



# Hochburg Castle near Emmendingen

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IN THE UPPER RHINE VALLEY



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**Situated at the edge of the Black Forest, Hochburg Castle (Hochburg bei Emmendingen) is one of the largest castle ruins in the Upper Rhine valley and offers unique insight into the history of how castles and fortresses were built for half a millennium.**

Hochburg Castle was erected in the 11th century, most likely 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 across 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. Emmendingen offers a perfect model of the architectural changes in large-scale defensive structures from the 12th to the 17th century. The *evolution of military architecture across 500 years* can be experienced right here.

### **An important fortress throughout the ages**

The Hachberg branch of the Margraves of Baden had held and resided at the complex since the 13th century. In 1553, Karl II began an

The walls of Hochburg Castle tower high, ruling over the surrounding vineyards even today





extensive expansion of the castle and the medieval nobleman's castle became a Renaissance palace and fortress. The complex began its heyday in the 17th century, when Margrave Georg Friedrich von Baden –faced with threats of war from the margraviate–expanded the castle into a fortress with seven *sweeping, star-shaped bastions*. In the numerous wars that followed, Hochburg Castle was repeatedly conquered and destroyed. But even today, the impressive scale of the complex and the remaining buildings clearly illustrate the castle's former significance.

The full size of the castle is only revealed when the trees lose their leaves in winter



# Visitor information

## Opening hours and guided tours

<b>Museum</b>	Open on a seasonal basis; Visits possible without a guided tour or with a guided tour by arrangement
<b>Hochburg Castle</b>	Open free of charge all year round during the day; Visits possible without a guided tour or with a guided tour by arrangement; Please vacate the ruins at dark or during thunderstorms!

Please check our website or call our hotline on +49 7251 74-27 70 before your visit to find out current opening and closing times.

Our website also provides information on accessibility, discounts, special tours and other important details relevant to your visit.

## Current information



### At a glance

For details of our current opening times, tours, events, admission prices and catering, see:  
[www.hochburg-emmendingen.de/en/visitor-information](http://www.hochburg-emmendingen.de/en/visitor-information)

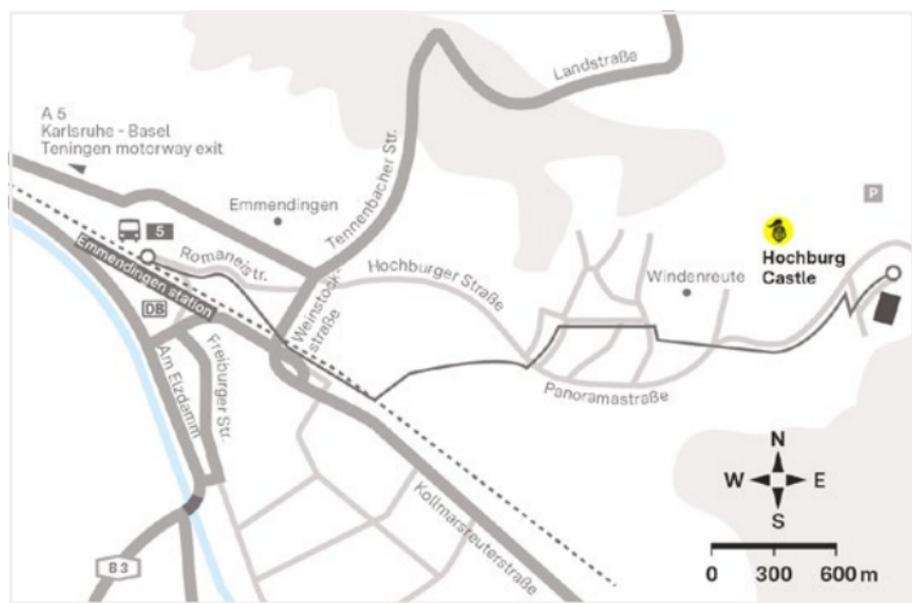
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## How to find us



Take 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.

## Information about all our monuments

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