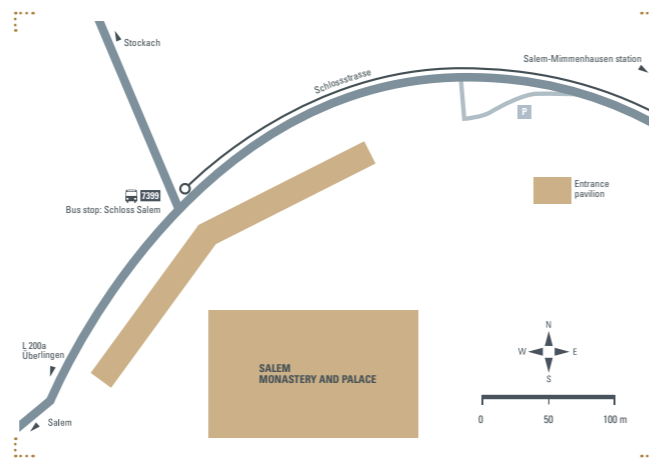




ONE OF THE MOST MAJESTIC IMPERIAL MONASTERIES
IN SOUTHERN GERMANY

SALEM MONASTERY AND PALACE

HOW TO FIND US



GETTING THERE

*By public transport: During peak season, a special bus, the **Erlebnisbus**, connects Salem Monastery and Palace with Salem train station (Mimmenhausen) and the harbor at Unteruhldingen, every hour between 11 am and 5 pm.*

INFORMATION ABOUT ALL OF OUR MONUMENTS

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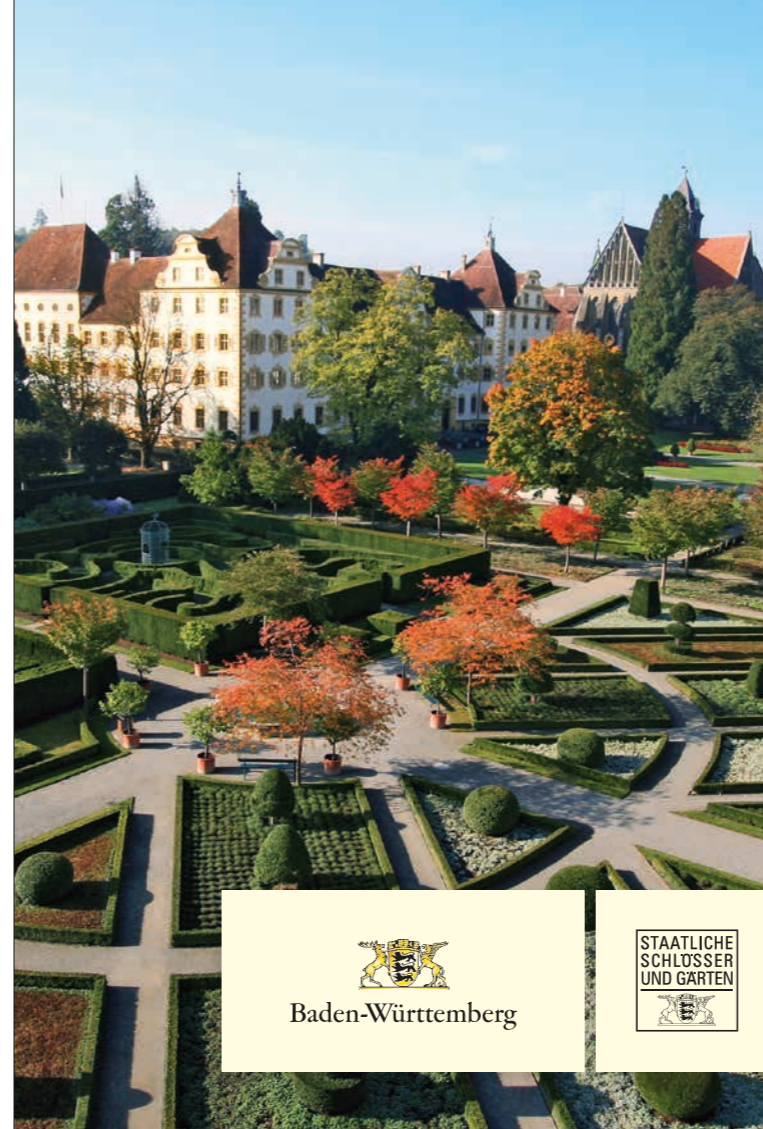
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 *The powerful abbots of the imperial monastery had a fitting residence built for them in the 18th century*

THE OLDEST CISTERCIAN MONASTERY IN THE LAKE CONSTANCE REGION



From powerful imperial monastery to the residence of the Margrave of Baden to a boarding school, Salem has had a checkered, eclectic, and glorious past. Salem Monastery and Palace still wows visitors with its picturesque location, impressive size, and exceptional beauty. Surrounded by an idyllic cultural landscape, the collection of Gothic church, Baroque monastery complex, and various outbuildings, including the wine cellar, help visitors to delve into the lives of the Cistercians. The prelatore, where the abbot resided, and valuable exhibits, including the eminent *winged altar by Bernhard Strigel* featuring paintings and sculptures by sculptor and stuccoist Joseph Anton Feuchtmayer (some of the first examples to depict night), bear witness to the abbey's wealth and appreciation of art. The prized exhibits are displayed in the Monastery Museum, a branch museum of the Baden State Museum.

Alongside the masterpieces, the *Fire Brigade Museum* is a very special attraction within the monastery complex. Following a devastating fire in 1697, the monks researched fire prevention and fire-fighting equipment in great depth. The exhibition features one of the most significant collections of historic fire pumps in Germany and provides information on the history of fire prevention from the Middle Ages to today. The collection includes two rarities: large fire pumps purchased by the monks post-1700. Their openness toward the technical advances of the time, and in which they were ahead of their time, still shine through to this day.

A museum café, tours for people of all ages, themed days, a courtyard garden with labyrinths and a playground add to the family-friendly atmosphere and transform a day in Salem into an unforgettable experience.



Salem, the former Cistercian monastery (*Kloster und Schloss Salem*), is among the most important and beautiful cultural monuments in the Lake Constance region. Gothic elegance, Baroque splendor, playful Rococo, and noble Classicism come together in a unique ensemble.

Picturesquely situated in Linzgau, the Cistercian monastery, established around 1134, created an extraordinary cultivated landscape with orchards, vineyards, forests and fish ponds. The monks gave Salemanswilare, the site where their monastery was founded, the spiritual name Salem in reference to the biblical Salem as a place of peace and the heavenly Jerusalem.

  *Left: The birth of Christ on the Strigel altar in the monastery museum, set apart by the fact that it scene is set at night*

  *Right: The abbot's parlor in the prelature*



  *The Gothic cathedral is adorned with shimmering alabaster dating back to the 18th century*

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Salem prospered during the Middle Ages. The imposing Gothic monastery is a visible symbol of the time. From the outside, its architecture is austere and simple, as dictated by the rules governing the Order of Cistercians. A devastating fire in 1697 almost completely destroyed the medieval monastery and convent buildings, but the Cistercians turned this catastrophe into an opportunity: They quickly rebuilt the monastery buildings in the grand Baroque style. The need for representation and the self-conception of the imperial monastery in Salem are reflected in the splendidly rooms decorated with stucco and paintings.





A LIVELY ENSEMBLE: MONASTERY, PALACE, SCHOOL, WINERY!

As imperial prelates, the abbots once again developed Salem into a center for art in the 18th century. Renowned painters, sculptors, and stuccoists descended upon Salem to decorate the monastery buildings.

The abbots' unique artistic sensibilities are apparent as visitors enter the cathedral. One of a kind in southern Germany, the alabaster embellishments dating back to the late 18th century borrow from French Classicism. The Margrave of Baden came into possession of the abbey in 1802, during secularization. Prince Max of Baden and Kurt Hahn founded the world-renowned boarding school *Schule Schloss Salem* in 1920.

Within the expansive ensemble that is Salem Monastery and Palace, visitors can still find the residence of the margrave's family as well as the Weingut Margrave von Baden winery. To this day, wine culture is maintained in the monastic tradition in Salem. Visitors can enjoy a good meal at the palace in the traditional Gasthof Schwanen hotel, the wine cellar or the museum café. The monastery complex is also home to craftsmen and a range of shops.

  *Marvel at rarities, such as the historical fire pump in the Fire Brigade Museum*



VISITOR INFORMATION

HOURS	04/01 – 11/01	11/02 – 03/31
MONASTERY AND PALACE	Mon – Sat 9:30 AM – 6:00 PM; Sun and holidays 10:30 AM – 6:00 PM <i>Viewing interior rooms only possible via tour</i>	closed
MONASTERY MUSEUM	Mon – Sat 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM; Sun and holidays 10:30 AM – 6:00 PM	Sat, Sun and holidays 11:00 AM – 4:30 PM
<i>Last admission 30 minutes before closing</i>		

TOURS	04/01 – 11/01	11/02 – 03/31
SHORT TOUR	Daily, at regular intervals Lasts approx. 1 hour	Sun 2:00 PM, <i>meet in the Monastery Museum</i>
LONG TOUR	Daily, at regular intervals Lasts approx. 1.5 hours	no tours
"IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE WHITE MONKS" TOUR FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES	Sun 3:00 PM Lasts approx. 1 hour	no tours
<i>Tour in German; Group tours by arrangement, also possible outside regular hours; special tours as per online program and by arrangement; tour prices upon request</i>		

ADMISSION	04/01 – 11/01	11/02 – 03/31
MONASTERY AND PALACE (incl. Monastery Museum)		
Adults	€ 9.00	The palace is closed during this period, but visitors can still visit the Monastery Museum.
Discounted	€ 4.50	
Families	€ 22.50	
Season pass	€ 35.00	
Groups of 20 or more	€ 8.10 (per person)	
MONASTERY MUSEUM		
Adults		€ 5.00
Discounted		€ 2.50

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