

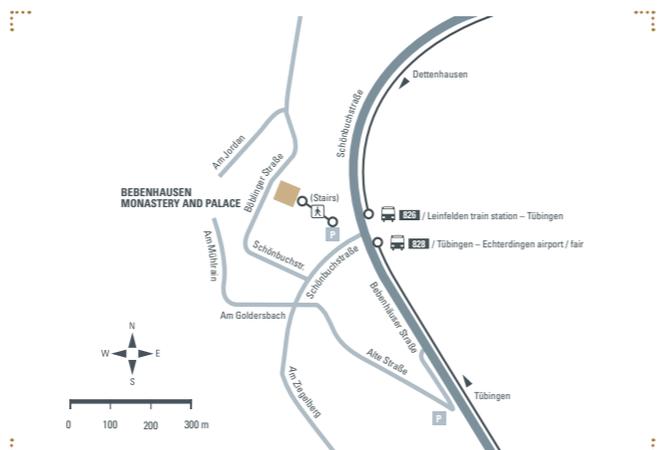


AN EXTRAORDINARY  
ENSEMBLE IN AN IDYLIC SETTING



## BEBENHAUSEN MONASTERY AND PALACE

### HOW TO FIND US



By public transport: Take bus line 826 from Stuttgart to Tübingen via Leinfelden; or bus line 828 from Tübingen to Echterdingen airport/fair.  
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### INFORMATION ABOUT ALL OUR MONUMENTS

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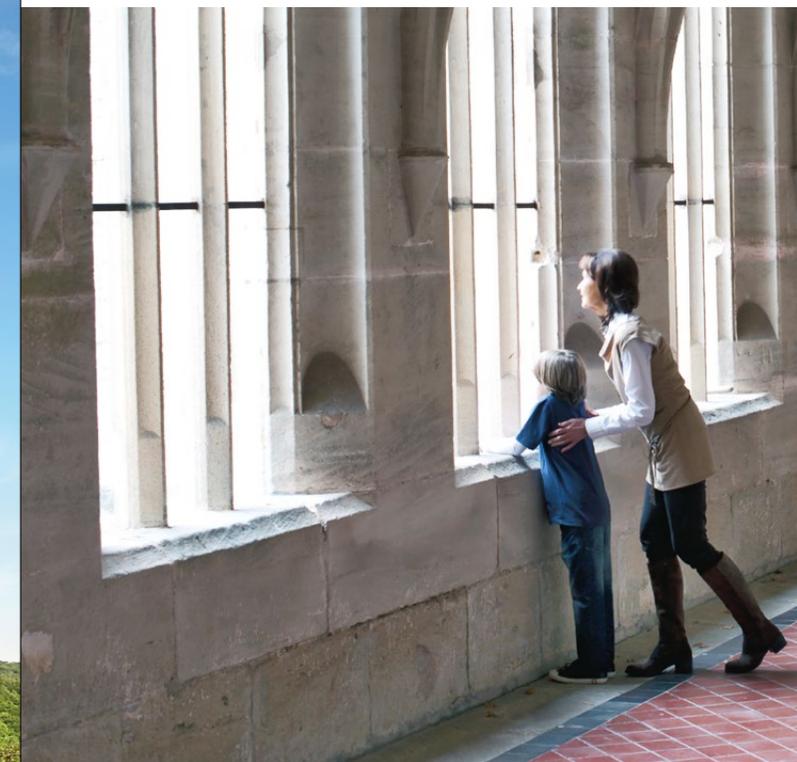
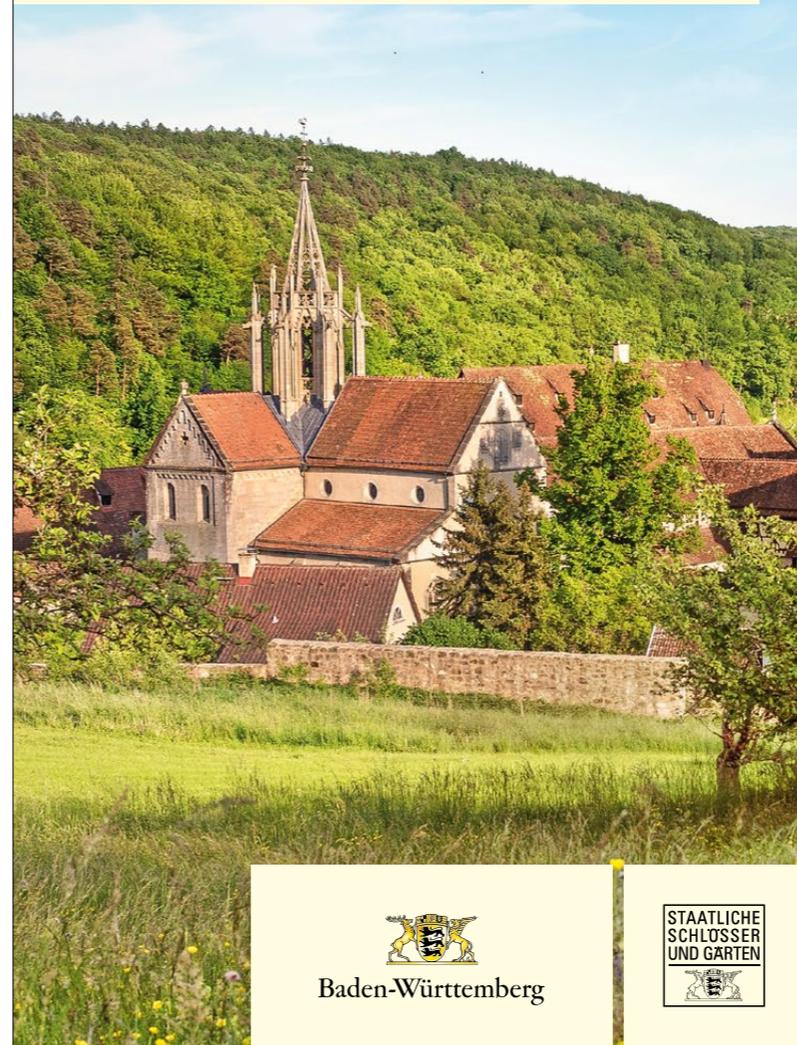


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states. From 1868 on, parts of the monastery complex were converted into a royal hunting palace, which became a favorite venue for the monarchs and their entourages.

Today, surrounded by the Schönbuch Nature Reserve, Bebenhausen vividly conveys the atmosphere of a Medieval Cistercian monastery, offering an experience unmatched anywhere else in southern Germany. Guided tours illuminate the lives of the monks and schoolboys, describe the lavish royal hunting parties and give insights into the buildings' architectural features. The hunting palace also offers interesting tours.



*The cloister was the centerpiece of the monastery*

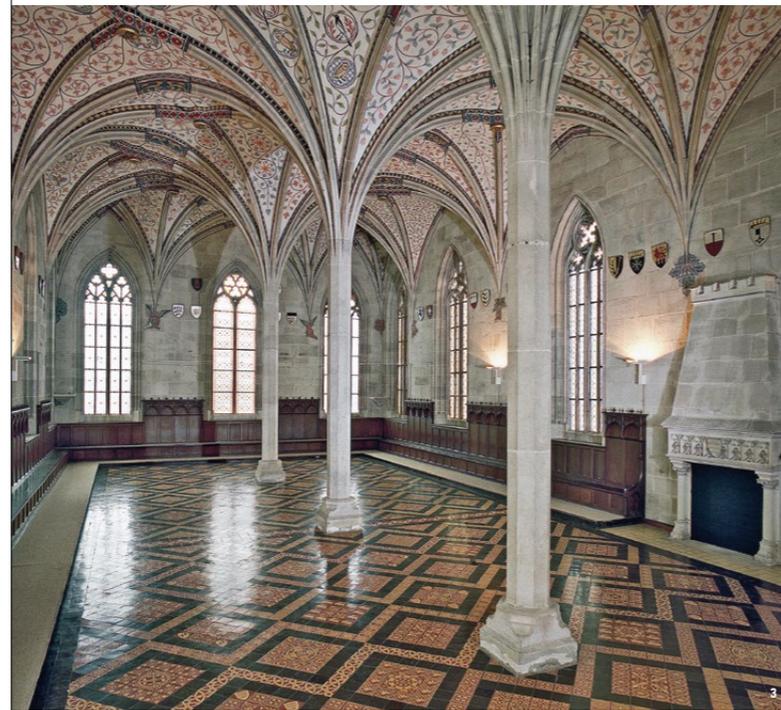
### FROM MONASTERY TO ROYAL HUNTING PALACE

Attractively set in a peaceful valley, Bebenhausen Monastery is one of the best-preserved Cistercian abbeys in southern Germany. Founded between 1180 and 1183 by Rudolf, Count Palatine of Tübingen, the monastery was taken over by Cistercians a few years later—and promptly became one of the wealthiest monasteries in the region. After the Reformation swept through in 1534, and a boarding school was established in 1560, the number of monks dwindled, until the monastery was finally dissolved in 1648.

The abbey's *idyllic woodland setting* also appealed to the kings of Württemberg. Bebenhausen passed into their possession in 1807, when much church property was officially annexed by German



The Medieval monastery complex at Bebenhausen is nestled in the gently rolling hills of the Schönbuch Nature Reserve. Some of its buildings were converted into a royal hunting palace in the 19th century.



  *The summer refectory, where the monks dined in the warmer seasons, illustrates Gothic architecture at its most elegant*

#### BEBENHAUSEN PALACE (SCHLOSS BEBENHAUSEN)

The 19th century interiors, inspired by the Gothic and Renaissance styles, make Bebenhausen an important architectural heritage site. But the Green Room has a distinct Art Nouveau character. After Württemberg ceased to be a monarchy in 1918, the royal couple, Wilhelm II and Charlotte, were given the right to remain in Bebenhausen for the remainder of their lives. The royal bathroom and kitchen are well worth seeing: *The luxurious bathroom, dating from 1915, is unusually well preserved. The kitchen* also represented the height of modernity when it was installed in 1915—and it remains in its original state until today.



  *The kitchen, built for the last royals of Württemberg, remains intact*

  *The unusual pulpit in the monastery church tells many colourful stories*



#### VISITOR INFORMATION

| HOURS                 | 04/01 – 10/31  | 11/01 – 03/31   |
|-----------------------|--|---|
| <b>MONASTERY</b>      | Mon – Sun and holidays<br>9:00 AM – 5:00 PM<br><i>Last admission 30 minutes before closing;<br/>closed December 24th, 25th, 31st and January 1st</i>   | Tue – Sun and holidays<br>10:00 AM – 5:00 PM                                |
| <b>PALACE</b>         | Tue – Fri 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM;<br>Sat, Sun and holidays<br>10:00 AM – 5:00 PM<br><i>Viewing only possible on a tour; last admission 1 hour before<br/>closing; closed December 24th, 25th, 31st and January 1st</i> | Tue – Fri 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM;<br>Sat, Sun and holidays<br>11:00 AM – 5:00 PM |
| <b>PALACE KITCHEN</b> | Sat, Sun and holidays<br>11:00 AM – 5:00 PM  | closed  |

| TOURS            | 04/01 – 10/31   | 11/01 – 03/31 |
|------------------|---|---------------|
| <b>MONASTERY</b> | Sat, Sun and holidays<br>2:00 PM and 3:00 PM  | no tours      |
| <b>PALACE</b>    | hourly when open  |               |
|                  | <i>Tour in German; Group tours by arrangement;<br/>special tours as per online program and by arrangement</i> |               |

| ADMISSION                | 04/01 – 10/31       | 11/01 – 03/31       |
|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>MONASTERY</b>         |                     |                     |
| Adults                   | € 6.00              | € 6.00              |
| Discounted               | € 3.00              | € 3.00              |
| Families                 | € 15.00             | € 15.00             |
| Multilingual audio guide | € 2.00              | € 2.00              |
| Groups of 20 or more     | € 5.40 (per person) | € 5.40 (per person) |

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| <b>MONASTERY (incl. tour)</b> |         |         |
| Adults                        | € 8.00  | € 8.00  |
| Discounted                    | € 4.00  | € 4.00  |
| Families                      | € 20.00 | € 20.00 |

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| <b>PALACE (incl. tour)</b> |         |         |
| Adults                     | € 8.00  | € 8.00  |
| Discounted                 | € 4.00  | € 4.00  |
| Families                   | € 20.00 | € 20.00 |

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| <b>COMBINATION TICKET</b> (tour of monastery and palace) |         |         |
| Adults   | € 10.00 | € 10.00 |
| Discounted   | € 5.00  | € 5.00  |
| Families   | € 25.00 | € 25.00 |

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

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#### BEBENHAUSEN MONASTERY (KLOSTER BEBENHAUSEN)

The church, main monastery building, abbot's residence, guest-house and infirmary, surrounded by walls and guarded by towers, are located on a terrace above the Goldersbach Valley. The outer precinct of the monastery, with an assortment of buildings, is directly adjacent. The famous Summer Refectory, a light and airy hall with two aisles and a fan-vaulted ceiling, demonstrates the mastery of its Gothic architects.

  *Pure Historicism: The suite of rooms in the king's apartment*

