

## EBRACH AND WERNSDORF



left to right: The large rose window in the former monastery church. The staircase, an architectural masterpiece.

## Art and culture in harmony with nature

### INFORMATION

#### Verkehrsamt Ebrach

Tel. +49 (0) 9553.92200  
Guided Tours of the Monastery (Monastery Church, staircase, imperial hall, museum); Duration: 2 hours; Price: 5.00 EUR p. p.

#### Katholisches Pfarramt

Tel. +49 (0) 9553.266  
Guided tour of the church  
Price: 2.50 EUR p. p.;  
Visiting hours: Mid April to late October 10.00 – 12.00 hrs and 14.00 – 18.00 hrs

### TIP

#### The Ebrach Summer of Music

Concerts by well-known orchestras and organists take place every year in the monastery church, the Kaisersaal and the abbey gardens.  
[www.ebrach.de](http://www.ebrach.de)

#### Roads and Routes

In the vicinity of Ebrach the “**Road of Residences**” leads the visitor from Bamberg to Würzburg, the “**Steigerwald Ridge Road**” from Haßfurt to Bad Windsheim

Only moments after admiring the wooded slopes of the narrow Steigerwald valley you will be overwhelmed by the unexpected view of the glorious Ebrach monastery, a view that has enchanted visitors over centuries.

This monastery, impressive in its perfection with its mighty former abbey, is one of the most beautiful architectural monuments along the tourist route “Road of Residences”.

Founded in 1127 by Cistercian monks from Morimond in Burgundy, it is one of the oldest Cistercian abbeys in Germany and the first one on the right of the Rhine. This church was built between 1200 and 1285 and dedicated to Maria and the evangelists John and Nicholas and is considered to be the most important early Gothic sacred building in Germany. The eastern part is still pure Romanesque, whereas towards the west the building becomes increasingly Gothic. The church has four rose windows, the western one being the most beautiful. It is the architectural development of the transept rose

window of Notre Dame in Paris and the original can be found in the Bavarian National Museum in Munich. The church houses the heart crypts of the Würzburg prince bishops and the memorial slabs of two members of the Staufer dynasty: Queen Gertrud (1113/1116 – 1146) and Duke Friedrich IV (1144/45 – 1167). They and King Konrad III are believed to be the founders of this church.

The great Franconian architects Leonhard Dientzendorfer, Josef Greising and Balthasar Neumann designed the Baroque grounds of the former Cistercian abbey. The beautiful monastery gardens highlight the harmony of nature, art and culture.

**Architectural Perfection:  
The Monastery with the  
former abbey**

