



Fortress

Germany

Fortress Lichtenau

Enchanting renaissance fortress in the middle Franconian Rezattal



European
Culture Route
of Fortified Heritage
Monuments of Power -
full of life



Eventful history under the Sign of Margraves

Experience

Yearly events for the young and the old in the fortress Lichtenau:

- Small and big fortress festival
- Fairy tale festival
- Musicals and open air events
- sculptor workshop and craftwork

Outside the events only the courtyard and the rampart platform is possible to visit. The adjacent Markt Lichtenau offers various deals for everyone who is interested in history and/or architecture, but also for families who live in close touch with nature. Moreover Lichtenau is the starting point to the Franconian lake-district, the medieval towns like Wolframs-Eschenbach, Dinkelsbühl, Rothenburg or the margrave and Kaspar Hauser city of Ansbach.

History

The former moated castle from the 12th century entered into possession of the imperial city Nuremberg from the lords of Dornberg and Heydeck in 1406. During the two margrave wars the fortress was seriously damaged. From 1558 the reconstruction of today's fortress began with the plans of Antonio Fazuni in an Italian style. With the belonging to Bavaria in 1806 the fortress was converted to a penitentiary. Today the building includes a branch of the Bavarian State Archives.

Architectur

The fortress is located on an island formed by two branches of the river Rezat. The whole building was erected from domestic "Schilfsandstein from Lichtenau". The artistically executed and very well-preserved construction of the renaissance fortress. The stone double circular staircase in a little tower of the casemate ring.

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