

VISITOR INFORMATION

HOURS	04/01 – 11/01	11/02 – 03/31
MONASTERY	Tue – Sat 10:00 AM – 5:30 PM; Sun and holidays 11:00 AM – 5:30 PM; <i>Closed first Sunday in July</i> <i>Last admission 30 minutes before closing</i>	Thu – Sun 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM <i>Closed December 24, 25 and 31</i>

TOURS	04/01 – 11/01	11/02 – 03/31
MONASTERY	Tue – Sun 11:30 AM, 12:30 PM, 1:30 PM and 3:00 PM <i>Group tours by arrangement; also available in English, Dutch, and Spanish year-round; also available in French from 04/01 to 11/01; special tours as per online program and by arrangement</i>	Thu – Sun 1:30 PM

ADMISSION	04/01 – 11/01	11/02 – 03/31
MONASTERY		
Adults	€ 7.00	€ 7.00
Adults with guest card	€ 6.00	€ 6.00
Discounted	€ 3.50	€ 3.50
Families	€ 17.50	€ 17.50
Groups of 20 or more	€ 6.30 (per person)	€ 6.30 (per person)
Travel guide	€ 40.00 (flat fee)	€ 40.00 (flat fee)
MONASTERY (incl. tour)		
Adults	€ 9.00	€ 9.00
Adults with guest card	€ 8.00	€ 8.00
Discounted	€ 4.50	€ 4.50
Families	€ 22.50	€ 22.50
Groups of 20 or more	€ 8.10 (per person)	€ 8.10 (per person)

Visit our website for more information on disability access, discounts, special tours and other important details regarding your visit.

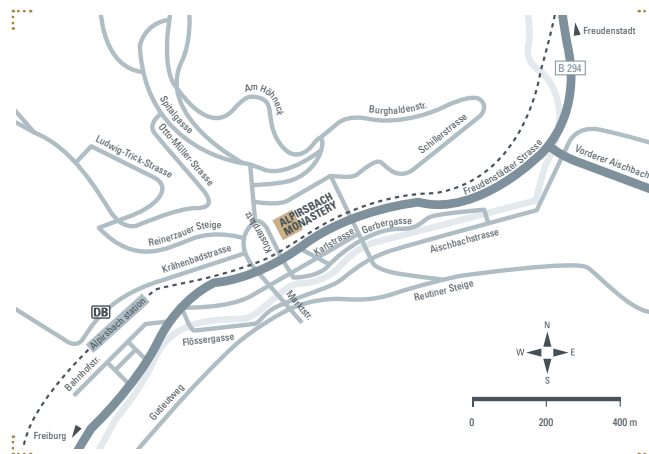
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HOW TO FIND US



GETTING THERE

By public transport: Take the train line between Freudenstadt and Hausach, and get off at Alpirsbach station.

INFORMATION ABOUT ALL OUR MONUMENTS

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UNIQUE INSIGHTS INTO A MONASTERY CHURCH AND SCHOOL

ALPIRSBACH MONASTERY

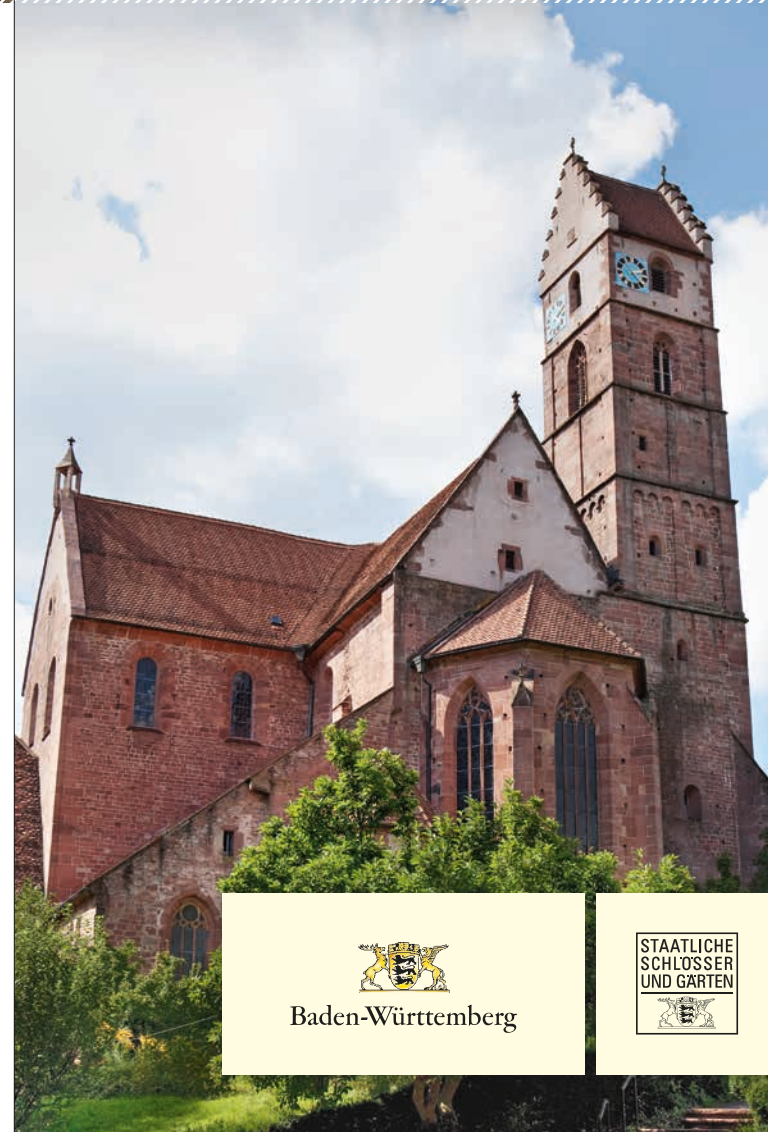


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 Baden-Württemberg

STAATLICHE
 SCHLÖSSER
 UND GÄRTEN


Alpirsbach (*Kloster Alpirsbach*) is unique in many ways. It is one of the few surviving monasteries in southwestern Germany that was built in the spirit of the Hirsau Reforms. In addition, it offers fascinating insights into everyday life at a 16th century boarding school.

The former Benedictine monastery in the northern Black Forest was consecrated on January 16th, 1095 by three noble lords in the presence of Gebhard III, Bishop of Constance. Today, the former Benedictine monastery is an extraordinarily well-preserved example of the monastic architecture of followers of *the Hirsau Reforms*, which stressed discipline and asceticism.

FROM ROMANESQUE TO GOTHIC

The monastery was constructed in the Romanesque style. The building's clear, simple lines were maintained into the late Gothic period, as can be seen in *the Gothic-style cloister*.



🏰 Top: A late Gothic masterpiece in the monastery church: the intricately carved Marienaltar (Altar of Mary)

🏰 Left: One of a kind: The sizeable monastery complex lies in the middle of the Black Forest

🏰 Right: The main door of the monastery church features the original Romanesque metalwork

The Romanesque monastery church is a three-nave columned basilica with a cross-shaped floorplan. The tympanum, or decoration between the arch and lintel, over the portal of the monastery church is an outstanding example of 12th century Romanesque sculpture. Two skilfully crafted *bronze handles, in the shape of stylized lions' heads*, embellish the doors. The church's double-story chancel is a further unique feature.

FROM MONASTERY TO SCHOOL

Following the introduction of Protestantism in Württemberg, Duke Christoph dissolved the monastery in 1556. Alpirsbach was one of 13 monasteries in Württemberg that were converted into Evangelical boarding schools. A spectacular find made in 1958 helps modern-day visitors imagine everyday life at the school: The Alpirsbach monastery museum displays shoes, items of clothing, letters and even 16th century schoolboys' scribbles on the wall—evidence that graffiti is nothing new. The collection includes a pair of pants that look exactly like the garments depicted in paintings and drawings from the time of Albrecht Dürer, the only such surviving example in the world.

Alpirsbach Monastery conveys a vivid impression of architecture, religion and school life over a period spanning a millennium.

