

BENEDICTINE ABBEY



The salutation "pax" (lat., peace) is written above the entrance of the abbey.

Many guests can experience the Benedictine hospitality, where not only the good and the pious ones are welcome. Therefore the monastery often becomes a place of a new encounter with the Catholic Church and of an experience of God.

For more than 900 years the Benedictine monks pray and work on the Goettweig mountain. Their aim of life is to praise God, based on the rules of St. Benedict. Forty-two monks are part of the abbey, of whom more than thirty are working in the parishes of the dioceses St. Pölten and Vienna.

The monastery church as a place of prayer is also the architectural center of the abbey, which is for more than 900 years the spiritual and cultural heart of the surrounding. A visit in the magnificently decorated monastery church is a profound experience for many people.


Since 2000 Göttweig Abbey is part of the UNESCO World Heritage Cultural Sites – an extraordinary award for the trans-regional significance of the Abbey. This World Heritage needs help urgently: the overall (mostly Baroque) roof of the abbey (ca. 18 000 m²) has to be renovated. The costs will be approximately 6 million Euro and the restorations will last 6 years. For this huge project the monks are grateful for every kind of support.

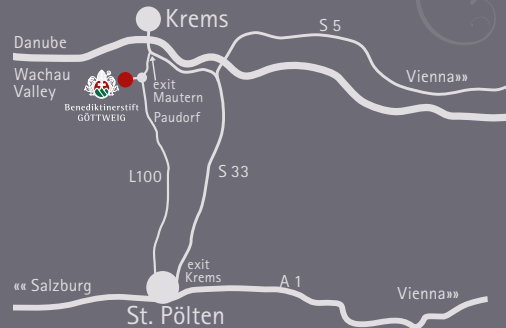
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Goettweig Abbey – a place of encounter

- abbey restaurant, abbey museum and gift shop March to December
- view point, UNESCO's world cultural heritage, hiking along the "Welterbesteig", St. James Path
- guestrooms in the St Altman's Retreat House and the Benedict Apartment
- youth hostel
- apricot garden and "The Path of Sustainability"
- large variety of events
- location for seminars and other events

 **Abbey church – daily midday prayers at 12.00 noon, vespers at 6.00 p.m. – visitors are warmly welcome to take part**



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Heartily welcome to Goettweig Abbey

Conspicuously the Benedictine Monastery sits enthroned – due to its magnificent hilltop position – 429 m above sea level on the eastern end of the Wachau Valley, a part of the world famous Danube Valley. Goettweig Abbey situated on the Goettweig Mountain is – because of its location – sometimes called the "Austrian Montecassino". For centuries the Goettweig Mountain offers a place of encounter and a source of strength for its visitors and inhabitants. Today the abbey is not only attracting guests and pilgrims (St. James Path) from all over the world, but also a spiritual center, situated in the heart of Lower Austria.

Since its foundation forestry and viticulture form the commercial basis of the monastery. Nowadays numerous spiritual, cultural and touristic offers are available for the visitors.

A multitude of historical and modern rooms, as well as the terrace with the panoramic view, are bookable for events. The popular church concerts and the peaceful advent invite people to a retreat, contemplation and encounter.

Our modest, atmospheric guest rooms and the impressive Benedict Apartment in the former abbatial living rooms invite you for a longer stay inside the monastery.

We look forward to welcome you!

Abbot Columban Luser

PANORAMA-RESTAURANT



Cuisine with panoramic view

"Guests who arrive unforeseen and who never were absent." – Already 1500 ago it was natural for Saint Benedict to welcome guests in his monastery anytime. In his Benedictine rules it was manifested that a kitchen has to be available for the guests, so that food can be provided anytime. These and many other instructions lay the foundation of the proverbial "Benedictine Hospitality" until today.

Enjoy the unique panoramic view over the Wachau Valley – visit the Abbey Restaurant, the team of the kitchen is happy to serve you! Spend some time in the "Panoramasaal", an elegant hall with great view, in the Orangery, in the "Prälatenstüberl" or the "Jagdstüberl", two very comfortable dining rooms.

Most notably for smaller groups the so called "Apostelstüberl", located behind the thick walls of the Sebastiani Tower, provides a unique atmosphere.

We offer deer from the forestry of the abbey, fish from local ponds and streams, wine, cultured in the monastery's vineyards, and desserts from the famous "Wachauer Marille", an apricot growing in the Wachau Valley. The Abbey Restaurant as well as the Abbey's Vinery provide a large offer: weddings, family events, seminars and meetings, company events, incentives, summer barbecues, travel groups or a splendid time for two.

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IMPERIAL WING



Baroque Glory in the Imperial Wing

In the museum with the royal chambers, located in the Imperial Wing, the visitor experiences the baroque glory of the imperial court architect Johann Lucas von Hildebrandt. The monumental Emperor's Staircase with the ceiling fresco by Paul Troger (1739) is one of the most beautiful and impressive Baroque staircases in Europe.

Opening Hours: 21st March to 1st November

VISIT: daily from 10.00 a.m. until 6.00 p.m.

Last admission 5.00 p.m.

GUIDED TOURS in German for individual travelers – including the Imperial Wing: Weekdays at 11.00 a.m., 2.00 p.m. and 3.00 p.m. Saturday/ Sunday/ Feast Day at 11.00 a.m., 12.00 noon, 2.00 p.m., 3.00 p.m.

TOURS for groups possible all year with prior reservation

Entrance Fee

Adults	€ 8,00
Senior Citizens	€ 7,50
Reduced <small>(Children older than 6 years, students, recruits and those performing community service up to 25 years with ID, guests with special needs)</small>	€ 4,50
Family Ticket <small>(Parents with child(ren) up to 16)</small>	€ 16,00
School Classes <small>(max. 30 pupils and one teacher)</small>	€ 45,00
Extra charge for guided tour <small>(per person)</small>	€ 2,50

NEW: Apricot and Herb Garden opened daily – free of charge!

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