



Burg
HOHENZOLLERN



ANCESTRAL SEAT OF THE PRUSSIAN ROYAL HOUSE

A Mountain Of Surprises

ENJOY
HISTORY!



It is our pleasure welcoming you,

The Hohenzollern Castle, the ancestral seat of the family dynasty, is situated at the periphery of the Swabian Alb. It is no museum in its traditional sense but a historic as well as a distinct lively place which attracts hundreds of thousands of visitors from all over the world all year round. Besides essential parts of our art collection, including a significant picture gallery, valuable silver and china as well as the Prussian King's Crown, numerous concerts, open-air cinema, exhibitions and one of Germany's most beautiful Christmas markets make the Castle to an attractive cultural event all year round.



Today's Castle complex was jointly restored by both Hohenzollern lines in the 19th century and is private property up to now. For almost a thousand years it provides temporary housing for the family. To us it means part of home.

Last but not least, it is also its extraordinary location which already prompted Emperor William II to proclaim "The panorama from the Hohenzollern Castle is truly worth a journey". It is our great pleasure to invite you to personally discover the landmark of the Zollernalb region with its numerous attractions.

**GEORG FRIEDRICH PRINCE OF PRUSSIA
SOPHIE PRINCESS OF PRUSSIA**



Royal Crown of Prussia

On a beautiful summer evening in July 1819, 23-year-old Crown Prince Frederick William of Prussia paid a visit to the ruinous ancestral seat and decided its reconstruction.

As a king, Frederick William IV. wrote in 1844: "The memories of the year 1819 are exceedingly dear to me and like a pleasant dream, especially the sunset we watched from the bastions ... Now a dream of my youth has matured into the sole wish, to see the Hohenzollern hill made habitable once more ..."

Between 1850 and 1867 the king's dream was realized together with his Swabian relatives, the princes of Hohenzollern-Sigmaringen and -Hechingen, and the architect Friedrich August Stüler. Following the romantic ideal of the time one of the most imposing neo-Gothic castles in Germany was erected. The main castle complex with its many towers and turrets is surrounded by ramps and fortifications which 19th century contemporaries acclaimed masterpieces of military architecture.

Hohenzollern Castle – A romantic expression of a royal dream



Blue Parlour



In the Treasury



Elisabeth Christine, his consort



King Frederick the Great

On the left a King,
on the right an Emperor –
and you are in the middle!



The Library

The Hohenzollern Castle rises majestically on the mountain peak of the Swabian Alb. Its bastions offer a breathtaking panorama over the countryside. After 1952 the splendid halls and rooms have been furnished by Prince Louis Ferdinand of Prussia (1907–1994) with valuable works of art pertaining to the history of Prussia's kings and Germany's emperors. In addition to paintings by well-known artists like Antoine Pesne, Élisabeth Vigée-Lebrun, Anton von Werner or Franz von Lenbach, there is a display of precious porcelain, gold- and silver-smith works from the 17th to 19th centuries as well as historical garments, such as the uniform worn by Frederick the Great during the battle near Kunersdorf or clothes from Queen Louise.



The Casemates

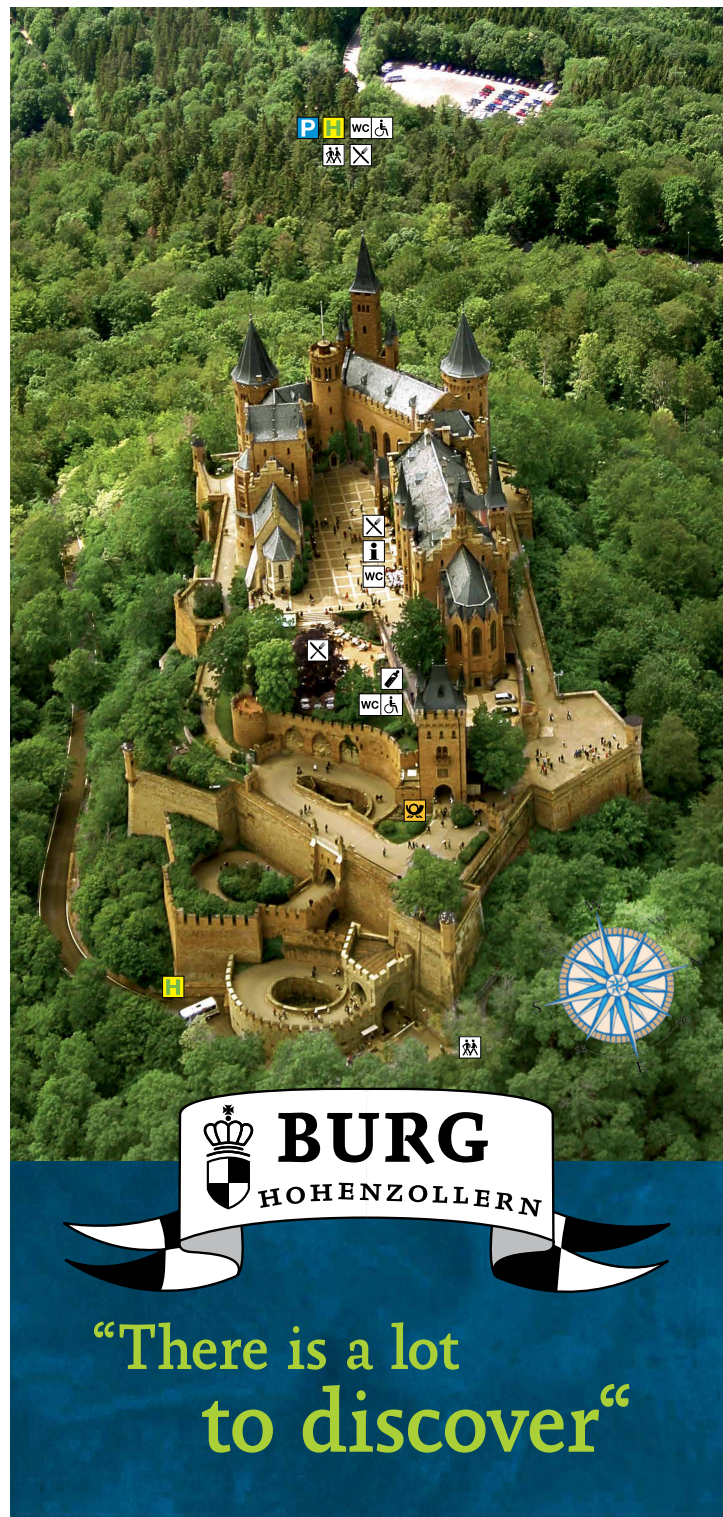


"I want to become
a **King**, too!"



In the catholic St. Michael's Chapel which, for the most part, originates from the previous castle, late Romanesque sandstone reliefs and stained glass windows from the 13th century with the oldest known depiction of the Hohenzollern heraldry can be seen. The protestant Christ Chapel, erected on special request by King Frederick William IV., was the resting place of Frederick the Great and his father Frederick William I. between 1952 and 1991.

In 2004, casemates, bomb-proof vaulted cellars once used for military purposes, and parts of a secret passage were opened to the public. The picturesque site and the precious art collections make a visit to Hohenzollern Castle a sustainable experience at any time of the year. The castle is open daily – including Monday – all year round. Between April 1st and October 31st a shuttle bus runs from the parking lot to the castle entrance and vice versa. During the winter season tourist parties of at least 20 persons can book the buses two days in advance.



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"There is a lot
to discover"

Café Restaurant Burg Hohenzollern

With almost 1000 years of experience
we offer sophisticated hospitality.



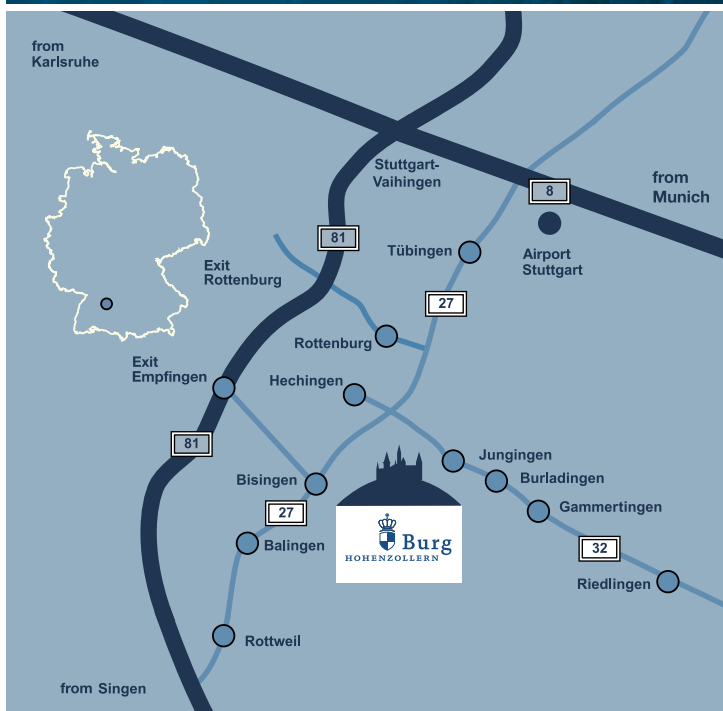
CAFÉ RESTAURANT

Relax and enjoy the culinary delights in the Café Restaurant Burg Hohenzollern. With a passion for freshly baked cakes and Swabian specialties our chef is dedicated to mainly regional products such as venison from own hunting in the district. In the “Zollernalbstueble” of the Café Restaurant a group of 60 persons has room to comfortably enjoy a meal. The separate “Hunting Room” offers small groups up to 12 persons an informal atmosphere. The “Berlin Room” is best suited for festivities up to 90 persons. Additionally, this room can be widened with the “Fridericus Zimmer” for another 30 guests.

CASTLE BEER GARDEN

During summer season the Castle Restaurant entertains one of the most beautiful and highest elevated beer gardens in the Zollernalb region. Here you are welcome to bring your sandwich along. Drinks of your choice as well as small snacks, a cake selection and sweets are available at the kiosk.

Welcome to the Hohenzollern Castle



**THE HOHENZOLLERN CASTLE IS OPEN
FOR YOU ALL YEAR ROUND.**

01 November – 15 March:

10:00–16:30 hrs

16 March – 31 October:

10:00–17:30 hrs

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