



Schaudepot Zehntscheune
(Exhibition Depot Tithe Barn)

Historical tour of the town

LORSCHDiscovering the town

Would you like to know more about the Lorsch Abby UNESCO World Heritage Site and our town? Our team of well-trained guides are available for a range of guided tours on various topics:

Tour of Lorsch Abbey UNESCO World Heritage Site – This tour of the Abbey and its extensive grounds unveils the secrets of the former Imperial Abbey and life in the Early Medieval period.

Herb garden tour – This tour brings the monks’ knowledge of healing plants back to life.

Peony tour – Throughout the flowering season (April–June), we offer tours of the teaching and show garden featuring over 170 different species and varieties.

Tobacco tour – An intriguing tour about an exciting subject, taking in the museum, tobacco field and tobacco curing shed.

Guided tour of the town – Discover the unique and memorable history and tales of this wonderful Carolingian town.

All guided tours are for groups of 10 people or more.

INFORMATION & BOOKING VSG | Nibelungenstrasse 32 | 64653 Lorsch
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Tourist Information in the Old Town Hall
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Further suggestions:

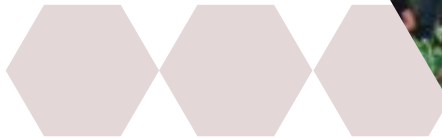
• **Guided tours of the Kurpfalz Library**
Wed 9.30 a.m.–12 noon and by prior arrangement | www.kurpfalz-bibliothek.de

• **Visit of the Fire Brigade Museum (guided tour available on request)**
2nd Sunday in the month, 10 a.m.–12 noon and by prior arrangement | www.feuerwehr-lorsch.de

You are also free to visit the various museums and the UNESCO World Heritage Site without a guided tour. This also includes the Peony Garden and the didactic Tobacco Field.



Tobacco harvest



The Peony Garden

The Laboratory for Experimental
Archaeology Laresham

LORSCHThings to do

Lorsch Abbey workshops

Lorsch Museum’s educational service, which has been recognised with an award from UNESCO Germany, takes both children and adults on a journey into the Early Middle Ages. These workshops explain the skills and techniques of tradesmen, healers, candle makers, tile makers, herb gardeners, goldsmiths and scribes during this period, and also reveal how they overcame the trials and tribulations that they faced. We also offer a special program of events during the school holidays, some of which run over a number of days. And if you would like to take a trip 1200 years back in time with your friends on your birthday, please inquire at Lorsch Abbey. The medieval cookery courses come particularly highly recommended!

INFO Museum Education Service | buchung@kloster-lorsch.de | Tel. +49 6251 869200

Tobacco workshops

Have you always wanted to roll your own cigar? Well, it’s not as easy as it looks! At the end of this workshop, you can relax with a good cigar and enjoy a glass of Lorsch tobacco gin. We also provide lots of information on tobacco-growing and cigar production in the region.

OUR TIP Have you heard of the Tobacco Project? Turning citizens into tobacco growers! | www.lorsch.de

INFO KULTour-Amt | KULTour@lorsch.de | Tel. +49 6251 5967 501

Festivals and celebrations

Traditional festivals are a regular feature of the year in Lorsch – come and join in the fun!

- Big carnival parade on Shrove Tuesday
 - Spring Market with the Bee and Poets’ Festival and Peony Days (2nd or 3rd weekend in May)
 - World Heritage Day (1st Sunday in June)
 - St John’s Festival (in the run-up to Midsummer Day)
 - “Lorscher Kerb” (City festival, 3rd weekend in September)
 - Blaues Weihnachtswunder Lorsch (Christmas market, 1st weekend in Advent)
- INFO** Tourist Information in the Old Town Hall
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Paradise for cyclists: Ried in south Hessen

Singer at the Spring Market

LORSCHGetting around!

On your bike!

Lorsch and its UNESCO World Heritage Site in the town centre are popular for excursions. The town also lies in the flat Ried district – ideal for exploring by bicycle. Several cycle tracks intersect here, including the R9 Hessen long-distance cycle track and the World Heritage Cycle Tour 2. A trip to Hagen abbey (south of Lorsch) and to the former abbey Altenmünster is also recommended. Or how about a day cycling along the picturesque Bergstrasse, the scenic mountain route? Mountain-bikers can get their fill on the Bergstrasse-Odenwald trails in the UNESCO Geopark. What if you don’t have a bike? If you don’t want to rent a bike from a rental shop, simply buy a ticket for the museum. It comes with a free sit-up-and-beg bike that you can use between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

OUR TIP Odenwaldbike cycle hire in the town centre | info@odenwaldbike.de

Keep on running!

The extensive forest at the western edge of the town offers a range of different running tracks and a keep-fit track. The terrain is flat and takes you through pine and mixed forests, home to the sand vegetation so typical of Lorsch.

INFO www.lorsch.de/de/stadt/freizeit-sport.php

Make a splash!

Our beautifully maintained swimming pool is situated in a fragrant pinewood setting. Heated to 23°C, the pool is open from May to the end of September and provides a summer oasis for people of all ages and levels of ability, from expert swimmers to splash-pool kids.

OUR TIP Extended opening hours in the summer | www.lorsch.de

With parents in tow!

Birkengarten, our large recreation park, is a heaven for children and parents. Here, children can play and let off steam on the fantastic playground equipment, in the mud pit or by the pond, while you can relax in the shade with a book, or enjoy a great game of table-tennis or chess. The options are endless...

OUR TIP Give yourself plenty of time, and don’t forget to pack your picnic!

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Impressions

Find out more



Principessa

Welcome to the Sapperlot Theatre

LORSCHEnjoy!

Eating out

You will find a number of places to eat and drink in Lorsch, where passionate chefs take pride in serving delicious regional and seasonal cuisine. Lorsch even has its own beer. Cosy vaulted cellars, together with menus that are inspired by the town and its origins make sure that your dining experience leaves a lasting impression. And all that just a stone’s throw away from the UNESCO World Heritage Site!

OUR TIP Ask for details of the “GOURMETSCHWARM”, a special meal that takes you round four of Lorsch’s best establishments | KULTour@lorsch.de

Try “Feinste Kräutertrüffel nach dem Lorscher Arzneibuch” – the finest herb truffles made according to the Lorsch Pharmacopoeia
Süße Werkstatt | Römerstrasse 8 | Tel. +49 6251 56821
www.suesse-werkstatt.de

Cabaret

Our oasis for cultural cabaret is the Sapperlot Theatre. Tomorrow’s winners of the German cabaret prize are playing at this theatre today – and even long after they’ve made a name for themselves on the big stage. The theatre director’s instinct for artistic excellence is as unerring as the delightfully extravagant design of the entire theatre. Don’t leave Lorsch without coming here!

OUR TIP Information about the program and ticket reservations online.
Tel. +49 6251 970 538 | www.sapperlottheater.de

Overnight accommodation

All sorts of people came and went 1250 years ago: monks, beggars, pilgrims, kings, visionaries, people hungry for power, the emperor and the pope. And they stayed with the people who lived here: the monks. Today, Lorsch boasts hotels, lovingly maintained private accommodation and small guest houses. If you come to Lorsch, you’ll be well and truly made to feel at home! If you prefer a little more privacy, all categories of hotel can be found in the surrounding towns, just 10 minutes away.

OUR TIP Reserve your preferred accommodation before you arrive.

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Kleukens, “The Kiss”, Mathildenhöhe, Darmstadt

The Nibelungen Museum, Worms

LORSCHOut and about

Lorsch is the ideal starting point for excursions to other exciting places. The following are just a few suggestions:

Art Nouveau at Mathildenhöhe in Darmstadt

An interesting tour of the artists’ colony founded in 1899, including a glimpse inside the house of the founder, Ernst Ludwig, which is an Art Nouveau gem. The tour also takes you past the Hochzeitsturm with its Romantic mosaic and the Russian Chapel (approx. 35 km).

INFO www.mathildenhoehe.info

The Nibelungen Museum in Worms

The heroes and heroines of the Nibelungenlied (The Song of the Nibelungs) originated from Worms and are part of the city’s history. The Nibelungen Museum, with its ‘laboratory of myths’, provides an innovative perspective of the mediaeval epic poem about power, courage and betrayal (15 km).

INFO www.worms.de

Schwetzingen Palace - Summer residence of the Electors Palatine

The town, palace and gardens in Schwetzingen are considered to be the best preserved examples of an 18th century royal summer residence. The two contrary garden styles so popular at the time – Baroque and landscape – have been realised here to perfection. One of the world’s most outstanding garden designs (35 km).

INFO www.schloss-schwetzingen.de

The UNESCO Geo-Naturpark Bergstraße-Odenwald

The UNESCO Bergstrasse-Odenwald Geo-Naturepark covers 3500 square kilometres of extremely varied landscape. The area stretching between the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Messel Mines in the north and the Neckar Valley in the south, and from the Rhine Valley in the west to Odenwald forest in the east, is home to the most diverse range of geological formations and vegetation.

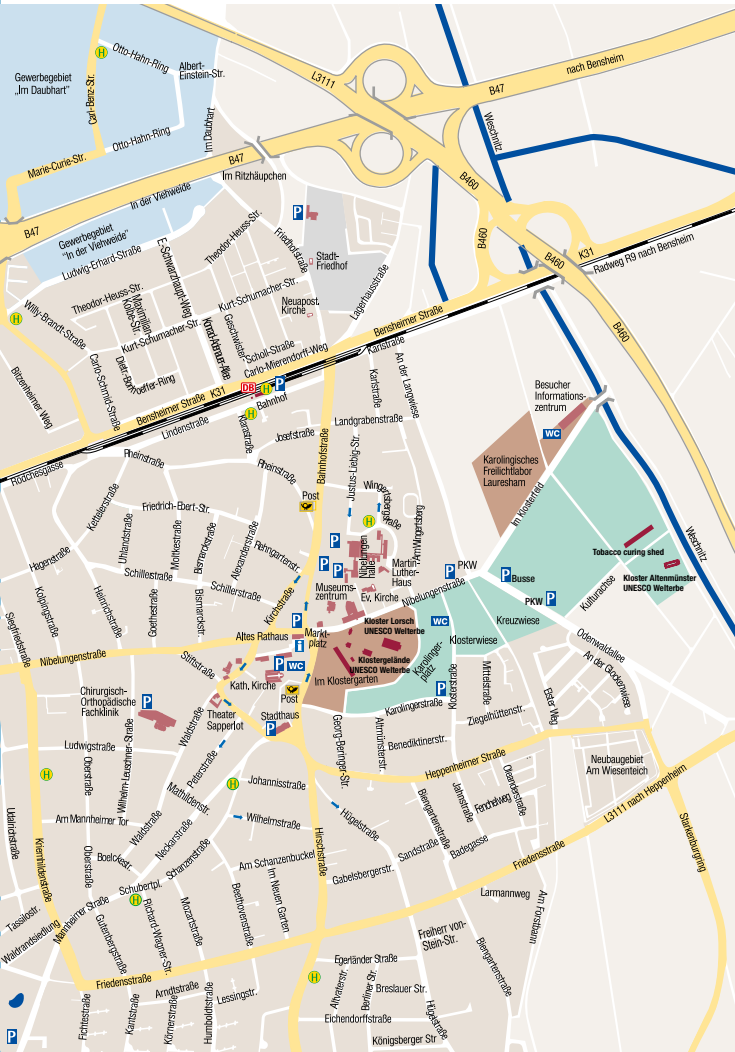
INFO www.geo-naturpark.de



Facade of the King’s Hall

Rooftops

LORSCHFinding your way around



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Historical Town Hall

Open air concert

The Tabakbrunnen Tobacco Fountain

LORSCHThe town

Lorsch – the only town in south Hessen to have a UNESCO World Heritage Site within its walls. Lorsch is the gateway to “Germany’s spring garden” the Bergstrasse mountain route. It is a Carolingian town situated in Nibelungenland, on the banks of the small river Weschnitz.

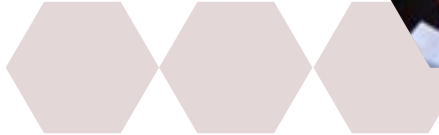
Today, Lorsch is a modern community with a bustling town centre, full of half-timbered houses. Between the world-famous Königshalle (King’s Hall) and the Baroque town hall, visitors will find the level of service and facilities associated with a successful medium-sized town, as well as the warm intimacy of a charming village.

The Königshalle (King’s Hall) is adjacent to the museum centre. In addition to providing detailed information on the abbey’s history, the centre also houses one of Europe’s largest tobacco museums. For more than three centuries, the cultivation of this giant, six-foot-tall plant played a key role in the life of Lorsch. The world’s largest fully functional pipe and an enormous collection of cigar bands have earned the museum a dual listing in the Guinness Book of Records. The historic tobacco curing shed, which is located nearby, has housed a museum of tobacco cultivation since 2017.

The exhibits in the Fire Brigade Museum tell about the history of fire-fighting and technical progress that has been made to deal with catastrophes. And since 2001, Lorsch has also been home to the Kurpfalz Library – a scientific institution of national interest.



“Beim StadtLesen”



The St John's Festival

Nature research at UNESCO Geo-Naturpark

Lorsch is also home to the UNESCO Geo-Naturepark Bergstraße-Odenwald as well as the district Volkshochschule community college. Town festivals, club activities and cultural projects also form part of the rich tapestry of cultural life here, as does an institution that pulls people in from far and wide: the Sapperlot Theatre.

Located at the intersect of two metropolitan regions, Lorsch is situated between two motorways, close to a major railway line and a short distance from Frankfurt Airport. The town has also gained a reputation as a bicycle friendly city, with national cycle routes crossing in this region where the German states of Hessen, Baden-Württemberg and Rhineland-Palatinate meet.

Extensive and well-maintained sports and public recreational facilities such as the Waldschwimmbad swimming pool make Lorsch a perfect destination for visitors wanting a relaxing break away from it all.

A warm welcome to all our visitors!

Things to do:

LORSCH: Getting to know the town

- Guided tours of Lorsch town history
- Guided tours of the Tobacco Museum and the tobacco curing shed
- Spend some time in the Kurpfalz Library
- Visit the Fire Brigade Museum

LORSCH: Things to do

- Take part in town festivals and celebrations
- Visit a tobacco workshop

LORSCH: Getting around

- Make a splash: in the Waldschwimmbad swimming pool
- By bike: Cycle paths in and around Lorsch
- On foot: jogging and keep-fit paths

LORSCH: Enjoy!

- Enjoy the local gastronomy
- Visit Sapperlot Theatre



“Lorscher Bienensegen” by Katrin Jochem

Inside a tobacco curing shed

LORSCHProjects

Lorsch has its roots in the Carolingian Benedictine Abbey, a site of cultural importance that continues to shape the town’s identity, that still shapes the town’s identity today. This is the reason behind a range of projects that link the past with the present. One of these projects involves tobacco, a commodity that explains the town’s economic boom in the 18th century.

The Bee and Poetry Project

This project was instigated due to the importance of the Lorscher Bienensegen (Bee Blessing), one of the most important records of the German language dating from the 10th century. Visitors, local residents and people of all ages will have the chance to get involved in the project, which features readings, festivals, special events and products all related to bees and poetry.

The Peony Project

The Lorsch Pharmacopoeia compiled in the 8th century declares the prolifically flowering peony a plant with medicinal properties. We have dedicated a public Peony Garden to this flower in the former abbey dune embankment in front of the Protestant church and Peony Days are held every year at the Spring Market.

The Tobacco Project

For nearly three hundred years, giant tobacco plants determined the course of the year in Lorsch. In 2013, a special field to teach people about tobacco brought this tradition back to life. The field is worked by local residents who are very proud to present their own flavoursome cigar!



Lorsa Brasil

Things to do:

LORSCH: Getting to know the town

- Visit the Peony Garden
- Take a look at the tobacco field and learn about the tobacco plant

LORSCH: Things to do

- Visit the “Bee and Poetry Festival”
- Come to the Peony Days at the Spring Market
- Come to the “Poetry reading – Occasional poetry for culture lovers”

FOR MORE INFORMATION KULTour@lorsch.de or www.lorsch.de



Königshalle (King's Hall)
(UNESCO World Heritage)

Freilichtlabor Lauresham
(Laboratory for Experimental Archaeology)

LORSCHUNESCO World Heritage Site

Lorsch Abbey UNESCO World Heritage Site

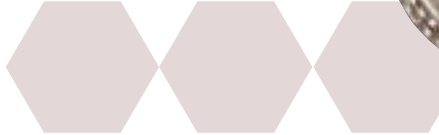
From its earliest beginnings in 764 until its destruction in the Thirty Years War, Lorsch Abbey has experienced an exciting and chequered history. It owes its rapid upsurge in importance to a number of clever moves made by the Abbey’s directorate; relics of Saint Nazarius were venerated at an early date and the Benedictine Abbey was placed under the personal protection of the king. Manorial nobility, architectural history and the humanities are the three pillars that support the outstanding importance that Charlemagne’s former imperial abbey knows today.

Grounds of Lorsch Abbey, UNESCO World Heritage Site

Major works have extended and enlarged the UNESCO World Heritage Site, significantly improving the visitor experience. The Altenmünster Abbey beside River Weschnitz and the abbey site in the town centre are now connected by a 2.5 km circular path. Highlights include the monastery mound featuring the Königshalle (King’s Hall), the church fragment, the monastery wall and newly-landscaped herb garden. The Schaudepot Zehntscheune (Exhibition Depot Tithe Barn) and the museum centre also illustrate the architectural and intellectual importance of the site in history. The model of the Carolingian manor (Lauresham) is unique in Europe and brings the subject of manorial nobility in the Early Middle Ages vividly back to life.



Silver coin from Lorsch,
2nd half of the 12th C.



Schaudepot Zehntscheune
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View over the abbey wall

LORSCH MONASTERY WORLD HERITAGE SITEDiscovery

The Monastery Grounds (UNESCO World Heritage Site)

It was here that the new monastery grounds were developed just a few years after the abbey was founded. As well as the three remaining buildings – the Königshalle (King’s Hall), fragments of the Basilica and the Abbey Wall – contemplative, minimalist landscaping magnificently reflects the architectural importance of the site.

Königshalle (King’s Hall | UNESCO World Heritage Site)

This is the architectural highlight of the UNESCO World Heritage Site. The delightful building with its colourful, world-famous sandstone façade is the best preserved building dating back to the Carolingian era north of the Alps.

Schaudepot Zehntscheune (Exhibition Depot Tithe Barn)

This former store for corn and crops is now an architectural gem, home to the finds that have been discovered during two hundred years of excavations in the Abbey grounds.

The Lorsch Pharmacopoeia Herb Garden

This garden is home to medicinal and healing plants that were listed in the Lorsch Pharmacopoeia (declared a UNESCO World Documentary Heritage in 2013), which marked the beginning of modern-day medicine in the western world.

MUZ Museum Centre

The museum centre comprises two separate parts, one of which deals with the intellectual significance of Lorsch Abbey, while the other houses one of the largest tobacco museums in Germany.

The Peony Garden

The public teaching and show garden is dedicated to this medicinal plant, which was listed in the Lorsch Pharmacopoeia and is still of importance today.

BIZ Visitor Information Centre

The museum’s educational service, complete with medieval kitchen, is located in the BIZ Visitor Centre. As well as housing the museum shop and ticket office, the BIZ is also the starting point for Lauresham guided tours.



Freilichtlabor Lauresham (Laboratory for Experimental Archaeology) - life in the Carolingian age

Freilichtlabor Lauresham (Laboratory for Experimental Archaeology)

What was life like for peasants and manorial families during Charlemagne’s time? The Carolingian manor at Lauresham was modelled on the basis of archaeological findings. Research is carried out in the fields of farming, animal husbandry and crafts. A guided tour shows many interesting things about manorial nobility during the Carolingian era.

Altenmünster Abbey (UNESCO World Heritage Site)

This is the original site of the abbey built in 764, which had to be relinquished at a very early stage due to a lack of space. Landscaping design now gives today’s visitors a good idea of what the site used to look like.

The Circular Cultural Trail

A circular trail connects the former Altenmünster Abbey and the Imperial Abbey. This trail is characterised by the juxtaposition of the surrounding natural and cultural landscapes.

Tobacco Curing Shed

An impressive testimony to the time of tobacco cultivation in Lorsch, this is the shed in which tobacco was previously hung up to cure.

Freilichtlabor Lauresham (Laboratory for Experimental Archaeology) - life in the Carolingian age



Seligenstadt Benedictine Monastery

St Peter's Cathedral, Worms

LORSCHRegion

The region surrounding Lorsch boasts other historically significant buildings, which can easily be combined with a trip to Lorsch and its UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The former Benedictine Abbey at Seligenstadt

Situated some 50 miles from Lorsch, this site has been preserved in its entirety and, together with the reconstructed abbey garden, has been lovingly restored. The prelate building is an absolute highlight.

INFO Seligenstadt | Tel. +49 6182 22640 | www.schloesser.hessen.de

Einhardsbasilika, near Michelstadt

Just a short distance from Lorsch, another extraordinarily well preserved example of Carolingian architecture can be found. The history of the Einhardsbasilika is also closely linked with that of Lorsch Abbey.

INFO Michelstadt-Steinbach | Tel. +49 6061 73967 | www.schloesser.hessen.de

St. Peter’s Cathedral, Worms

Dating from the 12th century, this cathedral is associated with numerous major events, including the Diet of Worms in 1521. It was at this time that Martin Luther was required to defend his views in front of Emperor Charles V, which led to a schism in the Western Church.

INFO Worms | Andreasstrasse | Tel. +49 6241 25045 | www.wormser-dom.de

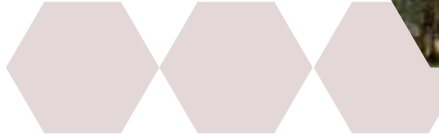
Speyer Imperial Cathedral

In 1981, this impressive cathedral was included in the list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites as the most significant and largest Romanesque building in Europe.

INFO Speyer | Domplatz
Tel. +49 6232 102118 | www.bistum-speyer.de



Speyer Cathedral



TICKET AND GUIDED TOUR PRICES

Access to the grounds of Lorsch Abbey (UNESCO World Heritage Site) is free. Certain offers can only be booked in combination with the purchase of an entrance ticket. A selection of tickets and tours can be found below.

TICKETS

MUZ Museum Centre open all year, Tues–Sun, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
Price: €3 | Concessions €2 | Family ticket €7 | Groups (20 people or more) €2 per person (guided tour not included)

GUIDED TOURS (a small selection)

Königshalle (King’s Hall), Monastery Grounds, MUZ

Tour lasts approx. 90 mins, Tues–Sun 10 a.m.–5 p.m., booking required
Price: (including entrance to museum) €7 | Concessions €5
Groups (20 people or more) €6 per person

Königshalle (King’s Hall), MUZ – public tour (2 people or more)

Tour lasts approx. 30–45 mins; Mar–Oct Tues–Sun, Nov–Feb Sat & Sun only; every hour 11 a.m.–4 p.m., booking required for groups of 10 and more
Price: (including entrance to museum) €6 | Concessions €4 | Family ticket €14

Freilichtlabor Lauresham (Laboratory for Experimental Archaeology) – public tour (2 people or more)

Tour lasts approx. 90 mins; April–Oct Tues–Fri 11 a.m./1 p.m./3 p.m./5 p.m., Sat & Sun every hour 10 a.m.–5 p.m. For groups of 10 people or more. Booking required
Price: €7 | Concessions €5 | Family ticket €16.50 (2 adults, up to 4 children)
Groups (20 people or more) €6 per person

Schaudepot Zehntscheune (Exhibition Depot Tithe Barn)

Tour lasts approx. 90 mins, Tues–Sun, booking required
Price: €7 | Concessions €5 | Groups (20 people or more) €6 per person

Other guided tours & dates

Lorsch Abbey, UNESCO World Heritage Site: www.kloster-lorsch.de

INFO & BOOKING buchung@kloster-lorsch.de | Tel. + 49 6251 869200

TICKET SALES MUZ Museum Centre & BIZ Visitor Information Centre

WORLD HERITAGE BICYCLE FLEET

The ticket price includes complimentary use of a bicycle (subject to availability).

The Lorsch Pharmacopoeia Herb Garden

Tour lasts 90 mins, booking required
Price: Groups €55 (up to 10 people), €5.50 for every further person

The Peony Garden

Tour lasts 60 mins, March to mid-June, booking required
Price: Groups €55 (up to 10 people), €5.50 for every further person

Tobacco Tour (Tobacco Museum, Tobacco Field or Tobacco Curing Shed)

Tour lasts approx. 90 mins, booking required
Price: Groups €70 (up to 10 people), €7 for every further person

Guided Tour of the Town

Tour lasts 60 mins, booking required
Price: Groups €50 (up to 10 people), €5 for every further person

Other guided tours: online at www.lorsch.de

INFO, BOOKING & TICKET SALES

NibelungenLand Tourist Information info@nibelungenland.net | Tel. +49 6251 175 260
Prices valid at time of print (July 2019). Subject to change without notice.

SERVICE AND INFORMATION

WHERE TO BUY ENTRANCE TICKETS & BOOK GUIDED TOURS

There are a number of places where you can purchase entrance tickets and book guided tours.

MUZ Museum Centre

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