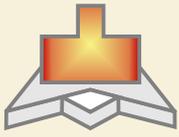


Fortress Portrait



Fortified Castle

Germany, Thuringia

Fortified Water Castle Windischleuba

In the middle of a romantic park and surrounded by a moat.



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*Monuments of power
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"A castle in meadows" of ballad poet Börries Freiherr von Münchhausen

The romantic renaissance castle is located directly at the Pleiße meadows in the Altenburger Land, near the Skat City Altenburg. Today it is the location for an idyllic youth hostel next to the cycle track "Thüringer Städtekette" – "Thuringian Town Chain" and the pilgrim path Lutherweg.

Centrally located between the middle German culture sites Leipzig, Weimar and Dresden, you can take tours to the beautiful Kohrener Land with hiking paths to the fortified church Saint Georg in Effeltrich, the fortress Gndenstein, the pottery museum and the summer toboggan run in Kohren-Sahlis.

Other interesting activities are:

- visit of the Skat museum and international Skat court in Altenburg
- visit to the "Belantis" theme park in Leipzig
- interactive "stealing of the princes" tour (based on the stealing of the Wettin princes Ernst and Albrecht in 1455)

History

The Fortified Castle Windischleuba was founded on the Pleiße crossing as a border fortification to protect Altenburg in 925. Mostly burnt down during the Thirty Year War in 1632, it was rebuilt from 1880 to 1886 as a castle by Börries Freiherr von Münchhausen. The son of Börries Freiherr von Münchhausen lived there until 1945 and committed suicide right before the invasion of the Americans.

1945 to 1976 the moated castle was used as a secondary school and boarding college and later reused as today's youth hostel.

Architecture

Construction time: 15th/16th and 19th century

Construction style: renaissance and historism

Structural shell: three-storey main wing, otherwise two-storey

The enchanted castle grounds accommodate precious objects like the multi-colored pin oak, dwarf beech, creek maple and a tilly beech.



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Impressions

