

HOCHBURG CASTLE



OPENING TIMES RUINS

Free access
Please leave the ruins when darkness
falls or in stormy weather!

**INNER CASTLE CLOSED
FROM 9 PM – 7 AM**

MUSEUM

**1 APRIL TO 31 OCTOBER
SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS
1 PM – 5 PM**

GUIDED TOURS

Tours of the ruins and museum
by arrangement:
Hochburg Castle
Conservation Society
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ADMISSION

**RUINS AND MUSEUM
FREE, DONATION REQUESTED**

DISABILITY ACCESS

Information is available at
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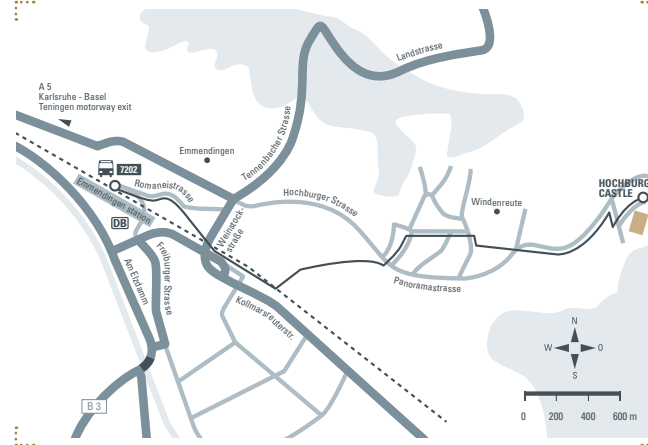
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AN AWE-INSPIRING FORTRESS IN THE UPPER RHINE VALLEY

HOCHBURG CASTLE

HOW TO FIND US



GETTING THERE

Take the A 5 from Karlsruhe to Basel, exit at Teningen and continue to Emmendingen. In Emmendingen, follow the signs marked "Hochburg". The ruin is located on a hilltop and can be seen clearly after leaving the small town of Windenreute.

MORE INFORMATION

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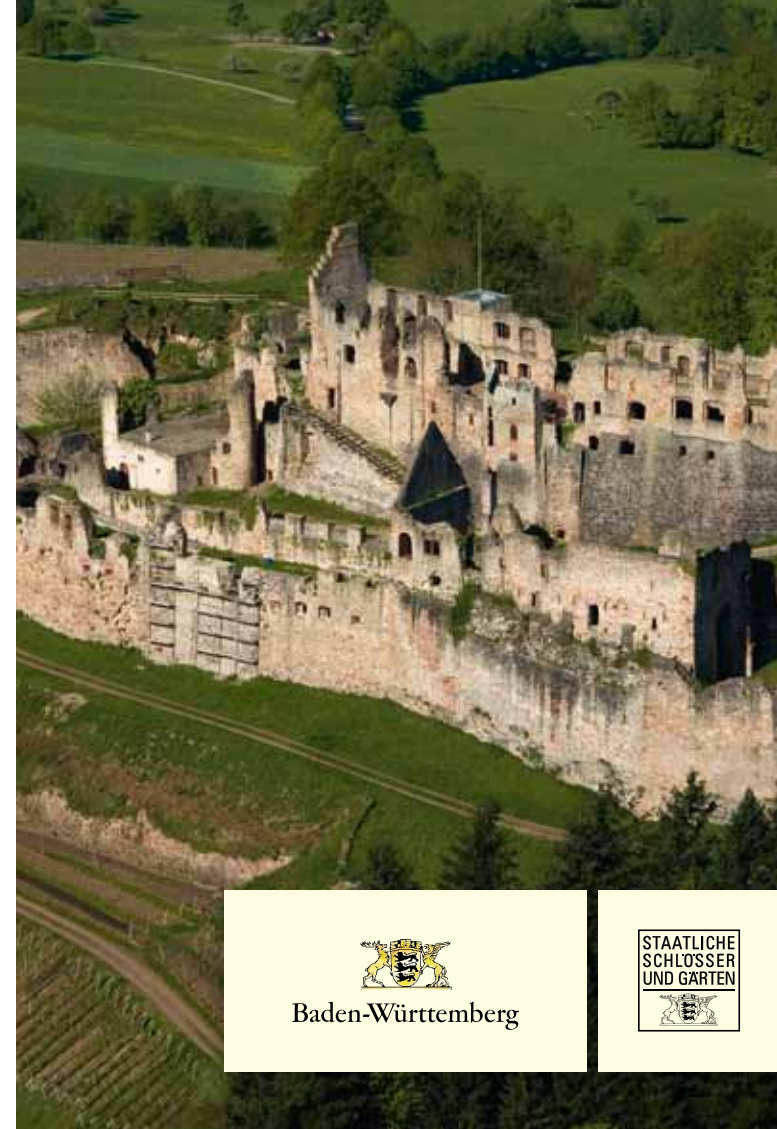
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STAATLICHE
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Hochburg Castle, near Emmendingen at the foothills of the Black Forest, is one of the largest ruined castles in the Upper Rhine Valley. This awe-inspiring fortress showcases half a millennium of military architecture.


Hochburg Castle was founded in the 11th century, probably by Dietrich von Hachberg. After Heidelberg Palace, it is the region's second largest castle complex.

DISCOVER 500 YEARS OF MILITARY ARCHITECTURE

On the edge of the Upper Rhine Valley near Emmendingen, surrounded by vineyards, Hochburg Castle enjoys an ideal strategic position on an exposed hilltop. From here, there are sweeping views, from the picturesque valleys to the highest peaks of the Black Forest.

But the superb panorama is not Hochburg's only attraction – it also offers unparalleled insights into the history of castle and fortress construction. All the typical developments of defensive structures from the 12th to the 17th century are evident here – making it possible to trace *the evolution of military architecture over half a millennium.*

 *Left: The lofty walls of Hochburg Castle tower over the surrounding vineyards.*

 *Right: The sheer size of the castle can only be fully appreciated in winter, when the trees are bare.*



AN IMPORTANT FORTRESS THROUGHOUT THE AGES

From the 13th century, it was the property of the margraves of Baden, through their blood ties to the Hachberger family. After 1553, under the auspices of Karl II, the castle was significantly extended and altered: the Medieval castle became a Renaissance-style palace and fortress. The castle entered a golden age in the 17th century. In view of military threats, Margrave Georg Friedrich von

Baden ordered that seven *star-shaped bastions be added to the fortress.* In the numerous wars that followed, Hochburg Castle was repeatedly conquered and damaged. But even today, the impressive scale of the complex and the remaining buildings amply illustrate the castle's former significance.

