



Kirchheim Palace

A FORTRESS AND
DOWER HOUSE



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An attractive Renaissance-style building, Kirchheim Palace (Schloss Kirchheim) is probably the most well-maintained example of the fortresses built by the Duchy of Württemberg. And, as the only remaining dower house, or widows' residence, it offers a rare glimpse into 19th century home life.

Surrounded by trees and a moat, Kirchheim Palace lies in the historic town center of Kirchheim unter Teck at the edge of the Swabian Alps.

A fortified fortress

Construction began in 1538 at the orders of Duke Ulrich von Württemberg, as *one of seven major strongholds* around Stuttgart. The building was completed in 1556 under Duke Christoph von Württemberg. The roughly diamond-shaped palace is surrounded by a deep dry moat.

From the outside, Kirchheim Palace displays its fortified origin: The palace was built as a fortress



The Duchess's taste and personality are strikingly evident in the classically furnished living room (left and right)

The private residence of noble widows

From the 17th century onwards, the Renaissance building, with its pleasant courtyard, served the house of Württemberg as a dower house. Its best-known inhabitant was probably *Franziska von Hohenheim*, who took up residence after her husband Duke Carl Eugen's death. After she passed away in 1811, the palace became

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the home of Duke Ludwig von Württemberg, the younger brother of King Friedrich I, and his family. The duke died in 1817. His widow, Duchess Henriette, spent another 40 years at Kirchheim until her death in 1857. Part of the well-preserved private residence is now a palace museum, which offers *fascinating insights into the lifestyle* of 19th-century nobility.

The rooms of the palace convey a lively impression of life and culture in the 19th century



Visitor information

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Current information



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www.schloss-kirchheim.de/en/visitor-information

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