

THE HELDBURG



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Central Europe's first castle museum

TIP

Of particular interest will be two exhibitions on the subject of the castle between July and October 2010: at the Germanisches Nationalmuseum in Nuremberg, **“Mythos Burg – The Myth of the Castle”** will explore the cultural history of the castle; in a parallel presentation entitled “Burg und Herrschaft” the German Historical Museum in Berlin will focus on the historical foundations. An info-presentation about the German Castle Museum can already be viewed in Heldburg Fortress. www.gnm.de, www.dhm.de

INFORMATION:

Museum hours:

Apr-Oct: Tue-Sun, 10 am – 6 pm; Nov-Mar: Tue-Sun, 10 am – 4 pm; (last admission 30 min. before closing time) Closed on Monday, Guided tours by appointment

Within the next few years, Heldburg Fortress – also known as the “Franconian lantern” – will become the home of the German Castle Museum. The castle, which was founded by the counts of Henneberg, was first mentioned in 1317. Its present appearance is dominated by the renovations undertaken by the Wettins, who had the entire castle complex remodelled by the Saxon court architect Nikolaus Gromann in the middle of the 16th century.

The “French wing”, above all, which Gromann designed in the Renaissance style, is noted well beyond Thuringia's borders. It affords a superb setting for the German Castle Museum that will be distinguished by both supra-regional relevance and scholarly standards.

The aim of the museum will be to present the castle not only as a fascinating aspect of medieval civilisation but also as the subject of modern research. Visitors will be provided with a comprehensive overview of the architecture, function and history of the castle in the German-speaking world, based on

the most recent findings of castle research.

The “Wartburg Gesellschaft”, a research association devoted to the study of castles and palaces, will serve as the museum's scholarly advisory board.

In addition to the permanent exhibition, there will be rotating special exhibitions and a wide range of cultural programmes such as readings, lectures, conferences and concerts. The German Castle Museum's principle sponsor is Nürnberger Versicherung, the insurance company that offers “Protection and Security under the Sign of the Castle.”

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