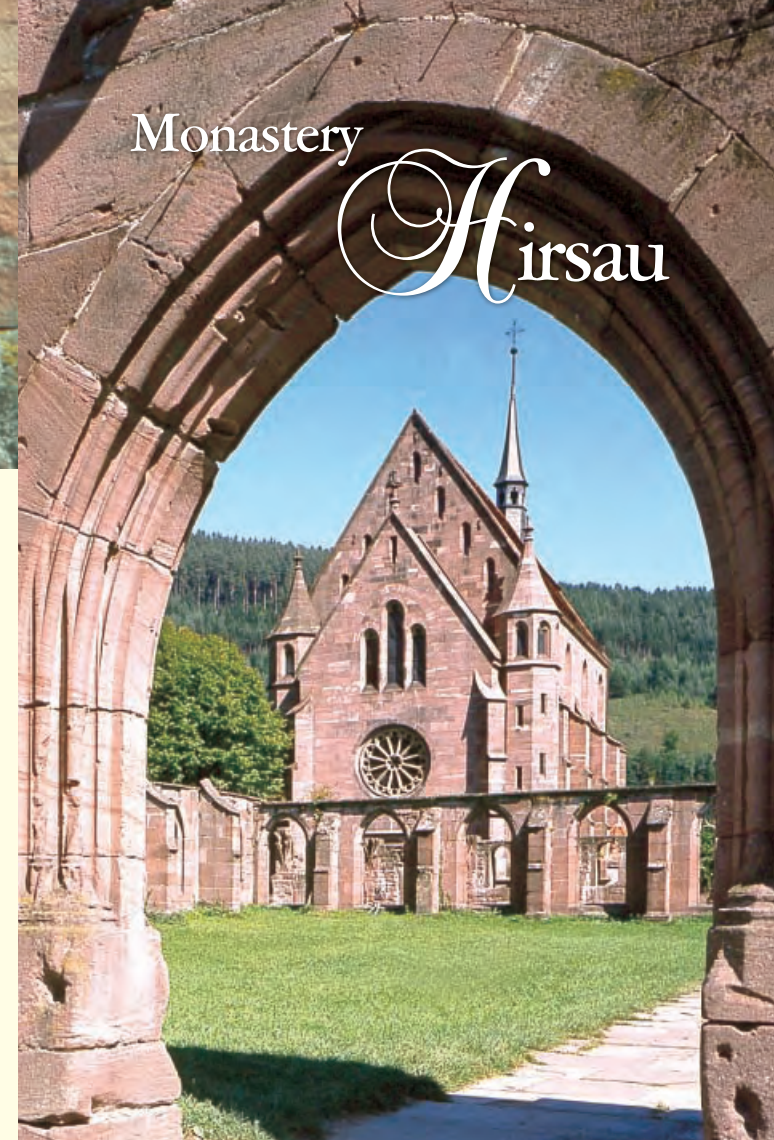


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### HIRSAU MONASTERY HOW TO GET THERE:

Approx. 10 minutes on foot from Hirsau railway station



Monastery  
**Hirsau**



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# Impressive monuments of monastic history

Where Hirsau monastery stands today has served similar purposes since the early Middle Ages and reached the pinnacle of its ecclesiastical and intellectual significance in the 11th century under the guidance of abbot Wilhelm. It formed the heart of the papal faction at the time of the investiture disputes, thereby playing a vital role in shaping the relationship between the state and the Church.

After a chequered history, the striking remains of the three-nave colonnade basilica from the St. Aurelius monastery, restored to new vigour in 1071, can still be seen today. What is now the monastery museum was also built as part of the St. Aurelius monastery and provides a detailed insight into the monastic culture and spirituality of the site.

The neighbouring monastery of St. Peter and Paul consecrated in 1091 was one of Europe's largest monasteries of the time. The church, built along the lines of Benedictine Reformatory monasteries, was a model for numerous other churches that have their origins here. The enclosure was renovated at the end of the 15th century in the Gothic style.



Choir in St. Mary's chapel



Nave of St. Aurelius' church

After the Reformation and establishment of a protestant monastery-school, the ducal hunting lodge was added to the monastery grounds. A blaze at the end of the 17th century and the demolition of the

remains has left an impressive expanse of ruins. The late-Gothic Chapel of Mary (Marienkappelle) survived as did the domestic buildings now used for administrative purposes.