

Welcome to Altenburg Abbey!

The sumptuous abbey complex of Altenburg is a Central European example of Benedictine dedication to God and man. The „baroque jewel of the Waldviertel“ with its extensive decorative frescos by the South Tyrolean artist Paul Troger has an attractive focal point created by the newly built viewing platforms with views of the entire baroque facade. This gives you the opportunity to take in the library, crypt, sala terrena and imperial staircase in all their glory and to consider the incredible creative drive of the abbots who oversaw the construction during the baroque era. The viewing platforms also provide a bridge across the centuries, as a few steps take you into the living space of mediaeval Benedictine monks.

The „**Ancient monastery**“, which has been uncovered under the baroque buildings, boasts an impressive scriptorium, chapter house and cloister. This site provides a unique opportunity to view and compare two monasteries, one on top of the other. Other mediaeval rooms have also been excavated and will be opened to the public as ongoing works are completed over the next few years.

The large number of **monastery gardens** around the monastery site – the Cloister Garden, the Garden of Creation, the Apothecary’s Garden, the new „Garden of Tranquility“ and the most important of them all, the „Garden of Religions“ illustrate the key issues and tasks concerning the monks today: the search for righteousness and peace in their own hearts, whilst remaining stimulating and challenging when opening up to strangers and those of other faiths and beliefs.

All the Abbey’s main rooms have been accessible to visitors in wheelchairs since the 2009 season.

Infrastructure

- Restaurant
- Abbey shop

Opening time

1 May to 26 October, 10am to 5pm every day (last entry time 4pm)

Admission

Adults € 12

Concessions € 10

Families € 21

Free entry up to 18 years