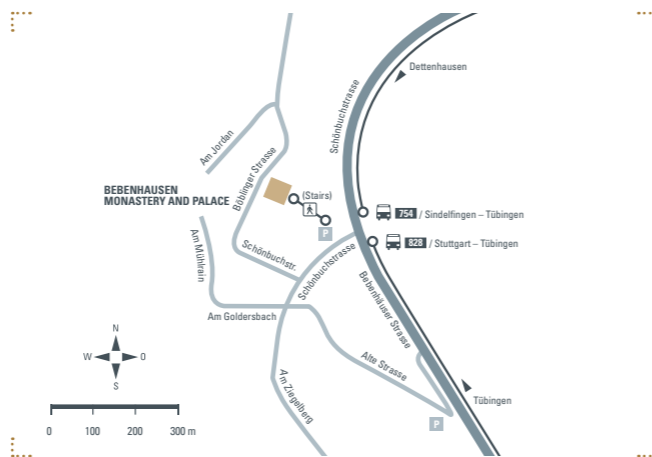


AN EXTRAORDINARY ENSEMBLE IN AN IDYLIC SETTING

# BEBENHAUSEN MONASTERY AND PALACE

### HOW TO FIND US



### GETTING THERE

By public transport: take bus line 826 or 828 from Stuttgart to Tübingen via Leinfelden; or bus line 754 from Sindelfingen to Tübingen via Böblingen.

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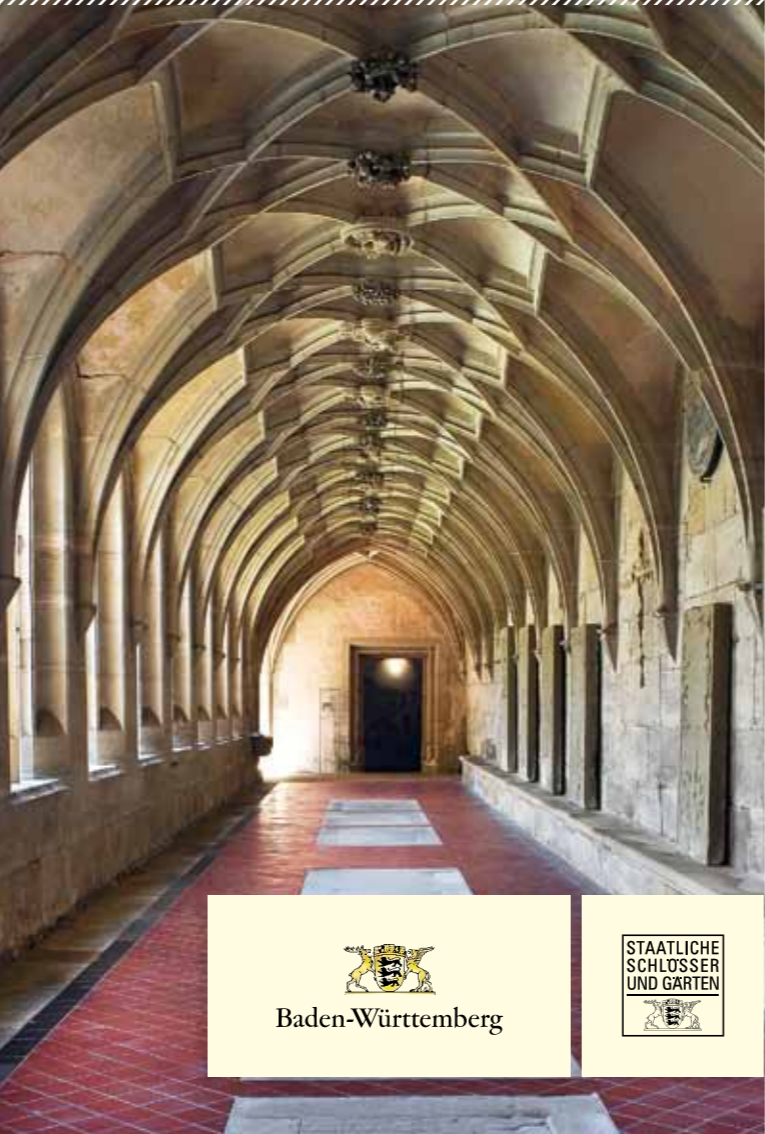
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*👑 Hunting is a recurring theme in the palace decor: pictured here, the Blauer Saal (blue room)*

Attractively set in a peaceful valley, Bebenhausen Monastery is one of the best-preserved Cistercian abbeys in southern Germany. Founded between 1180 and 1183 by Rudolf, Count Palatine of Tübingen, the abbey was taken over by Cistercians a few years later – and promptly developed into one of the wealthiest monasteries in the region. After the Reformation swept through in 1534, and a boarding school was established in 1560, the number of monks dwindled, until the monastery was finally dissolved in 1684.

The abbey's idyllic woodland setting also appealed to the kings of Württemberg. Bebenhausen passed into their possession in 1807,



The Medieval monastery complex of Bebenhausen is nestled in the gently rolling hills of the Schönbuch nature reserve. Some of its buildings were converted into a royal hunting palace in the 19th century.

#### BEBENHAUSEN MONASTERY (KLOSTER BEBENHAUSEN)

The church, main monastery building, abbot's residence, guest-house and infirmary, surrounded by walls and guarded by towers, are located on a terrace above the Goldersbach valley. The outer precinct of the monastery, with an assortment of buildings, is directly adjacent. The famous *Sommerrefektorium* (summer refectory), a light and airy hall with two aisles and a fan-vaulted ceiling, demonstrates the mastery of its Gothic architects.

🏰👑 Personal touches: Queen Charlotte and King Wilhelm II lived here in seclusion



🏰 The summer refectory, where the monks dined in the warmer seasons, presents Gothic architecture at its most elegant

#### BEBENHAUSEN PALACE (SCHLOSS BEBENHAUSEN)

The 19th century interiors, inspired by the Gothic and Renaissance styles, make Bebenhausen an important architectural heritage site. But the *Grüne Saal* (green room) has a distinct Art Nouveau character. After Württemberg ceased to be a monarchy in 1918, the royal couple, Wilhelm II and Charlotte, were given the right to remain in Bebenhausen for the rest of their lives. The royal bathroom and kitchen are well worth seeing: *the luxurious bathroom, dating from 1915*, is unusually well preserved. *The kitchen* also represented the height of modernity when it was installed in 1915 – and still works today.



👑 The kitchen, built for the last royals of Württemberg, is still in the palace

🏰👑 The unusual pulpit in the monastery church tells many colourful stories



#### BEBENHAUSEN MONASTERY AND PALACE



##### OPENING TIMES

##### 🏰 MONASTERY

APRIL TO OCTOBER  
MON – SUN 9 AM – 6 PM

NOVEMBER TO MARCH  
TUE – SUN AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS  
10 AM – 12 PM AND 1 PM – 5 PM

Closed 24, 25, 31 December  
and 1 January;

Church may be closed occasionally

##### 👑 PALACE

May only be viewed as part of  
a guided tour

APRIL TO OCTOBER  
TUE – SUN 11 AM – 5 PM

NOVEMBER TO MARCH  
TUE – FRI 2 PM AND 3 PM  
SAT, SUN AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS  
11 AM – 4 PM

Closed 24, 25, 31 December  
and 1 January

##### 👑 PALACE KITCHEN

APRIL TO OCTOBER  
SAT, SUN AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS  
11 AM – 5 PM

##### GUIDED TOURS

##### 🏰 MONASTERY

APRIL TO OCTOBER  
SAT, SUN AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS  
2 PM AND 3 PM

Group tours outside opening times  
by arrangement; Special tours as per  
schedule and by arrangement

##### 👑 PALACE

Tours during opening times  
according to demand; Group tours  
outside opening times by arrange-  
ment; Special tours as per schedule  
and by arrangement

##### ADMISSION

##### 🏰 MONASTERY

· ADULTS € 4.00  
· CONCESSIONS € 2.00  
· FAMILIES € 10.00

##### GROUPS OF MORE THAN 20

· PER PERSON € 3.60  
· AUDIO GUIDE € 1.00

##### 🏰 MONASTERY WITH TOUR

· ADULTS € 5.50  
· CONCESSIONS € 2.80  
· FAMILIES € 13.80

##### 👑 PALACE WITH TOUR

· ADULTS € 4.50  
· CONCESSIONS € 2.30  
· FAMILIES € 11.30

##### 🏰👑 COMBINED TICKET: ADMISSION TO MONASTERY; PALACE WITH TOUR

· ADULTS € 7.00  
· CONCESSIONS € 3.50  
· FAMILIES € 17.50

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