

MAULBRONN MONASTERY



OPENING TIMES
MARCH TO OCTOBER
DAILY 9 AM – 5.30 PM

NOVEMBER TO FEBRUARY
TUE – SUN 9.30 AM – 5 PM

GUIDED TOURS
11.15 AM AND 3 PM
 Group tours available by arrangement
 in German, English, French and
 Russian; special tours as per schedule
 or by arrangement

ADMISSION

• ADULTS	€ 6.00
• CONCESSIONS	€ 3.00
• FAMILIES	€ 15.00
• YEARLY PASS	€ 30.00
• AUDIO GUIDE	€ 2.00
GROUPS OF 20 OR MORE	
• PER PERSON	€ 5.40

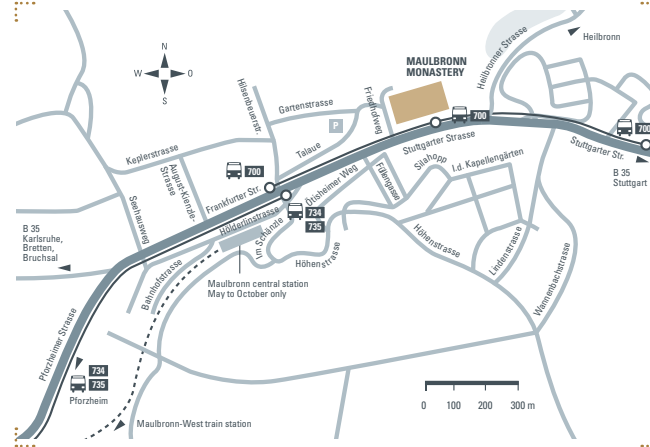
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HOW TO FIND US



GETTING THERE

Take bus 700 from Bretten-Mühlacker or bus 734/735 from Pforzheim.
 The Klosterstadt-Express train stops in Maulbronn on Sundays and holidays
 (May to October).

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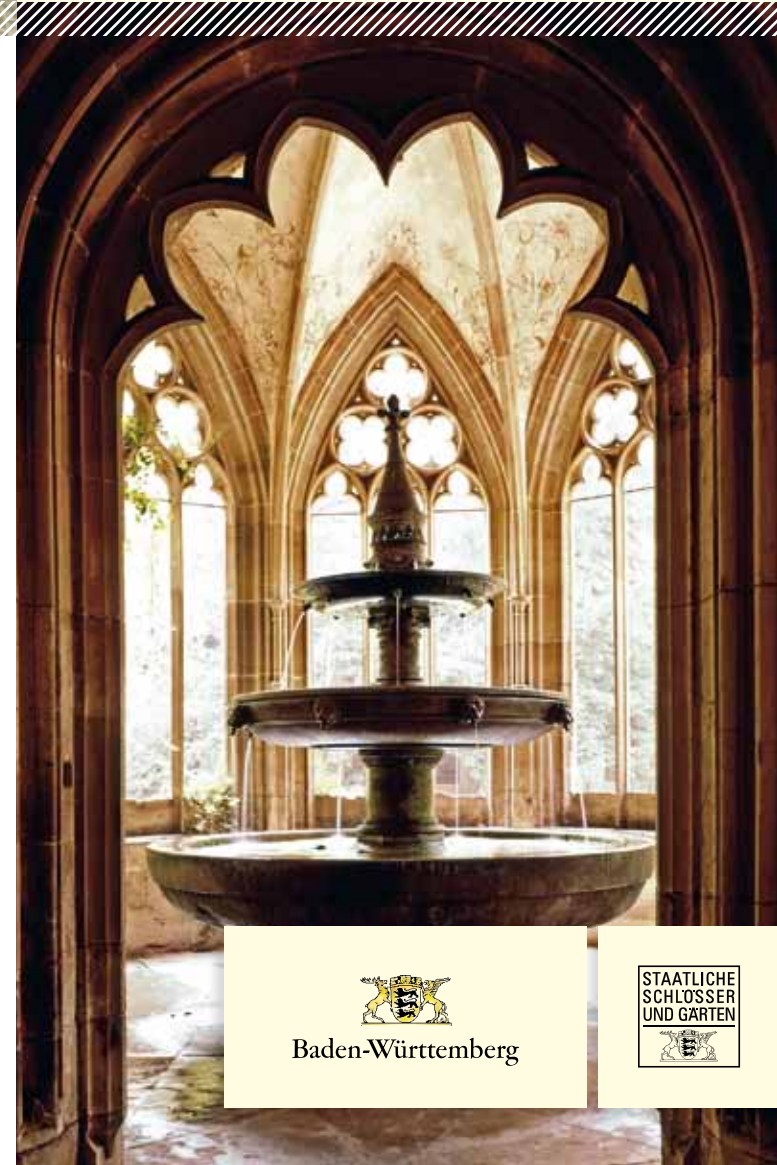


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Maulbronn Monastery (*Kloster Maulbronn*) is one of Europe's most complete and best-preserved Medieval monastery complexes. It combines a multitude of architectural styles, from Romanesque to late Gothic, in one place – creating a unique atmosphere.

Construction of the former Cistercian abbey, cradled in the rolling hills of the Stromberg region, commenced in 1147. It was here that Gothic design was first implemented in the German-speaking world. In 1993, the monastery was declared a *UNESCO World Heritage site*.

IMPRESSIVE COMPLEX WITH A CAPTIVATING INNER COURTYARD

Maulbronn's many buildings are enclosed by Medieval walls and towers. Architectural highlights include the Romanesque monastery church, the Gothic cloister, and the fountain house.

The monastery church's entrance hall, the *Paradies*, takes its name from the custom of painting church vestibules' walls with scenes from the Fall of Man. In Maulbronn, the last painting was completed in 1522. However, little of this work of art remains visible. The *Paradies*, the cloister's south wing, and the monks' refectory were constructed in *the late Romanesque, transitional early Gothic style*. These structures played a vital role in spreading the Gothic architectural style throughout German-speaking Europe.



🏰 *The monastery church's entrance hall, known as Paradies, is a masterpiece of early Gothic architecture*

A STRIKING TESTAMENT TO CISTERCIAN LIFE

The Cistercians have traditionally worked the land. This is why their cultural and architectural influences extended well beyond the walls of the monastery. The surrounding countryside was formerly dotted with their farms, called granges. *The Maulbronn monastery complex* has been preserved remarkably well, and is an impressive representation of the region's history and the Cistercians' way of life.

After the Reformation, Duke Christoph of Württemberg, converted the complex into a Protestant boarding school. Its pupils included

🏰 *The oldest parts of the building were constructed in the monumental Romanesque style*



🏰 *The cloister's late Gothic vaulted ceiling features a variety of intricate details*

prominent scientists and writers including *Johannes Kepler, Friedrich Hölderlin and Hermann Hesse*. The school still exists, but is called today Evangelical theological seminary.

After being named a UNESCO World Heritage site, the monastery complex has become a world-famous landmark, attracting tourists from around the globe. It also serves as a concert venue, giving visitors the opportunity to appreciate the buildings' out-of-the-ordinary acoustics.

🏰 *Romanesque arcades, Gothic roof: the monastery church illustrates the transition between different architectural styles*

